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KINGS MTN. PLANNING FOR OCTOBER 7TH

John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential Nominee Invited—Govs. Morrison and McLeod to Attend

The 144th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain will be celebrated at Kings Mountain, October 7th. An elaborate program is rapidly taking shape and there will be a full day of entertainment for old and young.

The celebration machinery is well organized and preparations are going forward to take care of at least thirty thousand people who will hail from every quarter of this great commonwealth to do homage at the shrine of American liberty.

The Battle of Kings Mountain was fought October 7, 1780, and was an undisputed victory for the lovers of liberty who were striving to found a government upon the Golden Rule.

The battle started at three o'clock in the afternoon and at the end of one hour Colonel Ferguson, the commanding officer of the Crown forces, fell dead. His second in command, Colonel DePeyster, took immediate command and in fifteen minutes raised the white flag.

Pilgrims from practically every state in the union journey to this battlefield each year and gather souvenirs and take historical notes. Column after column in the nation's leading newspapers is devoted to its cause.

Everybody everywhere is invited to the big celebration October seventh.

Arey Brothers Open Mooresboro Agency

Arey Brothers have purchased from A. B. Taylor the Mooresboro garage of Mooresboro, consisting of a three-cornered lot on the National highway in the business section of that town, together with the building and stock.

As a rule, the first business of those who investigate an automobile accident is to look for the bottle.

Mr. C. C. Roberts is spending this week in Greenville, S. C.

Farmers Lose Much Through Improper Handling Of Crop

Co-Op Field Representative Tells of Annual Loss Sustained in Cotton Crops by Farmers.

On a 40,000 bale crop of cotton as was produced last year in Cleveland county a loss was sustained by the farmers of over \$200,000 because of careless and improper handling of the cotton as it is picked, according to the local field representative of the North Carolina Cotton Co-operative association.

"The different classes of cotton are determined by the amount of extraneous matter left after the cotton is ginned," he says. "As an example a bale of cotton that should be classed as strict good middling has to be placed in the low middling class because of gin cuts, small and large particles of leaf, notes, broken seed, naps, spots and dirt being found in the fiber.

"There are other things that go to reduce the value of cotton chiefly among them is discoloration, stains. When we allow our cotton to remain in the field in the dew and rain we are taking money from our own pockets. The fiber is weakened and less valuable when it is sold it makes a poor quality of yarn and the people who buy it suffer because of the lack of lasting quality.

"We cannot be too careful about our ginning because the value of many a bale of cotton is very much reduced because of 'gin cuts' this comes from old machinery and too much rush. Then too, so many of us have our cotton ginned while it is damp and green that the lint sticks to the seed and the saws cut the fiber. We lose also because a good bit of the fiber remains on the seed that should come off.

Cotton experts recommend that we pick our cotton and pack it down in the seed for three or four weeks before ginning, this will cause some of the oil to go from the seed to the lint and give it a better strength and color and it will be much easier to gin."

Mary Gets Fine For Jealousy; Will Pays

Tuesday was a right busy day in the county recorder's court, being through no fault of the calendar the day following circus day. Some people cannot get along any better on circus day without their beverage than the youngsters can without balloons and rubber balls, and these are the ones that make up the "day after" court docket.

Mary Weathers and Will Wilson, both colored, were charged with a "cussin'" contest near the Southern station Sunday night. Mary on the stand admitted that she cussed out her lover, because he wanted to leave her and go home with another colored girl, but she was loyal to Will and denied that he cussed her. She agreed with the judge that jealousy got her warmed up and was fined \$5 and the costs for thinking too much of Will, in announcing the sentence Judge Falls informed Will that he might help Mary get up the money, and Will came across like a real sport and dug up the entire bill.

Dover Gin Company Elects Its Officers

The Dover Gin company recently organized with a paid in capital stock of \$12,500 and an authorized capital of \$20,000 met yesterday and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: John R. Dover, president; Thurman Horn, vice president; Fred R. Morgan secretary-treasurer. This gin company has just completed a building and installed a ginning outfit near the Dover Mill, two miles west of Shelby which will be in operation in a few days, this being the first season for this new enterprise.

DR. E. C. PIERCE COMES TO SHELBY AS AN OPTOMETRIST

Dr. E. C. Pierce of Gastonia has come to Shelby and opened an office over the Union Trust company for the practice of his profession—that of optometrist. Dr. Pierce makes free examination of eyes to determine whether glasses or medical treatment is needed. He has been located in Gastonia where he gained eight years experience in examining eyes and fitting glasses.

