

Legal Minds Of Shelby Clash On Raise Of Mayor's Pay--New View

Mayor Dorsey Asks Opinion Of Other Lawyers On Salary Boost. Can Raise, They Say.

Lawyers seem to differ in their opinions and their interpretation of the law. That's why the Supreme Court was set up--to interpret the meaning and application of law.

When the city council voted to adopt the financial budget for the ensuing year, the \$3,000 set aside for Mayor Dorsey's salary was amended to read \$2,400 a year, an increase from \$1,800.

These two legal minds ought to know, but Mayor Dorsey has sought other legal advice than from his city attorney and here in the opinion handed down by Attorneys Peyton McSwain and W. S. Beam, Mayor Dorsey wishes this letter published, so here it is:

"Hon. W. N. Dorsey, Mayor of Shelby, Shelby, North Carolina. Dear Sir:-- In compliance with your request we are furnishing herewith our legal opinion as to whether or not there is any law limiting the salary of the mayor of Shelby to \$1,500.00 a year.

Section 2788 of the Consolidated Statutes, which section applies to all cities and towns in the state, places no limit on the salary of the mayor, but reads as follows: "The governing body of any city may by ordinance fix the salary of the mayor of such city or heads of departments or other officers."

Byrd's Big Plane Plunges Into English Channel; Lost Way In Fog

(By International News Service.) After remaining in the air for 42 hours Commander Richard Byrd's big Fokker plane, America, plunged into the English channel this morning at 2:30 o'clock.

Great Flight--Byrd. Cer Sur Mer, France--"We had great flight" Byrd says. The flight of the big plane

ended at 2:32 this morning when plane plunged into the English channel.

"It was thrilling all the way. For 19 hours we were lost in dense fogs and heavy clouds. Our charts were lost in landing, and our compass thrown off many degrees caused us to go around in circles," the flight commander was quoted.

With the gas supply running low the aviator, who was the first to fly over the North Pole was forced to land this morning in the English Channel on his scientific flight to Paris. The fliers were in the air 42 hours and all four are in a state of collapse.

LICENSE BUREAU HERE IN BIGGEST RUSH OF HISTORY

Over 3,000 Tags Sold up to July 1. 1,500 More to Be Sold. Closed Monday.

The state law forbidding a motor vehicle to appear on the highways today without a new state license tag may, or may not, be enforced, but by the rush on at the branch bureau of the license department here yesterday and today car owners are apparently taking the law seriously.

Yesterday, Thursday, was the busiest day since a branch of the license bureau was established here. One thousand and ten tags were sold during the day--a record for one day's work at the local office.

Charles L. Eskridge jr., stated this morning that 3,663 license plates had been sold up until close time yesterday. This is approximately 1,200 shy of the total sales of last year, 4,815 being sold altogether last year. With an increase in number of automobiles in this section it is expected that at least 1,500 tags will be sold today and during the week at the bureau in the Eskridge garage on West Marion street.

18 New Readers Of The Star By Mail

Day by day in every way the circulation of The Star continues to grow. Eighteen new subscribers have been added to The Star's mailing list since Sunday and a number of others by carrier. It is impossible to give the names of the subscribers served by the dozen carrier boys who serve Shelby and suburbs from house to house each afternoon of publication.

Dover Church Is Lifting Its Debt

Within the last few weeks Dover mill church two miles west of Shelby has reduced its indebtedness by \$2,000 in a drive which was very successful. Mr. J. R. Dover, official of the Ora and Dover mills offered to contribute \$1 for each \$9 raised, so in the campaign Rev. D. F. Putnam says \$2,000 was secured. When Rev. Mr. Putnam took charge as pastor of the church the indebtedness was \$6,000. It has been reduced to \$2,900.

REPENTANCE IS SUBJECT OF DR. SCARBOROUGH

Dr. Campbell From Hickory Offers Prayer. Colored People Join in Service.

Practically all seats were filled last night at the Dr. Scarborough open air revival at the First Baptist church, so the attendance must have been around the 3,000 mark which is the seating capacity of the large assemblage. Dr. Scarborough's subject was "Repentance" from sin, a fervent appeal such as John the Baptist must have preached before the days of the Saviour's coming. It was a masterful and powerful appeal to turn from the ways of sin. Joy reigns in the heart, God himself is pleased and the Angels in Heaven also rejoice when one sinner repents. A half dozen or more yielded to his powerful presentation of the subject.

