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We wish to call your attention to the  
fact that it is, and has been our  
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thanks and obituary notices, after one  
death notice has been published. This  
will be strictly adhered to.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 1925.

**LET'S HAVE NO ELECTION.**

There should be no election on the  
proposed extension of the city limits.  
Those who favor and those who oppose  
should get together and agree on a  
settlement of the matter which should  
be presented to Representative Falls.  
An election would serve to prolong  
the fight and there is no reason why  
the leaders on both sides, all of whom  
are mutual friends and whose interests  
in Shelby and its property are inter-  
linked should not be able to sit  
down around a table and reach an  
agreement satisfactory to both sides.  
For this life, we must give and take.  
Selfish interests must be sidetracked  
for the good of all.

The Star does not assume that it  
is wiser than all or has the right rem-  
edy for the situation, but it believes  
extensionists would make it plain  
that there is no desire to confiscate  
property on the outside, that Shelby  
means to take over the South Shelby  
school property and operate it, build  
streets and sidewalks, provide water,  
lights and sewer lines in the proposed  
new area on the same basis and on  
the same terms that these municipal  
advantages have been provided in the  
present Shelby, the opponents of exten-  
sion will be satisfied. We would  
further suggest that if extension is  
made without an election that it would  
not take effect until say June 1st, 1925  
which would relieve the outsiders  
from listing their property for taxes  
until May 1st 1926, they would be sat-  
isfied and accept extension without  
an election.

Petitions have been signed for and  
against extension. The majority are  
now in favor of it and to make it  
necessary to vote would only prolong  
and embitter the fight. All of us  
whether we live inside or outside, are  
a part of Shelby in spirit. Let's get  
together in a sober-minded, business-  
like conference and settle the matter  
without an election.

**MR. McLEAN'S BUSINESS POLICY.**

Governor McLean has startled  
many of the legislators who would  
run the state rampant in debt, by an-  
nouncing that he will oppose an ad-  
ditional bond issue of thirty-five mil-  
lions for roads but will favor increas-  
ing the road building fund to twenty  
millions. At first he was inclined to  
oppose any road bond issue, but now  
he has gone more than half way and  
favors twenty millions in order that  
the road program might be carried on  
gradually.

Governor McLean has studied the  
financial condition of the state and  
has begun a study of it before he took  
the oath of office and finds the state  
runs above nine million dollars. Pre-  
sident is coming and he is determined  
not to let the good name of North  
Carolina drag in the dust. Every pa-  
triotic citizen should commend him  
for his attitude and we are pleased  
to know that he is putting the brakes  
on. It would never do in the world to  
institute a sales tax, the greatest an-  
noyance and nuisance ever conceived  
for raising revenue and it would never  
do to place a tax on land for state  
purposes. There is no sense or reason  
in appropriating money for any and  
all purposes, regardless of how meri-  
torious they may be, without giving  
some consideration to the manner and  
method of securing the funds with  
which to pay the bills. Taxes are high  
enough and the state institutions  
which have been undergoing a great  
building boom, should wait awhile. As  
for the road building program, it is  
now definitely known that if the pro-  
posed 35 millions were issued, making  
the total road fund 100 millions, we  
would still not have enough to pave  
all roads connecting county seat towns  
in North Carolina. Gasoline and auto  
license revenue pay for roads and we  
are inclined to favor Mr. McLean's  
20 millions additional for highways,  
but why go further if it is dangerous  
to the credit of the state and the men-  
tal and financial comfort of the tax  
payers?

There is a reckless element in the  
general assembly and just where they  
would lead the state is staggering to  
conceive, but if they will listen to  
Governor McLean, a successful busi-  
ness man who is determined to work  
out safely, the state's process will  
continue and no extra heavy burdens  
will be imposed on anyone.

Won't European nations always be  
eager to fight if they can do so on a  
charge account?—Wall Street Journal.

Russia's "red" night will end only  
with the rising of her sons.—Wall  
Street Journal.

The trouble with the last word in  
fashion is that it is not.—Arkansas  
Gazette.

**OPINIONS  
—OF OTHERS—**

**Cleveland and Robeson.**  
(From News and Observer.)  
Max Gardner has a right to re-  
joice, seeing Cleveland county has  
passed Robeson in the production of  
cotton, making 40,563 bales in 1924.  
But Cleveland escaped the boll weevil  
and disastrous rains. Robeson will  
come back!