MAY TAKE OFF TWO SEABOARD TRAINS

Company Asks to Discontinue Nos. 31 and 34, Rutherfordton to Charlotte, Because of Busses.

Claiming a cut in fares of 60 per cent and consequent heavy operating losses since the motor busses came into a popular use, the Seaboard Air Line Tuesday petitioned the corporation commission to make Charlotte western terminus for trains Nos. 31 and 34 by discontinuing their operation to Rutherfordton. The trains now run between Wilmington and Rutherfordton.

That is the first application to cut down main line schedules as the result of motor bus competition in the state although there have been several petitions to take off trains on the short lines.

In filing the petition the Seaboard officials presented a set of figures taken from their records comparing the sale of tickets at stations on the line west of Charlotte in 1920 and in 1924.

Good Roads Responsible.

"It was in 1921 that good roads brought the bus into use for passenger transportation," an official said, "and it was about that time that the reduction in railroad fares began to be noticeable. I have made inquiries of the highway commission as to the dates of completion for highways connecting cities along our lines, and almost without exception I have found that the sale of tickets fell off sharply just after a road had opened up. And the ticket sales do not return to normal."

Ticket sales on the Seaboard line west of Charlotte for the first six months of 1920 aggregated 51,059 and for the first six months of 1924 they totaled 20,135; a reduction of 60.5 per cent, the Seaboard claimed in its petition.

Application to discontinue the schedule is based on those figures and a report showing that while receipts on that part of the line amount to 54 cents the mile, operating costs are 77 cents the mile. During a 10 day period July 6 to 15, No. 31 carried 102 passengers from Charlotte westward, or 10 a day, while No. 34 brought 80 passengers into Charlotte from the west, or eight a day.

An early hearing on the petition will be ordered by the corporation commission. Whether cities along the line will oppose it was not known here.

Big Shelby Decrease.

The schedules of fares for the first six months of 1920 and the first six months of 1924 made the following showing: Charlotte, total ticket sales over Seaboard first six months 1920, 59,238; first six months 1924, 29,678; Mt. Holly, 1920, 4,366; 1924, 1,976; Lincolnton, 1920, 10,767; 1924, 3,859; Cherryville, 1920, 5,710; 1924, 2,173; Shelby, 1920, 8,372; 1924, 3,534; Forest City, 1920, 2,402; 1924, 899; Rutherfordton, 1920, 4,283; 1924, 1,360.

Discontinuance of numbers 31 and 34 between Charlotte and Rutherfordton would leave that territory to number 15 and 16, running between Monroe and Rutherfordton. The Seaboard contended in its petition that the amount of business justifies only one train a day.

Chas. Davis Becomes Local Band Master

Charles Davis, a native born Englishman and a bandmaster with 40 years experience has been made director of the Shelby band, succeeding W. S. Buchanan whose duties will be confined to the Shelby public school in which he is a teacher and where he expects to organize a high school orchestra this winter. Mr. Davis comes to Shelby from Tallahassee, Florida, where he has been located for some time. Public concerts are assured when the 18-piece band is put through through some more training. W. O. R. Putnam, one of the musicians and a popular member of the city letter carrier force was recently elected manager of the organization.

Special Services at Central Church.

Special services at Central Methodist church Sunday morning and evening "Boys Day" will be observed in the junior department in Sunday day school and at 11 a. m. a sermon especially to young people will be preached. This will be "Parents and Childrens Day." All the parents are urged to be present with their children of both sexes.

At 7:30 the Pastor will discuss the subject, "Why the People of Shelby Drift from Their Moorings and Indulge in Sin." This is a very timely subject and the public is most cordially invited.

It's not every town that has a cafe like Shelby's and no town has a Heavy like Heavy's.

5,000 More Shelby People Ride Busses

Thousands more Shelby people ride the bus lines nowadays than did in 1920 is the idea to be derived from the Seaboard Air Line's application to take off two trains and from a survey of the bus lines operating in and out of Shelby. Four thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight less Shelby bought tickets over the Seaboard in the first six months of this year than did in 1920, the railroad officials claim—he busses must get them.

