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First National Bank To Open Tuesday Morn Without Restrictions

County Board In
Meet Today; Will
Study New BudgetMay Cut Tax Rate
5 Cents Or MoreCleveland Commissioners Discussing
Budget Figures For Years'
Expense.

Cleveland county commissioners are in session here today studying and discussing the tentative budget for 1933 with the general belief that they would be able to reduce the county tax rate by at least five cents and perhaps more.

The slash in the rate of levy will be in addition to the one-fourth reduction in all property valuation. A tentative budget for the year has already been set up by Troy McKinney, county accountant, and the figures will be gone over in detail by the commissioners in their session today. Just how much they may be revised cannot be determined.

In the tentative budget a reduction in expenses is called for except under two heads, debt service and the poor fund. It will be necessary to raise the appropriation for debt service, it is said, while due to the increased charity work the appropriation for the poor fund will be doubled. The cut will come in the general fund, which covers the regular operating expenses of the county.

Although the commissioners may definitely decide to adopt the budget set-up today it is not likely that the tax rate will be fixed for several weeks yet as it is necessary to determine how much tax can yet be collected in order to tell what balance there will be in the county treasury.

Anticipate Cut.
But today the outlook, it was said about the court house is bright for a reduction of around five cents which would lower the county-wide levy from 43 to 38 cents on the \$100 valuation, and some reports indicate that there is a probability that the rate may be slashed to 36 cents, which would be a cut of seven cents.

Young People Of
Pres. Church To
Gather This WeekPresbyterian Young People Meet
Tuesday For Four-Day Confer-
ence At Bolling Springs.

The fourth annual conference of Presbyterian young people between the ages of 12 and 23 will be sponsored by the Presbytery of Kings Mountain and held at Bolling Springs junior college, near Shelby, four days next week, beginning Tuesday, June 27th and continuing through lunch on Friday, June 30.

Registrations will begin at 9:30 Tuesday in the college administration building, and indications are that a representative number of young people from the churches in this section will attend. Picnic lunch will be brought, the first day.

Classes will begin at 10 a. m. each day. The afternoons will be devoted to athletics and other forms of recreation. Miss Peg LeGrand of Shelby, is recreation leader.

Methodists Raise
\$2,400 For Building

Without high pressure methods, the congregation of Central Methodist church last Sunday raised \$2,400 to meet an obligation on its church building. Announcement was made in the church and Sunday school class rooms of the amount needed to pay the obligation and a voluntary collection was taken amounting to \$1,700. A small committee made calls on church members who were absent at the service when the collection was taken and the remaining \$700 was readily secured.

The response on the part of these Christian people in a time like this was nothing short of marvelous.

Many Hear Judge
Webb In Address

A large throng of Burke county people heard Federal Judge E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, in his temperance address at Morganton last night. The church, which seats around 600, was filled with many occupying temporary seats and around 300 were unable to get in. It was reported here today. This was the third of a series of prohibition addresses made by Judge Webb at union church services in this section.

No Processing Tax On Grinding
Of Wheat For Use Of The Grower

No tax will be charged Cleveland county farmers for the grinding and milling of wheat for flour for their own consumption. The Star was informed today on what it considers good authority.

A processing tax will go upon wheat between July 6-15, but information secured by The Star has it that this tax of 30 cents per bushel will not be charged upon wheat milled for the use of the grower and his own family. It will, however, apply to all wheat milled for commercial purposes or to sell.

As there was some uncertainty about the government's processing tax, scores of Cleveland county farmers have been bringing their wheat to mill for a week or more in order to have it ground before July 6. As a result of this rush the Eagle Roller mill here has been operating night and day in order to accommodate the many customers. This morning the waiting line of wagons and trucks stretched out for two blocks or more at the mill.

Prospects Good For
More County RoadsYoung Democrats
Meet Wednesday
And Not Monday

The meeting of the Young Democrats of Cleveland county scheduled for tonight in the court house here will not be held until Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The change was made, it was announced today by C. C. Horn, chairman of the county organization, so as not to conflict with the meeting of cotton farmers in the court house tonight.

At the meeting Wednesday night the Young Democrats will work out plans for sending delegates to the state convention at Wilmington, Saturday week, July 8.

