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## Cleveland County Farms 300 Per Cent. Shy In Garden Land

County Agent Shows Neglect Of Farmer To Set His Own Table.  
Figures Given For Lack Of Necessities.

What is the practical result of the farmers of Cleveland county placing the stress they do on the growing of county cotton? A. Hardin, county agent, has attempted to answer that question, and has made a census survey of the county, and reduced his findings to figures.

A part of the tabulation, that devoted to the shortage of forage crops in the county, has been published here before in these columns. In today's statement Mr. Hardin takes up the question of the farmers' gardens, in an endeavor to ascertain to what extent the county farms are self supporting.

His information will prove surprising. He shows that the farmers fall far short of feeding themselves as they do their stock. He shows that the average farm devotes one-fourth of an acre to garden truck, that is, to the feeding of the family. The county agent finds this acreage short of the demand by three to four hundred per cent.

Here is the list of the information he has gathered.

There are 3,128 farms in Cleveland county. There are from one to twelve families resident on each farm. In the county there are 778 acres devoted to vegetable gardens, or 1-4 of an acre to each farm.

Concerning these figures Mr. Hardin said: "One fourth of an acre is not more than half enough to feed a family, if there were only one family to the farm. When we consider the average number of families actually residing on each plantation, the shortage becomes woeful."

"I should say that there should be at least 2,000 or 2,500 acres devoted to vegetable gardens in the county, to enable the farm population to be self supporting."

"I showed in the previous article published in your paper that the farmers paid out in cash \$1,169,850 to feed the farm stock last year. And I have reliable information to show that the farm people spent last year \$250,000 for canned goods to supply their tables."

"How can a farm population make economic headway against such stupendous and needless expenditure?"

"I will give you an illustration of the shortsightedness of placing too much stress upon cotton. Take the growing of the Irish potato as an example."

"Last year the farmers of the county planted 287 acres in Irish potatoes. The yield was 35 bushels to the acre. As a matter of fact there should have been produced 150 to 225 bushels to the acre. If the average farmer had grown an average yield of potatoes and sold them for a dollar a bushel, he could have made more money at that low figure than he makes on cotton."

"As a matter of fact Irish potatoes are selling today for \$5.40 a bushel, but the local grower could have retailed them at a dollar a bushel and made money. And the advantage of the Irish potato crop is, that it can virtually be got out the way before the cotton crop is ready to be cultivated."

"There is no reason in the world why we should not grow Irish potatoes and cabbage and all such like vegetables to carry us over the winter. But instead what is the fact; last year we did not grow half enough potatoes for our own consumption and imported a supply from Maine and as far west as Oregon, falling a prey to the enormous freight rates."

"I find," Mr. Hardin went on, "that there are 87 acres in the county devoted to the growing of market truck. That acreage is all that has been put in to supply the cities of Shelby and Kings Mountain, with a joint population of something like twelve or thirteen thousand people."

"I should say four or five hundred acres could profitably have been devoted to market gardening."

"We planted 388 acres to berries and melons. Given reasonable marketing facilities 1,200 or 1,500 acres could profitably be devoted to these products."

Mr. Hardin showed in his first article, published in the April 30th issue of the Star, that it requires one-third of the cotton money of the county to pay for the forage crops, one-third to run the family, and one-third to pay the fertilizer bills.

The average cotton farmer, these figures revealed, to be juggling money from one hand to the other his right hand not knowing what his left hand was doing. It was shown that nine head of stock are being fed on one acre of farm land, whereas it requires three and a half acres properly to feed one mule a year.

The above figures reveal that the same condition exists in household end of farm management.

## Drought Started One Year Ago Tomorrow

One year ago tomorrow the severe drought started. Many will remember that the last good rain on which crops had to be made last summer, fell the evening and night of May 11th, after the Charlotte speedway races. Those who attended the races will recall the rain after the speed classic. Only light showers fell thereafter until harvest was over. Rainfall is still 15 inches below normal. Mr. J. J. McMurry, who keeps posted on water and crops, says it is the first winter within his memory that spring started with the ground so dry. Seed now need moisture to make them germinate. Ground is most too dry to plow and while much cotton and corn have been planted, only few fields are up. Roads through the country are dry and dusty. The weather bureau, however, promises rain this week.

## SHELBY LOSES TO GASTONIA OUTFIT

Jenkins and Peeler Engage in Hurling  
Duel, But Shelby Batters Fail to  
Hit. Hectic Game.

Playing at Gastonia Friday the Shelby Highs were eliminated from the state race in the semi-finals for western honors, bowing before the remarkable hurling of "Lefty" Jenkins, Gastonia pitching ace.

