

LITTLE "STARS"

Cotton ---33 1-2c
Cotton Seed, per bu. ---72c

Princess Vaudeville—On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week the Princess theatre presents Randolph and Kredsals novelty shows, each performance having five big acts.

Burial at Earl Today—The body of Grady McSwain will be buried today at Earl. Mr. McSwain died Sunday at Weldon and was a young man of fine promise. He was the son of Mr. Guiton McSwain of near Earl.

Sells His Home—Eugene T. Hord has sold his home on N. Lafayette street, built a few years ago by Elzie Wellmon, to W. P. Arrowood, superintendent of the telephone exchange, consideration \$7,000.

Move Office—The office of the Morrison Transfer company, long and short distance haulers, has been moved from the old Princess theatre building, which is being torn down, to the building opposite the old Shelby Inn.

In Automobile Block—The Auto Top Trimming Shop, Mr. James Tiddy proprietor, which has been located at the rear of the A. Blanton Grocery company, has been moved into one of the buildings in the Automobile block on North Washington street.

Kill a Sea Gull—W. Y. McMarry was showing a strange looking bird for this section to his friends yesterday. The opinion seems to be that it is a sea gull, probably blown inland by a storm. It is about the size and color of a pigeon, except it has webbed feet, long wings and a long bill.

Notice Star Readers—We would thank Star subscribers who wish to have the address of their paper changed, to give us the old as well as the new address. This will enable us to comply with your request much easier. We have one new city carrier in Shelby and as yet he is not familiar with the route. Should you miss a copy, notify the office at once.

Sidewalk Assessments—In this issue the town of Shelby is publishing the amount assessed against each property owner for sidewalks under the recent building program. Look this list over and if you find any error or wish to make any complaint, appear at the City Hall, January 18th at 7 o'clock at which time the mayor and aldermen will give you a hearing.

Quite a Pig—Mr. Allen Thrift of Shelby route 7, places claim to the honor of being the heavyweight hog raiser of Cleveland county and if his record is broken anytime soon we will want to see if the farmer breaking the record didn't make a mistake and slaughter the male last week. Mr. Thrift killed one of his big-boned Poland China hogs and the dozen or more witnessing the weighing will testify that the scales slipped up to 750 pounds with the porker on the other end. A 750-pound porker will stand as the county record until something more is heard from "hogs that are hogs."

Cured Potatoes Here—The Eastern cooperative sweet potato growers association which was organized last summer and has a storage capacity of 2,500 bushels is beginning to put its Nancy Hall potatoes on the local market of Shelby through the leading grocery stores. The potatoes are cured according to the government requirement, graded to strictly No. 1 potatoes and packed in attractive bushel crates. The house adopted the Nancy Hall variety of potatoes last spring. Potatoes cured in government houses are sweeter and better than hill potatoes. Mr. Lamar Davis of Earl is marketing the potatoes for the association.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS
The stockholders of the First National Bank of Shelby, N. C., will hold their regular annual meeting for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for any other business that may come before them, in the Director's room of First National Bank of Shelby, the second Tuesday in January 8th, 1924, at eleven o'clock.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE
This is to give notice that E. L. Webb has sold his entire interest in the Piedmont Grocery Co., to W. C. Lutz and J. T. Webb and that the said E. L. Webb is no longer responsible for any bills contracted in the name of the said firm W. C. Lutz J. T. Webb and Ray Lutz are now the owners of the Piedmont Grocery and will collect all bills and pay all accounts. The business will continue under the name of Piedmont Grocery Co.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE
Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. C. Phillips, deceased, late of Cleveland county, Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Shelby, N. C., on or before the 4th day of January 1925 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING
Union Trust Co. of Shelby will be held in their directors room, Shelby, N. C., Third Tuesday, 15th January 1924 at 3 o'clock p.m. for election of directors and such other business incidental to regular annual meeting.

PERSONALS

Miss Lillie Gettys of Morganton, spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Gettys.

Judge James L. Webb left Monday for Greensboro to hold court for Judge Stack who is ill.

Messrs. Newton Ferree and Harvey Gardner left Sunday for Gateford, Tenn., where they are in school at Lincoln Memorial Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dudley returned Saturday from their honeymoon trip to Florida and other points south.

