

The cold wave predicted for today and tomorrow seems to be approaching and to tide over the spell local weather prophets are predicting a blanket of snow.

There are 44,000 illiterate white women in North Carolina, says an interesting article in today's paper.

Poultry may prove a saving sideline to the farmers of Cleveland county in the opinion of O. Max Gardner.

The new register of deeds may attain a marriage record. He started six couples off within seven days.

Will the eight miles difference in routing knock Shelby off the proposed extension of the P. & N?

Old vets and their widows in Cleveland county have a tidy little sum of money for Yuletide holidays. Their pension checks arrived at the clerk's office yesterday.

A football game for Shelby as Christmas day entertainment now seems likely according to information reaching The Star. The game if it comes through will see many former stars in action.

Cleveland county youngsters are invited to write letters to Santa Claus and send them to The Star for publication.

Shelby is now headquarters for one division of Kiwanis in the Carolinas according to a dispatch from Kinston.

Two of the best trained legal minds in Western Carolina engaged in an argument today in recorder's court much to the delight of court spectators who are missing a run of sensational court cases.

How many bands and students yell when college debating teams get together? How much difference is there in the status of debating and football in North Carolina colleges? Read the editorials in today's paper.

Shelby Has Two Tax Rates, One For Old, One New

Monday's Star credited the Raleigh News and Observer as saying that Shelby has the third lowest municipal tax rate of any town of similar size in North Carolina. This is true and not true. Shelby has two tax rates for a period of three years after the extension of the corporate limits. When the city limits were extended the territory added was excused from paying any part on the outstanding bond issues for a period of three years, therefore for three years the new territory has a rate of 88 cents per \$100 property valuation, while the old territory has a tax rate of \$1.25 per \$100 valuation. At the expiration of the three year period the tax rates will be uniform in the old and new territory and at that time both rates will be changed. The statement by the News and Observer was based on the rate that prevails in the new territory and on this basis the rate makes Shelby have a very low rate. The 88 cents rate in the old territory compares favorably with towns of like size in North Carolina.

New Water Plant Is Accepted Today

The city's new water plant was accepted today when the engineers completed the figures and passed a bill to the city clerk, Mrs. Suttle, for payment in full. The amount which the city paid Tucker and Larson, general contractors and Geo. Mauney, grading contractor, was \$142,566.70. This, however, is not all of the expense. There have been a number of extras to pay outside of these two contractors and several expenditures will be made later. The reservoir will be located in the grounds beautified with grass and shrubbery and a dwelling erected for the plant manager.

At a recent meeting of the city fathers, Spencer Elliott was chosen as night man to assist Mr. Hugh Jones, the plant superintendent.

Mrs. Wallace Home From Raleigh Meet

Mrs. Irma Wallace has returned from Raleigh where she attended a ten day meeting for home and farm agents of North Carolina. She reports a most interesting gathering and one that will be profitable to her in her work in Cleveland as home economics demonstrator. Miss Maude Wallace who was in Cleveland county during the milk campaign and did such effective work, has returned to her duties after a ten months leave of absence.

Modern Beauty and the Beast



Miss Gretchen Brown of Kankakee, Ill. is shown holding the halter of Black Reveler, prize winning steer at the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. She was the entry of the University of Illinois.

Another Lutz Child Typhoid Victim-- Two Others Ill

Second Child in Family of Four Suffering With Typhoid Fever, Dies Later. Within seven hours after the death of Bryte Lutz, eleven years old child of Mr. Marvin L. Lutz, prominent farmer of the Belwood section, Boyt, a ten year old brother of the deceased, fell victim to the same disease, making two deaths in the family the same day, one of the most tragic incidents since the epidemic of influenza some years ago. Bryte Lutz died Monday morning at 5:30 o'clock a victim of typhoid and pneumonia and at 1:25 the same day, William Boyt, age ten, followed his older sister on her way to the celestial home.

