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CLEVELAND COUNTY FAIR SHOULD EQUAL ANY COUNTY FAIR IN STATE OF N. C.

**County Has Made More Progress Agriculturally
In Past 10 Years Than Any In State, Max
Gardner Declares—Future Of Town Visioned
In Farm And Business Prosperity, Banks, Man-
ufacturing, Building, Citizenship and Climate.**

"Cleveland county this fall should have the largest attended and a better diversified agricultural exhibit than any county fair ever held in North Carolina," said O. Max Gardner, chairman of the county board of agriculture in connection with the organization here today of the Cleveland County Fair association. "If there is a county in the state that can stage a successful fair, Cleveland—considered by the leading farm papers of the world and state agricultural leaders as the 'typical farm county of North Carolina'—should be able to do so." And the facts bear out Mr. Gardner's statement.

Farm Products Total Nine Millions.
The county has undoubtedly made more agricultural progress in the last ten years than any county in North Carolina. Last year Cleveland county produced near 40,000 bales of cotton, three and one-half times the amount produced only six years before. The county is the leading dairy county in North Carolina. One-fourth of the creamery butter made in North Carolina is made in this county, the creameries here last year producing 450,811 pounds of butter. In addition to a six and one-half million dollar cotton crop, the county leads in diversified agriculture. Farmers of the county raise 80 per cent. of their food and feed supplies in addition to a \$100,000 wheat crop. The 8,000 cows in the county were worth \$500,000 in dairy products last year. With the first organized egg marketing association in the state the farmers of the county last year realized \$300,000 from the sale of eggs and poultry. It is a mammoth statement but agricultural products last year brought county over nine million iron men, and conservative facts and figures back the statement.

Winners to Start.
"A fair is based on agricultural products," said Mr. Gardner, "but Cleveland has more than the base to begin with. For several years at state and county fairs, especially the Gaston county fair, exhibits from this county have won leading honors. In many farm homes over this county are prized ribbons and cups won at agricultural fairs. If we have exhibits that can take honors away from home we should have here an agricultural exhibit unequalled in the Piedmont."

The fair movement was first started by the Kiwanis club, of which O. M. Mull is now president, and the initial step was taken at a joint meeting of the club and the Kings Mountain chamber of commerce. Selected committees with representative farmers of each section of the county canvassed the county for stock and with the organization today a large amount of the fixed quota has been subscribed.

Farm Inventory.
Dairy products, eggs and poultry, what farm folks once considered only "extra money" products, in 1923 increased the bank accounts of Cleveland county farmers over \$800,000. The five leading crops in the county during 1923 as prepared by County Agent Lawrence show a total value of \$8,806,285:

39,190 bales of cotton and seed	\$6,500,000.00
1,086,168 bushels corn at \$1.00 per bushel	1,086,168.00
Dairy products	582,400.00
Eggs and poultry sold	300,000.00
7,156 hogs at 10c per lb.	715,600.00
113,876 bushels sweet potatoes at \$1.00	113,876.00
74,060 bushels wheat at \$1.36 per bushel	100,721.00

The county averaged almost a bale of cotton for every acre planted. Only 48 thousand acres were planted in the county and according to the last gin report near 40 thousand bales had been ginned.

Shown in Bank Business.
The county's stride agriculturally and industrially is shown in the banking business carried on in the county during 1923. The year was the greatest in the history of the county in every way, but the class of citizenship is shown in the increase in savings accounts, bank resources and every detail of the banking business. Total resources of Cleveland county banks at the end of business last year were \$7,740,681. Of the seven and three-quarter million resources the three Shelby banks have nearly six million. Every one of the eight banking houses in the county show substantial and gratifying gains over the previous year. While there are only

eight banking institutions in the county, there are 12 different bank buildings, one bank maintaining three branch banks in addition to the main bank here. Estimating the county's population at 38,000, which is quite liberal, the strength of the banks shows \$2,000 for every man, woman and child in the county, white and black. If there is anything of the "die-with-birth" boom in the progress of Cleveland county it is not shown by banking strength.

