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CLEVELAND AGAIN MINUS ON ROADS

KISTLER'S ROAD PROGRAM IS ASSAILED.

Funds Of Cleveland And Other Counties Go To Make Up Others' Over-Allotments.

The people of Cleveland and Rutherford counties are aroused and discussing indignantly what appears to them to be a discrimination in the distribution of funds of the ninth district in the state highway program...

Another Issue?

The ire of the two counties, which has been slumbering since the reign of McBee, Kistler's predecessor, who shortened the allotment of the two counties to the evident benefit of others...

It will be remembered that John B. McBee, the first road commissioner of the district resigned following charges by practically every county in the district that funds allotted there were being used in his home county of Mitchell...

Heavy Travelled Road.

His statement was taken as made. The Charlotte-Asheville highway leading through Kings Mountain, Shelby and Rutherford, is one of the heaviest traveled roads in North Carolina...

At the conference, held last week, the commissioner told those present that he intended to carry through his program in McDowell and that this program would naturally take part of the appropriation allotted, the other counties in the district...

Billy Sunday May Visit Shelby Soon

Noted Evangelist Has Been Invited to Spend Day at Cleveland Springs Hotel.

Billy Sunday, the noted evangelist, has tentatively accepted an invitation to spend Monday, January 21, at Cleveland Springs, should Mr. Sunday come he will be accompanied by his evangelistic party...

The evangelist, who is drawing such large crowds to the Charlotte tabernacle, does not conduct any meetings on Mondays and being aware of this fact Manager Vanstony, of Cleveland Springs, extended an invitation to Mr. Sunday and his party through Clarence O. Kuester...

Should Mr. Sunday definitely decide to come Mr. Vanstony says he will hold a reception during the day at which time an opportunity to meet the evangelist will be offered Shelby and Cleveland people.

The following item from the one-minute page of the Charlotte Observer shows what kind of welcome Mr. Kuester expects the evangelist to receive at Cleveland Springs:

"Mr. Sunday has two delightful visits ahead," said Kuester Wednesday. "A wire came Wednesday from Manager Vanstony, of Cleveland Springs, inviting Mr. Sunday and party to be his guests Monday next, and tendering them the use of the golf links, all the water they could drink, all that they could eat of the fat of the land, and the heartiest of welcome from the management and everybody in Cleveland county with the big men of Shelby thrown in."

MR. JACOB LEDFORD DIES AT THE AGE OF EIGHTY-TWO

A recent death notice appearing in The Star noted the passing of John C. Ledford when it should have been Jacob C. Ledford who died at the home of his son Zollie Ledford in Lower Cleveland at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Ledford was the second son of the late E. E. and Fanny Ledford. He was married to Rachael Costner, daughter of Daniel Costner and to this union was born six children, T. V. Ledford, Mrs. Lee Bell, Mrs. T. R. ell, Mrs. D. J. Lovelace, Zollie Ledford and Mrs. Rufus Sanders. He has 30 living grand children and great grandchildren. His devoted wife passed away November 11, 1907 and since that time he has been living with his children.

The county commissioners expressed their interest in the health of the county by appropriating \$3,000 for bovine tubercular eradication. According to department representatives Lincoln county agreed to appropriate for the test work provided Gaston would, Gaston had the same feeling provided Cleveland done so, and now with this county's endorsement three counties have decided to have healthier dairy and home herds.

Rutherford will lose around \$150,000 of her original share. Estimating on this basis Cleveland and Rutherford counties will actually receive only 83 per cent of their allotted share under the state plan of division.

Not McDowell's Fault.

Under McBee, Cleveland county, one of the largest counties in the district, received 14 miles of hardsurface—Kings Mountain to Shelby. According to the plans made known by Commissioner Kistler at the conference last week only two and a fraction more miles can be constructed under his program. This means 16 miles for the county out of an original allotment of \$793,057, with a similar deal in Rutherford, and it is hard for the people of the two counties, who were strong for the North Carolina road program, to understand why Kistler's latest plans could be considered equitable and just to the seven other counties in the district besides McDowell, Mitchell and Henderson.

It is not the opinion of local people that McDowell is to be blamed for more than her allotted share being used on the central highway, but considering the natural barriers and obstructions in the county it seems that the project should be completed by the state and not at the expense of the allotments of the other counties in the district.

