

Crowds of shoppers thronging Shelby business streets remind one that there are only about 10 more shopping days until the big Yuletide event.

The present cotton crop is the largest in the history of the state as well as in the nation and the county crop bids fair to reach similar honors.

Ye taxpayers! There's an article of interest to you in today's Star. Did you know that Shelby's municipal tax is the third lowest in the state?

Curls for men in "male beauty shops only." What about that? Such is said to be hovering in the Asheville atmosphere.

The new register of deeds, Andy Newton, can gather in the "taters as well as votes, it is said.

Every boy has a secret desire to be a cowboy and throw a lariat. One Dorer mill boy should be a rodeo champion. He lassoed a big hawk last week with his cap.

J. W. Atkins, Gastonia publisher, is the new president of the Shelby district Epworth League Union.

The Christmas pageant at the Morgan school is expected to be one of the town's most colorful school events.

It takes a nerve to steal a cop's automobile while he looks at the heroine and the hero in a movie, yet such occurred last week in Shelby and the car has been recovered.

County and town officers like to see good business in Shelby just before Christmas, but the liquor trade is another matter and the officers are active now seizing the holiday stock.

A Rutherford youth was accidentally killed while out hunting last week.

The rainy week-end resulted in several auto wrecks. A Shelby lady was injured in one here while a Shelby man tried to dodge a petting party and was injured in another.

The season of banquets is approaching. One will be held this week at Cleveland Springs and will be followed by several next week and on through the holidays.

Washington Boys Still In Shelby Training School Officers Have Not Come For Escaped Boys After Week.

It was learned at the Sheriff's office today that Odus Kinnigham and Paul Schrack, the youths who escaped from the National Training school at Washington, are still in jail here awaiting the arrival of school officials. The youths were caught early last week by local officers and were with another boy connected with a stolen car from Rockingham. Local officers wired Washington and officials of the school returned a wire last Wednesday asking that the boys be held until they arrived. So far no other word has been heard from Washington and county officers cannot understand why no one has come for them.

Deputy Sweezy Is Getting The Spirit County Officer Nabbed Two Men And Six Gallons Last Week. Cuts Christmas Cheer.

County and town officers are already cutting down on the artificial Christmas cheer as bottled in liquid form. Last week town officers nabbed several gallons of holiday spirits, while on Friday Deputy Tom Sweezy bagged six gallons of corn and two men near Fallston. The booze was hidden beside the road owing to motor trouble and the officer walked up on one of them, W. M. Turner. Later the other man, A. J. Dawson, appeared on the scene and was also taken in tow. Tried in recorder's court the two were given road sentences of four months each, an appeal was entered in both cases.

Deck Wilson Is Head Of Kiwanis New officers were elected for the Rutherford Kiwanis club as follows: President, B. Deck Wilson; vice-president, L. E. Spikes; district trustee, B. L. Smith; directors, J. Harvey Carpenter, Clyde A. Erwin, Percy Helms, Fred D. Hamrick, R. P. Scraggs, W. B. Walker, Hick Logan and N. C. Harris.

Mr. Wilson was vice-president this year and is an enthusiastic Kiwanian. The club meets weekly and is growing stronger each month. It is only two years old. The new officers will be installed the first meeting in January.

CHRISTMAS TRADE BUSY HERE WITH SUNNY WEATHER

Stores Abustle With Merry Buyers as Winter Sun Shines. Throng of Gift Hunters.

Many a gift for Kris Kringle to place in his pack was purchased in Shelby Saturday.

With a beaming sun throwing out rays with an August warmth Shelby was packed during "shopping Saturday" with throngs of Yuletide buyers. Sidewalks were crowded and local stores were busy.

Quite a number of local stores have staged December drives and Christmas sales and with only two weeks to go before the big event the buying public of Shelby, Cleveland county, and a part of Rutherford responded Saturday. Stores wherein special sales events are on report a steady business during the day.

Fact is, the sale events are something near the definition given them by one buyer: "These stores have cut their prices down now to compare with cotton prices." That is what some of the merchants have termed their price cuts, and apparently the buyers are agreeing.

Decorating Streets. Even though Saturday witnessed a rush of holiday shopping the merchants of the town are apparently looking for still bigger days. Various sections of business streets are taking on added holiday appearance as cedars and varicolored lights are being placed along the curb. Display windows are vying with each other to attract attention and all extra space in the stores is being utilized to accommodate the gift stocks.