In every direction that a modern North Carolina road stretches a bus line operates in and out of Shelby. Between 16 and 20 busses take on and discharge passengers at the street taxi-terminal in front of Central hotel here each day. Over the "Blue Ridge Trail," Charlotte to Asheville, two big passenger busses are operated each way daily; four from Charlotte to Shelby; two from Morganton to Gastonia via Shelby; two from Hickory to Shelby; two from Rutherfordton to Shelby; and two from Kings Mountain to Shelby. Hundreds more ride in private taxis that do not operate on regular routes.

It is now possible to leave Shelby at almost any hour of the day on a bus—for anywhere.

HICKORY FIRST TO PLAY LOCAL TEAM

The high school football season will open here Friday week, September 26 with the Hickory highs furnishing the opposition to the local eleven, according to the schedule given out today. This means that the first gridiron battle will be a hard fought affair. Hickory, coached by a former Auburn star, this year is expected to make a strong bid for the western title, and the contest will reveal to local fans the playing strength of the likely looking squad now being drilled in the Fetzer system by Coach "Casey" Morris.

Six games will be played by Shelby prior to the elimination series. Three, and probably four, of the games will be played here. The second game, Friday of October 3 is still open, but will likely be filled by Statesville or Salisbury. The second game scheduled so far is with Pat Crawford's Gastonia eleven at Kings Mountain on the day of the battleground celebration. Other elevens to be met include Charlotte at Charlotte, Monroe and Lincolnton here. Junious Auten, star tackle, is captain of this year's squad, while Broadus Newman, fast end last season is at present acting as manager. The schedule as arranged is: Friday, September 26—Hickory at Shelby. Friday, October 3—Open. Tuesday, October 7—Gastonia at Kings Mountain. Saturday, October 18—Charlotte at Charlotte. Friday, October 24—Monroe at Shelby. Friday, October 31—Lincolnton at Shelby.

Squad Looks Good.

A shift made this week by Coach Morris has met with the enthusiastic approval of the fans who gather on the sidelines for practice. Cline Lee, star guard, moved to a wing position is the sensation of the eleven in signal practice. His speed in going down the field for a pass and accuracy in nabbing it is remarkable. With good fortune during the season he appears to be all state material. In running signals this week the following were used as the first string eleven: Grigg, center; Capt. Auten and Beam, tackles; Harrill, Elliott and Sarratt, guards; Lee and Dedmon ends Furches, quarter; Connor and Hackney, half backs; Ellerbee, full back. Among the substitutions were Hopper and Callahan at ends; V. Grigg, Wray, Pendleton and Thompsons, backs. At present around 30 boys are on the squad, and the second eleven, line and all, is the equal of some high school elevens in the state.

At First Baptist Church.

This Sunday school is a real school. It meets, as you know at 9:45 a. m. You are both needed and wanted.

The Pastor will preach both morning and evening. Theme of morning sermon: "Prayer and Our Program." Evening theme: "Is it a Sin to —?" This is the second sermon of a series of Sunday evening sermons being preached by the Pastor of this church on "Moral Drift." Excellent music at all the services. You will enjoy it. Sincere and most cordial welcome awaits you. Services at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Remember the Week of Prayer is the week following this Sunday Meetings at the church house each evening. All are invited. Note the programs in the Calendar of this week.

To Sing at Norman's Grove.

The Belwood community choir will sing at Norman's grove Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, September 21st. Everybody is invited to come.

SIX NEW STORES TO COST \$65,000

Linebergers to Build on Vacant Corner of Warren and LaFayette Little and Sons Get Contract.

Six new store buildings costing approximately \$65,000 will be erected by Messrs. Wm. and J. D. Lineberger and Mr. Julius Suttle, heirs of the late J. D. Lineberger on the Lineberger corner which has stood vacant for a number of years at the corner of Marion and LaFayette streets. Building contract was let yesterday to J. P. Little and Sons, contractors of Charlotte who are erecting Central Methodist church, the Masonic building, the Presbyterian Sunday school auditorium and C. A. Burrus residence. Material is now being purchased and work will begin right away.

Just who will occupy the buildings is not known. The Linebergers have a number of applications but no leases have been made as yet. For sometime the building of this corner has been under consideration by the owners but plans were not accepted until this week. The fact, however, that buildings would be erected has caused many applications to come to the owners who will probably set rentals now since the construction cost is practically settled. Leases will no doubt be made shortly.

