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Farm Debt Committee Formed For Cleveland; To Offer Arbitration

To Act As Conciliator In Effort To Avert Mortgage Foreclosures Or Forced Sale For Any Reason

A brighter day looms for honest farmers in Cleveland county and the state and nation as a whole who are hounded by debt on their farms and homes and who have hardly enough money either to pay the debts or pay for bankruptcy proceedings, but instead want to keep the lands that have sustained them for years.

Evidence of this was seen yesterday afternoon in the first meeting of the Cleveland County Farm Debt Adjustment committee, in conference with T. L. Guynn, supervisor of debt adjustment for North Carolina.

New Postoffice Appears Certain For Kings Mtn.

Inspector In Visit To Town And Looks At Sites For Building

KINGS, MOUNTAIN, April 5.—Movement has been started to secure a government building for Kings Mountain. Attorney J. R. Davis has been very active in this connection for the past several days. Mr. Davis has received a letter from the fourth assistant postmaster stating that a post office inspector was being sent to Kings Mountain to make a personal examination of conditions and submit complete information and data to the Postoffice and Treasury Department of the United States Government.

A bill has already been introduced in the state legislature to give the mayor and town commissioners the authority to sell the city hall property, subject to the approval of the clerk of the superior court.

It has been rumored that the Presbyterian church is considering erecting a new building. The post office department always desires a corner lot for a local postoffice. It was thought by some of those interested that the city hall and the Presbyterian property could be sold to the government for the new post office building here.

The post office inspector arrived yesterday in Kings Mountain made his survey and departed. He made a thorough investigation and according to what he told local men interested, he is completely sold on a post office building for Kings Mountain. He inspected several proposed sites, and conferred with the following men of Kings Mountain: J. R. Davis, Tom Fulton, Joe Neisler, J. E. Herndon and J. S. Ware. The inspector assured those interested that he was going to recommend to his departments this week that a government postoffice building be erected here.

Associational Meet Planned At Eastside April 6

The regular monthly meeting of the Baptist associational Sunday school will be held with the Eastside Baptist church Sunday, April 7, beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Theme for the meeting has been announced by J. W. Costner, superintendent as being the "Extension Department." Forty-two churches are expected to send representatives to the meeting.

Following is the program which will be held during the afternoon: 2:30 song service led by Eastside; 2:40 scripture lesson by Mrs. John Wacaster, superintendent of woman's work; 2:50, The True Functions of the Extension Department, by Prof. John A. Hallman; 3:10 special music, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," by Ross Grove; 3:15, business, roll call, announcements; 3:30 "Laborers at Work," by Rev. Lawrence Roberts, pastor Ross Grove; 4:00 adjourn.

Gardner Blames Cotton Loan Delay For "Paralysis" In The Industry

WASHINGTON, April 5.—O. Max Gardner, former governor of North Carolina, yesterday blamed the government's delay in announcing the 1935 loan value of cotton for what he described as the "state of complete paralysis" in the cotton industry.

He said buyers were not going into the market for fear present prices, based upon the 1934 loan value of 12 cents a pound on cotton, may be lower later in the season.

"The trade does not want to buy cotton goods based on a 12 cent value, it would have the effect of this value may not be continued," Gardner declared. "If the government would make a definite announcement regarding the 1935 loan value, it would have the effect of stabilizing the confidence of the public and the trade that cotton will not sell for less in the fall than it is now."

"At present the trade is in a state of complete paralysis," Gardner, who is a textile manufacturer himself and who has been mentioned as possible head of the cotton textile institute, also said the George amendment for elimination of the cotton processing tax would be "very agreeable" to the industry.

ERA Makes Survey In Rehabilitation Move In County

State Chief Inspects Proposed Land

Delighted With Situation Here, He Says; Plan To Lease With Option To Buy.

Several thousand acres of land in Cleveland county were looked at this week and are being considered by George M. Ross, state director of rural rehabilitation under the ERA, towards meeting possible needs in making this county an even better model in the relief program.