In their defeat the Highs contributed their portion of what is considered one of the greatest high school baseball classics ever played in western Carolina. Even though defeated, fans hereabout will let that game linger for many years in their memory. For 1 to 0 games in high school ball do not bob up often, and even longer will they remember the hurling of the two youths battling each other. When all-state pitchers are picked this year there will be few selections that will not include Jenkins and Peeler.

Gastonia's score—the only tally of the game—came in the second when Beam, replacing Peeler in left, misjudged Morris' drive, and a few minutes later Morris romped home when Schneider hit to right and Sparks could not get hold of the ball on a hop. Either hit could have been fielded so as to prevent a run being scored, but it was thus that the game slipped from the grasp of the young Shelby hurler.

The Shelby batting array never seriously threatened but once against the steady drive of Jenkins and only 29 men faced the youngster. In the seventh frame Cline Owens Lee singled and moved on to third when Cline laid out another, for Shelby's two lone safeties. With Gillespie at bat and Peeler following the local rally seemed certain of victory. However, Gillespie became worried over an early decision and merely waved the ait down on the final one. Peeler also going down on a strike-out.

Features of the game other than the hurler's duel came in the fine fielding of the two young infielders and Peeler's canny habit of nabbing Gastonia runners off first base. In this opening frame two Gastonia players were caught off the initial sack by the young hurler.

Eliminated from the state race by a smooth-working team with a high school pitcher that reminds Shelby of Wall and Hoyle Lee, local fans are now thinking of all-state team, and next year. Practically two-thirds of the Shelby outfit are mere youngsters and will be back next year. Making such a bid for a title with many of the team playing their first year the prospects for next year seem bright. And when All-state teams are picked even Pat Crawford could hardly veer around placing Peeler as Jenkins mound partner. Gastonia scribes say: "The local hitters were off in their batting against Shelby, and it might be added here that Shelby hitters were off in their stride against Jenkins, and it seems that the same thing that held Shelby batters also held something to do with Gastonia's hitting slump—which was pitching hard to beat in high school ball."

Furthermore, Cline Owens Lee short stop, and

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## Here's a Marriage To Puzzle About

Marriage creates a lot of puzzles—some one way, others another.

This particular one is different. It's a problem for mathematicians. Down in No. 2 township, near Seaside Tom Holland's, as reports have it, there lived a Mrs. Tom Doster. She married the second time and her second husband was a Bailey. Sometime later her daughter, Miss Essie Doster, married Bailey's brother.

Now got your pencil and figure out the new relation between mother and daughter, and between brother and brother. Then go over it again and you will keep finding various odd relations.

In the first place mother and daughter became sisters-in-law when they married. In the second place one brother became the stepfather of his other brother.

Now keep going—

## BIBLE WILL PREVAIL OVER MODERNISM

Mrs. Thacker Sees Time Coming  
When Science and Religion Will  
Work Together.

The Bible will prevail and the truth of God's majesty and power over the universe will not be shaken in this controversy between religion and science, in the opinion of Mrs. Addie Dixon Thacker, who delivered a most scholarly address Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church on "Eve, the First Modernist." The large church auditorium and a goodly portion of the Sunday school room was filled to hear this distinguished daughter of Cleveland who was literally reared on a pulpit, because she was a child of old age and went with her saintly father to make his church appointment. In the days of her childhood she played around the pulpit as he preached the unsearchable riches of Jesus and his love.

Mrs. Thacker believes in the evolution of thought, of practice, of customs, etc., and expressed joy that communication and transportation had evolved from primitive ways, that modern housekeeping has supplanted the burdensome methods of the past, that surgery has marched on ward and upward to heights of skill supplanting ignorance and superstitions of the past. Disclaiming any knowledge of science, she convinced her hearers that she has devoted much time and study to this subject as outlined the claims of the scientists. No scientist, however, has disproved the fact that God created life and that God's majesty and power are not the controlling forces of this world. She contends that God rules and will rule and that the fact of His creation as revealed in Genesis will never be successfully controverted.

Mrs. Thacker comes to assist her husband in the Presbyterian church meeting and will have charge of the services each morning at 10 o'clock, while Dr. Thacker will preach at night. Monday morning her subject is "The Cross," Tuesday morning "The Virgin Birth," Wednesday morning "The Resurrection," Thursday morning "The Revelation," Friday morning "Woman and Her Church," Sunday morning "The Human Touch."

## To Discuss Community Fair At Lattimore

Lattimore is interested in having a community fair next fall and Mr. V. C. Taylor, teacher of agriculture in the Lattimore High school asks The Star to mention that there will be a meeting of the people of the Lattimore community at the school building Friday night May 14th, at 8 o'clock at which time plans will be discussed. All farmers and others interested in the proposed Lattimore community fair are urgently requested to attend.

