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LARGEST CROWD IN 73 YEARS ATTENDS BAPTIST MEETING AT DOUBLE SPRINGS

Baptists 1,600 Strong Gather Where Association Was First Organized. Lemons Preaches.

The largest first-day crowd that has ever attended a meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist association met at the beautiful Double Springs Baptist church Wednesday morning with nearly 1,600 present. It was the 73rd annual session and it was being held at the church where it was first organized in 1851 with Rev. Thomas Dixon, moderator. The older men and women could only picture the contrast between then and now. Then a handful of pioneer settlers, most of whom were no doubt slave owners who allowed their slaves to worship with them, trudged through mud and cold on a bleak December day rode horseback or a crude wagon, gathered there to form an association which today has a membership of 9,000, while in the meantime a number of the churches have joined other associations nearby. On Wednesday at the 73rd anniversary there were 350 automobiles on the ground and only eight mules or horses, which offers another contrast with the 24 years ago when there was not a single automobile at the association which met then at Double Springs.

Every one of the 40 churches which are members of the association was represented by delegates. The association received the Dover Baptist church into membership, this church having been organized this summer at the Dover mill west of Shelby, thus making a membership of 41. Clerk G. G. Page had not prepared a digest of the church letters but he thinks the 41 churches of the association have a total membership of 9,500 and that a total of 10,000 will be reached by next year.

A Beautiful Rural Church. Double Springs where the association met this week has one of the finest rural churches in North Carolina and is pastored by Rev. John W. Suttle, moderator of the association who is a real church builder. The structure is of brick, equipped with comfortable opera chairs, electric lights, furnace heat and separate class rooms. The church has a membership of 300 while the Sunday school has 339, including the home department. A. V. Washburn, the enterprising superintendent is one of the liveliest Sunday school workers in the Southern Baptist convention and he is called upon from far and near to tell how he has accomplished so much. The Sunday school meets all the requirements of the state board for advanced standards and maintains a AA1 grade this being the only Sunday school in western North Carolina with such a record.

Double Springs is a model in organization and community spirit. The church is the social center and all work harmoniously together, in perfect accord with the pastor, officers, superintendents and teachers. The dinner table Wednesday was a real exhibition of culinary art and plenty. A table 125 feet long would not hold half the food the good ladies in the community had prepared, so Rev. Mr. Suttle mounted a platform and invited all to partake and that a second table would be spread when the first outlay became exhausted. However, it was not necessary to replenish the table for there was enough left for the second day and then enough left to require no cooking in the community for a week. The table space was doubled for the second day.

A committee on the ground served to park the cars systematically and sufficient distance from the church to keep the noise of the whirring engines from interrupting the proceedings. Water was provided at the dinner table in coolers and served in sanitary drinking cups.

Irvin Preached With Suit. Rev. R. L. Lemons, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Shelby preached the introductory sermon and it was a masterful delivery on the subject of "Jesus Christ" in which he exploded the whole theory of evolution and declared that the Christian life elapses has two central points (1) Christ dying on the cross and (2) Christ living in us.

John P. Mull made the report on Biblical Recorder deploring the fact that out of 340,000 Baptists in North Carolina only 19,200 are subscribers to the Biblical Recorder and that 1,475 Sunday school superintendents and 1486 church clerks do not take the church organ. He further deplored the fact that out of a total membership of 9,000 in the Kings Mountain association only 550 are subscribers to the Biblical Recorder.

The Sunday school report was prepared and read by A. V. Washburn, enterprising superintendent of Double Springs who referred to the splendid growth in membership and the increased interest in better buildings and equipment.

Rev. A. C. Irvin whose picture appeared in The Star of Tuesday and mention of whose great labor as a

Baptist minister for 52 years was noted on his retirement, was presented with a nice suit of clothes as an appreciation of his long and faithful work.

