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OUR ROAD MONEY.

Out of the \$793,057 allotted Cleveland county in the original state highway program from the fifty and fifteen million dollar appropriations is the county to receive only \$645,932. If now seems that way, and the deposed McBee is responsible for that part of our allotment we have received and not Kistler, the present road commissioner of the district. If Cleveland, Rutherford and five other counties in the district were to get only what was "left over" from the work in the other counties why not have told the people of these counties that in the first place and not have them expecting an equal share of the allotment given this road district?

Cleveland was to have received \$793,057. While McBee was commissioner contracts were let for \$555,932 of this amount. The remainder of the county's share was not awarded during his term because some of the counties in the district had taken more than their allotment in highways and it was necessary to make up this over allotment from the shares of the other counties in the district. McBee sought another profession, at least he is not road commissioner now. A. M. Kistler of Morganton succeeded him. Last March Kistler assured representative men of the county that we would receive remainder of our allotted share. Last week tables turned, the commissioner, called in conference here, says the county will only get about \$90,000 more or what is left from our portion after enough has been taken from it and the shares of other counties in the district to pay for the highway being constructed through McDowell county.

McDowell county has natural barriers against road construction, but a little vision at the time the district's appropriation was divided among the counties would have told this. Provision might have been made for the McDowell work. McDowell can not be blamed for the additional work necessary in that county, neither can the other counties in the district. The cost of the work should have been borne by the state as a whole and not at the expense of a few counties in the same district that will never derive any more benefit from the road, the central highway than Pasquotank or Pamlico or any of the eastern counties.

Out of the appropriation for highways that have made North Carolina famous, Cleveland county, one of the largest in this district and rated as an agricultural leader, has received 14 miles and may receive two or more miles of paved road. Rutherford, our neighbor to the west, gets about the same treatment. In fact the two counties will receive only about 83 per cent of their allotted share. It is to be wondered how those at the head of the highway program think another road bond issue would be taken by the counties in this district that have received only about three-fourths of their allotted share because they have been forced to play Good Samaritan to a few other counties in the district.

THE NEW BOARD

Cleveland county is the fourth largest cotton producing county in the state—Cleveland county is considered the typical farm county of North Carolina—Cleveland county is visited frequently by delegations of farmers from other counties in the state seeking first hand information on the county's successful farm program. These three things, boosts to a coming county, were made possible through a wide-awake extension service in co-operation with a farm folk that is always eager to co-operate in anything for the improvement of their county. Wednesday a board to represent these farmers and to give added impetus to an intensive farm program was organized. One of the first moves of this board, which is truly representative, being made up of a farmer from each township, was to call a mass meeting of all the farmers of the county to be held Monday at 10:30 in the court-house. The meeting will be based around "better fertilization" and should prove highly beneficial to all who attend.

The head of a delegation of farmers that recently visited Cleveland from another county attributed our farm success to "better fertilization and quicker cultivation." The December report of the Farm Forecaster shows that Cleveland led all other counties in the Central Piedmont district in the use of commercial fertilizers, using during the year of 1923 22,353 tons. Cleveland has stepped to the forefront of North Carolina farm counties and thrown her challenge far and wide as an agricultural leader, but the other counties are not lagging behind and if Cleveland de-

sires to hold the honors that have come to her in recent years she must continue to work with increased zeal and cooperation towards that end. A board of agriculture for the county should be one of the greatest factors in the county's future progress, but it must be supported by the farmers of the county. A large attendance at the mass meeting Monday is a mighty good way of showing co-operation at the outset.

Mr. Kennedy is Proud He Moved to Cleveland

To the Editor of The Star.
 Please allow me a space in your paper to express myself to the people of Shelby and Cleveland county for the kindness they have already shown me and those that have volunteered to assist me in any way possible. I am thankful of that. I believe that Shelby is the friendliest town I was ever in. Now allow me a few words in regard to Mr. M. L. Spangler. I am thankful that I came in contact with him for talking me into the notion of leaving Kings Creek hills and coming up here in the Sharon community of Cleveland county which I believe is a nice place to live. I found him honest and straight in all dealings I have had with him.

