

Record warm weather for February and the trees budding. The groundhog's prophecy will be all the harder, believers say.

Evolution, it seems, just will be the big topic at the present legislative session according to the INS. dispatch.

The Shelby High basketball team scored a second victory over Belmont Abbey here last week and play two big games with Kings Mountain this week. Meantime Lattimore reversed things and beat Kings Mountain.

Two Shelby high school girls won both Webb medals in the annual contests held here Friday night.

A man suggested that bobbed hair should be taxed and now another reader comes along and would tack a tax on shaves.

A citizen of Three County Corners was killed in an automobile wreck near Belwood Saturday, the wreck resulting from an overturned car.

Cotton brought 14 cents per pound last week in Gastonia according to a news item in this issue.

Is sidewalk skating prohibited in Shelby? You should know after reading all the news today.

A rainbow in the early morning was a freak of nature noticed here today, says an item.

The water supply of Cleveland county is getting scarce as many wells remain dry. Prayer is urged in a communication today.

Officers along the South Carolina line are nabbing quite a number of stills, recent news items indicate.

Grover's industry is related in The Star today.

The spring sunshine of Saturday brought many shoppers to town.

Personal items, visits, church news, community happenings—in brief, all the news of Cleveland county—in The Star three times each week.

Sunshine Brings Shopping Crowds

Regular Spring Weather In February Gives Streets Packed Appearance Saturday

Saturday was a spring day as to weather and also shopping as local merchants look at it.

The business streets here were packed with what was estimated as the biggest crowd since the holiday shopping season late in the old year. And that despite the fact that it was only three days following the bobbing out and back in of the ground hog.

Just what amount of shopping the Saturday crowds did is not known but a big percentage of those swarming the streets carried packages and such means that the merchants are doing business.

Quite a number of merchants report a big demand for Spring clothing. Meantime the ground hog in a reluctant interview says "Just wait. It'll be all the harder when my prophecy comes true."

Woman's Exchange Opened Saturday

Women May Now Sell Their Surplus Commodities at Quinn's Drug Store for 10 Percent

The members of the Home Economics department of the Woman's club will open a Woman's Exchange for the purpose of helping the Cleveland county women, both town and country, to dispose of their surplus commodities, and also to encourage home production by furnishing a market for such things.

This exchange will be opened at Dewitt Quinn's new drug store, just around the corner on South Washington street. The hours are 9 to 12 and 2 to 5, Saturdays. The exchange will open Saturday, February 5th at 9 o'clock.

Rules: Ten percent will be charged for everything sold. There will be no reduction in the price of anything offered for sale. The exchange will not be responsible for anything not sold. It will be run on a strictly cash basis.

So many Shelby ladies have requested a curb market, that we are expecting wonderful cooperation in this project. All ladies are invited to attend the opening on Saturday, whether you wish to buy or sell, or just come to see what we have.

Tobacco seed was treated for 240 farmers at a meeting held in Reidsville by County Agent F. S. Walker recently.

Shelby High Girls Take Both Selma Webb Medals

Mary Sue Borders Wins Recitation Contest And Maude Rollins Wins Essay. Good Crowd

The two annual Selma C. Webb medals went to two Shelby high school students Friday night when Mary Sue Borders won the recitation contest and Maude Rollins copped high honors in the essay contest.

Eight young high school girls of the county contested for the recitation medal and all made fine impression on the judges who after some consideration awarded the honor to Miss Borders. Her subject was "Angels' Wickedness."

The auditorium, main floor and gallery, of the school was packed with friends and relatives of the contestants, it being one of the biggest crowds assembled at the local school this year. Judges of the recitation contest were Prof. O. L. Normant, and Misses Gladys Commander and Jeanette Davis, of the Gastonia schools faculty. The medal was presented by Mr. Normant. Miss Margaret Dhreitzberg, of Kings Mountain, acted as judge in the essay contest, being

assisted by two members of the Kings Mountain high school faculty. The subject of Maude Rollins' winning essay was "Are We Equal to Our Task."

In addition to the regular program there were musical selections. Two numbers were offered by the boys quartet of Lattimore and two by the girls chorus of Boiling Springs.

Their Subjects The following were in the recitation contest, their subjects also being given: Alma Bell, "The Little Rebel," Boiling Springs; Lucretia Hord, "The Other Wise Men," Piedmont; Aileen Whitworth, "The Death Disc," Waco; Leatha Boheler, "The Soul of the Violin," Grover; Mary Agnes Lattimore, "Hannah Tripe in Court," Lattimore; Lucy Sain, "Tommy Brown," Belwood; Midge Downs, "Good Night Papa," Casar; Mary Sue Borders, "Angels' Wickedness," Shelby.

