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2,950 Homes Use Water Here

Shelby's growth during the recent year is evidenced in the increasing number of water and light patrons...

\$1,000 PER DAY COMES AND GOES IN CITY AFFAIRS

New Officials Are Guests of Kiwanis Club. Mull Reminds Them of Responsibilities.

The fixed income and outgo of money at the city hall is \$300,000 a year, an average of approximately \$1,000 a day...

The job of serving in public office now in greater Shelby is no small job and Mr. Mull reminded the new officials that 48 laws prescribe penalties and punishments for failure to perform their duties...

Mr. Dorsey mayor-elect thanked Kiwanis members for their cooperation and announced that he would strive to do his best, in the meantime holding an attentive ear to all suggestions made for the public good.

Company K To Camp Glenn Soon

Officers of Company "K" 120th Infantry, the local military company, have recently received orders to prepare the organization for summer camp...

King Will Erect Pavilion At Pool

It was announced today that construction work would start at an early date on the erection of a dancing pavilion at Kings swimming pool near the city limits on the Cleveland Springs road.

Revival In West Shelby On Sunday

Revival services will start at the West Shelby Methodist Protestant church Sunday morning, it is announced. After Sunday services will be held each evening through the week at 7:30 o'clock.

COLORED MAN NOT DEAD. HE INFORMS FUNERAL CORTEGE

"How Come, Ah Haint Dead" He Tells Friends Gathered to Pay Respects at Caroleen

It is not often that a man comes home to find his friends gathered about to view his remains. However, such happened to a negro man of Caroleen, Rutherford county section, recently.

The Caroleen correspondent to the Rutherford Sun tells it like this: "Stewart Dawkins is a very respectable colored man. After his vivid experience last Saturday he is of the opinion that he could do with a little less respect from his friends or, at least, they might wait until he is actually dead before they come again to bury him."

"It was late Saturday afternoon and the faithful colored employe of Henrietta mill No. 2 had ended his days work as freight loader. Tired and weary he sought the seclusion and comfort of his home. He found neither. The street was full of automobiles and his house was overflowing with visitors.

"There were over thirty cars parked and fully one hundred and fifty, or more, people standing about. Some of them were his white friends from the Palmetto state. Stewart Dawkins arrived at his home. He gazed curiously about at the throng. 'How come?' he asked. One tall, very black and solemn negro replied in a funeral voice: 'We uns done come to bury you, Stewart.' 'But, but,' stammered the colored man who had just been informed of his proposed interment, 'but, I ain't dead! But I ain't dead!'

Then some of his friends explained to the shaking and almost ashen man that they had heard he had been killed in an automobile wreck the night before.

"The worst was yet to come. They informed Stewart Dawkins a hearse was on its way from Gaffney for him, with a fine coffin. It was too much for Stewart. He called to his son to get a car. One was hastily obtained and away drove the negro, making all possible haste to Gaffney. The hearse, so it is said was met and stopped. Just what Stewart said to the funeral coach driver is not known, but it was enough.

And all through Saturday night, Sunday and until Monday morning Stewart Dawkins shivered and shook when he heard an automobile. And he does not like to talk about it now."

Cherryville Beats Charlotte Outfit

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Geo. Blanton Again Hospital Chairman

Mr. George Blanton, cashier of the First National Bank was again this week elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Orthopedic hospital at Gastonia. This time his term of office runs for a period of six years.

A Court Award



Walter Gehm, two-year-old San Francisco boy, was awarded to his father by a California court.

Mathis is the oldest son of Mr. Joe O. Mathis, of the Sulphur Springs section of Rutherford county. He was a barber at Spindale and was 28 years of age. He leaves his parents, three brothers, Minter, Henry and Horace Mathis, all young men and one sister, Miss Magileen Mathis.

CASKET FACTORY HERE SHIPPING FIRST PRODUCTS

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Four-Tone Whistle On Engine Permits Chicago To Sleep

(By International News Service.) Chicago.—A four toned locomotive whistle which officials of the Burlington railway assert has a "musical sound," is being installed on its Chicago-Aurora suburban line, to quiet protests that the regulation whistle made sleep all but impossible.

SPINDALE BARBER KILLED IN WRECK NEAR ELLENBORO

Joseph L. Mathis Dead and Three Others Injured. Crash at Concord Service Station.