Series of Misfortunes. A series of misfortunes have followed in the family of Mr. Lutz. Their dear mother, who before marriage was Miss Mamie Elliott, died September 8th, 1924. She was true to her home and to her loving, a most faithful and joyous mother whose passing was sad indeed. Since her death, three of the children have followed her to the grave, the second death in the family being John Dwight just 16 months old when he passed in May, 1925.

Two of the other children are now left in bed suffering with typhoid, supposed to have originated in the family from drinking polluted well water. Reports from their bedside this morning is that their condition, however, is very encouraging. Pearl's fever has now apparently broken. Lois, however, is just now in the first stages and her condition is fairly good. The two cold forms of the children lay at the home Monday night and about 100 friends of the Belwood community gathered at the home to pay their sympathy to the bereaved father.

Double Funeral. The two little children are survived by their faithful father, Mr. M. L. Lutz who was born and reared in the Belwood section; by their oldest sister, Inez, who has since the death of her mother played the role of mother in the home; by Robert, their oldest brother; by Everett; and by the two who are yet in bed, Pearl and Lois. The last tribute of respect was paid the double scene of sorrow at the Kadesh church, Tuesday 14th, at 12 o'clock. Their little playmates and Sunday school friends tottered along in sacred mourning, as flower bearers in memoriam for their loved companions whom God had called from their midst. Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, assisted by Rev. J. M. Morgan, conducted the funeral rites a large crowd, including the Belwood school, witnessed the scene as the bodies were given back to mother earth. The flowers and designs were well becoming to the occasion, symbolizing the budding of souls to bloom in a better world.

Shelby May Have Holiday Football. Former gridiron stars of Forest City and Shelby may meet in a game in Shelby on Christmas day provided enough interest in a post-season football game is shown here. That's the word from Harry Grigg, former Shelby star, who has been trying to arrange a post-season game.

Grigg first had the idea of arranging a game between old Shelby stars and the South Carolina upstate champs of Gaffney, but he has received a letter from Coach Carson saying that the state athletic association has refused to let Gaffney participate in such a contest. Grigg, who is employed at Forest City writes "I hear there is some likelihood of a Shelby-Charlotte game on Christmas. If that game should fail to come through I think I can arrange one between former Forest City stars and a picked eleven provided enough interest is shown."

The terms quoted would be 10 percent to the Shelby American Legion to sponsor the game with the remainder to be split 50-50 between the two teams. Grigg proposes to play with Forest City and hopes that Capt. Fred Logan, of N. C. State, or some other Shelby star will line up an eleven here to oppose his team. Grigg's team seems definite and apparently it is now up to the local legion post to arrange an opposing outfit and put the holiday sport event over, giving Shelby her first taste of pro football. Anyone interested in the proposed game is urged to get in communication with the former Shelby star at Forest City.

STAR WILL PUBLISH SANTA LETTERS

Any toddling youngster who desires to write a letter to "Old Sandy" and tell the Christmas visitor what he or she wants for Christmas may now do so and The Star will publish the letter so that the jolly old fellow, a regular reader of The Star, may hear of the childish desires. Several Santa Claus letters have already come in to The Star office and beginning Friday a department will be given over to these letters following an annual custom of the

CHRISTMAS COIN COMES FOR VETS OF THIS COUNTY

186 Checks Arrive For Veterans And Widows of Civil War Soldiers

Tottering old veterans of the War Between the States have a little pocket money for Christmas. The semi-annual pension checks for 186 veterans and widows have arrived at the office of clerk of court A. M. Hamrick and are ready for distribution.

One hundred and nine of the checks are for widows of veterans who have passed on and 79 checks are for veterans still living. Out of this number it is estimated that several have died since the last pension checks were sent out. Just how many will be able to personally call for their checks remains to be seen. Two of the 79 checks for men are for two old colored men who served with their white masters during the war.

Clerk Hamrick says that the checks must be applied for in person and if the veterans or the widows are physically unable to come for their checks they must send someone who will make affidavit that the veteran cannot do so. The checks for the veterans are \$100 each and for the widows \$50 each, which is a total of \$13,150.

COLD WAVE HITS DISTRICT TODAY

The long predicted cold spell for this section seems to be en route.

