

No Book Sales

Books involving two Clevelanders, Thomas Dixon and W. J. (Sleepy) Cash, have been written and well received by reviewers. Others are in the works.

But Clevelanders don't have the opportunity to walk into a local store and buy either book, "Fire From The Flintlock," about Dixon, and "W. J. Cash: Southern Prophet." Only one book store is in Shelby, and it handles mostly religious literature.

Various other stores handle popular novels and non-fiction, mostly in paperback, but none handle current books in the hardback version, so far as can be determined. The nearest location for such books is apparently Gastonia or Charlotte.

The Cleveland Memorial Library does have a copy of both books, but a number of Clevelanders have expressed an interest in buying books about local personages and area and North Carolina history and other information. Some statewide magazines carry advertising containing order blanks for the books, but the magazines are not of sufficiently wide circulation to reach more than a minority of Clevelanders.

Officials at the Shelby retail store of Goodwill Industries say the demand for used books has been great. At least one store locally used to stock current books, but the operation was phased out.