

Fine day! Plenty of watermelons.

After quite a bit of this and of that, and some of the other, it has been decided that "Bottle-Neck Avenue," South LaFayette street between one part and another, will be 20 feet in width. That is a portion, which is the big news of the day as carried by The Star, speaking, of course, in Shelby terms.

How many murders now? J. B. Vickers was convicted of killing Elison Rogers near Charlotte. That was one death. Last week Rogers' mother died of grief. Two deaths! This week Vickers being returned to prison after an escape was shot and yesterday died of his wounds. Three deaths! Vickers, who married a Shelby girl, made a death-bed statement denying that he killed the man. All in the days news as carried by The Star.

When watermelons and peaches are plentiful in Cleveland county, news is also in abundance. Do you read the news events from all sections of the county that appear regularly in The Star?

Better lock your youngster's "kiddie koaster" up to night. Some body is liable to steal it. Anything with a wheel seems to be the present day motto for those who annex vehicles belonging to others. They have swiped Daniel Allen Tedder's bike this time. The other night they took C. L. Hager's license tag and filled his tank with gasoline. What next? Watch The Star for the answer.

School books are off in price and Ebeltoft is preparing for his regular annual run of children seeking accessories for their winter pastime. The last reduction will mean some money saved to Shelby, says an item in today's Star.

The hob may be going out a style, Mebbe, but such is the rush by old and young that the bobbers, who once were barbers are having a hard time handling the lady customers—and so a new barber shop is being opened in Shelby, an announcement in The Star reads.

Envy Kings Mountain tonight! The folks are going to see Colleen Moore in her latest at Jim Webb's new Imperial theatre.

Life holds out its opportunities two brothers from the Earl section of the county now head a growing chain of cafeterias according to a news story in today's Star.

The Star in years to come expects to record many successes by Cleveland county boys—the determined youngsters who make their way through college. Today's paper tells of several more who are going. And an opportunity is cited whereby some county boy may make his way at State college, who wants it?

Then there's the social page. The "Four Hundred" of old Riverside Drive and "Fif" avenue had nothing on Shelby's refreshment servers—that is, except the kick in the refreshments. If you're a woman, and human, you're already reading Mrs. Madge Webb Riley's social columns in The Star.

So long 'til Monday.

Wright's New Barber Shop Opening Today

Fred Wright's new four-chair barber shop is opening today. It has just been completed under the Cleveland Bank and Trust company at a more desirable location and is modern in every particular. Four experienced barbers are in charge of the chairs and they cater not only to men, but women and children. Everything in side the new tonsorial emporium is pure white, presenting a most sanitary appearance. Mr. Wright came here from Kings Mountain a few years ago and opened another barber shop which he sold recently. He is a popular member of the barber profession in Shelby and has associated with him in the operation of the shop, three other expert barbers.

Hickory Trio Does Stunts At Kiwanis

The South Mountain trio furnished entertainment last night at the Kiwanis program at Cleveland Springs with Wm. Lineberger in charge. These entertainers imitated the mountain folks of long ago in true mountain garb, old-fashioned songs and clog dance. Their make-up and disguise was so real, some of the 123 guests did not know but what they were real mountain folks. But they were none other than Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Simmons, music dealers of Hickory and Dr. Jake Shuford, surgeon at that place. Mrs. Shuford who has a beautiful voice rendered two vocal solos, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. McCord at the piano. All declared it to be one of the most delightful programs the Kiwanis has had in several months.

Woman and Boy Help Save Town



Heroism of a woman and boy saved Georgetown, O., from being razed recently. While the flames swept through a block of buildings, Mrs. Jir Norris stuck to her switchboard and called for help from Ripley, Belem and Cincinnati. The boy, Richard Louderbach, 18, volunteered and was blinded by the flames, but he helped check the fire until aid arrived.

Reduction School Book Prices To Be Felt Here

Saving on Four Books in City Schools Will Total Around \$100. More Cuts Likely

The reduction, Wednesday of school books published by the Johnson company will mean a saving of from \$50 to \$100 to Shelby parents, it is estimated by Supt. I. C. Griffin, of the city school system.