Miss Eugenia Holland returned yesterday to Atlanta, Ga., to resume her studies in the Atlanta Conservatory of Music.

Mr. S. W. Hill of Raleigh, a representative of the division of agronomy, spent Saturday in the county in the interest of cotton seed breeding work.

Messrs. Randolph and Fred Logan have returned to State college after spending the holidays at their home here.

Messrs. D. Augustus Beam and Dr. A. Pitt Beam spent Saturday in Charlotte at the bedside of Attorney Speight Beam who is sick there.

Messrs. Worth Lutz and Hayward Spurling returned Thursday to Asheville to resume their studies iningham school.

Misses Sue Andrews, Pattie Roberts and Elizabeth Roberts were Mrs. Lindsay Ross' guests in Concord for the week end.

Mrs. Billy George and small daughter, Billy, and Miss Laura Barton Miller of Charlotte spent the week-end with Misses Pattie and Elizabeth Roberts.

Mrs. J. C. Smith spent Wednesday and Thursday in Rutherfordton to be at the bedside of her husband who is undergoing treatment at the Rutherford hospital.

Editor and Mrs. Lee B. Weathers returned Friday night from Pinehurst where they attended the mid-winter meeting of the N. C. Press Association.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Blanton were in Shelby last Friday to attend the wedding of Miss Rena Blanton and Wm. F. Strait—Lincoln County News.

Rev. and Mrs. N. C. Williams and three children, of Grant Falls, were frequent visitors last week at the home of Mr. J. M. Blanton in South Shelby.

Messrs. Raymond and Garland Washburn, sons of Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Washburn of the Double Springs section returned last week to Bales Creek to re-enter school.

Judge E. Y. Webb and Miss Elizabeth Webb, motored to Statesville Monday where Judge Webb begins his term of U. S. Court. Miss Elizabeth will be with her father during term.

Miss Sarah Hanahan one of Atlanta's charming sub-debs who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Webb left Monday for Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga., where she is attending school.

Miss Emmalina Robertson of Norfolk, Va., has been the attractive guest of Miss Millicent Blanton. Miss Blanton and Miss Robertson left Friday for Marion, to attend Mr. Albert Blanton's week-end home party.

Mr. Dixon Smith arrived Sunday from Seale, Ala., to join Mrs. Smith and children who are here on a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Weathers.

Mr. Clyde Short returned Saturday night from Knoxville, Tenn., where he visited a candy factory from which the McKnight and company, wholesale grocers of this place buy great quantities of candy. Mr. Short is a member of the firm of McKnight and Co.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of the authority vested in me, as trustee, in a certain deed of trust executed on the 15th day of November, 1922, by J. A. Crosby and wife, Mason Crosby, to secure an indebtedness therein specified, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness stipulated in the deed of trust which is recorded in Book 119 at page 234 of the register of deeds office of Cleveland county, N. C., and demand having been made upon me to execute the trust, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., on

Monday, February 24th, 1924, at 12 o'clock M., or within legal hours the following described real estate, to wit:
Situated in the Southeast square of the town of Shelby and known as property One lot the frontage of which is 69 feet and the depth 225 feet or more beginning at Scott Hunter's north east corner on East Graham Street and runs east with south edge of Graham street 69 feet to Annie Palmer's northwest corner thence with Annie Palmer's line south 225 feet to the branch; thence west with the branch 69 feet to Scott Hunter's line north to Graham street 225 feet to the beginning.

This 2nd day of January, 1924.
RUSH STROUP, Trustee.

Around Our Town

Cheaper Wedding Bells.
Seeing by the papers that a Kingston magistrate had tied more matrimonial knots during 1923 than ever before a STAR reporter eased around to "Squire T. C. Eskridge to see if Cleveland county hadn't set a record along the same lines, but for once, the first time yet, the county could not call the Kingston justice's hand. Yes, a few of 'em here and there were married during the year but "Business is not what it once was" according to "Squire Eskridge. Dumb-like we asked "for why".

"Well you see they ride down in South Carolina now," "Squire Eskridge informed us. Then the "for why" dawned upon us. A fellow can almost save the price of the first sack of flour and a peck of "spuds" by journeying in South Carolina for the little function, though the statement is knocking that line of business in our own state. License are said to remember its bearing, to be 50 cents cheaper per two people down there than up here. Furthermore it is not necessary to go through with a physical examination that makes another depletion in the treasury. With 20 more couples "getting off" in 1923 than in 1922 it don't seem likely though that the county will ever be extinct.

