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\$691 Fund For Local Charity

Kiwanis Club Starts Christmas Charity Fund to be Distributed Among Needy Families.

Six hundred and ninety-one dollars (\$691) was contributed to the Christmas Charity fund by the members of the Kiwanis club Thursday night in their desire to play Santa in a substantial way to 29 needy families in and near Shelby, who otherwise would suffer for the comforts of life while the more fortunate would be enjoying the bounties of the season. Immediate distribution will begin to these 29 destitute families constituting 159 individuals, 36 of whom are children of school age who are not attending school because they do not have sufficient clothing and books. It is the first big charitable undertaking of the Kiwanis club and one which they are determined to put over in a big way, hoping to have the support and help of individuals, churches, and other organizations of Shelby. In making up the list of "most needy", the committee composed of James Smith, welfare officer, I. C. Griffin and R. T. LeGrand with the help of Otto Long made personal investigation of 47 cases where charity is needed and where the Christmas cheer will be absent unless it comes from the outside. This list was sifted down to the 29 that are adjudged to be in dire need of the bare necessities of life, hence the committee recommended an amount of money which it considers necessary to provide for the next 50 days—a little food, clothing and fuel.

Committee to Distribute.

One thousand dollars is needed now to bring Christmas cheer for bare comforts is cheer to them. Seven hundred and fifty is apportioned for white families; \$250 for colored families which will also be remembered in this Charity fund, for Shelby charity knows no color line and makes no racial distinction. This is the amount necessary for the cases already discovered, investigated and found to be most worthy, yet the surface has only scratched and another thousand dollars would relieve more distress and bring cheer to a hundred or more depressed and destitute souls. Distribution will not be made in money but in supplies which merchants have agreed to sell at cost to the Charity Fund committee which has been divided as follows: Committee on finance—Leo R. Weathers, Wm. Lineberger, George Blanton; committee on supplies—John S. McKnight, George Blanton, R. T. LeGrand; committee on investigation, Otto Long, James Smith and I. C. Griffin.

Report Distress Cases.

This week the distribution goes on. Hundreds of articles were sent out by the Shelby Public school children Friday, sufficient in quantity to last until this committee begins its work Saturday or Monday. Folks who know of needy cases are asked to make a written report and send it to The Star office at once, outlining the destitute circumstances of the families, number in the household, income, name of family head and street address. No names of cases will be published but due acknowledgment of contributors such as money, food, fuel, clothing and Christmas gifts for the children will be made through the columns of The Star, by publishing names of contributors.

This County Still Ranks With Leaders In Cotton Production

With the worst farming season in many years just closed, Cleveland county still ranks among the leading counties in the state in cotton production and as yet sets the pace for far western counties, all the counties leading this county being in eastern Carolina.

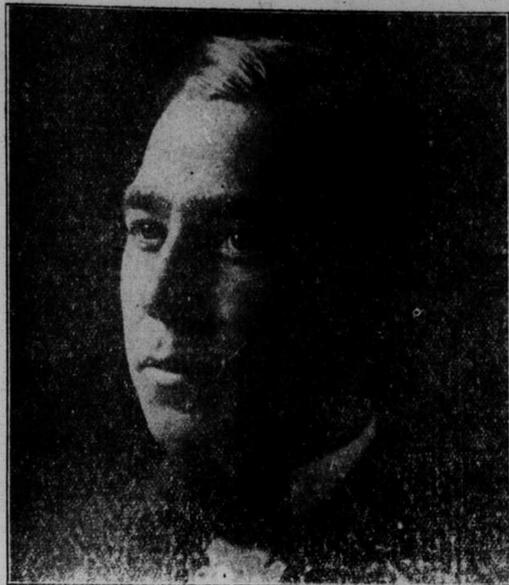
By the recent report Cleveland stands in eighth place. Fifty-eight counties in which cotton is raised stand below in number of bales for this year's crop.

