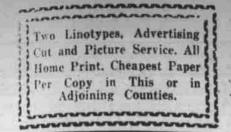
Mass Meeting Tonight in the Court House in Interest of a Hospital-Dr. Marvin Scruggs Will Be Present-Come

leveland



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# WIZARD COLAPSES AT K. K. HEARING

TOPPLES OVER WHILE **CROWD CHEERS** 

## Simmons Says There are Nine-ty Thousand Men in the Order-Calls Craven a Traitor

Washington, Oct. 13 .-- Closing an il-day defense of the Ku Klux klan, William J. Simmons, its imperial wiz-...rd, toppled over in a chair today while the chairman of a house committee investigating the order was sttempting to stop the applause which broke before the crowd knew the wizard had collapsed.

Friends of Mr. Simmons rushed to . s side and supplied stimulants, but. as it was evident that he was in no condition to continue the examination, me hearing, filled with many dramatic incidents during the day, was djourned until tomorrow. Physicians inter reported that Mr. Simmons' condition was not serious.

Bundled up about the chest, Simmons returned to the afternoon sesan unsteady of feet, his voice hoarse, ut apparently eager to denounce what he characterized as outrageous harges against the organization he ounded in Georgia five years ago.

### **Complains of Traitors**

A solemn stillness prevailed at times while the wizard, holding aloft the ritual of the klan, read parts of ine oath taken by klansmen. And then in husky tones he told the committee that while Julius Ceasar had his Brutus and Washington his Benedict Arcold, he too, as imperial wizard of the Ku Klux, could enter that fellowship ciety, numbering more than a hunrecause he had suffered from the dred and fifty members, and report-

"If this organization is unworthy yea then let me know and I will destroy it," he exclaimed, "but if it is not then let it stand."

Turning to the crowd Simmons declared he wanted to "call upon the bers added this year. Father to forgive those who had per- 7. From all sources a budget

purpose of terrorizing people," he shouted, "they are as innocent as the breath of an angel." The witness was pressed by Chair-

man Campbell for explanation of the recent clash between a sheriff and marching klansmen near Waco, Texas, and while he replied that his information was based largely upon Saturday Afternoon newspaper reports, he said that the rarade had been authorized by the mayor and that the sheriff, in at- day afternoon at 4 o'clock. tempting to stop it, "seemed to be under the influence of liquor." Sim- Returns to School mons said he had called for an of-

forthcoming.

**Central Methodist** Has Fine Year

Sunday night before delivering his Wythe Royster who is a patient at port:

ing the present total membership of her bedside. the church.

2. The total amount raised in the Gordon Dudley Undergoes Sunday School for all purposes over Successful Operation \$2,200, being an increase of \$1,000 over the previous year.

3. An Epworth League organized Dudley of this place, who is a stusix months ago growing in enroll- dent at Binghams, Asheville will be ment to more than sixty, and doing gratified to know that he is improvfine work in developing the young ing following an operation for appenife of the church.

treasonable conduct of those within, ing nearly \$100 raised during the past Sunday.

5. 28 adults and children baptized Club Meeting Thursday at the altar. 6. 52 added to the church on con-

fession of faith and 56 by certificate, making a total of 108 new mem-



THE CLEVELAND STAR, SHELBY, N. C.

**Guild Meeting** 

The Guild will meet in the vestry room of the Episcopal church Satur-

Miss Annie Wilson, the bright ficial report, but that it had not been young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilson who was called home last week by the death of her sister, Mrs. McBride Poston of Kings Mountain, returned Monday to Chowan College, Murfreesboro, N. C. where she is a student.