The Groom For Once.
It is the habit of The Star to carry wedding if nothing else gets in. The secret is this, if you will hold our confidence: Every time there is a marriage that means another home and another fireplace for The Star to be enjoyed by. Seeing as how we carry all the marriages one of our subscribers recently handed us what he termed a perfect write-up of a wedding. We started to o. k. his write-up but it might be "shorter" dangerous, anyway here it is:

Mr. Phil Nut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beal Nut, of Nottingham, became the bridegroom of Miss Edna Wright at high noon today. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom's parents and was largely attended.

Mr. Nut was attended by Mr. Peck as groomsmen. As the groom approached the altar, he was the cynosure of all eyes. Blushing prettily he replied to the questions of the clergyman in low tones but firm. He was charmingly clad in a three-piece suit consisting of a coat, vest and pants. The coat of some dark material and draped about the shoulder and tastefully gathered under the arms. A pretty story was current among the wedding guests that the coat was the same worn by his father and grandfather on their wedding days. Mr. Nut neither affirms nor denies the truth of this sentimental touch. The vest was sleeveless and met in front. It had gracefully fashioned pockets and was held at the back with strap and buckle. Conspicuous on the front of the vest was the groom's favorite piece of jewelry, an Old Fellows pin and from the upper left pocket was suspended a large English watch, which flashed and gave the needed touch of brilliance to a costume in perfect taste and harmony.

Beneath the vest, the groom wore blue galluses, attached fore and aft to the pants and passing in a graceful curve over each shoulder. The pretty and useful part of the costume would have passed unnoticed had not the groom muffed the ring when the groomsmen passed it to him. When he stooped to recover the ring circlet the celestial hue of the galluses was prettily revealed.

His neck was encircled with a collar characterized by a delicate saw-edge and around the collar a cravat was loosely knotted so that it rode up under his left ear with that studied carelessness which remarks supreme artistry in dress.

Mr. Peck's costume was essential to the groom and as the two stood at the altar, a hush of awed admiration enveloped the audience at the complete and wonderful harmony of the raiment. Actually you could hardly have told one from the other had it not been for the patch of court plaster worn by the groom, over the niche of his chin made by a safety razor. Neither Mr. Nut or Mr. Peck wore a hat at the ceremony.

As Miss Wright led her groom from the nuptials it was noted that she wore the conventional veil and orange blossoms.

LIFE OF MAN SAVED BY SUSPENDER BUCKLE
A suspender buckle saved the life of J. W. McKoy at Wilmington Tuesday. A pistol bullet said to have been fired by a negro, the muzzle of the firearm being pointed point-blank at Mr. McKoy's heart and at a distance of only two feet, passed through his vest, struck the buckle and was deflected, passing across his chest between the shirt and vest and piercing his vest on the other side from which it entered.

The negro was said to have fired upon McKoy when white man leaped towards the negro after he was reported to have cursed McKoy. The negro escaped after firing the bullet that narrowly missed taking McKoy's life.

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Member New Orleans Cotton Exchange
No. 4 Royster Building, Shelby, N. C.
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Established 1872
Special attention given to the execution of orders on ALL EXCHANGES.
Would be pleased to handle your NEW YORK and NEW ORLEANS COTTON TRANSACTIONS, also STOCKS, BONDS, GRAIN, COTTON SEED OIL and PROVISIONS. Our facilities are unequalled. Our daily COTTON, STOCK and GRAIN letters, and telephone service will be of much use to you; Upon request.
Branch offices—Columbia, Charleston, Sumter, York, Monroe and Shelby.

