

# Gaston Party On Visit Saw Much Of Interest

Gastonia Editor Describes Tour Made of This County. Highlights Seen

Cleveland county farmers should be interested in the following account of the Gaston tour of this county as described by Hugh Query, editor of the Gastonia Gazette.

Gaston county farmers, some 50 or 60 strong, visited Cleveland county Wednesday, saw some of the fine cotton fields of the county, inspected the creamery, and the Shelby milk plant, the former plant making butter and selling a big amount in Gastonia every week, the latter buying only whole milk, took a look at the cold storage plant in which eggs bought up at 20 or 25 cents in the spring and early summer, are stored and sold on the New York markets for 50, 60, 75 cents per dozen, went to three successful poultry farms in the southern end of the county, and brought the day to a close at five o'clock in the afternoon with an inspection of O. Max Gardner's "Moreperacre" farm near the Cleveland county fair grounds.

It was a big day for those who went along and every body thoroughly enjoyed it. The Cleveland folks treated their guests right royally. Nothing was left undone for their comfort and pleasure. They entertained the whole outfit at dinner at the Cleveland Springs hotel and would not let a single one of us say a word about paying for it. County agent Hardin and secretary of the Shelby chamber of commerce, Newton, took the entire day off and went the rounds with the visitors, as did Paul Webb, popular insurance man of Shelby, Max Gardner went part of the way, but court business called him back. Lee B. Weathers, editor of the Cleveland Star, deserted his post on press day, put his Buick into service and went along on the morning trip. So did Senator Sam Lattimore.

Everybody tried to outdo themselves in giving the Gaston county folks a good time. The first jaunt was in the morning soon after arriving in Shelby about ten o'clock. The motorcade of some 15 or 20 cars went out Highway No. 18 toward Fallston. At Mr. O. M. Mull's farm we saw cotton that was "cotton." Much of it will make a bale to the acre; some not so much; some will make more. The army worm is getting in its most damaging work now, although it is almost too late for it to do much harm. The leaves of the cotton plant are literally being riddled by the pest. After the worm has been on the stalk for a week or two, the leaves look like lace.

Cleveland made 40,000 bales of cotton last year and the chances are the county will produce 50,000 this year, Mr. Mull said. These farmers up there put the fertilizer in their cotton. That is one of the big secrets of their success in raising so much cotton.

Some of the fields of Max Gardner's "Moreperacre" farm have been planted in cotton continuously for more than 40 years and the land does not seem to be hurting. It has been commonly told that land should be rotated from year to year, and that planting in cotton from year to year would ruin it. Mr. Gardner says if enough fertilizer is equal what is taken away in the cotton seed in food value is applied, the land will not suffer. The stalks, leaves, bolls, etc., make enough humus to keep up the life of the land.

Whatever it is, the cotton fields of Cleveland are beautiful sights now. The cotton is opening rapidly and the fields are full of pickers. Gins are being overhauled and made ready for a big fall's business. Never saw the like of cotton gins. Seems like there is a big gin to every one or two farms. Nearly all of them are run by electricity, too. More used to which the rural electric lines are being put.

From Fallston where the Stamers are the big merchants and bankers, the route lay straight to the north to Belwood schoolhouse, thence to the very edge of the South Mountains, where we saw cotton growing on the very side of the mountain. On up to Casar, the joint led. There we turned back and came into Shelby over the Lawndale road by the Ora and Dover mills. Stopped at one C. D. Bick's farm. He is one of the best in the county. Lee Weathers says. Makes over 100 bales of cotton every year. He had six iron gray mules along with several bays in the barn yard. This took the eye of many of the Gaston county men, all of whom got out and went to take a closer look at the fine stock. They were big heavy mules, all sleek and fat. The saying among farmers is that a gray mule will live longer than any other.

