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## PROGRESS SIGNS IN CLEVELAND

### EDITOR POE BOOSTS THE COUNTY

#### Admonishes Other Counties to Follow Example of Cleveland in Diversified Farming

Editor Clarence Poe of The Progressive Farmer was so favorably impressed with Cleveland county when he visited it ten days ago that he was prompted to write the following when he returned to his office at Raleigh:

One of the best counties in the South for farming or for residence is Cleveland County, North Carolina. It is surprising that so remarkable a section is so little known to the outside world. At any rate, this was the enthusiastic conviction with which the Editor came away from Cleveland last week.

Almost everywhere in Cleveland the beauty of the mountains is in sight, and yet the farm lands are only moderately rolling, most of the fields being level enough to permit the use of the most modern machinery. And some of the best cotton in the South grows right up against the edge of the mountains—cotton that will easily make a bale per acre! Cleveland is not only a fine cotton county, but offers a fine example of diversified agriculture along all lines. Here are a few striking proofs of progress discovered on our recent trip there:

1. Cleveland County last year exported 350,000 bushels of corn and 300,000 pounds of butter, and expects to ship next year 50 carloads of sweet potatoes from its eight modern sweet potato curing houses.

2. In the poultry, pig, corn, and home economics clubs of the county, 500 boys and girls are enrolled.

3. The farmers are turning to improved varieties of cotton—1 to 11-16 inch staple—and thereby causing nearby mills to buy Cleveland County cotton, instead of buying from North Georgia, as formerly.

4. A careful observer declares that Cleveland is the best terraced county in the State.

5. Most of the farm homes are painted.

6. The people have not only built superb top-soil roads, but are keeping them up by proper dragging, etc.

7. There are beautiful country churches—three or four that cost from \$20,000 to \$60,000 each.

8. Schools are good, and the county claims to have more boys and girls in college, in proportion to population, than any other North Carolina county.

9. Dairying has had a fine development. The creamery at Shelby paid out \$62,000 last year for butterfat. As there were practically 300 patrons, this means that the average farmer-patron received over \$200 a year from his cows. A Jersey Breeders' Association has been organized, and a Jersey show will be held this fall.

10. Last but not least, Cleveland County is evidently determined to do its full share in the great sign-up for co-operative marketing. An inspiring crowd of farmers attended the evening meeting in Shelby, August 15, and it is not amiss to note that the first man to come across on a request for signed contracts was Hon. O. Max Gardner, who himself conducts a fine Cleveland farm of 500 acres.

Try out your county by these 10 tests. Mr. Subscriber—diversified agriculture, club work, plant breeding, terraces, painted farm houses, roads and road maintenance, churches, schools, livestock and dairy development, co-operative marketing and see how it scores.

What Cleveland County is doing in these respects, other counties can do!

### THE OXFORD SINGING CLASS HERE FRIDAY

The Oxford Singing class will give a concert in the Shelby School auditorium Friday night of this week under the auspices of the local Masonic chapter. This singing class from the Masonic home at Oxford has been coming to Shelby for many years and has always attracted a big crowd of people who enjoyed the concert. There are 14 children in the company, in charge of a manager and director and the concert this year will be far above the splendid programs that have been rendered in the past. The auditorium will have ten reservations of seats for the ten Masonic lodges in Cleveland county and it is expected that many Masons will be here from all over the county. Last year the receipts at the performance were over \$250.

When you need cement, see Campbell's.

## MR. WITHROW SPEAKS IN MEMPHIS, TENN.

### Will Address the Cotton States Merchants Association on "Push and Pull"

Mr. J. P. D. Withrow, merchant prince of Hollis left Saturday for Memphis, Tenn. where he will speak before the convention of the Cotton States Merchants Association, an organization which has 10,000 members and which had an attendance at the last meeting of several thousand merchants. Mr. Withrow spoke last year at the Appalachian Merchants Association where some of the Memphis merchants heard him and were so impressed with his unique style and originality that he was placed on the program at the Memphis meeting this week.

