

"Five Needs" Of Town And County Named By Citizens

Lower Tax Rates, Better Law Enforcement, Better Control By Parents Among Needs For City.

Shelby and Cleveland county face a big field of needs during the year of 1927 according to the citizenship of the county.

Citizens of the town and county continue to send in lists of the outstanding "Five Needs" of Shelby and Cleveland county.

Late news from the legislature at Raleigh may be found in this issue.

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Community and sectional news of interest, as well as feature news, may be found in the columns of this issue.

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County Boards In Dull Session For New Year Meeting

Little of Public Interest Comes up At First Regular Meetings Of New Year.

The county boards—commissioners and education—meeting here this week transacted little business of general interest as their first work in the New Year.

Although there was a good "first Monday" crowd in town few demands of importance were laid before the board and no contracts or business of public importance were let.

The business of the commissioners for the most part was routine only. A few citizens appeared before the board and talked taxes, a subject so customary that it perhaps passes under the routine work.

Practically the same situation prevailed at the meeting of the board of education. Several applications were made for new wells and a public bid of \$100 and a private bid of \$300 for the old Double Springs building and site were rejected.

An application was heard from the Bethlehem district calling for a special tax election to erect a new school building. Owing to a legal technicality in the county-wide plan the board deferred action on the application until their next meeting.

Gives Paper Boost: Mrs. Doris Blanton, Shelby, R-4: More Cleveland Star readers; more home-grown food and less cotton; more good roads in the county leading to the county seat; more religious citizens and officers that will abide the law; more public works needed in Shelby; to decrease the street loiterers.

"A Booster": Make Shelby the prettiest town in the South and boost Shelby and Cleveland county at every opportunity.

The Airplane Too: Mrs. Martin Roberts: A bureau of research and guidance; industrial and manufacturing establishments; a market house and brokerage; city and rural traffic officers; a union station, including air mail stop.

Better Schools: Mrs. Hugh L. Mauney: County hospital instead of township; apartment house; athletic field and playgrounds; definite plan for diversified farming; better rural school buildings.

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Daring



This little speedboat was meant for quiet waters. But, to win a bet, R. R. Stevens and J. S. Oakley drove it all the way from San Francisco to San Diego—600 miles in the open ocean.

Fountain Named Speaker of Law Makers Tuesday

Connor Second And Townsend Third. David Dellinger Chosen Reading Clerk of Legislature.

Raleigh, Jan. 4.—Richard T. Fountain of Edgecombe county, won the speakership of the 1927 lower house of the general assembly tonight in the second "Australian" ballot in the Democratic caucus, receiving 51 of the 98 votes.

The caucus ending of the contest was to have been phoned Tuesday morning, for Wake's three members, weary of the pressure put upon them, formulated their belated declaration of independence and cast a solid ante-caucus vote for Fountain.

The agony of the Wake people was all to no purpose. They were not put on record and by the terms of the caucus were permitted to register a secret ballot. There had been no caucus in so long that everybody forgot the procedure.

The roll call was mandatory, but the vote was inconclusive. And Wake's delegation had endured a torture of six months. It was awful, but the members won. And they got the laugh on everybody who had kicked and cuffed them all over the county.

The Fountain nomination was made unanimously by Judge Winston and seconded by Townsend.

The first ballot was a nip and tuck race between Connor and Fountain, with the Edgecombe man showing the edge throughout. Connor carried 40 Fountain 43.

Townsend 15. Ninety-eight having voted, 50 were declared necessary for a choice. The chairman called for the second ballot. It was a Fountain running with Connor losing six and Townsend only two.

That was the shock of the whole day. The Connor break would not have been guessed short of Judgment Day.

Clerks Are Named: The reading clerk, David P. Dellinger, of Gaston, displaced Needham P. Mangum, of Wake, 53 to 43. Miss Rosa P. Mund, of Cabarrus, was elected engrossing clerk.

Local Firm Opens Branch Law Office: Bennett and Edwards, local attorneys, this week opened a branch law office in Kings Mount.

Bennett and Edwards will alternate in keeping the Kings Mount office going, one of them being over each day in the week. Both will continue to reside in Shelby.

They find that Kings Mount offers a good opening for a law office as much of the legal business must be brought to the county seat and by having one member of the firm at both places, the needs of their clients can be served to good advantage.

This firm of young lawyers opened in Shelby last summer and is gradually building up a lucrative practice.