BUILDING LOTS AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS
These lots are to be sold only to those people who really want a select and desirable place to live. We won't sell these lots to just any one, however we have them for sale and expect to help make this part of Cleveland Springs the most desirable place in Shelby to live.
The price is \$1,250.00 per lot.
Terms are 1-3 cash, balance payable in six and twelve months.
ANTHONY & ANTHONY
STAR WANT ADVERTISEMENTS PAY

FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Shelby
RESOURCES FOUR MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS
CONDENSED STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31ST, 1923
RESOURCES
LOANS and DISCOUNTS
The largest item of a bank's resources are the loans made to firms, corporations and individuals. Our loans are made with great care by experienced men with thorough knowledge of conditions and securities and amount to \$3,032,771.45
OVERDRAFTS
Credit extended to customers in the form of overdrafts. A large part of our overdrafts are secured by cotton. This is a form of credit that banks do not approve of and we urge our customers to discontinue this practice 22,685.50
U. S. BONDS
Bonds of the United States owned by us to secure our circulating notes 225,000.00
OTHER STOCKS AND BONDS
Investments made by the bank in Liberty Bonds, State, County and Municipal Bonds 373,369.15
REAL ESTATE OWNED
An investment in real estate, on part of which will be located the banks home in the future, and also house and lot taken in payment of a debt 105,500.00
REDEMPTION FUND
Funds placed with the U. S. Treasurer to redeem circulating notes when presented 11,250.00
CASH ON HAND AND DUE FROM OTHER BANKS
The cash on hand and funds placed with the Federal Reserve Bank and larger banks in New York, Richmond and other large cities constitute the Reserve of a bank. Reserve is calculated by the proportion of these funds to the total deposits. On this basis our reserve is about sixteen per cent of our deposits or nearly one-sixth as much as deposits, amounting to 500,318.19
The items above constitute the banks RESOURCES, making Total Resources \$4,201,495.00
LIABILITIES
CAPITAL STOCK
Amount paid in by the 125 shareholders of the Bank's Capital 250,000.00
SURPLUS FUND
Amount set aside by shareholders as a further protection for depositors and used the same as capital 250,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS
Profits left on hand after paying dividend No. 41 and setting aside ample amount for interest due depositors and income tax 82,197.58
RESERVED FOR INTEREST
Reserved from profits to pay interest due to depositors 25,169.36
RESERVED FOR TAXES
Reserved from Profits to Cover Income Tax Due 10,000.00
DIVIDEND NO. 41
A semi-annual dividend of six per cent to be paid stockholders 15,000.00
CIRCULATION
A National Bank is allowed to issue their bank notes if secured by U. S. Bonds to the amount of their capital stock, which is called circulating notes. Ours amounts to 219,200.00
Secured by U. S. Bonds amounting to 225,000.00
BILLS PAYABLE
At times demand for money is heavy and funds are secured from The Federal Reserve Bank and New York banks on security such as Liberty Bonds, State, County and City Bonds, to lend to cotton mills, cotton dealers and others. Our Bills Payable amount to 180,000.00
DEPOSITS
Deposits are funds placed with a bank either on interest or checking account by other banks, corporations, firms and individuals. The Deposit account is the life of the bank and reflects the financial condition of a community. Our total deposits amount to \$3,169,928.06
All the above items make up the banks Liabilities, making TOTAL LIABILITIES \$4,201,495.00
People often say they can not understand the usual published bank statement, so we have made the above explanation of each item, so that any one can read and understand the statement. We are naturally pleased with this statement, as it is the largest one we have ever published and we want our friends and customers to read it and be pleased also. We thank every one who has helped to make possible this excellent showing of your bank.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Shelby
A BIG STRONG FRIENDLY NATIONAL BANK
MEMBER OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Improved New Perfection Oil Stoves
Already a good stove the New Perfection has been improved very much recently. We have just received a shipment of these new model New Perfections and want you to see the one with the Superflex burner. It's a dandy, and we want every woman to see it.
Special close out prices on air heaters, including Hot Blast. Now is the time to get a good heater at a reduction.
ARCADIE FURNITURE CO.,
FRANK A. HAMRICK, Jr., Mgr.
Hamrick Building Phone 508

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Temporary?
Or Lasting?
A stick of candy, a soda, some crackerjack or peanuts cause temporary happiness—but money in the bank brings a smile that won't come off.
Try setting aside a part of your earnings regularly now—then when you want to take a trip, buy a car, go to college, start in business—YOU CAN DO IT.
Which Would You Choose?
Our Savings Department is open to one and all. Any amount from one dollar up will start you. We pay 4 per cent interest compounded every three months.
We issue time certificates interest bearing.
Christmas Club opened December 10th.
CLEVELAND BANK & TRUST CO.,
SHELBY, N. C.