The four books on which prices were slightly reduced were Johnson's Child World Readers. The reduction is only a matter of a few cents on each book, but speaking in the terms of all the books to be bought this year it will total a goodly sum. All school officials and book sellers have been notified of the reduction, it is said.

Other reductions likely would mean a still greater saving, according to Supt. Griffin. Books now under investigation regarding reduction in prices include geographies, histories and civics.

Change Registration Practically everything is in readiness for the opening of the city school system on Thursday of next week and a big year is predicted now by school officials on hand.

One change in opening dates has been made by the superintendent since his return from Chapel Hill. His statement below is self-explanatory: "In order to make the organization of the schools more effective and to render the distribution of books at the stores more efficient a slight change has been made in the registration as formerly announced in The Star. All grammar grade pupils, 4th to seventh grades, inclusive, are requested to meet in their respective buildings Thursday afternoon September 9, at 2 o'clock, instead of on Friday, September 10. "All classes meet for regular work on Friday, September 10."

Wheat Worms Are Now A Botheration

P. M. Washburn, of Eagle Roller Mill Says the Damage By Them Can Be Stopped

White worms produced by the flying weevils in wheat are causing some concern to farmers who are elated over the largest wheat crop that Cleveland county has ever made. These white worms are damaging the wheat considerably and Mr. P. M. Washburn of the Eagle Roller mill suggests remedy. He suggests that the wheat be placed in boxes or barrels and covered with cloth. Down in the wheat should be placed small bottles of sulphate of carbon. Put the bottles upright so the liquid will not run out. Over the mouth of the bottles tie a cloth so the liquid will evaporate. As it permeates through the wheat, it kills the insect or worm. The worm comes from the weevil and the sulphate of carbon will destroy them in any stage.

Mr. Washburn says the wheat production this year is at least a third more per acre than the county has produced in fifteen years. No accurate record is kept so he knows no way to estimate what the crop has amounted to in the county, but certainly it was a bumper and the farmers want to protect it against damage by the worms. The Eagle mill not only buys considerable wheat in Cleveland but much of it comes from Lincoln and Catawba counties, which are normally better wheat counties than Cleveland.

Miss Annie Willis has returned to her home in Lincolnton after attending a house party given by Miss Mary Hull.

OTHER BOYS AND GIRLS MAKE WAY

Many Cleveland County Boys And Girls are Earning Right To Education

A large number of Cleveland county boys and girls than the general public thinks work their way through college, according to local school officials who noted the story in the last Star of two boys working a year in order to enter college.

Down in the Earl section of the county two enterprising youngsters completed the high school course last year and were very desirous of entering college this year. However, money was scarce and their entrance seemed doubtful. Not giving up they communicated with Supt. Griffin at Chapel Hill and before returning to Shelby he was enabled to inform them that he had secured scholarships for both and self-helps jobs whereby they can practically make enough to cover all of their major expenses. And so two more boys will fall.

Another incident related of, is that of two young girls, who completed the teacher training course here last year. Unable this year to secure schools they were in a quandary as to what they should do. The suggestion was made to them by a school official that they spend the year at Cullowhee and next year be able to take a position in most any grammar grade school. Likewise they were without funds at the present time, but a call to that institution revealed that they could pay later, and the girls will enter Cullowhee.

In that connection it is interesting to note that the teacher training school here as a part of the city school system is without superior in one respect. A young girl, who desires to be a teacher, may take the one-year course a year and one year at Cullowhee and thereby receive the same teaching certificate as that she attend college from the county. This two summers work in college.

Cleveland Natives Are Making Success

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Camp and children and Mrs. P. R. Camp, of Earl, have returned from Winston-Salem where they have been the guests of Mr. Herbert Camp. Mr. Camp is secretary and treasurer of the Friendly Cafeteria, owned and controlled by the Webber boys formerly of Earl, this county.

