

Just 10 days to the big county fair!

Ice cream has no near rival as a delicacy, that is until watermelon season rolls around. Then the two run nip-and-tuck for first honors.

The consolidation plan has advanced to such a stage in Cleveland county now that 28 trucks are used in transporting children to and from school, according to figures cited by Superintendent Grigg today.

One day's news shows that three Shelby boys on college football teams are out with injuries. That's just an idea as to how many football stars Shelby sends forth.

A man made a dangerous weapon out of a "cap buster" and Recorder Mull sent him out to bust rocks for two months. Which is a bit of The Star's court news.

There are those who say that eight months school will not work in rural Cleveland county because it is a farm county. Yet, an article in today's Star, reveals the fact that over half of the farm children do attend long terms. The cost, however is another matter.

One of the main features this year at the county fair will be the fancy work and art department wherein the women of the county will compete for the prizes, details of which are announced today.

Some folks still ponder with sadness over the many folks killed during the world war. It is to be wondered if they realize that more folks are killed weekly by autos in North Carolina than were North Carolina soldiers killed each week during the war.

It is officially announced today that the Kings Mountain Baptist association will meet on October 5 and 6, instead of on the date previously announced, which conflicted with the county fair.

What did the Gaston farmers think of rural Cleveland county and the agricultural progress here? It is in today's Star.

Do you think Cleveland county needs a workhouse so that vagrants may serve time and also keep up their family expenses? This paper does, or so says an editorial today.

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Goes To "Roads" Over "Cap" Pistol

Made Shooter Out of "Buster" and Will Work 60 Days. Drunken Driver Gets 90 Days.

A "cap buster", such as the youngsters like to shoot about Santa Claus time is an innocent thing as long as it performs in its accustomed role, but when made into a real gun, that's another matter.

Officers recently arrested Turley Smith, of No. 9 and found on his person an odd gun and the result was that Smith was given 60 days Wednesday by the recorder for carrying a concealed weapon. A hole had been bored in the cap location of the toy, making an opening for .22 cartridges which were used in the gun. Officers who examined the gun stated that shooting .22 cartridges in the light "cap pistol" was something that required nerve.

A year ago Eff Bell was before Recorder Mull charged with making bootleg out of California reaches. This week Bell returned to call on the judge, the charge being that of driving a car on Kings Mountain streets while under the influence of liquor. Bell won't drive any more for 90 days unless limousines are furnished county convicts.

Padgett School For Consolidation

At an election held this week the Padgett school district voted for the proposed consolidation plan of that school district. The measure carried by a vote of 76 to 56.

A portion of the district will be consolidated with Lattimore and the remainder with Mooresboro. It will be remembered that one election held last spring for the same purpose failed to pass by a small majority.

The truth about the Ford. Ask the man who owns one.

GASTON FARMERS SEE HIGH LIGHTS CLEVELAND FARMS

Delegation of 60 Farmers Tour the County Seeking Agricultural Tips from Cleveland.

Some 60 Gaston county farmers led by their county agent, Editor H. A. Query, of the Gastonia Gazette, and other farm and business leaders, spent Wednesday in Cleveland county as the guests of the chamber of commerce, farm board and county agent.

The day was taken up in a tour of farm high-lights of Cleveland and a luncheon was tendered the delegation at Cleveland Springs hotel by the Shelby Chamber of Commerce. Short talks at the luncheon were made by Mr. Wiley Rankin, of Gastonia, Wm. Lineberger, J. C. Newton, O. Max Gardner and County Agent Alvin Hardin. Following the luncheon the party departed on a tour of the southern portion of the county, where they visited some of the county's leading poultry farms.

The morning tour covered the northern and western sections of the county over the big cotton and dairy area. Visits were also made to the creamery, whole milk plant and cold storage house.

If the visitors were impressed by anything it was by seeing cotton growing at the foot of the mountains, and the uniformity of the farm fields—with a lack of few fine fields intermingled with poor fields and instead a general average of good fields. One critical impression of the visitors was the shortage of silos considering the number of dairy herds seen. Numerous complimentary remarks on the county's farm progress were made by the visitors in the course of their tour which covered the county's cotton, dairy poultry and diversified farm projects. That the visit was worth-while seems certain. The Gaston county farmers no doubt carried away with them valuable information on certain farm topics, and in turn, by their friendly criticism and observant eyes left several things for Cleveland farmers to ponder over.