This investigation was completed Wednesday when Mr. Ross, J. P. Shaw, agriculture expert, R. E. Nance, and Edgar B. Ward, of the district No. 5 rural rehabilitation forces, took a survey of work already being done here and in the other two counties Rutherford and McDowell which complete the district.

The state director was delighted with the situation here, according to Mr. Ward. He will see that enough land is furnished to meet all the needs. If necessary, another farm supervisor will be added.

Option To Buy

Land used in the federal rural rehabilitation program would be leased with a option to buy later should such action be justified.

In regard to the present progress and outlook of ERA and the re-establishing of families on farm land Mr. Ward is very optimistic.

272 Families

The social service division, headed by Miss Helen Reinhardt, has recommended 272 families, 100 of which are in Cleveland, and 194 of these are actually on the farm now. There they are making preparations daily to plant a fair crop and sufficient garden for 1935 needs. They have been furnished seed, fertilizer, livestock and tools for cultivation.

Pay for these materials will be taken from the first returns of the crop.

75 Mules Arrive

Mr. Ward said today that 75 head of mules arrived in Rutherford county this week and that part of this consignment would be sent to Cleveland and part to McDowell. Being the biggest farming county, Cleveland has already had quite a share of livestock. George Dedmon is farm supervisor in this county.

To better carry out the work of the ERA in the district a county advisory committee has been named. This committee meets to consider rehabilitation problems each third Thursday of the month. It is composed of Mrs. Ben Goforth, Mrs. L. H. Ledford, S. A. McMurry, J. H. Grigg, W. M. Boyce, B. N. Barnes, and J. L. Herndon.

Watson Coming

District No. 5 is expecting a visit soon from R. B. Watson, field examiner of the ERA and R. C. Carter, chief auditor of emergency relief.

A recent switch in the district set-up placed E. W. Cole as division engineer who took the position held by John P. Brady, who has been transferred to another district.

Wall Returns From Greensboro Meet

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church has just returned from Greensboro where he and a number of laymen from Cleveland county were in attendance on the statewide laymen's conference. Dr. Wall delivered the inspirational address on the opening day.

The conference voted to make the meeting an annual affair. Other speakers of importance were Drs. J. C. Turner, of Greensboro, W. L. Poteat, president emeritus of Wake Forest college, and J. L. Kraft of Chicago.

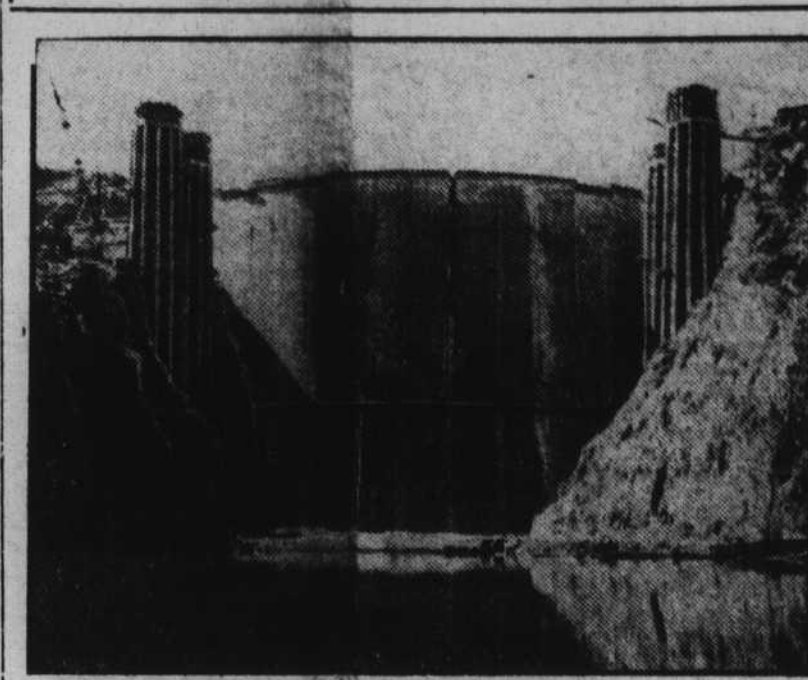
Wilson To Address Georgia Optometrists

Dr. Robert L. Wilson, Shelby optometrist, will conduct the educational program at the Georgia State Association of Optometrists meeting May 26. He returned yesterday from a graduate clinic sponsored by the state society at Winston-Salem.