ORGANIZE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

MASS MEETING IS CALLED FOR MONDAY

Each Township Represented on Board to Promote Progressive Agriculture in County

At a meeting held Wednesday afternoon in the office of County Agent R. E. Lawrence and attended by leading farmers of practically every township in the county a county board of agriculture for Cleveland county was organized. The new board, which is another move towards placing the farming industry on a systematic basis, will meet the first Monday in each month similar to the boards of education and commissioners to take up anything that is for the better interest of the farmers of the county or that will promote agriculture in the county.

The board will be made up of eleven men, one from each township in the county. Officers of the new organization named Wednesday are: O. Max Gardner, president; J. B. Attmore of Lattimore, vice-president; Wayne L. Ware of Kings Mountain, secretary-treasurer. Seven members of the board, who were in attendance Wednesday, have already been named. They are: Jasper Y. Hamrick, of No. 2 township; C. S. Rollins, of No. 3; Wayne L. Ware, of No. 4; O. M. Gardner of No. 6; J. B. Lattimore, of No. 7; E. I. Westhers, of No. 8, and Edney Willis, of No. 10. The four remaining members, leading farmers of townships No. 1, 5, 9 and 11 will be named at an early date.

Mass Meeting on Monday.

The newly-organized board following the perfection of the organization Wednesday decided to call a mass meeting of all Cleveland county farmers to be held in the court house here Monday, January 14, at 10:30 o'clock. This is one of the first mass moves for improved farming in a county already held out as an example to others and should bring out every farmer within the boundaries of the county. The meeting will be in interest of better fertilization and present that day will be two speakers thoroughly familiar with the subject: W. F. Pate, of the State college extension service, and Dr. Skinner, from the bureau of plant industry at Washington. Local farmers and members of the new board will also make talks to the assemblage.

This meeting will be an initial movement in a fertilizer campaign staged to acquaint the farm folk of the county with the different uses of fertilizers in growing crops, the home mixing of fertilizers and methods of figuring out fertilizer formulas.

Following the fertilizer campaign a county wide maintenance campaign will be put on for the purpose of improving in appearance and durability the farm houses and barns in the county. These are only two of the initial steps of the board, which will endeavor the year through to aid in any progressive agricultural work.

Recorder's Court Brings In \$9,758.33

\$8,544.90 Of Fines And Costs During Year Of 1923 Goes To County School Fund.

A summary of the docket of the Cleveland county recorder's court for the year of 1923 shows that total fines and costs collected by the court during the year totalled \$9,758.33. This makes an average of about \$795 collected each month by the court in fines and costs. \$3,544.90 of the total amount goes to the county school fund. This money together with dog and poll tax being used in covering the expense of operating and equipping the county schools. The remainder, of \$1,213.43, goes to the general county fund.

During the year there were 601 submissions and convictions in the court as compared with 126 acquittals. The road and jail sentences during the year's grind of the court was not tallied, but the number of fines imposed is considerably larger than the number of road and jail sentences.

The county recorder's court has been functioning in this county for 12 years. An act was passed in the legislature of 1911 authorizing the court and H. T. Hudson was the first recorder. He was followed by J. A. Anthony, who was succeeded by Judge R. T. Falls, the present recorder, in February 1916.

"Hear Billy Sunday once a week or go to jail," Judge Stack told Charlotte gamblers Tuesday. The jurist evidently wants Billy to have the best of material to work on.

Our idea of eternal hate is defined in the Paris woman who died recently leaving her husband a large sum of money on the condition that he stay away from her funeral.

Baptists to Have Day Fasting and Prayer

January 16th Is Set Apart By The Baptists Of North Carolina To Be Observed This Way.

At the request of the Pastor's conference and workers council of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association I wish to call to your attention the day of fasting and prayer set apart by the State Baptist convention in Gastonia in December. It was decided that Wednesday January 16th be used in all the churches of the state as a special day of prayer and fasting in which so far as practicable we should meet in our churches and unite in prayers of Thanksgiving and petition for the blessings of God. God has been exceedingly good to us as a people during the year gone and we are under obligation to Him to keep close to Him during the New Year. We are very anxious that this day shall be generally observed by the people of our association, especially for the good that shall come to us in a spiritual way and the good that shall go out from us through such service as we may be able to do when we have prayed. We hope that every member of a Baptist church who shall see this request shall bring the matter to the attention of their church and arrange for the public meeting of the church on that day or on some day as near that date as can be arranged. I have a feeling that it should be some other day than Sunday. In case no public meetings can be arranged in your church remember as individuals that we are called to prayer with fasting and keep the day so far as we can with ourselves, our families and our neighbors. It has been suggested that where it will not be convenient for all the people to go at one time of the day that the church be kept open and three or four short services be held during the day. Let us come back to God in humility and depending on Him let us determine to do our utmost during this year for Him and the Kingdom. It is a personal feeling of mine that it would be a fine thing for us on this day to bring to the altar a special offering for kingdom work. May the Lord of all blessing bless us in this great undertaking!