Dr. Campbell Offers Prayer. Many visitors are still coming each night from distant points to get an inspiration and a blessing from Dr. Scarborough's sermons. Dr. Lee of Westminister, S. C. here as a visitor sang a solo, "The Ninety and Nine" and Dr. R. C. Campbell, former pastor of the Second Baptist church prayed a beautiful prayer of thanksgiving that the influence of the meeting is extended so far and wide. Dr. Campbell was a student at Dr. Scarborough's seminary and he rejoices that he is here. At Hickory Dr. Campbell has had Dr. J. B. Phillips of Chattanooga, Tenn., helping him in a revival. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jolley lead in the singing. There were 94 additions to the church during the meeting, making 209 new members received since Dr. Campbell became pastor.

Two hundred or more colored people occupied a section last night on the east of the choir loft to hear Dr. Scarborough. Since it has become known that they are welcome to attend when seats are available, the colored people have come in increasing numbers.

Representatives from the Elizabeth and Eastside churches were present last night and these stood up on the call of Dr. Wall, the pastor. Sunday promises to establish a new record of attendance as they come from far and near to hear Dr. Scarborough.

Thursday Morning Sermon

Dr. Scarborough four scriptures on the books we learn that show we are making records and these records are being recorded in books of eternity. We must face at God's eternal throne the records we make here on earth. The preacher stated that he wanted his record to contain at least the following things: 1--That he is saved God's way. 2--That he is an obedient servant of Christ. 3--That he is faithful disciple of Christ. 4--That he is a soul-winning Christian.

PAVING ROUTE 20 ENDED WEDNESDAY OPEN ON JULY 10

Rutherfordton - Lake Lure Link Completed. Highway Open In 10 Days Celebration July 30.

The paving of highway No. 20, between Rutherfordton and Lake Lure, was completed Wednesday according to a dispatch from Rutherfordton.

Work began on this project April 8th, but rains, breakdowns and shortage of material caused the work to be delayed.

"The Main Street of North Carolina," as this highway has often been called, is now a ribbon of concrete from the mountains to the sea.

It took 140,000 bags of cement, 29,000 tons of crushed stone and 12,750 tons of sand to pave the 13.5 miles from here to within one mile of Lake Lure Dam.

The concrete bridge across broad river near Lake Lure is nearing completion. The contractors expect to complete paving the Bat Cave and Hendersonville highway by August first.

Highway No. 20 will be open for traffic by Sunday July 10th. The celebration in honor of completing the highway will be July 30th at Lake Lure Inn.

County Court Held In Kings Mountain

Judge Mull Imposes Suspended Sentences On Drunken Drivers--Take Away Licenses

County Judge John P. Mull is carrying out his declared intention of taking driving license away from all auto drivers convicted of operating a car while under the influence of liquor.

Yesterday at Kings Mountain he fined two defendants charged with driving drunk \$50 and the courts each gave them suspended sentences of three months and took away their driving privileges for the same length of time.

There were only three defendants before the judge, the third being charged with having a quart of liquor. His fine was \$25 and the costs.

June Brides Fail To Show Up Here

With Final Day Of Bride Month Gone Only 14 Brides Turned Out In County.

With the marriage record book for the month closed only 14 brides were shown recorded yesterday afternoon by Register Newton.

The last license sold during the bride month was last Saturday and it was hoped that one more license would be sold during the week to run the total up to 15 for the month, or one for every two days. With license issued to only 14 couples it is estimated as one of the lowest "bride month" records here in three years.

Some "Horse Trade" Made By The City

City Administration Swaps Two Horses, Set Off Harness For One Mule and \$50.

Recently the new city administration decided to "motorize" the city departments and in "motorizing" the street department, there were two large draft horses which the former administration had purchased, together with two dump wagons, to be used in short hauls. On the minutes at the city hall there is recorded the authority granted Mayor Dorsey by the board to sell the horses. Here is the trade that was made according to information authenticated by Mr. Self, street overseer. The two draft horses, a set of harness and one of the new dump wagons bought just a few months ago for \$115 of the tax payers money--all of these were traded to Mr. Lon Spangler for one mule and \$50 in cash.

Live stock has been tabooed in Mr. Dorsey's administration, whether for the sake of economy or efficiency remains to be seen after a few months trial. Now the city has one mule and 13 motor driven vehicles. The street department has three trucks, one new \$6,500 street sweeper and tractor. The water department has one truck; electric department, one truck and one car. In the city hall there is the mayor's new car, two fire trucks, one police car and one motorcycle.

Wants to Learn



Aspiring to a stage career, Miss Marjorie Adlington of Cape Town, South Africa, came more than 8000 miles to try to achieve it. She is in school now at Shelby.

HEAT RECORDS GO DOWN HERE WITH TEMPERATURE 100

Yesterday, June 30, was one of the hottest days ever recorded in Shelby.

Between 4 and 6 o'clock the outdoor thermometer at Ebeltofts registered 100, varying very little for more than an hour. Early in the morning the mercury began to climb. It reached 90 and kept climbing as the town sweltered in the warmest weather of the year and near the warmest ever experienced here. The peak of the heat came near five o'clock with the thermometer standing at 100.

