

There is \$81 worth of church property in Shelby for every inhabitant. An article today gives a total of all the non-taxable property. Over two millions. Another news story tells of a slump in tax values that Nos. 4 and 6 townships may make up.

There is a caddy at the Cleveland Springs golf club who may make another Bobby Jones, Yesterday he won the Blue Ridge tournament.

What does a lady of 96 winters and summers think of modern style exposing knees and more? Read of Mrs. Elizabeth Houser's first birthday celebration in today's paper.

A remarkable rise in cotton prices is told about on an inside page—don't miss it. Read every page of this issue. City and county news will be found on several pages—Capt. Peyton McSwain is married; a new brokerage has opened up; it won't be long until the football season; No juice, much yeast, hum bread; Max Gardner has another freak rival for governorship; more chicks; community news; personal mention.

MANY BIRTHS IN COUNTY IN 1926; DECLINE IN STATE

1,110 Children Born In This County During 1926; In Lincoln 466; In Rutherford 1,098

One thousand, one hundred and ten children were born in Cleveland county in 1926, according to figures released by the state board of health.

Birth statistics for adjoining counties were as follows: Lincoln county, 466; Rutherford, 1,098; Catawba, 1,025; Burke, 706; Gaston, 2,116.

Although North Carolina's birth rate dropped in 1926 to 28.8 per thousand population, as compared to 29.7 for the year before, the state retained first place among the states of the union.

A total of 82,459 births were reported in the state last year of which 57,904 were white, 25,279 colored and 517 Indians.

The total number of births reported for 1925 was 83,700.

Physicians were in attendance upon a majority of the white births last year, but midwives continued to outnumber physicians for negro and Indian births. While births attended by physicians totaled 49,435 negro births, 7,622 and Indians 252.

4,529 illegitimates There were 4,529 illegitimate children born in the state during the year, 1,039 white; 3,444 colored and 46 Indians.

Mrs. McFarland Is Buried On Tuesday

West Shelby Woman Passes After Long Illness—Came Here From Caroleen.

Mrs. Mary McFarland, widow of the late Tom McFarland died Monday morning at 7:30 following a protracted illness of a year or more. She was taken suddenly ill Saturday and the end came Monday morning. The McFarlands moved to Shelby from Caroleen about seven years ago and endeared themselves to the people of that community. Deceased was 54 years of age and a member of the Methodist Protestant church where the funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock by Revs. Helms, Morris and Sisk. Her remains were taken to Oak Grove church in Rutherford county for interment.

Mrs. McFarland is survived by six children, Mrs. M. G. Eaker, Mrs. A. A. Ramsey, R. O. John and Misses Lois and Mabel McFarland. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Annie Jones of Forest City, Mrs. Annie Jones of Forest City and two brothers, one living in Gastonia and one in Iowa. All members of the family were present for the funeral except her Iowa brother.

A Twinkle

The fact that there is \$81 worth of church property in Shelby for every inhabitant, as today's news says, doesn't mean that every person in town has an \$81 one-way ticket to Paradise. Several of the per capita of the town never peek inside of a church and see what they're getting for their eighty-one bucks.

And another thing: How many of the 9,000 people in Shelby do you suppose have put \$81 in the churches? THE TWINKLER.

SCHOOL HEAD IN DEFENSE OF BOOK AT CASAR SCHOOL

Tom Green, Principal in Recent Controversy, Upholds Science Book Of Schools

W. T. Green, Casar High school principal last year, in a letter to The Star upholds the teaching of a general science book in High schools. It will be remembered that a controversy developed in the Casar community during the last year over the reported teaching of birth control in science classes.

The controversy developed into an affair between the principal and a patron. The case was aired in the recent court here and Green acquitted of an assault.

In his letter the former principal says he believes children should be taught things that better fit them for life.

What He Says The letter follows:

Dear Editor: I thank you for the kind consideration accorded me through the Cleveland Star in the recent controversy concerning my teaching of science in the Casar High school.

It is an unjust reflection on the majority of the Casar people to judge their attitude toward education and progress by a few individuals. And I would like to say here that the majority of the Casar people are responsive to every forward movement. The regressive type is not at all representative of the majority.