Factories Eat up Cotton.
Although the county produces 40,000 bales of cotton and is the third leading cotton county in the state, the textile plants in the county consume more cotton than the county can produce. There are 22 textile plants in the county in addition to lumber and flour mills, and a good number at that, considering that the neighboring county of Gaston is the cotton manufacturing center of the south. The products of Cleveland textile plants are varied. Recently a group of local plants placed on the local retail market fancy shirting, made from Cleveland county cotton, in Cleveland county mills to be worn by Cleveland people. The major portion of the county industry is owned or operated by local interests, yet one item on the local Kiwanis club program of development is "more industry." There is room and success for more industry here and it will come in 1924.

A Million Dollar Building Program.
More business and residential real estate in Shelby and farm lands in the county have been on and off the real estate mart in the past few months than in any doable period of time in by-gone history. Practically every issue of this paper since the first day of 1924 has featured a big real estate deal, some of them larger than any in the town's history. The future of the town can be visioned in a recent sale where a record price per front foot—\$1,600—was set on Shelby real estate. It is estimated that approximately one-half million dollars worth of real estate has changed hands as figured in a transaction in Shelby since January 1.

A building boom, as usual brought on the big real estate deals. Shelby is the fourth largest building and loan town in North Carolina. The steady, sure hand of progress in wiping out old landmarks of a thriving and growing town is shown in the proposed erection of a modern six-story apartment building, where now stands the old dilapidated green house that sheltered Tom Dixon, the international writer in his youth. In the house where Dixon no doubt got his first glimpse of that southern life portrayed in that great film, "The Birth of a Nation," will soon play the children of many families, as is the way in apartment houses. Building now under way in Shelby or proposed at an early date will total around one million dollars, yet more is coming.

Citizenship and Climate.
"The biggest attraction Cleveland county offers to the outsider is her hospitable, open-minded citizenship," said a prominent visitor recently. The statement is true. Back in the pioneer days of the state, a group of trail-blazing Baptist and Methodist preachers, early educators, lawyers and an industrious, cheery farm folk settled the county, and the strain remains. The county is famed today for its prominent men—statesmen, educators, lawyers, writers and doctors. And as Clarence Kuester, of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, expressed on Billy Sunday's late visit here: "Billy Sunday will never find a more hospitable or friendly people than in Shelby and Cleveland county." Just the kind of place every man has as his ideal in which to bring up and educate a family.

Bad weather creates a grouchy disposition and, probably that is why Cleveland people are so friendly. No section of North Carolina has a more healthy year-round climate. The climate uniformly far exceeds that of the eastern sandhills or of the western mountain section. Just a few minutes out of Shelby is a resort—Cleveland Springs—that as a year-round mecca is attracting people from many states, and if predictions are not far amiss the popular Piedmont resort will soon enjoy a nation-wide fame.

Miss Margaret Morgan has returned from Monroe, where she was the guest of Mrs. Robert Laney.

CHORAL CONCERT TUESDAY EVENING

Club Will Give Public Concert at the Central School Auditorium At 8 O'clock.

The Shelby Choral and Dramatic club will appear in public concert on Tuesday evening March 18, at 8 o'clock in the Central high school auditorium. The program of Tuesday evening is a little varied from other programs given, being more of a dramatic nature.

The popularity of the club is attested not only by the response of local people, but also by those of other sections. On Friday night the club will appear in concert at Rutherfordton. Four concerts have already been given here and were well-attended, especially the sacred concert at the First Baptist church. The concert Tuesday evening will be given for the benefit of the public library.

The program, announced by Director W. Fife Robertson, is as follows: Orchestra selection. Chorus—From "Il Trovatore." "Pickaninny Lullaby." Sketch—"Gertrude Mason, M. D." (seven characters). Male quartet—"Ol' Carolina." "Sal the Doggoned." Sketch—"Box and Cox" (three characters). Chorus—"Love's Old Sweet Song." "Sweet and Low."