## Three Ministers Off For Baptist Convention

Revs. Zeno Wall, Rush Padgett and H. E. Waldrop left Sunday night for Houston, Texas where they go to attend the Southern Baptist convention. They will be gone most of this week. Dr. Wall will stop off on his return at Clinton, Miss., where he will deliver an address next Sunday before the Mississippi college, the Baptist institution of that commonwealth. Dr. Wall was pastor in that college town for a number of years before returning to his native North Carolina.

## Schools Here Get Money

State Loan Will Give Schools of Cleveland County \$83,000 for Building and Remodelling.

Announcement was made from Raleigh last week that Governor McLean had authorized the state treasurer to borrow two and one-half million dollars on short term notes to be loaned the counties of the state for construction of school buildings.

From this sum Cleveland county schools will receive, as apportioned before \$83,000.

This money has been divided in Cleveland as follows:

Fallston	\$20,000.00
Casar	\$20,000.00
Belwood	\$37,000.00
Lattimore	\$6,000.00

In most instances this money has already been used in building new school buildings, the loan from the state being through application. The money is borrowed at three and one-half per cent. in anticipation of bond sales.

An additional \$2,500,000 probably will be borrowed by the state within the next 30 days, Governor McLean said today, for the same purpose, making a total of \$5,000,000. This is the amount authorized by the 1925 legislature for the school building fund.

The distribution of this \$5,000,000 has already been apportioned. It will go to 199 projects in 76 counties. The two and one-half million authorized to be borrowed today will be distributed as soon as the money is available.

This \$5,000,000 will make a total of \$15,000,000 loaned to the counties by the state for school building purposes. Five million dollars was authorized by each of the legislatures of 1921, 1923 and 1925.

The sale of bonds, for various purposes, totalling approximately \$40,000,000 was authorized by the last general assembly. All these bonds have been sold, with the exception of the \$5,000,000 for the school building and \$5,000,000 out of a total authorization of \$20,000,000 for highways.

Loans made to adjoining counties were as follows:

Catawba: Blackburn,	\$30,000;
Sweetwater,	\$28,000.
Gaston: Lincoln Academy, colored,	\$10,000;
Belmont,	\$25,000;
Mount Holly,	\$45,000;
Dallas,	\$45,000.
Lincoln: Iron Station,	\$20,000;
Crouse,	\$20,000;
Love Memorial,	\$20,000;
Lincolnton,	\$15,000.
Rutherford: Chimney Rock,	\$55,000;
Hollis,	\$30,000;
Harris,	\$25,000;
Shiloh,	\$20,000.

## Dr. Crowell Dies Of Influenza Attack

The many Shelby friends and relatives of Dr. Gordon B. Crowell of Lincolnton, regret to learn of his death Sunday night at 9 o'clock. He was only 30 years of age, a prominent and brilliant young surgeon, son of Dr. L. A. Crowell, who operates the Lincolnton hospital.

Young Dr. Crowell had been ill with influenza for the past week when his condition suddenly became worse and an operation was performed in the Lincoln hospital. Some of the best physicians of this section attended his sick bed, but could offer no relief.

Young Dr. Crowell is survived by his wife who before marriage was Miss Frances Geitner of Hickory, one-four-year-old daughter and his parents, together with two sisters and two brothers. Mrs. Gene Schenck of Shelby is a sister. Dr. Crowell was also related to the Hull families of Shelby.

## Geo. Blanton Heads Hospital Trustees

Gastonia, May 7.—Trustees of the North Carolina Orthopedic hospital are now planning to ask for further appropriations when the legislature meets next for additional rooms at the hospital here, it was announced here after their meeting.

It is a growing institution, say the officials, and its continuous expansion is the natural accompaniment of the widespread need for orthopedic treatment among the children of North Carolina.

## The Prince and His Cinderella



Prince charming in this case Edward W. Browning, wealthy former real estate man, and his Cinderella Frances "Pearles" Eenan, 15, have found a quiet place to live on Long Island, but the camera is keeping track of them.

## Man Believed To Be Charlie Ross Makes Visit To Shelby

Is Returning From Greensboro Where He Conferred With  
Relatives Of Long Lost Child. Guest Of  
Gaffney Here.

Shelby has a famous visitor today. The man who, perhaps, has received wider publicity throughout America during the past two months than any other, spent Sunday night and Monday in "The City of Springs," from which first came the story—

—That he might be Charlie Ross, Julius Dellinger, or Charlie Ross, whichever he may be—and it does seem now that he is Ross without a doubt—came into Shelby Sunday evening from Greensboro where he was in conference with relatives of the lost Ross. The visitor spent the night at the home of Mr. J. Frank Gaffney, who knew him as a boy, in Gaffney, S. C., where he lived with the man and woman who kept him during the years after his abduction.

