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Mammoth Farm Celebration Here Friday, August 21

Farmers Of Two Carolinas Will Join in Big Day at Cleveland Springs. Governor McLean, Governor McLeod and Other Notables To Attend. 10,000 People Expected by Those Sponsoring Occasion

Plans were announced here yesterday for the biggest farm celebration ever held in the two Carolinas. The event to be known as the Carolinas Farm celebration will be held on Friday August 21, at Cleveland Springs Park, two miles out of Shelby. The tentative program calls for addresses by many of the South's farm leaders, by the governors of North and South Carolina and perhaps by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine.

Preparations are being made for an attendance of around 10,000 farmers and their families, the majority of whom will come from the Piedmont and Western Carolina counties and the border counties of South Carolina. The celebration is being staged by the organized farmers of this section with the major idea of promoting and bettering farm life in the two Carolinas as well as over the entire South are interested in the movement. It is hoped that the day will be a red letter occasion in the transformation of the Carolina farm life and that hereafter the celebration will become an annual event.

Countries directly interested in the celebration in this state are Rutherford, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Polk, Burke, Mecklenburg and Henderson. In South Carolina the major interest is in Cherokee and York counties.

The scene of the big celebration will be in one of western Carolina's most beautiful natural amphitheatres, the earthen bowl between the Cleveland Springs hotel and highway No. 20 where numerous springs bubble forth their farm-famed mineral waters.

Governor McLeod Coming.
The formal program opens in the afternoon with an address on "The New Community Era of the South" by Governor Thomas McLeod of South Carolina. Following the address there will be a number of entertainment events followed by the biggest open-air picnic supper ever staged in the state. Thousands are expected to attend the supper which will be under the direction of the Cleveland Springs cuisine with the big barbecue to be prepared by F. T. Meacham, head of the state test farm at Statesville.

McLean And Poe.
In the evening the tentative program calls for short talks by Governor Angus W. McLean, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and others. Efforts are also being made to have Tom Dixon, famous author and native of Shelby, who is now in this section on a visit, to also appear before the mammoth gathering of farmers.

To Stage Big Pageant.
A colorful twilight pageant depicting with vivid features every phase of community life will be presented by the Boiling Springs community immediately after the talks.

Invitations to attend the celebration have been sent to Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, former Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, and other outstanding leaders in the agricultural life of America. A representative of the national forestry association will be in attendance and will present with moving pictures forest scenes in the mountains of the two states. Newspaper representatives of the two states will be in attendance together with staff writers from the leading farm magazines. Special writers who have already announced their intention of covering the celebration include W. T. Bost, R. E. Powell and an NEA photographer.

Such a celebration has been planned by the farmers of the two states for some time, but not until this week was it definitely decided where the celebration would be staged. The selection of Cleveland Springs seems to have been a favorable move since the site centers the Piedmont Carolina border. Tapped in every direction by main highway routes, and with a natural amphitheatre, mineral springs and other entertainment features, the selection should prove a drawing card to the thousands of farmers expected to attend.

There is no monetary move behind the celebration and communities of this county and adjoining counties will jointly bear the expenses of the vast gathering, while agricultural leaders are sponsoring the movement because of the great benefits they hope the farmers of the two states will realize from the general reunion, picnic and discussion of agricultural interests.

The invitation is an open one and farmers over the two states are urged to attend.

BIG SCHOOL PLAN CARRIES ELECTION

Consolidation of Six Districts at Belwood Goes Over. Will Be Largest Rural School in County.

The largest rural consolidated school in Cleveland county will begin functioning soon as the result of the election Monday that carried a plan consolidating six school districts.

Educational leaders view it as a great step forward for the county in that the school children of an entire section will be housed in one large modern building having all the facilities of the large city schools.

Carried by 107.

polling places for the election were at the home of John Bogg's and at Boyles' store at Toluca with the voters of the six districts on Monday casting a 107 vote majority for the consolidation measure. The six districts included in the consolidation plan are Belwood, St. Peters, Mulls, Ledfords, Pleasant Hill and Richards.

There are now in the new consolidated district 422 school children and the carrying of the election will necessitate the construction of a 12 to 14 room brick building with steam heat, electric lights and all modern conveniences. The building, which will be the largest rural school in the county, will be erected on a site to be given by George Martin near Normans Grove and Knob Creek churches. It is planned to have the building ready for the school children by the opening of the fall term of 1926-27.

The election means that Cleveland county will this year have 10 consolidated schools: Casar, Moriah, Lattimore, Mooresboro, Fairview, Union, Beam Mill, Waco, Grover and Belwood. This year 24 large trucks will be used in transporting the children of the county to and from school, the trucks carrying approximately 1,000 children daily.

Episcopal Services.
There will be services Sunday July 19th at the Episcopal church. Rev. B. S. Lassiter will preach.

