

Lackey Withdraws From Mayor's Race Today

WILL RETAIN HIS OFFICE ON SCHOOL BOARD OF COUNTY

Can Not Go Back On Friends Voting For Him To Hold First Office.

W. D. Lackey, "champion runner" of Cleveland county, is out of the race for mayor of Shelby, he announces today through The Star.

Mr. Lackey, whose announcement created considerable interest when he came out several days ago, retired from the race because he learned he cannot hold a place on the county school board and also as mayor and he does not wish to go back on the hundreds who voted for him as a member of the board of education.

Mr. Lackey, who has been mayor of the town before and also sheriff of the county, was considered generally as one of the strongest candidates in the race. Running for the school board last fall he led the county ticket.

His statement filed with The Star just before press hour reads: When announcement of my candidacy for mayor was made, I was under the impression that because my office on the County Board of Education was an appointive one, I would be allowed, by law, to hold both offices, and as neither would conflict in any way, so far as carrying out plans or attention, I could attend both and there would be no objection on the part of my friends, if I did. Since announcing and on investigating further the legality of holding two offices, I find to comply with the law, I can only hold one office; and while I appreciate very much the urgent request from my good friends in Shelby, for the interest in me and the honor which they confer on me at the same time I remember and appreciate the large and complimentary vote of my friends in Shelby, and all over the county so generously bestowed on me in the last primary election, and I feel I cannot be true to my own conscience and also my good and loyal friends to place myself where I could not carry out the duty as a member of the County Board of Education.

I, therefore, for the above reason wish to announce that I have withdrawn my name as a candidate for mayor of Shelby.

Assuring all my friends of my appreciation and the many acts of kindness shown me in the past and with very best wishes to all, I am, W. D. LACKEY

Paragon Puts On Sale Of Sellers

Beginning Friday and continuing for a week, the Paragon Furniture Co. will hold a sale of the well known Sellers Klear-Front kitchen cabinets which are extensively advertised in magazines and while the sale is on, a lot of groceries will be given away and along with packages groceries will be given free a 32 piece set of china-ware, a ten piece set of kitchen cutlery and a 12 piece set of glass-ware. The new Sellers offers many labor saving advantages to the housewife and the Paragon boys say the extras have never been as many as the customers will get at this big sale. A car load of Sellers has just been received, in several different patterns and customers may buy on liberal terms.

Spring Seems To Be On Hand Here

Springtime apparently has arrived now that the groundhog and his prophecy are feared no more. The mercury in local thermometers has been dangling in the spring section for several days and the flower gardens are trees are showing all indications of the arrival of springtime. Added to these signs are those of the usual spring fever that puts a drag into one's folks and romantic feeling into others. Likewise the old horsehide of the world's greatest sport is being tossed about on the ball parks and back lots. And while the birds twitter here and there local golfers are hiking to the Cleveland Springs golf course with the annual hope of registering a birdie or so during the warm months.

Riviere Company Now Handles Oil

Announcement is made in the advertising columns of today's Star that the Riviere Oil company is under way operating in full swing, with Zolie Riviere on his new job as head of the enterprise, giving all of his attention to its development. It is a twenty-five thousand dollar organization formed by Mr. Riviere, who took over the Arey organization. Mr. Riviere was formerly of the Riviere Drug company. Headquarters for the company are at the old creamery, where offices are maintained. The new firm is handling the Texaco products, and has as its distribution territory, Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Farm Crop This County Totalled Over 3 Million In Value---1926 Report

Cotton Valued At Two And Quarter Million Dollars. Sweet Potatoes Ranked Third. Land Value \$92.00 Per Acre

The nine major farm crops of Cleveland county in 1926 were valued at \$3,236,200, according to the recent issue of the Farm Forecast covering all crop statistics of 1926 in North Carolina.

Cotton was usual led the way with a value of \$2,227,335. Corn valued at \$597,622 ranked second, and sweet potatoes, valued at \$121,460, moved up to third place in farm ranking values.

The average value per acre for all farm lands in Cleveland county (including farm buildings, etc.) was set at \$92. The average of all plow lands was set at \$83. The increase in average value from 1925 to 1926 was \$10 per acre. Value on unimproved land in the county was ranked \$3 per acre higher than in 1925.

Cleveland county's land is 279,148 acres. There are 3,289 farms in the county, according to the report, and 48,472 acres of the farm lands cultivated by the owners. The 2,476 tenants in the county cultivate 71,811 acres.

The Various Yields

Cleveland county had 65,645 acres in cotton during 1926 and the yield per acre was estimated at 290 pounds. The average price of the cotton was set at 11.7 cents per pound for a value of \$33.93 per acre. The total corn acreage was 37,445 acres and the average yield was 21 bushels per acre for a total crop of 786,345 bushels which brought in \$597,622, or a value of \$15.96 per acre.

