

The holiday month arrived today along with the bill collectors.

Shelby is to have another new business firm according to a news item in The Star today.

Diversification on the farm as presented by Bob Turner of the Earl section is told in a poultry farm article in The Star this issue.

If every farmer in Cleveland county should follow the example outlined—

Yesterday was the final discount day on county taxes and from the sheriff's office it is learned that many paid their taxes during the day.

A very disastrous fire at Lenoir yesterday is recorded in the day's news.

The first graduates of the Shelby hospital received their license as nurses from the state board this week.

Don't forget the old-time square dance Friday night.

Two fatalities resulted in Lincoln county recently as the result of accidents.

Will the cotton make 40,000 bales of cotton? Indications now are that such may come about The Star says in a news item in this issue.

Superior court judges are not proving so popular.

A meeting of the school teachers of the county will be held here Saturday.

More about the celebration of the opening of Highway No. 20 appears in this issue.

Will baseball be the same minus Cobb and Speaker? Read the editorials.

TWO LINCOLN MEN IN FATALITIES AT GIN AND BY WIRE

Cling Helms Killed at Gin in Henry Section. Fred Camp Electrocut by Wires.

Lincolnton—Two citizens of this county met with sudden death recently.

Cling Helms, of this county, was killed at the gin operated by Houser and Sain, at what is known as Cat Square, located between Henry section and Trinity church in this county.

According to information gained, Mr. Helms was in the act of putting a bolt on a pulley in the gin building, and that a set screw on the main drive shaft caught in the back of his sweater and his body was whirled around the rapidly revolving shaft, inflicting injuries from which he died shortly after the accident.

It is thought that his head struck a large post near the shaft, this injury probably being the cause of his death.

Mr. Helms it is said, was not working at the gin at the time of the distressing accident, though he had formerly been employed there.

He was there Thursday with a load of cotton from his farm to be ginned for market, and volunteered to right the belt, and the fatal accident followed.

Fred S. Camp, electrician for the city of Lincolnton, was instantly killed when 2,300 volts of electric current passed through his body while he was at work repairing the wiring of the arc circuit transmission lines of the street lighting system.

He was 41 years of age. He is survived by his widow, who was before marriage Miss Ruth Rudisill, and three daughters, Helen, age 11; Elsie, age 7; Sarah, age 5. Also surviving is his mother, Mrs. Laura Camp of this city, and four sisters, Mrs. Press Stroupe, Alexis; Mrs. Ed Link, Mrs. Mac Rhodes, Mrs. John Mitchem.

New Furniture Store To Open

A party of Rock Hill business men will open a furniture store in the Lineberger building next to the Shelby Electric company the last of this week or the first of next, handling a complete line of house hold goods and musical instruments.

The name of the new store will be Shelby Furniture company. It is owned by B. W. Marshall of Cambridge, S. C., F. D. Marshall, Clara Lee and W. J. Hopkins of Rock Hill, S. C., Mr. W. J. Hopkins will be in charge of the store with Mr. W. H. Gardner as salesman. Both of these gentlemen are moving to Shelby with their families.

The owners of the Shelby store also operate a furniture store in Rock Hill and have experienced merchants who have considered Shelby as a new field for some months.

Bob Turner Gets Value Of Bale Of Cotton From His Poultry Every Two Days

1100 Layers Hatched Last Of May Now Leave 500 "White Nickels" Daily At Poultry Farm

(By RENN DRUM.)

One doesn't see many smiles when a group of Cleveland county farmers get together nowadays despite the fact that Cleveland county farmers are considered leaders to be watched by other counties. And one can gain little optimism from hearing one of these farmers talk, particularly if he happens to be a cotton farmer.

But the above will not apply to a group that numbers in its midst Bob Turner, who lives down in the Earl section of southern Cleveland.

Perhaps Bob Turner is not one of the best known farmers in the county today, but mark it down as a prediction that Bob Turner's example will be a regular beacon light to this and other counties come another cotton crop of 18 million bales to be sold at 12 cents per pound. Even today he is the pride of Alvin Hardin, the county agent, and Alvin Hardin is one of the soundest boosters for farm diversification the writer has ever encountered.