This section today noticed a considerable drop in the temperature that continued throughout the day, and as the press association writers announced "King Winter seems to have left his calling card under the door of the South this morning." Local weather prophets predicted a snow today or tomorrow, but the steady drizzle of early morning has held forth all day.

The Bureau Says

The officials weather forecast for the South today read: "Heralded by rapidly declining thermometers as far as Florida and snow and rain in some sections, the wintry bite of a cold wave sweeping down out of the northeast was felt throughout the south today. From Virginia to Kentucky the forecast generally was for colder weather, with sub-freezing temperatures expected in several states of the far south."

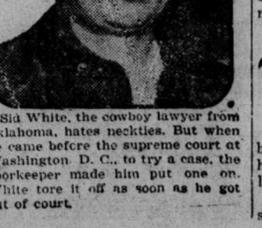
Snow Falling

Snow began falling in west Tennessee early last night, with the mercury hovering around 28 degrees and overcast skies giving promise of more inclement weather. Chattanooga prepared for a drop here in temperature to 18 degrees by morning and the state generally expected below freezing weather.

Northern Alabama shivered under the approach of the cold wave late yesterday, with a 20 degree rading at Huntsville and still colder weather predicted for today. Slight moderation of the cold in Kentucky that brought a minimum temperature of 18 degrees to Louisville yesterday was forecast for today to the accompaniment of snow, although a drop to 10 degrees in the early morning hours was expected there.

Snow also was predicted for Louisiana and Arkansas, while cloudy skies and probable rain was the outlook for Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi.

Necktie? No!



Six White, the cowboy lawyer from Oklahoma, hates neckties. But when he came before the supreme court at Washington, D. C., to try a case, the doorkeeper made him put one on. White tore it off as soon as he got out of court.

P & N ROUTE NOW MATTER OF SAVING ON CONSTRUCTION

Reports Has It That Shelby Route Would Be Eight Miles Longer Than Other Route.

The construction cost of eight miles, more or less, of railroad track deprive Shelby of being on the proposed extension of the P. & N. from Gastonia to Spartanburg. That's the deduction local boosters of the Shelby route have derived from what information they could secure about the extension from Charlotte.

However, business men interested in bringing the extension this way say that Shelby may get the road despite the extra eight miles. In fact some of them including Secretary Clint Newton, of the Chamber of Commerce, seems to think that Shelby will be on the extension.

Mr. Newton in discussing the matters says that directors of the P. and N. well realize the rich territory that would be opened up should the P. and N. come this way and that it is useless to try to tell them more, but that the decision to a great extent depends on the actual survey of the proposed routes by the road engineers. That is where the eight miles comes in. It has been estimated that the Shelby route would be eight miles farther than the route proposed much along the route of the main line Southern. Whether or not freight revenues by way of Shelby will be large enough to overcome the distance of eight miles develops into the question mark.

In the meantime, however, no definite information about the proposed route has been heard from Charlotte. According to Mr. W. S. Lee's statement "The newspapers are not routing out extension and such will not be done until our engineers complete their surveys."

Baptist Minute Book Published

From the presses of the Kings Mountain Herald, the minutes of the Kings Mountain Baptist association which was held at Kings Mountain October 5th and 6th, have been issued. Clerk G. G. Page of the association was in Shelby yesterday and left a supply with Mr. George Blanton at the First National bank, Mr. Blanton being treasurer of the association. Churches may obtain their allotment from Mr. Blanton by calling at the bank.

The pages bear the likeness of Rev. A. C. Irvin and Rev. G. P. Bostick, two saintly ministers who gave their lives to the Cause of Christ. Both Irvin and Bostick were early Baptist ministers, Mr. Irvin laboring in the Master's vineyard at home and Mr. Bostick serving in the mission fields of China for over a third of a century. The minute books is printed in large type and is compiled with a great deal of care. The next session of the association will be held with the Double Shoals church October 3rd and 4th.

COTTON MARKETS

(By Jno. F. Clark and Co.)