BULLETIN

R. W. Shoffner, Cleveland county agent, at 1 o'clock today, resigned his position here to become head of the agricultural division of the Tennessee Valley Authority in North Carolina.

Vast Reservoir Filling



The new "lake" at Boulder Dam, created by the damming of Colorado River waters, is steadily rising and filling a great natural reservoir. This scene shows the upstream face of the dam, and the intake towers through which water will soon pour to be converted into energy for surrounding states.

Hearing Set For Monday In Mill Strike Assaults

Situation At Eton Quieter, Picket Lines Are Smaller; Tacks Strewn In Roadway, Rubber Billies In Evidence

The number of picketers, sympathizers and spectators has been growing smaller at the Eton mill for the last several days and the number of workers in the mill has grown steadily each morning.

Tax Collections And Listing Show Eagerness To Pay

Forty Shelby Folk List Property On First Day; Receipts Ahead Of Last Year's Period.

Forty residents of No. 6 township—that's Shelby—listed their taxes on the first day of the month, which looked like a record to Mrs. Lillian Newton, county treasurer. R. G. McSwain was the first lister this year, she said.

As a matter of fact, tax collections, always good in Cleveland, are a little more on the upswing than usual, records showed. At this time last year the balance of uncollected taxes stood at \$42,706.64, out of a total levy of \$179,415.56.

This year the uncollected balance is \$42,102.87—but the levy is much larger, \$189,825.44.

With school bonds bringing a premium and paying the lowest yield in state history, Cleveland's financial situation seems to be happy. Oh, yes, there's \$127,799 in the general fund today, cash in the bank after paying the recent \$13,000 on bonds that fell due the first of the month.

Final Rites For Mrs. Perry Dye, 91

Mrs. Elizabeth Ware Dye, wife of the late Perry Dye, who has been an invalid for more than nine years died at the home of her son, T. T. Dye, Wednesday evening. She was born February 14, 1844, having lived more than 91 year.

She joined El Bethel M. E. church when a young girl and for more than three quarters of a century was a faithful member.

She was married to Mr. Dye December 3, 1872. To this union was born six children, three boys and three girls. Those living are: T. T. Dye, Kings Mountain route No. 3; W. W. Dye, Kings Mountain route 2; and Mrs. Fannie Jenkins, Mooresboro.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Elizabeth by her pastor, the Rev. J. N. Wise and interment was made in the cemetery there.

Judge Phillips Hits Highway Deaths And Racketeering

Co-operation of citizens and of civic clubs was urged by Judge Don Phillips to put down what he called the two greatest current evils in the state, the automobile death rate, and the rise of racketeering. In his address to the Shelby Kiwanis Club at Fallston last night.

The club met at the High School Tin Can and enjoyed a dinner served by the ladies of the Methodist Protestant church.

Judge Phillips cited the millions of dollars spent for roads in the state, and the 1,100 persons killed on them last year.

"Eighty to ninety per cent of these accidents were due to reckless driving," he said. He urged that every citizen regard himself as responsible, and swear out a warrant every time he saw a careless driver.

In the drive against racketeers and kidnaping, he promised the full co-operation of the Superior court bench. "The courts of North Carolina are ready and willing to do their part. Always feel free to call on us, and to know that the court is the friend of humanity."

He was introduced by Clyde R. Hoey, Dean Floyd of State College spoke briefly, and the Rev. H. P. Fogelman, pastor of the Fallston church, welcomed the Kiwanians and their guests.

McKinney Enters Race For Mayor; Webb To Stay Out

Jarrett Announces For City Council

McKinney Favors Federal Projects And Planning Board To Assist City Council.

