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School Crisis In Shelby; Gardner's Lead Growing

Shelby Schools Face Crisis Now Unless A Boost Made In Taxes

Must Increase Tax Or Cut School Off Accredited List by 8-Months Term. Enrollment Gain Surpasses Property Valuation Gain Is Cause.

A statement, supported by actual facts and figures, was issued today by the Shelby school board in which it was declared that an additional tax levy for the city school must be made or the school term would have to be cut from nine months to eight months. This would mean that Shelby would be taken off the accredited list of high schools in the state.

The only alternative, according to the statement, is that inexperienced teachers be employed and this plan, the board, says has already proven unsatisfactory to the school patrons of the city.

10-Cent Raise Needed.

The tax levy must be increased from a 30-cent maximum to a 40-cent maximum or the school taken off the accredited list, is the bare announcement of one paragraph.

Due To Extension.

The finance shortage is due for one thing to the fact that in the extension of the city limits the enrollment increased fifty percent while the property valuation increased only 40 per cent. It is shown by figures that the increase in property valuation of a period of years has not kept pace with the steadily increasing enrollment in the schools. Which is to say that hundreds of new pupils have enrolled with no extra property valuation to take care of the additional expense.

Another reason cited for the increase is a need of more teachers and more rooms. A table of statistics show that Shelby has more pupils per teacher and per room than the average of all the other cities in the state.

Another table shows that Shelby's tax rate is 13 cents less than the average city tax rate in the state, and that the amount of money raised per child is \$10 less than the average city schools of the state. Other figures show that the total school tax levy is 55 cents less per \$100 valuation in Shelby than the state average, and one dollar less per hundred than in some cities of the state. The per pupil cost of the schools in Shelby is approximately \$5 less than the state average.

Something Needed.

Since the need of action is urgent the following statement is made by the city school board with the request that it be given the fair consideration of all Shelby citizens: "To the Voters of the Shelby Special Charter District, No. 33: "It has become absolutely necessary for your board of education to appeal to you for an additional tax levy to meet the needs of the public schools for current expenses. This appeal should have been made more than a year ago, but the prospect of an eight month school term in Cleveland county caused us to defer the matter. An increase of state and county support through the medium of an eight month school would have made it possible for us to carry on the school without any additional local tax. For two years the board has looked in every direction for relief in the matter of financing the schools without

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Bullet Wound Is Fatal To Former Shelby Resident

D. Bridges, Widely Known Greenville Man Dies On Street. Pistol By His Side.

The following from the Greenville, S. C. is interesting to Shelby people because the deceased formerly lived here and married Miss Victor McBrayer, sister of the late Mr. Victor McBrayer.

"Sitting down by the side of the entrance of Springwood cemetery about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon J. Bridges of Rhett and Markley streets, was seen to put something under his coat, the sound of a shot was heard and he toppled over dead.

"This was the account told by Miss May Kerns, a small colored girl, and her statement was borne out by the fact that the bullet passed through his undershirt and dirt but not through his coat or shirt.

"The shooting was on Elford St. most at Brown, one block from Main street, and officers were notified at once. Mr. Bridges appears to have been about 40 or more years of age. Chief of Detectives Hammond rushed to the scene and made an investigation.

"Mr. Bridges has had extensive business interests here in the past, one time he conducted a furniture establishment on South Main street.

Surviving are one son, Ernest Bridges, and one daughter, Miss Corine Bridges.

Gilmers Carnival.

Gilmers is announcing a "Bargain Carnival," extending over three days a double page "spread" in the paper today.

The big advertisement announces the proverbial act of sitting up.

Ex-Service Men Invited To Dine Here Saturday

All ex-service men are invited and cordially invited to attend the Armistice Day celebration in Shelby Saturday, Nov. 10 (tomorrow). There will be an unveiling ceremony of the bronze tabernacle to the deceased veterans, beginning at 10 o'clock on the court square, a speech in the court house by Col. Albert Cox, a dinner by the woman's clubs and a football game in the afternoon.

