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Democrats In County Meeting Discuss All Matters Calmly

Pass No Resolutions and Take Democracy as It Is. Dr. O. G. Falls Presiding Officer.

Governor Angus W. McLean and his cohorts of Democracy at Raleigh appear to be manipulating matters of state and politics in the right channels if the mood of the Cleveland county Democrats in convention assembled may be taken as an omen.

Following the customary call the group of loyalists coming from all precincts in the county gathered Saturday afternoon in the court house for the annual convention.

Contrary to the usual standards of political conventions there were no resolutions, and no one became "het up" publicly.

In brief, "Democracy was taken as she is" and will proceed with the same prescription in force. New ways of doing things were not suggested. Renovation was not even mentioned. Suffice to say that harmony prevails at least among those assembled.

Wednesday, those Democrats able to attend will depart for the State convention at Raleigh as official delegates from the county, such being the ruling convention.

Falls Presides.
The convention formally got under way at 3 in the afternoon with Dr. O. G. Falls, of Kings Mountain, presiding. A keynoter, brief and concise, was offered in a short talk by O. M. Mull, chairman of the executive committee.

Following which a census of would-be delegates was taken for the purpose of ascertaining representation at the state convention. Then the order was passed that all Democrats attending would be rated as official delegates. Those at the convention expressing their intention of being on hand for Feimster's keynote at Raleigh Thursday were: O. G. Falls, C. R. Hoey, O. Max Gardner, O. M. Mull, A. E. Cline, B. T. Falls, Peyton McSwain and others. These will be joined by others from various precincts of the county. Practically the same delegation is forecast for senate convention.

The regular meeting gave away to the confab of the executive committee, which was presided over by A. E. Cline, chairman of the county commission board. O. M. Mull was elected chairman of the executive forces with A. P. Spake as secretary.

The meeting as that of the usual convention with Democrats from all precincts in attendance.

Not a whisper was heard of it is said, about the Overman-Reynolds bout in the offering, Poole bills, or 375 beer.

So to Raleigh goes the stand-by county of Democracy openly satisfied with the general direction of things, politically and apparently housing no stored up scores to be settled or debated about.

Mike Borders Out For Highway Job

Mr. Mike L. Borders, prominent farmer and business man who lives in east Shelby on the Cleveland Springs road, announces in this issue of The Star his candidacy for Highway Commissioner for No. 6 township subject to the Democratic primary in June.

Mr. Borders is one of the county's best known citizens and it is thought will draw considerable support in the primary.

Strawberries And Spring Come Along

It's Springtime, and strawberry time.

At least with some folks. For his Sunday dinner Mr. Tom Heafner, who lives about two miles southeast of Shelby, had strawberries, that came from his own garden.

So far as is known these are the first strawberries, locally raised, reported in the section.

Which speaks well for the future of real estate.

Young Mother Dies Leaving Twin Boys

A death of unusual sadness was that of Mrs. Sam Dyer who passed away Monday morning about 2 o'clock in West Shelby following a brief illness. She leaves in addition to a two year old boy, a set of twin boys only a week old. Both the young babies are normal and are doing as well as could be expected. Mrs. Dyer was only 19 years and the daughter of Mrs. Carrie Sisk who lives in South Shelby. Surviving the mother are the husband and three small children. The funeral will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Rush Padgett and the interment will be at Zoar Baptist church in South Shelby.

Fascist Leader



Signora Margherita Serrati is known as Mussolini's "minister without a portfolio." She has been the Fascist dictator's right hand aid for more than ten years, and is called the "mother of the Fascist movement."

Officers Capture Two More Liquor Outfits In Week

Makes Fifth Still Nabbed in One Week by County Officers in General Liquor Raid.

Manufacture in Cleveland county is being curtailed—as it pertains to booze, and not cotton.

Officers over the week end captured their fifth liquor plant in one week one capture coming on Friday and the other Sunday morning.

Friday in the Oak Grove section of No. 5 township Officers Mike H. Austell and Jim Hesser captured a 25-gallon copper plant. From indications about the plant had just been erected and had never been used. Needless to say, it never will be now.

On Sunday morning Deputy Buren Dedmon wandered up on a 50-gallon plant on Potts creek in No. 5. The outfit was filled with beer and seeming to be ready to fire up. However, no operators were on hand and Deputy Dedmon took charge and eliminated the necessary machinery.

Good Story About Eggs—Good Eggs And Selling Same

Here's what newspaper men call a good story about good eggs. Lots of good stories are told about bad eggs, as for example that one about the bad egg that got struck on an actor.

But this is different. The scene is laid at the headquarters of the Ideal Ice and Fuel Company. Our there where C. B. Cabiness gets 'em coming and going; gets 'em in the winter with coal and in the summer with ice. And in the meantime, to keep the pot boiling, deals in eggs and hens.