Fined For Injury To Personal Property

A. F. Champion Draws Fine for Breaking Sandstone Blocks to Be Used in New Church.

A case in recorder's court Wednesday that attracted much attention was that of A. F. Champion, charged with malicious injury to personal property. The injury in question was material to have been used in construction of the new Central church building on the corner of Washington and Marion streets and was property of the J. P. Little and Sons Construction company, of Charlotte.

According to the evidence heard the construction company had secured both written and oral permission from city officials to place certain materials along the side of the street and curb across the street from the church and in front of the Champion home. Champion is said to have objected to the material being placed there, and is also said to have written the headquarters of the construction company at Charlotte regarding the matter. About 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon the material, sandstone blocks valued at around \$1,500 was thrown back from the curb and broken or otherwise injured so as to be worthless for the construction work.

A foreman on the construction job testified that he had seen the blocks thrown over, but Champion placed on the stand denied having anything to do with it. Judge Falls evidently not satisfied with the evidence submitted sent to one of the school buildings for Champion's 16-year-old son, Porter, he testified that he and his father and two others had thrown over the blocks. The evidence of the boy proved damaging to the defendant, who was fined \$50.

Other Cases Heard.
John Pruett, of the Caesar section, charged with public drunkenness and forcible trespass, was given four months after he refused to tell the court where he secured his liquor. The sentence was appealed and bond set at \$500, which was not given.

Jess Robinson and Frank Jones, submitted to gambling and were fined \$25 and the costs each. Robinson and Jones were members of a party caught gambling near the Ella Mill Saturday, but the two made their get away while the others were being arrested but came in later and submitted.

W. O. McEntyre, charged with the larceny of manufactured cotton goods from the Dover mill, was fined \$25 and is to pay for the cloth.

Central Methodist Church.

Sunday school at 9:45. We are glad when you are with us and miss you when you are absent. We need you. May we depend upon you?

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Gospel sermons, inspiring music, a hearty welcome.

Let us remember our superannuated minister Sunday. This is the day that the entire Southern Methodist church makes a special offering to those whose lives helped to make us what we are.

At Second Baptist Church.

Dr. Adlai Loudy will preach at the Sunday evening service at the Second Baptist church. There will also be special music and everyone is invited.

HOLD RUTHERFORD MEN FOR ASSAULT

Charged With Mann Act Violation And Holding Girl Prisoner in Forest City School House.

A crime revolting in its very nature, in which a young South Carolina woman was grossly mistreated and insulted, has been unearthed with the arrest of Sid Coffey, Pink Bright, alias "Funny" Gossey, and Ed English, alias "Speck" English, according to members of the United States marshal's office at Asheville.

The three men were arrested at Rutherfordton Monday by Deputy Marshal W. F. Swain, charged with the violation of the Mann act. The three men are being held in the Rutherfordton county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bond each.

The marshal's office has a warrant for another man, said to have been a member of this party. This is expected to be served in the next few days.

The three men are charged with kidnapping Gertrude Jenkins, a resident of Spartanburg, S. C., keeping her captive for two days and two nights and grossly mistreating her. Part of the time was spent in a school house at Forest City according to the girl.

Miss Jenkins, who is only 19 years of age, said she was so roughly handled that it was necessary for her to go to the hospital for an operation. According to her statement she was abused and insulted by the men.

This dastardly crime is said to have been committed on October 15 and 16, 1923. According to the statement she made to the officers, the girl was at the Southern railway station in Spartanburg, about to board a train to go to Rutherfordton county. At the station a man asked her where she was going, and when she replied he told her he was driving to that point in his automobile and would be glad for her to accompany him. She said after they had driven a short distance, the driver picked up three other men. They drove to Forest City she said, where she was held a prisoner in a school house one night, being mistreated by all four of the men. She was kept a prisoner for two days, she said, being taken from one place to another until her condition forced the men to let her go to a hospital. Since that time, Miss Jenkins said, she has suffered much physical and mental pain.

