

Airport For Shelby Seems Likely Now

BUSINESS HEADS WORK FOR FIELD NEAR CLEVELAND

Airport, Or Landing Field, Big Progressive Step, Depends Upon Commission Board

With the advent of another spring Shelby may have an airport, or a model landing field. Realizing that a new era—the air age—is near business men and officials of the city have been cooperating recently in a plan to keep Shelby in the forefront.

Yesterday The Star learned that the movement has already met with a marked degree of success and backers of the airport idea feel sure it is going over. Fact is, the only apparent obstacle in the path of the movement now is whether or not the county commissioners will subscribe to the movement to the extent of the taxes on the property considered.

The landing field is planned for the section south of Cleveland Springs estates.

To Give Tract Charles L. Eskridge, pioneer automobile man who is becoming interested in aviation, stated yesterday that officials of Cleveland Springs estates had agreed to give tract of land south of the hotel and on the old golf course for a landing field provided the tax matter was taken care of. This was the first step in the plan. A conference with Mayor W. N. Dorsey resulted, it is said, in the mayor agreeing to use the street force and what machinery necessary to do the city's part in preparing the landing field.

Fred Wagner, head of the Wagner Construction company and operator of the local rock quarry, has agreed, it is further said, to furnish the rock sand for the field and to haul it. With this cooperation already received backers feel as if the airport project, which should mean much to the future of the city, will go over. If the commissioners meet the proposal of the owners of Cleveland Springs, The Cleveland Springs owners feel as if they should not have to pay taxes on the tract used since the landing field will prove beneficial to the entire county. Mr. Eskridge states that Cleveland Springs will probably during the winter remove a small wooded strip on the tract talked, leaving a large practically level piece of land which can be transformed into an airport with no great amount of work.

That an airport before many months will mean much to the section can already be foreseen. With the completion of the port it will be listed with the Ford and other airways and also with the government. With a stop on the government air mail route at Blacksburg, which is not many miles from Shelby, it is thought that private and government planes will soon be stopping here regularly.

Club Support The Kiwanis and Rotary clubs have been informed of the project and will lend their aid in appearing before the commissioners and in backing the landing field movement in anyway possible. Report is that A. E. Cline, county commission chairman, already realizes the fields worth and approves the movement. The proposed tract seems ideal in every way for a landing field. It is near the highway and when prepared can be approached in the air from at least three directions. Definite action in the matter is expected within a week or so. Meaningful citizens of the town interested in the future welfare of the section are being urged to cooperate in the movement.

At Rutherfordton The recent meeting of the Piedmont council of Boy scouts here it was decided to accept the invitation of Rutherford county and hold the next annual meeting, January 17, 1928, at the Isothermal hotel. The election of officers for the ensuing year will take place then as will the plans for organization. The programs for the counties in the Council, Rutherford, Cleveland, Polk, Gaston and Lincoln, will be determined and given out at this session. Finances in particular will be discussed; at present all the counties are in arrears and Rutherford county heads the list. It is hoped this condition will be remedied before the annual meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grimes of Kings Mountain, were Shelby visitors Wednesday.

First Letter To Santa Written By Little Girl Who Loves Old Fellow

Yesh folks it won't be long now. Up in the snowy North Pole regions, where Dick Byrd flew in his airplane not so long ago, Santa Claus the hero of all childish dreams, must be getting his pack ready. Anyway, he should be for the demand upon him this year is going to be heavy judging by the start made.

In The Star mail pouch this morning came a letter addressed in a childish hand—yes, a Santa Claus letter.

It was addressed to "Mr. Sandy Clause, North Pole, Shelby, R-3," and today when The Star's mail goes out the letter will be forwarded to the chimney-clambering Kris Kringle, who year after year at the Christmas season mawes thousands of little hearts thrill with happiness. The first letter to Santa, by the way, was written by Beuna Whisnant, of Shelby R-3, and in the letter the little girl thanked Santa for his kindness last year and made a further plea for her little brother, Buren, and her sister, Mary Martha. No special favors were asked other than Old Santa to be sure and come by our house.

In a very short time The Star will begin to publish Santa Claus letters following an annual custom. Another thing, while this Santa talk is going on—Working with the county welfare officer and heads of the various civic organizations The Star plans to start a Christmas Stocking fund next week for the purpose of buying necessities and a few gifts for the children and families pinched by poverty in the section. Of course you have a heart, especially about Christmastide. So begin loosening up the purse strings. Santa will never get around to a lot of places here in Shelby unless the more fortunate citizens of the town lend him a helping hand. He'll be counting on you.

Hardly a week passes by in Cleveland county without some auto owner being forced to park his car in the garage for six months and do his riding with some one else at the steering wheel. Judge John Mull, of the county court, judging by the court records is carrying out his announced intention of barring drunken drivers from the county highways.