Facing LaFayette street there will be two store rooms 22x100 feet, two stories high, built of brick and steel, occupying all of the front lot 44x100 feet. A stud wall supported by steel girders will extend through the center so the LaFayette street front can be rented as one store room 44x100 or as two stores 22x100. The front will be of light buff brick with plate glass show windows. The second floor will be cut into office rooms approximately 12x20 feet with running water in each room. Hardwood floors will be laid throughout. Contracts for the plumbing and heating have not been let. A basement will extend the full width and length of the LaFayette street building, part of which will be utilized to accommodate the heating plant to serve the six ground floor store rooms and the second floors.

Plans also include the erection of four store rooms facing W. Marion street, just to the rear of the above mentioned buildings. Each of these will be 22x65 feet, two stories high with the same colored brick facing and plate glass show windows. The second floor over these four rooms will not be cut up for the present but will be held in abeyance to be arranged to suit the individual needs of the renters.

Shelby's building program continues unabated.

MR. MONROE M'SWAIN PASSES SUDDENLY

Prominent Citizen of Beams Mill Succumbs at Age 74. Buried at Pleasant Grove Church

Mr. Monroe McSwain, one of the most esteemed citizens of the Beams Mill community died suddenly at noon Tuesday when he went to the woodpile for an armful of wood. Mr. McSwain had been in his usual health and had been up, about the house, with no particular complaint except those peculiar to old age. He was 74 years and 29 days old. The funeral was conducted at Pleasant Grove Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Revs. D. G. Washburn and G. P. Abernethy who paid glowing but deserved tribute to his noble life. He was a highly contented man with a deep religious fervor, never speaking harm of any one, yet always storing up riches in Heaven by his beautiful life. No man was held in higher esteem in his community so the news of his sudden passing was a great shock to his many friends. The large crowd that attended the funeral attested the confidence and esteem in which he was held.

Mr. McSwain was twice married, the first time to a Miss Hamrick. To this union four children were born, but all have passed on. His second marriage was to Miss Jane Wright, a faithful and devoted companion who survives, together with two daughters, Mrs. John B. Eskridge of Shelby and Mrs. Lee Wallace of this county and six sons, Richard, John, Ambrose, Andrew, Abe and Charlie McSwain. Two daughters by his second wife died some time ago. Also surviving are 54 grand children and five great grand children.

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Tom Webb To Make Playground Out Of Buffalo Mountain

Shelby Man Buys Buffalo Mountain Which He Will Develop as a Resort and Orchard.

Tom Webb, prominent local contractor and builder has purchased Buffalo mountain near the three county corners in the extreme northeastern edge of Cleveland which he will develop into a summer playground and peach orchard. The tract contains between 200 and 300 acres of land, the top of the mountain having an elevation of approximately 2,300 feet above sea-level. Mr. Webb had Lee Collier, landscape architect of Charlotte to visit the mountain a few days ago and he declared it to be most suitable for a summer playground, consequently Mr. Webb has contracted with the landscape man to lay off a road which will be constructed to the mountain peak where he will build a number of summer cottages to be rented. The top offers a beautiful view of three counties. With field classes one can see most every section of Cleveland and many parts of Lincoln, Catawba and Burke counties. The mountain is situated about midway of Morganton and Hickory and near both highways which are freely travelled.

On the southside of the mountain Mr. Webb will plant 30 acres in peach trees, setting ten acres each year for three years. He has been advised that the soil and climate make this well suited for a commercial peach orchard.

Jersey Breeders of State to Meet Here

The State Jersey Breeders Association will hold its annual meeting here on October 30th. Prominent Jersey breeders and others interested in pure bred cattle will attend the meeting and showing and sale of registered Jersey cattle which will be held at the County Fair Grounds. The state association comes upon the invitation of the Cleveland County Jersey Breeders Association of which J. S. Dorton is president and Tom Cornwell is secretary. It is expected that 75 to 100 pure bred cattle will be shown and that this cattle will be offered for sale, the sale attracting many people from all over the state who are interested in registered Jerseys. The annual meeting of the association was held last year at Hickory and much interest was shown.

The cattle will be sent to Shelby several days before the 30th in order that they might be groomed and arranged for the exhibit and sale. Such a show will no doubt stimulate more interest in pure bred Jersey cattle in Cleveland.

Rudolph Valentino At Princess Theatre

Two big attractions come to the Princess theatre in one day, Friday. The picture is the finest of all romances, "Monsieur Beaucaire," recently adapted to the screen, and the star is none other than Rudolph Valentino, back on the screen after two years. Those who have seen it say that "The Sheik" is not to be compared with Friday's picture, and in dashing French love story with Rudolph as Bebe Daniels and Lois Wilson. Saturday, Hoot Gibson, the hell-for-leather ridin' kid, will entertain the youngsters and lovers of thrills in "The Sawdust Trail." Hoot with his laughing smile, fighting fists and blazing six-shooters is better than ever. "Western Yesterdays", a different type of Western action is the big go Monday. The press agents say that it is altogether different from any picture of its kind and will appeal because of the unusual characteristics.