> Mrs. Wythe Royster Improving

closing message of the conference the Charlotte Sanatorium will be year, Rev. W. E. Poovey, pastor of gratified to know that she is resting Central Methodist church, made a more comfortably following a serious brief but interesting report of the operation which she underwent last work of the year. These are some of week. Her mother, Mrs. A. W. Methe outstanding facts from that re- Murry, and daughter, Miss Sarah McMurry, and Misses Amos Willis 1. A Sunday School enrollment in- and Helen Eskridge motored to Charcreasing from 432 to 600, thus pass- lotte Saturday and spent the day at

The hosts of friends of Gordon Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. dicitis which he under went at the 4. Four active organizations work- Asheville hospital last Friday. Mrs. ing as a Womans' Missionary So- Dudley is still at his bedside and his father and sisters, Misses Elizabeth and Blanche motored up to Asheville

# Afternoon and Evening

The afternoon division of the Literary department of the Woman's club will meet Thursday afternoon of with Mrs. W. H. Blanton at her home South LaFavotta street The hour



TUESDAY, OCT. 18, 1921

ference which assembles Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Wesley El Bethel Community Wins Memorial church, High Point, is com-Sweepstakes for Community posed of two hundred and ninety-one -Prizes Amount to \$450 in clerical members and eighty-eight lay delegates. To these three hundred and seventy-nine names may be added the

Hundreds attended the Big Gaston names of twenty-nine young preachcounty fair last week, especially on ers who are on trial and a very large, School children's day, Thursday when though indefinite, number of visitors free tickets were distributed through who invariably attend the annual the county superintendent and the meeting of the conference. various school committeemen. Many cars went over each day and special courtesies were accorded the Cleveland county people, who manifested such an interest in making the Gaston fair a success from the standpoint of exhibits and from the standpoint of attendance. The fair without a doubt is the second best in North Carolina, being

excelled only by the State fair at Raleigh, so it was quite an honor to win prizes. The fair association, especially the live secretary Mr. Fred M. Allen are to be congratulated on flag. such a good exhibition of field crops Those attending the session of the vegetables, fruits, canned fruits and

vegetables, live stock, needle work, textile products, etc. church are: Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Some of the winners of blue rib-Poovey, Rev. R. M. Hoyle, Mr. and bons from Cleveland county are: Et Bethel in the community fair booth 1st prize also \$25.00 sweepstake from Lineberger. Sunnyside which has been taking this \_prize for the past several years at

the fair. Boiling Springs 2nd prize, Union third prize and Earl fourth prize. In the thirty six jar exhibits El Bethel won first prize, Union second

FIVE MILLION DOLLAR and Earl third prize. DEED OF TRUST RECORDED Clyde Barber won first prize on corn, L. A. Beatty first prize on Two Deeds of Trust \_one Five

Rhode Island Red chickens and White Leghorns, A. T. Newton first prize on pair mules. Dr. Dorton first prize on saddle horse and driving horse. M. S. Beam of Waco won ten first prizes and one second on his magnificent herd of registered Hampshire sheep.

SHELBY SCHOOL BOYS

WIN JUDGING CONTEST

House before the Register of Deeds and the Clerk of Court. The longest The livestock judging contest for the club boys of Cleveland county on

document is the evidence in the fam- end to the pesky boll weevil. dairy cattle and hogs was won by the ous power rate case which contains The history of the boll weevil in the dairy cattle and hogs was won by the over 1 300 typewritten pages of mat. United States dates to 1892-29 years over 1,300 typewritten pages of mat-

**Rate Case Papers** 

the conference.



## \$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

# **COTTON CROP IN COUNTY SURPRISING**

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR THE NEXT YEAR

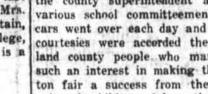
**General Conditions Good and No** Material Damage by Boll Weevil is Contemplated

### (By Optomist)

The cotton crop in Cleveland Couny will probably be picked and ginned by October 31, the earliest harvest in the history of the county.

We are indeed fortunate in Cleve-This host of militant Methodists, land county when we compare our the big majority of whom hail from conditions with the conditions of that part of the Old North State, many other sections of the country. which lies west of the counties of It is estimated we will make around Caswell, Granville, Montgomery and 20,000 bales of cotton this year which the Pedee river, will take the Fur- at 20 cents per pound will bring to niture City a willing captive. The our farmers \$2,000,000. We are for-Methodists ordinarily figure largely tunate in other respects too, no county in the life of High Point, but next in the cotton belt is more likely to week that good town will learn, if be free from the boll weevil than never before, what complete Metho- Cleveland county. We are located on dist denomination is like. Presbyter- the very rim of the cotton belt, that ians, Friends, Baptists, and all the in west or north of here no cotton is rest had as well run up the white produced except in the eastern section of Rutherford. Our nearness to the mountains will always assure cold Western North Carolina Conference winters, and cold weather is the one and representing Central Methodist certain remedy that destroys the boll weevil. While Texas, Alabama, Geogia and lower South Carolina with Mrs. G. A. Hoyle, and Messrs. D. D. their warm winters have been great-Wilkins, C. R. Hoey and William ly damaged by the weevil our cotton has escaped unharmed. It will be interesting to readers of The Star to know that the Federal Government is gates from all of the churches will bending every energy through its exleave today for High Point to attend perts in grious departments to discover some method of destruction of the boll weevil. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has appropriated \$1,-000,000 to find a remedy to rid the South of this pest, and it seems certain that the same skill and scientific knowledge that has enabled us to conquer and kill the germs of typhoid fever, yellow fever, tuberculosis, small

