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## Dorton Plans Larger Fair Than Before

Secretary Expects Between 70,000 And 80,000 People For Week McLean Coming

Governor Angus W. McLean will open the big Cleveland county fair in September, and Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair secretary, is expecting the largest crowd ever for the farm event. Those are the highlights of the coming county fair, the county's biggest event of the year.

The opening day, Tuesday, September 28, and the closing day, Saturday, October 2, are naturally expected to be the two big days of the fair, but a program of the five days, temporarily outlined, indicates that every day of the five will be packed with entertainment and information for the thousands of visitors expected for one of the South's greatest county fairs.

Latest word from Governor McLean is that he will attend unless something unforeseen comes up and for the benefit of the womanhood of the county it should be added that Mrs. McLean, first lady of the State, has also been invited to spend the opening day here. Governor McLean will formally open the fair at 10 o'clock in the morning, following the big float parade. Inaugurations are that there will be many floats in the parade, which will begin in Shelby and wend its way to the fair grounds. The floats will include business, mill, church, club and individual assemblies and is expected to be one of the colorful events of the week.

Following the formal opening there will be an address by Dr. Plato Durham, native of the county who has attained fame. The short address will be a part of the program in connection with "Homecoming Week," which is being staged during the fair week.

### Exhibits and Shows

Practically every section and community of the county has signified its intention of having an exhibit at the exposition and the exhibit halls promise to be completely filled with the best array of prepared booths yet.

Thousands who attended the successful fair last year will be pleased to learn that Dr. Dorton has definitely closed the contract whereby the famous Nat Reiss shows will return for the fair. The shows presented here last year for the first time met with the hearty approval of the county citizenship because of their cleanliness and high-class entertainment.

### Races Every Day

The regular races will be staged on the race track with numerous side attraction races. Wednesday the local mule races—promising to be quite humorous—is booked. Thursday the annual horse show, one of the outstanding events, will be held. The local running horse races will be held on Friday and several entries for these races have already been made. On Saturday the pony and local driving races will come off. The regular races will include two races during each afternoon and fair officials are lining up a fast bunch of entries for the event, which is to open the Carolina racing season. The usual fireworks will be put on each night.

### Special Demonstrations

Wednesday and Thursday, Mr. Wharton, manager of the big Reynolds farm at Winston-Salem, will judge all the livestock exhibits and give livestock demonstrations. There will be several days of poultry demonstration, judging and culling under the direction of Prof. Oliver, of State College. Prof. Samms, also of State College, will give demonstrations on handling live bees.

Secretary Dorton announces that a complete fair program, giving the events as they will come off, will be issued in a few weeks. Workmen are daily engaged now in preparing and enlarging the fair grounds and a recent Southern fair official visiting the grounds termed them the best equipped in the South. Considering crops, exhibits and programs planned and the wide interest being shown since the fame of the fair has spread Dr. Dorton is estimating on handling between 70,000 and 80,000 people during the five days and nights. The parking space has been increased considerably and the entrance gates so arranged that no matter how large the crowds there will be little confusion about the several entrances.

### ROCKY MOUNT BOYS ON RETURN FROM MOUNTAINS

Thirty six Rocky Mount boys, headed by J. E. Calhoun and Dr. Yarbrough, passed through Shelby yesterday returning home after ten days spent in the mountains on a camping trip. The boys were all in high spirits and had the time of their young lives, seeing sights they had never seen before and having new experiences. They were traveling in a large yellow bus and on a narrow mountain road the road-way slipped from under them and a thrill of pride with the report "They died as soldiers die." Has that pride died?

## "Mighty Glad to See You're Back"



Stand back—it's a beautiful back contest held at Los Angeles. Gowns this winter, it is said, will be very low on that side, but hundreds of eyes decided there was no use in waiting until then to show their shoulders. Some of the contestants are shown along with Miss Vivian de Barre, the winner, on the extreme left.

—NEA, Los Angeles Bureau

## Citizens Eager To Contribute To Suitable Memorial Slab For Dead Of World War

Star's Campaign For War Memorial Immediately Answered. Leading Citizens Start Movement Off Well.