As for the teaching "Birth Control" I think the public should know what was taught. Birth Control in its biological meaning as applied to the regulations of birth was never mentioned. However I can see no harm in informing young people on subjects that are so vital, but that are usually treated as a joke.

The subject of controlling diseases through eugenics was discussed and special emphasis was laid on the fact that thousands of helpless people are brought into the world to suffer for the sins and neglect of others. This is the class that fill our asylums, hospitals, and other institutions that are provided for the unfortunate.

In the course of the lecture the point was made that the state, and society in general would profit in general, socially, morally and economically by promulgating and enforcing a stricter physical examination before marriage. Such a regulation would materially reduce the unfortunate of the state and thereby help to solve the problems above mentioned.

I quote the following from Caldwell and Eikenberry general science, which formed the nucleus for the teaching that caused the controversy:

"Much has been said that bears more or less directly upon the topic of inheritance. Heredity is the rule of persistence among organisms vary from one generation to another we also know that they resemble one another with varying degrees of resemblance.

"Few things contribute more to successful living than a sound and vigorous body, and such is a heritage of untold value. An unsound body is also a heritage, but a burdensome one. We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of making sure that no avoidable tendency to disease and no abnormally weakened bodies are passed on to succeeding generations. There are few tragedies more awful than that of being born into the world weighted down with a weakened body. Such bodies are given to innocent people because society did not know enough or care enough to prevent the inheritance of things that make successful life hard, often well high impossible, for the offspring. It is high time for the human race to recognize and use what is known of biological inheritance. We produce high types of corn and cattle because we want to make money from the product. What are we doing to make sure that the next generation of men and women shall be physically, intellectually, and morally strong as the laws of heredity will enable us to make them?"

I can see no harm or anything contrary to the policy of the state in explaining the conditions that actually exist to young men and women who are to become the citizens of this great state of ours and these on whom the welfare of the race depend. I think it is the duty of every teacher to give to his or her students the instruction that will best fit them to meet the responsibility of life.

W. T. GREENE

Taxable Wealth Of County Close To That Last Year Tax Officials Here Declare

New Feature As readers of Monday's and today's Star will notice a new feature has been started on the front page—"A Twinkle," one pertinent comment each issue.

What will the Twinkler say next? Today he notes that every person in town has \$81 in church property, but wonders how many have put \$81 in.

At an early date The Star plans to start an interesting serial story since scores of readers have asked for such. Watch for further announcements. And, by the way, if you are not a regular Star reader, see one of the carrier boys, or call No. 11. Your worries will be over.

HATCHERY LOOKS FOR CHICK YEAR

Local Plant Plans To Double Number of Chicks In This Vicinity This Year.

For every "cheep" last year, two this year, is the plan of the Suttle Hatchery, local hatching house. It was announced this week by Ben Suttle, proprietor, that he was installing a new 12,000 capacity incubator, which doubles the present size of the plant. This means a total capacity of 24,000.

Last year this hatchery hatched about 45,000 chicks and sold many of them in this county. This year the total hatching should be close to 100,000.

With a doubled capacity many eggs will be in demand at the plant. It is estimated that approximately 9,000 eggs will be used per week for 22 weeks, or a total of 198,000 eggs. The hatching season will start about December 1.

No Juice But Much Yeast and Loaves Go Blooey in Storm

A general wind, electric, and rain storm that struck the Shelby section Monday night wrought considerable damage of a minor nature.

At the Best bakery on West Marion street 430 loaves of bread were ruined, it is said. Power was off for a time and as a result the yeast of scores of loaves took a record "rise" and spread over the shop while still others were burned.

The top was blown off the chain gang camp quarters, it is said, and several trees were uprooted in various sections. So far as has been learned there was no damage anywhere.

Mrs. F. P. Patton is visiting relatives in Chester, S. C. this week.

