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Cotton Acreage Slightly Cut In County--- County Agent Views Prospects Of Year

Third Of Cotton Money Goes For Feeding Farm Stock In Cleveland.

That the propaganda seeking to have the cotton acreage of Cleveland county cut down this year in favor of the growing of more feedstuffs for farm stock, has resulted in a decrease of only two per cent. in cotton planted land, is a statement made to Star Friday by A. Hardin, county agent.

And on the other hand Mr. Hardin finds that there is an increase in acreage to be devoted to forage crops only of some three per cent.

So that to all intents and purposes, unless there is a radical divergence from the contemplated program with the next few days—that is to say at this current planting time—the situation will remain virtually status quo. That is to say, the situation this coming fall will be about the same as last fall, provided the season brand of weather brings about normal production.

The facts set forth by Mr. Hardin are based upon a county-wide investigation of a very intensive character. The county agent set himself the task of making a farm census of the county, not only determining the various and relative crop areas and last year's yield in all departments of the local farms, but he has tabulated a complete list of the farm stock, and has carefully estimated the cost of maintenance of this stock.

His figures are arresting, not to say startling; well calculated to make the average farmer do the much advertised trick of sitting up and taking notice.

For example his tabulations show that it costs \$1,169,850 to feed the 16,245 head of horses, mules and cows of Cleveland county each. And this sum, is one-third of last year's cotton crop.

On this point Mr. Hardin said: It takes one-third of the cotton crop, as we have just shown to feed the stock of the farmer; we estimate it requires another third to feed the family; and one-third to pay the cost of fertilizer.

According to the agricultural agent the weak spot in that program is the failure of the farmer to plant hay and other forage crops. His figures show, based upon the census count of the stock, mules and horses, compared with the acreage devoted to forage crops, that nine head of Cleveland county stock are fed upon one acre of forage crop. Whereas, Mr. Hardin points out, statistics show that it requires 3 1-2 acres to produce food for one mule a year.

Which means, in toto, the agent says, that we are planting only 1-27 enough forage crops.

In other words, the velvet of the cotton money is, at the present rate, being set out of the county to pay for imported hay, and such food.

And he has worked out a series of figures to show that the products from the home gardens of the farmers are just as shy, which set of facts and figures will be gone into in a later article on the subject in The Star.

Following are some of the figures quoted from Mr. Hardin's tabulations. Last year, he says, there was planted in Cleveland county 64,431 acres of cotton, which brought a yield of 622 pounds of seed cotton to the acre, or 230 pounds of lint, which is a yield of a light half bale to the acre.

As cotton yield was worth \$3,916, 435.40, for the 37,221 bales plus seed.

(Always remember in considering these figures that \$1,169,850 went to pay the county's feed bill for stock.)

To continue: Mr. Hardin says last year 36,123 acres were planted to corn, which yielded 10 bushels to the acre, or 361,230 bushels. That acreage, says the agent, "should have yielded 25 bushels to the acre, which would have brought a total of a million bushels, which would have been ample grain for the local demand.

"But for one reason or another, owing to the long drought and the habit of the local farmers to pull fodder and cut the tops of the corn, the yield was curtailed."

Mr. Hardin went on at length to depreciate the practice of "pulling fodder," showing that by this antiquated method the corn yield is materially reduced, without getting ample return in the way of a forage crop, fodder being very poor provender.

Mr. Hardin declares there are 6,540 head of mules in the county; 1,235 head of horses; 6,940 dairy cows, and 2,206 other cows, such as beef cows and yearlings, making a total stock population of 16,845. Which last year were fed upon the following acreage: 127 acres of cow peas, 102 acres of soy beans, 518 acres of clover and alfalfa, 1786 acres of sorghum, timothy, etc.

Which brings the total forage crop

Bullet Only Nicks "New Caesar"



Here is a recent photograph of the new Caesar, who was slightly wounded in the nose by a bullet from the gun of a woman. This picture was taken March 19, when the new "Caesar" was addressing his cohorts, the "Black Shirts." It was the seventh anniversary of the foundation of Fascism. He wears the black shirt himself. It is the symbol of Fascism.