Cotton was quoted on the New York Exchange at noon today: Jan. 12.09; March 12.33; May 12.56; July 12.75; October 12.94; Dec. 12.45. Liverpool 12:30 p m Jan. 4, Mch. 2. May 4 am points better than due Oct. as due. Southern weather last night cloudy 18 to 25 in north Texas and Okla., unfavorable for picking. Memphis special says indifference of spinners and merchants so far as demand for actual cotton is concerned is pretty well matched by indifference of owners about selling. Heavy 'Christmas selling' has not materialized anywhere in the south. This attitude on part of owners is due to a widespread belief that cotton is as low as it is going and if held may be saleable at higher prices. Moderate business in North street, prices little easier. Southern spot markets sold 28,300 bales, Dallas 1110, Augusta 1150. Look for narrow trading market for a while. CLEVELAND.

Christmas Cheer Producer Found

Deputy R. B. Fortenberry today brought in to the sheriff's office here a 50-gallon copper still recently captured by him near Rockdale. No liquor was captured with the still it is understood.

SHELBY'S DEAF EVANGELISTS

Andrew C. Miller, Jr., the only ordained deaf evangelist in the Presbyterian church of America, and his wife Rachelle, who assists him with silent song in his services. Mr. Miller in the accompanying photo is singing "Jesus" with his hands, while his wife is singing with her hands the words "Nearer My God to Thee. (Story in second section.)



44,000 White Women In North Carolina Unable To Read Says University Report—Leads Nation

Forty-four thousand native white illiterate women, almost 10 per cent of the total of 477,128 to be found in the whole country, live in North Carolina, according to the December 15 issue of the University News Letter. In no other state in the Union is to be found as many of these women "that God forgot," according to the 1920 census figures through Kentucky, with 42,763 and Tennessee, with 39,250, run a close second and third. From a numerical standpoint, the record of Nevada, where there are only 53 white women over 21 years of age who can't read and write, is best. A startling feature of the census report, as featured in the News Letter, is that in 1850, 70 years before the 1920 count, there were only 72-234 illiterate white women. The reduction, therefore, has been less than 20 per cent. The 1850 figures for North Carolina, with a total of 47,327, show an even smaller reduction.

Country Women

"With rare exceptions," says the article in the News Letter written by Dr. E. C. Branson, which is, in turn, quoted from his recent story in the World's Work, "they are country women, born and reared in the lonely, lowly homes of the sparsely settled rural regions of the United States. In North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama they swarm out of their dreary country homes in large numbers into the cotton mills. In New York, Maine and Pennsylvania they are descendants of devalitized stock. Everywhere, native white illiteracy of all ages and sexes is a country problem. It long ago disappeared in our towns and cities, or nearly so. Nine tenths of it is rural. Not so in the north and west where for the most part illiteracy is foreign born in city and country regions alike."

Native-born White Women

"They are not negro women nor women of foreign birth. They are native-born white women twenty-one years old and over, who cannot write their names or read a newspaper or their Bibles. In round numbers 477 thousand of them. So read the dull figures of illiteracy in the 1920 census. This in America, whose other name is said to be Opportunity! And after three hundred and ten years of history! "They are the women God forgot—thin and wrinkled in youth from ill-prepared food, clad without warmth or grace, living in untidy houses, working from daylight to bedtime at the dull round of weary duties, the mothers of joyless children, worn out by excessive child-bearing, and encrusted in a shell of dull content with their lot in life. They are the forgotten women lamented by Walter Hines Page in an address delivered in his home state twenty-five years ago, and I have described them in his phrases."

POULTRY IS WAY OUT PROBLEM OF COUNTY FARMERS

Chicks, Cows and Hogs Will Relieve Agricultural Trouble Gardner Thinks.

Chicks, cows and hogs to balance the farm see-saw with cotton is the solution of Cleveland county's farm problem with the biggest crop of cotton ever to sell at a price below production cost, according to the opinion of O. Max Gardner, farm leader and organizer of the Cleveland county farm board. "I'm glad to see that The Star is pointing out and detailing to readers the successful examples of poultry farming in Cleveland county," Mr. Gardner stated. "It is the best way out of a bad economical mire on the farm in my opinion," he added.