And, by all the laws of human nature, "the rush" is still ahead.

Carolina Alumni Plan Big Event

Chapel Hill.—The Carolina alumni-student banquet, to be held at Cleveland Springs hotel on December 2 should have an attendance of around one hundred alumni and students and along with these will be a large number of wives, sweethearts and friends. There are now within the county about seventy or seventy-five members of the alumni and in the University there are about twenty-eight students. Big plans are being made about this event and a great amount of interest is being shown over the county. Sinclair's orchestra is being secured to play at intervals during the meal. An interesting speaker will be secured for a brief peppy talk, while others will be asked for brief remarks of interest.

The Cleveland County Club at Chapel Hill in connection with the alumni here have been putting out some hard work to put this over as the biggest ever and all members are asked to join in for a big time.

Dance For Everybody After the banquet the affair will be turned into a big informal Carolina Ball, a script affair for everybody. Everything will be in fine shape for a big time or all with Sinclair's Tar Heel dance orchestra at its best. A prize will be given to the lady who is crowned Queen of the Carolina Ball.

How Many Pieces Of Gold To Come Here Christmas? Shelby is still old-fashioned, or original enough to give gold pieces of varying denominations for Christmas. Ordinarily local banks corner a surplus supply of the glittering gold coins for the convenience of their banking patrons who like to slip such gifts in the proverbial Yuletide stockings.

The following dispatch from New York is assurance enough that the gold pieces will be in circulation again this year: "Gold pieces in the \$2.50, \$5, \$10 and \$20 denominations are now leaving the New York federal reserve bank by the truckload, bound for country and city banks which will supply the stream of gold coins that pour into Christmas stockings and gift envelopes.

"Every year at this time the New York and other federal reserve banks have watched a growing flood of gold pieces pour forth, and then suddenly, after the holidays, pour back and become a part of the bank reserves until another Christmas rolls around."

This is the time of year that the turkey occupies the center of the table, without enjoying the limelight.

Shelby Has Third Lowest City Tax Rate In State

Wilson Has Lowest At 58 Cents, Morganton Second With 80 Cents, Shelby Third With 88 Cents

Shelby's municipal tax rate is the third lowest among the 48 largest cities and towns in North Carolina, according to tax figures obtained from Raleigh.

Shelby's tax rate per \$100 assessed valuation is 88 cents. Only two towns, Wilson and Morganton, have lower rates. Wilson's rate is 58 cents and Morganton's is 80 cents. The highest municipal tax rate is that of \$2.85 in Louisburg, almost two dollars higher than the rate in Shelby. Of the larger cities Winston-Salem and Wilmington have the lowest tax rate of \$1, while Durham has the highest, which is \$1.40. Gastonia's tax rate is \$1.35, and Kings Mountain's is \$1.15.

The tax rates of the 48 largest towns of the state follow: Asheville, \$1.24; Burlington,

Inheritance Tax To Boost North Carolina Income \$400,000—Budget Makers Are In Need Of More Revenue

(Barkley in Observer.) Raleigh.—The average annual yield to the state from inheritance taxes will be boosted by approximately \$400,000 under the provisions of an inheritance tax clause drafted by the state budget commission and board of assessment for incorporation in the new revenue bill and designed to take advantage of the estates tax clause of the federal revenue act.

That, however, is the first promise of increased revenue for the state's general fund that the boards have been able to find during the week they have been at work on a revenue bill. And while it is understood not to be their purpose to increase the taxing schedules which prevail in the present revenue act, it was indicated that some of the classifications may be revised and possible new sources of revenue investigated in the hope of increasing the total tax yield without adding to the existing tax burdens.

Work Together. The budget commission and the board of assessment are working together in the drafting of the new revenue bill in compliance with the law which requires them both to prepare it.

The former commission has, in addition, the responsibility of drafting an appropriations bill to be submitted to the legislature. Its aim will be to make the revenue bill, which means that for every dollar appropriated to the institution and departments there must be a dollar in tax money in prospect.

That additional revenue will be needed to meet the appropriations to be recommended by the commission even after the requests of the pending agencies have been substantially sliced was indicated by the announcement that the commission and its partner, the board of assessment, are on the look out for ways and means of providing the state with a larger income than the present revenue act is supplying.