In that connection it is interesting to note the following recent item appearing in the Winston-Salem Journal:

Announcement was made last night by O. B. Webber, president of the Friendly Cafeterias, Incorporated, of which J. C. Webber is vice-president and Herbert Camp secretary and treasurer, that the cafeteria will move on or about January 1, 1927, into the location on the northwest corner of Liberty and Third streets, now occupied by Efid's grocery. The cafeteria chain, which was started last October, has enjoyed a rapid growth during the past year, branches having been established in High Point, Greensboro and Charlotte. The Charlotte link, the newest in the chain, was recently opened there and is regarded as one of the most modern and attractive eating places in the State.

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS SATURDAY

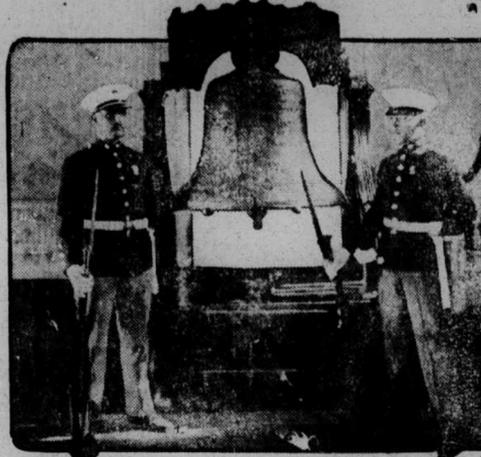
The library will be closed Saturday all day, it is announced, the closing being on account of painting and repairing being carried on in the rooms.

COTTON MARKETS

(By Jno. F. Clark and Co.) Weather forecast for North Carolina: thunder showers. Cotton was quoted at noon today (Friday) at: Jan. Mar. May Oct. Dec. 17.80 18.03 18.17 17.60 17.74

Yesterday cotton did the surprising thing of suddenly dropping under the blows of a squad of brokers armed with selling orders. One explanation was that everybody has had that switch, meaning that they had been buying October and selling December and other months. The more general theory rightly or wrongly was that the whole thing was manipulation apparently by some powerful interests. There is said to be steady selling in New York and buying in other markets by a certain element.

Marines Guard Liberty Bell



A squad of marines has been assigned to special duty in guarding the Liberty Bell during the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The treasured relic of American Independence is being shown to visitors at certain times during the exposition.

Vickers Dies Of Wound Inflicted By Preacher

Man Known Here Victim of Shot By Parson-Deputy After Escape From Prison.

Raleigh, Sep. 2.—J. B. Vickers, apprised this afternoon that he had only a few hours to live, declared that he was not guilty of the murder for which he was doing 10 years in the state's prison when Rev. George Wood, of Kinston, shot and so badly injured him that he died today.

The guilt of Vickers was assumed from the first, but his denial today that he committed murder explains his bitterness, if he told the truth.

J. B. Vickers, state prisoner, wounded Tuesday in an escape attempt, died early tonight in the state's prison hospital as a result of the bullet wound in his abdomen, which was inflicted by Rev. George Wood, of Kinston, pastor of the Universalist church there and a deputy sheriff of Lenoir county.

The direct cause of Vickers' death was given out as peritonitis superinduced by a gunshot. Prisoner was 33 years old and was serving a ten-year sentence for second degree murder, received in Mecklenburg Superior court. He leaves a wife and child, both of whom are residents of Mecklenburg county. Upon notification of Vicker's death, Magistrate L. M. Waring had Wood arrested on a warrant sworn out before him on a charge of murder. Later, over Magistrate Waring's protest, Wood was re-arrested by deputy sheriffs on a warrant sworn out by Solicitor W. F. Evans before Roy Banks, another magistrate.

He had escaped about a week before in Charlotte and had been captured in Spartanburg, S. C. On account of a shortage of prison deputies available, Wood, who has done welfare work among the prisoners, was sent to bring the escaped man back.

Wood denied shooting the prisoner intentionally. He said that he thought Vickers was about to seize his gun as he was attempting to handcuff him and that in the excitement he accidentally pulled the trigger.