Hold Banquet.
A large banquet was held in the evening with the Hon. John J. Parker, as the principal speaker of the evening. Mr. Jackson Maloney spoke again and Dr. J. V. McGougan of Fayetteville. Mr. Gutzon Borglum, former sculptor of the Confederate memorial at Stone Mountain, talked to the insurance men on how that work was started and carried on to its present stage.

City Fathers Complete Schedule On License Taxes—Engineer Hired

License Taxes Are Increased. McCrary & Co. and Frazier Engaged.

The city fathers have completed the schedule of license and privilege taxes which become effective at once and must be paid within the next 30 days. Those lines of business which heretofore have carried a privilege tax, have been increased for the fiscal year beginning June 1st while many other trades and professions have been included out of necessity for more revenue for the town of Shelby. While the license tax may seem heavy on some trades, the city fathers have placed a number of license taxes on "itinerant" or outsiders who come in competition with local dealers. The entire schedule is published in this issue of The Star and should be read closely by those interested.

Engineers Engaged.
J. B. McCrary and company, engineers of Atlanta, Ga., have been instructed by the city council to finish up the contract entered into by the former board in regard to plans and specifications for a new water plant. Some work was done for the former administration by McCrary and Co., who will now complete the work and superintend the construction of the new water station. Just where the new station will be located will be decided later. An engineer will be in Shelby shortly to go into the matter with the council.

D. R. S. Frazier was elected city engineer. In addition to engineering work his duties will be to inspect water and electric installations and issue building permits. Between now and August 1st the city council will attend the first gigantic attempt ever made for their entertainment by the cooperation of the two states.

A detailed program together with other information regarding the event will be given out next week, it is announced.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY PLICO ORDER

Insurance Convention Adjourns After Distribution of Prizes and Naming Officials.

The annual convention of the Plico Club of the Carolinas—outstanding agents of the Philadelphia Life Insurance company—closed Wednesday morning at Cleveland Springs following the election of officers and distribution of prizes.

The new officers elected were: Peter McQueen, of White Oak, president; M. D. Chase, of Greenville, S. C., vice-president; Sam H. Lee, Monroe, secretary-treasurer. The following were named members of the executive committee: Caleb Hoyle, Shelby; B. S. Williams, Greenville, S. C., and Charles Ingold, of Fayetteville. The executive committee together with the officers of the club will meet at an early date to select the next convention place and to determine when it shall be held.

May Come Back Here.
There is a likelihood that the convention may come here again next summer. Rev. Caleb Hoyle, local agent for the company and a Plico, says that he intends to do all in his power to have the convention return not only next year, but to make of Cleveland Springs the permanent convention site of the club.

Visiting Plicos were loud in their praise of the hotel and the courtesies shown them by the hotel management and also spoke highly of the hospitality of Shelby people with whom they came in contact while the convention was in session. One high official of the company from Philadelphia, who was on his first trip to the state, declared that he now understands why the reputation of Southern hospitality never dies and that for a friendly, hospitable town Shelby has no equal.

Tuesday afternoon Mayor Weathers together with a group of prominent business and professional men of Shelby took the delegates for a tour of the town.

Tuesday morning and afternoon were devoted to executive sessions with talks by various agents on different phases of the fieldman's work. Mr. A. M. Hopkins spoke to the meeting giving the point of view of the agency manager.

Resolutions by Colored.
In accordance with the movement for more reverence of the Sabbath the following resolutions have been passed and presented to the press by the colored churches of Shelby:

"We have read with interest the great and instructive sermon of Rev. A. L. Stanford to his congregation Sunday morning at Central Methodist church on 'The Desecration and Lack of Reverence for the Lord's Day.' We also realize the imperative need of calling the attention of the colored people to the importance of a better regard for the Sabbath, because some of the colored people are keeping open on the Sabbath places where soft drinks, candies and cream are sold.

Further reflection brings to memory those beautiful passages of Scripture concerning the Sabbath.

"The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath."—Mark 2:17.

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."—Ex. 20-8.

"My Sabbath you shall reverence."—Ex 31:14-16.

"The Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath."—Luke 6-5.

"Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath or to do evil."—Mark 3-4.

"Therefore, be it resolved: First, that we as churches, ministers and colored people of Shelby and Cleveland county do hereby endorse the movement for a more holy and reverent observance of the Sabbath day.

"Second: That the colored ministers be requested to read these resolutions to their people and ask them to adopt the same.

"Third: That, we do all we can to put into practice the above Scriptural messages, thereby giving heed to a more reverent observance of the Sabbath. May we all give attention to the call of the Prophet Ezekiel: 'He gave them a Sabbath to be a sign between them and Him.'

"Fourth: That the city papers be asked to publish the above resolutions.