Postoffice Exam To
Be Held July 14thPermanent Postmaster Will Be Named
From List Of Applicants
Soon.

A civil service examination will be held in Shelby on July 14th to fill the vacancy at the Mooresboro postoffice. It was announced this morning by the civil service commission. This office paid \$1,100 for the last fiscal year.

Recently Mr. Grady Burris was appointed by Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle as temporary postmaster to serve until the job can be filled by civil service. Applicants must have reached their 21st birthday but not their 65th on the date of the examination. Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the postoffice. Full information can be secured from the postoffice at Mooresboro or from the civil service commission.

Two Couples Marry
In City Saturday

Cleveland county added two more June brides to the list Saturday when two couples were married at the county court house Saturday afternoon by Squire T. Cline Eskridge. They were:

Clifton Hensley, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hensley, and Minnie Hensley, 18; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hensley; Charlie Scism, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Odus Scism, and Elsie Lankford, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lankford.

Cotton Growers To Hear Acreage
Reduction Plan Explained TodayAll Over State Farmers Are To
Meet And Hear Cotton Pro-
gram Talked.

Raleigh, June 26.—Paul Porter, who "contacted" newspapermen Saturday, flew back to Washington Sunday afternoon to be at the base of operations when the campaign to cut cotton acreage 363,000 in North Carolina gets going.

It starts in actuality today with the passing out contracts to the growers whose voluntary efforts alone will make the reduction plans go or flop. Mr. Porter, who is special assistant to the secretary of agriculture, has been holding conferences with the newspaper men in the effort to get before the public the plan of reducing acreage, which proposal carries with it a cash pay-

Catawba County Wants Road Built
To Toluca. Commissioners
Visit Raleigh.

While Cleveland county officials and citizens are making an effort to get several county roads constructed in the new public building program, made possible by a federal fund, Catawba county officials are working upon a road-building program which will also aid this county.

A dispatch from Newton says: "A petition for the building of a hard surface road running from Newton to Toluca in Cleveland county, thereby directly connecting the two county seats of Catawba and Cleveland counties has been mailed by the county board of commissioners to the state highway commission at Raleigh and to Mr. A. G. Noah, state highway engineer at Statesville."

"This petition urgently requests that this project, known as route No. 113, be given preference over any other project out of the first federal funds available to Catawba county for highway building."

Talk With Ames
The three Cleveland county commissioners—J. E. Blanton, J. D. Morris and J. L. Herndon—were in Raleigh Friday to confer about new roads for this county. They were unable to see E. B. Jeffress, state highway chairman, as Mr. Jeffress is ill, but they did confer with Chief Engineer Ames. He told them that he could make no definite promises until after the new highway board takes office on July 1, but he stated that in his opinion the three highway links already approved for the county would be included in the new program.

County Picks Up
\$3,300; Gets Sum
From State Tax

County Accountant Learns Commission Due On Taxes Collected And Gets It.
A little delving around in the tax laws of the State by Troy McKinney, Cleveland county accountant, last week brought \$3,300 back into the county treasury.

While studying the tax legislation of the State Accountant McKinney ran upon a paragraph stating that the State, after levying a State-wide 15 cent ad valorem tax two years ago, was required to pay each county a three percent commission for collecting that tax for the state. Further investigation revealed that the commission had never been paid the county by the State, so Mr. McKinney wrote Raleigh officials about it. On Friday and Saturday of last week the accountant, the three county commissioners and Peyton McSwain, county attorney, were in Raleigh on other business. While there Messrs. McKinney and McSwain called upon C. M. Johnson, State treasurer, cited the law to him and showed him that Cleveland had received no commission. A little figuring revealed that the State was due the county approximately \$1,700 commission for collecting 1931 taxes and around \$1,600 for collecting 1932 taxes to date. That will mean a rebate of around \$3,300 plus a commission on 1932 taxes yet to be collected.

This substantial rebate will be added to the county's general fund and may enable the commissioners in fixing the new tax rate to make a better reduction than had been anticipated.

Cotton Meet In
Shelby This Eve
To Talk Program17 Other Meetings
This WeekEvery Farmer Urged To Attend
Series Meetings On Cutting
Acreage.

