

# Shelby Growth, 1920-1930, Tops All N. C. Cities, Census Survey By University News Letter Shows

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ly one hundred and forty-two thousand inhabitants.

Exactly half of these places grew more rapidly than the state as a whole. Two were not incorporated ten years ago. Four others more than doubled in size. While a considerable number experienced large gains, the group as a whole gained less rapidly than the larger places. Fourteen gained less than ten percent, while five actually lost population. These are mainly trade towns and their growth is dependent upon the conditions in the surrounding trade territory. As a rule the strictly trade and banking towns in this group did not gain as rapidly as the small towns of this group with industries in addition to trade and banking.

From 500 To 1,000.

Finally, there are 102 incorporated places in the state ranging in size from five hundred to one thousand inhabitants. These places we might designate as the very small towns, as distinguished from the 237 villages with fewer than five hundred inhabitants with which we are not here concerned.

These very small towns appear to have increased at about the same rate as the sub-census size towns above one thousand inhabitants. One-half of them increased more rapidly than the state as a whole, that is, above twenty-four percent. Six were not incorporated or not reported as towns ten years ago.

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Five others more than doubled their inhabitants. More than one-fourth grew at retarded rates, while eighteen actually lost population. The total population of these 102 incorporated small towns is 72,008.

These very small towns are prevailing trade centers, many of them without banks or any industry. Their inhabitants live principally by catering to the demands of the surrounding trade territory, and the growth of the towns reflects the surrounding conditions. Often where these small towns are near larger trade centers, they have grown slowly or have actually lost population. Improved highways have helped some of the small towns, while others have not benefitted from good roads and motor cars. However, a safe guess would be that the small towns of North Carolina have held their own better than in most other states during the last decade. Even the small towns seem to have shared in the phenomenal growth of the state has experienced during the last decade.

There is a marked tendency everywhere for cities to grow much more rapidly than towns, and for villages to decline in population. There is that tendency in North Carolina, but it certainly is not as pronounced as in many other states. Most of our small towns seem to be holding their own. At least this has been true for the last decade. Whether they can hold their own in the future remains to be seen.

### Why Towns Prosper.

The economic foundations of cities and towns are manufacture, trade, banking, transportation, and professional services. Some places have all these in a balanced ratio. Others are pronouncedly industrial, trade, and banking or transportation centers, and they prosper or suffer as their particular business prospers or suffers. North Carolina has towns and cities representing both multiple and single foundations. Generally speaking the multiple foundation centers have grown more rapidly than the single foundation centers. The strictly trade and service centers have not kept pace with those places with an industrial mud-sill. The piedmont towns and cities have grown far more rapidly than have those of less industrial regions. For instance take the first group, places above ten thousand. Note the rate of growth of Shelby, Greensboro, High Point, Durham and Charlotte compared with Wilmington, New Bern, Kinston, Elizabeth City, and Wilson.

Finally, it might be observed that North Carolina is peculiar in that her industry is not concentrated, but widely scattered over the state. Throughout the piedmont, and over much of the west coastal plains and mountains, almost every town, large and small, has one or more industries. Often industries are out in the open country, or in unincorporated towns and cities. There are many unincorporated mill centers that are much larger than some of the incorporated places. North Carolina best illustrates a decentralized urban and industrial development, which is generally advantageous to industry, to the towns, and to the surrounding trade territory. This is probably the main reason why such a large ratio of our half-thousand and incorporated towns and cities have grown so rapidly during the last decade. There are advantages to having one large city in a state, but all in all many thriving towns are preferable to one city.

### Table Given.

Rank	Town	1920 pop.	Increase 1920-1930
1—	Shelby	10,789	199.0
2—	Greensboro	53,569	169.7
3—	High Point	36,745	156.8
4—	Durham	52,037	139.6
5—	Charlotte	82,675	78.4
6—	Thomasville	10,090	77.8
7—	Rocky Mount	21,412	68.0
8—	Winston-Salem	75,274	55.3
9—	Raleigh	37,379	53.1
10—	Fayetteville	13,049	47.0
11—	Statesville	10,490	32.9
12—	Gastonia	17,083	32.8
13—	Goldensboro	14,985	32.7
14—	Asheville	50,193	32.3
15—	Salisbury	16,951	22.1
16—	Concord	11,820	19.4
17—	Wilson	12,613	18.9
18—	Kinston	11,362	16.3
19—	Elizabeth City	10,037	12.5
Decrease			
20—	New Bern	11,981	-1.8
21—	Wilmington	32,270	-3.8

### To Study "Perfect Wife."

Ames, Ia.—The Iowa State college will give a course in "home relationship" next September, the subject being the "perfect wife."

### Be Yourself!

First Co-ed—"Is anybody looking?"  
Second Co-ed—"No."  
First Co-ed—"Then we don't have to smoke."

### New Style Judgment Day.

Talk about excitement. To make the people look up. Wait till Gabriel trumpets. On a nation-wide hook-up.