All of which reminds us of a story. Rev. Mr. Wall, coming into the Star office a cold day in March was asked to pray for warm weather. "Can't do it," said Rev. Dr. Wall, after a moment's thought; "Got too many coal merchants in my congregation."

But to come back to Cabiness: He is unloading today a little consignment of eggs from Tennessee. It is a two car-load consignment containing 1000 cases, or 30,000 dozen or 360,000 individual eggs.

He is putting them in his cold storage plant, where, having lowered the temperature he will sit down and wait for a high price. Which is due along about next Thanksgiving. Meantime all hope of evolution in these eggs will be dead and gone.

Mr. Graham's Father Dead At Rowland

Friends of Mr. B. M. Graham, resident engineer of the state highway commission here will regret to learn of the death of his father Mr. W. H. Graham at Rowland, this state, last Tuesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Graham were summoned home Tuesday morning and spent the past week in Rowland.

Mr. W. H. Graham, deceased was one of Robeson county's oldest and most prominent citizens, being 84 years old at the time of his death. He was a veteran of the civil war, serving during the entire conflict.

Funeral services were held in Rowland Wednesday and the beautiful floral tribute showed the high esteem in which he was held.

St. Petersburg Plan In Shelby

Benches for the extra sidewalk space in Shelby are being planned by Shelby business men and others.

The idea comes up from St. Petersburg, Florida, where hundreds of visitors and tourists park on the benches on the street corners to watch the world go by in the "Sunshine City."

A movement was started in Shelby Saturday to have all merchants in the uptown business section place comfortable benches on the wide sidewalks next to the curb in front of their stores. Shelby sidewalks are considerably wider than the usual city sidewalks affording a space that could be used for the benches. Central hotel has already placed outside rustic benches which are proving attractive to visitors who wish to take it easy for a few minutes and watch the movement of traffic and pedestrians. Such a plan would also keep so many people off the court square at a time when too much tramping would damage the grass and plants there.

So far the plan is meeting with approval and if the movement continues, its force benches along the main streets will likely be placed within a fortnight.

Close Harmony' by Siamese Pair



Mary and Margaret Gibb, 17-year-old twins of 1420 1/2th St., have some very close harmony when they get together. They were born joined together and now form one of the attractions of County Island, N. Y. The girls are talented musicians. They also cook, make and live and dress very much like other girls of their age.

Shelby Creamery Praised By South Carolina Paper

Pays Cleveland County Farmers \$20,000 a Month for Butter-fat. Million a Year

(Jas. D. Grist in Yorkville Enquirer)

Every now and then when the discussion comes around to diversified farming mixed with cows and pigs and chickens and truck, some of the wise ones solemnly swigger that North and South Carolina is a cotton country pure and simple; that it is doubtful even if it pays to grow corn and small grain crops and that so far as the dairy and creamery business is concerned, anybody who would have the audacity to suggest there is any money in it, is simply an ignoramus. Well, seeing is believing and figures don't lie and it is a fact with plenty of proof to show that one of the best, if not the best paying industries in this hustling little city of Shelby, is the Shelby Creamery, a cooperative concern which pays its stockholders twenty per cent, in interest year in and year out; besides setting aside a substantial surplus. It does that despite the fact that it pays the highest average price for butter fat the year round of any creamery in the two Carolinas. True, the creamery had hard sledding during its infant years and lost money. It took the time and attention of one of Shelby's leading bankers and business men, Mr. William Lineberger, head of the Cleveland Bank & Trust Co., to pull it out of the hole and get it on a sound business basis and a paying basis. But Lineberger did it just as he does any old thing he sets out to do.

Yorkville Men Visitors. At the March meeting of the York Business Men's association there was some discussion relative to the establishment of a creamery in Yorkville, and President Mackorell appointed a committee of the members of the organization to look into the matter and report at the April meeting their opinion as to whether or not it would be practical to establish a creamery in Yorkville. Arthur L. Black was named chairman of that committee, and today Mr. Black, Dr. R. A. Bratton, J. Ernest Stroup and this reporter came to Shelby in Mr. Stroup's car to look over the Shelby creamery and get all the information available about it. The Shelby people were mighty nice about it. Mr. William Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank & Trust Co., and president and treasurer of the creamery association and Mr. Lee B. Weathers, editor of the Cleveland Star, leading newspaper of Cleveland county, took the Yorkville party in charge and to the creamery.