E. F. McKinney, formerly proprietor of one of the biggest stores in the county, this morning announced his candidacy for mayor of Shelby, while at the same time Paul Webb, druggist, announced that he would not be a candidate.

Mr. McKinney, who owns one of the largest farms in Cleveland, made a brief statement on his platform.

Asks Planning Board

He proposes to issue no more city bonds without a vote of the people. He is in favor of obtaining federal aid for Shelby improvements, but says he would recommend to the board appointment of a planning commission of five outstanding citizens, three men and two women, to study and to advise with members of the council on proposed projects.

He promises to make every effort to refinance bonds at the lowest possible interest rate.

Webb Cites Business

Mr. Webb, who served as mayor of Shelby during the war years, said that he greatly appreciated the interest of the many friends who urged him to run, but that pressing business interests had convinced him that he would not be able to devote the time to the job.

Another announcement for alderman was made this morning, that of Dr. B. M. Jarrett, chiropractor. He is running in ward 4, and made the following statement:

"A good town is known for its good churches and good schools. Shelby has churches for which any town three times its size should be proud. Each church has a mission. Each town has a home mission to take care of those in need. Shelby city fathers should strive to maintain a standard high school from which our sons and daughters could graduate and enter college without having to take a special entrance examination."

"All city expenses to be kept to a minimum until the depression has passed around the corner. Better schools; better morals, and low city expenses."

Whitehouse Quick Lunch Opens Here

John and Andrew Kalas have rented and remodeled one of the store rooms in the Dr. Ellis building on West Marion street where they will open on Saturday the Whitehouse Quick Lunch. Private booths are provided for ladies and the entire front of the building has been painted white. Smokes, soft drinks and fruits will also be handled. John Kalas formerly operated in Charlotte.

Kings Mountain P. O. Receipts Up

KINGS MOUNTAIN, April 5.—The local postoffice receipts for the first quarter ending March 30, 1935, were \$3,706.12 compared with \$3,077.92 for the first quarter of 1934, an increase of about \$629.00, according to figures released by Postmaster J. S. Ware.

The receipts for March, 1935, were \$1,292.23 compared with \$1,209.68, a gain of about \$82.00.

Recovers From Bite Of Vicious Spider

Monroe Smith, an employee of the Lily Mill, returned to work yesterday after three days in the hospital as the result of the bite of a black spider. He suffered extremely for the first two days.

Shelby Post Office Sets Up New Records As First Quarter Closes

Every succeeding month this year brings a new record to the Shelby post office.

February was an all-time record month for receipts, but March—according to assistant postmaster, Russell Laughridge—tops everything else and doubles the amount of business done in the same period last year.

Here are the figures: For March 1934 the total was \$3,734.44. For March 1935 the total was \$6,269.81—an increase of \$2,535.37 for the month.

For the quarter, ending March 30, the following figures show how business is leaping:

For 1934, the total was \$11,938.38. For the first quarter of 1935, receipts were \$16,792.21. Both the month and the quarter set records never surpassed in his 23 years in the postoffice, Mr. Laughridge said.

Business has zoomed upward in all lines. First, second, third and fourth class he said.

Vic Lee Sentenced To Serve 20 Years For Barn Burning

Negro Henchmen Get Lighter Sentences As Judge Holds They Were Merely Tools In Hands Of Big Bootlegger

Vic Lee, notorious Cleveland county bootlegger, was sentenced to serve from 20 to 25 years in State prison, at hard labor, and with stripes, in Superior Court at 2:30 this afternoon.

His negro henchmen, whom Judge Phillips said he firmly believed were nothing "but tools in the hands of the white man were sentenced to serve from three to five years. They are: R. L. Mintz (Slim) Dawson, and Exell Wood. The case against Claude Durden was nolle prossed for lack of evidence.

A slim, nervous, embarrassing frank negro, R. L. Mintz, took the stand against Lee and declared that "Now I been arrested and 'cause I know I burned the barn, I'm gonna tell all I know."

He had confessed previously to Sheriff Cline to the burning of a barn, two mules, three cows, one hog, and a quantity of feed and farm machinery.