Officers have been working on the case for some time. The men will be given a hearing on charges of violation of the Mann act in the next few days.

Full House Prevails Now At County Jail

The Cleveland county jail has more occupants now than at any previous time during his regime, according to Sheriff H. A. Logan. In fact, sheriff has a hard time assigning cell space to all of his guests. The five or six cells of the jail are more than comfortably filled with 26 prisoners, and if any more become guests of the county before the new jail is erected it will be a rather hard matter to place them.

The majority of the prisoners are negroes, a rather unusual occurrence as heretofore whites have been in the majority owing to their superiority over the negro in "hooch" dealing. However only a few of the prisoners are now serving sentences, some being held over to Superior Court on charges that are beyond the jurisdiction of the recorder, while others have appealed to Superior court and were unable to give bond.

**SPECIAL SERMON AT
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Sunday school opens at 9:45 a. m. Great lesson on, 'The Reign of David'. If you are not connected with any other Sunday school in the city we cordially invite you to join us. Our classes for men and for women are most interesting and all other classes are equally interesting and effective. Enjoyable worship program.

The pastor will preach at 11 o'clock Theme of sermon "The Upper Room." Good music and a very cordial welcome.

Young people's meetings at the usual hours.

Special sermon by the pastor at 7:30 p. m. on the subject "Saul the Son of Kish". This lecture-sermon will be of vital interest to all. The tragic story of a capable and influential life wrecked by disobedience and sin, will be discussed in this sermon. There will be enjoyable music by choirs and congregation. Where will you spend this hour if not at the church? We want you to worship with us and we welcome you. Is it worth while? Come and see.

OFFICERS IN LONG RUN THROUGH SNOW

Prohibition Agents Have Two and One-quarter Hour Foot Race in Catching Man.

Down from the mountain section of the county in No. 11 township comes a story of perseverance, long wind and tracks in the snow. The perseverance and long wind were among the qualities of a group of prohibition agents, while the tracks in the snow were made by Elzie Pruett, alleged moonshiner of that section. The wind and perseverance lasted exactly two hours and fifteen minutes, according to the officers, while the tracks in the snow brought into their clutch a man who was nimble and active and well at home on speeding feet in any nook or crevice of the mountain section, even in two counties, the race being said to have extended over the county line into Burke.

Monday morning four officers were tramping through the light snow that blanketed the mountain section of the county, when they, in some manner learned of the whereabouts of Pruett, whom they were seeking. Pruett was evidently not so anxious to meet them and the race began. Pruett brought into play in the attempted get-away every trick and dodge known to the mountaineer, who is acquainted with the "lay of his land," but the officers stuck doggedly to his trail. Several times they lost sight of the fleeing man, but snow tracks leave a good trail and one of the officers, P. A. Hoyle, is himself versed in the art of running up the slopes and down the dales. Each time the party of officers lost view of Pruett their superior number allowed them to double on his tracks and relentlessly they followed him from one county into another until finally they wearied him down and placed him under arrest.

Pruett was given a preliminary hearing and placed under bond for Federal court. Officers in the party were Deputy Marshal M. C. Coon, of Charlotte; Prohibition Agent Hoyle and Deputy Sheriffs Summie Canipe and John Ramsey.

SHELBY GROCERY SELLS TO CHERRYVILLE FIRM

The Shelby Grocery Co. which recently sold its store building and lot on West Warrent street to Carl Thompson, has contracted for the sale of its stock of groceries to the Shelby Grocery Company of which C. W. Boshamer, Jr. is the head. The deal is said to involve between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The Shelby Grocery is now owned by F. O. Gee and W. R. Hoey who retain control until the first of May when the Cherryville Grocery takes charge. It is said the new owners have secured a lease on the present building and will continue business here. Messrs. Gee and Hoey have no announcement to make as to their plans, but will remain in Shelby and continue some other business.