The Star in Monday's issue will give the Gaston view of the tour as covered in detail by Editor Query, who was with the delegation. Cleveland farmers should look for this article with interest. A stranger some times can see outstanding points and weaknesses better than natives and it should be interesting to note what an enterprising group of farmers think of Cleveland county farming in general.

Wash Your Car Saturday Only, Then Wait Again

Here's something that will interest you if you have a dirty car. Mayor Wathers announces a suspension of a recent order for one day (Saturday) only. If your car is dirty and needs a bath you may wash it Saturday or send it to an automobile laundry and have it cleaned with water from the city's mains. A little extra water has been stored as a result of the recent order forbidding the use of city water to wash cars and water laws and now there is a tank full to the rear of the city hall, some 300,000 gallons to be used in case of fire. The old pump station is doing the best it can to output the filtered water since the filter has been overhauled, has enabled the city to get a supply ahead. The ban on car washing, therefore, is lifted for Saturday of this week, then it goes on again.

All car washing stations were notified by the officers on Monday of this week not to wash any more cars until the water shortage is overcome or the ban was lifted. This order has been well carried out. As a result of the saving and the improved condition of the old plant, the supply is coming in better. Enough is in the tank to fight a fire. Patrons of the water mains are receiving the filtered water direct from the pump station but the pressure is low because the old steam pump can't do any better.

After Saturday do not wash any more cars until further notice. This condition will soon be over as the new pump station is nearing completion and Tucker and Laxton, contractors, hope to finish the plant ready for use by the 15th of October.

New Bus—A handsome new 26 passenger bus has been put on the Inter-Carolinas bus line operating between Shelby and Charlotte. The new motor coach is an International and is painted a cream color. The big yellow buses are being overhauled, one by one, since the new coach has been added.

Nearly Half Cleveland School Children Attend Eight-Month School Now

Schools Operating Long Terms Now Show Positively That Farm Children Can Attend 8-Months Terms.

Dorton To Sesqui To See Big Shows

The Cleveland county fair this year may not be the best in the county, but it will not be the fault of Dr. J. S. Dorton, the secretary, for the shows and exhibits here will be patterned after the world's biggest fair—and Sesqui-centennial at Philadelphia.

Dr. Dorton left Wednesday for Philadelphia and will spend several days there looking over the mammoth exposition and getting tips on improving the big farm show here.

WATERMELONS CUT ICE CREAM TRADE

Ice Cream Manufacturers Felt the Competition of Farmers Who Grew Biggest Melon Crop

You wouldn't think that watermelons are a competitive product of ice cream, but Leslie Taylor of the Blue Ridge Ice Cream plant says they are. When melons are plentiful, folks let up on eating ice cream and business fell off with the cream manufacturers. Of course there was a fairly good trade during the summer on ice cream but the season was not what it should be. According to Mr. Taylor, the farmers grew four times as many melons as they have grown in any one season during the past five years. The market was glutted and melons were cheap, and being a fruit which ninety per cent of the people enjoy eating, it was served to the neglect of ice cream. Melons took the place of ice cream for dessert in homes and hotels and as a result the best season the ice cream manufacturers have was cut into heavily. Then, too, the season was a long one. Melons came on the market along the first of August and while few melons are offered now, because the crop is about gone, the melons that do come, find a ready sale and a better price. As the melon season closes, the ice cream business is picking up, according to Mr. Taylor.

As Fall approaches the ice cream plant will soon begin making Esquimo pies, a favorite chocolate covered dainty that is the rage not only with children but with grown-ups as well. Esquimo pies are not made during the summer because the appetite for candy on the part of the consumer is less then in the winter. To take the place of Esquimo pies the ice cream manufacturers put out a paper cup containing a frozen sherbert. This is popular because the price is only five cents at retail and the purchaser can buy and eat it as he goes, squeezing the bottom of the paper cup to force it into reaching distance of the lips. There is no saucer or spoon to return to the ice cream vendor. The transaction is finished when the money passes and the goods are received, so the customer can go merrily on his or her way.