Picks Bales in 2 Days. Get this scene: About 5 o'clock one, or any afternoon this week Bob Turner picked up two half bushel buckets from his back porch and walked down to his poultry houses. Fifteen minutes later he emerged with the two buckets overflowing with "white nickels." To be exact there were exactly 502 five-cent pieces in those buckets and they came from layers still in the flapper classification of pullets.

Eggs, yes! And by the middle of January Mr. Turner will, or should be, collecting seven and eight hundred, for it's about that time when the 1100 birds will be hitting their stride, as they say in baseball parlance. Even now they're doing some pinch hitting for old King Cotton that may move the latter from the forefront in the batting order.

To simplify it all Bob Turner picks the value of one bale of cotton, at present prices, from his poultry houses every two days. And the cheering part about it is that he goes back and gets the bale of eggs every day whereas no cotton fields have been discovered that can boast such steady production.

If every Cleveland county farmer who has his head above ground, or who has, should follow Bob Turner's example Cleveland county by another winter would have an income that would shock the Bethlehem steel mills. Don't say it is impossible, half of what each average farmer spends for fertilizer on his cotton would start him off on an even basis with the Turner Poultry farm.

Cry This Off. Owing to generations of training along that line farmers seldom talk publicly about what they make, but on a good conservative estimate put it down that on a \$1,500 investment, or less, and a half day's work each day Bob Turner is clearing anywhere from \$10 to \$15 daily. And this isn't being told for the benefit of an income tax collector, but with the hope that scores of Cleveland county farmers may see the light that gleams from the preening rows of white layers in the hen houses on the Turner poultry farm.

Perhaps you say such is impossible. Alright, figure for yourself. Turner collected 502 eggs Monday. At five cents each that is \$25.10. Turner is a bookkeeper and a shrewd thinker as well as a good farmer and he tells you in exact figures that his feed bill is \$7.20 per day. Lights and all other expenses may total about \$1.80 per day, which is a total expense of \$9. Subtract that from the \$25.10 and you would have \$16.10 for less than a half day's work on an investment of \$1,500 and \$1,500 placed away at 6 percent interest would bring in something like 40 cents each day.

Isn't that plain and simple enough. If it's not just journey down to the Turner farm and see it for yourself on the books, the proprietor keeps. There's no catch in it either if a farmer is willing to take the chance and put out a little earnest work.

How It Started. Some months ago Mr. T. C. Hitchcock proprietor of the Cherokee Poultry farm, decided to retire, and at the time County Agent Hardin motored down the Earl way and had a chat with Turner and B. Austell.

"Here's your chance," Hardin told them. "I'll see that you get started. What do you say?" They talked figures awhile and it's hard

to get around any argument by the former Tennessee farmer for he has experience on his side and after a bit the two enterprising farmers decided to take the chance —yet it couldn't hardly be called a chance.

So they purchased the poultry houses, an incubator and other first class equipment from Hitchcock. In May they started their incubator on the task of a mechanical "setting hen". On the last day of May Turner took forth a beautiful array of White Leghorn chicks. In another week the incubator gave a machine cluck and left another downy little bunch. Another week and a day passed and the third hatching came forth. That was just last May and June, mind you. It takes a time for a chick, biddy or dib as you'll have it, to develop into a layer, but they are already laying 500 eggs daily. In other words 1100 of the chicks hatched early June are leaving 500 nickels or a half bale of cotton, daily at the Turner home. In another month or so they will develop more, barring disease, and come into regular laying season. Then the real egg-laying season does not open until January. So, isn't it easy to see how upwards of 700 eggs will be gathered daily in two months?

Mr. Turner hasn't devoted any great space or any great time to his poultry business. There are those, too, who say one must know something about the poultry business to make a success of it. Prior to May Mr. Turner knew no more about chickens than the ordinary farmer who has a few hens laying about the barn, or a few fryers for the Sunday dinner occasionally. The proprietor says he spends no more time away from his farming duties than before—and a half day would do the biggest daily task about the poultry houses.

The details of the Turner farm are about like those of other chicken farms and hardly valuable enough to go into—that is, unless one plans to enter the game, and in the connection it might be said some several hundred farmers could make far poorer plans.