At 12:30 we landed in Shelby, tired, hot, and dusty. Right speedily we were hustled out to the paternal hotel on the big hill where a bountiful dinner, corn on the cob, ice tea, ice cream, and all the trimmings, etc., were served. Mr. William Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, told the farmers

something about the creamery he runs in Shelby. Nine years ago it was broke, as were nearly all the creameries in the state at that time. Today it is paying handsome dividends and making 300,000 pounds of butter a year, much of which comes right to the Gastonia grocery stores and is eaten every day by Gastonians. The capital stock is \$57,000. It is a cooperative concern, but that does not mean that everybody runs it. That is the trouble with most cooperative creameries. Mr. Lineberger runs this creamery and the stockholders have no more to do with its policy and management than a cotton mill stockholder in Gastonia has to do with running the cotton mill.

This creamery buys the butter fat from the farmer. It is collected over some 19 routes established and maintained by route carriers, who get a commission on the milk they collect. Some of them make as high as \$250 or \$300 a month in commissions from milk collections, Mr. Lineberger said. They get five cents per pound for collecting the milk or butter fat, which must test five per cent.

Most of the milk of this creamery comes from the small farmer, the man with three or four cows. There are not many big dairymen in Cleveland county, that is, men with 25 or 30 head, like the Falls, Arthons, Pearsons, etc., here in Gaston. There are only three or four and they maintain the Shelby Milk Plant, to which all of their whole milk is delivered and from which it is distributed. More of this plant later.

Mr. Lineberger said that the creamery is supplied with butterfat by some 1,200 farmers, none of whom owned more than five or eight cows at the most. The majority were ordinary farmers with four or five cows and the milk they sold was surplus from what they used. They separated it and kept the skim milk for their pigs and chickens. By having only a small numbers cows each man has plenty of time to devote to his other farming interests. His cows did not take his whole time and energy, as is the case with the average dairymen in this county. The farmers are paid 40 cents per pound for this butterfat, which is equivalent to about 30 cents per gallon for the milk, it is said. Some of the Gaston farmers did not appear satisfied with that, some claiming that it was worth more than that, others saying that it was better to unload it at that price and go on back home and go to work, rather than peddle it around town. Quite an argument ensued among some of them.

After dinner we visited the creamery and saw something of how it works. It was the slack time and there was not much doing. The plant is very small and has only about \$6,500 worth of equipment in it, but it turns out 200,000 pounds of butter a year. The milk is delivered every morning on a platform at one side of the creamery plant. There is nothing more to it than the

churning and packing. Some of the butter comes to Gastonia to a local ice cream plant the proprietor said. "We take any amount that a man brings to us," Mr. Lineberger said, "even if it is but a pint of cream—we test it, and pay him for that, too. Some of our monthly checks for cream run as high as \$100. The average is considerably less than that."

"It is enough to buy nearly all the staple groceries, sugar, coffee, rice, flour, etc., that the farmers need," put in Max Gardner at this point. "It often helps him to buy school books for his children, too," he added. "That is where it helps us—it furnishes a constant income the year round. The farmers don't have to wait until fall for money."

The Shelby Milk Plant, located nearest the creamery is a separate organization owned principally by two or three big dairymen who buy much whole milk from other dairymen who do not sell to the creamery, or who do not deliver from house to house. They pay only 30 cents per gallon for whole milk and retail it at 60 cents. It is pasteurized in this plant. The milk is first heated to 123 degrees, then cooled down to 48, bottled, capped and crated, all by machinery. It is a very interesting process, but the Gaston county milk men did not fancy the idea of getting only 30 cents per gallon for their milk and then seeing it sold for twice that amount. Fact of the matter, Max Gardner brought down the house at the luncheon at Cleveland Springs when he told the farmers that the trouble with them was that everybody except the producer got rich

off the farmer's staff. "Everybody who touches cotton," he said, "the broker, the commission man, the cotton mill man, the wholesaler, the merchant all get rich and the man who produces it stays poor. And it is the same way with nearly all the other commodities the farmer produces."

Mr. Gardner gave another of his characteristically good speeches at the luncheon. He pleaded for more co-operation among the farmers, who have been skinned, hoodwinked, and defrauded so much that they distrust everybody—all to their own detriment. They will not organize or stick together once they are organized, he declared. Mr. J. C. Newton, secretary of the Shelby chamber of commerce, welcomed the visitors to Cleveland county.

Mr. W. T. Rankin spoke a few words of response in which he thanked the Cleveland folks for their hospitality. Joe S. Wray, of the Gastonia chamber of commerce, also spoke a few words.

