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COUNTY PRAISED BY FARM EDITOR

C. L. Newman, Associate Editor Progressive Farmer, Says Cleveland Equal to Any in Farming.

Speaking before the Shelby Kiwanis club last Thursday night Mr. C. L. Newman, associate editor of the Progressive Farmer, one of the country's leading farm papers, declared that "Cleveland county is the equal, if not superior, of any county that I have visited in several years, especially in agriculture."

Progress Rapid. The speaker's last visit here was some 10 or 12 years ago and there is little to compare between the rural Cleveland of that day and the present, according to him.

Accompanying Mr. Newman was I. O. Schaub, director of the state extension service, and in a brief talk to the club it was impressed on his hearers that "Boll Weevil" Schaub—as Newman termed him—is perhaps better acquainted with the farm situation in the state than any other.

To Erect Signs. Last year the county commissioners appropriated a sum of money to be used by the Shelby Kiwanis club and the Kings Mountain chamber of commerce for two large "Welcome to Cleveland" signs to be erected at each border of the county on Highway No. 20, and these signs will be secured and erected soon, according to Secretary Chas. A. Burrus speaking for the publicity committee.

License—License has been issued recently for the marriage of the following couples: Romey Johnson and Vassey Canipe; Ware Lawrence and Lula B. Ross. Also one colored couple: Dan Christopher and Bertha Barrow.

The world is full of men who will fox-trot attendance upon the flirt and waltz up to the altar with the sensible girl.

The gang in the rickety Ford generally has more fun than the lonesome passenger with a poodle dog in the limousine.

It will pay you to see Campbell Department stores Shelby or Lawndale for your Fertilizer.

TOM DIXON OFFERS TO MAKE FILM OF HIS BOOK, "BLACK HOOD," IN SHELBY

Book Was Written With Shelby And This Section As Background And Famous Author And Playwright Would Like To Make Pictures Here. Proposition Also Includes Other Historic Southern Stories That Will Be Screened.

Coming as a surprise to Shelby and this section is a proposition made by Thomas Dixon, internationally famous author and playwright and native of Shelby, to produce him "Black Hood" and other of his great stories into moving pictures, the filming to be here on the scene of the action related in the stories and to follow closely the stories by having the background of the book as the background for the screen story.

Furthermore, Mr. Dixon, who once lived in the dilapidated white house to the rear of the Shelby postoffice, makes such an offer that if "The Black Hood" is filmed here others of his historic Southland stories will also be made into pictures.

"The Black Hood" is considered by many far superior to the "Birth of a Nation" and a prominent movie producer who is considering filming it says that it will be a great favorite in moviedom.

Makes Offer to Dorton. Sometime back realizing that the town of Independence in Dixon's "Black Hood" was no other than the town of Shelby in which he was born Shelby people became more than interested in his second book on the Klan. Several weeks back Dr. J. S. Dorton, secretary of the Cleveland County fair, wrote Mr. Dixon making him an offer to personally direct a pageant of "The Black Hood" here during the big fair this fall.

WIFE DIES DAY HER HUSBAND IS BURIED

Mr. John J. Kistler Buried Sunday And His Wife Dies Same Day.—Both Buried At Tan Yard.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mauney Kistler of near Cleveland Mills died the day her husband John Kistler was buried and both were 78 years of age, according to information received here yesterday.

Mr. Kistler was born Feb. 3rd, 1847 and died Friday, March 6th, being 78 years, one month and three days old. About 53 years ago he married Miss Elizabeth Mauney and to this union two children were born, both of whom survive, Mrs. Amos Gantt and Mrs. Lero Ivester, also one brother, Joe Kistler and one sister, Miss Mary Kistler.

Mr. Kistler was buried at Tan Yard church and one of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral at that church was present. Mrs. Kistler died Sunday afternoon at the age of 78 years and her remains were buried beside the new-made mound of her husband on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Fox News at the Princess today will show Floyd Collins in Sand Cave. See it sure. advt.

Mrs. Cary Boshammer has returned from a months visit to Statesville.

Fair This Fall To Be Extended Run Of Entertainment

Will be Most Entertaining Five-Day Attraction in State. Farmers Prepare Exhibits.

Although Cleveland county's second big fair is almost a half year in the future preparations are quietly going on that will make of it an even greater success than was the first one, which exceeded the State Fair from the standpoint of attendance.

The fair last fall was the county's first and naturally much had to be learned by experience. The fair was a big success but with the experience of putting over one and the opportunity of nothing what might be added the farmers and farm wives already know what they will exhibit this year and in some instances have already prepared the displays.

The pageant as a separate production would be very expensive if put on by competent men in a proper way. It would cost, I figure, about half as much as the big super-film which I have already written and there would be nothing to show for it when done.

If, on the other hand, the pictures were organized and controlled by our own company, the out door of the film scenes could all be taken in Shelby during Fair week—and the pageant staged by the actors at a very small cost and charged to the advertising account of the film.