Table with 3 columns: County, 1925, 1924. Johnston 67,839 42,854; Robeson 58,722 26,561; Nash 50,649 32,220; Wake 47,090 28,080; Halifax 46,743 22,625; Harnett 46,360 31,251; Sampson 39,150 25,342; Cleveland 35,396 35,016

SHELBY CHURCH LEADS CHARITY AND CHILDREN

Up to this writing Shelby First church stands at the head of the list in Thanksgiving contributions. The church budget of this virile body for 1926 calls for \$30,000. Dr. Zeno Wall, the pastor of this great church, is having remarkable success, having received during the first 40 days of his pastorate 42 additions to the membership.—Charity and Children.

HEADS KIWANIS CLUB FOR NEXT YEAR



J. D. Lineberger, New Kiwanis President

J. D. Lineberger, energetic young Shelby Hardware dealer and active in civic, fraternal and religious organizations of the town, was elected president of the Kiwanis club Thursday night to serve for the ensuing year, succeeding J. Clint Newton. Dr. Reuben McBrayer was elected Vice-Pres., Rush Hamrick treasurer, Geo. Blanton district trustee. Directors were elected as follows: Paul Webb, E. B. Lattimore, R. T. LeGrand, George Blanton, O. Max Gardner, Clyde R. Hoey, John R. Dover.

State Has Completed More Than 5,000 Miles Of Roads

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—Around 2,200 miles of pavement and 3,100 miles of top soil, sand clay and gravel roads have been completed or have been placed under contract for construction by the State Highway Commission since 1921 when the present paving program began to November 12, 1925, according to figures made public yesterday. These roads are scattered through every one of the 100 counties of the State. There are now 6,500 miles on the State Highway, leaving 1,200 miles unimproved as of November 12.

When the 1921 legislative appropriation \$50,000,000 to expend on North Carolina roads, there were 158 miles of paved road on the State system which represented about \$5,161,700, and 815 miles of sand clay, or the lower type of road which had been constructed at a cost of \$8,109,700. The official report on January 1, 1925, showed 1,679 miles of hard-surface road costing approximately \$36,647,700, and 2,643 miles of sand clay top soil, and similar types of road costing in round figures \$10,500,000. This makes a total of \$80,367,256 which had been spent on roads to January 1, 1925, including \$9,219,556 which was spent on bridges.

All of this, however, did not come out of the \$65,000,000 State road fund which was created by the 1921 Legislature and enlarged with \$15,000,000 by the 1923 Legislature.

J. F. Alexander Dies At Florida Home

Jacob F. Alexander, prominent and wealthy citizen of Forest City, this state, and St. Petersburg, Florida, and well known here, died in St. Petersburg Thursday afternoon according to news dispatches.

Mr. Alexander, a native of Forest City, was president of the Alexander National bank of St. Petersburg, Fla., and prominent in banking and lumbering enterprises there. He was president of the Alexander Manufacturing company and chairman of the directors of the Farmers bank at Forest City, and was prominent in many industries in this section as well as in Florida.

Recently he had purchased the Round Hill academy at Union Mills and converted it into the Alexander School, Inc. He was chairman of the board of finance and a trustee of the First Baptist church there and had recently made a gift of \$10,000 to the building fund of the new Sunday school, which is now under construction. At one time Mr. Alexander represented Rutherford county in the North Carolina general assembly.

The body will be taken to Forest City for funeral services and interment. Mr. Alexander is survived by his wife, three small children, Kathleen, Martha and Jacob Jr., and one brother, A. C. Alexander, who is also interested in the Alexander holdings.

78 STUDENTS MAKE HIGH HONOR ROLL

Very Few Boys Among High School Students Making Coveted Honor. Seniors Lead.

During the past school month 78 students of Central high school made the honor roll rank, according to the list issued by the school office. This is an average of nearly 20 students to each of the four grades, although the eleventh and eighth grades made the percentage with leading numbers of honor students.

The eleventh grade led other grades with 25 on the roll, the eighth grade following with 22. The tenth and ninth grades had 16 and 15 respectively. The third section of the senior class had more students on the coveted list than any other section, 16 from this section were on the roll. Eleven from the second section of the eighth grade took second honors.

There is a query for debate in a review of the roll: Are high school girls more brilliant than boys, or do they apply themselves more? One of section of the double query must be true for of the 78 honor students only 11 were boys, 67 girls attaining the distinction.