Mr. Withrow's picture and something about his going to Memphis has appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal and the Memphis Chamber of Commerce Journal, both of which lauded him for being such a booster. Mr. Withrow is known through this section as one of its greatest boosters and he will no doubt have something of great interest to say at the meeting of merchants. Says the Rutherford Sun: "By constantly working for his community he has succeeded in building a lively town, whose structures principally are made of granite. From a farmer and country road-store keeper, Mr. Withrow's business has now grown to a value of \$100,000.00 per annum.

"He is a man who does things. If the community will not help him he does the work alone. Hollis stands today as a monument to teething and never ceasing efforts of an enthusiast, who will tell in an interesting manner how he did it."

## INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK OF HOTEL

### Money is Being Raised to Build Golf Course, Dance Pavilion and Beautify Grounds

Petitions are being circulated and freely signed for additional stock in the Cleveland Springs Company, the fund to be used to build the \$15,000 golf course, erect a dance pavilion and beautify the grounds with shrubbery, grass and concrete walks. An effort is being made to secure \$30,000 more stock and in a few hours Friday morning the solicitors had secured \$10,000 of the amount in Shelby.

The hotel has enjoyed a very gratifying patronage so far this season and indications are that the patronage will be good for the remainder of the season. It is the plan of the management to keep the hotel open all winter for guests.

All hotel managers say that since automobiles are so numerous, and good roads connect every section of the country, guests do not linger long at any hotel. The pleasure seekers seem to want to stop at a place only a few days, then move on to some other resort, the idea being to cover as much territory as possible and see as much of the country as it is possible to cover in the space of the usual vacation period. The golf course, however, will bring men who love the sport and will stay for a longer period of time. Wherever there is a golf course, at any hotel, the patronage is more regular. The golf course at Cleveland will be one of the finest in the South, although it will take a year or more to get the ground properly sowed in grass.

## EDITORS MEET AT STAR OFFICE TO MAKE PROM.

President R. E. Price of the Rutherford Sun, Secretary S. E. Whitten of the Marion Progress and Editor G. G. Page of the Kings Mountain Herald met in The Star office Friday morning to arrange the program of the Western North Carolina Press Convention which will be held at Cleveland Springs Friday September 16th. Editor Weathers of The Star made arrangements with Manager Rosemond of the Cleveland Springs Hotel, whereby the Cleveland Star will give a banquet to the visiting editors on the night of September 16. In addition to the "shop talk" part of the program, another social feature was arranged, whereby the editors will motor to the Kings Mountain battleground and listen to a lecture on the famous battle by Editor G. G. Page of Kings Mountain. In their return through Kings Mountain, Editor Price has arranged for the visitors to be refreshed at the drug stores at Kings Mountain. It is expected that 18 or 20 editors will be at the Shelby meeting. A special effort will be made to get them to leave their duties for two days and spend the while at the famous Cleveland Springs resort.

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## GREAT CROWD ATTENDS THE RUDASILL FUNERAL

### Ex-Military Officers Act as Pall Bearers—Floral Tribute Was Bountiful and Beautiful

One of the largest funerals ever held in Shelby was that of Victor Rudasill, first lieutenant in the world war and the popular superintendent of the Shelby Water and Light plants, whose tragic death occurred at the Rutherford Hospital last Thursday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock as the result of a pistol wound being inflicted by himself at his home on East Graham street on the night of August 15th.

No tragedy and subsequent death has ever occurred in our midst to cast a deeper shadow or cause a more poignant and heartfelt grief to his host of friends than the untimely passing of this young man.

From the hour of the fatal shooting up to the time of his death following the operation at the hospital, letters and telegrams of anxious inquiry were passed by his sorrowing friends, not alone in this community but throughout the entire state, for this golden hearted young ex-soldier and electrician friends were legion, and he was never known to have an enemy, being one of "nature's rare noblemen", kindly disposed toward all. So when the last message from his bedside came back home, "Victor is dead" sorrow was felt in the hearts of this entire community. His remains were brought from Rutherford Thursday night and the funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rudasill on South Washington street. Rev. W. A. Murray, pastor of the Presbyterian church of which Mrs. Rudasill was a member was summoned from his vacation at Montreat to conduct the services, being assisted by Rev. Robert Hoyle of the Methodist church.

A beautiful musical program was rendered by four of the members of the Men's Chorus, a large concourse of friends and relatives being gathered there to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed friend.