What suggestions the two boards are considering have not been disclosed. It was stated, however, that members of both agencies are definitely hostile to any further increase in the income tax schedule, which now varies 1.25 per cent on small incomes to 5 per cent on the large corporations, nor is a sales tax being considered. There have been intimations that a reduction may be made for franchise tax schedules, which admittedly are heavy, and that burden shifted to some other classification.

Auto Tax. Automobile dealers of the state are urging the boards to make certain changes in the schedule of taxes imposed on them. For one thing, they would like for the \$500 tax now levied on the sale of each make of automobile shifted from the manufacturers and divided among the local agents. An attack may also be made on the \$10 license tax levied against agents.

HEALTH EXHIBIT TO BE SHOWN IN SHELBY D. Arnold Kohn, of Chicago, has secured permission of local officials to put on a health exhibit here in the nature of wax figures. Mr. Kohn has wired his associates in Chicago to forward the material at once and it is expected that it will arrive so it can be shown the latter part of this month. The producers say that the title given is "Everybody's Business" and that the first exhibit to be given in the United States will be given in Shelby.

FRIDAY THE DAY FOR "MUSIC BOX REVUE" It cannot be denied that Irving Berlin has the faculty for concocting the intimate Broadway entertainment. In his fourth edition of "Music Box Revue" which comes to the Princess theatre Friday night he is at his best in the lilting rhythmic swing of the musical numbers. His resourcefulness in tuneful composition never seems to end and in the revue to be seen here they come aplenty. The fourth annual revue is a big beautiful show, with class written all over it, were told. Among the company of entertainers is a chorus of wondrous beauty and charm.

LARGEST COTTON CROP IN STATE'S HISTORY, SAID

Big Crop at Starvation Price. 16 Percent Larger and Worth 26 Percent Less.

Raleigh—North Carolina's cotton crop is 16 per cent larger than last year but worth 26 per cent less.

The federal department of agriculture today, characterizing the situation as grave, suggested a "tremendous cut next year as the only salvation." Several million bales should be held off the market, the statement added.

"With a prospective crop of 1,250,000 bales, of which 1,000,361 bales have been ginned to December 1, we have the largest probable crop in the state's history," Frank Parker, agricultural statistician for the state, declared.

Nativity Pageant Ready For Event

Everything Set For Big Christmas Pageant at Morgan School. May Give Again.

The "Nativity Pageant" to be presented at the Morgan school, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock is in readiness for the performance. The characters, the setting, and the music all contribute to the true picturing of the birth of Christ.

Those taking the twenty five character parts have secured beautiful costumes from the Brenau costume room, and the 65 girls singing in the chorus have lovely white robes.

The music used throughout the entertainment will be the familiar old Christmas carols and hymns; also occasional strains of different national anthems and a negro spiritual song by Evelyn Williams, who takes the part of Africa.

Dr. Plaster will play the violin which will add much to the sweetness of the Christmas Songs.

Those taking character parts are as follows: interpreter, Mildred Parker; angels, Irene Turner, Mildred Barrett, Esther Byars, Katherine Gant, Flossie Stewart, and Mae Allen; Mary, Corrine Champion; Joseph, Ruby McSwain; shepherds, Lois Blanton, Evelyn Blanton, Vangie Haynes; wisemen, Mildred Patterson, Ruth Williams, Pearl Towsley; nations—Columbia, Ola Lee Glasgow; India, Roberta Rheinhardt; China, Magnolia Carter; Japan, Cothenia Hamrick; Mary Sue Bell; Russia, Rae Ellis; France Lena Hamrick; Africa, Evelyn Williams.

The public is very cordially invited Wednesday evening Admission, adults 20c; school children, 15c.

The pageant will be repeated, complimentary, Thursday evening for the members of the Kiwanis club and the members of the South Shelby night school only.

Curls For Men Now Talked By Barbers

Asheville Proprietor Says Number of Men Have Conferred With Him About Matter.

Asheville—Well, men, it's happened! They are quoting prices on masculine curls, both permanent and Marcel wave. At a local barber shop the man in charge of waving apparatus has prepared a schedule of prices for men's pates.

This shop recently installed a beauty parlor as a part of its equipment, partitioning off a portion of the rear of the establishment. Here men and women operators are kept busy with J. I. Bennett, a barber in Asheville and Morganton for the past 15 years, having general supervision of the waving machinery.