The World War dead of Cleveland county, the boys whose names are now publicly written on nothing else than a plain white board will ere long have erected to their memory a suitable bronze slab on the court square. That's the sentiment already expressed by leading citizens following The Star's appeal for public contributions with which to erect such a memorial.

Hardly had Monday's issue of The Star reached the streets carrying a suggestion for financing such a memorial when readers began indicating that they would gladly contribute to the memorial fund.

About fifteen minutes after the complete issue Wm. Lineberger, prominent banker and business man, headed the contributors with \$10. In the brief period that has elapsed the fund has increased considerably and without any canvass whatsoever it now appears that enough money to purchase and erect a suitable memorial will be forthcoming in a short time.

Each issue until it is thought that a suitable sum has been raised The Star will carry the following list fund:

**THE STAR'S CAMPAIGN FOR MEMORIAL TO WORLD WAR DEAD**

Star Publishing Co. \$10  
Wm. Lineberger 10  
Chas. C. Blanton 10  
D. Z. Newton 5  
B. T. Falls 5  
Clyde R. Hoey 5  
J. D. Lineberger 5

With only one appeal appearing in one issue of The Star \$60 has been raised. The next issue, and the following ones, should contain contributions from all sections of the county and from all walks in life. The boys who gave their all came from no one station; some were sons of farmers, others sons of business and professional men. They marched away shoulder to shoulder, and died by side-by-side, comrades all fighting a common cause for the peace and future of their country and yours. That's just one of the many reasons why contributions to the fund should come from all sections. Out in some rural communities there may be a mother, still wearing black for the boy who didn't return, and it will mean just as much, and more to the spirit of the thing, that her dollar or half dollar helps make the memorial possible. Think of her feeling towards the movement; nothing could please her more than knowing that she did something to carry the memory of her fallen son down to the coming generations. Perhaps his grandfather remained at Sevierville, or some other Civil War battle. To the heroes of that war there is a memorial on the court square—the stately monument, "Test We Forget," looking to the west and the setting sun.

Who for a minute thought that Cleveland county could neglect the memory of their fallen sons in the world's greatest war—the doughboys for whom nothing was too good in '17.

In 1919 when the present white board was erected you said it was only temporary, that a lasting one would take its place. DID YOU MEAN IT?

They were your boys, your neighbors boys. By relation or friendship some boy among the fallen was connected with every one of the 11 townships in Cleveland county with every town, and some one of the boys was known in practically every home in the county.

When the news came back that those boys were killed and died there was a tinge of sadness, then a thrill of pride with the report "They died as soldiers die." Has that pride died?

### Small Sums Help

Every contribution to the fund need not be as much as \$5 or \$10. It's the small sums that count, many contributions, cheerfully made, and representing the spirit of the county, not just that of a few folks. Besides fathers and mothers, proud parents of warrior sons, there are boys and girls, clubs, organizations, business firms, and many individuals who should welcome the opportunity to do their bit. It's the quarter, halves and dollars that should make the memorial a reality. Will you send in yours?

### For All Service Men

The memorial as planned will not only carry the names of those who gave their all, but will also honor the memory and service of those who served so gallantly and returned. Across

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### WHAT'S THE NEWS?

The government cotton report has materially changed the cotton outlook. A complete cotton crop story may be found in today's Star.

While Cleveland county people watched the Speedway races from the stands at Charlotte Monday a Cleveland county man was using his trigger finger with serious consequences nearby. Read about it in today's Star.

And another thing: "Red" James writes the "ads" for The Star. If you don't read them you may miss something. Then you know the merchants always have something to tell about or James would have nothing to write. Sometimes the best news for the shopper may be found in Star "ads."

Charlie Ross—remember him? Sure, you do—may come to Shelby to live. You know when a golfer becomes famous he usually moves to Atlanta. Shelby can't get the golfers, but Ross, being famous, has been invited here by the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Farmer you'll be interested in an article today saying that in the years to come you may turn the rain on and off as lights are turned on and off now. Speaking of crops, we should have a good season then in Cleveland. Read Stephens story in The Star today.