The pall bearers were members of his own home Company G. 1st N. C. Regiment by whose side he had served so valiantly on the Mexican border and were as follows: Col. J. T. Gardner, Capt. Hugh Logan, 2nd lieutenant Talmage Gardner, Capt. Charlie Roberts, 1st Lieutenant Louis Gardner and Capt. R. G. Cherry of Gastonia.

The floral offerings were most beautiful, among the many elaborate designs being one from the town of Shelby, for whom he had so faithfully labored; one from the American Legion of whom he was a valued member, and another from the Men's Bible class of Central Methodist church.

Among those attending the funeral from out of town were: Capt. Ed Gause of Charlotte, Lieutenant Ben Douglass and Capt. R. G. Cherry of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. V. Smith of Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rudasill of Lincolnton, Mr. Wilton Rudasill of Cronaca, Mr. and Mrs. Will Caldwell and family of Bessemer City, Capt. and Mrs. Reid Morrison of Mooresville.

## FIRST COTTON OPEN ON J. A. WILSON'S FARM

### Wm. Predicts That Entire Crop Will Be Sold by Thanksgiving

Mr. James A. Wilson brought to The Star office Friday of last week the first open bolls of new cotton. These were gathered from his fields and from the remark made by Mr. Wilson, he thinks the cotton will be unusually early, a bit short in quantity and will sell as fast as it is picked out. He made this remark: "I think the crop in Cleveland county will all be open, picked, ginned, sold and the money all spent by Thanksgiving Day and that the land will be sowed in wheat, oats and rye. I predict that the price will be about fifteen cents."

## YOUNG FALSTON MAN KILLED BY MACHINERY

Earl Tillman, 24 year old son of R. A. Tillman was killed Friday of last week when he was struck in the abdomen by the lever of a stump puller. The young man was operating a stump puller when the clevis pin broke and the lever with great force struck him. He walked part of the way home and when his condition was found to be serious, friends rushed him to the Lincolnton Hospital where he died, following an operation. It was found that he had internal injuries which proved fatal. He leaves a wife and three small children. The funeral and interment took place at Bess' Chapel, Lincoln county Saturday amid a great crowd of sorrowing friends.

For flour, hay, oats, mill feed, cotton seed meal and hulls, etc., see Campbell's and save.

## SOCIETY and Club

### Returns from Northern Trip

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson, who have been north for the past ten days, where Mr. Hudson went to purchase the fall and winter stock of merchandise for the Wray-Hudson Department store returned home last Friday. While away they also spent several days at Atlantic City.

### Beam's Enjoy Delightful Motor Trip

Mr. D. A. Beam and family enjoyed a most delightful ten day's motor trip through Eastern Carolina and returned home last Thursday. While away they visited his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wood in Bentonville, stopping over in Durham, Raleigh, and Southern Pines en route home.

### Delightful Shelby Visitor Returns to Raleigh Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Duckett after an extended visit in Shelby as the guests of Misses Mae Kendall, Ruth Mundy, and Mabel Quinn, respectively, and Miss Della Stamey of Fallston returned to their home in Raleigh this week. While guests here they were the recipient of many delightful social courtesies. On last Monday evening Misses Mundy, Stamey, Quinn, and Kendall were dinner hosts in their honor at Cleveland Springs. Mrs. Ladd Hamrick entertained at bridge at her home at Boiling Springs Wednesday evening, Miss Kendall giving a dinner party at her lovely home on North LaFayette St. Thursday night, and Miss Stamey gave an elegant dinner at her home at Fallston on last Friday.

### Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Entertained at Pretty Bridge Party

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palmer were delightful hosts at their home on East Marion street last Friday entertaining at four tables of auction bridge.

The parlor was artistically decorated in a wealth of flowers and a most exciting game of bridge was enjoyed throughout the evening in these inviting surroundings.

When cards were laid aside the hostess assisted by Mesdames Jap Suttle and Charlie Forbes served an elaborate ice course, cream puffs, candies and salted almonds.

Those enjoying this hospitality were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hull, Mesdames E. E. Post of Baltimore, Md., George Moore, Jap Suttle, Charlie Forbes, of Greenville, N. C., Wyeth Royster, Chas. Roberts, Misses Sue Andrews, Bessie Webb, Marion Hull, Annie Miller, Pattie and Elizabeth Roberts.