An intensive campaign to acquaint Cleveland county farmers with the details of the cotton reduction plan will be inaugurated in Shelby tonight with a meeting at the county court house, beginning at 8 o'clock.

This will be the first of a series of 18 meetings to be held in all sections of the county this week. Government officials and farm extension workers will attend these meetings and explain the plan where by the government will pay farmers of the county to destroy 30 per cent of their cotton crop and at the same time give them an option on additional cotton without charge. A list of the several meetings to be held over the county has already been published and farmers are urged to attend the meeting nearest them. Since the publication of the list, however, three more meetings have been scheduled. One will be held in Shelby Friday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock and continuing all afternoon. At this meeting all farmers not thoroughly acquainted with the plan may ask questions and secure information desired. The other meetings scheduled over the week-end will be held Thursday morning at ten o'clock at Mt. Pleasant and another at the same hour at Sharon.

No Compulsion
Every farmer is urged to attend one or more meetings and hear the program outlined before making up his mind one way or the other. There is nothing compulsory about attending. A rumor which was spread in the county stating that those attending the meetings would be compelled to sign contracts is labelled as untrue. Farmers attending the meetings do not obligate themselves.

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Native Of County Is
87 Years Old In Tex.

Older people of Cleveland county remember Mr. W. A. (Lon) Martin, a native of this county who has been living in Texas since 1872. Mr. Martin celebrated his 87th birthday on Tuesday of last week in the McPhee Memorial hall of the Sanatorium of Paris Annex in Paris, Texas. Several of his comrades in the Albert Sidney Johnson camp of Confederate veterans were present to congratulate him and the nurses' glee club rendered a variety of sacred numbers and old favorites. Refreshments were served and Mr. Martin received a number of gifts.

Mr. Martin served as a steward of the Methodist church and is one of the oldest Masonic members in that section of Texas.

Try Answering
These

Can you answer 14 of these test questions? Turn to page two for the answers.

1. Name the author of "Good Earth."
2. In which country is the famous mountain peak Jungfrau?
3. Who said, "I do not choose to run?"
4. Where was the ancient city of Utopia?
5. Has the U. S. a diplomatic representative in Russia?
6. What was the sacred animal of the Egyptian goddess Bubastis?
7. What famous phrase was enunciated by the French defenders of Verdun during the World war?
8. What is the name of the famous sacred stone in the Mosque of Mecca?
9. For what term of years is a U. S. patent issued?
10. Where is the city of Utrecht?
11. Who is Roland Hayes?
12. Name the fifteenth president of the U. S.
13. Which was the taller, George Washington or Abraham Lincoln?
14. Name the capital of Afghanistan.
15. On what river is the city of Leningrad?
16. Name the home town of Vice President John N. Garner.
17. In which country is Punta Arenas?
18. What is the name of the national university of Rumania?
19. Who is Eugene O'Neill?
20. From what Latin word is the kaiser derived?

Puts Personal
Resources Back
First National

CHAS. C. BLANTON

Chas. C. Blanton and his associates in the First National bank put their personal resources back of the bank to re-open it after the bank holiday, making good a statement President Blanton made in February, 1932, when banks were cracking like firecrackers throughout the nation and as close as the counties adjoining Cleveland.

Mr. Blanton has devoted 40 years of his life with the First National and through his influence and that of the bank, practically every industrial enterprise has been built, people have been aided in buying farms and homes and starting up in business. The bank was most liberal in its loans and has been the greatest factor in the upbuilding of Shelby and Cleveland counties.

Personal resources in cash and collateral amounting to well over a million dollars have been thrown back of the First National and the Union Trust Co. by Mr. Blanton and his associates to reopen the bank in a strong liquid position and on an unrestricted basis.

The bank was closed by the president's proclamation on March 6th when every banking institution in America was put on holiday. Only those in a most liquid position were allowed to reopen. Those banks that had frozen assets were ordered to reorganize or liquidate. Nearly 4,000 banks fell in this category and many of them will be forced to liquidate as a result of frozen loans.

Reorganization plans were set in motion for the First National, but considerable delay was encountered because the federal banking authorities were uncertain as to the interpretation of the newly enacted banking laws. A bank examiner charted a course after the bank's assets were appraised, but Washington authorities recommended a change. Most of the work, therefore, had to be done over. Then the bank encountered the over-worked legal department in Washington and there was further delay in drafting the necessary papers.