The names of the ex-service men are not known so it is impossible to send invitations to them, so the Daughters of the American Revolution and the various woman's clubs take this method of inviting all ex-service men as well as the public to the exercises here Saturday. Ex-service men are cordially invited to the dinner that will be served them at noon.

HOLD-UP VICTIM IMPROVES SOME

Montgomery Ward Manager Resting Better After Attack Election Night.

Chester H. Bond, Montgomery Ward and company's manager, attacked on east Warren street election night, and beaten into insensibility by two negro bandits, was resting comparatively easily at the Shelby hospital today.

Meantime an intensive search has been made for his assailants in vain. Chief Richards said Thursday that he believes the two negroes highballed after the attack.

"Two strange negroes, very black, and wearing lumberjack sweaters, such as Mr. Bond described, were seen here election day," the chief said. "They were strangers, and I believe they were the ones who put over the hold-up, and then beat it."

"We searched the whole countryside in the vicinity of the hold-up Tuesday night, immediately after it was reported to us, but we found no trace of the culprits."

Mr. Bond was hit on the head, apparently with the butt of a gun, and seriously injured, so much so the wound was diagnosed as mild concussion of the brain.

Despite his suffering, he went to the store Wednesday, but collapsed late in the day, and was hurried to the hospital.

CLEVELAND ONLY COUNTY FOR "AL"

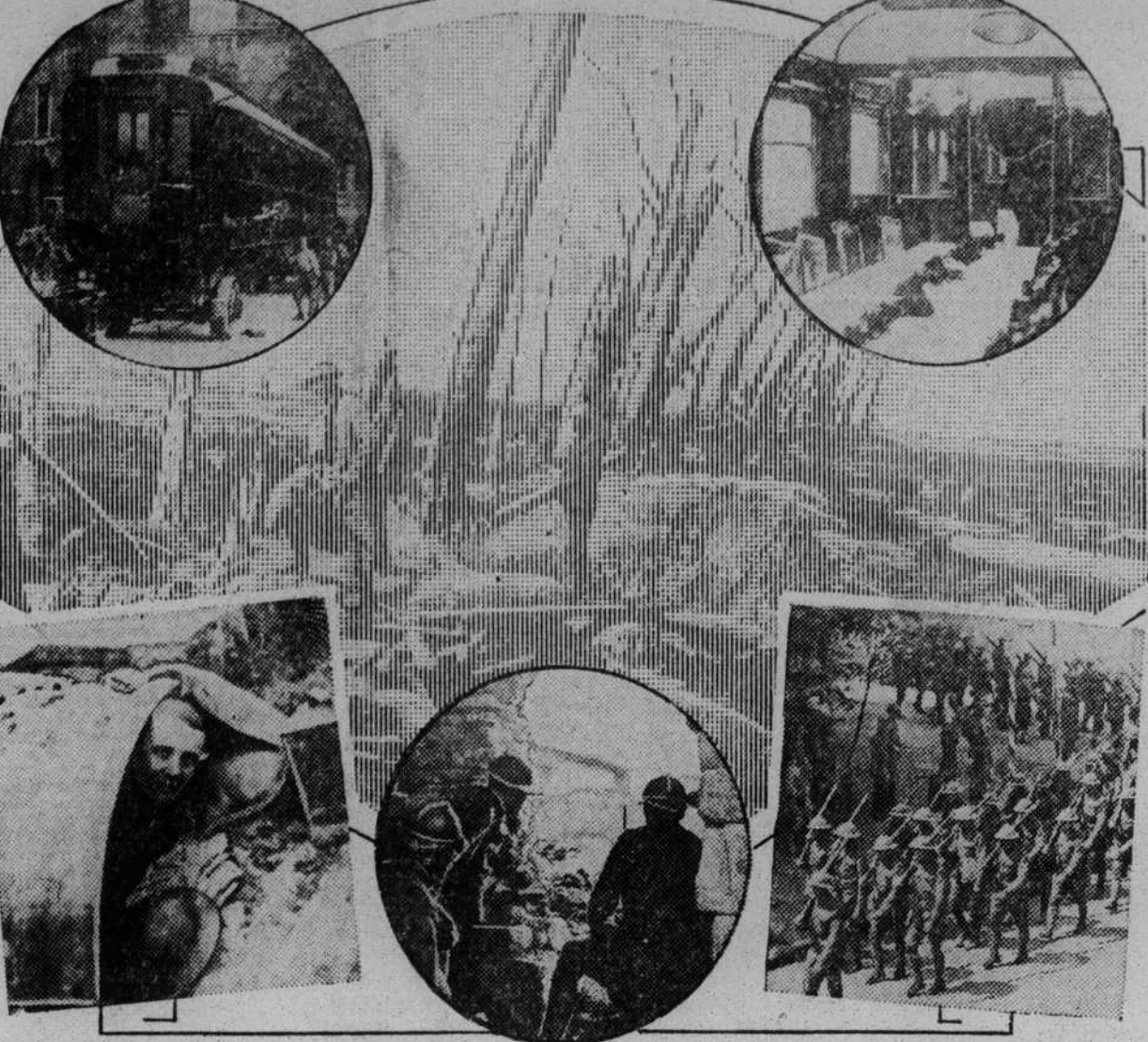
Only One In Western Section Of State To Support Democratic Nominee.