Three large and important docu- pox and diphtheria in the human race, and the Gypsy moth, corn borer, potato bug, grass-hopper and other insects, will soon find a way to put an



The many anxious friends of Mrs.

secuted the klan," and as the words left his lips he tumbled into a heap.

The first dramatic incident of the day was the sudden appearance of Senator Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, who, edging his way through the crowd, stepped up and seized the wizard by the hand. Whispering something, he turned and sat dawn, but a moment later he was on his feet, demanding the right to question the witness in "the interest of fair play."

Chairman Campbell broke in to say that the witness was getting that and that it was not in line with regular procedure to permit questions by outsiders.

Senator Watson insisted that he had the right, first announcing, however, that he was not a klansman, although in sympathy with its aims, and the chairman cut through the colloquy by directing the senator to proceed. The senator merely asked the wizard if he knew of the big salaries being voted by Congress for shipping board lawyers, reaching as high as \$35,000, which the people had to pay. Wid, that Mr. Watson left.

Through the testimony of Mr. Simmons, the committee learned that the total membership of the klan, heralded as having passed the half million mark, actually was around 90,000. The witness declared that its growth east and west had been greater than in the south, but his illness prevented questioning designed to bring out facts bearing on some of the present strongholds of the organization. Asked if he had not claimed "a million membership," Mr. Simmons smilingly replied he might have done so, but that he was speaking generally, not by the card.

**Ready** to Pay Taxes Representative Garrett, Democrat, Tennessee, took the witness in hand to find out something about its revenues and profits, asking if the membership fees had been listed as donations rather than fees to prevent collection of federal corporation taxes. Simmons replied there was never a thought of that, declaring that when the tax law first became effective he went to the revenue office at Atlanta and was informed that the klan did not come under the law.

"If it does it is not my fault," the wizard said, "and if it is shown we are liable we stand ready to meet ur obligations."

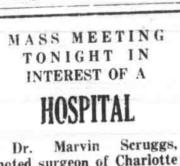
Denying huge profits from the sale of robes, the witness declared that less than 30 per cent of the klansmen owned regalia.

"Our mbos are not worn for the sides.

about \$13,000 was raised, of more than \$500 went to the C drens' Home and more than \$4,000

was given for Missions. The pastor expressed himself 35 desirous of being returned for another year.

been fraught with splendid results. in Honor of Her Niece, He is a great power as pastor and Miss Frances McBrayer preacher and his many friends of all In honor of her charming niece. denominations hope for his return to Miss Frances McBrayer, bride elect, this charge.



noted surgeon of Charlotte will be here to confer with us. Everybody invited to be present at the-

**Court House** 

promptly at 7:30 O'clock

By Order of Board of Trade

# SWEET POTATO HOUSE

The twenty-five hundred bushel sweet potato house at Boiling

the potatoes for this house. The cur- During the social hours which fol ing will begin on the 25th.

enough potatoes to fill the house this year and any one wishing to store po-T. Jolly.

take the best soup.

The neatest cook doesn't always

hich	on bouth that ayeve bereen the							
Chil-	of meeting is					o'clock		
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that evening at 8:00 with Miss Jessie Hamrick at her home on North Labeing delighted with the progress Fayette street. All members who can along all lines of church activity, and not attend are requested to kindly notify the hostess.