**What Part?**  
(From News and Observer.)  
Which county has the least and the  
most hard-surfaced road? That ques-  
tion is uppermost. The Shelby Star  
says Cleveland county has only 14  
miles, whereas Guilford has 54.47;  
Pitt, 54.33; Pender, 51.19; Mecklen-  
burg, 48.30. As to some of these  
counties above the average, county  
taxes contributed a part.

**That Jo-Cam Debate.**  
(From Asheville Times.)

Of course, Josephus Daniels will  
not accept Cameron Morrison's chal-  
lenge to a joint debate on the financial  
condition of the state. The Raleigh  
editor is too wise and too considerate  
to be a party to any arrangement  
which would inflict a joint discussion  
on the people of North Carolina at  
this time.

Joint debates are rarely if ever  
productive of any lasting good. They  
do not clarify issues. They confuse  
truth. They usually introduce the ele-  
ment of bitterness into discussions  
which should be kept on an elevated  
plane and divert attention from the  
real issues by focusing interest on  
personalities.

Mr. Morrison explains his chal-  
lenge by asserting: "I have no paper  
in which to debate the matters in-  
volved with you." This is only a half-  
truth. Mr. Morrison is not an editor.  
So far as the state has any reason  
or knowing, he owns no stock in any  
newspaper. But he does not lack for  
journalistic defense. There are several  
newspapers in this state which act  
on the assumption that what Mr.  
Morrison does is usually right and  
these faithful friends will, no doubt,  
allow him all the space which he may  
need in answering Mr. Daniels. Fur-  
thermore, the combined circulation of  
these papers far exceeds that of the  
Raleigh News and Observer.

The former governor has been  
placed in a rather uncomfortable po-  
sition by the Auditor's report show-  
ing that the state has piled up a huge  
deficit during the past few years. His  
desire to explain why the state did not  
live within its means during his Ad-  
ministration is quite natural.

But a joint debate is not the prop-  
er vehicle for Mr. Morrison's explana-  
tions of the deficit. The papers of  
North Carolina, both friends and foes,  
are open to him and he should use  
them in showing why the deficit isn't  
a deficit.

**Southern's Good Health.**

(From Charlotte Observer.)  
The Southern Railway Company  
"serves the South," and its condition  
reflects the condition of the South.  
For that reason The Observer is al-  
ways disposed to hold it up as an in-  
dicator of the good health of the Southern  
States, financially speaking.

The Annual Street Gossip in The Wall  
Street Journal, in the latest report,  
says that although the Southern Rail-  
way reported net operating income of  
\$99,142,119 last year, against \$28-  
123,153 in 1923, it is impossible to  
ascertain net income owing to year-  
end accounting adjustments which  
may increase or decrease other in-  
come, and fixed charges. It is estimat-  
ed, however, that 1924 results were  
equal to approximately \$11.50 a share  
on the \$120,000,000 common stock,  
against actual earnings of \$10.11 a  
common share in 1923.

**Prince Or Pauper.**

(From N. C. Natural Resources.)  
It is a common saying, true as life  
itself, that certain lines of effort will  
make a "prince or a pauper" of those  
who follow them. Certain commodi-  
ties are so much dynamite. Certain  
employments which are like a grant  
of unlimited power to the few are as  
a destroying flame to the generality.  
It is as if to command them there  
were some mysterious "master word"  
to be known only by special fortune.  
Familiar examples are lumber, steel  
oil, real estate, great fortune makers  
all, each with its distinctive aristoc-  
racy. They make or break, are food  
or poison. Bad medicine for medioc-  
rity. In every section and commu-  
nity is the familiar enterprise  
which has endowed a few argosies  
and left a litter of human debris.  
Even in a fundamental like agricul-  
ture are these mysterious contrasts  
for which explanation is sought in  
politics instead of in the men by  
whom they are illustrated. Who  
does not know the farmer who al-  
ways makes money, bad year and  
good, despite the devil, and high water  
and the boll weevil? Why?

**WHY MODERN SCHOOL BUILDINGS  
SHOULD BE BUILT IN CLEVELAND**

(Written for The Star by W. Thom-  
as Green, Cleveland county student in  
Carson-Newman college.)