Old Kentucky Race Horses Here For County Fair Races

The thrilling races promised for Cleveland county's first big Fair, October 14-18, are not just mythical promises. The proof is at the stables of Mr. Hackett Blanton—seven thoroughbred race horses from "Old Kentucky" the home of great turf favorites and racing people. These horses, which are a part of the stable of Irvin Thomas, well known Kentucky sportsman, arrived here Tuesday in charge of stable and groom boys. Another group of trotters and pacers is expected in the latter part of the week, while others, probably totalling around 100 in all, will arrive next week after they have made the fairs and other races booked prior to the races here.

Mr. Thomas' stable of horses includes one trotter, a saddler and five "runners," and along with the other equipment are bikes and sulks to be used in the races. The headquarters of the Thomas stable is at Louisville, but the horses were brought here from the races at Newport, Tenn.

It was the intention of Mr. Thomas to get the horses here sometime in advance of the fair so as to get them accustomed to the track and to stage some preliminary practice. However, upon his arrival he found the track in a bad condition owing to the continual rains and not in shape for his horses to be worked out upon. The track though is being hurriedly put into condition and will be ready for some preliminaries in a few days. Race track fans will within the next week be treated to a few introductory thrills by the practice and try-outs.

Mr. Fanning Quits Road After 17 Years

Mr. W. L. Fanning who has been traveling salesman for the Hogue-Montgomery Shoe company for the past 17 years has resigned his position to devote his entire time to the Fanning stores at Shelby and Hickory. Mr. Fanning also owns interest in stores at Rutherfordton and Cherryville. During his long service on the road he built up a splendid shoe business for his house and it is with reluctance that they accept his resignation.

Material for the basement floor of the new Fanning department store, which was delayed in shipment and which has been holding up the opening, has at last been received and is now being placed. The opening date for the Fanning store will be announced in Tuesday's Star.

Rev. Collins Conducts South Shelby Revival

Rev. W. K. Collins, one of the best known revivalists in this section is conducting a two weeks revival at the Second Baptist church, South Shelby, assisting the pastor, Rev. Rush Padgett. The meeting began last Sunday and continues through all next week. Mr. Collins is doing some fine preaching and Sunday is expected to be a great day in the revival, with three sermons. At 11 o'clock he will preach on "God's Call to the Sinner." In the afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a service for men only the subject of the sermon being "Sowing and Reaping." The evening service at 7:30 will be on the subject "The Prodigal Son." Special music at every service with a quartet at the afternoon hour.

HUDSON'S PIEDMONT ELEVEN TO PLAY KINGS MOUNTAIN

Johnny Hudson's Piedmont high school eleven will play Kings Mountain at Lawndale on Friday, October 10, at Lawndale. This is the first year Piedmont has put out a football outfit and the game there will be the town's first. Although he has inexperienced players to work with Coach Hudson is building a strong looking eleven out of the material he has on hand and will give his opposition considerable worry. First scrimmage was held this week and the first eleven appeared to a good advantage.

Dr. Charles E. McBrayer, major in the medical corps of the army who has been stationed in San Francisco, Calif., is spending awhile here visiting friends at his old home. He is going to the bedside of his sister, Miss Miriam McBrayer who is recuperating from an operation for appendicitis at a Salisbury hospital.

While you're watching Shelby grow look how Heavy and his customers spread out.

RUSHING WORK FOR BIG COUNTY FAIR

Force of Workmen Hurry Preparations for Inaugural Event Following Weeks of Rain.

Perhaps the most bracing sight in the county this week was the force of carpenters working on top of the race track grandstand at the county fair grounds and whistling "It Aint Gonna Rain No More"—they were covering the stands and not taking any chances on their time. With the arrival of Tuesday and some sunshine—the first in weeks—a large force of workmen started putting on the finishing touches and repairing what damage had been done to the county fair grounds in preparation for the county's first big fair, Tuesday October 14 through Saturday, October 18.

During the two weeks of continuous rain the fill at the east end of the half mile track, which had just been completed, was transformed into a little lake. In places the track gave way to the seeping water, but the damage was not as much as expected, the soil being somewhat firmer and better packed than was thought. This week the water is being drained out and the finishing touches being put on the speedway for the first big race Tuesday week. The rain for a time put a damper on the enthusiasm of fair supporters, but the speed being shown by the force of workmen under the direction of Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair secretary, has kayoed the blues and left the expectancy of several thousand visitors week after next.