Age 96, Mrs. Houser Has First Birthday Celebration

Cleveland's Oldest Woman One Of Five Living Generations Says Styles Are A Disgrace

Ninety-six years old yesterday, Mrs. Elizabeth Houser, Cleveland's oldest woman, enjoyed the first celebration of her birthday she had ever had in all her long life. She had never wanted any special attention paid to her natal day because she thought it would be a worry and trouble to her relatives. But she fully enjoyed her 96th birthday and chatted freely with friends without the strenuous day tiring her one bit. In fact she says it made her stronger. Her head is white and her body looks frail under the weight of 96 winters, but she retains a keen mind, a quick wit, is a constant reader of The Cleveland Star, talks freely, sews and mends and walks about, doing odd jobs about the house because she "don't want to be idle."

The birthday dinner was held at the home of her grandson Herbert Borders out in the Elizabeth section and over 200 friends and relatives gathered there. Mrs. Borders cooked a birthday cake. It wouldn't carry candles for each of her 96 years, but the numerals

Styles A Disgrace "How do you like the modern styles of dress?" The Star asked Mrs. Houser as she sat in a chair in the yard after the bountiful dinner. (Continued on page four.)

WANDERING HUMAN STILL SEEKS HIS RIGHT IDENTITY

Dellinger In Letter Here Feels Sure He Is Long Lost Charley Ross

Julius Dellinger—or should we say Charley Ross?—still believes he is Charley Ross, and believes it stronger than ever.

Days pass into weeks, weeks into months, and months into years, and still a wandering man, aging now and broken somewhat, continues to move over the face of the earth seeking to know just who he is.

When that time comes—when he knows definitely—he plans to stop, settle down and get a bit out of life other than being a nomad.

It was only a few years ago that Julius Dellinger startled the world by his first positive announcement through The Star that he was the long lost Charley Ross, the boy kidnapped a half century ago from the home of his wealthy father in Philadelphia. But somehow after an investigation that gained nationwide publicity Dellinger's hopes failed to pan out. A trip to New York and Philadelphia would not convince the remaining Ross relatives. And Dellinger slightly jarred by the temporary failure—the inability to find a name after years of search—moved away from the little town of Denver in Lincoln county. Letters frequently came to his elderly friend, J. Frank Gaffney, here. But Mr. Gaffney hadn't heard from him in several weeks until this week a letter came.

Has More Proof "I have more proof now," the letter read. He still believes he is Charley Ross. The years haven't dampened his ardor to be declared the kidnapped boy of the old mys-

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MAX HAS FREE LOVE RIVAL NOW IN STATE RACE

A. C. Blake, Latest Gardner Opposition, Favors Free Love, Trial Marriages.

When O. Max Gardner gets back to Shelby from his tour of Europe no telling how many candidates on unusual platforms will be announced as opposition for him as North Carolina's next governor.

First, and just shortly after Mr. Gardner sailed, former Senator L. N. Johnston came out on a wet platform as Gardner's first announced opposition, and this week comes a new candidate from Pender county in A. C. Blake, who announces on a generally free platform. A Wilmington dispatch telling of the Blake candidacy follows:

Free love, trial marriages, birth control, practice of the theory of evolution and free taxation are included in the platform of A. C. Blake, Burgaw, Pender county, who today announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor of the state. Speaking of former Senator L. N. Johnston's candidacy, Mr. Blake said that his opponent's platform was lacking in merit as the liquor question was no longer a state issue. Johnston had announced his candidacy on a strictly wet platform, providing that the national government buy the surplus grain and fruits at a fair market price to producers and that good liquors and excellent wines be made by the government and distributed to bona fide householders at actual costs of production plus transportation charges. Blake's announcement took this section by surprise and while he is said to have a good following in his section, many wonder at his platform which the aspirant claims is some real live issues of the day.

He claims that "I will leave it to the public as to whether or not the plans outlined in my platform do not comprise important matters and since eastern Carolina seems destined to have a candidate, though wet, for governor, I decided after due deliberation to enter the contest against Mr. Johnston."

Two County Girls Cullowhee Seniors

The largest senior class at Cullowhee Normal school will graduate this month. In the summer graduating class are two Cleveland county girls, Annie Lee Spake, of Shelby, and Hattie Gertrude Wortman of Casar.

