

Just Ten Years Ago
A Peep Or Two Back In 1921

(Items Taken From The Cleveland Star of 1921.)

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Redpath's big five-day chautauqua program is now in full swing on the Central Methodist church lot on the east side of the court square next to the postoffice and the attendance is far above what was expected.

The ninth district of North Carolina Improved Order of Red Men will hold their first semi-annual meeting at Shelby on May 28th, after being dormant for nearly four years.

Miss Lucy Wilson, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Wilson passed away Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at the country home of her parents near Cleveland.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Shelby Building and Loan Association will be held in the office of the association at 4 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, May 28th, 1931.

J. F. ROBERTS, Secy-Treas.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as executor under the last will and testament of D. J. McCall, late of Cleveland county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to me properly proven on or before the 31st day of May, 1931, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery thereof.

WILL S. FORTENBERRY, R-3, Kings Mountain, N. C., Executor of D. J. McCall.

Advertisement for eye examinations by DRS. H. D. & R. L. WILSON, OPTOMETRISTS, Office Over Paul Webb & Son's Drug Store.

Table with 3 columns: City, No. Days, Tickets Limited. Lists fares for Atlanta, Chattanooga, Birmingham, New Orleans, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami, Havana.

Attractive optional routes in Florida. Step-over allowed at Jacksonville and all Florida points. For information call on TICKET AGENT H. E. PLEASANTS, DPA, RALEIGH, N. C.

Advertisement for CARDUI medicine, 'At The Change' critical time in every woman's life. Includes text about benefits and contact information for STAR ADVS. PAYS.

Springs, after an illness of one week with double pneumonia.

In honor of Misses Cross and Atkins a delightful party of young people motored to Chimney Rock Sunday for a day's outing, the personnel of the party being: Misses Atkins, Cross, Dorothy Dover, Frances McBrayer, Messrs. Blanton, Jesse Washburn, John Hudson, Bill McCord and Flay Hoey.

Mr. John R. Dover severs his connection the first of June with the Ella mill division of the Consolidated Textile corporation of this place and will devote his whole time as president and manager to the new Eastside Cotton mill. He will be succeeded at the Ella mill by his son, Mr. Jack Dover.

Mr. Julius Elliott has taken over the water fountain on the south side of the court square and will dispense water from McBrayer's sulphur springs during the summer.

Deputy E. W. Dixon of upper Cleveland brought two stills to Shelby Saturday. They were captured in No. 11 township and were fine copper outfits.

Price reductions continue in the automobile trade. The Maxwell sold here by Norman and Hawkins has been reduced to \$845 f. o. b. factory. The little four Overland sold here by the Cleveland Motor company has been reduced to \$695 f. o. b. factory.

The Green Park swimming pool owned by Mr. Jack Palmer will be opened for the summer months beginning this afternoon at 2 to 6 o'clock and again tonight from 7 to 10 o'clock, with Mr. Yan Weathers manager.

By order of the county commissioners, the recorder's court will use the main court room hereafter for the transaction of business. County Superintendent J. Y. Irvin will move into the room heretofore used by Recorder Falls and the two rooms vacated by Supt. Irvin will be converted into a rest room and toilet for ladies.

Mrs. T. A. Robertson of New York city who has been in Shelby for an extended visit to relatives left Friday night for her old home in Rock Hill, S. C., for a stay of ten days with former friends.

Hoover Planning To Cut Expenses

Washington. — President Hoover expects to save between \$125,000,000 and \$150,000,000 next year in his governmental economy program. Representatives of all administrative branches, including the smallest commission, will motor to the president's Rapidan Mountain retreat before the program outline has been completed.

In the war department a decision to abandon between 20 and 30 army posts and concentrate military activities will be the major change. This, with other economies, will cut about \$20,000,000 the cost of running the military branch.

Since President Coolidge's economy program centered in the interior department, officials of that branch could find ways of saving only about \$4,000,000, next year. They look for more substantial reductions in the two following years, however, bringing the total for three years to about \$17,000,000.

Realizes Need for Economy. The need for strict economy in government operations was realized keenly by President Hoover soon after income tax returns began to show a heavy falling off as a result of the business depression.

The chief executive ordered that no public project which furnished employment be halted. Much of the non-military expenditures of the war department are on inland waterways and in flood control projects, so the department had to turn to concentration of military activities as the only avenue of saving.

Three of the largest and most expensive of the government departments are scheduled for examination. It might be worse. Suppose Russia should dump her surplus consensons over here.—Woodstock (Ont.) Sentinel-Review.

Around Our TOWN Shelby SIDELIGHTS

By RENN DRUM.