Mr. Poovey's pastorate here has Mrs. C. R. Doggett Entertains

Mrs. C. R. Doggett was a most de lightful hostess at her home on North LaFayette street, last Friday after-

noon from 4 to 6 o'clock. The lower floor was thrown en suite, a beautiful color scheme of pink and white being artistic lly carvied out by the lavish use of dahlias and potted plants, which filled silver and cut glass baskets and vases. Five tables were placed about the room where a game of progressive rook held the interested at ntion of the twenty fortunate guests throughout the afternoon.

When cards were laid aside this gracious hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Laitimore served an elegant salad course, salted nuts and mints.

## Ladies of Presbyterian Church Delightfully **Entertained** by Woman's Auxilary

On last Friday evening at the lovely home of Mrs. Felix O. Gee on South Washington street the Woman's Auxilary of the Presbyterian church was hostess to the entire membership of the ladies of the AT B. S. NEARLY READY Presbyterian church, this being an annual and delightful courtesy ex-

unded by these good women. The house was artistically arrang-Springs which is being built by twen- ed with lovely fall flowers and potted ty farmers near Boiling Springs is plants, and in the midst of these surnearing completion and the carpent- rounding a delightful program was ers expect to have it ready for the enjoyed. Mrs. R. L. Ryburn gave a potatoes by the twentieth. This marks splendid and enjoyable reading folthe beginning of a new industry for lowed by an interesting and inspir-Cleveland county farmers as the po- ing illustrated lecture "Young Peotatoes will be properly cured and ples Missionary Work" by Mrs. Abergraded and put on the northern nathy of Lincolnton, president of the markets. The potatoes will be cured Presbyterian Synodical of this disaccording to the government plan, trict, who was the guest of honor at the already good force at the Kendall and it will be necessary for all par- this delightful gathering of church Medicine Company. Mr. McMurry will ties storing potatoes to dig at the women. The speaker was charmingly travel this territory and being well same time. The directors have set introduced by Mrs. W. F. Mitchell, known with the trade, it is felt sure Oct. 21st to 25th as the time to dig president of the local auxilary.

Oct. 22nd.

The stock holders will not have elaborate accessories were served.

There is no safer investment than tatoes can see O. P. Hamra's or J. high class farm land in Cleveland the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. county. Better buy a tract at the Max K. McMurry of near Lawndale. Gardner Land Sale. जर्राण

adv.

Hoey first, Ellis Morrison second and ter in which the cotton mills contend ago, when the first entered Texas Chas. Falls third. Hogs Clyde Bar- for lower power rates from the Sou- from Mexico. Since that time he has ber first and Alex Hoyle second. The thern Power Company. These papers practically covered the South with the prizes were ten dollars first prize, are in the office of Clerk Geo. P. Webb exception of North Carolina and four dollars second prize and two dol- for the special term of court which Tennessee. The farmers of Texas, Oklars third prize.

poration commission.

All of the Methodist ministers of

the county, together with lay dele-

Million, Another \$200.000-

ments have been filed at the Court

-Four Shelby High School boys, Ralph Hoey, Ellis Morrison, Alex poration which has a manufacturing Texas will make less than 2,000,000 Hoyle and Julian Thompson who are plant here as well as in four or five bales. In 1914 when the weevil covstudying under Prof T. B. Elliott in other places. This is a first mortgage ered the extreme cotton South he did the agricultural department won at the Big Gaston county fair last week lars on the property of the Deleware est crop in our history. This condiand will leave for Raleigh this week corporation. The document is printed tion demonstrates the fact that the where on Thursday they will enter and bound, containing 191 pages, the weevil is much worse some years than the stock judging contest. At Gastonia they entered the contest for judging dairy cattle and hogs and won first and second places in judg- days or two weeks to copy the deed too much rain in others, lack of ferof trust on the records. ing dairy cattle, second in hogs and

tied for third place on hogs. Their to compete with the agricultural colleges of the state for the valuable prizes offered in stock judging. Stock Association and should they ey.

DEATH OF NOBLE COLORED

The many white friends as well as those of her own race will learn with keen regret of the death of "Aunt ty.