Everybody seemed to be happy during the holidays; why not try being the same for the rest of the year.

Gardner And Millsaps Urge Farmers To Cut Acreage And Avoid Ruin In Cotton

HOGS, COWS AND CHICKS TO AID IN FARM PROGRAM

Big Gathering of Farmers Advised To Produce Own Food And Feed For Year

If Cleveland county farmers put every available acre into cotton next year and devote the scrub patches to feed and food crops and another 18 million bale crop comes along cotton will sell in Shelby for four and five cents per pound next year, according to O. Max Gardner, who Tuesday addressed a gathering of farmers that packed the court house auditorium here.

"It is too late to do anything with the present price and crop," Mr. Gardner declared. "but we can make preparations for another such year. Everybody can say the farming future is not so promising, but the need is a solution. Here's mine: Let every farmer in the county get him 50 productive hens, some hogs, some cows, and then plant and sow enough food and feed crops to take care of his family and his livestock—then plant cotton on the rest, fertilize it good and don't try to cultivate too many acres and Cleveland county will be all right next year despite what cotton sells for."

Attentive Audience: The gathering of the farmers was at 2 o'clock and the meeting was presided over by County Agent Alvin Hardin. Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district farm agent, was the first speaker and in a way that the farmers were acquainted with, he explained the cotton problem now facing the Southern farmer and declared that the only remedy was that to be taken by the farmers themselves who could and should see that they make enough on their farms to live without cotton.

At the conclusion of the meeting cards with a farm program requiring no pledge whatsoever were distributed to the several hundred farmers in attendance.

The audience of farmers was perhaps the most attentive gathering Shelby has seen in many years. Every farmer present apparently realized that with cotton selling for 12 cents a crisis faces the cotton farmer who does not do anything to help himself, and, therefore, all seemed alert to catch suggestions and hints as to how they might improve the situation.

Mr. Gardner's talk created a profound impression and for actual worth leading farmers present considered it superior to any speech ever made in the county.

That the hints and tips for relief as dropped by the speakers hit the mark was evidenced after the meeting when little groups of farmers gathered about the court house and discussed farm problems. One farmer said: "I've got right about the chickens. I've got just 50 hens and they have made me a living this year when I didn't get anything for my cotton."

Another added: "Next year I'll have enough pork, butter and eggs to feed myself and sell some. What's more I'm going to raise enough corn and feed to feed my livestock and have some for sale."

That the county helped itself quite a bit this year came out in the talk of Mr. Gardner, who perhaps is better acquainted with the farm situation in this county than any other man: "For years," Mr. Gardner said, "we have been buying the majority of our corn and hay to feed our livestock. This year, however, Cleveland county raised its biggest corn crop and kept thousands of dollars at home that usually go out for hay. Next year we want to keep all of it at home and what cotton money we do get will be clear and above living expenses."

Gardner's Speech: An interesting excerpt from Mr. Gardner's speech follows: "Some one has wisely said that—'The saddest word of the farmer's tongue or pen is, 'I have no hog. I have no cow. I have no hen.'"

Some of us are dead while we think we are living; others live after they are dead. But the man who will certainly live after he is dead is that Moses who can command the confidence and lead the South from the slavery of cotton into the hen house, the hay stack and the cow barn of self-reliance and the smoke house of absolute independence.

We can never enter Canaan's fair and happy land until we cross the Jordan, and we can never ford the Jordan as long as we rely upon the fickle claw of a boll weevil or the weather conditions in Texas and Oklahoma. The yeevil saved us in 1921 but he went back on us in 1926; and Nature, in combination with our stupidity, has taken her course, with the result that the South today staggers under the burden of three million bales of cotton that the world does not want. The final government estimate places the yield of 1926 at 18,618,000 bales. It is thought that the consumption of American cotton this season will approximate sixteen million bales. This would leave a carry-over of nine million bales at the end of the cotton year on July 31, 1927. Today's price of cotton is approximately 12c a pound below the five year average preceding 1926. The U. S. Government's official estimate for growing cotton for the past three years averages about 18c a pound. Therefore the cotton farmer is to-day receiving for his cotton several cents a pound below the cost of production. The average price of middling upland cotton as quoted on the New York exchange, for the

SAFE FARMING AN AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Prosperity among Southern farmers will be widespread and permanent and contentment abundant only when the safe-farming methods so long known and advocated become general throughout the South. They are: Grow ample food to feed the family—Have a good summer and winter garden; grow all pork needed for home use; keep enough cows to supply all family needs; raise all the poultry and eggs the family can use and some to sell; grow cane or sorghum for sirup.

