

Ambassador Daniels Praises Edition From Mexico City-Recalls Old Friends

Editor's Note: This the fourth and last of a series of responses from officials, chambers of commerce, banks, manufacturers and others, giving their reaction to The Star's special edition published on Sept. 27th and distributed to many states and foreign countries.

Ambassador Recalls Friends; Praises Issue

"I thought I was fairly well informed about Shelby and Cleveland county, its history, its people and its industries, until I gave an evening to reading your magnificent Historical and Home-Coming edition. I congratulate you upon the excellent portrayal of your town and county, illustrated by strong men who have pioneered and built up a prosperous and growing city.

"I was particularly interested in the expansion of your textile interest. One of my earliest friends in Cleveland was the late Maj. H. P. Schenck who early saw that North Carolina should convert its cotton into the finished fibre. You are doing that as the pictures you print of Max Gardner and Odus Mull show.

"Where else than in Cleveland county do you find two leaders named O. Max and Odus and the founders of the other twenty mills in Cleveland? The lack of prosperity in the textile industry is largely due to the fact that too many were content to sell yarns. The hope lies in making fabrics and the finished product and giving its productions a name so that the best goods would obtain and hold a market.

"Suppose in the beginning of the tobacco industry, Buck Blackwell, Buck Duke, Jule Carr and Dick Reynolds had grown their tobacco and sold to northerners who turned the weed into chewing and smoking tobacco? They would have been subject to the same conditions as have faced the early textile manufacturers. Instead, they took the tobacco from the fields, converted it into the finished products, copyrighted their brands and sold their product all over the world. That lesson has been learned by some textile mills in Cleveland county. It is the road to larger and permanent prosperity.

"No county has increased its production of cotton so much as Cleveland. It will one day manufacture it all, if it does not do so, and will fabricate under a Cleveland or Shelby brand at prices which will return good dividends to the stockholders and good wages to the workers.

"Cleveland county, as you show, was the pioneer in rural electrification, and it must be gratifying that what was begun in your county, is being introduced in all rural sections. Utility companies (I speak not of holding companies with more water in their stock than in the quivers from which they get their power) will benefit more than any others by rural electrification. Some have lacked the vision to see that Mr. Roosevelt's policies will prove a God-send not only to the consumers of power and light, but to the utility companies as well. The only folks who may lose are those who were deceived into paying high prices for phantom stock. Owing to the initiation of Cleveland county and President Roosevelt, we shall soon see much of the drudgery of life removed from agricultural districts. It is good to see that the N. C. Rural Electrification committee, headed by Dudley Bagley and encouraged by Governor Ehringhaus, walking well up in the procession. That 1,350 rural homes are being served with electricity in Cleveland county, which Lee Weathers writes about, is but the beginning of further expansion in Cleveland and every other county in the state. Your county set the pace for others in this and other states.

"You must excuse me if I cannot agree with Max Gardner in modestly admitting that Cleveland is the best balanced county in the state. If I did, my native county of Beaufort, the county of Wilson where I spent my boyhood, Wake where I live and where I found my wife (the best day's work I ever did) and Haywood where I have a summer cottage, all of these would disown me. But Max makes out a very strong case and Lee Weathers offers evidence that would convince almost any jury that any county to beat Cleveland would have to be up and going. Still, it must be said for any competing county that Max and Lee are parties. They ought to be considering how good Cleveland people have been to them.

"I am glad you printed that list of Cleveland men who have served in the legislature from your county. I have known them all, beginning with Thomas Dixon who represented Cleveland in 1885. He was just beginning his meteoric career, and signalled it by a memorable clash of opinion with Governor Holt who was then the most influential leader in the House. When I began editing The Chronicle, Major Schenck was your representative, Judge J. L. Webb your senator. I recall my lasting friendship with legislators W. C. Hamrick, E. D. Dickson, (whose friendship I never forgot), Sylvanus

Erwin, J. A. Anthony, Benjamin F. Dixon, L. L. Smith, Clyde R. Hoey, Dr. W. A. Goode, W. A. Mauney, O. M. Mull, D. S. Lovelace, Rev. C. J. Woodson, R. B. Miller, Max Gardner, J. B. Smith, D. Z. Newton, Sam C. Lattimore, J. Roan Davis, B. T. Falls, H. T. Fulton, H. B. Edwards, Peyton McSwain, Carl Thompson and Ernest Gardner.