FAMOUS "DIRTY DOZEN" TO GATHER HERE AGAIN

A little more than 25 years ago, when Shelby was a regular tank town and the boys took their fun where they found it, or made it, there was a group of Shelby youngsters which was the terror of owners of watermelon patches within a radius of ten miles.

"Remember whens" published in this column seem to have stirred the memories of those boys, all of whom are pretty well along in life now. Since those days when the old school house was burned, more than a quarter of a century ago, the old gang has scattered. They now live north, west, east and south.

Last week Graham Anthony, of Hartford, Conn., sent out a letter to his pals of the long ago asking that they be here for the gathering this fall. Practically all of them, it is understood, will be back.

"Would you give up three days of hard work (or loafing) for ten years' worth of fun? Sure you would—and now that that's settled, please note the following announcements:

- Place—Shelby, N. C.
Time—Week End of Fair Week.
Headquarters—Quinn's Drug Store.
Reception Committee—Mayor, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Chief of Police (Substitute—Renn Drum).

"Sports:
'Bull in the Pen'
'Crack the Whip'
'Leap Frog'
'Two Hole Cat'.

- Prizes:
1st—Can of Tomatoes.
2nd—Can of Sardines.
3rd—Can of Vienna Sausage.
4th—Gallon of Corn (not aged).

"Other Attractions:
Besides the great County Fair at which the Gang will have special boxes free (short fellows better supply their own—fence eight feet high) there will be special trips to:

- Chapels Bend
Flat Rock
Uncle Phillip Wilson's
Stices Shoals
Patterson Springs

"After several conferences your committee has also made other arrangements for your entertainment and without their knowledge, or consent, the following are on the program:

- "Bones Quinn—Loafing place and cigarettes—Dopes and aspirin—all free.
'Speight Beam—Will deliver an address of welcome, also bench warrants.
'Buck Hardin—Will expand his chest and put our names in the Star.
'J. D. Lineberger—Will supply the sling shot slugs, also some good advice.

"Graham Dellinger—Will entertain with sweet cider and raw turnips.
'John Wynn Doggett—Will furnish a riding mule, full of dope for the occasion.
'Charlie Williams—Will fight anybody in the crowd.
'Harry McBrayer—Will give swimming and diving exhibitions on the court square.

- 'Toms Dover—Will put on a wood cutting contest.
'Vetus Hamrick—A quick change of shoes.
'Joe Cabanis—Will give an exhibition of breaking up new ground and will read a chapter from Virgil.
'Rufus Roberts—Will burn the court house.
'The rest of our Gang will put on a possum hunt and pop corn.
'Palmer's Grocery store will furnish our meals, as long as we are not caught in the act.

"Sleeping quarters have been arranged for at the Lock Club, provided each guest furnishes his own bed.
'Be sure and leave your wife at home. She wouldn't recognize you anyway and it might eliminate future explanations.

"What more can I say? How could you spend a more enjoyable three days? Please let me hear from you at once, for you remember the old adage—"A rolling stone is worth two in the bush," or rather—"A stitch in time gathers no moss."

"We can put this event over in grand style with your assistance, for certainly "United we stand, divided we keep kissable by protecting our Adam's apple."

"Any suggestions will be appreciated, provided they are no better than my own. So here goes for a big time, broke or sober."

In reply, Solicitor W. Speight Beam, who heads the welcoming committee for members of the gang who now live elsewhere, wrote:
"After consultations, et cet., et cet., we suppose the list of names given below will just about cover the old gang as did the old ladies kimonos—touch everything and cover nothing:

- 'Chas. H. Williams, Graham H. Anthony, John Wynn Doggett, Harry McBrayer, Rufus Roberts (Culpepper, Va., editor), Flavius Dewitt (Bones) Quinn, J. D. Lineberger, Joe Cabanis, O. Vetus Hamrick, Buck Hardin, Toms Dover, Jake Rudasill, Claude Flack, and W. Speight Beam."

One thing may not please the boys of old: Maybe the law will not permit them to go swimming in the old hole at Chapel's Bend without bathing suits. But if they desire to go barefooted, rock lizards, fish for suckers, spin yarns, and do this and that, this corner believes the entire city will get a big kick and plenty of pleasure out of the reunion of those dratted boys who were always up to something about town near three decades ago.

Mark it down on your calendar for a red letter event. And wouldn't it be fine if all the other boys who have drifted away in the years since would come back and make it a regular free-for-all homecoming? Madame Shelby could spruce up and be a sprightly youngster once again forgetting the weight of her many years since Jimmy Love looked across the hills and said "Here a fine little city shall be built."

Margaret Hamrick, attractive little daughter of T. W. Hamrick, has two cats which she calls "Max" and "Climax."