A group of Confederate vets who gathered about the court square monument here yesterday and talked in sorrowful tones of their state going Republican, got at least one consolation from the outcome—Cleveland county, it appears from returns yet incomplete, was the only county in either Piedmont or Western North Carolina to give the Democratic nominee for president a lead over the Republican nominee.

The official vote in this county shows that Gov. Smith led president-elect Hoover by 148 votes. No Democratic candidate, county, state, congressional or national, in this county ran behind his Republican opponent.

(MORE CITY NEWS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGES FIVE AND SIX OF THIS ISSUE.)

LEAVES FROM AN EX-DOUGHBOY'S SCRAPBOOK



On Sunday, Nov. 11, a shell-torn field in France will form the background for many an ex-doughboy's memories. Around it will cluster other pictures of wartime adventures now just ten years old. Pictures of dugouts, of shell-shattered walls, of marching through little, deserted French villages. And memories, too, of the day the war ended. Remember the thrill of that day? Above are pictured a few pictures from an ex-doughboy's scrapbook, with two views of the historic railroad car in which the armistice was signed, Nov. 11, 1918.

Cleveland To Honor War Dead Here On Saturday At Unveiling

Col. Cox To Make Address. Dinner On For World War Vets. College Football Game In Afternoon. Is First Tribute To Doughboys.

A speech by Col. Albert Cox of Raleigh, former commander of the American Legion, the unveiling of a beautiful bronze tablet to the 31 men from Cleveland who died or were killed in the world war, and a football game between Boiling Springs Junior college and Wingate Junior college, are the features on the program of the Armistice Day celebration to be held in Shelby Saturday.

This is the first time since the World War closed ten years ago that Armistice Day has been observed in Cleveland county, and everybody has an invitation to attend the exercises.

Dinner For Ex-Service Men. A dinner will be served by the woman's clubs of Shelby to all ex-service men in the county and this is an invitation for them to come. A meal is being prepared for three hundred or more and it would be a disappointment to the ladies for the ex-service men not to come. All the colored ex-service men are invited also and a place will be provided to feed them.

The names and addresses of the ex-service men is not known, so a personal invitation cannot be extended. The invitation, therefore, goes to all through the press and readers of The Star who know ex-service men who are likely not to read of the celebration, are asked to notify them.

War Parents. War parents, that is fathers and mothers of the 31 deceased soldiers, have a special invitation to attend and occupy seats of honor on the west portico of the court house where the unveiling will take place. These parents should make themselves known to a lady who will be in charge of these reserved seats.

Unveiling Program. The unveiling program begins at 10:15 o'clock with music by the high school band under the direction of Prof. W. T. Sinclair.

Invocation by Dr. Zeno Wall, former chaplain in the World War. Dedication speech by Hon. D. Z. Newton, former chairman of the draft board.

