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Two New Candidates Announce For Mayoralty Here Today

S. A. McMurry And Enos Beam In Race; Makes 3 Candidates

Charter Changed, May Have Run-off In City Election

Representative Mull Gets City Charter Change By Legislature Salaries Set.

Shelby may have a double-header city election this spring in view of the fact that the bill to change the Shelby city charter was introduced and passed in the closing days of the legislature by Representative Odus M. Mull.

At his office here today Mr. Mull stated that the charter bill was passed and that one provision in the bill was that the winning candidate for mayor or required to have a majority vote. In that three candidates are already announced for mayor it may mean that the two high candidates in the May election here will have to enter a run-off race for the winner to receive a majority vote.

Other Changes. Mr. Mull did not have an exact copy of the bill as passed upon his desk this morning, but he declared that the bill passed was a condensed bill from the two proposed bills forwarded him at Raleigh. The date of holding the election remains the same—the first Monday in May instead of the first Tuesday as was proposed in one of the charter change bills.

Mayor's Salary. As to the mayor's salary the revised charter says that in case the mayor gives full time, or practically full time to city affairs that his salary is to be fixed by the board of aldermen according to the amount of time he gives, except that the salary shall not exceed \$2,500 per year. No provision is made in the revision as to a city manager or assistant to the mayor provided the mayor does not wish to give full time to the job, for Mr. Mull says that such a case is covered by the general state laws giving the aldermen the power to employ an office manager or assistant when there is not a full-time mayor.

\$10 For Aldermen. The revised charter also states that the members of the city board are to receive \$10 monthly for their services.

Cotton Ginning Final Report Is Issued

The government report on the final ginnings for the 1928 crop was issued at 10 o'clock and showed the yield to be 14,269,313 bales against 19,956,043 for 1927. The census department estimate for the 1928 crop was 14,373,000 bales.

In a few days the final gin report for Cleveland county which this year stepped into front rank as a cotton producing county in North Carolina will be issued and then the guesses will be gone over and the one who came nearest, will be given the \$5 cash prize offered by The Star.

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Cotton Man And Theatre Proprietor Offer As Opponents To Mayor Dorsey.

Shelby now has three candidates for mayor in the May city election with the announcement being made today of Mr. Sim A. McMurry, well known cotton man, and Enos L. Beam, local theatre proprietor.

Although there has been considerable talk of other candidates opposing Mayor W. N. Dorsey, who announced for reelection several weeks back, the two announcements coming in today are the first in the field since the Dorsey announcement.

Platform Of Service. Neither of the two new candidates outlines a platform upon which their campaigns for the office will be based other than saying that if elected they will render the best and most impartial service possible to the citizens and taxpayers of the city.

Both men have been urged consistently of recent days by their friends to enter the race and it seems that if the decision to announce came to both of them yesterday with one not aware that the other intended to run. The McMurry announcement reached The Star early yesterday morning and was followed in the afternoon by the Beam announcement.

Mr. McMurry, who is a native-born citizen of Shelby, is a son of Mr. J. J. McMurry, one of the county's most highly respected citizens. He is a successful business man and popular throughout the town. For years he has been connected with the McMurry cotton firm here, operating textile plants and purchasing cotton.

Mr. Beam, is a son of the late Mr. Elsie M. Beam, and along with his brother, Zeb, owns and operates the Princess theatre, one of Shelby's two leading movie houses. He also is interested in the operation of the Lyric theatre and has theatre interests outside of the city. In addition to his theatrical interests Mr. Beam is the owner of very valuable business property in Shelby.

Other Races Likely. The arrival of several spring days seems to have revived political activities about Shelby. Several other local citizens are still being talked by their friends as candidates for mayor, and one or two of them, it is understood, are still considering announcing.

Meantime there is renewed interest in the four aldermanic seats. Only one candidate, Mr. Ab Jackson, who is in Ward Two has announced, while one of the present board, Mr. Rochel F. Hendrick, has stated that he will not be a candidate again. Although they have not said so it is likely, according to general report, that the three other members of the present board, Messrs. John Schenck, Jr., J. F. Ledford and A. V. Hamrick, may seek reelection. Among the other candidates who are being talked for aldermen are Dr. R. M. Gidney and Mr. Boyce Dellinger, both of whom live in Ward One.