There has been quite a lot of agi-  
tation pro and con relative to the er-  
ection of modern school buildings in  
the rural sections of Cleveland coun-  
ty. Some sections have already taken  
the forward step, while others have  
not, and it is for this reason that I  
pass these words to the public.

Some of our conservative farmers  
are justified in being so, or at least,  
it would seem so on the surface. It is  
well to take a conservative attitude  
at times, because much trouble and  
expense are often saved in this way;  
but it would seem that the only con-  
servatism that is justified in the mat-  
ter of erecting more up-to-date school  
buildings would be based on financial  
grounds. But with the existing condi-  
tions of the county this would seem  
to be poor argument in the mind of a  
close observer.

With these remarks, I shall attempt  
to enumerate some of the reasons why  
the rural sections of Cleveland county  
should have more up-to-date school  
buildings.

In the first place it saves expenses,  
which is the vital factor in the prob-  
lem. One may question this statement,  
but its veracity can be shown by statis-  
tics. When we consider the expense  
of sending two, three, four or five  
boys and girls to a high school away  
from home for four years, with the  
other inconveniences that are con-  
nected with such an undertaking we  
can begin to realize something of the  
cost. Judging from experience I would  
say that it usually takes from \$150 to  
\$250 to send a boy or girl to a board-  
ing school or to a school where they  
have to board in the community for  
nine months, to say nothing of the  
cost of transportation and the loss of  
time that is incurred by the student  
who is away from home. Because much  
time can be utilized that is valuable  
to the farmer in the proper time.

Some may say that taxes are too  
high, and that the public is already  
getting too much money, this may be  
true in regard to some things, but  
never to schools. It is better to pay  
a little extra for a while and get what  
one wants and needs, thereby doubling  
the result. Many people pay double  
school taxes, that is, they pay to keep  
up the school in their own commu-  
nity and then send their children to  
another school. The man who does this  
might be justified in doing so, due  
to the fact that he has the advantage  
of a better school, but if he would just  
reason for a minute he would find  
that the money he spends and that  
others spend in the same way would  
make his community school as good  
as any, thereby saving money and  
time by having a good school close  
home.

Second, good schools and up-to-date  
buildings add prestige and power to  
any community. It has been said that  
any community can be judged by the  
kind of school buildings it has, which  
means that poor schools and inade-  
quate buildings are the synonyms for  
poor citizenship. Be this true or not  
true a community that has good  
schools and good buildings usually  
has prestige, respect, and a patriotic  
citizenship— not patriotic for the cause  
of war, but for community building.  
The prestige and power of a commu-  
nity are strengthened not for the ma-  
terial value or for the artistic orna-  
ment of a fine school, but because pro-  
gress in education means progress in  
other things, more economical meth-  
ods of farming, better churches, bet-  
ter homes, more respect for law, more  
happiness, more love, pride, and re-  
spect for ones own community.

In the third place, modern school  
buildings and equipment insure a high  
school education for practically all  
who want it. There are already a num-  
ber of high schools in the county, but  
these could have never been possible  
if there had not been proper building  
facilities. A high school or even a ju-  
nior high school cannot progress and  
produce the best results if it is im-  
peded by inefficient and insufficient  
buildings; neither can a teacher do  
efficient work unless he or she has  
the proper place and the necessary  
equipment. Then it is obvious that we  
cannot expect the best results from  
our schools unless they are adequately  
equipped and manned which is a stim-  
ulus and an encouragement to the  
young to try to secure an education.

It insures education for all because  
it brings opportunity to our doors.  
Environment has much to do with the  
making of a life, this being true, ev-

In respect of its assets of lands,  
waters, forests, minerals, whatnot of  
profit, pleasure and attraction, it is  
the interest of the state to increase in  
their use the ratio of "princes" to  
"paupers." To do so it must proceed  
toward the whole in the manner the  
"prince" acts toward his part. It  
must visualize itself in relation to its  
resources. It must know in detail  
what and where they are, for what  
best adapted, when and how they can  
be best employed. It must know cost,  
ascertain returns, justify investment.  
In every county there are men who  
know its lands, their history, their po-  
tentialities. In every town there is  
some "prince" of special knowledge  
who has digested every detail of his  
business. Is the state, whose interest  
embraces the right employment of  
acre, the success of every factory and  
the energy of every individual, not  
entitled to be a "prince" instead of a  
"pauper" in the definite knowledge  
of what its sovereignty embraces and  
what it can be made to mean to it in  
wealth and happiness?

ery man should endeavor to make the  
environment of his home and commu-  
nity the very best and as conducive  
to higher education as possible. It has  
been said that ignorance is not sin,  
but to stay in ignorance is sin. Ignor-  
ance can be avoided and eliminated  
only by fighting it. The best method  
is to start with the school which is  
primarily an index to the home and to  
the community.

