

# Football Season Will Open Soon

## Grid Boys Will Open Next Week

Several Youngsters Already Chasing Pigs Here, Morris To Call Practice

Football practice for the Shelby Highs will get underway next week, it was announced today by Coach Casey Morris.

Just what day the first call will be sounded for grid candidates is not known as yet, but it will be one day during the week, he says. Early practice is held up for a few days due to the state of the city park, which has grown up in grass.

**Some Playing**  
A number of backfield men and other members of the squad who live in the heart of the city, have been working out this week getting in shape.

**Gym Improved**  
The "tin can" gymnasium on the school park has been considerably improved since last year. Dressing rooms with shower baths and other conveniences have been installed for the local outfit and visiting teams. Up in the gym proper bleacher seats have been arranged all around the basketball court so that crowds attending the cage games during the winter may be seated. During the past basketball season the interest shown in the games here made the enlargement of the seating capacity necessary.

## DOVER-ORA NEWS CURRENT EVENTS

Many Attend Sunday School—Mr. Dover Speaks, Farewell Dinner To Boys Going West

(Special to The Star)  
The largest number attending Sunday school this year was last Sunday, over three hundred were present.

Mr. J. R. Dover, our former superintendent delivered a very interesting address which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. The Pacolet band rendered special music during the Sunday school hour and also gave a concert on the office lawn in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Waddell gave a farewell dinner Sunday in honor of Messrs. Floyd Dover, Hershel Moore and Wilburn Blanton, who left early Monday morning for an extended trip to California and other points of interest in western United States. A bountiful dinner was served to the following: George Dover, Bill Stockton, Ernest Nolan, Russel Ivey, Clifford Grayson, Leo Johnson, Bus Hardin, Jim Pettie and Misses Eula Blanton, Gladys Waddell, Ruth Holmes, Aileen Garrett and Mr. and Mrs. Harley Waddell, Mrs. Tomlin and Messrs. Floyd Dover, Wilburn Blanton, Hershel Moore and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Waddell.

Mrs. F. E. Smith had as her weekend guest her father and sisters of Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Blanton spent Sunday in South Shelby with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buice had as their dinner guest Sunday Mrs. Buice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen of South Shelby and Mrs. and Mrs. Harrell of Belvedere Heights.

Miss Vera Connor spent Saturday night with Miss Pay Pritchard.

Mrs. Brodas Starnes is very ill at this writing, we are sorry to note.

A number of friends and relatives of the communities attended the funeral of Messrs. Zeb and Carl Blanton Wednesday at the Sharon church, who were killed in the fall of the buildings at Shelby Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hornbuckle and baby and brother, Mr. J. E. Hornbuckle spent the week-end at Charlotte with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Davis of Lawndale, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Jones of Shelby, were the spend-the-day guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Southard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson and son Ervin of Bolling Springs, S. C., spent Friday night in the community with relatives.

Mrs. Gussie Carlisle and little son of Gastonia, are spending some time with Mrs. Carlisle's mother, Mrs. Bruce Connor.

Mr. and Mrs. Demey Hipps are the proud parents of a dainty daughter, born Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Price of Hollis spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson.

Miss Polly Pritchard was the Saturday night guest of Misses Lola and Nellie Connor.

Mr. Will Wright of South Shelby spent Sunday evening with Mr. Crown Lynn.

**Shoreditch Sarcasm**  
Woman Witness (in Shoreditch County Court)—He is called a polished gentleman—they must have looked at his boots.—Boston Transcript.

## Drops 3 Miles



William F. Scott, chief instructor's mate at the Anacostia, D. C. naval air station, broke the navy's parachute jump record recently by falling 15,200 feet. He landed, unhurt, on the roof of a Washington apartment building. In a few weeks Scott will try to break the world's record set by Captain Albert Stevens of the army air corps, who jumped 21,000 feet. Scott is only five feet tall and weighs 125

## MACK STOUT AND TOM KERR AMONG STATE GRIDDEES

Sanford Boy With Father Here May Be Star. Local Youth On Squad.