Cleveland County Ranks 7th In Farm Land Value In N. C.

Charlie Cordell Sparring Partner Of Jack Dempsey

Shelby steps up in the limelight again—but, perhaps, to be knocked right out. And by the mitt of Mons. Jack Dempsey at that.

Charlie Cordell, young Shelby pugilist, leaves Shelby Sunday for Hendersonville, where he will become a sparring partner of Dempsey, world's heavyweight fighter, who is training there for his next big fight.

Cordell, Shelby's "squared ring" hope, visited the Dempsey camp there this week and held a conference with the champion car scrambler and his manager following which he was signed up as a sparring partner. Cordell will remain there until the training period is over before the champs next fight, at least Charlie intends to stay if Dempsey's right does not send him home to slumber.

When the Dempsey camp breaks the training period is over for the fight, Cordell says he will return home prepared to take on anyone of his weight in the section.

So far as is known none of the really concerns have employed Cordell as a salesman to sell Dempsey Spring City real estate in between blows.

A photo of the Shelby battler is shown on an inside page.

Webb Planning Big Theatre For Kings Mt.

J. E. Webb of Shelby Will Build Picture Show House with a Seating Capacity of 700.

J. E. Webb, former Shelby merchant who in more recent years has devoted his attention to the building and operation of picture show houses, is making plans to provide a new theatre building for Kings Mountain, Shelby's sister town.

Mr. Webb recently purchased four store rooms in the heart of the business section, one of which is occupied by the picture show house which he now operates. This theatre, however has only 300 seats which is insufficient for the crowds that daily attend, consequently he is consulting architects, having plans drawn whereby two of the store buildings will be converted into a theatre 50 feet wide. The exterior and interior will be handsomely finished and equipped, making it the third largest show house in the county.

While the new theatre is being made out of two of Mr. Webb's four store rooms, the present theatre will continue to operate.

ADMITS PERSUADING HER MAN TO ALTAR

14-Year-Old Kings Mountain Girl Leaves Home With Man, and She Took Him Away.

For once a staid old custom of society has received a jolt. A trick has been turned on the conventional way of doing things—that is getting married.

Elopements and kidnappings regularly tell of how the man enjoys his bride to the altar with various methods of persuasion, but Kings Mountain offers something new.

This time a girl, just 14 years of age, admits that she was the one who persuaded her man to run away with her.

But it's all settled now. They're married. Probate Judge Lake Stroop tied the "fun now on" knot at Gaffney Thursday afternoon and the 14-year-old girl now has a 16-year-old husband. Which is the end of the story before the story itself—or the cart before the horse.

Last week, as the Kings Mountain Herald tells it, a new boy in the town by the name of Cole left town with Carolyn Terry, daughter of Joe Terry, and said to be only 13 years of age. They headed south and officers of the law and the parents of the girl pursued them. The chase carried through South Carolina and Georgia, but the young couple made good their escapes although their pursuers, it is said, were within 15 minutes of them at times.

However, the young girl came back into Kings Mountain on the train Monday and the boy came in some other way. The girls parents were still away searching for her and Chief Wells, Kings Mountain, rounded up the couple. There was no charge against the girl, but she protested against going home because she was afraid of a beating. And, according to the Kings Mountain Herald, they were both brought to the jail in Shelby.

And there is where Shelby comes into the plot. Before retiring, it is said, Cole asked to kiss the girl good night, but looking over the size of Sheriff Logan's fist.

Thursday morning the case came up before Recorder John Mull, who settles everything from matrimonial disputes to boundary line for moonshiners. There was no charge against the girl, but Cole, who is said to be around 16 or 17, was charged with kidnapping her and keeping her for a week or so.

Then when the evidence started in the jolt came to custom. The young girl told the court that the boy did not kidnap her, but that, instead, she persuaded him to go off with her. According to the judge she fathermore said she tried to take another boy and when he wouldn't go she took Cole.

That left the jurist with nothing else to do than turn the boy free. He hadn't kidnaped anyone, and so the judge ruled. But, as the girl was said to be only 13 years of age, he referred her to J. B. Smith, county welfare officer.