Yesterday at Kings Mountain there were only two cases before the judge, but in one the convicted driver was fined \$50 and the costs and is not to drive again for six months. The other charge was that of hobnobbing against a white man caught there. Judge Mull gave the 'bo' until 6 o'clock to depart town and he departed immediately, it is said.

MULL STILL GETS DRUNKEN DRIVERS

County Judge Still Barring Intoxicated Drivers From Highways. Non-Suit Two Cases

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When Is A Man Big? A man may be six feet two and still be a little man. Another man may be only five feet tall and may be considered big. You ask how this can be true?

Well, the kind of bigness that we are talking about is measured by character. The man who is big in height and stature may be narrow-minded and mean. This is how he is little. As for the man who is but five feet tall—it is his broad way of looking at things and his big heart that makes him big.

It is good for us to look ourselves over every once in a while to see whether we have been growing or not. How big are you.—The Boys' Friend.

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Mr. Wade B. Sparks, local representative of the Home Security Life Insurance company, is attending the convention of the company at Durham today and tomorrow. The convention is in session at the Washington Duke hotel.

Mr. E. A. Rudasill and daughter, Miss Lillian, left yesterday for Meridian, Tex., where they will visit Mr. Jake Rudasill and other relatives. Miss Lillian will return home about Christmas, while Mr. Rudasill will remain for the entire winter.

HIGH PUPILS TO GIVE PLAY HERE

"The Whole Town's Talking," a three-act farce, will be given by the dramatic department of the Shelby High school at the Central auditorium this evening, Friday. There will be no reserved seats and patrons of the school are urged to be on hand.

The play, written by Anita Loos and John Emerson, has been directed by Miss Ora Upshaw, of the High school faculty, and is said to be one of the most entertaining performances ever presented by the local pupils.

J. W. Suttle Named Vice-President Of Baptist Gathering

Durham, Nov. 17.—Having taken a decided stand, against the election of Governor Alfred E. Smith, of New York, or any other wet candidate to the presidency of the United States and having denounced military training in public school and colleges delegates to the 97th annual Baptist State convention hurriedly wound up their three-day session here and adjourned this afternoon.

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BAPTISTS SELECT ASHEVILLE NEXT GARDNER SPEAKS

Success In Centennial Campaign Predicted. Shelby Man Praises Baptist Schools

Durham, Nov. 17.—Success in the Centennial Education campaign for \$1,500,000 which will relieve Baptist schools in North Carolina was seen today after leaders of the church had inspired the 97th annual conference of Baptists in the state to an enthusiasm which they predicted will carry the drive to completion before the 1930 convention, the time limit set in the drive.

Asheville was chosen as the place of the 98th convention by the place committee, which recommended its selection to the full convention. High Point, asking for the 1928 also, was denied.

Gardner Heard There is nothing that would more thoroughly kill the soul of a people, in the opinion of O. Max Gardner of Shelby, than for their state to undertake "the impossible task of performing, under the power of Caesar, all the service now rendered to the educational, social and religious life of the commonwealth in the name and under the banner of Him who walked the waters of Galilee."

Mr. Gardner, speaking here before the Baptist State convention and adding force to the Centennial Campaign now under way, declared that "I would not want to live in North Carolina if the state, through its broad taxing power, collected every dollar that is necessary for education, charity, benevolence, hospitalization and Christian service."

"What a miserable, materialistic place North Carolina would be," he declared, "if we were deprived of the volunteer Christian privilege of the broad benevolence, unstinted charity, splendid sacrifice and fragrant deeds of love which are of every day occurrence in this commonwealth, and which so sweeten life as to smooth its rough places, relieve its sorrows and lighten its load of care and give hope, heart and inspiration to struggling men everywhere."

"In my judgement the future of our church, the future of the Christian religion and the future of North Carolina lies absolutely in the realm of education. I am delighted at the fact that our people have never permitted the field of education to be occupied exclusively by the state. The Christian citizenship of North Carolina will not be denied the spiritual value that comes from material contributions to the welfare and the happiness of a whole people through the clear and unpolluted stream of Christian culture that flows unceasingly into the counties, cities, towns, villages and hamlets of North Carolina from the denominational schools streams run in no narrow, restricted channels but spread, overflow and enrich the life of the state as they refreshingly water and beautify the intellectual growth and development of our Christian civilization."