Acceptance by A. E. Cline, chairman of Board of County Commissioners.

Unveiling by Little Miss Pearl Weathers. Reading of roll of honor. Volley fired by platoon of soldiers from Company K under command

of Capt. Peyton McSwain.

Sounding of taps by company's buglar.

Music.

Announcements and benediction.

Speech And Dinner.

This unveiling service will last only 30 or 40 minutes, after which the crowd will go in the court room where Mike Austell, commander of the Warren Hoyle Post of American Legion will be master of ceremonies and introduce the speaker, Col. Albert Cox of Raleigh. Music will be furnished before and after the speech by the high school band and at the closing of this part of the program the ex-service men will be served a dinner on the second floor of the Carl Thompson building on West Warren street. All ex-service men are invited.

Football Game.

The football game between Boiling Springs and Wingate Junior colleges will be played on the high school athletic field here beginning at 3 o'clock.

TABULATED RETURNS FROM CLEVELAND COUNTY

Table with columns: Precincts, President, Governor, Sheriff, Congress. Rows include precincts like Holly Springs, Sharon, Boiling Springs, Youngs, Earl, Paterson Sggs., E. Kings Mt., W. Kings Mt., Grover, Waco, Shelby 1, Shelby 2, Shelby 3, Shelby 4, South Shelby, Queens, Lattimore, Mooresboro, Double Springs, Polkville, Delcote, Fallston, Lawndale, Double Shoals, Mull's, Casar, Total, Majority.



COL. ALBERT COX. Speaks Here.

Democratic Majority Here Around 2,000

A. F. Newton Leads Ticket In Official County Vote; Gardner Gets County's Highest State Vote. Allen Behind Ticket About 500. Official County Vote Gives Smith 148 Lead Over Hoover.

GARDNER TO HAVE MAJORITY 75,000; HOOVER OF 50,000

Shelby's Governor Has Growing Lead. Mammoth Vote Cast In N. C.

Charlotte, Nov. 9.—The majority of Herbert Hoover over Gov. Alfred E. Smith in North Carolina probably will be in the neighborhood of 50,000 when official returns of the election are tabulated by the state election board two weeks hence.

O. Max Gardner, Democratic candidate for governor, apparently will have a lead of more than 75,000 over Herbert F. Seawell, Republican, when the vote is finally tabulated, the state ticket running about 115,000 votes ahead of Governor Smith.

Returns unofficially tabulated here, many of them official figures, last night gave the president-elect a lead of 46,358 with 148 of the state's 1,753 precincts missing. The missing precincts were scattered in all sections of the state. The vote was Hoover 310,163; Smith 263,825.

At the same hour the presidential total was struck tabulation of 1,410 precincts for governor, most of them official figures, showed Gardner leading Seawell by 67,938 votes. The vote was Gardner 395,636; Seawell 227,698.

Mammoth Vote.

Estimates that the vote in North Carolina would exceed 600,000 appeared to be borne out by the returns as up to last night a total of 574,008 votes had been accounted for with official figures received from the tabulation boards showing little variation from the unofficial figures. One error was discovered in the tabulation which increased the Hoover majority nearly 3,000 votes, the entries for Gaston county having been reversed.

Max Congratulated By G. O. P. Opponent

Wishes Democrat Beneficial Administration. Governor Thanks Him.

O. Max Gardner has been elected governor of North Carolina. And the most convincing proof is that he has been congratulated by his Republican opponent, Herbert F. Seawell, of Carthage.

Yesterday Mr. Gardner, at his office here, received the following wire from Mr. Seawell:

"In addition to my congratulations may I wish for your administration as governor all the benefit that may possibly be secured to the state."

Mr. Gardner replied: "Thanks for your gracious message. May we now all work together for the building of a finer state."

Republican Offers \$10 For Mutilator

Democratic Tickets Are Changed In Al Bennett's Office. Reward Offered.

