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HOOVER WOULD SERVE IF CALLED

AMBITION IS TO REMAIN A COMMON CITIZEN

Is Not a Candidate for President —Outlines Position and is an Independent Progressive.

Herbert Hoover in a letter received by Ralph Arnold, of Los Angeles, New York representative of the "Make Hoover President club" of California declared he was not seeking public office, that his ambition is to remain a common citizen, but that he believed he, "like every other citizen, should always be ready for service when really called upon."

Mr. Hoover's letter followed the action of a group of prominent Californians residing in this city in appointing a committee to go to Washington to ask Mr. Hoover to make known his position.

Asserting that while "such proposals are indeed a great honor, I feel that I cannot alter the attitude that I have consistently preserved," Mr. Hoover's letter continued:

Position Outlined.
"First, I am an independent progressive on the issues before us today. I think that at this time the issues before the country transcend partisanship. It is well known that I was a progressive Republican before the war, and I think rightly, a non-partisan during my war service. The issues confronting us are new and the alignment upon them has not yet been made by the great parties. I still object as much to the reactionary group in the Republican party as I do to the radical group in the Democratic party.

"Second, I am not seeking public office and consulting my own personal inclinations, I do not want public office. I cannot prevent any citizen or group of citizens from agitating that I should take public office, but I cannot conscientiously participate in any organization to that end.

"I belong to a group which thinks that the American people should select their own officials at their own initiative and volition and that resent the manufacture of officials by machine methods. I feel sure that if I entered the race for nomination to the presidency, and undertook to solicit and spend the cost of propaganda and organization, this would be in itself a negation of the right American instinct because of the obligations that it all implies.

"I thoroughly believe that I, like any other American citizen, should always be ready for service when really called upon, but to go out and try to persuade the public to call me is opposed to my every instinct.

To Remain Common Citizen.
"Third, I hope to have the affection of my countrymen, but my ambition is to remain a common citizen ready to engage in teamplay with any organization and leadership that has for its objective the consummation and maintenance of great issues in the forms that I believe are to the public interest and benefit. I, of course believe in party organization, but it must be for the promotion of issues, not of men. I am not a straddler of any issue, I spend most of my time agitating for issues that I believe in. It is the privilege of all of us to hold our own views and it is our duty to express them when called upon to do so. But no man can be so arrogant as to assume that he can dictate the issue to the American people or to the great parties they support.

AUCTION SALE OF 63 LOTS NETS TOTAL OF \$19,000.00

Property Below South Shelby Will Be Built Into Beautiful Suburban Town.

The auction sale of the Sidney Hamrick property south of Shelby was conducted Monday by the Dillon Land company and the 63 lots brought a total of nearly \$19,000. The property was recently purchased by D. D. Wilkins and associates and cut up into beautiful building lots in a shaded grove on the main highway near the Lily Mill. The bidding was spirited and all lots were sold. Some of the purchasers were offered a nice profit on their holdings immediately after the sale.

It is learned that many of the purchasers expect to build homes in the near future. This will make a beautiful suburban village and it is expected that the property owners will ask for an extension of the city water main from their present terminal at the South Shelby graded school building.

Passenger Embarrassed Demanded.
The American Railway Express company announces that the temporary embargo placed three days ago on shipments to its terminals in New York has been lifted owing to improved railroad conditions.

COUNTY HAS \$127,000 ON INTEREST FOR ACCOUNTS

Treasurer Stroup's Office is Making Splendid Showing— Will Not Borrow.

The county of Cleveland is in fine financial condition and Treasurer Rush Stroup says he does not think it will be necessary to borrow any money this year for current expenses. The biggest expense out of the ordinary will be a settlement with Gaston county whereby Cleveland will pay off the indebtedness on the territory at Kings Mountain recently acquired by Cleveland. Treasurer Stroup says he has \$127,000 of the county's money on certificate of deposit drawing interest. This, however, belongs not only to the county as a whole but to 14 different accounts, including townships and districts for roads and schools. Treasurer Stroup says the interest on county money amounted to something like \$4,000 last year, which amount pays his salary and leaves the county \$2,500 to the good. The county commissioners have not had a settlement with Sheriff Logan but the collections on taxes have been very close and the county is in better financial condition than it has been in for a number of years.