Sweet potatoes had a total acreage in the county of 1,195 acres and with a yield of 84 bushels per acre the crop totalled 100,380 bushels for a value of \$121,460 or a per acre value of \$102.

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This particular tourist was a woman driving a horse to a survey. For the benefit of the children, whose memory does not go back that far, a survey is a "two-seated pleasure carriage," according to Webster, or in reality a two-seated buggy. It was the favorite mode of transportation back in dad's boyhood when the family became too large to make trips in the buggy.

The woman had packed the rear seat of the survey full of boxes and baggage, every nook and corner being filled as if for a long journey. The rear end of the survey was the resting place of an oat box for the horse, and everything seemed shipshape for a transcontinental trip. However, queries from traffic officers revealed that the woman was out seeking for "Rev. Wood" and it was surmised by the conversation that he was none other than a husband away from home doing evangelical work.

Further queries revealed that her home was in the Wilkesboro section of the Brushy mountains and that she had travelled "heaps," visiting Charlotte, Hickory, Morganton, and several "other big towns" before reaching Shelby.

All in all there was a time difference of 30 years in her tourist paraphernalia and that of the modern auto tourist.

Another Lot Of Webster's Here

Those who have been waiting to renew to get one of the Webster's home, college, office dictionaries being distributed by The Star can get one now, by paying a year's subscription and 70 cents additional. The first shipment of 100 dictionaries was exhausted in four weeks, The Star has been unable to supply the demand for a week, but the second shipment came in yesterday. It's a 1200 page, 12,000 word illustrated dictionary that retails for \$3.50, yet readers of The Star can secure one by paying a year's subscription and 70 cents additional.

Don't wait, but come before this supply is exhausted. We are sending them from Chicago to Texas, from Baltimore to Florida to Star subscribers who realize what a wonderful value we are offering.

17 YEAR OLD BOY ATTEMPTS ASSAULT ON LITTLE GIRL

White Youth Brought in From Asheville to Work on Farm Attempts Criminal Assault.

Deputy Plato Ledford and others of No. 10 township are in search of a 17-year-old white boy who attempted a criminal assault Monday afternoon on the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Canipe in No. 10 township. The youth was tracked between Buffalo and Carpenters Knob but had not been apprehended today to answer for the crime which he committed.

The name of the youth was not learned, but it is said that Mr. Canipe hired him in Asheville a week or ten days ago and brought him to his home in No. 10 township to work on the farm this summer.

The father was away from home on Monday and Mrs. Canipe had to go to a store near-by to do some shopping. The seventeen-year-old boy was left in the yard chopping wood and her two children, a boy about 10 years old and a girl eight were left in the house. After Mrs. Canipe walked away from the house about 200 yards in the direction of the store, the thought occurred to her that it was unwise to have her children at the house with a strange boy, so she turned and went back. The strange youth had sent the Canipe boy out of the house and when the mother reached the scene, the newly hired youth was attempting a criminal assault on the 8-year-old girl in one of the rooms of the house. The girl was trying to scream but the youth had his hand over her mouth to prevent any outcry. Officers were quickly summoned and the boy had made his getaway without accomplishing his purpose.

Shelby Youth Student Head At Davidson

Hugh Arrowood Given Highest Honor in Power of Student Body There.

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Arrowood, veteran end on the Wildcat football eleven, was elected to the high position by a majority of about 30 votes over W. O. Nisbet, jr., of Charlotte. The Star learns in a wire from Johnny McKnight, another Shelby boy at Davidson.

Young Arrowood, who will be in his senior year next year, has received many honors since enrolling at Davidson. He was first an officer in his class, and when elected to the highest honor there he was vice-president of the student body and also vice president of the college athletic association. This in addition to several other class offices he has held. At Davidson the entire student body is governed by student government, the head of the student government being in direct charge of all student activities and influences.

The president-elect of the Davidson student body is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Arrowood and was educated at Shelby High, where in his senior year he was accorded the highest honor in the Shelby high school—being awarded the cup as the "best all around boy" in school.

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Issue Injunction On School Board

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The injunction sought by attorneys for certain taxpayers in the district is made returnable before Judge P. A. McElroy here Monday, March 28, when Superior court opens.

A complaint had previously been filed by attorneys for the complainant alleging that a recent straw vote election held in the district to determine the site for a new building was not legal. It is presumed that all phases of the affair will be threshed out by Judge McElroy Monday week.