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Auto Supply Firm To Open Here Soon

Moore and Stewart who operate a wholesale auto repair and accessory store in Gastonia, have rented one of the store rooms in the Gardner building on W. Warren street where they will open about April 1, a store for the sale of automobile parts and accessories. The store will sell mainly at wholesale to garages throughout this section. The store is being put in condition now to receive the stock which will be shipped in right away.

Mr. B. W. Dickson has come to Shelby to manage the new store.

NEW PRISON HEAD.



ODUS M. MULL.

Mrs. Ben Kendall Dies In Charlotte

Sister Of Zollie And Pink Reviere Dies In Charlotte Suddenly Last Night.

Shelby friends were shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death in Charlotte last night about 0:30 o'clock of Mrs. Bessie Kendall, wife of Ben D. Kendall, a native of Cleveland and sister of Messrs. Zollie and Pink Reviere of Shelby.

Mrs. Kendall died rather suddenly of a heart trouble with which she had been suffering for several years. During the day, however, she had been feeling unusually well and up about her household duties. The heart attack came in the early part of the night and she died shortly after the physician arrived.

Mrs. Kendall was about 57 years of age and the daughter of E. and Sallie Reviere. For the past 25 years she and her family has been living in Charlotte where she was an active member of the Tryon Street Methodist church. She was a beautiful character, devoted to home and family and radiated with a most happy and pleasing disposition.

Surviving are her husband and three children, Mrs. Fred Greene, Miss Mary Douglas and Jack Kendall. Her aged mother, three brothers, Zollie and Pink Reviere, of Shelby, and Ab Reviere of Anacosta, Arizona, survive. Her only sister, Mrs. Charlie Baber died at her home in Blacksburg, S. C. last August.

Funeral arrangements were not learned this morning but she will be interred at Charlotte.

Seaboard Adds Tracks And Engine

Switch Engine Now Kept Here For Shifting Cars. Two New Tracks Are Built.

The freight business of the Seaboard has grown to such an extent that considerable improvements have been made at the local freight yards to cope with the situation. A switch engine is kept on duty all of the time to shift cars here and on the main line between Waco and Mooreboro. Car load shipments arrive daily and often these cars have to be shifted for convenient unloading, thus this engine is constantly placing cars on the various sidetracks that are provided on the local yard.

A new siding that hold eleven cars has been built on the north side of the main track which is called the "team track" because it lies along the hard surface road and is convenient for trucks and wagons to drive alongside the cars for loading and unloading. A pass track has also been completed.

Committee Here Working Now On Appeal Of City Light Rate

Fight For Lower Light And Power Rates Continues With Merchant Committee.

The committee named last week to confer with the city aldermen about lowering the light and power rates in Shelby, or changing the method of figuring the rate, is now assembling facts and figures to support their appeal which will be made at an early date before the board.

Mr. E. E. Scott, chairman of the

Gardner Names Mull Chairman Of Prison Board

Offered Other Jobs To Him Which He Would Not Accept. Takes This One.

At his office here today Representative Odus M. Mull, state Democratic chairman, stated that his appointment by Governor Gardner as chairman of the state prison board would not take him away from Shelby to become a citizen of Raleigh as the board chairmanship would not require his full time there, although he will likely have to divide his time between Shelby and Raleigh.

Raleigh, March 20.—Odus M. Mull, fellow townsman and close personal and business associate of the governor, chairman of the state democratic executive committee and chairman of the house committee on finance Monday agreed to add another chairmanship to his list and was last night confirmed by the senate as chairman of the State prison board.

"I had offered Mull anything I had and he had previously refused to be considered for chairman of the highway commission or accept this position, which I regard as one of the most important if not the most important in the state government," said Governor Gardner in announcing the appointment, together with those of other members of the board.

"Mull is one of the most successful and largest farmers in the state and I have served with him on boards of banks, mills and other enterprises and he is one of the best business men in the state," added the governor.

Governor Gardner had previously made it known that he intended to avail himself of the provision of the law passed in the McLellan administration permitting the chairman of the board to be a whole time official. However, he stated yesterday that Mr. Mull has not yet agreed to devote his full time to the post and that question is one for future determination.

However, it is certain that Mr. Mull will give the prison a large part of his time and will be the active head of the institution. Three of the old board of seven directors were reappointed yesterday by the governor and it was stated that Superintendent George Ross Poir, Warden J. R. Norman and other prison officials will be continued.