To Dedicate Church Built In 3 Weeks

The Mt. Harmony Methodist church the church that was built in less than three weeks, will be dedicated Sunday March 30. Rev. R. M. Hoyle of Kings Mountain, will preach at the dedication service and dinner will be on the grounds. Rev. E. M. Avett, of Polkville, will be the pastor of the new church which is located in the northern section of No. 8 township.

At the quarterly conference a report on the new church was made and according to usual custom the presiding elder asked when it was completed and how long it was in being erected. Rev. Mr. Avett's answer of "three weeks" was supported by the contractor's statement, he being a conference delegate, that it was completed in less than three weeks.

The recent revival services at Polkville, conducted by Rev. Tom Jimison of Spencer, were considered very successful, there being several new members added to the church and about 25 professions of faith. Practically all the outside work on the new parsonage there has been completed, according to Rev. Mr. Avett.

Thomas A. Cogdell Dies.

Thomas A. Cogdell died March 1st after an illness of seven weeks with pneumonia. He leaves a wife and two children. Passing away at the age of 24 years and six months, in the bloom of young manhood made his passing one of peculiar sadness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jennings spent Saturday in Kings Mountain.

PLATFORM OF BAILEY IS A COMPLETE REVERSAL OF PAST POLITICAL LIFE

**Dr. Gulley Writes Former Law Student, Supporting
Bailey, And Mr. O. M. Mull Replies By Giving
Some Reasons Why He Can Not Vote For
Bailey, Who He Terms One-Time "Crank-
shaft" Of Element He Now Attacks.**

Wake Forest, Feb. 28, 1924.
Mr. O. M. Mull, Shelby, N. C.
My dear friend:

I have known something of every political campaign in North Carolina from 1868 to the present. I cast my first vote for Vance in 1876. I have now no political aspirations, but I have an interest in the young men who have studied under me, and also in our party and state; and this interest prompts me to write to you at this time.

I think we are at the dawn of a new day in this state in many respects, and not the least of them, the political domain. The candidacy of Mr. J. W. Bailey is unique in that it is founded upon no personal ambition or desire for office, but in that he strikes the note of service in political terms and states—in no uncertain way—the form the service is to take. This is refreshing. You may not know that Mr. Bailey undertook to strike this note more than two years ago; and, for doing so, was publicly denounced by the ruling powers. He then determined to make appeal to the people.

We come now to a campaign in which real progress—not only material progress, but moral and political progress, will be the keynote. There can be no doubt that the old machines are dying everywhere; politics aimed at power and selfishness is bound to go; politics founded upon service is the new order. I think the hour has struck when many of our young men who have found themselves neglected or overlooked or run over, can make their opportunities for leadership and service.

I am writing this letter to you by way of friendly suggestion. You may consider it for what it is worth. For my part, I am attaching myself to Mr. Bailey's cause—believing that thereby I will render a great service to our people.

I wish you would think for a moment what the old machine represents. It holds nothing good for the state; it holds nothing good for the democratic party. The time has come when we must leave it behind us, once and forever.

Sincerely,
N. Y. GULLEY.

Bailey the Crank-shaft of Machine.
Shelby, N. C. Mar., 1, 1924.
Dr. N. Y. Gulley, Wake Forest, N. C.
Dear Doctor:

I have your favor of February 28, and concur with you that the most cordial relations exist between you and your many former law students. Personally, my fondness for my school days, at old Wake Forest increases with the years. My thoughts frequently turn to you and your most interesting lectures in the classroom. I am quite sure that you do not have an old student who is more appreciative of your splendid efforts, or is personally fonder of you than myself. It is therefore always a pleasure to me to hear from you.

I am however quite a bit surprised at the contents of your letter, but assure you that what I have to say is only in love for and with the hope of being of some service to you. You have been in close touch with the political movements in our state for a much longer period than I, but I have been equally in personal touch and knowledge of the activities of Mr. Bailey, concerning whom you write.