Grow all feed needed: Make the purchase of feed for the work stock, poultry, hogs, and cows unnecessary—a penny saved is worth two earned.

Keep up the fertility of the soil: Grow cowpeas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under; sow rye, wheat, or oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching; plant highyielding quality cotton and care for it well; cooperate in reducing the number of varieties grown and in the orderly marketing of the crop.

One-fourth less cotton acreage in 1927, with average yields and present surplus would more than supply average requirements. Why plant more?

The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living, keep out of debt, and have something left over at the end of each year. Consult your farm agent.

(The above is the contents of the card-program given farmers here Tuesday.)

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five years beginning with the season of 1921 and ending July 31, 1926, was 24.30c a pound.

There is just one certain economic and agricultural fact every thoughtful Southern citizen should accept beyond dispute as we honestly look into the face of the new year. This definite fact is that another cotton crop of 18 million bales following the 18 million bale crop of 1926, means the utter ruin of the South. There is no escape. This is no exaggeration. The conclusion is irresistible.

We must either reduce our cotton acreage in the South or commit financial suicide. We cannot reduce our acreage with effect unless we do something the Southern farmer has never done before and that is to act together, act in concert; and we cannot act in concert unless we act in confidence. Longer we mistrust each other and deceive each other, the more deeply will we sink into the mire of poverty and defeat. Let us pledge to cut our cotton crop at least 25 percent in 1927, and show to the world that we can act to effect, in concert, in confidence and cordial, truthful and sympathetic cooperation.

Dry Wells Force Many School Children Of This County To Carry Water Bottles To School

N. C. Automobile Increase During The Year Of 1926

Raleigh.—Automobiles in North Carolina increased about 31 percent or almost one hundred thousand, during 1926, according to figures furnished by Sprague Silver, director of the automobile bureau of the State department of revenue.

Mr. Silver's figures show 385,217 automobiles in the State bearing state licenses on December 31, 1926, as against 294,834 on December 31, 1925.

The highwater mark in automobiles bearing North Carolina licenses was reached on June 30, 1926, when there were 391,673. The decrease since June is seasonal and regular according to Mr. Silver.

D. P. Washburn Has Hatched Out 3,000 Chicks Since Oct.

D. P. Washburn who operates a custom hatchery and also sells baby chicks, has an incubator in the Double Springs community, loaded now with 2772 eggs. Since the incubator was started in October, Mr. Washburn has taken off 3,500 baby chicks. When he first started he got only about fifty percent hatch, but since that time his success has improved and on the last hatch he received sixty percent production. Mr. Washburn is taking out a section of baby chicks every Thursday. With the several hatcheries in the county now, the poultry industry stands to show a decided improvement and a good revenue producer to the farmers.

An incident unique in the history of Cleveland county schools has been brought about by the lack of rainfall during the two past years, it is learned from the detailed report of the meeting of the county board of education this week.

Many school children and teachers in the county schools are carrying their drinking water to school in bottles and buckets owing to the drying up of wells and springs over the county.

County Superintendent J. H. Grigg says that for several meetings of the board numerous requests, never heard before, are coming in asking for new wells to be drilled at school sites. At the meeting this month several such requests were heard by the board, one coming from the Philadelphia colored school where the water supply is completely gone.

At quite a number of the schools, the wells are so dried up that only a little water can be obtained, while at other schools, where it has been the custom to secure the drinking water from neighboring homes, objection is being raised by home owners that they do not have enough fresh water for their own use without supplying the school children.

Result of Drought: Back in the summer numerous wells in many sections of the county "went dry" owing to the long drought, marked by a few showers in the summer and a real "dry spell" in the fall. Recent government reports show that for the past two years the deficiency in rainfall is the greatest ever. Some few wells and water sources have been replenished during the winter, but many are still dry.

Superintendent Grigg says that the board is doing everything possible to alleviate the inconvenient situation.

WELFARE OFFICER SAYS TOWN NEEDS ADDED INDUSTRY

Confronted With Problem of Supplying Jobs That Cannot be Found, Houses Full.

Shelby for the first time in many months has a surplus of unskilled and skilled labor, according to Welfare Officer J. B. Smith.