The growing list of automobile fatalities claimed another victim yesterday on Highway 20 west of Shelby in Rutherford county.

Joseph Lee Mathis, young Spindale barber, is dead and three others are injured as the result of an automobile crash at Concord service station, midway between Ellenboro and Forest City on Highway 20 Thursday morning.

Howard Sherrill, Mathis and Tommie Culbreth were in a heavy car going toward Ellenboro with Sherrill driving. Walter Harris was driving a Ford coupe going into the highway from a side road.

Sherrill states that the Ford slowed down as it approached the highway and he sped up to pass him, but the Ford shot across the road in front of him and he struck it in the rear. The Studebaker turned over once or twice and was badly damaged.

Mathis fell out and the car turned over on him, crushing the life out of him. His left arm was broken. Some think his neck was broken. He was rushed to the Rutherford hospital but died en route.

Sherrill says he was making around 30 miles per hour when the wreck occurred. He is in the hospital and will recover. Harris and Culbreth are painfully injured. They are at home under the care of a physician.

Harris had two ribs fractured and his spine injured. The three occupants of the Studebaker are all young men, while Mr. Harris is around 55 years of age.

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EX-SERVICE MAN OF SHELBY SUES SOUTHERN ROAD

Charlotte, May 5.—For the second time in less than two months, Charles P. Strickland, crippled World War veteran, of Shelby, brought suit for \$5,000 damages against the Southern Railway system and City Policeman John A. Armstrong on charges of false arrest and malicious assault in Mecklenburg superior court yesterday.

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Dorsey Meets With His Aldermen-Harmony Exists

Mayor-Elect Talks Things Over With New Board. No Agreements Signed. Dorsey Has Praise For Building Administration.

"Yes, we had a meeting Wednesday night and have come to a perfect understanding as to our power and authority," said Mayor-Elect W. N. Dorsey this morning speaking of a meeting with Aldermen-elect A. V. Hamrick, J. F. Ledford, Rochel Hendrick and Dr. G. M. Gold.

"I did not ask the aldermen to sign any paper, but we discussed affairs and have a gentlemen's agreement. I believe we will work in perfect harmony. The term of all employees will expire with the present administration. Old employees as well as new may apply and the jobs will be dealt out to the most efficient. There will be changes in the four departments which I mentioned in my platform if I serve. I do not want anyone to think that I am dictator. You may call me foreman or manager to carry out the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

Praise For Present Group "The present mayor and board have served faithfully and well, carrying out a building program, the like of which Shelby has never had before. They deserve the highest praise for the economy that has been exercised and the painstaking and honest manner in which they have served," said Mayor-elect Dorsey.

Nearly One Half Of North Carolina's Pupils Backward

Improvement Slight in Three Years Figures Show, Situation Worst in Rural Schools

Raleigh.—Nearly half the school children in North Carolina, are backward! Forty-four per cent of the white children in elementary grades and 53.2 per cent in high school were over age for their grade last year. In the ranks of negro pupils the situation is even worse—approximately 70 per cent are behind their grade, according to the News and Observer.

These are facts revealed in State School Facts, semi-monthly publication of the state department of education, which states that "Representation, over-ages, retardation and elimination are all too prevalent in the schools of North Carolina."

Failure to make the proper grade by normal promotion was given as the reason for backwardness of such a large percentage of Tar Heel pupils.

Departmental figures showed that in North Carolina last year there were about 20,000 or 4 per cent of the white pupils in the "under normal for grade" group, about 290,000 or 51 per cent in the proper grade for their age, and 260,000 or 45 per cent in the "over age" or retarded group.

Improvement in 1925-26 was characterized as "slight but noticeable." There were 564,114 white children and 254,625 negro children enrolled in the public and elementary schools of the state in 1925-26. Of these, 116,851 or more than 20 per cent of white children, and 90,321 or 35.3 per cent negro children were in the first grade. Only 77,823 or 13.8 per cent of the total white enrollment was found in the fourth school grades. By normal progression there would have been 112,780 or 20 per cent of the white enrollment in high school.

"Where are the other 35,000?" the educational authorities ask, and answer: "During their progress through the grades many have become, retarded and others have been eliminated altogether."

The situation was illustrated with first grade figures for the last school year which show that 116,851 white children were enrolled in the first grade and of that number 56,752 were "repeaters" who had failed to gain promotion the year before and only 60,099 were new pupils.