Nothing new in an iced sweet is promised for this season. With the melon crop over, the ice cream plants turn again to cream, sherbert and Esquimo pies.

Central Shop Now In New Location

The Central Barber shop, which has for four years had a basement location in LaFayette street, just south of the Fanning store, removed this morning to fine new quarters two doors above the Princess theatre.

The present quarters have been rebuilt and adjusted for the shop purposes. The new establishment contains six chairs, and is very attractively located as well as arranged.

Jim Elliott, the proprietor, was giving first customers to the place the glad hand Friday morning, and was being congratulated upon a successful expansion.

A feature of the new place is a big room in the basement devoted to shower baths. There are four compartments, arranged for hot and cold water.

A genius is one who can follow a route over a county side road which has been minutely described by a friend giving directions as to how to reach there.

Opposition to eight-month school terms in Cleveland county is based on the thought that being a farm county such is impossible because rural children do not have time to attend school over a period of eight months.

Which is entirely wrong. More than 45 per cent of the rural school children in Cleveland county are now attending eight-month terms and school patrons of those sections are undergoing no hardships, reports say.

Fact is, plain figures in the office of Supt. J. Horace Grigg—and "figures don't lie"—show that the voiced opposition is without proof. By the next school month more than one-half of the county school children will be in school with every section proud of their school plans. What's more eight-month school terms are now being held in the leading farm sections of the county. Fallston, Belwood, Piedmont, Casar, Lattimore and Mooresboro children are attending school eight months in the year and the farmers of those sections are not surpassed in farming the county over, yet they are content, even glad, that their children may attend the longer terms.

Estimated figures from the superintendent's office show that 3,244 rural children of Cleveland county are now in schools running eight months. The total rural school enrollment is only 7,123, showing that practically half of the enrollment of the county is in school during the first month. This figure will be increased approximately 25 per cent, by another month. And, it might be added, the 3,244 does not include city high schools.

It's a query hard to answer by opponents of the long term. If half of the children of the county now attend such terms, and come from the best farm sections, why should there be any hardship in having uniform eight-month terms all over the county?

Cleveland county schools now operating eight months are: Lattimore, Waco, Mooresboro, Dover Mill, Piedmont, Belwood, Grover, Casar, East Kings Mountain and Fallston. In addition to these Earl is going to a seven-month term.

These schools work on a plan that offers little inconvenience on the farms. The state school law leaves it within the power of local school officials to determine the opening and closing of the terms and the length of daily sessions. The eight-month schools in Cleveland county now open in August, when there is a lull on the farm and the children are not needed and thereby may close early in the Spring, so that the children are back on the farm ready for the busy season. The Mooresboro school has a solution of its own: School there suspends for about one month during the busy harvest season and takes back on where the work was stopped. Thus the longer term is easily made convenient. At Lattimore and Belwood the plan is to start school early in the morning, which permits the children to have short day sessions and get out early in the afternoons for farm work.

So, what opponents of eight-month school terms say can't be done is really being done by the leading farm sections of Cleveland county. Who would dare say that Fallston and Belwood folks, along with the others, do not know how to farm. The cotton is classed as being the leading agricultural region of the county and their children go to eight months of school.

When the Earl school runs eight months considerably more than half of the rural children will be in school for more than six months of the year. And, judging by figures and what is being done, why is it any more impossible for the remainder of the county schools to be arranged the longer terms?

Scotland county, small but fertile, is considered the best cotton county in the state considering size. And every school in Scotland county operates eight months in the year. Opposition to the long term here says: "Cleveland is a cotton county. The children can't be spared off the farms that long."

Scotland county is proof that they can. So are Fallston, Belwood, Lattimore, Waco, Mooresboro, Dover Mill, Piedmont, Grover, Casar and East Kings Mountain.

WOMEN TO ENTER FANCY EXHIBITS AT COUNTY FAIR

Needlework Exhibit Will Attract Hundreds of Ladies, "Crazy-Quilt" to Have Day

Plain and fancy needlework of all kinds will be exhibited by women at the Cleveland county fair, Shelby, September 28 to October 2, announces Miss Faye McSwain, director of women's activities at the fair.