W. O. JOHNSON.

First Baptist Church

Bible school meets as usual at 10 a. m. Great lesson and enjoyable worship. Be in your place—on time. This will be your first real good chance to be at church and Sunday school in this year.

The pastor's subject at the morning hour will be, "Our First Duty as Church Members." Good music and a cordial welcome. Come and see.

Subject of the evening sermon will be, "Hiding Our Faces." This will be a practical appeal for better Christian living as well as for beginning the Christian life now. Young people are especially invited. All welcome.

Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Evening worship at 7:00 o'clock.

Wednesday evening meeting at 7 o'clock. This is a meeting for worship and instruction and each Wednesday evening there will be some special feature in the service.

MISS SARA GREEN BURIED AT ZION DECEMBER 14TH

Miss Sara Green who lived with her two sisters on the Cleveland Springs road died December 13th at the age of 57 years and was buried December 14th at Zion Baptist church, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Rush Padgett. She had been a member of Ross Grove church for 40 years and was a woman much admired by her many friends. She was a faithful worker and known to many Shelby people to whom the news of her death is learned with regret. Surviving are three sisters and two brothers. Notice of her death would have appeared earlier, but information was slow coming to the attention of The Star.

Central Methodist Church.

Sunday school Sunday at 9:15. Interesting classes for all. If you are a member of the school may we not count on you to be present? If you are not we most cordially invite you to join.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor subject "Have We Been True to Our Trust." At 7 p. m. the pastor will have for the subject, "If I Were a Boy." All are most cordially invited. Parents are urged to be present with their children especially for the evening service.

Campbell Department store at Lawdale has just received a car of 5V galvanized roofing. See them before you buy.

Campbell Dept. store Lawdale has a complete line of the noted "Oliver" plows and parts.

WATER SUPPLY IS BEING IMPROVED

BOARD OF HEALTH MEN GIVE ADVICE.

Advise New Pump Station, But Present One Will Be Improved. Health Men and Aldermen Tilt

Although some members of the town council were firm in their conviction that clear water is easier purified than muddy water, Chief Engineer Miller and Mr. Beatty, representatives of the state board of health dropped in Wednesday night to advise any contemplated improvements and convinced the council that muddy water is easier to purify than clear water. The town authorities had planned to buy a million gallon settling basin at the pump station to hold a supply of water to be called into use when the river gets muddy because of rains, but the representatives from the state board of health argued that this is not the remedy and such an expenditure would be practically worthless. The board of health men advised a new and more modern plant at the pump station, but the council thought this prohibitive in cost, so certain improvements will be made at once at a cost of several hundred dollars which will make the plant meet the needs of the town for at least several years. So instead of building a new settling basin at a cost of \$6,000, new sand will be placed in the present basins, new filter heads installed and other improvements made that will put the plant in passable condition at a cost of only a few hundred dollars.

Certain members of the town council had a word to tilt with the board of health representatives over their difference of ideas in clearing muddy and clear water, but at the close of the discussion the health board representatives had convinced them that muddy water is easier to clear and purify than clear water. The water supply a month ago was not up to state health requirements, but since that time it has been greatly improved and the proposed improvements will make the plant pass the state board's standard.

The board of health representatives assured the council that a chemist will be furnished for a few weeks to instruct the present pump station man, Mr. Frank Crane in the operation of the plant and especially in the proportions of chemicals to use.

While there were word tilts between the board of health men and the aldermen, it was all in a good natured way and resulted in the exchange of valuable information on the operation of water plants.

Blastus White Died On East Graham St.

Talented Young Musician Succumbs to Sirax Gland Trouble—Buried at Double Springs Cemetery.