The roll for the month follows:

11th Grade—1 Lois Hudson, Louise Ledford, Pearl Morris, Mildred Ramsey, Clara Spelling, Steven Woodson.

10th Grade—2 Mattie Sue Allen, Viola Helms, Grace Putman.

11th Grade—3 Jennie Mae Callahan, Katherine Dover, Ruth Gladden, Kate Grigg, Virginia Hoey, Lela Hoyle, Madge Mauney, Lucille Morehead, Dorothy McKnight, Olive Singleton, Mattie Short, Elizabeth Spangler, Lily Webber, Lula Moore Suttle, Charlotte Tedder, William Hughes.

10th Grade—1 Margaret Blanton Aileen Costner, Ruth Dixon, Charlie Mae Laughridge, Montrose Mull Zella Sipe.

10th Grade—2 Madge Surling Donnie Sain, Alice James, Ada Anthony, Thomas Kerr, Herman Mauney.

10th Grade—3 Irene Bridges Novella White, Daniel Troutman.

9th Grade—1 Lucille Bridges, Faye Glascoe, Corene Heyward, Myrtle Harrill, Eva Hamrick, Minnie King, Sarah Richburg, Ethleen Webb, Milan Bridges.

9th Grade—2 Martha Eskridge Lallage Shull, Billy McKnight, Gilmore Singleton, William Webb.

9th Grade—3 Boneta Browning LesRoy Ledford.

8th Grade—1 Robert Gidney, Mary Sue Borders, Mary Frances Carpenter, Mary Reeves Forney, Burtie Gettys, Virginia Jenkins, May Ellen McBrayer, Bessie Sue Wilson.

8th Grade—2 Lula Agnes Arey, Gladys Colquitt, Ruth Dellinger, Mable Hamrick, Virginia Hunt, Dorothy King, Ada Laughridge, Ruth Laughridge, Pearl Lybrand, Madge Putman, Margaret Vanstory.

8th Grade—3 Madie Gillespie, Buna Rollins, Paunice Osteen.

Jiffy Stores To Open Here Soon

Durant Crowder and Fred Baber, two enterprising young local fellows, have secured the franchise for a Jiffy grocery and will open a self-service store in the Royster new building on S. LaFayette street between now and the first of the year. They have rented a store room next to the double store which the John M. Best Furniture Co., will occupy soon. In addition to groceries the store will sell fresh meats and a new refrigerator has been purchased and is being installed. The Jiffy groceries are popular all over this part of the country and are operated somewhat like the other self-service groceries that are growing so rapidly in number.

Cotton Price Likely To Improve Hereafter

(By R. J. McCarley's private wire to New York, New Orleans and Chicago.) New Orleans, Dec. 17.—After a careful survey of conditions, pro and con, affecting the cotton market, we have come to the conclusion that all the known bearish factors have been discounted by reason of the lower prices established, for while the crop is large, consumption promises to be big this season, and much of this year's yield is very low in grade, the wastage of which will be heavy when put through the spindles.

After all is said and done, the fact remains that while this year's production of American cotton is about 15 per cent larger than last year, much of which is low in grade, prospects are for an increase in consumption of about 10 per cent, and as the prevailing price for middling is about 25 per cent lower than the average price of middling last season, which was 24.27, season before last 31.67, cotton, at its present price, is about at value.

H. AND B. BEER.

Christmas Giving Spirit To Aid Many Needy Homes Here

Shelby As A Whole With Organizations And Individuals Working Will Take Hundreds Of Gifts Into Homes Of Poor Families.

It will be Christmas after all in Shelby in every section of the city and in every home if plans of local organizations are carried out and the citizens show the interest that is expected.

The sad little girl, pictured in the last Star, wondering why she never got a present even after praying for many nights, may get a present after all.

But it is up to YOU, and the year means every Shelby person who feels the spirit of the season enough to divide with those not so fortunate.

When the wise men of the east journeyed to see the Christ Child in the ox stall where he was born in a manger they carried gifts, and the coming of that Christ Child has brought to the world much—and of the much a feeling, glad and joyous, that gifts shall be given not only among those able to give as well as to receive, but also to those who have not to give.

It's the spirit in which it is given that counts, and Shelby is asked to give as it can and as the heart prompts.