Arch is Completed. The handsome stucco arch donated to the Fair Association by Z. B. Weathers and Sons, contractors, and erected by them, has been completed, and adds greatly to the appearance of the fair grounds. With the completion of the stalls for the livestock along the interior fence the carpenters are now covering the big grandstand that will seat some 2,000 people comfortably. The two entrances to the stand have been completed and by the latter part of the week or the first of next week the stands will be ready for the crowds. The main exhibit buildings have been painted and are now practically ready for the exhibits. Although the rain delayed the work to a considerable extent extra workmen have been added and those interested in the fair are assured that everything will be in readiness including the minor details by the big opening day Tuesday week.

Vendors, and disposers of "warm weiners", more commonly known as "hot dogs," are getting busy. Their stands are springing up all over the big tract and located so as not to interfere with the midway folks and attractions.

100 Gas Stations Shelby To Charlotte

Once about every second turn on a North Carolina county road brought into view a general store, that handled anything from hardware and snuff to harness and baby food. Nowadays with the state's wonderful road system the general country store is almost a relic and has been replaced by the "filling station" perhaps better known in refined circles as the service station. When the automobile first made its debut over the country and some absent minded motorist happened to run out of gasoline it meant a walk of several miles, but it is almost a puzzle to get over a half mile away from a service station anywhere in the state in the present day. The basis of this story, if not termed as a myth, is that stretch of state highway No. 20 from Shelby to Charlotte. The distance between the "Queen City" and the "City of Springs" measures by the speedometer something like 50 miles and there are just exactly 100 service stations between the two places, or two for every mile. Smile if you must, but our informant was one used to counting the cars on a stalk of corn and the boll weevils on a cotton stalk—County Agent Lawrence.

Tuesday, Mr. Lawrence took time to count the little friendly buildings "by the side of the road", and his count was 100. The county agent was evidently "cut out" for a statistician for he estimates that if a motorist left Shelby in a Ford for Wilmington on the coast and bought a half-pint of gasoline at every service station his tank would be running over when he reached Wilmington. A rather unusual experiment, but a good suggestion for next summer's tour—if you're hard-headed.

Why do so many people carry their groceries home from Piggly Wiggly, instead of having them delivered at the back door, there's a reason. Ad

Heavy's Cafe serves anything from the best of club sandwiches to "hot dogs". Put in your order. Ad

The only thing a Ford refuses to do is to run against is Coolidge for president.

Governor-To-Be On Visit To Another Likely Prospect

McLean Confabs With Gardner and Hoey. Gov. Morrison and Meekins Coming Next Week.

Hardly had October breezed in and warned of the general election only a month off when Shelby found itself the center of the political stage, speaking from the North Carolina viewpoint. Fact is, the presence of governors, governors-to-be, and want-to-be, in Shelby this week and next will give the Cleveland county capital an appearance like unto the state capital.

Angus Wilton McLean, "the next governor," was here Wednesday; Max Gardner stays here; Ike Meekins is coming next Wednesday, and Governor Cameron Morrison will be in his footsteps the following day. Think over the aggregation of notables with former Congressman Clyde Hoey as a chaperone and you will see that Shelby is "stepping out" politically.

Tom Bost and "Red" Powell, or even David Lawrence and "Red Buck" Bryant could find material here this week and next for numerous columns of political gossip if they would only move in and find typewriter space. The people of the county are destined to be right proud of themselves, by the end of next week, for it is our idea that they will all campaign Andy Gump style—"As Cleveland goes so goes the state." McLean handed out some straight political "dope" in a Democracy; Gardner talks in terms of cotton and oats; Meekins will lambast the Democrats in general, and Mr. Morrison will "heave to the port side." Meanwhile Mr. Hoey will listen attentively to it all and slip over in another county next week and really entertain the Democratic people, for he speaks after a barbecue, when an orator is really a "spell binder."

McLean Likes Cleveland.

