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We wish to call your attention to the fact that it is, and has been our custom to charge five cents per line for resolutions of respect, cards of thanks and obituary notices, after one death notice has been published. This will be strictly adhered to.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21, 1924.

WHERE'S OUR CHAMPION?

While we are of the Democratic faith, classed in the "dyed-in-wool" variety, we are at times perplexed over the political trend in the state and wonder if a new style of campaign is making its debut. It seems as if the hard-worked candidate nowadays must be the sole defender of the administration just ahead while the administrator, contrary to custom, lets all manner of attack beat around without reply and apparently cares little about his record or what is said about it.

Col. Ike Meekins, Republican candidate for governor, spoke in Shelby recently, and Col. Ike in characteristic fashion belayed the present administration—in fact used some supposed Democratic thunder in doing so. His barrage was trained on practically every act of the Morrison regime, but the majority of the hearers realized that the charges en masse were unfounded and waited peacefully for the withering counter-attack that would put things in the right light, for no man of intelligence questions the fact that North Carolina has really "stepped along" during Governor Morrison's term. However, his excellency appeared in Shelby on the following day and just as he was billed to do, talked solely on ports or terminals. His crowd was agood one, but as the speech proceeded a questioning look began to settle on his hearers. The look seemed to say "Talk all you will about your port and terminals and put the project over if you can, but if you, the official champion of the party in the state, do not repudiate some of the personal and unfounded charges on your administration, to whom does the task fall?"

All the other "spell binders" under Dawson's direction may captivate audience after audience, but if the elected head of the party cares not to make at least one speech out of three in defense of his regime will not some of the always suspicious "fence voters" have a quivering in their political knee. Not that there is anything to fear for Democracy in this state. It is as safe as Tom Bost's humor is biting, but year after year a number of erstwhile Republicans help make the Democratic landslide a thing of greater velocity and there is no extraordinary appeal for this number in the campaign.

Sure, now, is it not a little too much to have McLean and the list of faithful dispensers of oratory do all the defending? There are those who apparently have overlooked the fact that there was several months of administration prior to the announcement of the great vision of North Carolina as a combination Liverpool and New York.

THE SIX PROPOSALS.

The general election which is only two weeks off is important, not only because it is the time for the election of officers in county, state and nation, but it is especially important in North Carolina because of the six proposals to be voted on. Two of these proposals are referring to the people matters of great concern to the state while four are for amendments to the state's Constitution. These proposals are:

- For and against exemption of homes and homestead notes.
- For and against sinking fund amendment.
- For and against amendment limiting state debt.
- For and against increase of pay of legislators.

Referendums:
 For and against establishment of port terminals and water transportation.
 For and against world war veterans' loan fund bonds.

The exemption of homestead notes from taxation seems to have great merit, but in order to inform Star readers more fully we have asked the secretary of state to furnish us with a copy of the law. The amendment which would provide that a sinking fund be created to meet road bonds when due, should pass by all means in order that the money collected from gasoline and auto license tax cannot be used for any other purpose than to pay for our road building bonds. Then, too, it is highly important that the amendment should pass limiting the state's indebtedness, because no sane voter wants this state plunged hopelessly in debt for any purpose whatever. Another provides for an increase in pay of legislators to \$10 per day. This has great merit and should pass if we are to have able and patriotic men give up their personal affairs long enough to serve the state in the capacity of law-makers.

As to the two referendums, we are unalterably opposed to the state spending eight and a half million dollars for ports and terminals when the good that might result is a matter of uncertainty. As for the loan fund bonds for war veterans, we know nothing about the intent and purposes of the measure. Little has been said in the public press about this proposition so we have written the secretary of state asking information in order that we might inform our readers.

Voters should carefully consider these six proposals and vote their sentiment one way or the other in the general election.

YES, OBEY IT!

There is strong opposition to the recent ordinance passed by the mayor and aldermen of Shelby forbidding any one from keeping more than one dog on their premises in Shelby after October 20th (yesterday) and some of the opponents declare they will do as they please in the matter of dogs. But this is not the right spirit. All of us ought to be law-abiding citizens and uphold the law at every turn. If the law is unjust, which we think it is, those who feel that way about it should calmly and gentlemanly ask city fathers to repeal it and we have an idea they will upon reflection. If there is justice and right in saying how much personal property in the nature of dogs one might own, there is justice in saying that more than one piano in a neighbor's house is a nuisance. Dog owners obey the law to the letter until it is changed.

OUR DEMONSTRATORS.

While Dr. Dorton was the moving spirit in the county fair which closed a run that was successful beyond all expectations, due credit should be made of Mrs. Irma Wallace, home economics demonstrator and R. E. Lawrence, farm demonstrator. These agents who work jointly for the county and the Federal government, worked faithfully for weeks in advance, making preparation for the exhibits which was the real purpose of the fair. As a consequence of their labors, the fair visitors were not disappointed when they went to see Cleveland county's rural homes and farms on display. Both of them have the admiration of all with whom they work and they proved themselves real leaders in the matter of gathering and arranging the exhibits. We believe Cleveland is fortunate to have two of the best home and farm agents in North Carolina and that their work has been worth many times its cost. Dr. Dorton could not have made the success he did with the fair without their help and we know the public appreciates the hearty co-operation they gave him.

Berryman McSwain Dies at Age 83 Years

Substantial and Highly Esteemed Citizen is Buried at Beaver Dam Church Saturday.

"Uncle" Berryman McSwain died Friday morning at his home in the Beaver Dam section at the age of 83 years and his remains were buried Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Gillespie assisted by Rev. B. M. Bridges. Mr. McSwain was a hard worker and a most highly esteemed citizen with a quiet, unassuming character. His pastor says he was one of the best men in the county and that he lived a life which many should emulate.