"The one debt North Carolina can never pay is the debt she owes to the denominational colleges. "To my mind the Centennial challenge touches the life of our state and the heart of our church as no other movement in my day. It serves to link into close and intimate oneness the scattered children of our denomination and places around them the strong and loving arms of a proud and prosperous parent. It takes our eldest and sturdiest son, Wake Forest, and our youngest and tenderest child, Boiling Springs, together with the other members of the family—Meredith, Chowan, Mars Hill, Campbell and Wingate—and brings each of them into the sweet communion of parental pride and fills our hearts today."

Carolina Jurist Rides Airplane To Court Term Raleigh.—Rather than be late for court here, Superior Court Judge N. A. Townsend came to Raleigh from his home in Dunn, in an airplane, a distance of about 60 miles. Judge Townsend, realizing he could not make the trip in time in his automobile, called an airplane from Raleigh and arrived at 9:30 a. m., thereby retaining his record for punctuality and establishing a record as the first Superior Court judge of the state to fly to his court.

Youth Hurt When Mules Run Away James Cabaniss, 15-year-old son of Mr. F. W. Cabaniss, of the Zion community, was painfully but not seriously injured Monday when the mules he was driving ran away with him, throwing him from the wagon.

Reports are that the youngster is recovering from his injuries.

Fountain Visits In This Section R. T. Fountain, of Edgecombe county, a candidate for lieutenant-governor in the next Democratic primary, was a visitor in Shelby yesterday.

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ELLENBORO COTTON MILL TO ENLARGE Forest City.—Work has started on the addition to the Ellenboro Manufacturing company, at Ellenboro. When completed the mill will be twice as large as it is now, about one hundred more looms being added.

The addition to the mill was made necessary by the large number of orders they have and their inability to fill same with their present equipment.

About 25 new dwelling houses will also be erected to take care of the employees of the mill.

Miss Ruth Dixon, of Limestone college, arrived today to spend the week-end with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cline, on Morgan street.

Baptists Hail Max Gardner As "Next Governor"

Durham.—A hint of politics crept into the 7th annual session of the Baptist state convention in Wednesday night's session with presentation of O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, general chairman of state-wide centennial campaign, to an audience which jammed the auditorium of the First Baptist church.

He was introduced as "the next governor of North Carolina."

Registering their approval of that prediction through prolonged applause, the convention arose to its feet with one accord in a tribute to Mr. Gardner.

EVERY SIX YEARS COTTON EQUAL TO VALUE OF COUNTY

Cleveland Farmers Sell Cotton For Taxed Worth Of County In 6 Years

The cotton farmers of Cleveland county are industrious—every six years, with cotton up to the present price, their income from cotton almost equals the total taxed value of the entire county.

According to recent statistics given out by W. R. Newton, tax supervisor, the taxed valuation of Cleveland county, real estate and personal property, is a little over 38 million dollars. Shortly after the property value of the county became known a local banker estimated that the farmers would this year receive around six million dollars for their cotton and cotton seed—the estimate being based on a crop close to 50,000 bales at 20 cents per pound.

Six years of making six million dollars a year on cotton would total just a little shy of the present taxable wealth of the county. A right good investment, this Cleveland county cotton crop, when the farmers raise their own food and feed supplies and get a fair price for their cotton.

Individual Garbage Plan On For City

Trash Department Asks Cooperation Of Citizens In Keeping Shelby Somewhat Cleaner

Shelby citizens this week are being urged by C. L. Ward, head of the city garbage and trash department, to cooperate with him in making "a spotless town" by adopting the individual home garbage can system.

In view of the fact that many citizens have already agreed with his idea Mr. Ward has ordered a solid car load of individual garbage cans to be sold at wholesale car load prices. A 27-gallon galvanized can will cost \$3, he says, and a 20-gallon can \$2.25. This is almost half price.

The garbage department in urging every home to buy one announces that the cans will be private property of the home owners and can be moved anywhere. The cans will facilitate the work of keeping the city clean and if properly used about the homes will prevent scattered collections of garbage and trash. Those interested may get in touch with the city garbage department.

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Iron Cop Guards Crossing



This iron policeman, invented by a Roanoke, Va., man, throws his hands up and down when a train is approaching. There's an electric motor inside the cop and his eyes are bright lights.

Four Basic Reasons For 8-Months School Term

Gives Boy Better Chance, Is Practicable, Helps Grading, Equalizes Tax Burden And Is Economic Benefit To Community. Farmers For Eight Months.

Eight month schools for all of Cleveland county has of recent months become one of the main topics of conversation with educational leaders and parents of scores of school children.

"Why will the eight months term prove beneficial to the county?" many citizens ask. "We know that in a general way it will offer better educational advantages to our children, but what are the basic advantages?"

In view of this frequently heard query The Star requested an educational official, who is broadminded and also practical, to explain briefly the advantages of the eight month term and just what it will mean to Cleveland county. This official's reply is strictly practical and does not touch upon the present low ranking of the county, or any sentimental talk, but instead points out the practical side of the longer school term.