Did you have a son, brother, relative or friend who gave his all in France? If so, read in today's Star how you may give something to honor his memory.

A lot of folks travel in and out of Shelby daily. Keep abreast with the coming and going by reading the "Personal" columns in The Star.

Yes, of course, if you've missed your castor oil this week or haven't had a note fall due, why worry? There's "Around Our Town."

Read The Star carefully from page to page and gossip will be no more. You'll know the news without leaning over the back fence.

## Don't Brood! Cheer Up! Life Could Be Considerably Harder

Cheer up!

Out at the poor house or county home, to be more respectful to the folks—the place that Cabaniss calls the End of the Road—is a man burdened with three overwhelming calamities—any one of which would weigh the average man down into perdition.

In the first place he is in the poor house.

That's bad enough, but—He also has cancer; and a bad case of it.

And again—He is blind; has been sightless for thirty-nine years.

Buck Hardin, who visited him last week, says in spite of all he is cheerful; and apparently enjoys life.

As said before, cheer up! You probably have right much to be thankful for, after all.

## Man Who Shot Wife May Be Given Bond

Byers Arrested Monday After Shooting by Runyans, Wife Will Not Likely Lose Eye

Horace Byers, colored, who emptied a shotgun at his wife Monday morning near their home in the Patterson Springs section, will likely be released under bond today or tomorrow according to county court officials as the condition of his wife does not promise to be serious.

Byers was arrested only a few hours after the shooting and had not departed for South Carolina as was reported in Shelby. The arrest was made by Deputy Jerry Runyans, who brought Byers to the county jail.

The woman was brought to Shelby for further treatment Tuesday and as one shot entered her head just above her eye she was examined by Dr. Tom Gold, eye specialist. Dr. Gold states that the single shot did not penetrate the ball and that although the eye is still considerably swollen, that she will not likely lose her sight that eye. Other portions of her face, and breast struck by several scattered shots are improving and are not considered serious.

## De Luxe Cafe Here Changes Ownership

V. C. Peeler and Paul Blanton on yesterday purchased the De Luxe Cafe next door to the Webb Theatre from B. R. and E. L. Whisnant who came here from Hickory about six months ago and established this eating house which has become quite popular. Messrs. Peeler and Blanton are both popular young men who took charge this morning and will continue the operation of the eating house at the same stand. Mr. Peeler has been a salesman at Efrid's Department store, while Mr. Blanton has been one of the bus drivers for the Shelby-Charlotte Bus line. The Whisnant boys have not announced what line of work they will take up. They have a splendid patronage and a high reputation, which Peeler and Blanton will maintain in every respect.

—Beam Reunion—Everything is in readiness for the Beam Reunion to be held Thursday, August 26th, at the old homestead of John Teeter Beam, near Prospect church. Several thousand Beams and their relatives are expected to attend this all-day gathering.

## Thinks Hard Labor Would Make Change

Banker Offers Novel Plan To Bring Prosperity. Do You Really Work While Working?

A Shelby banker came into The Star office Monday took a seat, remarked conventionally about the weather and the cotton crop, and then came out with this:

"I have an idea. Suggest that everybody in Cleveland county resolve to get up tomorrow morning and go to work, and work for a year, every week day in the year, and see what happens."

"I am serious," the visitor went on. "It is a great idea, that would have no less an effect than to make this county one of the richest spots on the face of the earth."

"Now, understand me, I mean that everybody work and work hard, and pay no attention to anything but results. As conditions exist now, few people really work. I mean few really work up to their capacity, or anywhere near it. The average man is not using half his energy—hardly a third of it."

"The average man loaf—idles away more than half his time. And when he does work works half heartedly, with his eye on the clock, and thinking of what he will do to have a good time when he gets through."

He paused, shifted his avoirdupois on the rather hard chair, and went on:

"You want to know a fact? The difference in people's circumstances is largely just that—that those who work—really work, get ahead, and they are just as far ahead of the average as their effort is more lasting and hard."

That is a far more interesting thought than appears on the face of it. Think it over. It is worth some thought and then some more. Take your own personal case. How much honest-to-goodness mental effort do you give your job? Glance back over your mental operations and try to check up and see just how idle and useless much of your so-called thought is. Most thinking—notwithstanding our boasted efficiency—is aimless, directionless—just the idle thoughts of a more or less idle fellow.