PINE TREES BEAR LOADS OF SWEET

John Bunk Borders Says His Bees Are Feasting on Sweet Sap From Pine Trees

Pine trees are bearing "scads" of sweetness on which the bees are feasting like unto a balmy Spring May-day, according to John Bunk Borders who was in town Saturday from his farm below Shelby. He brought with him a few pine tops, seeking information which The Star could not give. On the other hand The Star listened to John Bunk and was convinced that most of what he said was true because he had the evidence with him. In the pine tops, a sort of weevil—a "boll weevil" if you please—is working on the bark. When the weevil punctures the bark, a sap oozes out. One would think this sap was resin because that's what The Star found it to be when he was a boy. Not so with John Bunk's specimen. The sap seems to crystallize when exposed to the air and when tasted, it is "as sweet as sugar."

John Bunk has 17 hives of bees. They are leaving their home every day and go straight to the pine boughs to get this new nectar which is found in abundance. Mr. Lawson A. Gettys who raised bees back up in Rutherford county in the nineties is somewhat of an authority on bee culture. He dropped into the office about the time John Bunk was here and declared that pine tree sweetness is an attraction to bees but honey made from this stays in the comb and crystallizes so hard it is unfit to use.

When John Bunk hove upon the scene and poured out his story, our first conclusion was that he had discovered a new pest that is spelling death and destruction to the pine forests, or that he had discovered a new source of sugar supply or that John was just trying to pull a stunt by bringing in a pine bough which he had dipped into a barrel of molasses. But Mr. Borders has discovered something entirely new and furnishes proof that pine trees are oozing sweet nectar for the bees to feast on.

Mrs. Vic Roberts Is Badly Burned

Blacksburg Woman is Severely Burned When Gasoline Explodes. Patient Here.

Mrs. Vic Roberts, wife of Dr. Roberts of Blacksburg is a patient in the Shelby hospital where she was brought Saturday with severe burns about the body, sustained when a can of gasoline exploded as she was pouring the contents into the fire box of the kitchen stove. Mrs. Roberts was making a fire and thought she picked up a can of kerosene, but it proved to be a more volatile substance. When the explosion took place she screamed and her husband rushed to her side, carried her into the yard where he applied sand to the flames. Neighbors heard screams and came to their assistance, but it was not until Mrs. Roberts was severely burned before the flaming clothes were extinguished. Dr. Roberts was burned about the hands in fighting the fire and his injuries were dressed when both came to the hospital Saturday.

NOVELTY MILLS HAS 250 SALESMEN OUT

Grover Has a Factory Selling Bedspreads in Thousands of Homes In Nation

Grover has a textile plant that is turning out popular priced bedspreads that are sold in thousands of homes throughout the nation. This plant is Grover's biggest industry and also the biggest patron of Uncle Sam's postoffice at that place. In fact it buys more stamps than all other Grover patrons put together. Charlie Harry started the Minette Mills a number of years ago and it has been very successful. There was a time when he sold the entire output to Sears, Roebuck and company, shipping his bedspreads to them in car lots. Now he ships to jobbers and wholesalers, but some years ago that was the mill direct to the trade. F. B. Edwards is in charge of this department and he is as busy as a one-eyed man at a three ring circus, directing the affairs of the department.

Mr. Edwards, by the way is the son of a missionary who served for 17 years in Mexico under the Presbyterian church. He is a quick, courteous, young fellow—business every minute. Two hundred and fifty salesmen are covering the South and every state north from New York to Arizona selling Rainbow Novelty bedspreads from house-to-house. These salesmen have a full line of samples and the patterns are changed every season. All shades and colors are offered and many patterns have that silky rayon finish.

The spread cloth comes from the Minette Mill nearby. Men cut off the lengths, then women run the edges through machines at a rapid rate to put in the scallop. It takes about two minutes to scallop a spread. Then the spreads are neatly folded, packed carefully, wrapped in heavy blue paper, labelled and sent to the customers in various states. A negro man is kept busy from morning until night hauling the packages to the post-office and express office.

The Rainbow Novelty Mills is a big little industry for Cleveland. It has brought Grover into prominence more than any other one thing and the way Harry and Edwards work, the two plants are destined to grow much larger.

Texas Physician Visits In Shelby

Dr. Anderson, Head of Texas Health Department, Visits Gidney Families Here.

Dr. James C. Anderson of Plainview, Texas, was a distinguished visitor Saturday and Sunday in the homes of Dr. R. M. Gidney and Mrs. Lamar C. Gidney. Dr. Anderson is head of the health department of Texas, and is on a tour of inspection of that department of the states of Tennessee, Alabama, and North Carolina. He says these states have the best health organization of any of the Southern states. Dr. Anderson and Dr. Charles C. Gidney have been partners in the practise of medicine for 33 years.