"Since we undertook this work," the proprietor told a reporter, "a number of men have conferred with me about having their hair curled. I have not as yet had a male client to take a wave but so much interest has been shown in the subject by my masculine clientele that I hope to put some men's curls in for Asheville citizens before the arrival of the summer tourists, and the certain demand among visiting gentlemen for attention. I just would like to start the ball rolling with a local man."

May Let Contract For "Gym" Today

Bids for the proposed new gymnasium building at the Shelby High school were all received late Saturday afternoon, it is said, and the board will meet this afternoon at 5 o'clock to consider letting the contract for the building.

Whether or not the contract will be definitely let today is only surmise but school officials have stated that it is their hope to have the new athletic building practically ready by the time school reopens after the holidays on January 4.

Lots of Woe for the Farmer Here

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Marvin Lutz Child Is Pneumonia Victim — Three Have Typhoid

Bright Lutz, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. Marvin Lutz who lives on Highway No. 18 just above Belwood, died this morning of pneumonia, following an attack of typhoid fever. Three other children of Mr. Lutz are sick with the dreaded malady and a little brother of the deceased is critically ill, now having hemorrhages. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mr. Lutz in his series of misfortunes. It is thought that typhoid fever in the family was contracted from drinking polluted well water and a specimen of the water has been sent to the state chemist for analysis, but the report has not been received as yet.

The little girl who died this morning had typhoid fever for several weeks and recently developed pneumonia, which took her away. She was a very bright and attractive child and her death is a source of deep sorrow to the many friends of the family.

Fate seems to have dealt harshly with Mr. Lutz who is one of the leading farmers of upper Cleveland. About two years ago his wife, who before marriage was Miss Mamie Elliott, daughter of Mr. Bob Elliott died from a heart trouble. Six months later the youngest child in the family passed away. A few weeks ago typhoid fever developed and one by one the children developed the disease until all four were down at the same time. The other three children are quite sick, one little boy being critically ill at this time.

Petting Party Gets Local Car In Wreck

Shelby Man However Was Not Engaged in Party, But His Car Pulled Turtle Stunt

A petting party in which he had no part other than as an involuntary intruder caused L. V. Mulkey, of the Gilmer store here, to receive numerous slight injuries late Sunday night when his car turned turtle between China Grove and Concord.

Mr. Mulkey along with Mr. Archie Galloway, "ad" man at Gilmer's, left Shelby Sunday afternoon for Charlotte. Mr. Galloway stopped over at the Queen City to visit relatives and Mr. Mulkey continued on to Salisbury. It was on the return trip from Salisbury that the wreck occurred. Somewhere between China Grove and Concord Mulkey noticed a big Buick parked at the right side of the road and just as he noticed the parked car another auto with blinding lights came at him from the Charlotte way. The Shelby man faced the alternative of crashing headon with the approaching car or going into a ditch to keep from hitting the parked car. He chose the latter course and his Ford coupe did the somersault beside the Buick, whereupon the occupants, a young boy and girl, their tete-a-tete disturbed immediately departed without investigating the damage to be wrecked car. With the aid of a Rowan dairy farmer who lived nearby Mulkey righted his car and continued on to Charlotte where he picked up Galloway and returned to Shelby. Today Mulkey is experiencing some pain with an injured knee, a bruised hand and chin although none of the injuries are of a serious nature. His car, it is said, is only slightly damaged.

Galloway meantime is congratulating himself on always stopping over somewhere when he makes a trip out of town with a friend. It was only several months ago that Galloway left Shelby with Opie Tharpe, Gilmer employee, and while Galloway was with his parents in Charlotte Tharpe cut a flip in his car in the Iredell section, badly damaging the car and receiving several injuries himself.

RUTHERFORD BOY DIES FROM WOUND

Sat His Gun Down, It Discharged and Blew Side of His Face off. Funeral Mt. Hebron.

One of the most horrible accidents that Rutherford county has ever known occurred at Logan station, six miles east of Rutherfordton, when Freeland, the 15-year-old son of W. Tom Vickers, of that section, accidentally shot himself with a shot gun. He had been out hunting and came up to a car to talk to some boys and, it is thought, went to place the gun on the fender of the car and missed it, the trigger hitting the fender and causing the gun to go off. It blew the left side of his face off.