Before his death Vickers told two versions of the shooting. In one, the first, he said that Wood shot him in a fit of anger, snarling "you dirty rascal." In another he absolved Wood from blame of the shooting and stated that he thought it was accidental. The bullet penetrated the prisoner's intestines and in a delicate operation performed on the night of the shooting 15 inches of intestines were removed. Vickers seemed to rally and for dinner today ate a large piece of watermelon. Later in the day, however, his condition became critical and he died early in the night.

Vickers was a son of Mr. Dolph Vickers of the Sandy Mush section of Rutherford county and married a former Shelby girl. He was known by many in this section.

HONEY BEE STING IS FATAL FOR BOY

Orting, Wash., Sept. 1.—Stung on the chin by a honey bee while helping his brother chop down a bee tree near Rhodes Lane, north-east of Orting, yesterday, Osborne Arndt, 27, died within five minutes from the poison.

Gaffney Plays Here In Game Saturday

The Gaffney baseball club of the "Big Four" league in South Carolina will play the Eastside team at the Eastside park here Saturday afternoon it is announced. Admission will be free, according to the manager of the Eastside club and all fans of the diamond pastime are urged to turn out.

New Theatre Opens At Kings Mt. Today

Webb Builds a Theatre With a Seating Capacity of 700. Is Modern in Every Way.

The Imperial theatre built by J. E. Webb of Shelby, opens today in Kings Mountain with Colleen Moore, who is one of the most popular screen stars. For three months Mr. Webb has been remodeling and building this new show house which is a credit to Kings Mountain for it is one of the most modern theatres in this part of the state. It has a seating capacity of 700. All seats are opera chairs with linen covers. The floor is inclined so everybody has a clear view of the silver screen. A large platform artistically draped with curtains affords a place for stage shows and public gatherings. Two of the latest model projecting machines will run the films without interruption. A rest room is afforded for ladies and one for men while a modern self-playing orchestra piano is provided for music. Electric fans and self dimming electric lights are installed for the comfort of the patrons.

Aldermen Vote For Thirty Foot Street At Belmont

Contribution List To War Memorial To Appear Soon

Owing to a heavy demand for space the list of contributors to The Star's fund to establish a memorial to the county's World war dead is omitted today. The list, however, will be published next week, offering an opportunity for those who have delayed to contribute before that time.

Considerable interest is being shown in the movement but many are carelessly postponing their contributions. Why wait? The boys couldn't tarry so long.

Capt. Dodd's Wife Dies In Greenville

Capt. Dodd a Native of Cleveland. Wife Before Marriage Was Miss Mamie Martin.

The many friends in Cleveland county of Capt. Will N. Dodd will sympathize with him in his bereavement over the death of his wife last Wednesday morning at her home in Greenville, S. C. Captain Dodd is a brother of Mrs. R. L. Ramsey and Mrs. Pink B. McMurphy of Shelby. He has been in Greenville for many years with the Southern railway. Mrs. Dodd was the daughter of the late Mr. Newton T. Martin, of Greenville and was 46 years of age. She was a member of the first Baptist church of that city, and had for a long time been actively interested in the work of the Eastern Star order. Mrs. Dodd was well known throughout South Carolina having been past grand matron of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Dodd is survived by her husband, Mr. W. N. Dodd, and by two children, James William Dodd of Greenville and Mrs. Hattie E. McMillan, of Maxton.

Another Auction Comes To Town

Brace up! The fall is here. The weather may not feel like it, but when the auctioneer blows his bugle, that's the high sign. And the auctioneer is on the job.

The J. B. Nolan company is preparing to put on the first fall selling event, announcing an auction for next Friday, September 10th. The M. D. Hopper place is advertised to go under the hammer. It is a big farm of 93 acres, located in that magic area east of town cheek by jowl with Cleveland Springs—one mile north of the Fair grounds—just outside the city limits.

The big event will be staged with all the fixings—oratory (furnished by the Messrs. Pitt)—a band concert, a free lizzie, and doubtless plenty of sunshine.