Sometime during the night before the Tuesday election 500 Democratic tickets that had been collected and pinned together and left in the office of Al Bennett, leader for the younger Democrats, were changed. A Republican national ticket put in place of each of the 500 national Democratic tickets, and Mr. Bennett delivered them at the court house for the voters without knowing of the change until many of them had been voted, he says.

Since some Republican is thought to have shifted the tickets, a Republican is trying to clear up the matter. B. E. Williams, Republican member of the county board of elections and defeated candidate for house of representatives is offering a reward of \$10 for the name of the party who perpetrated the wrong.

The official vote count for Cleveland county made very few changes in The Cleveland Star check of election night.

The official vote shows that Smith led Hoover in the county by 148 votes instead of 168.

In the county races A. F. Newton, Democratic register of deeds led the county ticket with a lead of 2,121 over R. T. Mauney, jr., his opponent. The least Democratic majority was that given Irvin Allen, candidate for sheriff, who led his Republican opponent, R. A. Lackey, by 1,043 votes. The average Democratic lead for county offices ranged between 1,900 and 2,100.

Governor Goes Good.

The official count shows that governor-elect O. Max Gardner carried more votes in his home county than any other candidate, with an official lead over H. F. Seawell, Republican, of 2,775.

Congressman Bulwinkle by official count held a lead of 1,711 over C. A. Jonas.

Vote Tabulated.

A table of the actual vote by precincts is published in this issue as to the presidential, the gubernatorial, the sheriff's race, and the congressional race. The vote is not tabulated for remaining races, that is not by precincts.

Totals for county and state races not published in the assembled table by precincts follow:

Legislature—O. M. Mull (D) 6056; B. E. Williams (R) 4154.

Register deeds—A. F. Newton (D) 6185; R. T. Mauney, jr. (R) 4064.

Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Yarborough (D) 6091; Mrs. Geo. Goforth (R) 4128.

Coroner—T. C. Eskridge (D) 6093; W. G. Whitworth (R) 4149.

Surveyor—D. R. S. Frazier (D) 6095; Zero Mull (R) 4156.

Commissioners—A. E. Cline (D) 5954; R. L. Weathers (D) 6051; G. M. Gold (D) 5987; E. B. Hamrick (R) 4239; J. R. Price (R) 4121; L. A. Gettys (R) 4213.

When the official tabulation was made yesterday several precincts had not filled in the blanks for county recorder and for county court solicitor. The latter office was not contested by the Republicans. In the recorders race Horace Kennedy (D) had 5314 votes with four precincts not reported and H. L. Toms (R) had 3655 with three precincts not reported.

With four precincts not reported P. Cleveland Gardner, unopposed Democratic candidate for county solicitor, had 5,540 votes.

County Vote On State.

In the state race Gov. Gardner led with a majority of 2,775. The other State Democratic candidate, secretary for lieutenant-governor, secretary state, auditor, treasurer, etc., had majorities over their Republican rivals of 2,033 with two exceptions. These exceptions were Frank Grist, commissioner labor and printing, and A. T. Allen, supt. of public instruction, who received one vote less than the other Democratic candidates, or majorities of 2,032.

Sheriff's Race Close.

Due to the fact the Irvin Allen's home town of Kings Mountain gave him no big lead the race for sheriff was closer than the other races. The four Shelby boxes gave the new Democratic sheriff a better proportionate vote than did his home town. Lackey, the Republican candidate, received 898 votes in Kings Mountain, but only 850 in Shelby. Allen led his opponent in Kings Mountain by only 115 votes, but was given a lead of 1,055 in the four Shelby boxes.

Little Scratching.

No great number of Democrats, taking the county generally, scratched their tickets the official vote shows. A good number who voted the state and county tickets did not vote for Gov. Smith, but apparently about one out of every five or six who did not vote for Smith voted for Hoover. This ratio was higher in several precincts, going up to three out of five. Five-hundred and sixty-nine people who voted in the county race did not vote for the presidential nominees. In the state race 10,131 votes were cast; in the county race 10,349 votes, and in the presidential race 9,680. This would indicate that several hundred people scratched the Democratic national ticket in the county.