"It may be that some other county has been represented as well as Cleveland in the general assembly, but if so they will know they are in a contest. All these men may not have been members of what was called "The Cleveland County Oligarchy" when so many citizens held high office at one time. If they held many places of distinction it was because the people of Cleveland, the district and state turned to Cleveland for leadership. A roster of the Cleveland County Oligarchy (meaning leaders) would embrace besides the names I have mentioned, the distinguished brother Tom Dixon and sister Mrs. Delia Dixon Carroll and Mrs. Thacker. The father of the famous Dixons who must have been a man of parts (and mother, too) to have given such brilliant children to the nation.

"To the names mentioned, I would add the Hon. Lee B. Weathers, editor of The Cleveland Star, to whom we are all indebted for the most interesting and informing edition of any newspaper that has appeared in North Carolina. The Historical and Home Coming edition intrigued me so that I am tempted to fly to Shelby. It is a credit to North Carolina journalism."—Josephus Daniels, ambassador of the United States, Mexico City, Mexico.

Good Newspaper Fine Asset To Any Town

"No city or town can really boast until it has a real newspaper, one that gives fresh news quickly and up-to-date. With great interest and pride I have read your "Historical edition and it is beyond any doubt, one of the very best issues that has come my way in many years."—Clarence Kuester, secretary Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

President Of National Editorial Group Writes

"I have just given your special Historical and Fair Edition a hurried examination. I think it truly remarkable that you were able to publish such a notable edition. It is replete with news and information of a most interesting nature, and I surely want to be among those who will congratulate you very highly upon your accomplishment. I know from some experience that you must have a grand force of workmen. It takes complete cooperation to get out such an issue as you did on September 27.

"Again I congratulate you and all your fine publishers in North Carolina continued success." Bob Pritchard, president, National Editorial Association.

Chamber Of Commerce Secretary Has Praise

"I wish to thank you very kindly for copy of the Historical and Home Coming special edition of the Cleveland Star which was received several days ago. I have found it very interesting indeed and heartily congratulate you on the splendid edition."—E. Leon Roebuck, secretary, Washington Chamber of Commerce, Washington, N. C.

Convincing And Fascinating Review

"The Historical and Home Coming edition of your paper has been read with the keenest interest and I congratulate you most heartily upon your success in this commendable enterprise. The story of Cleveland county's growth industrially, economically, educationally and socially is told in convincing manner. The county has a creditable, even enviable history, and the achievements of the past should be a challenge to the citizens of today to make Cleveland not only a good county, but the best in the whole state.

"Your newspaper has made its contribution to the life of Shelby and Cleveland county and I congratulate you upon the magnitude and the effectiveness of the services rendered."—J. Henry Highsmith, director of Industrial Service for North Carolina.

Especially Interested In Textile Development

"It is the finest thing of its kind that I have seen in many a day. I was particularly interested in the fine article by Mr. Schenck and Mr. LeGrand on the history of cotton milling in Cleveland county, and the contribution of your cotton textile plants to your county's progress. These two articles will go into the permanent archives of the department of labor.

"I have known and loved since the days we were students together at Wake Forest college. I marked you for success and a life of usefulness when you were a boy and you have done it. Your town has produced a lot of big men, who have won statewide and nation-wide fame. But none who has rendered more useful and worthwhile service than you. A really good newspaper man is God's greatest gift to a community."—A. L. Fletcher, commissioner, department of labor.

Those Who Commented On Historical Edition

The following is a list of those who wrote letters or sent telegrams, making comments of their reaction to the county as portrayed in the edition.

- Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico, Mexico City.
- J. C. B. Ethinghaus, governor of North Carolina.
- Grier Martin, director alumni and publicity department, Davidson college.
- Stacey W. Wade, secretary of state, Raleigh.
- Wm. A. Graham, commissioner, department of agriculture, Raleigh.
- Wm. H. Richardson, editor, department of agriculture, Raleigh.
- R. H. Graham, division passenger agent, So. Chem. railway, Raleigh.
- A. L. Bulwinkle, congressman, Gastonia.
- Santford Martin, editor Winston-Salem Journal.
- Holland Holton, professor of education, Duke University, Durham.
- R. M. Hanes, president, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem.
- W. H. Frazer, president Queens-Chicora college, Charlotte.
- W. H. Wood, president American Trust Co., Charlotte.
- John P. McKnight, Associated Press, Miami, Fla.
- C. A. Williams, sr., president Williams & Shelton Co., Charlotte.
- J. W. Neel, president and editor, Roxboro Courier, Roxboro.
- Harvey Holleman, editor Enka Voice, Enka.
- Lewis W. Short, Hickory.
- Reid Monfort, Associated Press, Charlotte.
- Editorial, Hickory Daily Record, Hickory.
- Editorial, Gastonia Gazette, Gastonia.
- R. E. Price, editor, Rutherford News, Rutherfordton.
- Editorial, The Daily Citizen, Asheville.
- Allen H. Sims, Citizens National Bank, Gastonia.
- P. E. Monroe, president Lenoir-Rhyme college, Hickory.
- Editorial, Roxboro Courier, Roxboro.
- Editorial, Elizabeth City Daily Advance, Elizabeth City.
- Editorial, Macklenburg Times, Charlotte.
- W. C. Jackson, dean of administration, North Carolina College for Women.
- Chas. M. Johnson, state treasurer for North Carolina.
- C. L. Shuping, lawyer, Greensboro.
- J. Marcus Kester, pastor First Baptist church, Wilmington.
- A. G. Myers, president Dilling Mills Co., Kings Mountain.
- Editorial, Cherryville Eagle, Cherryville.
- Editorial, Rutherford County News.
- Thurman Kitchin, president Wake Forest college.
- Leslie McGinnis, Southern Railway official, Richmond, Va.
- Heriot Clarkson, Associate Justice Supreme court of North Carolina.
- H. W. Kendall, editorial writer, Greensboro Daily News.
- Editorial, Catawba Enterprise, Newton.
- Editorial, Durham, N. C., Sun.
- Carroll W. Weathers, senator, Raleigh.
- John Paul Lucas, merchandising and advertising manager, Duke Power Co.
- Capus M. Waynick, chairman State Highway & Public Work commission of North Carolina.
- T. E. Browne, director Vocational education of North Carolina.
- G. H. Anthony, president Veeder-Root Co., Hartford, Conn.
- R. Y. Winters, director agriculture and engineering, State college, Raleigh.
- Chess Abernethy, jr., editor Cobb County Times, Marietta, Ga.
- Wilson Warlick, judge Superior court, Newton.
- Editorial, The News-Herald Morganton.
- Beatrice Cobb, Morganton.
- Editorial, Daily Observer, Charlotte.
- Mrs. Edgar Beam, Ellenboro.
- Editorial, Salisbury Post, Salisbury.
- Josiah W. Bailey, U. S. Senator, Raleigh.
- Louis T. Moore, manager Wilmington, N. C., Chamber of Commerce.
- Frank Jeter, division of publications, State of North Carolina, Raleigh.
- Roy Parker, editor, Ahooskie.
- Perry Morgan, secretary, N. C. Baptist State convention, Raleigh.
- R. R. Clark, editorial writer, Statesville, N. C. Daily and Greensboro News.
- Marcus Erwin, United States attorney, Asheville.
- Julian S. Miller, editorial writer,

To Let Contract For More Parkway Links

RALEIGH, Oct. 23.—Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, said this afternoon that bids would be opened Thursday at Roanoke, Va., for the construction of two additional links the national parkway. Construction is now underway on the first 12-mile link of the parkway, from the Virginia line southward into North Carolina, and the contracts to be let next are for links of 7.76 miles and 10.85 miles, respectively, to join from the south the project now under construction.

Loggers fell big tree 405 years old.