Raleigh.—The 1928 North Carolina State college football varsity which begins training on next Monday, is expected to be, man for man, just as strong as the 1927 machine which won the state championship, along with conquering Southern conference opponents.

State will start the season with five experienced backfield men; three letter ends; two experienced tackles; a pair of letter guards and a center as good as any pivot man in this section of the Southern conference. He is Bill Metts of Greenville, S. C.

The freshman material sent up from last season may be classed as only fair, although Mack Stout, of Sanford; Harry Manushak, of Mecklenburg; E. Wright, Raleigh, and A. S. Furtade, New Bedford, Mass., should prove useful to Coach Gus Tebell. All are linemen.

With the return of the 50 men ordered to report on Monday by Tebell, it is believed by authorities that State's chances to cop further football honors are bright. These rosy prospects, however, would fade considerably if many of the players failed to return.

The list of players include: Captain Robert Warren, fullback, Portage, Wis.; Fred Crum, Goldsboro, and W. A. Outen, Mt. Holly, backs; W. F. Metts, center; J. E. Ford, Greensboro, and P. P. Vaughn, Rosemary, guards; Don Childress, Washington, Lindsay Jordan, Winston-Salem, and Frank Goodwin, Greensboro, ends; Dave Floyd, Salisbury, and J. M. Lope, Youngstown, O., tackles, and J. G. Adams, Youngstown, quarterback.

Fred and Zeb Plonk, Kings Mountain; Norris Jeffrey, Raleigh; G. E. Silber, Bandana, backs; J. R. Mayfield, Norlina; F. B. Crowson, Goldsboro; J. F. Choplin, Winston-Salem; D. E. Patterson, Saxaphaw; J. W. Harden, Burlington and J. W. May, LaGrange, linemen.

Others include: W. W. McNeil, Jr., of Raleigh; E. C. Hatcher, Princeton, W. Va.; J. H. Burdell, Charlotte; A. H. Tucker, Wilmington; T. C. Kerr, Shelby; J. C. Edmondson, Rosemary; B. R. Sykes, Wendell; Herbert Combs, High Point; R. B. Gardner, Mt. Holly; G. R. Nonks, Raleigh; T. C. Bethea, Raleigh; G. W. Track, Jr., Wilmington; W. Hargrove, Greensboro; H. D. McLawhorn, Vanceboro; Clark, Raleigh; H. Atkinson, Winston-Salem, and W. R. Taylor, Wilmington.

### Card Of Thanks.

We wish to extend to our many friends our sincere thanks and appreciation for their many deeds of kindness shown to us in our double bereavement and in the loss of our dear husband and father and our devoted son and brother. May God richly bless and reward each and every one of you all.

MRS. ZEB BLANTON and CHILDREN.

### Diamond to Cut Diamond

Diamonds can be cut only with other diamonds. Therefore they are cut with diamond drills.

## GREAT CROWD AT FUNERAL OF TWO BLANTONS, DETAILS

Largest Crowd Ever Assembled At Sharon Church For Funeral Of Two Victims.

(Special to The Star)  
The largest crowd ever assembled at Sharon Methodist church gathered Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to pay their last tribute of love and respect to two of the county's most highly respected citizens, Mr. Zeb Blanton and his eldest son, Carl, who lost their lives in the fatal tragedy at Shelby Tuesday morning.

Funeral services were conducted by their pastor, Rev. Mr. Forbis, their former pastor, Rev. B. Wilson, Rev. T. B. Johnson, pastor South LaFayette Methodist church, Shelby and Rev. D. F. Putnam of Shelby.

Mr. Blanton was born September 3, 1880 and joined Sharon church in early boyhood days and up until his death lived a consecrated Christian life. Mr. Blanton was one of the most faithful stewards of Sharon church. He was ever ready and willing to serve his church in what ever way he could.