On New Year's eve the young and older people of this community gave us a nice serenade which we enjoyed very much. It seemed to make the tar stick to my heels. On next meeting day at Poplar Springs I and my family will place our letters with that church if it be God's will. I think then I will be a full Tar Heel. Let us be thankful for the new year and let us look to God for guidance and to direct us in the right way. May God help us all.

S. E. KENNEDY

Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

South Leafyette school building. Rev. N. D. Yount, pastor, 419 N. Lafayette street.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock, R. R. Huit, superintendent. Lesson subject, "The Boyhood of Jesus."

Morning worship, 11 o'clock, subject "Finding the Christ." Evening worship, 7 o'clock, subject "The House of the Lord."

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Let us, at the beginning of this year, think what it means to put on Christ, that our lives may ever count for Christ and His Service. And who can come to our services will receive a hearty welcome, those who cannot be with us will be remembered in prayer anyway.

JOHN OLIVER SISK DIES AT LILY MILL JANUARY 4.

Mr. John Oliver Sisk, born September 11, 1863 died at the Lily Mill January 4th at the age of 60 years, three months and 22 days. Mr. Sisk was a faithful employe at the Lily mill for many years and was held in high esteem by his employers and his associates. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Stallings and the interment took place at St. Paul church Sunday afternoon January 6. Surviving at his wife, ten children, five brothers, three sisters and his aged mother.

CLEVELAND SPRINGS GETS SOME FREE PUBLICITY

Charlotte Observer.
 We note in some of the New England papers an advertisement running to this effect: "Cleveland Springs Hotel; open all the year; climate delightful, mineral water famous; all amusements; excellent service and foods, Shelby, North Carolina." Which goes to indicate that the Cleveland Springs Hotel management has a good head on it.

North Carolina Ahead Again.

Raleigh News and Observer.
 A man in Illinois is boasting in the papers of "having an ear of corn with 28 rows, containing 1,560 grains, and challenges any farmer to beat it."
 Mr. Henry N. Clark, of Norfleet, Halifax county, North Carolina, informs us that he has an ear of corn 10 inches around, weights one and a half pounds, has 32 rows of corn and 1,680 grains.

CUTS OFF HIS NOSE AND THEN HAS IT SEWED BACK

C. C. Cartwright, a plasterer working on a new building at Johnson City, Tenn., Thursday afternoon, cut off his own nose with a trowel which he accidentally passed too close to his face while transferring mortar to scaffolding above him. The severed member hanging by only a small fragment of skin, was sewed back in place at once and the surgeon said it would heal and become normal.

Don't fail to see the complete line of the famous "Spach" wagons at Campbell Dept. Store, Lawndale, Ad.

Some of these movie stars must have been named over radio considering the way they spell their names.

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December 31st, 1923

Condensed from Report to Corporation Commission

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and \$741,833.24	Capital \$ 100,000.00
Discounts 976.59	Surplus 20,000.00
Overdrafts 5,500.00	Undivided Profits 2,469.40
Real Estate Owned	Reserved for Inter-
Furniture and 6,500.00	est and Taxes .. 12,620.40
Fixtures 6,500.00	Dividend No. 3 3,000.00
Stocks and Bonds .. 10,500.00	Deposits 835,466.63
Cash on hand and due from other banks 208,246.60	
TOTAL \$973,556.43	TOTAL \$973,556.43

From the above statement, which is the largest ever published by this young and growing banking institution you will notice the surplus Fund has been increased to Twenty Thousand Dollars, making added strength an 1 protection for depositors. Also notice the cash and reserves amounting to \$208,000.00, practically twenty-five per cent of the deposit account. Total deposits now are over Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars and Resources nearly One Million Dollars. The UNION TRUST CO., serves a large scope of the most prosperous territory of Cleveland County and an account at this growing bank will prove a distinct advantage.

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