CATHALMET, Wash., Oct. 23.—A gigantic spruce tree, one of the largest ever cut in Washington, was felled by Jacobsen Bros., logging contractors near here. The tree was 11 feet in diameter where it was cut, 10 feet from the ground. The first sawing, 16 feet long, scaled 11,000 board feet. The top of the stump showed it was 405 years old. Jonas Larsen and Pat Jacobsen felled the first giant after a day and a half of work. It took John Ashley six and one-half hours to cut the log in two the first time.

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GOES TO RALEIGH TO ATTEND STATE FAIR

Shelby, R-3, Oct. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Moss, of Gaffney, S. C., spent the past week with the latter's mother Mrs. Susan Hamrick. Misses Edna Hamrick, Maude Morehead and Bessie Moore, spent the past week end with a party of friends on a house party at Bat Cave. Ralph Hamrick of Boiling Springs went to Raleigh to visit the State fair. He will also visit his nephew Mr. Howard Rollins who is in school at N. C. State.

Michigan Observes Centennial



Detroit skyline.



Governor Fitzgerald

By RICHARD NORTHAM International Illustrated News Writer

LANSING, Mich.—Michigan's centennial of statehood is observed by a new commemorative stamp to be issued Nov. 1, bearing the state seal and first issued at the state capital at Lansing on the date of the observance.

Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald and other state officials, civic organizations and municipalities are planning programs commemorating the event. Although Michigan was not formally admitted to the union until Jan. 26, 1837, its statehood dates from 1835 when a state constitution was adopted by a convention called for that purpose.

Admission of the Wolverine state was delayed by a dispute with Ohio over the southern boundary. Michigan claimed a section which embraced Toledo, but relinquished her demand in return for a larger area allotted her in the upper peninsula.

Ancient Mines Discovered Michigan's growth since 1835 has been phenomenal. The state ranks seventh among the states with its population of 4,800,000 by the last census, and is the twenty-second largest state in the Union, embracing an area of more than 57,000,000 square miles. Remains of ancient mines and mining implements found on archeological surveys indicate the section was populated in early times. French missionaries and fur traders were first white visitors, penetrating the section as early as 1610. The first actual settlement by Europeans was in 1668 when Father Marquette, famous missionary-explorer, and others established a pioneer colony. Detroit dates its history from 1701 when Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac founded a settlement there. Stormy years marked the early history of Detroit which was alternated raided by the French and English during their struggle for possession of the territory. France first held Detroit only to lose it to the English at the close of the French and Indian war. The colony next fell in the hands of Canada, by virtue of the Quebec act of 1871. Joined U. S. in 1783 In 1783 the region became part of the United States by the Treaty of Paris. Another bloody chapter in the history of the territory was written in 1874 when the Indians of the northwest launched a reign of terror which did not end until they were subdued in 1795. Michigan has consistently remained in Republican ranks with one or two exceptions, the most recent in 1933 when William A. C. Stowick was elected governor on the Democratic ticket. The state swung back into the G. O. P. fold, however, last

Special Session Not Necessary On Social Security

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Oct. 22.—"It is encouraging to note that Hon. A. A. F. Seawell, attorney general of North Carolina, has declared that, in his opinion, the state can proceed to set up an unemployment insurance system under the so-called Cherry act, which was passed on the last day of the 1935 session of the general assembly," the Bulletin of the State Department of Labor carries editorially. "Mr. Seawell has studied the Federal Social Security act carefully and is convinced that it will not be necessary to call a special session of our legislature to approve year when Frank D. Fitzgerald, former secretary of state, won the gubernatorial election.

the system.

"It is highly important that something be done about this matter immediately. On January 1, 1936, the Federal government will begin the collection of pay-roll tax of one per cent from all employers of eight or more, with the exception of agricultural, domestic and governmental workers. If North Carolina presents an acceptable plan, 90 per cent of the tax money will come back to the state for the benefit of North Carolina workers and out of the remaining 10 per cent which is allocated to administration, North Carolina will get its proportional part, based on population. No matching of funds is required.

"If, on the other hand, North Carolina does not act, the entire amount collected from North Carolina will go into the general fund in the treasury of the U. S. and will be lost to our state.

"If it requires a special session of the general assembly to frame a plan that will meet Federal specifications, the quicker we find out the better. North Carolina cannot afford to suffer the enormous loss that will be hers if we fall in this."

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