One Shower Fails
To Aid Crops Here

The long drought in this section was somewhat broken by scattered showers in the Shelby section Friday and Saturday, but there was not enough rain to give very much relief to the parched garden, corn and hay crops. Reports today had it that gardens in the county are seriously damaged and that the continued dry spell is working havoc with corn and hay and has halted the growth of cotton.

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Institution Strong
After ReorganizingWire Received Today Reopens The Section's
Largest Bank, Closed Over Three Months.
Year's Best Tidings For Shelby Area.

License to open the First National Bank of Shelby on an unrestricted basis was received by wire shortly before noon today from the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington and the bank will re-open Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Mrs. Zeb Weathers
Buried SaturdaySuccumbs To Long Illness From
Cancer. Was 62 Years Of Age.
Husband And 4 Children.

Mrs. Ulla Branton Weathers, wife of Zeb Weathers, died Friday evening at 7 o'clock at her home on N. Washington street following a protracted illness from cancer. She had been confined to her bed and in a critical condition for the past ten weeks.

Before marriage Mrs. Weathers was Miss Ulla Branton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Branton of this county. Forty-three years ago she was married to Mr. Weathers. She was a kind-hearted, devoted wife and mother and lived a sacrificial life for her family and friends. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist church and attended services regularly when her health would permit.

Surviving are her husband and four children: Claude Weathers, Mrs. Maggie Wright, Charlie and Attorney M. R. Weathers. Also surviving are three brothers, Julius, Jasper and Charlie Branton, two sisters, Mrs. Bob Kendrick, Mrs. Clarence Costner, 21 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor Dr. Zeno Wall and interment followed in Ross Grove cemetery. A large crowd attending and a beautiful floral offering attested the esteem in which she was held.

Gaston Farmers In
Favor Cotton Plan

Gastonia, June 26.—Unanimously endorsing a resolution proposed by S. L. Carpenter that "it is the sense of this body that we favor 100 per cent the plan proposed to reduce the cotton acreage by from 25 to 40 per cent by voluntarily removing that percentage of our anticipated production from the market by plowing it up," 30 Gaston county "key" farmers enthusiastically entered upon the campaign of education and information to acquaint the cotton growing farmers of the county with the plan of the government to reduce production.

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Large Crowds At Sunday Services
By Morgan At Presbyterian ChurchOther Congregations Join In
Sunday Eve. Continues
Through 28th.

Shelby paid splendid tribute to God yesterday in worship services at the Presbyterian church conducted by Dr. Frank Crossley Morgan of Augusta, Ga. In expository teaching and preaching last week Dr. Morgan sustained his reputation as an outstanding Bible student. The community was eager to hear him on Sunday. At the morning hour the church was filled to overflowing as the visiting minister spoke on the theme, "A Tale of the Sea," expounding the truth of the incident of Jesus walking on the sea as he came to his disciples amidst a raging storm. At the evening hour of worship, the Baptists, Methodist and Lutherans did a

beautiful christian thing, in courtesy and appreciation of the scholarly Englishman, by suspending their regular evening services in order to hear him in the open air auditorium on the Presbyterian church lawn. More than a thousand people heard Dr. Morgan at night as, in a masterful way, he spoke on the subject, "Fighting the Devil." It was pronounced one of the greatest sermons ever heard in Shelby.

Monday morning a congregation that overflowed the church auditorium gathered to hear Dr. Morgan's exposition of the twenty-third psalm. Tonight at 8 o'clock the theme will be the first chapter of the gospel according to John.

A most helpful feature of each

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Little Girl Is In
Need Of A Home
In This County

Is there a home in Cleveland county which might be brightened by the presence of an attractive, intelligent five-year-old girl?

In the county there is a young man who was deserted some months ago by his wife. She left him with their five-year-old baby girl. Last week the young father, very much interested in the little daughter's future came to the relief headquarters in Shelby and told his story. In brief, the story is that a father, no matter how much he loves the child, cannot properly bring up a little girl. She needs the care of a woman—a mother. Which is to say that the young father seeks a home for his little girl.

Anyone interested in learning more about the child with the idea of adopting her or giving her a home should get in touch with the Shelby relief office.