MRS. NORA BIVINS DIED SATURDAY AT LAWDALE

Special to the Star.
Mrs. Nora Bivins died at Lawdale Saturday at 8 a. m., following an illness of one week and leaving an infant seven days old. Mrs. Bivins was 42 years of age and a woman of noble Christian character being a member of the St. Paul church. Her husband and nine children were left; their ages ranging from seven days to 19 years of age. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Cooke survive with two brothers and two sisters Winslow and Alexander Cooke and Mrs. Billy Newton and Mrs. Marvin King. Mrs. Bivins was a good woman and we can not tell how she will be missed in this community for she was always ready to help the sick. The funeral service was conducted at St. Paul church Sunday at 1 o'clock by Mr. Sankey Blanton of Piedmont high school. She was laid to rest among a crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

RUTHERFORD BANK HIRES DEMONSTRATOR PROFFITT

The Farmers Bank and Trust company of Forest City, Carolina and Lattimore has employed Mr. C. C. Proffitt who will be connected with the bank and its two branch institutions and will open a "farm department" which will give free prices to the farmers in Cleveland and Rutherford counties. Mr. Proffitt has been a farm demonstrator for Rutherford county for 3 years and was about to leave Rutherford when the Farmers Bank and Trust company decided that his services would be of value to the farmers and hired him to continue the work. He will aid the farmers in the selection and purchase of pure bred live stock, lime, etc., and give information leading to better farming. This is a very unusual undertaking for a bank, but will no doubt prove of great value.

SEEK FIVE IN LOOTING OF OXFORD POSTOFFICE

War savings stamps valued at \$10,000 postage stamps to the amount of \$5,000 and about \$75 in cash were secured by safe blowers who blew open the safe of the Oxford postoffice Monday and made their escape. No arrests have been made.

Five strangers, reported to have been seen at Franklinton, 15 miles away, who are believed to have taken a large touring car belonging to a wealthy cotton mill man there, stolen during the night, are thought to have been the same persons who robbed the postoffice.

These men are being sought by the authorities in the surrounding towns. The robbery was not discovered until the postoffice was opened next morning.

By Accidentally Shot.

Carl White, 16, son of Mr. John White who lives on Mr. Jim Fall's place four miles south of Gastonia, is in a Gastonia hospital suffering from gunshot wounds accidentally inflicted last Friday. The wound was inflicted with a pistol which the lad had recently purchased without the knowledge of his father. His wounds are not considered dangerous.

Hunting for a Banker.

Active search is in progress for a C. P. Kellner vice president of the Bank of Palmata, at Palmata, Georgia in charge of the account with embarrassing several thousands dollars of the bank's funds.



SOCIAL NEWS

Chicoras with Miss Frick

The Chicora club will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Miss Emma Frick at the Central hotel.

Mr. Street To Marry

The many Cleveland county friends of Mr. W. M. Street, son of Mr. Eli Street who lives south of Shelby will be interested in the following wedding invitation received by friends yesterday:

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Waldhour request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their sister Jessie Ardelle Yarbro to Mr. Marion Wayne Street Wednesday, March the 24th 1920 at high noon 415 Anderson street, West Savannah, Georgia.

Fannings Style Store

The W. L. Fanning company will hold their first annual style show Tuesday evening March 16th at their elegant store in the Masonic building. Living models will be used for the display of ladies spring and summer-wearing apparel, and the show will no doubt attract a large crowd. Recently Fanning company has built a mezzanine floor in the rear of the store which will be used for the exclusive sale of ladies ready-to-wear and this will be the stage for the style show Tuesday evening. R. L. Armour, a member of the clerking force, assisted by Mr. Frank Sherrill former decorator for Ivey, Charlotte, will arrange the decorations. Several attractive young Shelby ladies are loaning Charlotte models have been engaged to show the spring and summer suits and dresses. Miss Edith Croser's style shop will furnish the millinery.

Palmetto Post.

Gaston county, North Carolina, is getting her eyes open to the value of good roads. She is fast abandoning the mud. At the last meeting of the commissioners it was decided to build 45 miles of additional hard surface roads. In fact they propose to build a perfect network of good roads throughout the county. It will be of much interest to the people of this section to know that the road leading to Clover will be hard surfaced to the county line just beyond Bowling Green. York county commissioners should take this matter up and finish it through to York by all means.

GETTING HER EYES OPEN TO VALUE OF GOOD ROADS

COLONEL KIRKPATRICK AND BUCKNER TO SPEAK

The Rutherford chamber of commerce will hold a booster banquet April 2. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte and president of the Wilmington-Asheville highway association and N. Buckner, secretary of the Asheville board of trade will be invited to be present and make addresses. It will be a special booster banquet to boost the town, county and good roads.