Mr. Blastus White, age 32 years, and son of Mrs. Margaret White died at his mother's home on East Graham street Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock following an illness since last August from a peculiar gland trouble for which physicians and doctors in two hospitals found no remedy. Mr. White was a very talented young musician, having been educated at the State school for the blind at Raleigh where he made a special study of music. Mr. White could play most any instrument and was possessed with an unusual talent for music. Since his school days he devoted his time to piano tuning in which he was very proficient.

Mr. White was a member of the First Baptist church of Shelby and a highly consecrated young man with a host of friends to whom the news of death will be learned with deep sorrow. He is survived by his mother, one brother, N. O. White and the following sisters, Mrs. Tom Green, Mrs. Julius W. Branton, Mrs. B. Allen, Mrs. C. A. Blanton, of Gastonia, and Misses Edith and Susan White who live at home.

The funeral was conducted yesterday both from the residence on East Graham and at the Double Springs Baptist church by Revs. R. L. Lemons, D. G. Washburn and W. G. Camp.

Take your produce to Campbell Department Stores for best results. Remember a dollar's worth of produce will buy as much as a dollar cash.

"Riding on the Rail" and being a "Dark Horse" are evidently two different things. Bryan made it plain that Jo. Daniels will not be his choice for the democratic presidential nominee.

If you are needing anything in furniture of any kind, rugs, stoves, ranges, heaters, etc., the best thing you can do is to see Campbell Dept. Store, Lawdale.

Cleveland Eggs Now Are Much In Demand

First Egg Association in State Meeting With Success In Handling a Product.

Among the things that belong to the by-gone days in Cleveland county is the old half-bushel basket with its cotton seed as a method of transporting the eggs of the county to market. An attractive carton labelled with the guarantee of "eggs of quality" by the Cleveland County Cooperative Egg Producers Association has taken its place. With the passing of the basket and its cotton seed comes a new honor to the county. Formerly eggs were eggs, some were good and others were not so good, but now strictly fresh Cleveland county eggs are much in demand. Prominent caterers, cafeterias and produce men are already calling for eggs they know to be good, the kind their customers demand and it is safe to say one year from now people who are "choicy" about their food will be demanding eggs that come from the Bluefield cartons shipped weekly out of Cleveland county.

And again systematic marketing is proving beneficial to the farmer. The Cleveland County Egg Producers Association was the first of the kind in North Carolina and other communities are watching with interest the outcome of the new organization. Sixty-nine farmers with a total of 5,500 hens have already listed with the association, which has its headquarters in the store building on North Washington street just south of the Seaboard depot. There the eggs are candled, graded, packed in the attractive cartons and shipped to all sections of the country. Twice each week farmers belonging to the association gather up their eggs and bring them to Manager W. L. Pedgett, who is in charge of the grading and marketing. From the candling process only three grades of eggs result. The "No. 1 egg," the kind that makes the big hotel stewards smile as they open them; the "No. 2 egg," which is just as good in quality but slightly smaller than one and five-eighths inches in diameter, and the "No. 3 egg" of the same quality but with a slight crack or defect in appearance. No "bad eggs" ever see the interior of the carton and this is cause enough for the demand that has already been created for eggs guaranteed by a county of farmers to be strictly fresh.

County Commissioners Pay Monthly Bills

With the exception of leasing a portion of the county home tract to Fair association and making an appropriation for bovine tubercular work the county commissioners transacted little important business Monday. Something definite will likely be done at the next meeting concerning the new jail, it is said.

