

Mr. Lee Weathers of Shelby, who represents Cleveland County in our State Senate and who is also Editor of the Shelby Daily Star has written the following short but very sincere message to you boys this month. Senator Weathers, an able statesman and a fine publisher, along with Mr. Holt McPherson, Managing Editor of the Star, have both been interested supporters of the Hoover Rail since its first issue. We deeply appreciate Senator Weathers finding time to write our boys in service and we feel sure each of you will be glad to hear directly from him.

Dear Fellows:

You boys who are in service no doubt appreciate more than ever before your good old native Cleveland County, and long to get back to "God's Country". I hope no one has found a spot in all his travels that is so dear as Cleveland County where you spent your childhood and of which you have such fond recollections.

All of us are prone to take for granted the blessings of home until we get away, sometimes far away, and make comparisons. Cleveland County will find a more important spot for you when you get back and your broadening experiences will really fit you to make a lasting contribution to the upbuilding of our wonderful section. I hope you will decide to cast your future lot here at home.

One of the most vivid recollections of my childhood was walking the Lawndale Railroad track to my Grandmother's who lived near "Pam Tree" Church, as she called it, and with my Grandfather I would ride to "Schenck's Factory" with cord-wood and also sell produce at the Company Store. Many times I rode Schenck's wagons over roads hub-deep in mud, and the round trip from Lawndale to Shelby was a day's hard journey.

We have come a long way since that day, and we shall go much further when you boys get back and put your shoulders to the wheels of progress. Don't let any other section lure you away for we need you at home. Since you have had an opportunity to compare places and peoples with ours, I know you realize more than ever, that here is truly the Garden Spot of the world, with all the things that make life one of joy, peace and comfort. No social or racial castes to keep a fellow down. The humblest born can forge ahead and people applaud him as he rises. We are keeping intact our fine Christian churches, our splendid schools, the sanctity of our homes, that you might build them ever stronger.

Lee B. Weathers

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I like to think the man succeeds
Who walks the humble road
And, recognizing human needs,
Makes light each brother's load.

He need not be a movie star,
Nor king nor millionaire;
He only needs the service star,
Which proves his human care.

If day by day he does his bit
To make man's burden less
I think he well deserves to sit
With those who've gained success.

- Ernest C. Durham.