Mr. McLean, who spoke to a Lincoln gathering Tuesday night, came over to Shelby Wednesday and held a conference with Messrs Gardner and Hoey in addition to passing around town and greeting the many friends he made here when he spoke in the county court house during his campaign for the nomination. The Lumberton man, who is making an active campaign for the governorship, has been speaking before large crowds all over the state and thinks that the prospects for the party are up to par, meaning that the Democrats this fall as in the past will win with such a regularity as to make Republican Maine look haphazard. The Democratic nominee asked this paper to thank his friends in this county for the strong support given him in the primary and remarked that "Cleveland is one of the best, if not the best, Democratic county in the state, because the party factionism that marks some counties is missing here."

"Coming Next Week."

The Republicans will have their day Wednesday next week, October 8, when Col. Ike Meekins, the Republican candidate for governor, speaks in the court house here at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. H. Clay Cox and F. B. Hamrick, chairman and secretary of the Republican committee in the county, say that a band will be on hand to furnish music and that they expect a big gathering of Republicans from over this section.

On the following day, Thursday, October 9, Governor Cameron Morrison will visit Shelby and speak in interest of his port bill campaign. The hour of the speaking, not definitely known as yet, will be announced in the next issue of The Star, and it is presumed the address will be in the county court house.

J. E. Webb Begins Work On Church Building

J. E. Webb who purchased the old Central Methodist church building at the corner of Marion and Washington streets began remodeling the same this week. Mr. Abee receiving the contract for the same. The first job is to tear down the two rooms between the church auditorium and the City hall where a two-story building will be erected, the first floor to be used as a cafe or tea room, the second floor for offices. Work cannot begin on remodeling the main church which will be converted into a first class moving picture show, until the new church is finished and the congregation gets another place to worship.

You cannot afford to overlook the many bargains being offered in seasonal merchandise at Campbell Dept. Stores, Shelby and Lawndale. adv.

Large shipments of mens, women's and children's Ready-to-Wear arriving daily at Campbell Dept. Stores. adv.

NO EMPTY HOUSES FOUND IN SHELBY

Census Being Made by Welfare Officer Smith Reveals That Shelby Is Fast Growing City.

Frequently, very frequently, one hears the question: Just how large is Shelby? And, sad to relate, very few Shelby people can give a satisfactory estimate. However, an approximate census of the town being made by County Welfare Officer J. B. Smith will be completed in a week or so, and the extent of the growth of the town may be derived from his calculation.

In his work so far Mr. Smith has completed only one ward, but estimating from the census of that ward Shelby must be a town of between 6,000 and 7,000 people. There are 1,361 people in Ward No. 1 and at least two of the other three wards are larger than No. 1. The census being made by Mr. Smith is to be used in connection with compulsory school attendance and other welfare work and is in cooperation with the city school system. It is necessary that Mr. Smith know the exact number of school children in the city, and while securing this he is also getting the total population and number of houses.

In Ward No. 1. In ward No. 1 there are 1,361 people and a total of 379 school children, 243 white and 136 colored. There are 293 homes in the ward, 182 of which are occupied by white families and 111 by colored people. This ward is west of LaFayette street and covers from East Warren.

When a census has been made of the three remaining wards Mr. Smith will derive from the totals the number of school children in Shelby, the number of people, and the number of families and homes, white and colored.

"Here to Stay."

On thing learned by the welfare officer in his work so far is that the growth is not only rapid, but the increase is of the kind that is permanent and means much to the future of the town. In practically every home Mr. Smith asked especially, of the new comers: "How do you like to live in Shelby?" "Fine," came back the majority of the answers, "We are here to stay."

At present there is a housing shortage in Shelby and the census is revealing how really acute it is. There is not an empty house in Ward No. 1. Every home is filled and the welfare officer this week is assisting at least a dozen families in looking for open houses, and the classified columns of the local newspapers carry many appeals for a place in which to live. A year ago Mr. Smith says there were a number of empty houses in Ward No. 1 and many more in other sections of the town.

Boosting the "home town" may not for a short time show any visible improvement, but the improvement is there. The census being made by Mr. Smith should reveal some very interesting facts to Shelby when completed.