"A. W. FOSTER,
"H. A. KEATON,
"S. E. BAKER,
"W. O. MILLER."

ELIZABETH CORRECTION AS TO S. SCHOOL ROOMS.
The church at Elizabeth voted to take steps to build Sunday school rooms, but the number was not mentioned in church conference.

The pastor thinks that about 20 or 21 should be built, but that has not been decided yet. A committee will be elected at our next conference to submit suggestions about how many rooms should be built and how they should be arranged, etc.

H. E. WALDROP.

REVIVAL BEGINS AT DOUBLE SHOALS SUNDAY
Rev. John W. Suttle, pastor, begins a revival meeting at Double Shoals Baptist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. The meeting continues through all subsequent nights.

PASTORS ASK FOR SUNDAY REVERENCE

City and County Pastors in Statement Urge Observance of Lord's Day. Colored People Join.

In a statement issued to the press yesterday a large number of the pastors of Shelby and Cleveland county urged that all Sunday amusements and business places be closed up. "In all good will and for the interest of our churches, town and county, we ask that something be done to bring about a better observance of the Lord's Day" is their concluding plea.

The statement issued follows: "We the pastors of the churches Shelby and Cleveland county, being anxious to bring about a better observance of the Sabbath day. Would earnestly urge all those operating, filling stations, grocery stores, swimming pools, golf links, drug stores (excepting for medicine) and any other business or creation the engagement in which would violate the Sabbath, be closed on the Sabbath day.

"The pastors do not wish to interfere with any man's business or to in any way seem to dictate but in looking after the Lord's work and the best interest of the town and county. We feel that to be true to ourselves and to the best interests of the people we must speak out against the desecration of the Sabbath.

"We therefore in all good will and for the interest of the churches, towns and county ask that something be done about a better observance of the Lord's day.

A. L. STANFORD,
I. D. HARRILL,
ROBERT L. LEMONS,
H. E. WALDROP,
W. G. CAMP,
J. W. DAVIS,
G. G. PAGE,
C. J. BLACK,
J. W. SUTTLE,
A. S. RAPER,
S. M. NEEDHAM,
RUSH PADGETT,
B. WILSON.

His New Novel Out.
Thomas Dixon and Dr. Carroll will visit the mounds at Prospect church where their saintly father and mother lie buried and where Rev. Thomas Dixon, sr., was pioneer preacher for a half century. Then they will go to the old Dixon farm on Buffalo creek now owned by Otho Cline which is fraught with memories of their childhood.

Mr. Dixon still has that striking appearance, a personality which if you meet on the street as a stranger, compels you to turn again for another look. His piercing eyes and steel gray hair and brow show that age is steadily creeping upon him for he is well up in sixties. He measures about six feet and his once slender figure has taken on much weight. Today he tips the scales at 217.

The sixteenth novel from Tom Dixon's hand has just come from the publishers. The title of it is "The Love Complex"—a study of the animal nature of man. Down at his summer home in Currituck county where he spends the winters fishing and hunting he has a studio where he does most of his novel writing. He is now engaged in the production of four historical pictures, the first two hinge around the characters of John Brown and Robert E. Lee. The completion of the four will require about two years.

The Birth of a Nation.
The Birth of a Nation which is his screen masterpiece has had the most marvelous run of any picture ever produced. It has had a run of ten years and is still going good. In the fall it will be presented in Germany and revived in London. He owns 25 per cent of the Birth of a Nation and receives a royalty which netted him \$200,000 annually for the first few years. Now he gets his living from this wonderful production which brings him about \$10,000 annually. He has in mind to write the history of the Battle of Kings Mountain before the weight of years forces him to relinquish his work. His eldest son died some years ago following a fatal gas attack overseas in the world war. Thomas Dixon, jr., his younger son is writing for the movies in California. His only daughter is married and lives in Georgia.

ReCollections.
When friends would greet him on his arrival, immediately the conversation would drift to reminiscences. He recalled that he and Audy Rudasill started the first opera house in Shelby and that was the beginning of his career as an actor, playwright and author. When he met Evans McBrayer he recalled that he made his first political speech at a convention in behalf of Mr. McBrayer's father, Colonel Reuben McBrayer, an outstanding Shelby lawyer of that day. When he met Charlie Blanton, the banker, he remembered how he envied him as a 15-year-old boy because he had a

ed to wear shoes all summer while Tom's parents compelled him to take his off as soon as winter broke, the early shucking of shoes being done by the family as a matter of economy.

Sitting in the Central hotel lobby he pointed a Star reporter to the old Miller block on the corner where he said his father used to run a little store and the family lived in a white house near-by. Then Tom was a strip of a boy wearing "kilts" or a long tailed shirt, the only garment for most kids and much after the fashion of the time. A loafer at the store teased Tom and said rumor in the village at that time had it that there was some question as to whether he was a boy or a girl. The idea of being a girl peeved the youngster and he threw a rock and struck the teaser. Tom then ran to his mother and begged her to make him a pair of breeches. He stayed in bed 'til his first pair was made and wore them until his busy mother had time and scraps of cloth to spare to make a change.