It insures an education for all be-  
cause by the building of school houses  
we raise the standard and, therefore,  
make it possible from a standpoint of  
distance and of money for all to be  
accommodated. It is true that there  
are many boys and girls in the county  
that are being deprived of the oppor-  
tunity to develop their God-given tal-  
ents, due to the fact that their par-  
ents are not able financially to send  
them away to school and the distance  
to high schools is too far to be walked.  
This condition could be modified and  
perhaps eliminated if some of the men  
in the county who spend hundreds  
each year for luxuries and send their  
children somewhere else to school,  
thus spending their money selfishly  
and out of the community with out a  
thought for others who are not so for-  
tunate, would spend a little in their  
own community for schools. This  
would not only help others but it  
would be a lasting monument to their  
memory.

The boys and girls of today are to  
be the citizens of tomorrow; they are  
to control the destinies of our com-  
munity, our county, our state, and our  
nation. Shall they start from the  
shoulders of the present generation  
or shall their lives be impeded? Shall  
their success be hampered because  
others have failed to do their duty.  
The duty is to provide adequate  
schools and equipment to the extent  
that no boy or girl will be denied the  
privilege of a high school education  
which gives the county when supple-  
mented a citizenry with the power to  
see clearly, to imagine vividly, to think  
independently, and to will nobly. The  
question is for the citizens of today to  
decide.

**Automobiles Kill  
Many In State**

A total of 27 people were killed and  
34 injured in automobile accidents on  
the state highways of North Carolina  
from September 1, 1924 to January 1,  
1925 according to a report just com-  
missioned. The report shows a total of  
421 accidents during the four month  
period.

The fifth highway district led the  
list in the number of accidents and  
fatalities, the report shows, 120 ac-  
cidents being reported, with eight  
killed and 79 injured. This district is  
composed of Alamance, Caswell, Dav-  
idson, Hoke, Guilford, Montgomery,  
Moore, Randolph and Rockingham  
counties.

The third district reported fewer  
accidents than any of the remaining  
eight, according to the report, 16 ac-  
cidents occurring, with 24 injured and  
one killed.

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The cause of the accidents in which  
fatalities occurred are enumerated in  
the report as follows: Speeding, 8;  
drivers intoxicated, 2; cars parked  
on highway, 4; fault of cars, 1;  
blinded by lights, 1; careless driving,  
4; unknown causes, 3; men walking on  
highways, 1; children running in front  
of cars, 3.

The majority of the accidents, ac-  
cordin to the report, occurred on  
curves, at cross-roads or railway  
crossings.

The report also shows that one or  
more people were killed in each dis-  
trict in the state during the four  
months.

**The Spirit That Wins.**  
Your nose may be battered, your jaw-  
bone nicked,  
Your visage may be a sight;  
But always remember you're never  
licked  
While still you can stand and fight.  
No matter how badly they mess your  
map,  
It won't be beyond repair,  
And there still is a chance that you'll  
win the scrap  
As long as the punch is there.  
You'll make mistakes and you'll do  
things wrong—  
The best of them always do;  
But as soon as you get to going  
strong  
Your grit will see you through.

They smashed Paul Jones to a fare-  
you well,  
But he didn't observe "good-night,"  
He merely paused in his tracks to  
yell  
That he'd just begun to fight.  
There'll be plenty of folks to peddle  
gloom;  
There'll be plenty of folks to say  
That they see the terrible day of  
doom  
Hurrying on its way;  
But the fellow who knows that the  
fight is hard  
And still has the nerve to grin  
And never gets rattled and drops his  
guard,  
Is the fellow that is going to win!  
Author Unknown.

ONE BIG  
IMPLEMENT  
WEEK!



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JUBILEE  
IMPLEMENT SALE**

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SILVERWARE  
GIVEN  
WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE DUR-  
ING THIS SALE



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implements when you need them. And  
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