## Nobody's Business

By Gee McGee

news from flat rock.

the holly days passed off very quietly here and only a few folks got drunk, and they seemed to be strangers. Just 2 accidents took place, as follows: the Christmas tree at Mrs. Smith's ketching on fire and burnt her a right smart betwixt the corridor and the front door where she threw it out, and Mr. Wilkins got dog bit by a dog when he tried to play old sandy claws and his dog did not know him, they are all much better now, including the dog.

the bread line is growing some shorter every day onner count of the town counsell has set up a wood yard and when men come to beg for a few rashions, but before getting same, they hafter cut wood till they give out, and noboddy is coming match except their wives who can't cut wood, and the chillions, the folks here think hard times will last for at least 2 yr. longer when the dimmercrats will take charge of the government and straighten things out.

our little town was made sad last wednesday when word come that a hit and run ford driver had hit Mr. Sam Green's wife's gram-paw betwixt the post office and his home at cedar grove where he had gone to mail some letters he had his wife to rite her kinfools not to come up to visit them till june or mebbe august, and his lisents number was B-234356, so he sed and turned it over to the policeman here, but we all felt better when we found out that it was not Mrs. Green's gram-paw, but another old man by the name of bulwinkle who was no kin to the green's a-fall.

most of our citizens is farmers, but like to live in town, and they have comments to ride around to hunt up some monney to try to make another crop on, as it didden rain anny to amount to annything here in julle and september, a committee has been picked out to rite or foam Mr. Hoover to put us down for some monney on his drowth program which the republicans almost had a fight about, and as noboddy voted for Mr. Hoover here except the allins, everybody thinks it would be best to let him pull the ropes, if they have anny to pull, (he is back in the party though now, but he will not tell that.)

well, Mr. editor, that is nearly all of the news from here at this time. The filling station and the three stoars complain about cash being powerful scarce, but we notis that the 14 instalments agents is still kept busy trying to collect. one of them got 3\$ and 2 radios and 4 graftertools last week. rite or foam if you ever want anny extry peaces from here.

yores trulle, mike Clark, rfd.

### Just Between Us and Our Kids.

Did you ever check up on what old Santa Claus brought the kids—only two weeks after his visit? We did this very thing last night. The train that he brought our little girl was a pretty train, but now the engine has no cow-catcher or head-light, and the baggage car is minus 3 wheels and 4 doors, and the 4 coaches look like they have suffered a tail-end collision: they resemble a pint cup that an elephant stepped on.

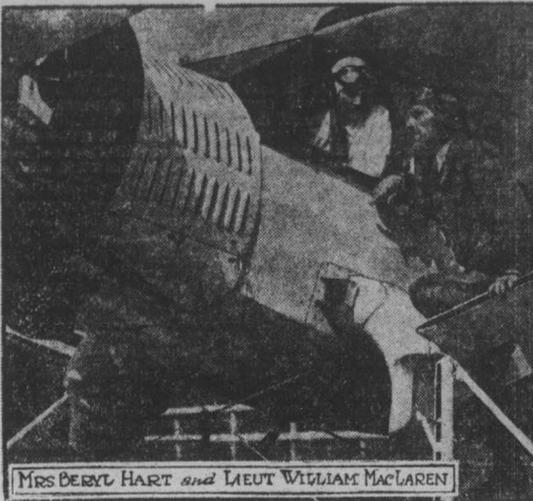
The sleeping doll is totally blind and the saw dust has become nothing but saw-dust instead of her in-lards. Her hair is in the front yard and her 2 legs are in the garage and 1 ear is busted. Her tricycle now has 1 good wheel and 2 bad wheels, but no tires and the axle is bent because little Willie Brown tried to stand up and ride behind her. The doll house and bed are in the waste basket along with the mouth organ. (She always enjoyed mouth-organs.)

Well, in the first place—old Santa Claus had no business being so liberal. When we were kids, we were happy when we got an apple and a stick of candy, and perhaps a penny prize box. Toys always lasted most of us several months. We have spoiled our children and they have never known anything about appreciation. If you were to give your little Jimmie a Ford, he would want to know why in the thunder you didden get a Cadillac while you were getting.

Old Santa Claus was the biggest thing that ever came into our lives between the age of 2 and 10 years. We always found his sleigh tracks in the old fire-place. We even saw where he scratched the side of the house getting up to the top of the chimney, (it was chimly then.) We moved the tongs (they were tongs then) out of his way, and hung our stockings where he could see them without trouble. We found an orange peeling out near the barn once; he had dropped it while getting into that sled. (We divided it up into 9 pieces, 1 for each child, and ate it.)