Left Stolen Car In Ditch Near Shelby

A Hudson coach stolen in Charlotte was abandoned on the Kings Mountain-Shelby highway near the County Fair grounds sometime Monday morning. The gasoline tank was empty and the thief evidently gave up all hope of keeping the car in his possession, for he left the keys in the car and has not been seen since—more than likely because he does not so desire.

A bus driver coming into Shelby notified Charles Hoey, local Hudson dealer, about the car standing out in the rain and when the officers became interested in the case it was learned that the car was stolen in Charlotte. A representative of the W. L. Ouzts Cotton company, of Charlotte, to whom the car belonged, came up after it Tuesday. The owner of the car was traced through the state method of registration.

Cleveland Drug Puts In Improved Fountain

The Cleveland Drug company this week installed a new liquid carbonic soda fountain which is a beautiful piece of furniture as well as a most modern dispenser of fountain drinks. The fountain does its own refrigerating, making it unnecessary to keep or pack ice cream. It is the only soda fountain of its kind in North Carolina, being the very latest improvement in every detail.

Masonic Meeting Tonight. There will be a meeting of the Cleveland Lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. Friday night at 7:30. Work in fellowcraft degree.

Particular and thrifty food shoppers enjoy the privilege of helping themselves at "Piggly Wiggly's." Ad

Branch Post Office To Be Established During Fair Week

To Be Located on Fair Grounds, Full Time Clerk Added to Post Office Force on Wednesday.

A branch post office will be established at the Cleveland County Fair grounds during the Fair, October 14-18, according to an announcement made this week by Postmaster J. H. Quinn. The order authorizing the establishment of a branch office was given by the post office department. The branch office will be in charge of Assistant Postmaster R. G. Laughridge and will be operated upon the same plan as the main office, although on a smaller scale. Post office officials announce that everything that can be done at the city post office can also be done at the fair grounds, including money orders and parcel post.

This order of the postoffice department will add much to the convenience of the fair crowds, and should reveal to the people of this section the importance with which the county's inaugural fair is regarded.

Other Changes Made.

A number of things have been happening at the local post office that mean much to the people of Shelby, especially to the business men and those interested in the handling of the United States mail. Longer hours and an additional clerk were some of the moves made the first of this month. Last month an order was received authorizing longer hours at night, and the office is already being kept open until 10 o'clock.

Beginning Wednesday, which was the first of the month, Mr. Tom H. Abernethy, for some time on the clerical force, was made regular clerk at the money order and registration window. Hours on this window heretofore were from 9 until 5, but now they have been lengthened from 8 until 6.

The new whole time clerk is Mr. Chesley A. Dalton, who has been an auxiliary clerk since January. Mr. Fred Baber, who has been substituting for Mr. Carr Cline at the window, will take Dalton's place as auxiliary and parcel delivery.

"Casey" And His Boys Leave For Big Game

Coach "Casey" Morris and a squad of 18 football players leave Friday morning for Chester, S. C., where they meet the strong Chester high school eleven Friday afternoon in Shelby's second game of the season. Chester is this year said to have one of the strongest gridiron outfits in their history and the South Carolinians are confident of defeating the locals. A number of fans are expected to accompany the squad. Following the Chester game the next contest will be with Pat Crawford's Gastonia highs at Kings Mountain, Tuesday, October 7, the day of the big celebration.

Several members of the local eleven are temporarily out on account of injuries, while others are somewhat irregular in reporting for practice. The following is the squad likely to make the Chester trip: Cline Lee, left end; Beam, left tackle; Elliott, left guard; Hopper or Self, center; Sarratt, right guard; Auten, captain, right tackle; Dedmon, right end; Furches, quarter; Ellerbee, right half; Connor, left half; Wray, full back. Substitutes: Keeter, Pendleton and Babington, back field; Dixon, L. Beam and Hoyle, line.