Once—and this actually happened—we observed a Shelby man (and you all know him) standing by an automobile, his foot on the running board, apparently absorbed in thought.

The writer walked up to him and said: "Now, tell me the honest, flat truth, what were you thinking about?"

He replied: "I was thinking about a widow I know down in Charlotte, and whether I should get in my car, and go and spend the afternoon with her, or go out to my farm."

Without cracking a smile he went on: "And I had about concluded, when you came up, to go to see the widow."

That man was honest; he told the truth. He did not go to see the widow that afternoon, but that is one picture illustrating the sort of thinking we do—most of the time.

What would happen if we all put our minds to the job more or less twelve hours of the twenty-four?

A local philosopher, to whom we mentioned the subject, predicted that in a few months there would be such over-production in this country that would bring stagnation and hard

## Editor's Killer?



—NEA, Cleveland Bureau  
Louis Mazer, who is charged with the murder of Don R. Mellett, crusading editor of Canton, O. Mazer is believed to have been only one of many underworld characters implicated in the crime.

## C. Of C. Invites Charlie Ross To Live In Shelby

One of the present day assets of a chamber of commerce is to bring into the towns in which they operate people of fame.

In the list of commerce bodies operating thusly add the name of the Shelby chamber of commerce and its secretary, J. Clint Newton.

The personage invited by the body officially to make his home in Shelby is none other than Charlie Ross, known as Julius Dellinger prior to The Star's original tip that he might be the long-lost Pennsylvania boy.

Secretary Newton this week forwarded a letter to Ross, whose home at Denver was recently destroyed by fire, extending him a cordial invitation to come to Shelby and make his home. With the invitation was the commerce secretary's promise to do whatever he could in securing a job here for the man who attained the national limelight when he announced himself as Charlie Ross. Yesterday Mr. Newton drifted about town seeking what might be suitable employment for the aged wanderer, who is perhaps the solution to one of the nation's greatest mysteries. Ross is an expert at several trades, being especially skilled in wood work and it is possible that if he decides to live in "The City of Springs" that he may be connected with some local woodworking plant or lumber firm. Needless to say, the Denver man's connection with most any firm would be top-notch advertising.

times for a decade.

Yes, and listen:

Our banker friend admits he has worked less these past twelve months than for many years—has relaxed, taken up horseback riding, and has gone in generally for the lighter side of life.

And has enjoyed living more than he has any time these late years.

And there you are.

## Cotton Farmers Happy Over Government Cotton Reports

Raleigh.—Prosperity apparently dug a new toe hold in North Carolina this week with the United States department of agriculture report of an estimated Tar Heel cotton yield of nearly 19 per cent above the national average and the violent upturn of prices on the New York and New Orleans exchanges following publication of the government predictions.

The report that sent prices soaring \$3.50 a bale in New York this morning was distinctly favorable to North Carolina, despite the fact that continued dry weather in the state has given a pessimistic tenor to early crop conditions. The official government figures give the condition as 63.5 per cent of a normal yield and that of the North Carolina crop as 73 per cent of normal.

The condition of the crop in the state was represented as having improved three per cent since August 1, and indicates a yield of 265 pounds an acre.

### Million Bales Off

A total United States crop of 19,248,000 bales of 500 pounds each was indicated from the 48,898,000 acres under cultivation on June 25, 1926. This is nearly a million bales less than the 16,103,679 bales produced in 1925.

The report of the North Carolina co-operative crop reporting service, prepared by W. H. Rhodes, Jr., assoc

iate statistician, declares that the crop this year will be distinctly late—anywhere from 15 to 25 days. It states that further damage may be expected from the weather, especially if the summer drought continues. The estimate declares that 1 1-2 inches of rain are now needed throughout the belt.

### Boll Weevil Absent

Absence of boll weevils has been noticeable this year, it was declared. This was attributed to the hot weather, which, it was stated, was probably too much for the young weevils and killed them in infancy. The prediction was that no material damage was to be expected from insects this year.