After dinner the party wended their ways to the creamery and the milk plant, much of which has already been described. The cold storage plant is an adjunct of the ice plant in Shelby. It is privately owned concern, and deals principally in cold storage eggs. They are bought by the carload in Tennessee and shipped to Shelby in the early summer, there to be kept in storage until fall and winter, when they are sold at fancy prices on the New York markets. It looks as though the same principle could be applied to all perishable products.

From the ice plant the route lay southward toward Earl where we were to inspect three big poultry farms, belonging to Messrs. Turner and Austell. Some chickens! Most of them were the White Leghorn. The plant and equipment in all three were very much like that of Mr. Neil Davis here in Gastonia. One of the men, Mr. Turner, had been in the business only

five months and he had a flock of 1,000 or 1,500 birds, many of the pullets already laying. Mr. Austell at Earl was the man who said that he raised broilers at 94 cents per pound and sold them 94 cents. He kept an accurate account of all his expenses and he seems to know what he was talking about. He must be making money, for he was busy at work on a big new chicken house and pens. His incubator was of 4,500 capacity.

From Earl, we trekked back to Max Gardner's farm of cotton. He has five or six tenants—all white, except one—on this place. He furnishes the land and pays for all the guano. The tenants furnish everything else and they share half and half. Most of the farming in Cleveland county, except where the owner does his own, is done on this basis.

All in all, the Gaston county men profited much from the trip. One of the things they learned is that a man can make some money out of four or five cows, it does not take a herd of twenty or thirty to put one into the dairy business. Furthermore, that this method is the better way of going into the business. They learned, too, what can be done in the poultry business. They saw it actually demonstrated before their eyes. The creamery and milk plants also were of special interest and profit to the Gaston county men, for the reason that the farmers of this county have long been interested in a creamery and have been talking about establishing one for

several years. They learned yesterday just how a creamery is operated and how much milk is required to operate one. They saw the difference between a creamery which makes butter from the buttermilk, and a whole milk plant which distributes milk to retail customers. They learned that the liberal application of high-grade fertilizers will more than pay in the cultivation of cotton.

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CLEVELAND COUNTY SCHOOLS HAVE IMPROVED

at Kings Mountain. Teachers Pay. The total amount paid county teachers in 1905-6 was \$14,000. Last year county teachers received more than \$145,000. The county superintendent's salary at that time was listed as \$832.02 as compared with the present salary of \$3,000. The average teachers salary then was only \$25.30 per month. The Old Buildings. With fine new school plants over the county, many of which were erected this year and last, it is interesting to note the values of the school buildings of that day. Lattimore, with a fine building and one of the best schools in the coun-

ty today, had building, grounds and furniture, valued at \$800. The total value of all the school buildings in the county was set at only \$60,000. Boiling Springs at the time was an outstanding school for it had a library valued at \$50. Lawton Blanton, one of the county's leading educators of the present day, was teaching then at the Flint Hill school for \$29 per month, and in a building which with furniture and grounds was valued at only \$100.

Of the Shelby graded schools it is recorded in the booklet that—"The building was burned in October 1905. Work, however has already begun on the new one, which is to cost \$25,000." This, old timers will realize is the present central school plant. W. W. Davidson was superintendent; J. Y. Irvin, principal, and there were seven lady teachers.

George P. Webb, present clerk of court, was teaching at Ross Grove for \$35 per month, \$6 of which was paid by private subscription. Corn Cracker (M. L. White) was teaching then at the Cabanis school and had 50 pupils, although his usual big commencement crowd numbered 750 people. Photographs of the following schools were published in the booklet, which is on file at the office of Supt. J. H. Grigg.

That Mr. Falls, superintendent then, had much to do with spurring on better educational facilities is shown in his convincing urging better schools and equipments during the review of each school's work.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS. North Carolina, Cleveland County. In Superior Court. Ida Coleman (Col.), plaintiff.

Lee Coleman, (col.) defendant. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, whereby the plaintiff is asking the court for a divorce absolute from said defendant on account of the adultery of said defendant as alleged in the complaint filed in this action; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of Superior court of said county at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 4th day of October, 1926 and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded.