### Miss Pauline Allen Wtds Mr. Monroe Poston

The marriage of one of Cleveland county's most prominent young couples and interesting a large circle of friends took place Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock when Miss Pauline Allen and Mr. J. Monroe Poston were co-venanted in marriage at the home of Rev. John Suttle in the presence of only a few friends, there being no attendance.

The bride is the winsome and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Allen of near Cleveland Springs, and is beloved by all who know her for her splendid traits of character.

Mr. Poston is the son of Mrs. Daniel Poston of near Shelby, and is one of the county's most prominent and successful young farmers, widely known throughout this section of the state. His hosts of friends wish for him and his bride a happy and useful journey through life.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Poston left for Charlotte and other points on their bridal trip and on their return will make their home on his farm near Shelby.

### Miss Elizabeth Webb Bridge Hostess For Charming Visitors

Miss Elizabeth Webb, the attractive young daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. Y. Webb entertained most delightfully Saturday morning in honor of her two charming house-guests, Miss Ellen Schrim of Savannah, Ga. and Miss Virginia Moore of Gastonia.

The lovely Webb home on South Washington street was gaily and attractively arranged with vases and bowls of pretty cut flowers, bridge being played at three tables. Dainty miniature celluloid umbrellas in pink and blue, were given as souvenirs of the game and when cards were laid aside Mrs. Webb assisted by her niece Mrs. S. R. Riley served an elaborate collation consisting of a salad and an ice course.

Those playing were: Misses Gillman, Adeline Bostick, Dorothy Doyner, Sarah McMurry and guest, Miriam Fields, Margaret Jenkins, Frances

## McBryer, Elizabeth Suttle, Matilda Lattimore, Ellen Schrim, Virginia Moore and Mrs. S. R. Riley.

### Young People Enjoy Delightful Social at The Wray Home

Masters Victor and George Wray, the bright young sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Wray were genial young hosts on last Friday night to about thirty-five of their young contemporaries.

The spacious and beautifully green carpeted lawn of the Wray home was attractively arranged with small tables and potted plants dotted about, and this happy gathering of young people spent a most delightful evening playing progressive conversation and other games.

A delicious ice course was then served at the close of the evening's pleasure.

### NEW SOURCE OF MONEY FOR FARMER FRIENDS

#### Observer Points out What Cleveland Contemplates in Raising Sweet Potatoes (From Charlotte Observer)

The Observer has often thought that the North Carolina Land Owners' Association ought to change its name. Its cognomen naturally indicates an organization having to do with transactions in real estate, while its activities are directed solely to promotion of better agriculture. It is now engaged in promoting the cultivation of the sweet potato as a money crop and is pointing to the fact that the one need for development of this crop is establishment of storage facilities. It develops that in South Carolina 75 curing plants have been built, these having a capacity for handling over 300,000 bushels. The farmers in that State having found that they can make money on sweet potatoes, are going ahead developing that industry on a large scale. The Observer only a day or two ago told of the activities of Mr. Lawrence, the farm agent in Cleveland, in the direction of establishing warehouses in that county to take care of the developing crop. He is going to build ten of these houses in that county and that done, the expectation is that Cleveland will embark on the new money-making enterprise of sweet potato raising. The North Carolina organization submits figures that show how vastly greater the returns from an acre in sweet potatoes over an acre in corn or cotton, wheat or peas. The exhibit is impressive, and the United States Department of Agriculture is the authority. It is put in evidence that an acre in sweet potatoes brings \$119.70. An acre in corn brings \$25.99; and acre in cotton \$38.25; an acre in wheat, \$24.58; an acre in peas \$29.81. This makes a total of \$118.66. So, it is seen, an acre in sweet potatoes brings in more money than an acre in all four of the crops named.

This exhibit alone ought to incline the farmers to run to potatoes. But there are other facts which it is well to pass around. The value of the sweet potato crop in North Carolina in 1919 was \$13,000,000. And half of this crop was lost by lack of storage and curing houses. What is needed in the State to give a hum to the industry is the equipment of all counties in the potato district, as Cleveland is now being equipped, with curing houses and proper storage facilities. This is the great work that is now being done by the co-operative marketing agencies and accomplishing that result alone, these agencies will have justified their existence.