The display of needlework, one of the greatest of household arts, will prove that the modern women, too, are skillful and adept with the needle when it comes to embroidering, crocheting, knitting and needlecraft of every sort.

Needlework of all kinds has been recognized in the premium list. The more common types of practical sewing, including exhibits of table linens, towels, bedroom linens, rugs, aprons and women's and children's garments, will be displayed. It will be apparent to visitors that baby clothing, simply planned, has succeeded the layette of a decade ago, with its ruffles, puffs and embroidery.

Fancy work, because of its decorative qualities, will continue to be an ever-appealing subject of interest to women visitors. It goes without saying that the old-fashioned "crazy-quilts," oddly designed in a hundred different colors, will be exhibited in numbers. Prizes also have been offered for braided rugs and sofa pillows, and crocheted, knitted and braided bedspreads.

BAPTISTS TO MEET OCTOBER 5-6 AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

Date for Association Officially Changed So as Not to Conflict With Fair

October 5th and 6th, first Tuesday and Wednesday in October have been officially designated as the meeting dates for the Kings Mountain Baptists, the change being made in order to avoid a conflict in dates with the Cleveland county fair which begins Sept. 28 and runs for five days. Rev. John W. Suttle, moderator of the association, in Shelby this week from Hickory where he is engaged in a revival meeting, authorized The Star to state that October 5th and 6th has been selected since a change has been approved and agreed upon by the First Baptist church of Kings Mountain where the association is scheduled to meet this year.

It was the unanimous opinion of the executive committee of the association as well as the majority of the pastors and laymen that a change should be made but this was not authorized until the entertaining church gave its approval. When the executive committee expressed itself in favor of a change, it also empowered the moderator, Mr. Suttle who is ex-officio chairman of the committee to make the change if the First Baptist church gave its approval. Rev. C. J. Black, pastor of the First Baptist church at Kings Mountain has stated to The Star that his congregation will entertain the association delegates at a postponed date and it has been announced in the church that the association will meet Oct. 5th and 6th.

The change seems to meet with the hearty approval of the ministers and lay delegates and in all probability the association this year in its annual gathering will set a meeting date so there will not be a conflict again with the county fair, the fair being on a circuit with other towns so its date cannot be changed without much confusion.

SHELBY LIBRARY OPENS AGAIN ON SATURDAY

The Shelby public library will be opened Saturday at the usual hours to the public. After being closed for two weeks for repairs. The librarian asks all who have books to return them.

She's Telling Him Funny Story



The city editor of a Cleveland newspaper sent Miss Marion Schneider to a circus zoo to write about the animals. She kept them in good humor by telling them funny stories. See the little fellow laugh.

Firemen Entertained At Kiwanis Club Luncheon

New \$12,500 Fire Truck Shipped This Week—Town Will Have \$30,000 in Equipment

It was announced Thursday night at the Kiwanis club when the members of the Shelby fire department were guests of the club that the new \$12,500 American-LaFrance fire truck was shipped this week from the factory and will arrive in Shelby within a few weeks, at least by the time the new pump station is ready for use. Wm. McCord had charge of the Kiwanis program and had arranged for a joint meeting of city officials, firemen and Kiwanis members to hear Chief Whitener, of Hickory, but the Hickory chief was detained and could not reach here. However, Shelby's fire chief Herman Eskridge, Fireman McClontz, of Gastonia, and J. C. Newton, secretary of the Shelby chamber of commerce filled the program with informative speeches.

15 Local Firemen

Chief Eskridge undertook a few weeks ago to organize a group of firemen who will be trained to meet any emergency that arises and already he has 15 men who are training once a week, learning the art of fighting fires. He has made splendid headway and in a few months, he hopes to have a well trained bunch of men. Shelby has been fortunate in the matter of fire losses in the past, but according to the law of averages the town is certain to have a disastrous fire sooner or later so every effort is being put forth to train a group that will be equal to any occasion that arises. It is stated that Shelby's investment in fire fighting equipment when the new truck arrives will be about \$30,000. Chief Eskridge has 15 men who are responsible and interested in saving life and property of Shelby citizens and to this end he asks the co-operation of the citizens generally in abolishing every fire hazard that might exist. The fire loss in the United States last year was over a half million dollars with the loss of 15,000 lives. To curb this gigantic loss President Wilson, during his administration, inaugurated fire prevention week once a year which he hopes will be observed in Shelby.