"Chickens, and chicken alone can get our farmers back on their feet after a hefty blow by the cotton flop, but add to the chickens hundreds of good dairy cows, several score good brood sows and a little more diversification and in a few years Cleveland county shouldn't have a worry about what happens to cotton."

The article published in The Star showing the advantage of diversification as illustrated in the Turner poultry farm near Earl is being published over a wide territory in the South by many newspapers that are urging diversification on their farmers.

ATTORNEYS ARGUE TECHNICAL POINT IN WRECK AFFAIR

Hoey And Gardner Have Interesting Courtroom Tilt Over Kings Mtn. Case

Courtroom spectators of the county recorder's court were afforded some side entertainment this morning when Attorneys Clyde R. Hoey and O. Max Gardner engaged in an argumentative tilt concerning a technical admission in the case of State vs. Roy Crowder, including a series of charges against the defendant owing to an automobile wreck on November 6.

Hoey's theory apparently carried with the court and the case was continued until next Tuesday to enable the defense counsel to secure a so-called important witness.

From what evidence was introduced it seems that on November 6, a car driven by Roy Crowder, the defendant in the case, and another car driven by Miss Inez Bennett, of Kings Mountain, collided on the Kings Mountain-Shelby highway beyond the Buffalo bridge. Mrs. Charles Oates, Mrs. Joe Bennett and others riding in the Bennett car were injured. Mrs. Oates receiving severe injuries to the scalp according to the testimony of a physician. In the warrant Crowder was charged with assault with deadly weapon—an automobile—with operating a car under the influence of liquor and with receiving, possessing and transporting.

As witnesses were called to the stand and the case proceeded M. Gardner, who with Attorney J. Davis, assisted in the prosecution. Mr. Gardner started to show the condition of the defendant at the time of the wreck, whereupon Mr. Hoey objected. In the argument that followed it developed that one of the defense witnesses, who swore that the defendant was sober 10 minutes before the wreck was not present and Mr. Hoey claimed that the prosecuting counsel agreed before the trial to admit that the defendant was sober as this witness would testify. The prosecution, however, declared that it did admit the defendant was sober in Kings Mountain, but he not agreed to admit that he was sober at the time of the wreck and saw no reason why it could not be shown he was under the influence of liquor at the time of the wreck even if sober at a prior period. The defense contended then that they had a right to have the witness in court and had agreed to try the case only with such admissions or with that witness. The argument continued over several minutes prior to the ruling of Judge Mull that the defense might have the case continued until the necessary witness could be secured.

Considering the auspicious opening of the case it is likely that the hearing set for Tuesday will draw an even more interested gallery of spectators.

New Register Gets 'Em Married Off; Six Knots So Far

A. F. Newton in Office Seven Days Issues License For Six Marriages. December Record.

A. F. Newton, 'Tater Andy' to hundreds of farmers who voted to make him register of deeds, is providing himself a wizard at Dan Cupid's own little game of getting single blessedness turned into matrimonial happiness—or a divorce court.

At the completion of his seventh day in office Mr. Newton has issued license for the marriage of six couples. What county officer has ever created more happiness in his first week in office?

So far December holds its record of being a good marrying month because it is a holiday month. With only 13 days gone eight couples have received marriage license. Seven of the eight were white couples and one was colored. The white couples were: John Henry Bumgardner and Hulda Smith; John D. Dedmon and Mattie Gray; T. A. Davis and Mattie Bridges; Andrew C. Jenkins and Sadie White; Audie Ledwell and Lilly Earls; Berry McSwain and Eula Brooks R. T. Wilson and Lillie Blanton.

Ella Mill Folks Banquet Saturday

A banquet of the superintendents, assistants, overseers, and foremen of the Ella mill, of the Consolidated Textile corporation, will be held at the central hotel Saturday night according to an announcement by J. R. Wike, superintendent. A special program of entertainment with the Christmas touch has been prepared. On the same night employees of the Shelby cotton mills will be banqueted at Cleveland Springs, as has been announced heretofore by The Star.