Right Up in Town. The Shelby Creamery is located right up in the business section of town. It is there because people of the city and county are proud of it and look upon it as one of the most important industries in an industrial town. Established in 1913, it had hard sledding for a number of years and in fact went broke, through bad management or rather lack of management. When Herbert Blanton, the present expert buttermaker went to work there eleven years ago the creamery had only 74 patrons. Today between 1,200 and 1,300 farmers, the great majority of them Cleveland county farmers, sell butter-fat to the creamery and make good money out of it.

Capitalized at \$5,700, in 1917 the debts were more than the capital stock. The fifty odd stockholders rather the most of them were discouraged and ready to quit. Many did quit, selling their stock as low as \$5 per hundred dollar share. About that time Mr. Lineberger stepped in with a proposal that he would take charge and if after ninety days he did not show the stockholders there was money to be made out of the business, then the thing could go hang.

He put the butter in attractive sanitary cartons on which was printed the fact that the butter was the "Celebrated Shelby Gilt Edge Creamery Butter Made at the Foot Hills of Blue Ridge Mountains; Put up Expressly for the Best Trade." He got in touch with Cleveland farmers, assured them that the creamery was going to pay the highest cash price for high class cream and that they had his personal guarantee of honest weight and sure pay.

Having one head instead of many, the industry prospered. Farmers had confidence in Lineberger and they began to bring in their butter-fat. Today nearly 1,300 of them are selling their cream here—little farms and big farmers. They send it in twice a week. Some eighteen cream routes are operated. About 270,000 pounds of butter a year are turned out at this creamery. Farmers of the county are paid about \$20,000 a month for cream. The product of approximately 3,500 cows is used to make that butter. The price being paid today for butter-fat is 45 cents. The creamery is selling its product at 45 cents a pound.

Cleveland farmers are partial to Holstein and Jersey cows; but the great majority of the farmers who have long since learned the creamery is a good thing for them, have just ordinary cows. Still, the number of grade cows is ever on the increase. Most of the patrons of the creamery live within a ten-mile radius of Shelby. Some live further away, however. The notorious South Mountain region on the Cleveland county border produces something besides moonshine. According to Mr. Lineberger, some of the finest cream that comes here is sent in by farmers of the South Mountain country.

Always in Demand. "Shelby Gilt Edge" butter is very much in demand. In fact, did the creamery have 7,000 cows instead of only 3,500 to depend on, no trouble would be had in selling the butter. Every North Carolina town knows it. The city of Raleigh uses 1,000 pounds a week. The five S. & W. cafeterias, one of which is located in Charlotte—these noted cafeterias, by the way being owned by two Cleveland county men Messrs. Frank Sherrill and J. D. Lineberger, use a ton of Shelby butter every two weeks. Two South Carolina towns, Greenville and Darlington, use several hundred pounds a week and cry for more.

Farmers always get the top of the market from the creamery. They know that their cream brought here must be A-No. 1 The fat must look right, smell right, be handled right. No use to try to put over any rotten cream or wild onion cream. The cream is thoroughly examined before it is poured.

No Cold Storage. Occasionally it may happen that

Cleveland Man Killed In Crash In Gaston; Another Probably Fatally Injured

Oak Grove Man Dies When Train Hits Car At Crossing Where Love Was Killed In Similar Accident. Father Badly Injured.

CHERRYVILLE HERE FOR GAME TUESDAY

Shelby Highs Beat Mt. Holly in First Series Game. Meet Cherryville Here.

The Shelby Highs two times state champions play the Cherryville Highs here Tuesday afternoon in the second game of the state championship series. The visiting team will present a strong aggregation and Morris' boys face one of their hardest contests. If Shelby should come through victorious in this game the local team would then play here Friday for the group championship moving them a little nearer what would be their third consecutive state title. A large crowd of fans is expected to attend Tuesday's game many coming from the Cherryville section. The high school orchestra will be on the field to boost the playing of the locals.

Easily defeating the Mt. Holly Highs here Friday afternoon the Shelby Highs won their first game in the state elimination series. The final count was 11 to 3.

The game lacked fast-playing features other than the heavy hitting of the Shelby club. Errors were frequent and costly to both teams.

Start Hitting Rally

Early in the game the visitors threw a scare into local championship hopes by scoring in the first and second frames on bobbles and bad plays by the Shelby infield. It seemed then that a run an inning would stop Shelby in the first game. However, the local youngster donned their hitting clothes in the second and began to pound the offerings of Davenport, Mt. Holly twirler, to all corners of the lot. The high spot of the hectic frame was the triple of Peeler with the bases jammed. In that frame every Shelby player hit, including the pitcher.

After the second Mt. Holly got over one more when Grigg failed to get Gillespie's throw to the hot corner. Shelby continued hitting and in the fifth Cline stepped off a four base swat when his line drive took a bad bound in right field, going to the fence.