Fireman McClontz of Gastonia, was another speaker on the program, a practical fireman who commended Shelby's steps toward the training of efficient firemen. Secretary Newton said that statistics prove that from 75 to 90 per cent of the fires are preventable and therefore urged the citizens to exercise every precaution with matches, cigarette stubs and the careless storing of loose paper and waste. He would have every civic body participate in fire prevention week and couple with it a clean-up campaign, for a clean town naturally has less fire loss. He suggested safeguards against fire such as proper electrical wiring of homes, the removal of dangerous wooden buildings, fire-proof roofs on houses, chimney flues built from the ground instead of hung from rafters.

The Shelby fire department was commended for the splendid progress it is making and the promptness with which fire alarms are answered. Last month there was only one alarm. So far this month there have been two alarms and the month is only half gone.

Committees will be appointed from the Kiwanis club and chamber of commerce to have fire prevention week observed in Shelby early in October.

28 TRUCKS HAUL COUNTY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DAILY

Nearly 2,000 Cleveland County School Children Ride to And From School.

Year by year Cleveland county gets a little farther away from olden school days when rural children walked from one to five miles to attend school at the proverbial "little red building on the hill."

The following schools in the county use trucks for transportation, the number of trucks used at each school being included: Lattimore, 4; Mooresboro, 1; Casar, 2; Moriah, 2; Belwood, 4; Piedmont, 2; Beams Mill, 1; Waco, 2; Bethware, 1; Grover, 2; Union, 3; Fairview, 3; Patterson Springs, 1. These trucks to be exact, will transport approximately 1,910 children daily, as many of the trucks make two and three separate trips.

The Belwood school perhaps has more children transported to and from school by truck than any other school in the county. The estimated figure for Belwood is 325 while Lattimore comes second with 300, with Union and Fairview close behind.

Officers Elected Once For Ability To Write Plainly

Writing isn't what it used to be—meaning the long flowing "good hand" written with pencil or pen. A couple of old-time citizens dropped into Ebeltoft's recently while the bookstore was deluged with young school children; noted the lack of writing accessories.

"Nowadays they care little about writing," one said, "while back in my day a man's future success was assured if he could write a good hand—and there were few that could do it."

"Yes," returned his pal, "the fellow who could write well 50 or 60 years ago was regularly elected a county official, register or clerk, because of his writing and not because of his ability. Fact is they had to keep the records plain and there were not more than a dozen folks in the county who could write suitably for the task. Imagine election propaganda like this: 'Vote for So-and-So. He's the best writer in the county.'"

But the record books at the courthouse stand as proof behind the old-timers. The clerks and registers of 40 to 60 years ago would make present day writers blush with shame.

Already 30 To 40 Floats For Parade

Already 30 to 40 floats have been signed for the big parade to take place on the opening day of the county fair, September 28th, according to Mrs. Olin Hamrick, chairman of a woman's club committee which is soliciting interest in this feature of the fair. Mr. Hamrick says this number include not only the floats which will be put on by merchants and manufacturers and civic bodies, but also includes a number of schools in town and county which will take part in the spectacle. The parade will begin on the morning of the first day of the fair at 10:30 o'clock. In one issue of The Star next week the names of the entries will be published and in the meantime if there are any other who wish to have a part in the parade, their names should be turned over to Mrs. Hamrick at once. Two bands from the N. C. State shows and the Shelby High school band will take part.

Expects Larger Poultry Exhibit

There were nearly 1,000 birds on exhibit in the poultry building of the Cleveland county fair last year. That was a splendid record but this year, Rev. John W. Suttle, in charge of the poultry exhibit, it thinks the number of birds will go well beyond the 1,000 mark. At least he finds considerable interest in breeders of show birds and indications are that the feathered tribe will be greater in number than ever before.

Mr. Suttle says any poultry breeders who want entry blank or premium lists may secure the same by writing either to him or to Dr. J. S. Dorton, the fair secretary.

A speaker recently stated that there are too many different breeds of poultry in this county and the number should be reduced. Our motorists are doing their best.