Mr. McSwain was never married. He lived at the old homestead all of his life and joined Beaver Dam church in early manhood, remaining a faithful member all his earthly existence. He reared three of his brother's children, W. E., Elija, and Pantha McSwain. His health had been good until last winter when he suffered an attack of pneumonia, from which he rallied somewhat, but his heart was weakened by the spell, and when this last sickness came on he was unable to withstand the attack. He has a host of friends surviving together with a brother and one sister.

Boys Are Hurt When They Explode A Cap

Floyd and Kenneth Hambright, sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hambright, Suttle street, were injured Thursday afternoon when they exploded a dynamite cap which they found on the Shelby Building company's property where workmen had been grading and blasting. Floyd Hambright was rushed to the Shelby hospital with an ugly eye wound with some danger of losing his sight, but the doctors think it can be saved. Floyd who is seven years old also has slight wounds in his side and leg caused by the explosion of the dynamite cap. His older brother Kendrick Hambright received wounds on his shoulder and body but his condition is favorable. Two other little Hambright children were present when the boys exploded the cap but they were unharmed. It is thought that they found both cap and fuse and lighted the fuse with a match, thinking there was no more harm in it than a Christmas firecracker, but the explosion was terrific.

A new 16-inch coast defense gun is said to throw a ton of metal 28 miles out to sea. How far would it throw a saxophone, and why not?—Detroit News.

Local Horsemen In Five Gait Contest

George Blanton Wins First, Miss Leak Second and Dr. Dorton Third in Local Horses.

In the exhibition of five-gaited local horses shown on the race track Thursday afternoon, some 25 or 30 handsome Cleveland county owned saddlers were in competition, with George Blanton riding Banker C. C. Blanton's horse winning the blue ribbon for the best five-gaited horse in the lot. Miss Leak, trained nurse, riding Ward Arey's horse won the second prize, while Dr. J. S. Dorton secretary of the fair association won third place. The mounts were in fine trim and in point of beauty and carriage were as graceful as the professional race horses that furnished entertainment each afternoon of the fair contesting for the purses in the trot and pace.

One feature of the show was the exhibition riding of Miss Annie Frazier of Chester, S. C., on a beautiful mount owned by her father John Frazier a noted horseman of South Carolina. Miss Frazier is a most graceful rider and the mount was one of the prettiest on the track.

FIVE BANDITS-ROB BANK OF \$75,000

Springport, Mich., Oct. 17.—State police and Jackson county officers were scouring secluded sports and guarding the roads in this vicinity tonight in the hope of picking up some trace of five men who this morning held up and robbed the State Savings bank of Springport, Mich., of approximately \$75,000 in currency and bonds.

The robbers escaped after four of them had entered the bank, locked four bank employees and four patrons in the vault, scooped up the bonds and money and raced back to the automobile where an accomplice was waiting across the street.

Hard Surface Now Complete Across N. C.

The final stretch of hard surface on Route No. 70 between Greensboro and the Virginia state line was finished last week and completion of this project gives North Carolina a continuous paved road from the Virginia to the South Carolina line, or at least as far as Kines Mountain, only a few miles from the South Carolina line. The distance across the state is 180 miles and an automobile driver can travel from Shelby via Charlotte, Salisbury, Greensboro and Reidsville to the Virginia state line on a ribbon of concrete and asphalt.

SANDY RUN ASSOCIATION MEETS NEXT AT SPINDALE

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The Sandy Run Baptist association which met with High Shoals church last week will meet with Spindale church next year. All the meetings were well attended. A resolution was passed asking the churches to not hold memorial services on Sunday. An address on Wednesday by Rev. Chas. E. Maddry, secretary of the State Mission Board was a feature of the meeting. Rev. Z. D. Harrill was moderator with Mr. G. B. Pruett, clerk and Mr. A. I. Jolly, treasurer. Rev. D. G. Washburn was appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year.

Spindale will have her hands full next October if the county fair and Sandy Run Association meet with her at the same time.

YES, EVERYBODY WONDERS HOW HE ESCAPED DEATH.

Rutherford Sun.
 Mr. Oscar Carroll, who lives near Tanners Grove church had a close call on his life last Friday night when he hit and missed the bridge over the C. C. and O. railway between Forest City and Caroleen, on the old road, sometimes called the Morrow road. As he approached the bridge he looked back and hit the banister, driving a scantling through his radiator. He rolled down the embankment 20 feet below the railroad track and was only slightly injured. His new Ford car was a complete wreck. Mr. Carroll is still wondering how he escaped injury.

Seeing Our Fair.

Among those to attend Cleveland county fair Wednesday from Gastonia were: K. D. McCullough, L. E. Rankin, jr., Sanford Brown, Lloyd Dixon, Will Oates, Thomas Summey and James Workman.—Gastonia Gazette.
 Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Settlemeyer, Mrs. W. J. Petty, Mrs. E. A. Eaker, Mrs. Henry Smith and Mrs. J. J. Parrish attended the Cleveland county fair in Shelby Wednesday.—Gaffney Ledger.
 Mrs. W. F. Michael was one of the fancy work judges at the Cleveland County Fair, Shelby. Mrs. Michael is considered an expert along fancy work lines and was in charge of that booth at the Gaston fair recently.—Gastonia Gazette.

Thanks, Brother Price.

Rutherford Sun.
 Our neighbor, The Cleveland Star, just a Central Methodist Church section Tuesday which was a credit to all concerned. Shelby has a handsome \$150,000 Methodist church which is a credit to not only Cleveland county, but the entire state. Congratulations to the Star, Shelby, Cleveland county and North Carolina.

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