CAR TURNS OVER AND GEO. PRUETT DIES IN MISHAP

Accident Saturday Morning Near Belwood Claims Life of One. Injuries Others

George Pruett, age about 40 years and a native of Three County Corners, is dead as a result of his car turning over about 10:30 Saturday morning near the home of Randolph Peeler about two miles north of Belwood.

According to information learned by telephone the radius rod suddenly broke and the car, occupied by Pruett, his brother and another, hurdled over. In the impact it is said that Pruett's head was crushed, his neck broken, and his arm fractured. It is reported from the section that he breathed for about five minutes following the crash but was in a hopeless condition.

Ca. Caught Fire. Added to the seriousness of the occasion it is said was the fact that the car caught on fire immediately after turning over, but the flames were extinguished before any of the occupants were burned, it is said.

The two other occupants of the car were injured also, it is said, one report having it that their injuries were severe while another was to the effect that they were little more than painful. It was said on the streets here that one of the others was in the hospital here but hospital officials said neither had been entered up until late Saturday evening.

The car at the time of the fatal accident was en route to Shelby it was learned. The man fatally injured is well known in the Three County Corners section and is said to be a brother of Mrs. Evitt Crowder, who lives in the Polkville section.

Mr. Williamson Claimed By Death

Brother-in-law of Former Chief of Police Here Dies in South Carolina Home.

Mr. Bright Williamson, one of the best known agricultural leaders of South Carolina, died suddenly at his home in Darlington, S. C., Saturday. Mr. Williamson married a Shelby girl, Miss Maggie Jones a sister of the late Chief Shelton Jones of Shelby and has visited here on a number of occasions where he had friends among the older people.

Bright Williamson was interested in many of the business enterprises of the Pee Dee section of the state, and was recognized as a leader in state affairs. Until the dissolution of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers association a few months ago, he was one of the directors of that body. He was engaged in the banking business, and also was interested in the oil, phosphate and brick industries.

Born near Darlington on March 3, 1861, Mr. Williamson was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Martha (McIver) Williamson. He received his education at Sandy Ridge academy, Kings Mountain Military school, the University of Virginia, and Eastman's Business college. In 1889, he became cashier of the Bank of Darlington, later becoming president.

Raleigh.—(INS)—Collections of gasoline taxes, automobile licenses and title registration fees are coming in faster this year than they did last year.

This information was contained in figures furnished today by the Automobile bureau of the State department of revenue. Collections for the first seven months of the current fiscal year totalled \$10,631,278, compared with \$7,984,326 for the corresponding period in the preceding fiscal year it was announced.

THE "BOBBER" WAR APPEARS ON NOW

Not long since a reader wrote to The Star and stated that Shelby should have a town tax on all hair bobbed in the local barbershops. Apparently the feminine followers of the bob feel that they have the privilege of having their hair cut just as they please without taxation. Any way here's the reply of one: "If one woman could have her way no man over 15 years of age would have his upper lip and chin shaved without paying a tax."

River Steamers Right at Your Door



Recent flood waters of the Ohio river swept into the streets of Cincinnati and other Ohio cities recently. Here is one of the big river steamers which went visiting in the business district at the foot of Main street, Cincinnati.

Mercury Climbed Above 70 Sunday For Near Record February Heat

Spring bonnets might have been worn to Sunday services yesterday in Shelby such was the unusual February weather. Likewise the groundhog lost the third inning of his game with the weather man.

As for the heat, old-timers are arguing about whether or not it was the "hottest February day" the remember and the Ebeltoft thermometer lines up with those who think it was. The highest point reached by the mercury and noticed by Mr. Ebeltoft was 72 degrees. That may, or may not, be a record here but few folks remember when the mercury was higher than 72 on February 5.

From Charlotte comes the information that the weather bureau there recorded Sunday as the hottest February day ever. The mercury climbed to 79 degrees before it halted at 3:30 in the afternoon. The next hottest day on record there was February 25, 1890, when the thermometer registered 78.6. Wilmington reported 71 degrees,

the hottest February day there since 1880 when the same level was reached.

Trees Bud; Flowers Out. With such unusual weather for February local students of nature are wondering as to the result on trees and flowers. About Shelby many trees, pears and early peaches, are budding and seem about to burst in bloom. A tour of the city will reveal many spring flowers already in bloom and lawns are taking on a general spring appearance. Does this mean that another cold snap will kill the trees and flowers for the spring? Among the old timers are those who remember when the trees budded early and then pulled a freak of nature by budding again when the real spring arrived. Such however happens only a few times in a century, and the budding elms on the court square, the pear and peach trees may not bud again this year. Of course the warm weather may hold and such will not be necessary. But such isn't likely.