So far as could be learned this morning the extreme heat did not result in fatalities in this section and no physical mishaps were suffered during the day.

Last night was very uncomfortable and the entire town and county sweltered instead of slept. This morning the mercury started its climb back up and by 10 o'clock had reached 92. However, some breeze was in evidence during the forenoon and the heat was not quite so unbearable as yesterday. Whether or not the thermometer during the afternoon will touch yesterday's record cannot be foretold.

Police Officers Here Keep Cool

City Has Policemen Wearing Gray Shirts To Replace Hot And Heavy Dress Coat.

The "policeman in blue" isn't altogether blue in Shelby now. The city police are wearing comfortable gray shirts instead of the customary blue coats, the practice starting about the middle of the week.

The gray shirts were purchased by the city to replace the coats and during the warm summer months, it is understood, that the officers will not be required to wear coats. The shirts are of the same color and similar to the summer shirts worn by policemen in many of the larger cities.

Pullman Train In Rutherford County

The first Pullman to go into Rutherford county arrived there Thursday over the Seaboard road. The train passed through Shelby about noon Thursday.

A Rutherford dispatch says: At noon Thursday a train consisting of five Pullmans, a baggage car and a dining car arrived in Rutherford bringing approximately one hundred boys from Miami and Jacksonville, Florida, to the Reese Combs camp at Chimney Rock. Two of the Pullmans are from Miami, one from St. Petersburg, and two from Jacksonville, the dining car was put on at Columbia, S. C., while the baggage car came from Jacksonville.

Colored Outfits Will Play Monday

The Shelby colored baseball team will play the Charlotte team at the city park here Monday afternoon, it is announced. Last week at Gaffney the Shelby team shut out the Charlotte team 3 to 0, and a good game is in prospect here Monday.

Mayor Dorsey Asks Star To Let City Affairs Alone

Town Head Thin, Newspaper Should Not Say Anything About Business Of Taxpayers. This Paper Will Publish City News,

The Star is in receipt of the following letter from Mayor W. N. Dorsey, with the request that it be published. So here goes. The attached letter referred to is being published elsewhere in this issue: Shelby, N. C., June 30, 1927.

Editor Cleveland Star, Shelby, N. C. Sir:-- If it is not asking too much, I would like you to print the attached letter relating to the legal aspects of the salary of the mayor so prominently displayed in your issue of Wednesday, June 29, 1927.

Furthermore, I would appreciate it very much indeed if you would see fit to let us run the affairs of the city to the best of our ability, and to the good interests of all concerned as nearly as possible without speculative comment. You gentlemen run The Star, and we will try to run the city as the citizens who voted for us intended we should. Please publish this letter also.

Very respectfully yours, W. N. DORSEY, Mayor. The Star Will Publish News

To W. N. Dorsey, Mayor of Shelby, and Especially to Citizens of Shelby:

Mr. Dorsey in his letter citing another side of the municipal laws about salary limitations says "I would appreciate it very much indeed if you would see fit to let us run the affairs of the city to the best of our ability, and to the good interests of all concerned as nearly as possible without speculative comment."

What Mr. Dorsey refers to as "speculative comment" must be a puzzle. The news item to which the letter came in reply was not speculative comment--being nothing but news. Any newspaper man, or any one to any extent acquainted with what is news will agree that the article was news. So--

Since when has any man elected to a public office by the people, to handle the people's affairs, the right to request that the news of city affairs not be published in a newspaper so that the people may know what is going on? The affairs that happen in the city hall are affairs of the people--affairs they have a right to know about. Every transaction at the city hall is, or should be a public record. Since when has any official gained the privilege of asking a newspaper not to publish public property? Every taxpayer and citizen of Shelby does not have the time to attend municipal board meetings, or hang about the city hall to keep up with their affairs, for city affairs are their affairs, and they expect their newspaper to keep them abreast of what is being done. This newspaper intends to do that regardless of requests. When there is a news item, anything of interest to the people about city affairs, this paper intends when possible to publish it.

In Italy Mussolini forbids his press to use any news or anything else that he doesn't like, or that does not favor Mussolini policies. Mussolini is Czar of Italy. So far as is known no other ruler or officials enjoys that iron-hand privilege in the world. Not in the United States, surely. A nation founded and maintained by the people, of the people, and for the people.

A newspaper published in Shelby enjoys the privilege of publishing news about city affairs just the same as every county record at the court house is open to the public, and just as news stories are carried about county matters.

Public Office Is Public Affair Just how Mr. Dorsey handles his city administration is a matter of his business, but the people have a right to know what is going on and insofar as it is known the time has not come when a citizen cannot express his views, or comment on public affairs.