"I have now practically enough folks looking for jobs to supply the demand of several new manufacturing plants," Mr. Smith declared.

The situation which confronts the welfare officer is indirectly due to the slump on the farm. Numerous tenant farmers and others are moving to town seeking employment and the Shelby plants have a full quota with the result that Mr. Smith says his biggest welfare problem is finding work for scores of families.

Such has been the migration to town in recent weeks, he says, that practically every house in Shelby is filled, while in the smaller residential sections two families are occupying one house in several instances. He is daily beset by newcomers for work somewhere a something and recently he has filled practically all vacant jobs in the town.

P. and N. Would Help: The welfare officer as well as other observers about the court house is of the opinion that the extension of the P. and N. by Shelby would alleviate the situation brought about by surplus of workers. Work could be obtained on the construction of the road and the extension would, or should, bring new manufacturing plants to Shelby.

As it is Shelby employers short on labor may easily fill their vacancies by getting in touch with Mr. Smith.

JUDGE FALLS OFF TO LEGISLATURE

Judge B. T. Falls left Tuesday morning for Raleigh to serve Cleveland county the second time in the lower house. The judge did not have in mind any particular legislation of local need when he left, but undoubtedly several bills of local importance will come up. Mr. Falls took an active part of state-wide legislation two years ago and by reason of his experience will no doubt draw important committee appointments which will place him in line for wielding considerable influence in state-wide measures. Mr. Falls is committed to the Australian ballot which is certain to pass at this session.

Senator Fulton also left from his home in Kings Mountain this week to be one of the two representatives from this district composed of five counties.

Judge Falls has rooms at a private home on Fayetteville street near the capital. He will return home in two weeks for a day or so to look after some business affairs.

Wofford Martin Funeral Sunday

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday at the Mount Paran Baptist church for Wofford Martin, 36, son of the late Price Martin who died in Baltimore last Thursday. The Rev. B. L. Hoke, of Blacksburg, officiated.

Mr. Martin who was formerly ticket agent for the Southern at Blacksburg, had been away from home about 12 years. In recent years he had been a sailor.

He is survived by his mother and the following brothers: Hebert, Harry, Dean, Dewey, Ben and Burn Martin.

Price Martin was a well-known dog trainer.

Harry Grigg Weds Blacksburg Girl

Harry Grigg, one of the best football players the Shelby High ever turned out, was married Monday evening to Miss Meda Cash of Blacksburg, S. C., according to confirmed reports in Shelby where he has many friends and admirers. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock. Harry is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. M. W. Grigg, of Shelby and is assistant manager for a bottling plant at Forest City. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. John Cash of Blacksburg, and her father built the Eastside and Cash mills at Shelby and Gaffney, some years ago.

MASONS TO HAVE BIG NIGHT HERE

Plan One of Local Lodge's Biggest Gatherings. Past Masters To Stage Work.

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Work by past masters is the official title of the special meeting, but there will be numerous sideliights and events of interest to Masons in this section. Third degree work will be put on by past masters only with past masters in every chair and office in the Blue Lodge, it is said. The first portion of the ceremony will be in modern regalia, while the second part will be in the ancient full dress.

Many Past Masters: The local Masonic lodge enjoys the unique distinction of having perhaps more past masters in its membership than any other lodge in this section of the country. Present officials of the lodge say that there are now 16 past masters in the Cleveland lodge. Not all of these however, were masters of the local lodge, but they all belong here now.

Several neighboring lodges, such as Cherryville and Kings Mountain, will be invited and practically the entire membership of the local and county lodges is expected.

Masons who know of the meeting are urged to pass the word of the meeting along and prepare for one of the greatest, if not the greatest, crowds ever to assemble in the local temple.

Home Agent Says Women Can Help

Mrs. Wallace Thinks Farmers Business Partners Should Have Attended Meeting.

Mrs. Irma Wallace, home demonstration agent, found only one fault with the big farm meeting held here yesterday. "The women—the business partners of the farmers—should have been at the meeting also," she says.

The home agent is of the opinion that much more good would have come from the meeting had the farm women of Cleveland county been present. The women, she says, have much to do with the food and feed crops, the vegetables and gardens planned in diversification whereby the farmer will feed himself.

However, Mrs. Wallace hopes to impress the farm women of the county with the plan of producing on the farm enough to feed family and livestock.

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