Cotton Was Worth 14 Cents Pound Last Week On Market At Gastonia

"What's the price of cotton?" That's the near approach to the fighting words in Cleveland county these days with a 45,000-bale crop hovering over to be sold at an even dozen cents per pound or maybe a cent or two more.

Out in No. 1 township it is said several farmers were offered 14 cents per pound last week, but generally speaking the county markets were weaker. More to the tune of 13 cents than 14.

Over in Gaston the market reached 14 cents per pound. Believe it or not, but here's the actual dope from an issue of the Gastonia Gazette of late in the week:

"Cotton jumped up one-fourth of a cent and the price is now 14 1/4 cents per pound. The farmers evidently knew of the increase coming this way because a dozen or more loads of seed cotton have been seen in several parts of the city, all headed towards the local gin. Something like 35 or 40 bales of cotton were seen at one time or another, and these were headed for the platform.

"The price of lint cotton has been increasing gradually from

the lowest price of 11 cents to the present price over a range of several months. In spite of all talk about the enormous carry-over of ten million bales or more, the market appears to be stabilized as to present rice, and those growers who have held their bales over a few weeks are receiving a much better price.

"Cottonseed is now selling at 36 cents per bushel, having advanced to that figure from the lowest price of 27 cents. The price on local cotton in Charlotte as given out in The Observer, is now 13 1/2 cents. Growers in this section have always claimed that more can be secured for the staple here in Gastonia than in any neighboring town. The above figures seem to prove it.

"With this unseasonable weather, warm as April, farmers are willing to let loose of their last year's crop in order to buy seed, fertilizer for the preparing of another crop, most of them through this part of the county are not unmindful of the dangers attendant upon another huge cotton crop, and have diversified in view as a mean of helping with the good work."

Triple Electrocution Seems Likely For North Carolina On 11th March

Officers Capture Two Booze Plants

Deputies Buren Dedmon and Charlie Shepherd added two distilleries to their lists by captures made last week.

On Friday the two officers nabbed one still somewhere in the Grover section and on Saturday they annexed another. One was of about 90 gallons capacity and the other of about 35 gallons.

Complete information concerning the captures was not made known as the officers appear to be keeping an eye open for results.

Gafney—A still was destroyed in Antioch section last Wednesday, February 2, and 2,000 gallons of beer was poured out.

Again Thursday, February 3, officers made another raid in the Antioch section. This time two stills were destroyed and 900 gallons of beer was poured out, making a total of 2,900 gallons of beer and three stills being destroyed in two days work east of Broad river.

(By International News Service.) Raleigh.—Will North Carolina, for the first time in history, have a triple electrocution.

It now appears that it will on March 11, unless the hand of Fate intervenes.

March 11 is the day on which Robert Lumpkin and Booker T. Williams, now enjoying a brief lease on life on the strength of an executive reprieve, are sentenced to die.

It is also the doom date of Pearl Mitchell, Chatham county negro, convicted and sentenced to die for the slaying of William Fogleman, aged white merchant of the same county.

Lumpkin and Williams are under sentence of death for the alleged slaying of a Lumberton policeman.

\$250 For a Dance London.—Put up at auction as a "dance partner" at a benefit dance, Miss Adele Astaire, American stage and dancing star, was knocked down to Gordon Selridge, millionaire American department store owner, for the sum of \$250 for one waltz.

ABBAY QUINTET DROPS GAME TO LOCAL TOSSERS

Lattimore Breaks Kings Mountain Rush By Wide Win. Big Games This Week.

Basketball as a major sport in Cleveland county high school flashed into the limelight last week and brought with its performances several surprises and two or three contests of more than usual interest. The lag end of the week turned in several interesting games; Shelby by high's second close victory over the fast Belmont Abbey five, Lattimore's defeat at the hands of Kings Mountain, and the defeat turned into a stinging victory Friday when Lattimore returned the compliments by a double score.

On For This Week. Locally fans are assured several attractive tilts this week. On Tuesday Shelby meets the strong Kings Mountain team there, and, playing at home, Kings Mountain is given the odds. Then on Friday Kings Mountain returns here for a night game. Those two mix-ups will go far towards deciding the county championship. However, Lattimore will still be to be disposed of, a considerable task. Somewhere in the week a game with Lattimore may be sandwiched in here. If not, the Lattimore-Shelby game will come next week.