Whereupon the revenues of South Carolina were added into.

After a conference with the welfare officer the young couple together with her parents set out for Gaffney, S. C., where they were married about 2 o'clock in the afternoon by Probate Judge Stroop.

In a long distance telephone message to The Star, Judge Stroop said that the parents gave their consent to the girl's marriage and stated that she was 14 years of age.

Marriage under that age is impossible in South Carolina, the Judge said, and only at 14 with the consent of the parents.

The couple, alone, came through Gaffney sometimes back and wanted to get married, he added.

Mr. Washburn Out For Commissioner

In this issue Mr. W. W. Washburn, present member of the county board of commissioners announces his candidacy for re-election to membership of this board. Mr. Washburn is one of the best known men in the county and lives at Washburns Switch in the Double Springs community where he has always been a prominent farmer and churchman. He is the youngest member of the board in point of service, rounding out his second term. He has a host of friends throughout the county who are no doubt interested in his announcement.

According to the state board of elections the following are announced candidates for superior court solicitor in this, the 16th district: Democrats: C. B. McBrayer, Shelby; L. S. Spurling, Lenoir; L. E. Rudasill, Lenoir; D. L. Russel, Hickory; Sam Erwin, jr., Morganton; Joseph L. Murphy, Hickory, Republican: Harry A. Jones, Lenoir.

Organize Associated Charities For Shelby On Tuesday Night

22 Candidates 22 Days To Go

Cleveland county today has 22 announced candidates for state and county offices to be reckoned with at the Democratic primary in June.

And there are only 22 days left in which other candidates may file notice of their candidacy. Perhaps, if there were more days there would be more candidates.

The roster to date lines up like this as to candidates and offices they are seeking:

Sheriff—Three. Register of Deeds—Three. Clerk of court—Three. Legislature—Two. State Senate—Two. Superior Court Solicitor—One.

County Commissioner—Three. Highway Commissioner—One. County Recorder—Two. County Solicitor—Two.

A grand total of 22 and all have friends who urged them to enter the race. June 5th promises to be a warm day hereabouts.

FATE GUIDES BOYS OVER CARPENTERS KNOB ON MULE BACK

Boys, Ages 12 and 6 Years, Do What Was Thought Impossible—Explore Mountain Peak.

A harrowing story of adventure is being related by two boys in upper Cleveland who, riding bareback on mules, did what was considerable impossible by grown-ups—ride over the pinnacle of Carpenters Knob in upper Cleveland. John Harley, 12 year old student of Piedmont High school and Master Thaxer Sain, age 6, are the cynosure of all eyes and ears when they relate their experiences, exploring the Knob on mule back.

They slipped off Sunday afternoon from the home of Mr. S. A. Sain near Toluca and did the job in perfect fashion, although neither had ever ridden any distance on a mule before. They set out in their youthful way to cross the Knob and after they left the Sain house, headed directly toward the top, disregarding roads, creeks and obstacles.

After they had gone about 30 minutes from home, they were missed and a rescue party started after them but failed to overtake the adventurers. The rescue party tracked the mules to the top and found they had gone over places that looked impossible to pass. At some places the boys went up a steep rock cliff that was so straight, they would have to dig their heels into the sides of the mules to keep from sliding off backward. At other places the undergrowth was so thick they had to cling to their mules like lizards to a tree, to keep from being dragged off. When the boys made their way about half the distance up the side of the Knob, they tried to turn back but the heavy mules saw they could go up better than they could come down. As the beasts carried their youthful riders higher up the steep sides, the Harley boy would fall off but the gentle mule would stop and wait for him to mount again. The boys never thought of the danger of their trip—on the lure of excitement and adventure carried them on and they enjoyed the fun.

According to a letter to The Star, they escaped their pursuers and returned home about night-fall with only a few scratches. The other side of the Knob was not near so rough and dangerous. Some places were so steep they almost went over the head of their mule and the little Sain boy got off and led his beast, while the Harley boy stuck to his mount. When they had safely landed on the other side, darkness was approaching and they struck off in a gallop to reach home before nightfall. Their pursuers returned to find them safe and the experience was too interesting to provoke a whipping. Now the boys are the heroes in their community and older heads listen to their tale with gasping mouths.