Has Four Angles. The reply is made in four departments: "Necessity For," "Practicability," "Equalization of Tax Burden," "Economic Benefit," and a further division "Farmers Desire It."

Those who wish facts and basic surmise on the school question will be interested in the following: Necessity for—1.—Average child 22 1-2 years finishing high school in six months school. State requires eight months to complete grade. 1.—This means year and a half to complete one grade. 2.—Boy in six months school thus practically denied chance for college unless father moves or sends him to boarding school.

Difficultly in grading—1.—In any given grade at beginning of school some have had three months, some six months, some none. Teachers ought, therefore to have 3 sections. Necessity makes her put all in one group. 2.—In one-teacher school teacher ought to have 105 classes daily. Five subjects per grade, with three classes per grade and seven grades. Difficultly securing better trained teachers.

Practicability—1.—Northern and Western States have 8 to 10 months. Tennessee has eight months. South Carolina, 7 months. Fourteen North Carolina counties have eight months. Large part of every county in state has eight months. 55 per cent rural pupils in Cleveland go eight. In state longer, the term better the attendance. In Cleveland average attendance in eight months school 5 per cent better in eight months school over eight months period than in 6 months school over 6 months. (Last year statistics.) Every child in Scotland access to 9 months school.

Equalization tax burden—Some districts with large valuation have long term with low rate. Others low valuation and high rate have shorter term. Shelby 41 cents—9 months. Kings Mountain about 35c—9 months high school, 8 months elementary. Grover, 35c—8 months school. Casar, Fallston, Lattimore, Belwood and others have 50 cents for 8 months and can hardly get by (now having to employ many teachers with low certificates. Railways secured by county bond issue but only districts near railway benefit. State aids county to extent of \$47,000 meaning a tax 9 cents lower than otherwise County should, therefore, aid weaker districts. Every dollar in county should be behind every school in county.

Economic benefit—Many leading families moving from longer terms district to districts with longer terms. More desirable tenants flocking to longer term schools.

Farmers desire 8-months—Lattimore, Mooresboro, Piedmont, Waco, Grover, Fallston, Belwood, Casar voted tax on themselves.

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STILL HOLD AMOS IN AFFAIR OVER CAR HITTING BOY

Final Condition Of Youth Before Having Hearing Before Judge Mull.

J. A. Amos, said to be driving the car which on Monday afternoon struck and seriously injured D. C. Deviney, Beth-Ware school boy, is still being held in the county jail awaiting trial. County Judge John Mull stated yesterday that a preliminary hearing would not be held until the boy was considerably better or able to leave the hospital.

It was stated at the hospital that in addition to having a broken leg the youth also has a fractured skull. However, reports were that he was doing nicely and seemed to be recovering rapidly from the shock.

Advance information is that the boy was struck while crossing the road near the school and that the Amos car was at the time passing another car.

Reports yesterday were that relatives of Amos from the Ellenboro section had talked with Deviney's father and officials about stopping the warrant charging assault with deadly weapon, mention being made of paying the hospital bill. Judge Mull adds, though, that since the warrant has been issued a preliminary hearing will be necessary. The warrant charges assault with deadly weapon, to-wit and automobile, with serious bodily injury.

Home Burns While Family Has Narrow Escape From Blaze

The home of Tom Simmons, colored, who lives on the J. J. Palmer place two miles north of Polkville, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night between 10 and 11 o'clock. All the furniture of the home was also destroyed.

There are eight members of the colored family and they had a narrow escape in fleeing from the burning building in their night clothes. Nothing was saved, all the clothes of the family being burned.

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WEBB SEES DRY LAW AS BASIS FOR PROSPERITY

Asheville.—Enacting of prohibition laws has contributed to a very great extent in the era of progress and development which swept over western North Carolina during the past ten years, according to Judge Yates Webb, of Shelby, chairman of the grand jury at the opening of a two weeks' term of federal court for trial of criminal cases.

"It doesn't take any argument on this court to convince you that Congress acted wisely in outlawing liquor," said Judge Webb, characterizing liquor as a "common enemy mankind," the judge said he had been liquor "send men to the poorhouses, the jails and to the electric chair."

COULD YOU THROW DOWN BRIDGE HAND LIKE THIS?

Crockett, Calif.—Oscar Pritz of Crockett wins the genuine hand-drawn door knob for the part he played in a bridge game.

"Ha, ha," said Pritz to himself. "A little joke they're trying to play on me." He passed, threw down his hand and figured he had turned the laugh. One of the others made the successful bid and Pritz laughingly revealed his hand. The other players assured him it was legitimate.