The Dixon family go Friday to Asheville, taking a sort of mountain trip to Waynesville, Burnsville, Blowing Rock and back to Raleigh.

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First Bale Of Cotton In New York July 15

Received Earlier in Year than Any Full Bale in the Last Twenty-five Years.

New York, July 15—The first bale of new cotton to reach New York this season was received by the cotton brokerage firm of Bond, McEnany and company from Savannah. It will be auctioned off on the floor of the cotton exchange tomorrow or Friday. The bale was produced by J. Getzer, Webster, Fla., being shipped here by Cooper and Griffin, of Savannah. Its receipt was earlier than any bale has been received in 25 years.

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DR. ROYSTER AND SONS TO BUILD EIGHT STORE ROOMS COSTING \$100,000

Gulf Company Is Opening Station

The Gulf Refining Co., of which R. B. Gantt is the local sales manager has secured a three years lease on the vacant lot at the corner of LaFayette and Sumter street adjoining Campbell's department store where an up-to-date gasoline and oil station is being erected. The name of the station will be "Supreme" after the Supreme motor oil manufactured by the Gulf company. Mr. Gantt says the station will be modern in every way and handle only Gulf petroleum products.

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Big Business Development to Take Place on S. Washington and S. LaFayette Streets—Modern Store Rooms

Dr. S. S. Royster and his two sons, Messrs. Wythe and Ralph Royster will begin in a few days the construction of eight modern two-story brick store rooms to cost approximately \$100,000. Four store rooms will be located on S. LaFayette street where the Ed Hamrick residence is now being torn down and four store rooms will be located on S. Washington street to the rear of the Royster building. Dr. Royster who is one of Shelby's most progressive citizens and most successful business men has plans in hand and expects to start construction in the very near future. Workmen began this week tearing down the Hamrick residence on S. LaFayette street.

The four rooms on S. LaFayette street will each be 25 feet wide by 130 feet deep with a 50-foot basement. It is understood that John M. Best Furniture Co., will occupy two of the ground floor store rooms and the entire second floor on this street, thus giving this up-to-date furniture and undertaking store larger quarters for a better display of stocks.

The four store rooms on S. Washington street will each be 25x65 feet with a large basement to contain a central vapor heating plant, the capacity of which will care for both groups of store rooms, the S. LaFayette street buildings being only 90 feet from the rear of the S. Washington street property.

Each building will be of pressed brick front, probably of a light color. Each store front will have plate glass windows and glass entrances 16 feet deep, thus providing ample space for the display of merchandise by the occupants. All floors will be hard wood and each room will be provided with hot and cold running water.

Dr. Royster has nearly enough applications to fill the eight store rooms with renters as soon as the buildings are completed, but no announcement is made as yet as to their names except that the John M. Best Furniture Co., will occupy two on S. LaFayette street.

Plans for the buildings were drawn by Q. E. Herman of Hickory and bids from contractors are now being received.

GUTZON BORGUM NOTED STONE MT. SCULPTOR IS HERE

Gutzon Borglum, noted Stone Mountain sculptor, spent Tuesday night at Cleveland Springs with a party of friends en route to Chimney Rock on an inspection trip. He hurried to Cleveland from his Raleigh studio, arrived here about midnight, slept a few hours, then scooted away in his Deussenberg motor to Chimney Rock, returning in the late afternoon to stop only a half hour at the springs again before going to Raleigh.

It is thought that Mr. Borglum had been asked to visit Chimney Rock with a view to doing some sculpture work either on the chimney or on the rocky mountainside. Borglum, it will be remembered was dismissed by the Stone Mountain Memorial association and arrested in North Carolina charged with destroying his models. Requisition papers were denied by the governor of North Carolina and Mr. Borglum opened a studio in Raleigh.

It is said that J. W. Tucker, his superintendent, had something to do with the destruction of the models under the direction of Mr. Borglum who contended that they were his private property. Mr. Tucker is now in Cleveland county, holding a position with the state highway commission on construction of highway No. 20. He is boarding at the home of Mr. Bob Humphries near Beaver Dam.

With the dapper little sculptor on his trip through Shelby were Ben Dixon, McNeill, Raleigh newspaper man, Mr. Villa his modeller and a few other friends.

Farewell Sermon—Rev. R. L. Lemons, pastor of the First Baptist church will preach his farewell sermon on "Remember Jesus Christ", Sunday morning before going to Missouri. On Sunday night there will be another farewell service participated in by members of all denominations. The night service will be in charge of the deacons of the Baptist church and a large crowd is expected to attend.