If you can raise the capital needed for the production in pictures of "The Black Hood" I will call off the negotiations here and turn the five books: "The Black Hood," "The Man in Gray," "A Man of People," "The Victim," "The Victim" and "The Victim" and "The Southerner" over the Cleveland company, and devote all my time to their production for the next five years.

"The Birth of a Nation" has made so far over \$5,000,000 and is still running. "The Black Hood" would certainly make a profound sensation in the whole country. The company now distributing "The Birth of a Nation" is "The United Artists," (Griffin, Fairbanks, Pickford and Chaplin). The president of this company, Mr. Hiram Abrams, has read "The Black Hood" and says it will make more money than "The Birth of a Nation."

I am now writing a new novel—which will be done in about four weeks. I could go into the new enterprise in April. Let me know if there is any chance to swing the proposition in this way. With best wishes, Sincerely, THOMAS DIXON.

SCHOOLS OF SOUTH SHELBY IN CITY

Transfer School to City System at Meeting Held Monday. Separate From Legislative Action.

The South Shelby schools will at the beginning of the next school year become a part of the Greater Shelby school system, according to an agreement and arrangement reached Monday at a conference and meeting between the county board of education, the Shelby school board and school representatives.

The legislative action creating the Greater Shelby did not dispose of the school matter and left the South Shelby schools a separate school district, as it is understood by this paper. At the meeting Monday the spirit of extension and progress in Shelby was again evident when the city school board petitioned the county board to make the South Shelby school a part of the city school system, which was granted by the board of education after careful consideration and the knowledge that it was the best and most favorable move.

Child Is Victim Of Diphtheria At Dover

Leonard, the two and a half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Dawson was a victim of diphtheria at the Dover mill Wednesday March 4th at 4:30 p. m. The little child's remains were taken to Gaffney for interment Thursday, Rev. J. W. Davis of the Dover Mill conducting the funeral services. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson have many friends at the Dover Mill and had many expressions of sympathy bestowed upon them during their bereavement for which they are truly grateful. They wish particularly to thank the overseers and loom fixers for the beautiful wreath of flowers and Dr. Ben Gold for his tender and skillful attention to the little one before it died.

FRAZIER ENGAGED AS ENGINEER TO ESTABLISH NEW LIMITS OF SHELBY

Greater Shelby's Boundaries To Be Established At Once And Map Made Of Old And New Parts—Election Officials.

The board of aldermen at a called meeting Friday afternoon engaged D. R. S. Frazier as city engineer to make a survey of Greater Shelby, establish the old and new boundaries, show the property boundaries, streets and sidewalks, following which a new city map will be made and copies distributed among the business men of Shelby who have need for the same.

To make preparation for the coming city election in May the aldermen at their called meeting appointed T. C. Eskridge as registrar and Julius Smith and W. Y. Weathers as judges. It will be necessary for all voters who live in the newly acquired territory to re-register. Dates when the registration books will be open, will be announced later. Already there are two candidates in the field for mayor—C. R. Doggett and Peyton McSwain—and before long others may enter. J. T. Gardner who served faithfully and well as mayor for several terms is being urged to make the race again and he is seriously considering the matter while A. P. Weathers who has been appealed to by friends from all parts of town, stoutly declines to enter the race. There have been no announcements for the four positions of aldermen from the four wards, but the voters are giving consideration to suitable men in the hope of selecting men who will be thoroughly capable of serving the greater Shelby which will require the keenest sort of business administration.

Widen Sumter Street. The aldermen voted to widen Sumter street where it leaves N. Washington street next to Rev. John W. Suttles residence. Sumter street as it extends from N. Lafayette street to N. Washington between the Shelby Creamery and W. C. Wright's shop building is not in line as it extends east of Washington so a part of the Major Green property will be used to widen this street for a distance of a block or more.

Mr. Frazier who has been engaged as city engineer came to Shelby last year from Concord, being a partner with Furr and Frazier. The first of this is the first step the city fathers have taken since the limits have been extended to carry out the extension plan. The next step will be the selection of three men who will appraise the privately owned public improvements in the newly acquired territory so the town can reimburse the owners for the same. As yet there has been no intimation as to the personnel of this board of appraisers, but an effort will be made to get fair and impartial business men who can settle the matter to the satisfaction of both sides.

A fine 20-piece band with all-American artists and solo singers have also been booked.

COL. GARDNER WILL NOT RUN FOR MAYOR

The venerable figure of Col. J. T. Gardner, one of the oldest and best liked in the political life of Shelby, will not be in the race for mayor this spring, according to a definite announcement made yesterday. Colonel Gardner's health and age will not permit him to assume the duties of office should he be elected he has been advised by his physicians and in saying definitely that he will not run Mr. Gardner conveys to his hundreds of friends, who have been urging his candidacy, his thanks and appreciation for their loyalty and proffered support, expressing regret that he is not physically able to again serve the people of his town.