This time the gifts, money, shoes, clothing, food and all collected, will not go out of the city. It is for the poor of Shelby that it is asked.

Over the city, which near 9,000 people call home, there are dozens of homes where the gaunt wolf of poverty and despair will be the only Santa Clause known on this gladsome day—unless YOU GIVE!

Through the initial efforts of the Kiwanis club a complete survey has been made of the city by Welfare Officer Smith, and Messrs. R. T. LeGrand and I. C. Griffin. The pictures brought in by that survey is enough to wring the heart of a Stoic—enough to spoil the Christmas of the entire city if nothing is done. The Kiwanis club and charity board alone cannot anyway like meet the situation. Their best efforts would leave many homes unvisited, many mothers needy, scores of children despondent. All Shelby must give if every home covered in the survey is visited and actual necessities left.

This appeal is not for trinkets or

into a bed in a heatless room, then she makes her way to the mill where she works at night. THE DAYLIGHT WASHING IS ONLY A SMALL PART OF HER TOIL. At the mill she works the long night through. At home the children cough and cry with cold and loneliness. The mother that should be with them during the forbidding night hours is away at work—must be if the children are to exist. From it all day and night, she derives an income of about \$8 or \$10 a week, a day's work for many Shelby men. The mother never complains, that's a mother always. Twenty hours of the day may be her course of toil, but it is for her children. She must carry on. All the heroic deeds of life are not on the battlefield. The everyday business of living where existence is hard carries the major share of life's heroes, the real heroes, who live, toil and pass on unnoticed, without praise. Such is this mother, but some day at the pace she must go, she will surely falter. Then what? Those tots! Will you?

For Sixty Cents Daily.

Just sixty cents per day. On this amount a mother, grandmother and three helpless children must live. It is what the mother makes by her daily toil, and ill health prevents her working more than three days each week. Right here in Shelby it is. The little children—insufficiently clothed for comfort, nourished none too well. The aged grandmother slipping into eternity, cold, hungry, wondering at Life. Shoes, clothing, fuel and food are needed, and badly, in this home.

Around your fireside, full, satisfied, can you push the true picture out of your mind. Their Christmas is in your hands.

No Romance For Her.

A 17-year-old girl. At the age when girls dream of knights and cavaliers, the coming of the Prince Charming. The hoping time of life for girlhood, but for her naught of that which is good and cheering, but finger-breaking toil, never a hope, only pain and struggle, heartaches and despondency. For on her frail shoulders rests the task that would strain a strong man, that of feeding, clothing and homing a widowed mother and four helpless little brothers and sisters. Each morning she plods to the mill. Every day is the same. Still she would not care if only by giv-

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WHAT WILL CHRISTMAS MEAN TO THESE UNLESS YOU HELP?

Perhaps you'll call this a tug at your purse strings through your heart strings, but it means life at its worst improved for a real Christmas in Shelby. In your pocket is an extra dollar or so. This money may go carelessly during the holidays. In your home are old clothes and shoes that may go in the rag bag. There are homes in Shelby where the money and the clothes would bring more joy than the best gift you could wish for yourself Christmas day—and it also would bring much to you deep down where ordinary gifts reach not.

Four of Shelby's neediest cases follow as they were found in the recent survey made. Can you refuse to help such as these?

First Needy Case. Depict this Christmas scene, one that an artist would perhaps paint on canvas and call it "Poverty". And to the painting you could add a touch that would make it more immortal. In the corporate limits of Shelby, known far as the hospitable town, there lives a widow with four children—this is not fiction or a movie scenario, but bare truth. Two of the children work in textile mills at \$10 per week; one child goes to school. The other cannot because she does not have any clothes to wear. The mother is sick. Think of the joy Christmas would bring if the principle of the Christ Child carried into this home, clothing for the child unable to attend school, medical attention for the sick mother. Both just reminders that the world is not so cruel after all. Will the same conditions exist after Christmas? It's your chance?