Service To Six At Star Office

Office service will be continued to 6 o'clock each evening at The Star office with Mr. Jenkins, circulation manager, in charge.

Subscribers who experience any complaint in the delivery of their papers in Shelby, Kings Mountain, Grover and Lawndale, where house-to-house delivery is made, should telephone their complaints before 6 o'clock and a paper will be sent out.

Spurling Praises Sheriff For Valor In Burning Cases

Solicitor Lauds Cline, Who Single-Handed Broke Up Gangsterism And Fire Terror Ring.

Highest praise for Sheriff Raymond Cline, who virtually single-handed brought to justice seven culprits in the sensational barn burning cases tried here this week and last, was expressed this morning by Solicitor L. S. Spurling.

"These cases were exceptionally difficult, and their solution required not only a high order of analytical detective ability, but endless patience, endurance and courage."

"I can hardly recall an instance in which an officer of the law has performed more zealously or efficiently than Sheriff Cline. In the Swink, Canife and York cases he was thorough, efficient and fast. In the Vic Lee case, which involved the county's most notorious wholesale bootlegger and his negro henchmen, the sheriff labored late at night and was able by his perseverance to present a clear-cut case against the maulers."

"Like Chicago Gangster"

"I believe that his steady hand and good brain have broken up the two biggest crime rings in the county—crime rings comparable in their viciousness to those of Chicago gangsters. A county that has seen the horror of burning barns in the night will appreciate the work he has done."

While the solicitor was making this statement, members of the bar congratulated him on his vigorous prosecution. Working against a mass of contradictory testimony, Spurling slashed through witness after witness to pierce nearer and nearer to the heart of the truth in two complicated barn burning cases.

No. 3 Students See Shelby Wheels Spin

Members of the first year home economics class of No. 3 school visited seven Shelby manufacturing plants today, and the city water works. Under the charge of their teacher, Miss Lyda Poston, they were escorted through the Eagle Roller mill, the Dover mill, the Coca Cola Bottling plant, the Ideal Ice plant, the Best Bakery, the Star Publishing company, the Lily mill and the city water plant. To third year students, Miss Bessie Moore and Miss Ophelia Borders accompanied them.

Banquet Planned For Employees In PO County Service

The quarterly meeting of the Cleveland County Service council of the post office department will meet at the Belwood high school on April 9 at 7:00 in the evening.

The occasion will be the quarterly banquet, report meeting and round table discussion. The chief speaker for the evening will be David P. Dellinger, of Lincolnton.

100 Employees

To be present at the meeting will be all members of the post-office department in Cleveland county who are connected in any way with county service. There are more than 100 such employees.

Following is a program released by Shelby Postmaster J. E. Quinn:

Invocation, Rev. W. L. Scott, pastor Belwood church; address of welcome, Prof. H. M. Young, principal Belwood school; response, J. W. Lee, rural letter carrier, Lawndale; music by string band, supper, music by string band; introduction of speaker, W. L. Brown, postmaster, Waco; address, David P. Dellinger, Cherryville; reading, Mrs. J. R. Peeler; music, reading, Miss Nellie Blood Bess; question box and shop talk.

Name Registrars Books Now Open For City Election

New Voters Required To Qualify At Court House; Judges Appointed For May 7 Balloting.

Registrars for the city election to be held May 7 were announced this morning by the city council.

They are Zemri Kistler, ward 1; J. A. Ellis, ward 2; T. P. Jenks, ward 3, and Mrs. Annie Smith Long, ward 4, and Marvin Blanton, South Shelby.

Registration books will be open for the next four Saturdays, beginning April 6, and every day seven days before the election. These books are at the court house.

No New Registration

No new registration of voters is called for, but persons who have recently moved into Shelby, or who became of age this year, or whose names are not already on the books, are required to register.

Judges for the election have been appointed, but have not been approached to see if they will be able to serve.

Rain Saturday

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday rain.

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot 11 to 11½
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$37.00
Cotton seed, car, ton \$40.00