On July 4, 1900 Mr. Blanton was married to Miss Ollie Jarrett daughter of Mrs. D. L. Jarrett and the deceased D. L. Jarrett. This union was blessed with twelve children, eleven of whom are living. Mrs. J. P. McMurry Glenn, of Shelby, Louise, Thelma, Buna, Howard, Zeb, Jr., Beatrice, Daniel, Eugene and Charles Lewis, ages respectively, Mr. Blanton was a devoted husband and father. He was a man in whom his children had great confidence. He was a pal and companion to his children more especially to his two eldest sons, Carl and Glenn. Always confiding with his boys his plans and they theirs to him. Never was there more beautiful companionship between father and sons.

Besides his devoted companion and children, Mr. Blanton is survived by his aged mother Mrs. Isabelle Blanton who has been seriously ill and was not able to attend the funeral; two sisters, Mrs. S. E. Jones, Mrs. O. V. McSwain, of Shelby; two brothers, Messrs. Odus and Charlie Blanton and a host of relatives and friends.

Carl was born January 1, 1902. At the age of 15 years he joined the church and lived a faithful Christian life. He lived a life any mother would be proud of. Never did he come in at night or any time but what he went into his mother's room to speak a word with her. He was so devoted to his parents and younger brothers and sisters that he would give up his own joys and pleasure for them and do everything he could for them. People have so often spoken to the writer of the beautiful devotion shown by Carl towards his parents, brothers and sisters and friends. As he walked and talked with his father in life so he died in death.

He was to have been married in a few weeks to Miss Elmir Hamrick. He was in Shelby arranging for a home for his bride when he was suddenly taken. The bride-elect has the deepest sympathy of the host of friends.

Carl was held in the highest esteem by the young people in the community and all who knew him. To know him was to love him because he always had a kind word and friendly smile for every one. He was ever ready in time of sickness and sorrow to do something.

The church and community feel very deeply the loss sustained in the going of this father and son.

The many beautiful floral offerings bespoke the high esteem and respect in which they were held. The following nieces and cousins served as flower girls: Misses Verne and Bertie Lee Threat, Nannie Jones, Macie and Ruby McSwain, Louise and Nell Wilkie, Mattie and Matilda Peters, Libby, Hannah and Nancy McCurry. Other flower bearers were Misses Martha Hamrick, Ethel and Frances Humphries, Faye Glasco, Johnny Morehead, Mrs. John Harrill and others.

Pall bearers for Mr. Blanton were members of the Woodmen of the World and Junior lodges. Boy friends of Carl were pall bearers: Messrs. Reuben Nolan, Greer Gold, of Shelby, Ernest Nolan, Albert McGinnis, Harrison Morgan, Walter Moore.

The bereaved companion and mother, the children and brothers and sisters, the aged mother and grandmother, the bride-elect and host of relatives have the deepest sympathy of the many friends of the deceased in this hour of great sorrow.

### Who Knows?

We often speak impatiently of the interruptions that hinder our work, but in our shortsightedness we may be sadly mistaking values. It may be that the few minutes we give to helping or cheering another is the most important work of our whole day.

Everyone invited—everyone interested in Better Health and Looks come next Monday evening to Shelby Beauty Shoppe, over Paragon Department Store. adv.

## REV. A. H. SIMS IS DEAD AT 73

Veteran Baptist Minister Falls Victim Of Illness At Kings Mountain.

Cleveland county people generally are grieved over the passing at Kings Mountain Wednesday afternoon of Rev. A. H. Sims, well known Baptist minister who held at different times pastorates in the county. The funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. C. J. Black with his Masonic brethren according him the honors of the lodge.

Mr. Sims was born in Towns county, Georgia, June 6, 1856, and was in his 73rd year. He united with Tekoah Baptist church in Georgia October, 1869, was ordained to the Baptist ministry at Shoals Creek Baptist church in Jackson county, North Carolina, October 10, 1881.