### HUDSON-ESSEX PRICES ARE AGAIN REDUCED

Third Cat Places These Models at Lowest Price They Have Ever Sold

Detroit, Mich. Aug. 17.—A third cut in prices announced today by the producers of Hudson and Essex automobiles puts these well-known models at lower prices than they have ever been sold for.

Of particular interest is the fact that the Hudson super-six is the largest selling fine car and last year sold at \$2,600. The new price places it at \$1,895.

Essex price last year was \$1,795. It is now \$1,375. These prices refer to open touring models. Similar reductions have been made on all models. Officials of the two companies state that heavy sales during the summer have exhausted old inventories, reduced overhead costs, and that they are now able to buy materials at new low costs.

### An Entertainment

There will be an entertainment at St. Peter's school house Friday afternoon, August 26, at the close of the two months subscription school, taught by Miss Bunola Willis. Everybody is invited to come.

## KINCAID GETS 18 YEAR SENTENCE

### 24 Pt KINCAID GETS BURKE CO. MAN TAKES AN APPEAL

#### Lincoln County Jury Finds Him Guilty of Second Degree Murder—Appeal Bond \$10,000.

Morganton, Aug. 20.—Eighteen years at hard labor in the state prison was the sentence pronounced by Judge Bryson this morning for Sidney A. Kincaid, Burke county commissioner, whose trial on charge of wife murder had been in progress since Tuesday. Attorneys for the defendant immediately gave notice of appeal and the court announced an appeal bond of \$250 and an appearance bond of \$10,000.

Kincaid is still in jail but it is said that the bond is being arranged. However, at the clerk's office into this afternoon The Observer correspondent was told that it had not yet been signed. It doubtless will be arranged early next week and Kincaid will be a free man during the three months requested for the preparation of his appeal to the supreme court.

The Lincoln county jury which heard the case deliberated for a little over an hour last night, announcing the verdict of second degree murder at exactly midnight. They left early this morning for their home. Before dismissing them last night Judge Bryson took occasion to commend and thank them for their patient hearing of the case.

It is understood that on first ballot the jury stood three for a first degree verdict and nine for second. In the judge's charge, which is the subject here today of much favorable comment, they were instructed on the elements in the evidence which should guide them in returning first or second degree murder, manslaughter or acquittal.

There is general approval of the verdict and the sentence. The remorse and broken condition of the prisoner elicited such sympathy for him that it would have caused regret at a first degree verdict.

In passing sentence this morning, Judge Bryson departed from what he said was his usual custom and commented to the throng gathered in the court room on the less the tragedy should bring of the effects of blockade liquor, making the statement that on the conscience of the man who sold Sidney Kincaid the liquor should rest much of the blame for the death of his wife.

### Gives Birthday Party

Master Samuel Monroe Weathers, Jr. delightfully entertained 14 of his little friends, each bringing a nice present at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Weathers on West Graham street, Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 p. m. in honor of his seventh birthday. After many games were played, they were ushered into the dining room which was decorated with many beautiful roses, and burning candles. They were served to ice cream, cake, and lemonade.

### JENNINGS CAR IS STOLEN IN ASHEVILLE

The nice Chalmers touring car of County Commissioner W. H. Jennings was stolen Saturday night at Asheville while parked on a street near the Langren Hotel. Hackett Blanton, Jr. drove Mrs. Jennings and some other ladies to Asheville Friday and the car was left on the street for a few minutes. When Hackett returned to get it, the car was gone and there is no trace of the thief. However, the matter has been reported to officials and an effort is being made to locate it.

### EFIRDS INAUGURATES A BIG SALE THIS WEEK

The Efid Department store in this issue announces a combined end of August and blanket sale to begin Friday of this week at which time better and bigger value will be offered to the public. The two page advertisement is worth the attention of our readers for it is fraught with bargains in order to make room for the arrival of fall and winter merchandise.

### FINE MEETING CLOSSES AT CLOVER HILL CHURCH

Mr. D. F. Cook who was a visitor in The Star office Saturday from upper Cleveland reports that a fine meeting closed at Clover Hill Methodist church Friday night. Rev. M. P. Cordell did the preaching and the services were largely attended. There were 24 professions of faith and ten additions to the church during the meeting.