Funeral and interment took place at Mount Hebron Methodist church with Rev. J. B. Tabor in charge. The deceased is the youngest child of a large family and leaves several brothers and sisters, besides his parents.

Shelby Girls In Win Over Casar

Start Cage Season With a Victory. Look Forward To New Gymnasium

The newly organized Shelby girls high school basketball team won their first out-of-town game Friday, when they tackled Casar. They beat the Casar girls 22 to 17, in what is said to have been a hard fought tussle and then some, more resembling football in certain stages more than basketball.

Flushed with their victory, the girls are now seeking a game with Blacksburg; then will come others. Enthusiasm for the new pastime at the high school among the girls is running high, it being the first time this division of the co-eds have had a chance to shine on the athletic field.

The girls are giving big credit for their new team to R. M. Tollison, coach, and Miss Macie Parham, athletic supervisor. Both went to Casar with the team, and helped the children pull their first batch of chestnuts out of the fire.

The team is eagerly looking forward to get into their "tin can" gym, for basketball, after the first of the year. Superintendent Griffin promising that this addition to the school equipment will be completed during the holiday term.

ATKINS NEW HEAD OF EPWORTH BODY SHELBY DISTRICT

Between 350 and 400 Leaguers Attend Interesting Meeting At Central Church

J. W. Atkins, publisher of the Gastonia Gazette and former head of the N. C. Press association, is the new president of the Shelby district Epworth League union. Mr. Atkins along with other new officers was elected at a meeting of the union held at Central Methodist church here last Friday night.

The other officers elected were Mrs. C. G. Adams, I. Stanley, vice-president, and Miss Grace Lowe, of Lowell, secretary and treasurer.

Meet In Gastonia The next meeting of the union will be held at West End church in Gastonia.

The high note of the meeting here was the inspiring address of Mr. J. C. Newton, secretary of the Shelby chamber of commerce, his topic being "The Young Peoples' Place in the Church." Those in attendance termed it one of the most interesting talks ever made before the body. Other features of the program were musical selections by the Shelby high school orchestra and solos by Miss Lucy Harmon.

It is estimated that between 350 and 400 young folks attended the meeting.

Boy Lassoos Big Hawk By Tossing Cap On Its Head

Youngsters at Dover Mill Frustrates Hawk Stealing One of His Hens by Trick.

Luther Floyd, aged 11 years, is the hawk rodeo champion of Shelby and his pal, L. C. Hardin jr., aged 10, is a mighty good helper.

One day recently the two boys were playing in a yard at the home in the Dover mill village when suddenly a big hawk swooped down out of the air and nabbed up a hen from the yard. Just as the hawk cleared the ground and started to soar away with his prey young Floyd yanked off his cap and threw it at the hawk attempting to frighten the marauder. The cap accomplished the job. The hawk's head and fell down over its eyes. Temporarily blinded the hawk swooped to the ground where it was caught by the boys.

The hawk measured 24-inch from wing tip to wing tip, it is understood, it being measured after being killed.

Mrs. McSwain Has Head Cut In Car Accident Sunday

Injured Lady Able To Return Home After Treatment At Shelby Hospital

Mrs. R. L. McSwain received a severe laceration of the forehead late Sunday evening when the McSwain car collided with a car parked on West Warren street. A Hamrick girl, who is employed at Rose's store, also received slight injuries, it is said.

The McSwains with the Hamrick girl were motoring up Warren street and becoming blinded by the lights of an approaching car the McSwain car struck the bumper of a car parked against the street curb, Mrs. McSwain being thrown against the windshield. She was taken to the hospital for treatment and it is understood several stitches were necessary to close the cut on her head. However, she was able to return to her home following treatment here.

Mooreboro Man Hurt At Gaffney

Hiram Turner Fell In Crosscut Saw at Lumber Yard. Injures Knee

Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 13.—Hiram Turner, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Turner, of Mooreboro, was severely injured here when he fell against a crosscut saw at Weaver and McMillan's lumber yard, where he was working. His left knee-cap was almost severed. Physician who dressed the injury said it is likely his leg will be stiff for life.

Evangelistic Services

Rev. A. C. Miller, jr., held religious services for the deaf mutes at High Point, Sunday and next Sabbath he has an appointment to preach in Charlotte at 11 a. m. and in the afternoon at Concord.