Starts Young. Mr. Turner might have known little about chickens, but he has a young son on the farm who should be a poultry expert when he grows up, and that will be 10 years or more from now. When the chickens were hatched Mr. Turner picked out a half dozen that displayed signs of not being any too promising. The youngster asked for those chicks, took them off to another corner of the barnyard and built him a little poultry house of his own. He constructed a watering basin and a trough for his mash and daily watched after the welfare of his "birds." Monday when Mr. Turner finished collecting his nickels he called the boy and the youngster delved into his nests and found three eggs—a fifty percent production from his six pullets in the off season of November.

There are hundreds of other little bits of information that might be recited about the Turner poultry farm. However, those buckets filled with nice white eggs that sell for five cents each tell enough of the story to interest anyone in making a trip to the farm. The greenest of newly-wed brides wouldn't worry about the purity or freshness of those clean, airy poultry houses and the more than one thousand hens that look as if they were bathed twice daily.

Farther down the Earl highway B. Austell is duplicating the Turner policy and on a smaller scale his father, Mr. E. A. Austell, has joined the procession of folks who do not give a hang what happens to cotton.

The Turner eggs supply many tables in Shelby, Gastonia and neighboring towns, and quite a number of cafes when they send up "two scrambled" or "over" and it with Turner eggs. If the merchants of Shelby and the boosters of the county would take a trip down to Bob Turner's place and begin spreading the news of what they will see then the folks of Cleveland county will realize that the past talk of such as Alvin Hardin, Clarence Cabaniss, Wm. Lineberger and others was far from foolishness.

(P. S.—EDITOR'S NOTE: The Star plans at an early date to publish other poultry facts of the Austell farm and others and to each week or so present interesting details as to how Cleveland county farmers are diversifying and making money under the program of a wide-awake county agent.)

CHRISTMAS SEEN IN LOCAL STORES AS EVENT NEARS

Shelby Merchants Have Display Windows Ablaze With Gay Christmas Colors.

A score and four days until the big annual event the coming of Kris Kringle and the Yuletide spirit that ushers the old gent in.

In preparation for the event Shelby merchants have apparently outdone former records. Display windows and rooms have already taken on a varied array of Christmas tints and hues. The reason just naturally peeps out at one from all angles about business Shelby.

The hardware store has its roller coasters, wagons, rifles and various gifts for the boys on display, the jewelry stores are showing "gifts that last" with the intent of breaking last year's records and all down the line through the department stores, drug stores, furniture houses the gift stock is swelling all over the floors.

It's really worth the time this evening, or any other evening soon to take a jaunt down the Shelby streets and "window shop." And the jaunt will likely sell several extra gifts from the tactful and attractive displays in the many windows.

Already Shopping. The merchants of the town say that dozens of folks are following their individual custom of shopping early and avoiding the rush of the final week and days. They are getting the big pick of the many gifts and are benefitting by shopping on time. From now on until the big day Shelby merchants will list their Yuletide bargains with The Star with the urge for early buying.

Watch the display windows, Star "ads," and pick over your gifts by picking them before some one else does the picking.

Lincolnton Has Peep At Otto

Lincolnton—City Mail Carrier Evan Rudisill last Tuesday saw Otto Wood who escaped from the Raleigh pen, in this city, he is almost positive Wood stepped from a Ford touring car on North Aspin and asked Mr. Rudisill the way to Hickory.

Mr. Rudisill says that when approached he was looking at a picture of Wood in a newspaper, and that when Wood confronted him he glanced again at the picture in the paper, and that unless his vision is defective Wood was the man who approached him here Tuesday. The city mail man made no attempt to arrest the fellow, in fact he was engaged in delivery of Uncle Sam's mail and making an arrest was not on his list for the day and the \$250 reward had no charm for him. There was another man in the car with Wood says Mr. Rudisill, the two leaving immediately after inquiring the way, journeying toward Newton.

Four Nurses Here Get Their License

Greensboro, Nov. 29.—One hundred and seventy-one applicants for nurses' license in North Carolina passed the state board in the last examination, according to an announcement tonight of Mrs. Z. V. Conyers, secretary of the board. The examination was held on last October 13-26, in Raleigh.