I agree with you that "the candidacy of Mr. Bailey is unique," but in my humble opinion it is unique because his platform and verbal enunciations are in direct conflict with the life and activities of the same Mr. Bailey during the past 25 years. The principal part of his platform, and the part to which you refer, relates to his opposition to the democratic "machine." You know as well as I that Mr. Bailey has for many years been the crank-shaft to the democratic machine in North Carolina. I with many others have been fighting the battles for a free and untrammeled democracy in North Carolina when Bailey and Watts were our most vigorous and aggressive opponents.

Bailey, as you know, held office under the "machine" for many years. He and his revenue agents in the last gubernatorial campaign were the principal factor in defeating the candidate who opposed the machine. After manipulating the machine and his revenue agents to encompass the

defeat of Gardner for governor, Bailey continued to help manage the affairs of the machine and dispense its patronage. He then strongly recommended Watts for tax commissioner of the state, the man who had been his right bower in his activity in behalf of the machine. Mr. Bailey has either now been converted or turned traitor to the machine. If his conversion is real, he should be content to carry a gun and fight as a private in the ranks until he has proved his faith by his works. If he has merely deserted the machine for office, his case will merit no discussion.

Mr. Bailey's candidacy is also "unique" by reason of his platform on taxation, which likewise is a complete reversal of his former activities and utterances on the subject. I was a member of the legislature in 1919 and heard that famous bout between Bailey and Maxwell. I, together with a number of other members of the legislature, doubted the wisdom of Revaluation Act for fear it would place an unreasonable per cent of the burden of taxation upon the land and the small home owner. To answer this objection the finance committee prepared and asked for the passage of a constitutional amendment to permit the levy of an income tax with the promise that, if enacted, the state property tax would be eliminated. At that time Mr. Bailey opposed the income tax amendment, and in his argument before the committee urged that same be defeated and the revenue required be obtained by increasing the tax upon land, livestock, the farmer's ass and his hog. That was the time when Mr. Bailey made his famous declaration that the farmer would "charge you for a ham for the tax value of the whole hog." At a time so recent Mr. Bailey was championing the interests of the corporations and the big wealth of the state. * * * So you can clearly see his present campaign is very "unique."

You likewise know as well as I, that since Mr. Bailey's connection as a trustee of Wake Forest College was severed he has consistently opposed practically every Wake Forest man and Baptist who has sought political preferment of note in our state. He has not only done this, but he has so timed and phrased same as the opposition of "a Baptist and a Wake Forest man" so as to command extra weight and influence. I consider that this was peculiarly true in your case. When I, together with many of your old students and friends throughout the state, were going out to battle for you for Supreme court, judge with strong prospects of victory, we suddenly met the vigorous and active opposition of this same Mr. Bailey, who opposed you to the limit.

For these reasons and many others I cannot support Mr. Bailey for governor, and believe, if you will calmly reflect on same, you will agree with me. Whether you do or not, I shall always retain the same admiration, respect and veneration for you. I would appreciate a hearing. With every good wish I am,
Yours cordially,
O. M. MULL.

Who Mr. Mull Is.
The gubernatorial campaign in this section is awakening and the Gulley letter and the O. M. Mull reply will doubtless serve to kindle more interest. Mr. McLean has a strong and courageous supporter in the person of O. M. Mull. He is at present the democratic county chairman of Cleveland county. Mr. Mull is well known in Cleveland county for his high character and vigorous support of men and measures he deems worthy. For 15 years he was the law partner of Federal Judge E. Yates Webb until Judge Webb was appointed by President Wilson to the Federal bench. He managed with great success the campaign of Clyde R. Hoey for congress and four years ago was the 9th district manager for O. Max Gardner for governor. He knows the people of the people of the 9th district and they know and trust him.

**Mr. Oliver Replies To
Mr. J. W. Bailey**
(From News and Observer Jan. 30th)
Marietta, N. C. January 28, 1924
Mr. J. W. Bailey, Raleigh, N. C.
Dear Sir:
Your frank admission, in answer to

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