This the 10th day of September, 1926. GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk Superior Court. Peyton McSwain, Atty for plaintiff.

TRUSTEE'S SALE By virtue of the power of sale contained in Deeds of Trust from Noah Hubbard and wife, Dacia Hubbard, dated October 8th, 1924, from Lewis Peters and wife, Bonnie Peters, dated April 14, 1925, and another Deed of Trust from Lewis Peters and wife, Bonnie Peters, dated April 30th, 1926, and default having been made in the payments, securing said Deeds of Trust, I as Trustee for the Shelby Building and Loan Association will sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction at the Court House door in the Town of Shelby, N. C., on Monday, September 27th, 1926, within legal hours the following described real estate:

Being a part of the land known as the Lackey-Thompson property, subdivided and sold by Cyclone Auction Company, consisting of Lots Nos. 80 and 81, as shown on a map of said subdivision by J. A. Wilkie, Surveyor, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Cleveland County in Plat Book No. 1 at page 62, reference to which is made for a full and complete description, being that lot, deeded by Dacia Hubbard and husband, Noah Hubbard, to Bonnie Peters and husband, Lewis Peters, by deed dated April 8th, 1925. This August 24th, 1926. CLYDE R. HOEY, Trustee.

PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS North Carolina, Cleveland County. In the Superior Court. Before the Clerk. G. W. Green and wife, Mollie Green, Jacob Green and wife, Mollie Green, and Lizzie Pruett, widow, Petitioners.

vs. Eliza Ross and husband, William Ross, Sallie Smith and husband, Lynn Smith, Annie Davis and husband, Stough Davis, R. M. Wilson and wife, Winnie Wilson, Mary Myers and husband, George Myers, Elizabeth Peck and husband, Elisha Peck, Sarah Erickson and husband, Rudolph Erickson, W. A. Wilson and wife, Maude Wilson, Winona Geneva Ferguson and husband, Eric Ferguson, Henry Wilson and wife, Ella Wilson, Joseph Wilson and wife, Pearl Wilson, Lucy Peterson and husband, Albert Peterson, Defendants.

To Eliza Ross, William Ross, R. M. Wilson, Winnie Wilson, Mary Myers, George Myers, Elizabeth Peck, Elisha Peck, Sarah Erickson, Rudolph Erickson, W. A. Wilson, Maude Wilson, Winona Geneva Ferguson, Eric Ferguson, Henry Wilson, Ella Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Pearl Wilson, Lucy Peterson, non-resident defendants.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Special Proceeding has been instituted as above entitled in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, N. C., for the purpose of having a sale for partition and division of the real estate belonging to the late I. J. Green, which real estate is situated in Number 1 Township, Cleveland County, N. C. You are further notified that said petition sets forth the interest of all the parties as heirs at law of the said I. J. Green and the petitioners are asking for an order for the sale of said real estate, and said petition is returnable before me at my office in Shelby, N. C., on Thursday, September 23rd, 1926, at my office in Shelby, N. C., and you are further notified that unless you appear and answer the petition, or demur to the petition, or the relief demanded will be granted. This the 15th day of September, 1926. GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk Superior Court. D. Z. Newton, Atty.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT. North Carolina—Cleveland County, In the Superior Court. A. N. Dry, Plaintiff vs. S. D. Guest, Defendant.

The defendant above-named will take notice that a summons in the above-entitled action was issued against said defendant on the seventh day of September, 1926, by George P. Webb, clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, State of North Carolina, for the sum of \$664.77 and for other relief, as set out in the complaint now filed in the above court, due the said plaintiff by reason of the defendant's failure to comply with the Bulk Sales law, which summons is returnable before said clerk, at his office at Shelby, in said county, and state, on the 18th day of October 1926. The defendant will also take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said clerk on the seventh day of September, 1926, against the property of said defendant, which warrant is returnable before said clerk, at the time and place above-named for the return of the summons, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted.

This the 16th day of September, 1926. GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk Superior Court. Bennett and Edwards, Attys for plaintiff. Sell tobacco on grade is a wise suggestion recently made by one agricultural leader.