Directors reappointed are: Ben B. Everett, Palmyra; Walter D. LaRoque, Kinston; and D. Coleen Barnes, Murfreesboro. New members of the board are J. Wilbur Bunn, Raleigh lawyer; James G. Hanes, Winston-Salem manufacturer; and L. F. Abernethy, Hickory banker.

Jesse Glenn Dies In Earl Section

Well Known Young Man Dies Of Tuberculosis. Funeral On Tuesday.

Mr. Jesse Glenn, popular young man and a member of a well known family of the lower part of Cleveland county, died Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at his home in the Earl section after a lingering illness from tuberculosis. The deceased was just a little over 40 years of age and had been suffering with the dread disease for five years or so.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at New Hope Baptist church, where he had been a member since 1910, by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Jenkins of Bolling Springs. He was buried with Masonic honors and a large crowd of Masons mingled with the big throng attending the funeral of the popular and respected young man.

Surviving are his wife, who was Miss Pearl Moore before her marriage in 1913, and the following children: Palmer, 14; Harrison, 12; Baxter, nine; Boyce, seven; Mary D., four; and Lilly Irene, aged seven months. Surviving also his father, Mr. J. Beuregard Glenn, and the following brothers and sisters: R. F. Jack, Allen and Benjamin, of the Earl section, and Mrs. N. D. Crofts, of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Charlie Melton, of New Hope; Mrs. Thomas Blanton, of Earl; and Misses Minnie and Bonnie Glenn.

Move To Keep Schools Open Here By Subscription Gets Good Start

Appeal Being Made This Week To Parents Through School Children. May Know Outcome By Friday Night. Success Seems Likely.

The movement, started by the Parent-Teachers association and other Shelby citizens, to keep the city schools open for the full nine months this year by the subscription plan promises to be successful, according to statements by members of the Citizens' Committee to The Star today.

The plan is to have parents and patrons of the school subscribe enough money to keep the high school, and the other schools if possible, open for the last month due to the fact that the school finances are depleted and the tax money will maintain the schools for only eight months this year.

From encouraging reports they have heard from many citizens members of the committee are inclined to believe that the movement will be a success and that parents will subscribe enough to operate the schools for one month rather than have their children lose credit for a year's school work.

Early this week letters containing a full statement of the facts and the situation faced by the city schools together with a card with a blank to be filled in for each subscription were distributed among all the children of Central school to be taken home to the parents. The outcome of this appeal for the children, through the children may be ascertained by Friday when the students are supposed to return their subscription cards or reports to the various teachers to be delivered in turn to the Citizens' Committee which is behind the movement.

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Bandits Rob Man In Rutherford County Of Entire Savings

Rutherford Bachelor, Helpless As He Watches Invaders Ransack Home.

Rutherfordton, March 19.—Three masked men entered the home of Perry Philbeck, bachelor, about 12 miles east of here late Sunday night and robbed him of \$500, his entire savings, according to word reaching here today.

Mr. Philbeck said the men took ropes and tied his hands and feet securely, so that he could not move, but let him in such a position that he could watch them break open his trunk and remove the money which he kept in a large pocket book.

Left Tied. After the robbers left Philbeck, who is 60 years old, went to the home of his brother, Will Philbeck, a short distance away after he had worked the fetters from his feet and his brother cut the ropes from his hands. He was unharmed and nothing but the money was taken from his house.

Although Mr. Philbeck was unable to recognize any of the men, officers are working on the case with the theory that the bandits were well acquainted with the farmer's habits and knew where he kept his money.

Whiskey Raid Here Nets More Than 23 Gallons

Prominent Morganton Man Captured With New Ford At Shelby Residence.

Twenty-three and one-half gallons of corn whiskey and a new Ford sedan were captured in a raid here late yesterday afternoon by Police Chief McBride Poston, Policeman Putnam and Deputy Bob Kendrick.

The capture was made at the home of Coy Morrison at the end of South DeKalb street, the car with the 23 gallons being parked in the Morrison garage under the house while the owner of the car, T. M. Brinkley, prominent Burke county man, who also claimed the whiskey, was in the Morrison dining room eating supper with the Morrison family.

Prominent Man. After being arrested Brinkley, a member of one of the best known families in Burke county, told Chief Poston that the car and the whiskey belonged to him and that he had stopped at the home of Morrison, whom he has known for years, for supper with the intention of delivering the cargo of whiskey to another Shelby man, name not given, after dark.