CITY AND COUNTY HAS 2 AND HALF MILLION IN NON TAXABLE PROPERTY

Shelby Church Property Near Three-Quarters Million. \$81 Worth of Church Property Per Inhabitant. City's Non-Taxable Property Near a Million.

BLINDFOLD AUTO DRIVER COMING

Shelby is to witness an unusual sight soon when a man completely blindfolded will drive an automobile through the business section of the town for an hour.

Advance agents of the oculist were here today arranging for his visit. The oculist, who has attained quite a reputation over the country, will put on several crystal gazing performances at the Princess theatre and will do his automobile stunt as a part of his program.

Blindfold piloting of automobiles became famous through the work of Fred Thompson, who has appeared in Charlotte and other nearby points. The schedule here is for the driver, heavily blindfolded to pilot the car about the busiest streets of the city for an hour during the rush period of the day. The performance is scheduled for Monday, August 29.

Marion St. Grocery To Open This Week

New Retail Grocery Will Carry All Lines of Groceries—Mr. Overcash Is Manager.

"Marion Street Grocery" is the name of a new retail grocery which opens this week in the Weathers building on West Marion street, recently vacated by the Mauney Auto Parts Co. The owners of the new store are Mr. J. H. Cookson, superintendent of the Cleveland Cloth Mill and Mr. E. R. Overcash, of Kannapolis. Mr. Overcash is a brother-in-law of Mr. Cookson's and moved his family to Shelby last week. He has had 15 years experience in the retail grocery business and will operate a clean up-to-date place, carrying a full and complete line of heavy and fancy groceries, especially green vegetables, and country produce, etc. The store building has been remodelled inside with a new floor, counters and sylving and today the large stock of groceries is being opened up. All goods are new and fresh and both Messrs. Cookson and Overcash declare they will carry everything in the grocery line. A delivery service will be maintained and orders will be taken by phone and from house-to-house calls each morning.

Mr. Cookson has made many friends during his residence here and Mr. Overcash will actively manage the store in a very courteous, gentlemanly fellow with a personality that wins.

County Couples Marry in Gaffney

Four Cleveland county couples were married last Saturday in Gaffney, South Carolina.

With \$5 marriage license prevailing back home the trek of young people over to South Carolina for marrying papers continues.

The following couples were married by Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup Saturday, according to a Gaffney dispatch: T. D. Price, of Kings Mountain, and Florence Newton, of Shelby. Arthur Ramsey, of Kings Mountain and Ruth Lingerfelt, of Bessemer City.

Ernest Smith and Arabelle Green, of Shelby. On Sunday Sherman R. Lindsay and Winnie Thelma Williams, of Shelby, were married.

The non-taxable property of the U. S. government, the county of Cleveland, the city of Shelby, and No. 6 township within the limits of the township totals \$2,467,500. In Shelby there is approximately \$81 worth of church property for every inhabitant. These figures come from a compilation made by No. 6 tax assessors, Oliver Anthony, S. A. Washburn and Tom Webb.

That the county and city has a mammoth fortune in public buildings and non-taxable property is easily ascertained from a survey of the compilation made. So far as is known no list of the non-taxable property within the borders of the county seat township has ever been made prior to this.

The tax assessors in going over and re-assessing all property in the city and township this year were impressed by the great amount of non-taxables and decided at the end of the work to compile the figures, using an estimate on the non-taxable property similar to that used on the taxable.

Federal Property The lone item of Federal property within the city, the U. S. post-office, was listed on the unofficial sheet at \$85,000.

The total run of county property, which is in reality the buildings and equipment of the county seat government totals over a half million dollars. It is listed as follows:

Court house, etc. \$350,000; county jail, outbuildings and lot, \$115,000; county home, lapd buildings and equipment, \$60,000; Cleveland county fair grounds, buildings and equipment, \$45,000.

Official No. 6 township non-taxable property, as in the list, follows: Shelby hospital, annex, nurses' home, and equipment, \$135,000; convict camp equipment and road machinery, \$15,500.