The Nolan company, they declare, are looking for good fall business in mother earth, and they are planning to start it off with a rush.

West Shelby Items Of Recent Events

(Special to The Star.) Mrs. John Hastings and daughter, Miss Vernie of Newton, spent the week end with Messdames A. C. Canipe and C. D. West.

Mr. A. A. Ramsey and family motored to Bridgewater and spent Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Eaker and little daughter, Juanita, spent Sunday in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Glenn visited Mrs. B. G. Wilson, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Smith and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hicks near Lenoir.

Mrs. Lee Devaney and children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wells of Cherryville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ramsey and children spent Wednesday in Charlotte. Mrs. Ramsey going down to consult a specialist.

Misses Daisy Hyder and Mildred Ramsey visited at Belwood Sunday.

Mr. Thurston Cannon is visiting his parents at Lenoir for few days.

Mrs. F. H. Glenn and children spent Thursday with Mrs. S. L. Gantt of Belwood.

Miss Pearl West is visiting relatives in Newton this week.

Mr. T. M. Bradley moved his family into the Solvers' house on Clegg street Monday.

Mr. C. D. West will spend this week end with his son, Mr. S. A. West near Roebuck, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lewis announce the birth of a dainty daughter, Virginia Sue, on August 30.

Bitter Fight Ends When Aldermen Hold Called Meeting and Rescind Action.

At a called meeting of the board of aldermen this morning, asked by Alderman John Schenk, jr., was voted to rescind their former action for a 22 foot street from the present terminal of the paving of S. LaFayette street and make it the same width of LaFayette to the Southern railroad, thus ending a bitter fight in which South Shelby people are victorious. A meeting was called yesterday but no action was taken because the city attorney was out of town. At the time yesterday's meeting was being held the aldermen received notice from the mayor that he had been served with a summons, issued by South Shelby people through their attorneys B. T. Falls and Peyton McSwain, notifying the official that the city would be held to account and that the validity of property sold in South Shelby to failure to pay street assessment would be contested in the event the street by the Belmont mill was built only 22 feet.

To follow up this action on the part of South Shelby citizens, in junction papers had been drawn to enjoin the town and the Ely Construction company from building the street only 22 feet wide and Attorney Peyton McSwain was away trying to get the signature of a superior court judge to start this proceeding when the matter was settled.

When the paving project was talked it was the intention of extending S. LaFayette its present width of thirty feet, four inches from its present terminal through the South Shelby business district. South Shelby wanted it wider in the business district and to grant this request it was widened to 4 feet. Alderman Hamrick says on July 9th at a called meeting it was unanimously voted by the four aldermen to build through the Belmont mill village 22 feet with the header on this side so the street could be widened later. This action brought further complaint but the mayor declined to call a meeting to reconsider the matter since the four aldermen had voted unanimously for 22 feet unless one alderman should signify a desire to change his vote and ask for another meeting. The matter hung fire until Thursday when Alderman John Schenk asked for a meeting which was promptly called to consider petitions signed by citizen up-town and in South Shelby. Considering the wishes of the citizen generally, the aldermen met this morning again when the city attorney could be present and voted to make the width through the Belmont village the same width as the terminal of S. LaFayette.

Thus ends a long and bitter fight if Judge Falls finds his clients are satisfied with this action, says he.

Piano Demonstration On At High School

On Tuesday night, September 7, at 8 o'clock, Miss Bertha Bost will give a demonstration of the Kinsella public school piano class method in the high school auditorium. This is a system of teaching piano in groups of ten or twelve in place of one, and is growing in use throughout the whole country. Miss Bostick took a special course in this method this summer at Chapel Hill under Miss Kinsella herself, besides taking six weeks of observation of the method in summer at the Cincinnati conservatory, and has been trying the method with a group of twelve little folks for the past five weeks. In her demonstration Tuesday evening she will tell something of how this method originated and what it is, and will have the children show something of what they have learned in the five weeks. The program will be about an hour in length. The public is cordially invited.