ASHEVILLE FIRM TO PAVE RUTHERFORDTON STREETS

ITEMS OF BELWOOD R-1

Spanish Still Serious, Several Are Dead—Personal Mention.

Special to the Star.

Belwood, R-1, March 11.—The influenza situation is still very serious in this section. Deaths are reported almost daily. Several entire families are sick.

Several members of Mr. John Wilkins family are sick.

Mrs. Rattie Buff, an aged lady of near Casar died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Melinda Costner, March 5th. Mrs. Buff was a noble Christian character, very much loved by all acquaintances. The many friends of her family are heartily in their sympathy.

Mrs. Lavinia Sain died at her home Sunday, influenza being the cause of her death. She was a daughter of Mr. Pink Crow. The funeral took place at

LITERARY SOCIETY DE- BATE AT B. S. SATURDAY

The 13th annual debate of the Kalgathian and Kalliergeonian Literary societies of Bowling Springs will be held in the high school auditorium Saturday night March 13th at which time the following program will be rendered:

Officers—J. Bryan McGinnis, president, Ethel Lattimore, sec.

Program—Piano solo—"Idilio" Oesterle—Minnie McCraw. Reading: "End of a Task"—Thelma Michael. Essay—"Ne'er a Rose Without a Thorn"—Emily Hollifield. Vocal solo—"King of the Forest and I"—Brand Lawrence McSwain. Oration—"Sowing and Reaping"—Abner Cornwell. Reading—"A Matrimonial Experiment"—Gladys Steedman.

Debate—Query: Resolved That the United States should adopt a system of universal obligatory military training consisting of not less than 18 months between ages of 18 and 24. Affirmative: Clyde Jones, Wm. S. McSwain. Negative: Dewey Whitaker, Livingston Freeman. Chorus—"Dance of the Pine Tree Fairies"—Forman Michael, Poston, Padgett, Greene Walker, Hamrick, Jolly, Gold, Lattimore.

Marshalls—Yancey Elliott, chief; Rex Long, Ruby Lattimore, William McCurry, Selma Mauney.

Why Flour Has Gone Up.

Five million barrels of Federal Grain corporation soft wheat flour will be sold on credit in Europe soon unless congress authorized \$50,000,000 loans to finance the sales, Julius Barnes, head of the corporation, told the house rules committee a few days ago. He said, he now had authority to make the sales on credit but hoped the loans would be authorized. The flour, now held at American ports and for which the corporation paid \$10.75 a barrel is "the cheapest in the world", Mr. Barnes told the committee. He added that "every effort had been exhausted to sell it for cash" but that American housewives would pay higher prices for hard wheat flour. "Why are prices of flour going up?" asked Representative Fess, Republican. "The last year crop yield was a peculiar one," answered Mr. Barnes. "There was a small yield of the strong wheat, and a big yield of the soft wheat. Flour made of the soft wheat could be obtained for domestic use at all times at the exact reflection of the government guaranteed price of wheat."

SOME DEEDS FILED THIS WEEK AT REGISTER'S

The following is a list of deeds filed this week with Register of Deeds R. Lee Weathers for registration.

Shelby Grocery Co., to B. H. Palmer, Shelby lot, consideration \$9,500.

B. H. Palmer and wife to W. T. Calton, lot in Shelby \$2,500.

Carl Thompson and Z. J. Thompson to D. A. Beam 80 1-4 acres in No. 6 \$10,833.75.

Coy McSwain to L. P. Yarboro, 24 acres Beatty place, \$2,000.

C. Jeff Hamrick to W. S. Walker, lot in Lattimore \$5,000.

J. P. Beason to J. W. Harris, 22 acres in No. 2 township \$1,092.50.

W. B. McSwain to J. B. Francis, 2 acres in No. 7 township, \$825.

Sam Cabanis to Reilly Cabanis, lot in Freedom, Shelby \$100.

J. F. Moss to Mrs. J. F. Moss, store room and lot in Waco, \$500.

J. F. Jolley to J. D. Brooks, 74 acres in No. 2 township \$2,800.

J. W. H. Smith to Kester Hamrick, 46 1-2 acres No. Township \$4,800.

William Hopkins to Catherine Mills Co., town lot \$400.

C. E. Hovey to C. E. Ryers, lot in Grover 1 1-2 acres \$2,500.

J. Martin Roberts to B. T. Falls, 61 acres in No. 5 township \$4,270.

W. A. Edwards to T. P. Deal, lot at Belwood \$800.

RECRUITING OFFICE IS STILL OPEN IN SHELBY

Some Benefits to be Received From Training in the U. S. Army Now.