THIS GUY WANTS US BOOTED OUT OF TOWN!

"Say," scribbles in a reader, "you have some pretty good stuff in that tangle o' type occasionally, but if you would go ahead and relate some of the inside stuff about town—the gossip they whisper over the back fences and bridge tables—you'd have everybody in town reading it."

You're right about that, P. Q., but we would likewise stand a brilliant chance of being lugged out of town on a fence rail with a sawed-off shotgun adding to the speed. A newspaperman cannot tell the truth, the whole truth, so help him, God, without getting a rapid staccato of kicks in the seat of the pants. Out in Indiana there once lived an editor who wrote the entire truth. When he died they couldn't get enough pall-

bearers to carry him to the cemetery. Here are a few items from his paper as he wrote them:

"John Benin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Beeville on Monday.

"John Coyle, our groceryman, is doing poor business. His store is dirty and musty. How can he expect to do much?

"Dave Conkey died at the home here Tuesday. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. Whiskey killed him.

"Married—Miss Sylvia Rhoades and James Collins, last Saturday at the Baptist parsonage, by the Rev. Gordon. The bride is a very ordinary girl who doesn't know any more about cooking than a jack-rabbit and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date loafer. He has been living off the old folks at home all his life and not worth shucks. It will be a hard life."

A RECORD KEPT FROM THE OLD SLAVE DAYS.

Corbett Hamrick has in his possession a number of interesting old papers, some of them more than 100 years old.

One is a school settlement, showing what the district owed Phillip Brooks in 1824. Another is a survey of a 103-acre tract of land belonging to Simeon Eskridge and was made on October 6, 1828, by M. W. Alexander. Included among the papers is a tax receipt given A. T. Elliott in 1854 by C. Grigg, sheriff, and G. M. Green, deputy (Rutherford county). An old bill in the collection shows how much merchandise the Winslow and Elliott store had purchased from a Baltimore house in 1878. There was also an order of the probate court, made in 1869 and signed by J. Jenkins, probate judge, and J. O. Bridges, register.

The most interesting document in the collection, however, was a property list showing the land and slaves owned in the Capt. Washburn district in the Beaver Dam and Brushy Creek section. Caroline Cabanis was listed as the biggest property holder on the record. She had 500 acres valued at \$2,000 and six slaves valued at \$3,800. Elijah Eskridge ranked next with 377 acres valued at \$1,500 and 12 slaves valued at \$5,850. One slave was valued at \$1,200. John Bridges had 155 acres of land valued at \$1,000 and two slaves rated at \$350 each. Other property owners listed included Benjamin Bowen, Albert, Charles and Burwell Blanton, Mary Bostick, B. P. Davis, Mary Durham, S. H. Elliott, Reuben Francis, James Philbeck, Albert Green and C. J. Hamrick.

Those names should be familiar to hundreds of descendants who now live in the section.

Advertisement for THE DEVOE AUTHORIZED AGENT PAUL WEBB & SON. Includes image of a house and text: 'What color combination will make a house that is too low look higher?' Also mentions 'KILLS GULF VENOM Flies and Mosquitoes'.

Advertisement for QUEEN CITY COACH LINES. Lists routes for Asheville, Charlotte, Wilmington, Fayetteville, and intermediate points. Includes contact information: PHONE 450 - QUEEN CITY COACH COMPANY.

Advertisement for Herb Extract medicine. Includes image of a man and text: 'Here Is the Medicine That Brought Me Health and Happiness'. Mentions 'PAUL WEBB AND SON AND LEADING DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE'.

Advertisement for THE ROYSTER COMPANY, Inc. THE Conservative Life Insurance Co., WHEELING, WEST VA.

Advertisement for Build With Brick DELIVERIES FROM PLANT TO JOB. Includes text: 'FOR SERVICE AND QUALITY SEE KENDRICK BRICK & TILE CO. MOUNT HOLLY, N. C.'

Advertisement for Need Old Friends be Soon Forgotten? Includes text: 'The loss of old friendships is probably most often due to friends moving to other localities. Keeping up a correspondence is bothersome and even irksome to many of us, so that these friendships once dear to us are gradually lost.'

Advertisement for List Your TAXES. Includes text: 'Property and Poll Taxes for Cleveland County must be listed during the month of May, to avoid penalty. SEE THE FOLLOWING TAX LISTERS'

Advertisement for R. L. WEATHERS, Cleveland County Tax Supervisor. Includes text: 'FARM CENSUS: Each farm owner or his agent is to come prepared to report the acreage of each crop to be harvested on his or her tenants' farm this year. Also acres cultivated, lying out, number of bearing fruit trees and the tons of fertilizer used for all crops.'

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