In addition, 36 nurses from other states were registered by reciprocity.

Miss Hazel Johnson, of High Point hospital, High Point, led the class with a general average of 95. Miss Lottie Meyers of St. Leo's hospital Greensboro, and Miss Gladys Pfaff of Winston-Salem tied for second place with general averages of 94.

Among the number passed by the board were all four of the Shelby applicants, graduates of the Shelby public hospital. They are Misses Margaret Crowder, Sarah Roberts, Maggie Atkinson and Minnie McCoy.

County Teachers To Meet Saturday

A general meeting of the teachers of Cleveland county will be held Saturday here, according to Superintendent J. H. Grigg.

The meeting will open at 10 o'clock and will be held in the county court house. Several matters of importance to the teaching profession will be taken up.

Mortality from measles in England in the past fifteen years has been twice as great as that from scarlet fever.

Five Governors Visit President



When the governors held their recent convention in Washington, the executive committee, shown above, visited President Coolidge. They are (left to right) Gov. John W. Martin, Florida (who seems to be having trouble with his necktie); Gov. Nellie Taylor Ross, Wyoming; Gov. Ralph Brewster, Maine, and former Gov. Cary Hardee, Georgia.

TO CELEBRATE AT FOREST CITY, NEW LINK IN HIGHWAY

Practically all of the members of the Shelby Kiwanis club will journey Thursday evening to Forest City where a joint meeting will be held with the Forest City and Rutherfordton Kiwanis clubs in a program celebrating the completion of the link in Highway No. 20 from Shelby to Forest City.

Each club is working up some feature and will have a part on the program. J. F. Ledford of the Shelby club has been appointed a committee from the local club to provide "stunts" as Shelby's contribution.

The link in the highway was completed last month and traffic was turned on two weeks ago today. The project from Shelby to the Rutherfordton county line was built at a cost of \$440,000 including bridges and grading. Approximately 1,000 car loads of material, sand, stone and cement were used in the Cleveland county link. It is not known what the Rutherfordton county link cost as the road from Cleveland line to Forest City was built under a different project, although the contracting was executed by the Wilson Construction company which built the Cleveland county stretch.

Because of the limited facilities for serving the dinner at Forest City, the ladies were not invited. It is expected that the entire membership of the three clubs will be present.

William Peeler Dies At Ellenboro

Native of Cleveland and Influential Political Worker Dies Day After Brothers Funeral

Squire Bill Peeler, native of No. 10 township but later a citizen of No. 2 township where he was a farmer and influential political worker for many years, died this morning at his home in Ellenboro at 4:20 o'clock, following a protracted illness with paralysis and pneumonia. Mr. Peeler died on the day following the burial of his brother, Squire Alf Peeler at Cherryville.

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These would be argued by the State's corps of regular emergency judges—jurists who have retired from active service after fifteen years or more of service. At present there is one judge falling in this class—C. C. Lyons, of Elizabethtown, but the ranks were unduly thinned by recent deaths. Regular emergency judges receive a pay of one third the compensation of active judges. They are allowed expenses when holding court. Emergency judges named under the 1925 act receive \$150 a week and expenses.

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HARDIN MAY BE RIGHT ON GUESS OF COTTON CROP

He Thinks Farmers Should Pick All Cotton That Opens in Plan of Economy.

Several weeks ago Alvin Hardin, county agent, estimated that Cleveland county this year would make 40,000 bales of cotton and perhaps 45,000 bales. There were those who laughed at the prediction and added their guesses differing considerably from the agent's, some estimates falling below 38,000 bales.

It seems now as if Mr. Hardin is to have the last laugh and it has been said for a mere fraction of three or four hundred years that such is the best laugh.

Thirty-four thousand bales had been ginned in the county when the last report on November 14, was given out and the total now should already be near the 40,000-bale mark. Moreover a jaunt over the county will show that a lot of cotton remains to be picked while a considerable amount is piled up in out houses and spare rooms waiting to be ginned. From general appearances if all the cotton produced this year should be picked the gin total would come near 45,000 bales.