Good Passing Game. Shelby's game here Friday night with Belmont Abbey was the second of the week and the narrow margin was increased by just one point. In the first clash Shelby won 21 to 19, and Friday night the end of the game found the score deadlocked at 18-18. A five-minute extra period was allowed and in that time Mauney, speedy Shelby forward, caged one foul shot and dribbled his way across the floor for two other points on a field goal. And that was the game 21-18.

Shelby stock took a jump with the victory for the Abbey quint is undoubtedly the best passing school aggregation ever seen in action in these parts. Long shots that struck the rafters hurt the scoring chances of the visitors, who made up in part for their handicaps by keeping the ball for three-fourths of the game. In accurate, consistent, short-shooting was Shelby's win. The locals attempted few long shots and likewise missed very few short ones.

Madigan, husky center of the visitors, was the class of the game—an excellent team leader, a remarkable passer, a fine dribbler and a fair shot. His point total ran up to seven and was equalled only by the seven points scored by Laymon Beam, the veteran scoring power of the Morris' five. That Beam might have led the rangy center in scoring was the opinion of some of Beam's desperate plays brought four personal fouls down on him and removal from the game. The guarding and passing of Gillespie and the floor work of a substitute, Zeno Wall, were good, while Lee caged six points. However, the work of Mauney ranked next to that of Madigan and Beam for it was he who won the game and that's how the scorers view a contest. In the extra five-minute period the man-to-man defense of the Abbey bunch was practically impregnable and it seemed for a time if this extra period end was to find the score locked again, but Mauney getting an opportunity for a free shot secured a point and added to it a few minutes later a beautiful

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DENTISTS GATHER AT SPRINGS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Large Crowd Attends Opening Session First District Dental Society. Fine Program.

Close to 100 dentists coming from First district and from other sections of the state are at Cleveland Springs today attending opening sessions of the annual convention of the First District Dental society.

Many visiting dentists arrived in town yesterday while dozens of others came in this morning by motor. The opening program began at 9 o'clock this morning with Dr. Self society president of Lincoln, in charge. The address of welcome was by Hon. O. Max Gardner. The remainder of the morning was devoted to lectures and papers by prominent dentists and physicians and reports from the convention are that the majority of the papers were very interesting and worthwhile to the assemblage. Other scientific papers and lecture followed the luncheon.

To Elect Officers. At 4:30 this afternoon a business session will be held at which time the annual election of officers will be staged.

Tonight at 7 o'clock the big annual banquet is scheduled and Dr. J. R. Osborne, the humorist-dentist, is toastmaster. The banquet program includes several fine musical numbers and some recitations by Osborne with his quaint dialect.

Progressive clinics are in order for Tuesday morning and in the afternoon golf and other sports are billed for the entertainment of the guests.

Sidewalk Skating Is Not Prohibited

Children Should not Skate in the Streets Where There is Motor Traffic

There is a general impression in Shelby since Christmas and Santa Claus brought many children skates, that they are not allowed by a city ordinance to skate on sidewalks. Such a law, it is understood, was enacted several years ago, but was later repealed and according to Mayor Weathers and Chief B. O. Hamrick there is no law that regulates skating at all. However, the children being under the impression that they are forbidden to skate on the sidewalk, have taken to the streets and this is considered quite dangerous in view of the heavy motor traffic. Children should use the sidewalks and not the streets and Mayor Weathers and Chief Hamrick will suggest to the board of aldermen at a coming meeting that a law be enacted forbidding skating in the streets. There may be some regulation about skating on the sidewalks in the business section where pedestrians are thick. The police authorities have the authority to keep children from forming a line and skating abreast down any public street, interfering with the rights of pedestrians.

Wells Dry About County; Prayers For Water Urged

A Star Reader Says Situation Getting Serious. Thinks Prayers Helped to Bring Rain.

Cleveland county wells have been "going dry" for months, are still going dry and remain dry. From various sections of the county come reports saying that the situation is uncomfortable, say the least. Not long since mention was made of the fact that school children were carrying the drinking water to school in milk bottles because school wells were not strong enough to supply the needs of the children.

There comes a letter this week from a reader of The Star saying that the situation is getting serious and that prayers should be offered for more water. The writer reminds readers that last summer during the drought prayers for rain were offered and the rains came.

—Dies in Gaston—L. E. "Dad" Dalton, a well known citizen of West Gastonia, died at his home Friday night following a brief illness, aged 75. For 25 years he had been confined most of the time to his residence by an infected leg. He had been ill, however, for only a few days. He was a native of Cleveland county and had lived in Gastonia for the past 30 years. He is survived by his wife and six children.