The whiskey was in 47 half gallon fruit jars in cases placed in the rear of the car where the back seat had been removed.

Officers Swarm House. Receiving a tip from somewhere Chief Poston carried the two other officers with him and attempted entrance at the front door of the house, but at first could not get in as the screen was latched. He then dispatched the other officers to the rear where they entered and began searching, locating the car and whiskey under the house and a half gallon fruit jar in the house which they said smelled of whiskey but was empty. A few minutes later Chief Poston secured entrance by the front door and just as he reached the rear Brinkley, it is said, departed by the front door but was caught some distance away by the Shelby chief. At the time the officers entered Brinkley along with the Morrison family was eating supper.

In county court today Judge Horace Kennedy gave Brinkley the choice between a 12-month road term or a fine of \$500 and the costs after numerous leading citizens of Morganton gave the defendant, who is about 30 years of age and nicely dressed, a good reputation. Brinkley paid the fine.

This morning officers arrested Morrison because the empty half gallon of whiskey was found in the house and one half gallon jar was missing from the four cases in the car, the officers contending that the whiskey in the house was poured out after they arrived. Evidence against Morrison seemed to be circumstantial for the most part, but as he has been before Judge Kennedy before the latter imposed a year road term, and an appeal was taken by Morrison's attorney, Capt. Peyton McSwain.

The haul was one of the largest made here in some time by local officers.

Couples Marrying At Gaffney Mart

The following couples of this section secured marriage license at Gaffney, S. C., recently:

Glenn Walls and Maggie Lowery, of Bostic; Evans Warren and Fashie Parris, of Shelby; Robert E. Lee and L. T. Mote, of Lattimore; Vernon Lemmons and Allene Maudney, of Mooresboro; Theodore Boyles, of Vale, and Selma Costner, of Lawndale.

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Vandyke's Suit Against Officers Comes To Close

Action Taken In Suit For \$50,000 Damages Asked Of Five Officers.

Another chapter has been written in the Vandyke damage suit against five Cleveland county officers, and again the chapter is ended with the words—"Non-suit."

The case was non-suited in Federal court here yesterday before Judge E. Yates Webb by attorneys for John Vandyke, formerly a citizen of this county but now living in South Carolina. Several years back Vandyke filed a suit in Superior court against Sheriff Hugh Logan, Deputy Bob Kendrick, and Policemen Irvin Allen, Greel Ware and McBride Poston asking \$50,000 damage for false arrest or imprisonment, due to the fact, according to the complaint that he was not given proper opportunity to secure bond before being jailed about a still said to have been found near his home.

After the suit carried over several times in Superior court Vandyke moved to South Carolina, non-suited the Superior court suit and then brought the damage action in Federal court.

Witness Not Here. Attorneys in the Federal court room yesterday asked that the suit be continued due to the fact that a woman who was to have been a witness for Vandyke was sick and not able to attend. Counsel for the officers asked that there be no continuance and that a deposition be taken of the sick woman's testimony. This view was concurred in by Judge Webb, and a short time thereafter the Vandyke attorneys non-suited their case.

More Students On School Honor Roll In Shelby Schools

Total Enrollment Now Only Little Over 3,000. 179 Failures In Month.

The average attendance for the sixth month in the Shelby city school system was 2,474 pupils with 3,072 pupils enrolled, according to the monthly report just issued from the office of Supt. I. C. Griffin.

During the month 124 students attained the honor roll, while there were 179 failures.

Fail In High School. In the detailed report it is seen that 125 of the 179 failures were in the high school where 518 pupils are enrolled, which means that more than one fourth of the high school students failed during the sixth school month.

The enrollment and attendance figures by schools follow:

Table with 3 columns: School, Enrolled, Av. At. Includes Marion, Graham, Washington, Jefferson, S. Shelby, Lafayette, High School, Colored School.

The Honor Roll

The honor roll list for the month by schools and grades follows:

Washington School. Fourth grade—Earle Hamrick.

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Free Transportation To Flood Sufferers

The local agent, A. H. Morgan, of the Southeastern Express company, has received authority to accept for free transportation in less than carload quantities, shipment of food, clothing, medicine and other emergency supplies, shipped by or consigned to American Red Cross or other authorized relief organization in flooded areas of the southeastern section of the country. Thousands of people are homeless in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida as a result of the recent high waters and those of this section who wish to consign food and clothing to the sufferers will be glad to know that free transportation will be allowed.