P. C. Lavender rent for hay bale \$6.00; Elizabeth Pruet, damage by rabid dog \$15; D. A. Costner, damage by rabid dog \$15; T. P. Jenks work on seal \$2.50; W. A. Parker damage by rabid dog \$26; L. G. Hawkins bridge work \$8; D. P. Washburn, bridge work \$2.50; J. D. Elliott bridge work \$3.75; J. R. Lee, lumber and labor, \$25; Shelby hospital, professional service for pauper \$25; H. T. Fulton, burial expenses of pauper \$10; Campbell department store supplies for home \$15.45; T. O. Grigg dental work, \$9; County home bills, \$65.65; T. P. Eskridge, supplies \$35.55; H. A. Logan, trips, expenses and incidentals, \$69.95; T. C. Eskridge, coroners inquest \$46.50; J. D. Lineberger's sons, supplies \$2.50; Paul Poston supplies \$2.41; Paragon Furniture Co., supplies \$16; Southern Express company, express \$1.21; Jno. M. Best, \$12.50; Shelby Printing Co., supplies, \$3.25; Arey Brothers, oil \$8.78; Commercial Printery, supplies \$3.50; Inna Wallace, home agent, \$25 R. E. Lawrence, county agent, \$100; Piedmont Telephone Co., \$21.15; Walter and Light plant \$38.58; L. A. Blanton, rabid dog ramake, \$12; Washburn company, supplies \$11.35; Arcade Furniture Co., \$3; E. W. Dixon, capturing still, \$20; Blanton Electric Co., supplies \$4.80; Eagle Roller Mill, supplies, \$12; Wray-Hudson Co., supplies \$18.38; Star Publishing Co., supplies, \$22; F. D. Wilson capturing still, \$20; R. B. Kendrick, trip to Gastonia \$6.50; Corkins Chemical Co., supplies \$42.75; L. C. Walker, bridge work, \$2; W. R. Newton, insurance \$8.75; L. J. Wiggins, bridge work \$9; Walker-Evans index \$84; Shelby Printing Co., supplies, \$8; F. D. Wilson, official expenses, \$6; A. E. Cline, services as commissioner \$96; T. W. Hamrick, supplies, \$2.75; G. E. Canipe, damage by rabid dog \$78.55.

Union Trust Pays 3 per cent.

The stockholders meeting of the Union Trust company will not be held until Tuesday of next week, but dividend checks on the capital stock of \$100,000 were mailed out last week to the amount of three per cent semi-annual, a total of \$3,000. \$15,000 was added to surplus, making the surplus now \$20,000. The Union Trust company maintains branch institutions at Fallston, Lawdale and Lattimore and is serving the agricultural interest in those communities in a most commendable way. The Union Trust company's total resources are now \$973,556.43.

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BANK RESOURCES NEAR 6 MILLIONS

THREE SHELBY INSTITUTIONS STRONG.

All Pay Dividends And Make Fine Reports for 1923. Growth Has Been Gratifying.

The total banking resources of the three banking institutions of Shelby is \$5,928,555.47 according to published statements as of December 31 and at the annual meetings of the stockholders of these three strong banks, most gratifying reports were made, the year 1923 being the best year in the history of banking. The three banks paid a total of \$23,000 in dividends to their shareholders, and placed substantial amounts to surplus and undivided profits accounts. The deposits run into the millions, indicating most prosperous condition of the country and each bank official expresses confidence in the business conditions for the New Year. The banks have been very generous in the matter of loans and have been the means of aiding farmers, merchants, manufacturers and others in a way that is hardly equalled in any other community.

First National Pays 6 per cent.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National was held in the directors' room Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock when the annual statement as previously published was read and was the cause for favorable comments by the shareholders present. Under motion of O. Max Gardner, the shareholders unanimously approved the purchase of the Miller block by the directors with a view of ultimately building a home for the bank. The First National paid its semi-annual dividend of six per cent on a capital of \$250,000 amounting to \$15,000 and the following directors were elected: Chas. C. Blanton, John F. Schenck, A. C. Miller, James L. Webb, L. A. Gettys, Clyde R. Hoey, O. M. Gardner, J. F. Roberts, Paul Webb, George Blanton and Forrest Eskridge. The First National's tellers, book-keepers and clerks are C. S. Mull, O. Paxton Elliott, S. B. Wilson, Winfred Dorsey, Alex. Hoyle, Jesse Bridges, Mises Ora Eskridge, Catherine and Jennie Carpenter.

Cleveland Bank's Growth.

The stockholders meeting of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company was also held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the director's room, there being a large attendance of shareholders who complimented the bank's fine showing. The bank is only a little over three years old but has paid two annual dividends, paying this year four per cent on its capital of \$125,000 amounting to \$5,000. All departments of the bank are in fine shape and the business is rapidly expanding, the total resources passing the three quarter of a million mark. The following directors were elected: R. E. Campbell, J. B. Lowery, H. Fields Young, Rush Hamrick, Fred R. Morgan, Z. J. Thompson, J. L. Suttle, W. J. Arey, J. J. Lattimore, J. E. Webb and William Lineberger. The bank owns its handsome and commodious home and is encouraging thrift in many ways. Wm. Lineberger is popular president, J. J. Lattimore cashier, J. L. Suttle manager insurance department, Harold Griffin and Miss Lottie Mae Hendrick clerks.

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