Powder For Famous Battle Unpaid For

Charlotte Observer. The newspapers are handing around the recently-discovered bit of information that the powder used by the American forces in winning the Revolutionary battle of Kings Mountain was "never paid for." The story is going to be told over on the occasion of the 144th anniversary celebration, but it is doubtful if, to the old war cotton claims, the docket is to be burdened with a Kings Mountain powder claim. Doubtless, resurrection of this Revolutionary reminiscence will bring up other stories of things that were never paid for. One of these is the rails with which the North Carolina railroad was laid from Goldsboro to Charlotte. The Observer incidentally made this discovery a few months ago and at some later day the story may be told. It will match the unpaid powder story in interest.

RALLY DAY SUNDAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:45 a. m.—Sunday school rally—A. C. Miller and J. S. McKnight superintendents. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. 3:00 p. m.—Junior Christian endeavor—Mrs. B. A. Lefler, director. 6:45 p. m.—Intermediate and senior Christian Endeavor. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. You are cordially invited.

Farm Sold Near Waco. The E. C. Smith farm near Waco containing forty-one acres was sold to E. R. Harrelson of Cherryville. The purchase price was fifty five hundred dollars, and sale was made through J. B. Nolan.

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CAROLINA EVENTS IN BRIEF STYLE

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

Dies Cranking Car. Hickory—A man said to be Garnett Q. Akin, of near Atlanta, Ga., a traveling salesman, dropped dead Monday morning about 8 o'clock in front of his boarding house.

Akin, in company with a Mr. Taylor, another traveling salesman, went out of the house to get in his car to start on the day's work. He had eaten a hearty breakfast and seemed to be in his usual state of health, but just as he started to crank his car, giving an upward pull, his body stiffened and he fell over dead against the machine. Akin was said to be married and had two children. He was about 42 years old.

Forty Per Cent Crop. Raleigh—North Carolina's cotton crop of 1924 will not average more than 40 per cent of a full crop, it is estimated by George Ross, chief of the division of markets of the state department of agriculture. Mr. Ross stated that he may be a "bit" too pessimistic but asserted that he was positive that the crop would not reach 50 per cent. He said that his figures were lower than those of the federal government but he believed those would be lowered within 10 days.

At Kings Mountain. Kings Mountain—C. E. Carpenter, and those associated with him in arranging for the celebration of the battle of Kings Mountain, October 7, claim that the program they have in sight for next Thursday will be a delightful surprise to the 30,000 visitors who are expected here on that patriotic occasion. In addition to the parade and the floats and the speaking set for the morning and the football game for the afternoon and the athletic exhibition in the evening, there will be for a closing number a magnificent display of fireworks.

Negro Saves Four.

Wilson—Ben Miney, chief of Wilson's negro fire department, saved four lives Monday morning when he waded into the flooded lowland just off Goldsboro street and rescued a negro and three children from their home which was surrounded by water over four feet deep. Ben was forced to wade in water neck deep to reach the house then carried the children out on his shoulders, making three trips to the home, before he completed his heroic piece of work.

Hold Double Funeral.

Henderson—Liberty Christian church at Epsom, in Vance county, was the scene Sunday afternoon of a double funeral, when Mrs. T. W. Lassiter and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Vaughan were buried at the same time, both having died on Friday night at Mrs. Vaughan's home.

Gasoline Drops 3 Cents On Gallon; May Go Down More

Every method of transportation other than the automobile seems doomed to pass out like the stage coach of old. Another reduction of three cents on the gallon Wednesday afternoon brought the retail price of gasoline down to 18 cents per gallon. Only one or two times in the history of the automobile has the price of gasoline reached a lower level. The drop in price was practically four cents on the gallon in four days. Last week gasoline was selling at 22 cents but it is now quoted at 18 cents at every filling station in Shelby and Cleveland county.

The general order for the reduction was issued Wednesday morning, the order being broadcasted to the jobbers and wholesalers and in turn retailers late Wednesday afternoon. Heretofore when a reduction was ordered a set time was given, but the order for the three cent drop made Wednesday was "to take effect immediately." Local jobbers who announce a reduction following orders from the headquarters of their refineries include C. R. Doggett, representative of the Standard; Arey Brothers, Texaco; Washburn & Co., Atlantic; A. Blanton, Sinclair. Several of these dealers express the opinion that there will be further reductions in the near future and predict that the price may go to the lowest level in history.

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