During the 45 years following he was an active and aggressive preacher in western North Carolina besides being an evangelist and one time missionary in western North Carolina. He had served 18 churches as pastor. He was a citizen as well as a minister and was always concerned about matters of civic and public welfare.

Age and infirmity rendering him unfit for the pastorate during his last few years he settled in Kings Mountain and did supply work as his health would admit and the need demanded.

Mr. Sims was twice married and is survived by a widow and four children, Virgil Sims of Charlotte, a daughter in Richmond, A. H. Sims, Jr., of Gastonia, and Mrs. Kenneth Royster Sims of Raleigh.

## Poe Predicting 22-Cent Cotton

Forecast Is Made After Scientific Study Of Agriculture.

Raleigh—Careful study of the factors which govern the price of cotton indicates that a price of 22 cents a pound is justified and will probably be reached or surpassed in the sale of this year's crop, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, said.

The agricultural prosperity of North Carolina depends in no small measure on whether or not that price is reached before the farmers turn loose the bulk of their cotton, he said.

The study was made by Gilbert Guster, market editor. In making his analysis, he used the same methods of study and the same factors used by the United States department of commerce last year when it predicted a price of 20 cents a prediction which was borne out by the average sales price, said Dr. Poe.

### Real Philosophers

The reason women have more wrinkles than men is because seven men in ten let their wives do the driving.—San Francisco Chronicle.

## Spark's Circus Coming To Shelby September 6th

Paul Wentzel, Clown, Has Organized Many Students To Cause Hilarity Of Crowd.

Clowns are not only the delight of children, but their elders as well, for one seldom grows too old to enjoy the pranks and antics of these fun-makers of the white tops, and

copied and used by his craft on many other circuses.

Another famous clown, now and for several seasons past with Sparks circus, is Charlie Fortunato, a noted French pantomimist, who with his dog, "Tex," causes much merriment in his "walk-arounds." Among other well known "joys"



Sparks has three score of these merry jesters of the saw-dust, all of whom will be seen when the big show comes to Shelby, Thursday, September 6, afternoon and night.

Paul Wentzel, one of the producing clowns with Sparks circus this season, has originated more stunts to cause hilarity all around the track than any man in the business, and his creations have been widely

are Joe Lewis, Ray Glaum, Lew Hershey, Harvey Spaulding, Pewee, Stanley White, Lawrence Smalley, Reno McCree, Sig. Bon Houque, and plenty of helpers.

Sparks circus is today the largest in the world giving a daily street parade at 11 a. m.

Seats may be secured circus day at Stephenson drug store same price as at the show grounds.

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## A Public Statement

FROM

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK

We are deeply grateful for all the help and co-operation received from our friends during the recent catastrophe.

— OPEN FOR BUSINESS —

Today (Friday) we opened for business in the Blanton block in the first store room next door to Rose's Five and Ten Cent Store in the building occupied by Stephenson's Drug Store before the disastrous fire on February 23rd.

A continuous stream of customers and friends have called on us during the day and while we are very much handicapped by moving and by the general disorder in which we found our books by the collapse of the bank's temporary quarters, we are moving along as well as we could hope for under the circumstances.

— RECORDS ARE SAFE —

All of our notes and securities are absolutely intact. We have balanced our cash and find comparatively little of it short. The shortage being largely in loose change and small bills which were on the counters and which were covered by debris in the wreck.

All of our ledgers have been recovered and it appears now that we have recovered all but a few of the paid cancelled checks which were in the files so terribly shattered in the collapse.

— MONTHLY STATEMENTS LATE —

We are going to be delayed two or three days in getting out our monthly statements for August as we are working under a terrible handicap by the shortage of help due to the tragic death of three of our employees and the maiming of three others.

Reports from the hospital this morning are that our wounded are progressing nicely and we hope and pray that there will be no other casualties.

We ask the forbearance of our customers in the matter of delay in receiving August statements but promise that these statements will be going out in the shortest possible time.

Again thanking you for your co-operation and indulgence and sympathy so freely expressed, we are

Very gratefully yours,

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