One of the first requisites for a useful life is a sound body and the first course of training a man receives in the U. S. army is, therefore, the physical. During the first month or six weeks after enlistment the recruit is given a systematic and gradual course of physical training, including carefully arranged setting up exercises, athletic games, short marches, and other physical tests, all tending to straighten a man up, and keep him in the best possible physical condition to enable him to perform his duties properly. He acquires that feeling of manliness, confidence and independence, that clear, straight-thinking brain and keen eye that go with a healthy body. After the first stage is passed and the recruit is assigned to an organization, sufficient physical training to keep him in good condition is continued and he acquires a set-up which remains with him all ways.

Supplementing the physical training are courses in sanitation and hygiene which teach men what to do to maintain good health, what is to be avoided, the necessity of personal cleanliness and for cleanliness about camp and barracks. This necessity is impressed on the soldier every day of his enlistment until the work he does in keeping himself clean and the steps he takes to avoid disease become second nature to him, and helps him all through life.

A man seeking employment in civil life who can exhibit a discharge from the army showing good character, is possessed of an asset that goes a long way with employers.

During enlistment a man has a good chance of promotion to the grade of non-commissioned officer, and thus be in a position to acquire the knowledge of handling men, to size them up to study human nature, and to know how to get the most out of men—a valuable practical experience.

For the man who has not received a good school education, there are at all posts, schools in which grammar, geography, arithmetic, history, algebra, and similar subjects are taught.

In addition to the general courses, all arms and branches of the regular army teach, as a part of the training necessary to military efficiency, various trades and occupations, in any one of which a man, by applying himself earnestly and making the most of his time, may become proficient enough that he can return to civil life with a useful trade or occupation by which he can secure employment.

Many of the diplomas or certificates of efficiency are issued, which in most cases are recognized by the union of that trade.

Not many now deny the benefits of university training, and more and more are coming to realize the benefits of the training open to those that grasp the opportunity in the U. S. army, which has been called "The University in Khaki."

THE GASTON COUNTY FAIR.

Of interest to a number of Cleveland county people especially those in the eastern section of the county is the announcement that October 12-16 has been selected for the holding of the Gaston county fair in 1920.

OVERMAN TO MAKE KEYNOTE SPEECH

AT STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Will Review Record of National Administration Early in Apr. Champ Clark Not in Race.

Washington, March 10.—Senator Lee S. Overman will make the keynote speech at the state convention of North Carolina Democrats early in April. The junior senator will review the record of the national administration for the past seven years and will also touch upon state issues.

It is believed in Washington that Senator Overman will not have much opposition for the Democratic nomination, but observers of North Carolina politics and the trend in national politics expect the Republicans to put up a stiff fight against Senator Overman.

Senator Overman's address to the North Carolina Democrats will be a comprehensive effort and doubtless will shape the party policy and declarations in the state.

Another political development of interest of North Carolina today was the postponement of the date when Attorney General Palmer is expected to throw his hat into the Tar Heel ring as a presidential candidate. Mr. Palmer came over to the senate chamber and had a chat with Senator Simmons and other Democrats. He told Senator Simmons that he could not accept the invitation of the bar association of Gastonia to address it on March 24, but he would be glad to address the association at any time after April 10. If the Gastonia bar association will postpone its dinner the attorney general will come down in April and it will be Mr. Palmer's first appearance in North Carolina as a presidential candidate.

Mr. Palmer will not go to North Carolina essentially to make a political address, but his appearance undoubtedly will have an effect upon whatever Palmer sentiment there may be in the state and he will be "sized up" by the politicians.

Still another political development here today was announcement by former Speaker Champ Clark that he will not get into the Georgia primaries as a presidential candidate. Mr. Clark suggests that all states should send un instructed delegations to San Francisco so that the Democrats may be free to write their platform and select the most available candidate.

Georgia is one of the states to order a presidential preference primary and Mr. Clark's name has gone on the ballot by petition of his friends in the state. Mr. Clark's letter to the Georgia committee will have the effect of removing his name from the ballot, but it does not eliminate Champ Clark as a presidential possibility. Uninstructed delegations at San Francisco such as North Carolina and numerous other states propose to send, may turn to Mr. Clark or any Democrat regarded as available.

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Kendall's Stock Tonic for horses, mules, cows and pigs. It's all medicine \$0.25 and \$1.00 box. Adv.