Almost Deaf She Hears Radio At 85

Mrs. Withrow Hears Dr. Wall's Sermon in Charlotte With Ear Pieces Over Radio

It has been contended for some time that deaf people could hear over the radio with ear sets and this was definitely proven on Sunday when Mrs. S. K. Withrow heard distinctly the sermon by Dr. Zeno Wall pastor of the First Baptist church here, broadcast over the radio from the Charlotte station. Mrs. Withrow is in her 85th year and very feeble and almost deaf. She is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Royster near Fallston. A few days ago a radio was installed in the Royster home and on Sunday Mrs. Withrow got her first sound over this wonderful invention. She had read in The Star that Dr. Wall would broadcast from Charlotte so the radio was tuned in and as she listened she nodded in approval of what Dr. Wall said for she heard distinctly. She had heard Dr. Wall preach on several occasions before she lost her hearing so she considered it a great treat to be able to hear him again even though her sense of hearing is about gone.

Gilmer's Remodels Under New Leader

The Gilmer store is being rapidly remodeled to conform to the ideas of the new manager, C. A. Rhodes, who is a believer in condensed space, and a full shop. He has taken hold of his new job with vim and energy, and judging from the start he has made it believed he will be very popular here.

This 50-Year Couple Uses Butter From Same Churn Of Initial Housekeeping

Never Had A Fuss And Wouldn't Want Divorce In 50 More Years. "Stay Out Of Debt And Deep Water."

SHORT SKIRT HORRIBLE SAYS LONDON MERCHANT

(By International News Service) London.—"I think the short skirt and the bare-leg vogue is horrible and barbarous, and I cannot believe it is going to last. If I had a daughter of fifteen or sixteen and I met her with skirts stopping at the knee—well, there would be a lively scene."

Thus John Lewis, London's oldest soft-goods merchant and owner of a large London store.

"I think the world is better than it used to be," declared Lewis on his ninety-first birthday. "But there is one thing I cannot stand, and that is modern women's fashions."

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OLD DOBBIN NOW GIVING AWAY TO NEW MOTOR AGE

Horses Passing Fast in County. Tractors Also Lessen Number of Mules.

Old Dobbin, the family carriage horse and faithful pulling partner of many a Cleveland county team, is rapidly passing down the trail of the Vanishing American.

Motor cars have supplanted him as a carriage horse, and the mules taking over his working harness are in turn being brushed aside by the noisy tractor.

This is indeed the motor age. Not only in city life, but on the farm.

The latest farm statistics for Cleveland county, as issued by Farm Forecast, show it. In 1925 Cleveland county farmers owned 1,239 horses. In 1926 only 969 were listed. Two hundred and seventy Old Dobbins have heard the call of progress and the purr of the motor that takes their places.

And the mules are decreasing also. In 1925 Cleveland county had 6,576 mules, but in 1926 only 5,531 were listed, or 1,045 less than the year before. At that rate the horse and mules of Cleveland county would last only five more years, but the decrease will hardly be so fast hereafter.

Other Decreases. Horses and mules are not the only things to decrease in number on Cleveland county farms within one year. In fact every listed animal has decreased—unless it be "possum dogs, and they're not registered in the Farm Forecast.

There are 1,295 head less cattle now than in 1925. In that year there were 9,146 head, but in 1926 only 7,851.

Hogs decreased at about the same rate. There were 6,208 porkers in 1925 and only 5,166 in 1926.

The sheep and the goats have about become antiques in the county judging by the report. There were only 82 sheep in 1925 and in 1926 the number had decreased to 48. There were 70 goats in 1925, but the 1926 listing had only 21 remaining. Hear the farewell blash of Old Dobbin and his barnyard mates?

County Timber Is Nearly Obliterated

Forester Says Cleveland County Woodland Not Producing a Cord Per Acre Now.

Here is a subject for the Cleveland county farmer to think about.

A state forester, from Shelby college, Raleigh, came to State Wednesday and in an interview told the Star that Cleveland county timber is threatened with obliteration. He said in substance, if we go as we are going, the end of the valued pine tree in this bailiwick is in sight.

The visitor, in company with a federal agent, came here in the interest of conservation of timber—to teach the farmer the value of tree, and to induce him to consider the timber crop as a crop—just as cotton or corn is a crop—and to bring home to him a realization of the nature of the loss he will sustain if the timber supply is exhausted.

The state extension forester's name is R. W. Graeber. He was accompanied by W. R. Matton, of the U. S. Forest service. They did their work here through Alvin Hardin county agent, who arranged a meeting in the Bethlehem section Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Graeber gave facts and figures to bear upon his diagnosis of the local situation. He said there are 81,000 acres of farm woodland in the county, from which 80,000 cords of fuel wood are cut annually. This is virtually a cord to the acre. A concerning this consumption made this significant statement: "Cleveland county woodland is not producing a cord to the acre."

In other words, you are going into your capital. And if the course is kept up long enough you will exhaust the supply.

He went on to say that over the country generally, timber is being either cut or burned four and one half times as fast as it is being grown.

Mr. Graeber's message to the farm is, to look upon the timber crop as a crop. To give to its growth the same attention and intelligence that is brought to bear upon cotton and other money crops. "If that will be done," said the agent, "it will be found that timber will produce an equal or net profit with cotton or corn."