Puss Louis" as she was affectionately Mr. Charles R. McMurry has accalled by all, which occurred at three cepted a position with the Kendall o'clock at her home in Freedman Medicine Company, a well known and Sunday afternoon, after having been progressive young wholesale drug confined to her bed for several ice at Oak Grove M. P. church one and manufacturing concern. Mr. Mcmonths. The immediate cause of her mile west of Palkville, N. C. the 5th Murry is a registered pharmacist,

death being old age. holding a license from the state of Aunt Puss was known both in tions, creeds and orders, are invited Missouri having operated a drug Rutherford and Cleveland counties as to come and bring solo, duet, quartet a fine type of her own race, and was or class. You will be given place to a celebrated cook. She was born in sing your special songs to your Rutherford county and after her mar- heart's content, and our joy. The riage she moved with her husband to services will be featured by special Shelby where she has reared a splen- music, rendered by men of note in did family of daughters and one son the musical profession. Come and en-Henry, all of who are now living here. joy the resonance that flows from The funeral services were conduct- voice culture, by Profs. Duncans and ed from Zion Methodist church Mon- Vaughn, the greatest exhibit of voice

large concourse of both white and ty. colored friends who gathered to pay their last respects to this nuble and deserving colored woman whose life has proved such a blessing and ex- Cleveland county said on the streets ample to her race.

Max Gardner farm will increase in large farm " in Cleveland county, adv value each year. It will always bring adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Weathers of the Union community left yesterday A clean profit is one that makes a. Some can't think and others don't. for Raleigh to attend the state fair. profit for the other fellow.

will be necessary to try the case on lahoma and Mississippi and Georgia appeal, it having been assigned to have been contending successfully Cleveland county by the state cor- with the weevil for many years and making great cotton crops. Texas last

A five million dollar mortgage has year made 4,000,000 bales of cotton also been probated by a foreign cor- in spite of the weevil while this year or deed of trust for five million dol- little damage, and we made the largfees for registering being between others. The short crop this year is by \$50 and \$75. Register of Deeds not means attributable solely to the Weathers says it will take him ten weevil; the drought in some sections, tilizer in others, and reduction in ac-

A \$200,000 deed of trust has been erage contributed with the weevil, to average score was first, second and recorded from No. 4 township, a bank, the tremendous shortage in cotton third and these enterprising young an individual and a textile plant be- production. We have the shortest cotfellows will go to Raleigh this week ing involved. The principal to this ton crop this year in 35 years and by the second largest deed of trust that July 1922 the entire surplus of cotton has been recorded since Mr. R. L. together with the crop of 1921 will Weathers has been registrar, is the all be consumed, thus insuring the Should they be fortunate enough to largest individual tax payer this year cotton farmers in Cleveland county a win there, they will be sent to At- in Cleveland county, which shows that splendid price for next year's croplanta to judge at the Southern Live even the wealthy at times need mon- Leading cotton dealers do not hesitate to say that cotton next summer will be mighty scarce and the price mighty high. So after all, Cleveland WOMAN, AUNT PUSS LOUIS county is in good shape and our farmers looking forward to next year with confident expectations and a still

greater and more abundant prosperi-

Song Service

There will be an all-day song serv-Sunday in October. All denominaday afternoon, in the presence of a culture ever given in Cleveland coun-

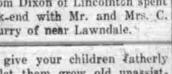
REV. J. D. MORRIS.

One of the leading farmers of of Shelby this week that the 337 acres composing the Max Gardner farm The character and location of the was the finest and most attractive

> Some men know less than they are given credit for.

Don't give your children fatherly a good price. The public is invited to go to the advice-let them grow old unassist-

that he will be a valuable addition



O. Max Gardner farm and inspect it ed. Few of us are willing to hear both this week before the sale Saturday,

to the staff. Messrs. H. E. Kendall lowed a delicious salad course and and Flay Hoey are already on the road for the Kendall Medicine Co.

Mr. Tom Dixon of Lincolnton spent

store in Excelsior Springs, Mo. for a number of years. However, he is a Cleveland county man and returned sometime ago to his native heath. He has been stock room clerk at Gil-

mer's store and is a very popular and efficient young man who will add to

win in Atlanta, Ga. it is customary

to send the winners to be ppe to the

MR. MCMURRY ACCEPTS WORK

AT KENDALL MEDICINE CO.

international livestock show.