Lineberger-Spangler Buy Hoy Property

Wm. Lineberger and Mal Spangler have purchased ten acres of land on the Cleveland Springs and Eastside Mill road from Mrs. S. A. Hoy and Clyde R. Hoy at a consideration not given. This property lies across the road from the Belvedere Heights suburban development and is ideally situated for residential lots. Messrs. Lineberger and Spangler say they have purchased the property in order to protect Belvedere Heights, which is destined to be one of the most exclusive suburban sections in Shelby. Only nice homes will be allowed so that they will conform to the other nice homes that have gone up and are being erected in that section.

Club women, there's a reception every day at Piggly Wiggly. The invitation is open to thrifty housewives.

Heavy can't reduce. His customers will tell you why.

CAROLINA EVENTS IN BRIEF STYLE

Happenings and Trend of Times Over State During Week Related in Paragraph Form.

Opens Campaign in Avery. Newland—Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, made the opening speech of the campaign in Avery county Monday night. He referred to his pleasure at being present for the first time in the newest county in the state and congratulated its people that they were giving lessons in progress and good government to the older North Carolina counties.

Hoy Speaks at Asheville. Asheville—An old-fashioned Democratic rally will be held in Asheville during the week of October 13, officials of the county executive committee say.

Clyde R. Hoy, former congressman and one-time assistant district attorney, has agreed to address the voters. The exact day will be announced later.

The political barbecue is coming back. It is in connection with Mr. Hoy's visit that the barbecue will be held and Democrats from all parts of Western North Carolina will be here for the occasion.

Buys Carolina Terrace.

Asheville—Carolina Terrace hotel, at Hendersonville, has been sold by E. P. Wooten, to Jake Wells, theatrical magnate and K. G. Morris. The price is understood to have been \$150,000. Improvements amounting to \$100,000 are planned by the new owners.

Negro Awaits Death.

Kinston—John R. Denton, a local attorney announces that another attempt will be made to save the life of Albert Byrd, negro, awaiting electrocution October 3 for criminal assault. Denton will plead with Governor Morrison to commute Byrd's sentence to life imprisonment.

Remembers Little Ones.

Winston-Salem—Announcement of the gift of \$25,000, to be used in the erection of a baby cottage at the Methodist Children's Home, was made at the annual meeting Tuesday morning of the trustees of that institution. The name of the donor was not given, but it is stated that the gift comes from a citizen of Winston-Salem who is greatly interested in the home and has taken this means of expressing his appreciation of the work that is being done.

At Wake Forest.

Wake Forest—Despite continual rain approximately 400 students registered at Wake Forest college Tuesday upon the occasion of the first day of the 19th session, breaking all records. Registration will continue tomorrow. Three hundred freshmen and a total enrollment of 700 is indicated.

No Carter Appeal.

Reidsville—According to Hunter K. Penn, clerk of superior court of Rockingham county, no appeal has been filed in the case of state vs. Austin Carter, insurance agent who was sentenced some time ago by Judge T. D. Bryson to die in the electric chair on September 26. Clerk Penn declares that although Carter's counsel gave notice of appeal at the time the man was sentenced, so far nothing official has been done. Last week the clerk sent a certified copy of the judgment to the warden at the state penitentiary. Under the provisions of the law this must be done not more than 20 or less than 10 days before the date of the execution. Carter killed his wife and shot his brother-in-law.

University Records Broken.

Chapel Hill—One thousand and twenty-five students matriculated at the opening of the 131st session of the University of North Carolina Tuesday and another thousand more were expected to register Wednesday and the number may go beyond 2,200 before the end of the week. The enrollment broke all previous records for the first day. Registration showed an increase in all departments. The machinery of registration was set in motion in the Memorial hall early in the morning and all day long lines of students passed in and out of the building selecting courses, filling in blanks, paying fees and consulting advisers. The rain and slush had no effect on student enthusiasm. Class work begins Thursday morning, and President Chase will deliver his address of welcome Friday morning when all activities will be suspended for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith returned Tuesday night from an extended trip to Florida.

There's something new at Heavy's Cafe. Go see it.