The report further stated that the abandonment of planted acreage was very small this season. Prior to the June 21st rains, there was some, but since then weather conditions have not been such as to cause abandonment, it was stated.

The North Carolina yield percentage will be exceeded in the southern belt only by Missouri, with 74 per cent, according to predictions in the federal report. South Carolina and Georgia stood the lowest with only 53 and 58 per cent respectively.

The western cotton raising states showed universally high percentages, California showing 94, and Lower California 95 per cent.

## Gibson Shot By Champion At Speedway

Merchant of This County Mysteriously Shoots Man At Charlotte Race Event

C. O. Champion, 22-year-old man of Mooresboro, this county, who shot G. E. Gibson of Shelby, at the Charlotte Speedway races Monday, hints at a mysterious reason for the shooting according to the latest dispatches from Charlotte. Champion is in jail there and Gibson is undergoing treatment at the Presbyterian hospital.

Several ideas and many rumors regarding the shooting and the motive for it have been advanced. However, it might be stated that Champion, who is a member of a highly respected family of western Cleveland, that he was drinking at the time and undoubtedly was not in a normal frame of mind. It is understood that he has undergone treatment at a sanitarium for a condition brought on by drinking.

Gibson will probably recover, Charlotte surgeons say, although his wounds are considered serious.

For some reason Champion's name in press dispatches from the Queen City has been given as Chapman. The exact reason for this has not been learned.

### Startled Race Crowd

The Charlotte News of yesterday afternoon says of the shooting:

An element of mystery entered into the shooting affair, which electrified the Speedway crowd Monday afternoon, when C. O. Champion 22-year-old Mooresboro merchant, awakening to a normal condition in the Mecklenburg County jail repudiated Tuesday his alleged statement that family troubles inspired the shot, but hinted that other motives would be disclosed later.

G. E. Gibson, of Gibson, lay in a local hospital with a bullet lodged in his abdomen, fighting for his life. The doctors said he had a chance of recovery.

### Hopes Gibson Lives

"I hope with all my heart that he lives," Champion said in his jail cell, Tuesday. "I don't want murder on my soul."

"It wouldn't be murder," he said later. "Everybody would understand how it was, if they knew the whole story. I'll tell all about it when the time comes."

Champion wore the same shirt he had on at the time of the shooting. On the left side, just above the belt, was a blackened hole, as if the revolver had been fired from beneath the garment. "I must have shot with my pistol under my shirt," he said.

Eye witnesses said that Champion and Gibson were watching each other closely and silently for some minutes before the shooting. Gibson and a male companion were said to be drinking soda water at the time of the shot.

Champion immediately left the scene, but Deputy Sheriff Avery B. Johnston who was sitting in a car about 50 yards away, without hearing, the muffled shot, saw Champion's revolver in his hand as he left and made the arrest without knowing of the assault.

A tremendous crowd gathered almost instantly. A number of rural police officers soon arrived and assisted Deputy Johnston and Deputy L. L. Chenshaw in getting Champion into a car and rushing him to the city.

### Prefers Two Charges

Two warrants were lodged against Champion at rural police headquarters, one charging him with being drunk and the other with assault with a deadly weapon.

The prisoner said that he was 22 years old, and a merchant in Mooresboro. He said he had been drinking, otherwise the shot would not have been fired. The officers had information that he had twice taken the liquor cure and was inclined to be violent when drinking. He refused to divulge his name until Monday night. When he gave his name he asserted that he had not told a police officer that Gibson's relations with Champion's wife caused him to shoot.

Attaches at the Presbyterian Hospital expressed the opinion Tuesday that Gibson probably will recover. He was seriously wounded and was running a fever, but this was attributed largely to the effect of the operation Monday night, when the bullet was removed from his body. Gibson was shot in the abdomen but his intestines were not perforated, it was explained.

## Piedmont Picnic On September Fourth

The annual Piedmont alumni picnic will be held at Piedmont, September fourth. (An all day event.) The annual banquet was discontinued last spring, and this is the big alumni event of the year.

A parent-teacher association will be organized coincident with this event.