In declining to run again for mayor Mr. Gardner closes an official career with the town that is excelled by none. Eleven times has he been mayor of the town and practically his entire life has been devoted to the interests of Shelby. When Shelby's new mayor became a leading topic in the town Colonel Gardner's was the first name mentioned and many have already assured him their support. His first official office in Shelby dates back many years, too far out in the past to be remembered by many, and through his career his ability to win is ample evidence of like legion of friends. Federal Judge Yates Webb, one of Shelby's illustrious sons, when interviewed in giving the story of his life recently, with a smile recalled the only defeat given him in his long and brilliant career in public life—and it was by Colonel Gardner for mayor of Shelby 30 years ago when Judge Webb was only a young man. Mr. Gardner's announcement is the most important of the pre-election period and all over Shelby are friends who will wish him well although he will not again serve in the official ranks.

Another Candidate Talked By Friends. The following communication heralding the discussion of another probable candidate for mayor of Shelby speaks for itself: "Believing that the Greater Shelby at the present time needs a live-wire booster as head of the city government and one that will do his utmost in continuing the program of progress in one of the state's liveliest towns we as voters of Shelby suggest that Frank E. Hoey be urged to run for mayor. Popular in the town he would be a favorite with the older set as well as with the coming generation that is gradually taking over and continuing to speed up the progressive spirit that has marked the recent years of growth. At the cross roads with one road leading to additional progress and the other to a standstill, Shelby above all needs a progressive spirit at the city hall."

Central Methodist Church.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Let us have a large attendance. The official board will meet after prayer meeting. Also choir practice after prayer meeting.

See Floyd Collins in the Sand Cave Tuesday (today) at Princess theatre. Fox News gives it complete. Adv.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY NOT COMING SOON

Gaffney Paper Says Extension of P. and N. is Not Likely. Gives Information.

A dispatch in the Cherokee Times, published at Gaffney, says that the P. and N. electric railway will not likely be extended soon from Gastonia to Spartanburg by way of Shelby and Gaffney. Local business men who are somewhat in touch with the Duke business interest hold practically the same belief.

The Gaffney article, which will prove of some interest, especially to those who have been planning sure on the extension, follows:

"As was stated to the Cherokee Times more than one year ago in an exclusive telegram to this newspaper from E. Thomason, vice-president and general manager of the Piedmont and Northern railway system, no immediate expansion of the P. and N. railway is contemplated at this time and in other words, the connecting link between Spartanburg and Gastonia, N. C., will not be built at this time. Gaffney people need not expect therefore to find a new electric road traversing this territory at any very early date.

For Power Stations. "In his original telegram to the Cherokee Times Mr. Thomason stated that the new rights of way were being acquired for the purpose of further developing power stations and investigation of reports heard Saturday to the effect that the connecting link is to be built show that these statements are without authority and that Mr. Thomason's original statement about the matter still holds good. Own Rights Now.

"A complete right-of-way from Gastonia to this city was purchased by the P. and N. about two years ago. The P. and N. Company owns a right-of-way, and if they want to build the link, all they have to do is to set to work, as the power line right-of-way system is settled, it was learned here on good authority.

The purchase of a small tract of land from J. F. Burgess by the Southern Power company, which is supposed to have been responsible for the rumor Saturday, was for the extension of the existing sub-station located on Lawsons Fork just opposite Dravton mills. This land is a portion of the old Harris property, and will be used for the placing of steel towers and transformers and other electrical equipment. The power company has been cramped for room for the past several years and bought this land to make their arrangements more facile.

"The Southern Power company has made a definite announcement that they intend to complete the link from Spartanburg, but when and by what route, they have not decided. The present power line right-of-way runs parallel with the tracks of the Spartanburg railway."

McSwain Candidate For Shelby Mayor

Ex-Service Man And Local Attorney Announces Entrance Into Race. Progressive Platform.

Captain Peyton McSwain, local lawyer ex-service man and former commander of the local Legion post, upon the request of many friends has decided to enter the Democratic primary in May as a candidate for Mayor of Shelby. Capt. McSwain, who is commander of Company K, National guard unit, and a member of Governor McLean's military staff, in announcing his candidacy says he is for a progressive administration and immediate extension where practical and desired of all improvements within the new limits. "After due consideration," he says, "and upon the insistence of my friends, I have decided to become a candidate for Mayor of Shelby subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in May. If elected I will give the office the time and attention that it requires; will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability; and will at all times stand for and foster the interests of all the people and the town as a whole. I pledge myself to a progressive administration; to a clean town both morally and physically; and to the immediate extension, where practical and desired, of all improvements within the new city limits."

Capture Still Near Battleground. Gaffney Ledger.

Cherokee county prohibition enforcement officers captured a 40-gallon capacity sheet iron distillery Thursday near the "burnt mill" in the Kings Mountain battleground section. The still had been moved from one-half to three-quarters of a mile from the spot where it had been used, according to the officers. No evidence could be secured to connect anyone with the outfit, it was stated.