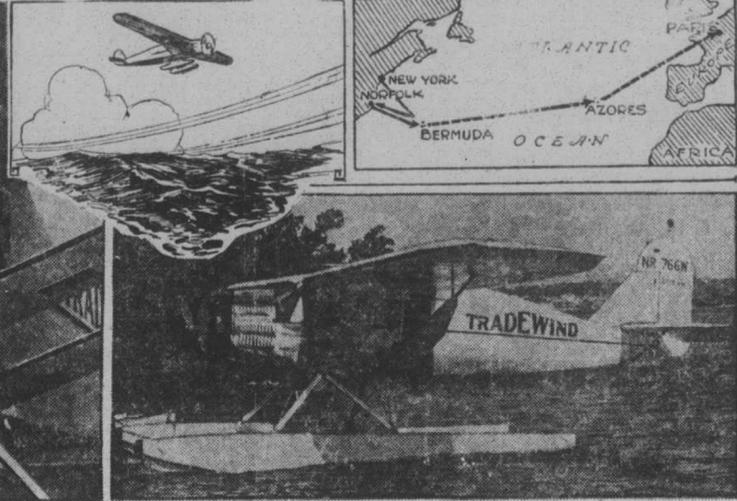
Children are as wise at 4 as we were at 10. They use better language at 6 than we used at 16. All of us thought "aint and titt and wuzzent and fotch and ketchend and

# Little Hope Held for Missing Ocean Fliers



Mrs. Beryl Hart and Lieut. William MacLaren.

Hope that the transatlantic "pay load" aviators, Mrs. Beryl Hart and William S. MacLaren, are still alive, has been virtually abandoned. No word has been heard from them since they took off from Hamilton, Bermuda, for Horta, Island of Fayal, Azores, on the record lap of their flight



Storms prevail over a wide section of the Atlantic, according to reports from ships at sea.

## Gardner Explains His Reason For Asking Salary Slash For Public Workers Of This State

Take Cut Himself Although Salary Does Not Pay His Expenses.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Why did Governor O. Max Gardner recommend a general 10 per cent cut in salaries for all state, county and city employees in the state, when up to a few weeks ago he was generally supposed to be opposed to this course.

Governor Gardner answers this question directly and personally, giving several reasons why he decided to make this recommendation and how he happened to reach the conclusion to make it.

"I considered the matter for weeks and looked at it from every possible angle before deciding to make the recommendation for a cut in salaries," Governor Gardner said. "It was only after the most careful and thoughtful consideration that I finally decided to make it and only because I thought it was the wisest course to follow, especially for the employees."

"In the first place, I became convinced that the state and its subdivisions could not afford to continue to pay out \$100,000,000 a year in taxes for the support of its various state and local governments, as it has been doing. I also became convinced that the state and its subdivisions must do one of two things with regard to their personnel if this cost of government was to be reduced, namely that they must either drastically reduce the number of their employees and discharge hundreds or even thousands of employees over the state as a whole, who would indirectly if not directly become dependent upon the state and its citizens and increase the present unemployment problem, or else reduce the salaries of their present employees."

"After the most careful study and investigation I became convinced that the state, counties, cities and towns are not greatly over-manned in the number of employees they now have and that in order to reduce the personnel sufficiently to effect any substantial savings, the efficiency of all these governments would be those who received lower salaries as well as those who probably needed employment most."

"There was still another consideration, in that all governmental employees have been assured of steady employment, with no layoffs, and still are assured of it, while in industry employment has been and still is precarious. For while wages have not been extensively reduced in industry thousands of workers have been employed only from one to three days a week, which has brought reduced earnings, though not reduced wages. Employees of the state, county and city governments have not had to experience this reduction in earnings because they have had steady and regular employment."

"So it was that I decided it would be much fairer to the employees themselves and to the state as a whole to ask for a general 10 per cent reduction in wages for all governmental employees, school teachers included, rather than try to reduce personnel sufficiently to effect a resultant saving and throw thousands of persons out of employment entirely. Neither did I think it fair and just to recommend discharging hundreds of clerks and stenographers who have nothing else to depend upon for a living other than their present jobs and for me and other high state officials to continue to be paid full salaries while thousands of our citizens were unemployed."

"The state employees, including most of the department heads, are of course up in arms against the salary cut proposal, while the married women employees are incensed at the bill by Senator W. H. Powell of Columbus county to oust them from their jobs. Many of them are throwing caution to the winds and telling any one who will listen just what they think of Governor O. Max Gardner, the budget advisory commission, which also recommended the salary reduction, and the general assembly as a whole."

"One state employee told me yesterday that if the general assembly cut his salary one dollar below what

it was now he would quit," said Representative C. W. Tatum, of Tyrrell county. "I told him that that was perfectly all right, since there were hundreds who would be glad to get the job at any salary the state might offer."

"This is characteristic of the attitude of most of the members of the general assembly, who feel that if any of the present state employees don't like the cut they can quit and that the state can employ hundreds of others who do not have jobs and who are willing to work for anything the state will offer them."

### Postponement Of Revaluation Work

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what this legislature can do to relieve land of its burden, if any could do no harm. The only opposite vote cast against the resolution to report favorably the Neal bill, incorporating this temporary delay,

was in an unmistakably certain voice registered in the "no" of Senator Ward. The house committee at a subsequent session unanimously voted to report the Neal bill favorably.

"Larry Moore, president, and Judge F. M. Glenn, secretary of the Tax Relief association, respectively, appeared before the committee and urged that no delay be made in revaluing property, which has already started in Buncombe, they said."

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## Much Talk Here Of Salary Slash For Public Jobs

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ties and cities or not, is a matter that is to be decided. It might properly be left to the governing bodies of these several cities and counties. But, the attitude of some of the state employees is more and more disgusting. We quote from our Raleigh correspondent:

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