Monday morning, Ross, as Mrs. Starr, his relative, says he should be called, came up to The Star office to see "these newspaper fellows" who started the publicity ball to rolling. And while here and about town he was the center of attraction. No news story of recent years has carried so much human interest as that of the likely finding of Ross and the solving of the world's greatest kidnapping mystery.

Links Run Together  
He had just been to Greensboro where Mrs. Starr, a second-cousin of the lost Ross, was staying and while the links in the chain that connect his history with that of Ross were checked up—and, may it be said, they were found to be accurate. Mrs. Starr made public a statement in Greensboro saying that she firmly believed the man known as Dellinger to be her long lost relation.

However, Mrs. Starr does not believe in doing things by halves and she will remain over in the state for sometime checking up other clues and lines connected with the probable clearing up on the mystery that has baffled America. She is this week visiting Eastern Carolina securing information she considers valuable, while the Denver man will this afternoon return to his Lincoln county home, where he will take things easy for a time and "fight shy of newspaper reporters," as he puts it.

"Yes, I'm going to Philadelphia, but never your mind when," he said when queried. "It may be a month, and—well, you can't never tell."

Little by little the chain of evidence grows stronger in showing Dellinger to be Ross. Day after day letters, photos and affidavits pour into Denver helping to make the matters more certain.

An interesting connection in build-

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## Big Road Case Comes Up Here

Notes Barrister to Appear in the  
Newton Highway Case Before  
Judge J. L. Webb Here.

Public interest in one of the biggest highway litigations in the state of recent years shifts to Shelby today for the injunction hearing of the Newton-No. 10 matter before Judge Jas. L. Webb this afternoon.

The case is that where the town of Newton in Catawba county seeks to prevent the construction of a section of road between Statesville and Newton on Highway 10.

From a general knowledge of the case it is understood that the highway plan would leave Newton off this highway, one of the state's leading roads.

Many Big Lawyers.  
The afternoon promises a treat for local people in the assemblage of noted barristers and other prominent officials.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, has been the chief attorney for Newton for some time and it is understood that the Newton folks have also employed former Governor Cameron Morrison to assist in the hearing. In addition to several well known Catawba county attorneys that have been connected with the case, Charles M. Ross, attorney for the State highway commission and Road Commissioner Frank Page are also expected to be present.

The injunction "has been in the air" for some time. The hearing was first set at Newton, and was later transferred to Rutherfordton, and then to Shelby.

## SEVERAL FROM SHELBY GOING TO MONTREAL

Shelby Delegates Will Travel With  
Carolinas District Kiwanians  
DeLuxe Special.

William Lineberger and Max Washburn members of the Shelby Kiwanis club announced as delegates to the 10th annual convention of Kiwanis international convenes at Montreal, Canada on Monday evening, June 7, are making ready for their departure.

The local members, who will carry to the convention sessions the banner of representation of the Shelby club, will be but two of seven thousand Kiwanians from Canada and the United States who will take part in the annual business of the continent wide service organization and also in the entertainment features that have been prepared.

Both will vote in the election for the international president of Kiwanis for 1927 and help determine the convention city for next year.

For entertainment of Shelby representatives of Montreal club have arranged a number of special occasions. One of the features is to be a pageant depicting Canadian life. Commencing with a French-Canadian rural scene, the life-pictorial procession will engage historical sketches and character representations that have made up Canada's fascinating history through the centuries. The annual reception and presidents' ball, to be held this year in honor of John H. Moss, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, international president, is scheduled the second night of the convention. Both delegates will attend the occasion.

"We both anticipate attending the biggest and most important convention held so far by our international organization," said the two local delegates today. Others from Shelby who will attend the convention are: Mrs. William Lineberger and daughter, Mary Lineberger; Misses Betty and Nancy Suttle; Mr. and Mrs. George Blanton; Risha Hamrick and others, perhaps.

Our delegates will travel with the Carolinas District Kiwanians on the DeLuxe special train operated for delegates and their friends, only leaving here on June 4. They will visit Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, Albany, and Clayton, N. Y., at which latter point they will board a steamer on the St. Lawrence for Montreal, and shoot the rapids en route. Interesting side trips to historic Quebec, Thousand Islands, the Laurentian mountains, and other points have already been provided for the delegates and their friends. Returning, the Kiwanians will visit Portland, Boston, Fall River, and other points en route, reaching New York City again on June 13, from which point the train will be operated over the same lines as going—arriving home on June 14.

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