Another Case. Shelby folks driving serenely and comfortably in closed cars down a certain street of the town may see the toil-worn form of a woman bent over a wash-tub, scrubbing away at clothes, just scrubbing through the daylight hours. Nearby two half-clothed tots, aged two and five, play unmindful of the cold and hunger, which to them through fate has become only a part of life. Santa Claus to them would be nothing more than a dream in the night—of things they never knew, or hoped for. They play on and the cold relentless hand of poverty draws closer the ring about them. The brave mother finishing the washing, that brings in a paltry sum, moves on as dark falls, tucks the shivering little tots of a terrible fate

CHARITY BOARD FOR COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

Welfare Officer Names Assistant For Work In Every Township Of Cleveland To Aid Board

A township board of charities, covering all Cleveland was named Thursday by County Welfare Superintendent J. B. Smith to assist him and the county board of charities in their work.

These township committees will assist in various community problems and will cooperate with members of the county board in taking care of the wants of the needy and unfortunate and other problems that ordinarily must be met by such an organization.

The list as named follows:

Township No. 1—Mr. Erwin Scruggs, Mrs. Joe McCraw, Mrs. O. P. Earl.

Township No. 2—Mr. Irwin Jolley, Mrs. J. D. Elliott, Mrs. M. A. Jolley.

Township No. 3—Jerry Runyans, Mrs. Val Thomasson, Mrs. Jessa Lowery.

Township No. 4—Roan Davis Mrs. Earnest Neal and Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Mrs. C. E. Byers.

Township No. 5—Mr. Jno. Wacaster Mrs. Marvin Putman, Mrs. G. E. Goforth.

Township No. 6—Rush Padgett, Mrs. H. M. Pippin, Mrs. I. C. Griffin, Mrs. Hubert Long, Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, ex-officio.

Township No. 7—Lawton Blanton, Mrs. Ullus Rollins, Mrs. A. V. Washburn.

Township No. 8—Mr. C. C. Warlick Mrs. D. A. Harries, Mrs. W. H. Covington.

Township No. 9—Mr. Ed. Dixon, Mrs. Carme Elam, Mrs. T. A. Stamey.

Township No. 10—Francis Boyles, Mrs. A. D. Warlick, Mrs. Hattie Edwards.

Township No. 11—C. A. Brittain, Mrs. A. A. Richard, Mrs. Joe Queen.

MRS. FRANCIS GETS ANOTHER SENTENCE

Somebody stole a march on the court crowds. Mrs. Jessie Francis, better dressed and more attractive than ever, was again a defendant in the court room Friday morning and as few knew about it few were present, but for those in attendance it was an interesting morning. Some of the color of the former trials was missing but Mrs. Francis was there and that was sufficient to cause numerous necks to crane.

Three counts were brought up against her, all in connection with her visit last Sunday night to the convict camp where Sloan Philbeck is a prisoner. The counts charged trespass, vagrancy, and a violation of the city code in connection with a woman loitering or being about the streets or back lots after 10 p. m. The convict camp is within the city limits, thus bringing this code into operation. The trial brought out many things, and failed to bring out an equal number. No evidence was offered showing that she talked with Philbeck, but there was evidence plenty that she was in the gang house. At least Judge John Mull saw it that way, and he gave her 30 days on each of the three counts or 90 days in all. An appeal was entered by Mrs. Francis' attorney, Cleveland Gardner, and bond in each case was set at \$100, or a total of \$300.

Wednesday Mrs. Francis was bailed out by her husband, Avery Francis, bond being set at \$250 by Solicitor Huffman for a hold-over on the suspended sentence in Superior court and \$100 for the county court charges. The \$300 bond asked on the appeals of Friday added to the \$250 asked by the solicitor totalled \$550 and the husband, forsaken several times, still stuck to his wife, officers say, and offered to stand for the bond. The court refused his bond on the three county charges appealed, but the other bond stands. At noon the other \$300 had not been arranged for.

MISS WILLIAMSON AND MR. CLINE MARRY IN SHELBY

Miss Fairie Lee Williamson, attractive daughter of Mr. Charlie Williamson of the Union community and Mr. John Hoyt Cline, energetic son of Mrs. David Cline of Lawndale were quietly married in Shelby Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Rev. John W. Suttle on N. Washington street, Mr. Suttle performing the ceremony in the presence of only a few witnesses. Both are prominent young people of the county and have the best wishes of their host of friends.