Three clean hits were all the visitors could secure off the delivery of Hoyle, who, at that, did not seem to be in regular form. Their scores came through costly bobbles by a make shift infield so arranged as to replace Lee, fast shortstop, out with an injured ankle. Cline, who runs the utility gauntlet was on short, and now has only one more position, catcher, in which to perform to hold the record of working everywhere on the team. First and third were the weak points of the Shelby defense, although Young Bridges shot in at first after the game started played well despite his nervousness.

It is not known whether Lee will be back in the game by Tuesday, but fans are hoping to see the youngster at his berth by Friday should Shelby win Tuesday. Whisnant, Cline and Peeler are all ready for the mound call Tuesday with Hoyle held for Friday's game under the usual "if."

Score:	R	H	E
Mt. Holly	3	3	7
Shelby	11	13	6

Davenport, Broom and Jones; Hoyle and Gillespie.

McNeely Says South Stands High Abroad

J. C. McNeely, home from a buying trip to New York, says in trade circles North the Tar Heel state is considered to be the soundest state in the union.

"We are considered to be in the best economic condition of any of the states," Mr. McNeely continued. "And there is a good deal of talk about North Carolina."

Asked as to the outlook for styles in the feminine world, the merchant said that polka dots have taken the center of the stage, and materials of this more or less old-fashion pattern are all the rage.

"And how about the length of the skirts north?" he was asked. "Are they becoming longer or shorter?"

"They are becoming SHORTER," Mr. McNeely said, with hands up in a gesture. "They are not becoming short, they ARE short."

He arrived home Saturday afternoon.

J. Vernon Sparrow, farmer of the Oak Grove section was killed at 1 o'clock today at the crossing where Ed Love of Lincolnton was killed some years ago. An older man named R. H. Sparrow, thought to be Vernon Sparrow's father, was badly injured. Southern train No. 46 struck the automobile in which the son and father were riding, carried the car about a quarter of a mile down the track and horribly mangled the body of the younger Sparrow, who died instantly, reports say.

R. H. Sparrow, was alive at two o'clock but his injuries will no doubt prove fatal, according to telephone communication to The Star.

Vernon Sparrow, victim of the accident, lived in the Oak Grove section on, or near the plantation formerly owned by Grover Cline between Waco and Kings Mountain. He is married and has a family. He was reared in that community. According to the tax books he lived last year on Shelby R-7, in No. 6 township. His father lived on Gastonia-Bessemer City road and carried a card in his pocket giving instructions to notify Mrs. Florence Knight of South Gastonia, in case of accident. Mrs. Knight is supposed to be a daughter.

BIG WOODMEN MEET MAY GATHER HERE

Woodmen from Three States Likely to Hold Convention in Shelby. Grigg Re-elected

Woodmen from three states, the Carolinas and Virginia, may gather in Shelby this summer for their annual encampment. Such is the feature note of the Western Carolina district meeting held here last week.

In fact, Shelby stands more than a fifty-fifty chance of securing the encampment. Hon. E. B. Lewis, state manager of the W. O. W. told local officials and others that the convention site is now up to Shelby and Morehead City.

At an early date Mr. Lewis plans to return to Shelby to see attractions offered for the meeting. The bringing of this encampment to Shelby would mean the sending here of around \$6,000 outside of that spent by the hundreds of visiting delegates. Chamber of Commerce officials and others are interesting themselves in the movement to bring the encampment to Shelby for a short vacation during July or August.

Approximately 400 Woodmen coming from all sections of Western Carolina attended the meeting here last week.

Addresses of welcome were made by J. C. Newton in behalf of the Kiwanis club and Lee B. Weathers in behalf of the town. These were responded to by Rev. Wilbur H. Wall, Jerry Jerome of Brevard, Miss Rollins and W. G. Spake in behalf of the local Woodmen camp, all of whom responded in generous words for Shelby and Shelby people.

Following the talks the degree team of Hickory Camp, Shelby gave a drill for the benefit of those in attendance. Following the drill the convention moved to the county fair grounds where dinner was served, music being furnished by the Shelby high school orchestra.

Back in the court house in the afternoon the meeting was addressed by Hon. E. B. Lewis, of Kinston, state manager and national official. Mr. Lewis talked on the "Growth and Standing of the Order." Changing for a few minutes from his outlined talk, the official told of the possibility that the big summer encampment might be held here in July or August.

Following the address and talks by others reports were heard from the various sections and general business taken up.

At the election of officers the old officers were re-elected: Dr. T. O. Grigg, of Shelby, president, and W. H. Grogan, Jr., of Brevard, secretary treasurer. The sectional organization covering Western Carolina is known as the Western Carolina Log Rolling Association.

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