An average of 6.1 per cent of the white elementary enrollment and 43.3 per cent of the negro elementary enrollment was promoted in 1925-26. In the high school conditions were pictured as better with 65 per cent of eighth grade, seventy per cent of ninth grade, 75 per cent of tenth grade, and 85 per cent of the eleventh grade pupils being promoted last year.

Retardation in city schools was shown to be less than in rural schools, Mrs. Rose Wagner Regan, mother of 7-year-old twin sons, won a loving cup at a beauty contest prize at West Somerville, Miss., the third such prize she has been awarded.

COUNTY IS OVER QUOTA IN FLOOD FUND—MORE ASKED

Including Kings Mountain Contributions Cleveland County Has Donated Around \$750.

Contributions to the relief work fund for flood sufferers along the Mississippi continue to come in to D. Z. Newton, local treasurer of the fund.

I. C. Griffin, Red Cross chairman for the county, stated yesterday that even with the double quota of \$700 the county was up with its share. \$350 was asked originally and the contributions passed that mark here early this week. With water continuing to spread with more suffering and homeless people the county was asked for \$350. To date \$548.76 has been given by Shelby and county people to the treasurer. The Kings Mountain Herald states in this week's issue that Mrs. James Smith in charge of the booth there had received \$198.30 up to Tuesday afternoon. This makes a known county total of \$747.06.

It is hoped to get the Shelby list on up to \$750 this week and over the week end. The funds are badly needed in the flooded zone and it is a gift to humanity. As Will Rogers states Sunday is Mothers' day and no mother could be better pleased than to know her children gave something on her day to aid the suffering of thousands of homeless people. Remember to turn in your contribution today, tomorrow, Sunday or Monday. Do not put it off.

A list of recent contributors follows: Mrs. Paul Hamrick \$2.00 Washington school (add.) 4.64 J. A. Wilson 1.00 Sumter St. school 12.05 J. Mac Green 1.00 J. A. Dayberry 2.50 Mrs. J. A. Dayberry 2.50 J. N. Gillespie 1.00 Warren F. Hoyle, Post of American legion 32.75 Mrs. John Wacaster 1.00 Mrs. W. J. Ferguson 2.00 Mrs. W. I. Spurling 1.00 Jordon Chevrolet Co. 5.00 Cash 7.00 Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beam 15.00 L. C. Green 3.00 J. P. Lucas 1.00 Mrs. W. G. Hord 5.00 Mrs. Claude Falls 5.00

STORES CLOSE FOR HIGH GAME TODAY

Shelby Plays Asheville This Afternoon In Important State Contest.

More than 35 business houses signed a petition yesterday asking them to close for an hour or so during the Shelby High-Asheville baseball game this afternoon.

SHELBY TO HAVE HORSES IN MEET

Local Horsemen Will Enter Eight Or Nine Steeds In Horse Show At Charlotte.

Charlotte, May 5.—More than thirty prize pieces of horse flesh arrived here yesterday for the third annual horse show to be held next Tuesday afternoon at the Polo Club. The horses included in the shipments are from points in North and South Carolina and Virginia. Other states to be represented will be Georgia and possibly Kentucky.

SOLDIERS IN GRAY BANQUET TUESDAY

Cleveland county's thinning line of "boys in gray" together with their wives and widows of veterans will be dined Tuesday, May 10, in the dining room of the Masonic Temple.

It is the date for the annual dinner given the veterans by the Cleveland Guards chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The veterans are asked to assemble at 10 o'clock around the monument to the Confederate cause on the court square. Memorial exercises will be conducted at the cemetery at 10:30 o'clock followed by the speaking dinner at the Masonic Temple.

The veterans of the county have been thinned out since the last get-together and it is wondered just how many will be able to attend Tuesday. All veterans are urged to be present and their friends should help them get to the dinner.

Public school pupils in Berkeley, Calif., in a test to determine the world's greatest man gave an equal number of votes to Alexander the Great and August Vollmer. And if you don't know, Mr. Vollmer is the able chief of police of Berkeley, who probably cuts more ice around there than Alexander does, at that.

SUICIDE VERDICT GIVEN IN JARVIS DEATH CASE

Winston-Salem, May 5.—That George Jarvis, young attorney of Walnut Cove met his death Tuesday morning in his office through suicide and at his own hand, was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury.