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## Dorton Plans For Greatest Fair Of County This Fall

With Likely Attendance Of Governor McLean And "Homecoming Week" Event New Attendance Figures Are Expected

Cleveland county's fair, for two years drawing the biggest attendance of any fair in the state, not excepting the State fair at Raleigh, promises to break the record in September and October, 1926. Dr. J. S. Dorton, who was the originator and driving force behind the first two fairs, estimates the probable attendance at between 75,000 and 100,000, while if the card he has up his sleeve (not for publication) turns out to be an ace, he says he wouldn't consider 200,000 at all unlikely. Big figures, but Dorton generally knows what he's talking about.

Another card in the royal flush the secretary holds is the probable presence of Governor McLean to make the opening address. Arrangements for his attendance have not been definitely closed, but judging from present reports, it is more than a probability. Governor McLean, of South Carolina, will also be extended an invitation, and as it is well known that he attends everything that has to do with the farmer, it is likely that he also will accept.

**Homecoming Week**  
It has been decided, furthermore, to let the annual return to the county of all her wandering sons and daughters coincide with the date of fair week. The two attractions combined should influence many old Cleveland dwellers to come back to their former homes for the week devoted to the publishing of Cleveland's fame and growth abroad. The Kiwanis club, Woman's club, chamber of commerce, the merchants and other organizations are all behind this move, which should do much towards swelling the attendance at the fair.

Fair week will be opened by a mammoth parade from the center of town to the entrance of the fair grounds. A lavish arrangement of floats and floral displays is predicted for the occasion, which should surpass anything of the sort previously seen in the city.

Many improvements have been going on at the grounds since last October, with the idea of eliminating as much of the discomfort incidental upon attendance as possible. The infield has been cleared and leveled, thus making a much larger horse show possible, as well as various stunts before the grandstand; work is now being done on the entrance-way in order to provide two new exits for the traffic coming from the two directions along the highway; the area inside the fence will be increased by at least 5 acres, while an additional 3,000 feet frontage along the Kings Mountain road is planned. New drives have also been constructed, and as only pedestrians will be admitted at the front entry, both automobilists and those on foot are assured complete comfort, convenience and safety.

Dr. Dorton says further that the horse races this year will have at least 100 horses entered, while the dog show should draw entries of the canine species from all over the state. Generous prizes will be offered the winners in the various events, both in the horse and dog shows.

Another attraction will be the greatly enlarged midway, another Nat Reiss show. Eight rides will be brought to Shelby, two of them, the "Hey-dey" and the "Missouri Mule" absolutely the most novel on the circuit. Both promise a thrill to their riders, the first being something of a swing affair, with sudden descents and queer sensations, while the second is a caterpillar drive ride with motions that closely resembles those of its namesake. Shelby people have already discovered that the Nat Reiss shows are the cleanest of mid-ways, and that its patrons are always assured of a square deal. Many classy free acts are also being carried this year, including performances by the Riding Costellos, bareback riders, the Bailey Bros., with an extraordinary head and hand balancing act, and the Six Corbes, featuring acrobatic stunts, high-wire performances and dancing.

As usual, the first day this year will be "School Day," with all school children being given free passes. Other features are being considered for the occasion and Dr. Dorton will be able to release a complete program some time the latter part of July or the first of August.

## SHELBY MINISTER GETS FINE CATCH

Dr. Zeno Wall Lands Two Fish At Same Time While Fishing At Morehead City

Morehead City, June 22.—Rev. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby, landed two real fish at the same time here Saturday and firmly established his reputation as an angler of no mean ability. Dr. Wall recently concluded a great revival meeting in Shelby, and his congregation voted him a vacation in recognition of his services. The pastor decided on fishing and came to Morehead with his son, Zeno, Jr.

Saturday he ventured out in the direction of Cape Lookout and found the fish biting to his liking. As is customary here, he was angling with two hooks attached to his line, and the big moment came when a 14-inch trout took the top hook and a bluefish nearly as large bit the bottom one.

"I thought I had a monster, the way they pulled," declared Dr. Wall, "but I think the most remarkable thing about it is for a minister to make a catch like that and then come back and tell the truth about it."

Dr. Wall kept into nation-wide fame several years ago while at Goldsboro by refusing to accept a raise in pay on the grounds that he was already getting all he was worth in his congregation. Recently he accepted the call to Shelby. He preached at the local Baptist church Sunday.

## Webb An Officer Of Insurance Club

Carl Webb, sun tanned with a few pounds added to his genial frame, is back in Shelby from a trip to the National convention of the agents of the Pilot Life Insurance company, with the vice presidency of the Pilot club tucked away in his ample jeans plus a loving cup presented to him out of recognition of his ability as an insurance writer.

The convention was held at Spring Lake, N. J., to which point Mr. Webb journeyed with Mrs. Webb and Master Billy.

At the big convention, at which some two hundred and fifty of the Pilot faithfuls gathered, Webb came into his own. He went there with nearly half a million of life insurance to his credit, written for the Pilot in eight months. This got him the vice presidency of the subsidiary organization known as the Pilot club, plus the cup. And it got him some handshakes besides.

The genial Shelbyite is now back in his stride. He says he has set a record that will be hard to keep abreast of, but he will do his best. For eight months he has been in charge of the Western Carolina territory of the Pilot Life, and over his territory in that time over a million of insurance has been written.

The first part of July he will establish a training school here for his agents, which is an innovation in this department of business.

## Houser Gets Fifty Gallon Copper Still

Gastonia, June 22.—Evan L. Houser, of Dallas, prohibition enforcement officer for this district, captured a 50-gallon copper still Monday on the farm of Bailey Brittain near Valders, Burke county. Along with the still, which was a brand new one and just being put into place for the making of a run, the officer captured 700 gallons of beer and a white man, Hoye Costner. The latter was taken to Morganton, given a preliminary hearing and bound over to the September term of Federal court at Shelby. In default of bond he was placed in the Burke county jail at Morganton where he will remain until court convenes.

Costner is known to the officers as a blockader. He has been before the courts on previous occasions on similar charges. Mr. Houser could not state, however, whether he had served a term or terms in federal prison. Officers are now looking for Brittain, who according to the officers also has a reputation for blockading.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Weathers and Mrs. Maurice Weathers will return Friday from a trip to South Carolina seashore.

## Here for Game



—NEA Washington Bureau  
Little Francis Kau, Chinese-American, came a long way for a game of marbles. He recently arrived in Washington, D. C., from Honolulu and will compete in the national marbles championship matches at Atlantic City.

## Will Not Run Again Sheriff Logan States

Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, Democratic nominee for sheriff, will not be a candidate to succeed himself in 1928.

This important announcement is made in an advertisement to the voters of the county appearing in The Star today.

In the announcement Sheriff Logan says that since the withdrawal of Mr. Dixon leaves him as the Democratic nominee for sheriff it means that if he lives to serve out the coming term that it will make a service for him covering nine and one-half years, which he considers long enough to hold public office.

Coming in advance two years of the next primary it apparently is the intention of the present sheriff to get himself definitely out of the race and to place himself on record so that his hundreds of friends will not urge the race on him again. Mr. Logan is one of the most popular county officers Cleveland has ever known and in his service has proven very efficient. Such is the strength of his loyal supporters that many besought him not to make the announcement offered today as they wanted to see him sheriff again and as long as his present efficient service was carried on.

However, Mr. Logan definitely declared that he would not be a candidate again and wanted to go on record so that the voters would know that he would not be a candidate in 1928.

It is learned that he considered making the announcement some time ago, but being an officer who does not use the artifices of politics thought that some might think it a political scheme to again secure the nomination. And such above board tactics have marked his service to the county as is evident in the statement today placing himself out of the race in 1928.

His statement concludes with his thanks to those who have supported him during his several campaigns and his service in office.

With the announcement becoming public it is expected that the political donesters will start predicting of candidates for the office two years from now.

## Father Of Mrs. Doggett Dies At S. C. Home

After an illness of one week, Evan Pugh Lide, of Darlington, S. C., died at his home Friday night, June 11, at 9 o'clock. Mr. Lide was the father of Mrs. Robert Doggett, of this city, and her many friends will sympathize with her in her loss. He had two strokes of paralysis, the last one rendering him unconscious until he died, and his health had been steadily declining for about six years.

Mr. Lide was a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in South Carolina, the high regard held for him being attested by the lavishness of the floral tributes. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at his former home, interment following at Grove Hill cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. D. M. Fulton.

## RAIN PRAYERS FOR MATERIAL BENEFIT

Kings Mountain Minister Raises Question About Prayers for Rain During General Dry Spell.

Rev. O. P. Ader, well known Methodist preacher, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Kings Mountain, devoted a portion of his sermon last Sunday to consideration of those who pray for rain.

Both last summer and this it has been the custom for the ministers and church members over the dry area of both Carolinas, to offer up appeals for relief from drought. In some instances the minister has prayed, and in others the entire congregation has joined in the supplication.

In some instances rain has followed at a more or less near interval upon these prayers.

Dr. Ader took occasion in his sermon to remind his hearers that possibly they were praying for material benefits—and if so he declared they are too far away from heaven to be heard.

He made clear a definite thought in his mind that if you place the material benefits (whether it be rain or other blessings) above the spiritual, God will prove far off and hard of hearing.

He drew an historic picture to show how Elijah prayed for rain, and under what spiritual condition he sought relief from a prolonged drought—only after the discipline of suffering had wrought its lesson.

Dr. Ader said in part, the words being quoted by the pastor over the long distance telephone, which may account for some inaccuracies which are thus explained:

"Elijah, in an age of sin, in a world given over to Baal worship and pagan immorality—Ahab a most wicked and depraved king sat on the throne of Israel.

"Jazabel, his queen, was a pagan princess and Baal worship with all its villainous and voluptuousness was popular on every hand.

"Elijah, the prophet, saw something unusual must be done to save the day and to save Israel from a Godless grave. He prayed on the situation as the spirit moved him to pray. Suddenly he sprang out of the sky seemingly into the presence of King Ahab and said: 'As the Lord God liveth before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.'

"In James, fifth chapter, 17th verse we read: 'Elijah prayed fervently that it might not rain and it rained not for three years and six months.'

"That was a daring prayer for a desperate situation.

"To pray for rain is popular, but to pray for a drought is dangerous when Ahab is on the throne.

"By this prayer and what follows Elijah makes it clear to Israel—first, that there is a God and that Jehovah is the true God and not Baal. Secondly, that God IS, and answers prayer.

"Elijah first prays that it might not rain, putting the moral and spiritual benefit of a drought above any and all material benefits that might come from abundant rain—growing gardens and fruitful fields.

"It was only after this moral and spiritual lesson had been learned and Israel repented and returned to the faith of the Father and saw when the fire fell on Mt. Carmel—'The Lord is God; the Lord is God.'

"It is only after that that Elijah consents to pray for rain and when he does pray the Lord hears the prayer.

"If we do not put the moral benefit of a drought with its spiritual discipline above the material benefit of rain and earthly riches, we are out of touch with God.

"Unless we put moral values above material values we are too far away from heaven to be heard.

"When we pray, if our chief consideration is earthly gain we pray in vain. 'Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and then, and only then shall all these things be added unto you for the asking.'

## Sacrifice Sale On At Wray-Hudson's

Wray-Hudson is advertising in today's Star a "sacrifice" sale, a selling event which takes in the merchandise throughout the establishment. Usually this firm delays such sales events until later in the summer, but this year they are staging a mid-season event when, they assert, the demand is still keen and active for summer goods.

They have made great preparation for the sale, which will start tomorrow, and it promises to be a big success.

## Screen-Daredevil Raises Calves

—NEA Los Angeles Bureau  
Hollywood, the city of fads, has taken a new one—breeding stock for exhibition. Richard Talmadge, daredevil of the screen, is shown here with an aristocratic Jersey which cost him \$10,000. The calf and Richard will be seen at various state fairs this year.



## Crop Prospects Over County Improve With Recent Rains

### DR. W. L. POTEAU SPEAKS IN SHELBY

Wake Forest President Will Address Meeting of County Alumni. Thursday Night

A meeting of the Alumni association of Wake Forest college is scheduled to be held at Cleveland Springs hotel Thursday evening. The chief speaker of the evening will be Dr. William Louis Poteat, president of Wake Forest, and one of the best known figures in Carolina. Mr. McMillan, secretary of the association, is also down for an address.

The meeting is expected to be a large and enthusiastic one, as there are estimated to be some seventy-five or more of the college alumni in this county alone. O. M. Mull, president of the local chapter, will preside.

### Shelby May Have Entrants In Race

At least one local entrant will compete in the National Pushmobile contest at Charlotte August 23, just preceding the world's automobile sprint race classic at the speedway there, according to Chas. L. Eskridge who has received full details from Herbert W. Park, 219 East Market street, Greensboro, national director.

Any boy who is under 18 years of age is eligible although many cities are planning local elimination contests and sending only the winners to the finals. There will be three events; 300 yards straightaway for entrants 15 to 18; 200 yards for boys 12 to 15; and 100 yards for lads under 12.

Two boys, a pilot and a mechanic are required for each pushmobile. The pushmobile itself is a miniature, homemade automobile and must be constructed by the pilot or mechanic or both, entering it. The chassis must measure between five and seven feet. The mechanic pushes the car with both hands and no handles or attachments for pushing from an erect position are permitted.

An authorized director must certify that the pushmobile has been made by the boys operating it. Summer playgrounds, boy scouts, American Legion, civic clubs, Y. M. C. A., chamber of commerce, and similar groups are sponsoring the local contests throughout the country and Coleman W. Roberts, general manager of the Charlotte speedway, afforded the opportunity for holding the first national contest just prior to the sprint races on the big board oval August 23.

The contest is strictly an amateur event and contestants must not accept money prizes. Awards will consist of gold watches for first place pilots and mechanics in each of the three events; second and third place winners will each get gold medals while silver loving cups will be awarded for the best pushmobile model and for the most comical. Participants and chaperone for each team will be guests of the speedway management at the race.

Entry lists close August 7. Additional information may be secured from Director H. W. Park at national headquarters at Greensboro, N. C.

Mrs. A. W. Huntley, of Hamlet, was a week-end guest in Shelby of Mrs. Irma Wallace. Mrs. Huntley and Mrs. Wallace were school chums, and this was the first meeting since those romantic years.

Week-End Rains Worth One Million Dollars To County, Hardin Says. Pessimists Wrong

County agent Alvin Hardin declared himself Tuesday to be very optimistic over the outlook for the various crops of the county. He stated that the beneficial effects of the week-end rains would be worth at least a million dollars to the farmers of the section, and that if they were followed up by another wet spell or so of the same kind that the value would run up to a total of around three million dollars.

"Crops," he said further, "were not hurt nearly so much by the drought as some pessimists would have us believe. The prospects are good for a big portion of the farmers of the county to make a larger crop of cotton than ever before, while corn, if it gets more rain when it has about reached roasting-ear stage, should be equally as good. Of course, some sections have not yet obtained much of a stand of cotton, but it is entirely possible to plant cotton now, and still make a good crop."

The benefit to all other business in the section is also incalculable. Every thing comes back to the farmer in the long run, since it is he who practically finances transactions in commerce, manufacturing, and the rest, and the result of the rain was easily seen in a renewed stimulus in business circles over the county.

Mr. Hardin's estimate of the value of the widespread rain is in keeping with that of the state department of agriculture which characterized the moisture as having helped the farmers of the two Carolinas to the extent of about \$25,000,000. The rains fell in such a way that the soil reaped the entire benefit of the precipitation, since they were slow and steady, with most of the water soaking into the ground. The average fall for the state over must have been something like 1.25 inches, as Raleigh had 1.47 inches, Charlotte, 1.06, and Tarboro 1.09 inches.

## Carolina Revenues Double Over Year

Mammoth Figures Are Found To Be Exclusive of Auto License and Gasoline Tax

Raleigh.—With the end of the present fiscal year only ten days away, North Carolina's revenue collections are almost double what they were for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1925.

Last year's total collections were \$8,246,816.20, while collections for the present fiscal year, through today, total \$11,059,174.29. These figures are exclusive of automobile license and gasoline taxes.

This month's collections to date total \$484,882.96, with inheritance and schedule B (license) taxes taking up a big portion of the total, figures compiled by A. S. Carson, cashier of the state department of revenue, show. Collections for the whole of June 1, 1925 totalled \$318,031.07.

The inheritance tax collections this month so far amount to \$112,885.80, as compared with \$39,295.17 for the entire month of June, 1925.

This difference is largely accounted for however, Mr. Carson said, by the recent settlement of a big estate. The license taxes collected this month amount to \$292,654.87, as compared with \$203,942.76 for the whole of the month of June last year.

Mr. S. M. Blanton, of Blanton and Wright, was a business visitor to Charlotte Wednesday.

## MEETING TO HEAR KUESTER ADDRESS

Will Be High Light of Night Session. Indications Good For Gathering On Friday

From reports coming in the talk to be made by Clarence Kuester, Charlotte business secretary, at the joint business men's gathering at Cleveland Springs Friday evening, will be one of the features of the evening program.

Several hundred business men and their families, coming from a half dozen towns in the section, are expected to remain over after the half day of play for the big "dutch" banquet and the talks of Kuester and others.

Mr. Kuester, efficient secretary of the Charlotte chamber of commerce, is one of the state's best boosters and his message of the evening should prove helpful to the western Piedmont section and informing to the leading business men of the section gathered for the meeting. Col. Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, and probably other prominent Charlotte business men, will accompany Mr. Kuester. A representative of a movie firm was in Shelby early in the week seeking to make arrangements for a photo of the gathering to be used in the news reels.

**Expect Good Crowd**  
Secretary J. C. Newton of the Shelby chamber of commerce stated today that late indications were that a good crowd of business men would attend the meeting. Official reports from chamber of commerce bodies and luncheon clubs in the half dozen towns have signified that intentions of sending good delegations.

The meeting will be a unique one in that with the exception of the "dutch" supper there will be no cost to the events. The entertainment features will be furnished by the Shelby chamber of commerce, the Kiwanis club and Cleveland Springs and the meeting merely gives a half day outing to the section's industrial and business men.

Committees appointed to make necessary arrangements have completed the listing of practically all the prizes to be awarded in the golf and tennis tournaments, horseshoe pitching, swimming and diving contests and live competition is expected for the prizes. Several tennis teams will be entered in both doubles and singles, from three or four of the towns, while from 50 to 100 golfers are expected to compete in the free-for-all golf tournament.

Later in the afternoon an exhibition golf match between W. H. Lyle local pro and a Shelby amateur and the Gastonia professional and an amateur from that city is planned. All visitors will be accorded open entertainment and a goodly part of Shelby is expected to close up shop and assist in the entertaining. Visitors will be urged to seek out their favorite sport, golf, swimming, tennis and horseshoes and enjoy a care-free afternoon.

Mr. Newton, of the chamber of commerce, together with Alfred P. Marshall and members of both organizations spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting various towns in the section extending a personal invitation to the meeting.

## Cotton Association Re-Elect Officers

Mr. George Blanton of Shelby, Among Directors Re-elected. Meeting Held In Raleigh.

Raleigh, June 22.—President B. W. Kilgore, vice president W. A. Pierce and General Manager U. B. Blalock were elected yesterday by the new board of directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' association at the meeting of the board held immediately after the annual membership meeting of the association here yesterday.

Balloting for directors was completed in each of the ten election districts and nine of the ten old directors were re-elected. Governor McLean has not yet appointed a public director, a position now held by R. N. Page, of Aberdeen.

O. K. Taylor, of the second district, composed of the counties of Nash and Edgecombe declined to stand for reelection and was succeeded by B. F. Shelton of Speed, who delivers 500 bales of cotton to the association every year and who is a well known farmer, having represented his county in the General Assembly.

Other members of the board of directors are: W. A. Pierce, Weldon; John T. Thorne, Farmville; E. A. Stevens, Goldsboro; J. W. Stephenson, Smithfield; B. W. Kilgore, Raleigh; J. A. Turlington, Selemberg; A. McEachern, Relford; L. D. Robinson, Wadesboro; and George Blanton, Shelby. Directors Kilgore, McEachern and Robinson are each beginning their fifth year as directors.

## DR. EMORY F. BOYLES IS NOW IN CALIFORNIA

Gastonia, June 22.—Dr. Emory F. Boyles, former Gastonia physician, whose state license was revoked by the state board of health today, is now practicing in California, according to local doctors. A reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and other states will revoke his license elsewhere, it was stated.