There were departments about the preceding administration that were changed by Mayor Dorsey--because, as he said a sufficient number of people had expressed dissatisfaction to make the changes worthwhile. How would he have heard of dissatisfaction if no one had been permitted to comment?

When does any official, high or low, become important enough to have no comment made by the people about public business?

As to the speculative comment: The news story about an attorney's ruling on salary was a news story. Anything worthy of being discussed about the streets is news. That matter was. No speculative comment has been made, or editorial opinions given, by this paper on the Dorsey administration. Numerous occasions have arisen wherein comment might have been, and about matters numerous citizens have asked that comment be made. However, should occasion arise this paper intends to, and will comment when deemed necessary to public welfare. It is a privilege of a free country and a free press. Many men larger than the mayor of a town have attempted to suppress newspaper opinions. None have succeeded.

As to news of city affairs this paper will publish every item coming to its attention that is worthy of publication. That is, so long as the source of the news is not closed, and when such comes this paper intends to know why news of the people's business is to be refused the paper read by the people who pay the taxes. Likewise the paper will carry comment when deemed necessary and when it desires to do so without asking anyone. Mr. Dorsey may be mayor but his salary is paid by the tax payers of Shelby; they elected him to office and have the privilege to comment, pro and con, on how their affairs are run.

We Will Follow City's Actions Although such had not been intended so as to give as smooth sailing as possible to the administration, this paper will in the course of the coming weeks secure as far as possible details about city business under the new administration; details as to the number of employees of the present administration and former administration, their salaries and salaries of preceding city employees, and also total cost of the operation of city affairs by the month. These matters are, or should be, public record. Unless they are suppressed in a free country this paper intends to publish them--and, if it desires to do so, comment upon them. Thank you, THE EDITOR.

What's THE News THE STAR'S REVIEW.

How Hot! The mercury climbed to 100 here yesterday, and is climbing back up again.

Other attorneys say city officials are not restricted by law in demanding their pay. The difference in legal minds being cited today. Mayor Dorsey also asks The Star to let him run city affairs. The Star will at all times publish the news of the taxpayers business when possible regardless of requests.

Highway 20 through Rutherfordton is now paved and will be opened to traffic soon.

The business houses here, it is understood, will be closed on the Fourth. No event is planned locally.

The Seaboard will put on buses from Rutherfordton to the resort town, making possible Pullman service through Shelby, the permission to do being given by the Corporation Commission despite a fight against it by bus interests.

Dr. Scarborough last night praised the handling of traffic by city officers during his revival so far.

The new county business system will officially start on Monday, the commissioners to hold a session on the Fourth.

County motorists are making a rush today at the license bureau branch here. Over 3,000 tags were sold up to yesterday afternoon.

Commander Byrd's flight to Paris almost had a disastrous ending. Read the latest on the hop in today's Star.

The Star's subscription list is growing steadily, because The Star gets there with the news.

STORES TO CLOSE HERE MONDAY FOR A QUIET FOURTH

No Celebration Or Event Planned For Shelby. Will Take Place Of Thursday Closing.

There will be no particular program observing the Fourth of July here, it is understood. No event has been planned and so far as is known the day will be quietly observed as during several preceding years here.

The stores, banks, and business houses--many of them at least--will be closed, it is said on the streets. Numerous people will motor away, for the day, some to celebrations elsewhere, some on a visit for a day, while others will remain at home spending the day quietly as a vacation from the regular grind.

The fact that the stores are closing is taken to mean that the stores agreeing to close on Thursday afternoons during the summer will remain open next Thursday afternoon, and will begin their half day closing agreement on the second Thursday of July. This was the indication gained at several stores yesterday. When the closing petition was passed about it contained a clause stating that if the Fourth was observed the half day closing would not take effect until the second Thursday of the month.

The nearest celebration of the Fourth is at Rutherford fair grounds where that county will stage a program taking up the major part of the day, including fireworks at night.

Revivalist Praises Traffic Men Here

Dr. Scarborough digressed in his sermon last night long enough to say that the traffic regulations in Shelby are the most perfect of any little city in which he has conducted a meeting. Not an auto has disturbed the meeting with noise and the men are showing the motorists every help and courtesy in the evening when there is a great gathering of automobiles bringing people to the service. Dr. Scarborough praised each and every one of them in gracious terms, commended the beautiful city of Shelby and asked the congregation to pray that each and every man attached to the city and their families should become Christians if they are not already. Members of the police and fire department help park the cars as they gather each evening and when the crowd is dispersing, the officers help unblock and direct the vehicles at the street intersections. In the section where the revival is held, the streets are roped off to prevent disturbance from noises.