City Nears Million Official Shelby has assets near a million in what might be called tangible property not considering valuable municipal improvements and the like. The list on non-taxable city property follows:

City Hall building and lot, facing square, \$30,000; vacant lot on N. Washington street, car sheds, and workshops, \$18,000; Central school buildings and lots, \$65,000; baseball park, lot and gymnasium, \$12,000; East Marion school and lot, \$25,000; Eastside school and lot, \$30,000; N. LaFayette school and lot, \$35,000; S. LaFayette school and lot, \$25,000; South Shelby school and lot, \$90,000; West Graham school and lot, \$25,000; Colored school building (northeast Shelby), \$18,000; City electric light plant and equipment, \$250,000; City water works plant, land and equipment, \$225,000; old city water plant and equipment, \$15,000; Old Flatrock quarry and land, \$15,000; City personal property, trucks and equipment, \$15,000; Fire trucks and other equipment of department, \$28,000.

Churches and Lodges The total non-taxable assessed value on non-taxable church and lodge property in Shelby is \$741,000. It is listed as follows: Central Methodist church and lot, \$175,000; Central Methodist parsonage and lot \$20,000; Second Methodist church and lot \$20,000; Second Methodist parsonage \$8,000; First Baptist church and lot \$140,000; First Baptist parsonage and lot \$25,000; Second Baptist church (South Shelby) \$20,000; Second Baptist parsonage and lot \$2,000.

R. J. McCarley Opens Market Board Here R. J. McCarley, well and favorably known in Shelby where he has resided before and conducted a brokerage business in cotton, grain, stocks, etc., has come back to Shelby from Wadesboro with Mrs. McCarley and opens today a market board on the second floor of the Arey building on S. Washington street. Mr. McCarley represents Vick and Beacham, correspondents of J. S. Bache and Co., 42 Broadway, New York members of practically all of the large exchanges in America. Direct leased wire service is being cut in today and quotations will be furnished on cotton, stocks, grain, etc.

Contract has been let, it was announced today, for the erection of 20 additional residences at the Cleveland Cloth mills, the houses to be of brick veneer construction. Ben F. Curtis, local contractor, was awarded the contract and work will begin immediately. The houses, 15 of four rooms and five of five rooms, will be located on lots now owned by the mill company.

Work will also be begun this week, it was learned, on a new office building, J. T. Ramsey and Sons having been awarded contract for the erection of this building last week. The office will be of solid brick construction. Awarding of the contract for the brick veneer houses, it is believed, sets a precedent for houses for mill operatives in this section of the state and probably for the entire state. As is the case in the houses now in use at the Cleveland Cloth mill, the new ones will be equipped with modern plumbing, including bath and facilities for hot water.

O. Max Gardner is president of the mill which manufactures rayon and silk novelties. O. M. Mull is secretary and E. T. Switzer is treasurer. C. C. Blanton is chairman of the board of directors. The mill has been in operation since the latter part of 1925.

Shelby Caddy Wins Golf Tournament

Fourteen-year-old Pete Webb, little freckle-faced caddy of the Cleveland Springs Golf club, won the first big golf tournament he ever performed in yesterday when he took first prize at the Blue Ridge Forest tournament out of Tryon.

In winning Shelby's embryo Bobby Jones turned in the same score Wednesday as did Harry Ehle, Southern champion, on the same course Tuesday. His total was 79; so was Ehle's.

Of the four first prizes in the Blue Ridge tourney Shelby golfers took three. Webb was first, Charles L. Eskridge, sr., took second honors and Claud Brown Rippey another young-caddy, took fourth place. Several other Shelby golfers would have ranked high had they turned in their cards. Just a week or two back Pete

played on his first golf course the fine course atop Hogback Mountain during the day were Charles Eskridge, jr., Willis McMurry, Jack Dover W. H. Lyle, Cleveland Springs pro; and Charles Dover.

Brought The Bacon The Blue Ridge Forest champ, trying to suppress a grin that just would wriggle out below his pug nose came home last night in Mr. Eskridge's Lincoln, lugging in his arm the first prize, a big silver ice bucket and tongs.

With the honors of one tournament already tucked away he is more than ever a coming Bobby Jones to Shelby. His big dreams now are of entering the Southern amateur tournament next spring at Memphis and Shelby sport followers are counting on seeing him there. Other Shelby golfers who played