Politics in France: Stirring up a nasty mess; wishing it on a new Premier.

Adventure: Go to a town where they say prohibition doesn't prohibit.

Lees Open Auto Paint Shop Here

A new Duco paint shop and service station will open in Shelby on Saturday May 1, according to an announcement made here yesterday.

The new firm will be located at the former Whiteway service station on South Washington street opposite the Chevrolet agency. The proprietors, A. Lee and R. E. Lee, came to Shelby from Charlotte where for many years they have been in the auto paint work. Their shop will do the famous Duco work alone and both men are experienced at the trade.

Mr. R. E. Lee is now connected with the Lambeth Motor company there and will arrive in Shelby soon. S. A. Lee is already here and is arranging for the opening of his place. The latter was recently connected with the Charlotte Wagon Auto Works, and also was in the employ one by the Southern Auto and Wagon company and is an expert in paint work, especially the Duco line. In addition to their Duco shop the Lees will handle a line of oil products.

SPRINGS DEVELOPER DIRECTS WORK HERE

Marshall Returns from Florida and Brings Assistants, Office to Open. Will Rush Work.

Indications now are that Shelby's first major resort development will go on the mart to buyers of the Carolinas within a few weeks. That is the idea derived from Alfred P. Marshall, one of the developers of the Cleveland Springs estates, who has just returned to Shelby from Florida.

Mr. Marshall came in this week from Clearwater, where he has been completing business there in connection with his developments. Accompanying the developer were his wife and another brother, Scott Marshall, and his secretary, Miss Laura Thomas. Others of his official organization will come at an early date.

Workmen were at once placed at work in the new Royster building on South Washington street preparing the headquarters offices of the company, and Mr. Marshall announces that the office will be opened next week and will remain open through the year.

Construction offices are being maintained at Cleveland Springs hotel, where Engineer Baird is in charge of the work. Scott Marshall together with another brother will assist Mr. Baird in rushing the construction of streets, avenues, and golf fairways, while the final plans for the new club house are expected soon.

"I did not bring my Florida sales organization with me," Mr. Marshall stated, "for after consulting with my father, head of the Marshall firm, it was decided that a considerable portion of the organization would be made up in this section.

Demand for Lots. The temporary offices here have already experienced a demand for homesites in the Shelby suburban development, it is said. In view of this fact, it is understood that it will not be many weeks for at least one unit of the homeland to go on the market.

Mr. Marshall states that since he has arrived in town one prominent business man here has consulted him about buying several lots in the first unit and joining them for a homesite with a large expanse of ground.

Golf Fairway Moves. Work on the 18-hole golf course, is progressing rapidly. The greens of the first nine constructed have already been seeded and the fairways are open. Workmen and teams are busy clearing out and leveling the fairways on the twin course on the south side of the road.

In the meantime work on the streets and avenues and clearing of home sites on the wooded hills continues. Such will be the advance of construction under the supervision of Mr. Marshall that within a few weeks it is hoped to have several units of the development ready for the market.

Tom Fulton Out For The State Senate

H. T. Fulton, better known as Tom Fulton of Kings Mountain, has announced for the state senate, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in June. Mr. Fulton has had much encouragement from friends to make the race and he got the consent of his mind early this week to toss his hat in the ring. Mr. Fulton served for a number of years as chairman of the board of county commissioners and is a fine business man with a gentlemanly bearing and a strong personality. He is at present running an undertaking business in Kings Mountain, but his acquaintance is not by any means confined to No. 5 township. He will no doubt make a strong race.

Marvin Blanton Out For Road Commission

In his issue of The Star Mr. Marvin Blanton, of South Shelby, announces his candidacy for the No. 6 road commission board subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Blanton is a prominent business man of South Shelby and popularly known in the section. He is the executive officer of the new building and loan association there and is connected with other business and civic enterprises. So far only one other, Mr. Mike L. Borders, has announced for the road commission, although the present board has announced its intention of not standing for re-election.