NOTICE OF SALE By virtue of power of sale contained in Section 2435 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned will sell at Z. P. Ruppe's garage near Shelby, N. C., at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, on Saturday, October 2nd, 1926, at 2 o'clock p. m. one Automobile, engine No. 350578, belonging to R. L. Waters to satisfy a lien for material and repairs on said car and for storage of same in the amount of \$21.00. This September 17, 1926. Z. P. RUPPE 2t-20c

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as administrator of the estate of Robert Newton, deceased, late of Cleveland County, N. C., and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them to me properly proven for payment on or before September 10th, 1927 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned. This September 9th, 1926. O. G. NEWTON, Admr. of Robert Newton, deceased. Ryburn and Hoey, Attys.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION. North Carolina—Cleveland County. In the Superior Court. Cora Henry, plaintiff vs. Tom Henry, Defendant.

The defendant above mentioned will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., for the purpose of dissolving the bonds of matrimony as in case of divorce absolute on the grounds of five years separation; and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the first Monday of November, 1926, at the court house door of said county, in Shelby, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk of the Superior court. Bynum and Hoey, Attys for plaintiff.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE By virtue of a decree of the Superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., in Special proceeding entitled "Emma Carpenter and husband, et al., vs. Lela Ellis and husband, et al.," I, as commissioner, duly appointed by the court, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the court house door in the town of Shelby, N. C., on Saturday, October 2nd, 1926, within legal hours, the real estate belonging to the late W. L. Dedmon situated in No. 5 township, Cleveland county, N. C., and described as follows:

1st TRACT. Lying on the waters of Buffalo Creek, adjoining the lands of Caroline Kendrick and others and containing 65 acres more or less.

2nd TRACT. Being a part of the land conveyed to W. H. Ellis by J. G. Webb and wife, and conveyed by W. H. Ellis and wife to W. L. Dedmon, containing 19 3-4 acres more or less.

3rd TRACT. Being the tract of land deeded to W. L. Dedmon by W. H. Ellis and wife containing 56 8-10 acres more or less.

4th TRACT. Being a part of the W. H. Ellis land and that tract conveyed by S. Mayhew and wife to W. L. Dedmon and containing 3/7-16 acres more or less.

5th TRACT. Adjoining the lands of R. P. Hoyle, D. H. Elliott and others, and being the tract conveyed by R. P. Hoyle to William Dedmon and containing 29 5-8 acres more or less.

All of the above five tracts are adjoining and possession will be given to the purchaser on January 1st, 1927. Rents reserved for the year 1926. Taxes for the year 1926 will be paid by the commissioner.

TERMS OF SALE—One-third cash on day of sale; balance in 12 months, to be evidenced by note with approved security, bearing interest from December 30th, 1926. Title reserved until all the purchase money is paid with the privilege to the purchaser of paying at cash upon confirmation of the sale, or on January 1st, 1927. This August 20th, 1926. A. C. DEDMON, Commissioner. Ryburn and Hoey, Attys.

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NOTICE OF SUMMONS. North Carolina—Cleveland County Grady Champion, widow, Minnie Champion, widow, Julia Hamrick and husband, Miller G. Hamrick, Horace Champion and wife Lucy Champion, Ezra Champion and wife, Vicie Champion and A. C. Beam, executor of the will of G. R. Champion, deceased, petitioners.

vs. Delbert R. Champion and wife, Champion and Charlie Champion, minor, defendants.

The defendants, Delbert R. Champion and wife, — Champion, in the above-entitled action will take notice that on the 14th day of September, 1926, a summons in the said action was issued against said defendants by George P. Webb, clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, North Carolina, for the purpose of getting an order of sale, and the appointment of commissioners to sell certain lands described in the petition, in which the defendants have an interest, in order to make assets to pay the debts of G. R. Champion, deceased, which summons is returnable before the Clerk of the Superior court of Cleveland county, N. C., on the 23rd day of October, 1926. Said defendants will also take notice that they are required on said date to appear and answer or demur to the petition, or the relief demanded will be granted. This the 15th day of September, 1926. GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk Superior Court. D. Z. Newton, Atty.

This August 21, 1926. GEO. P. WEBB, Clerk Superior Court. Itaww-25