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Child Burns; Man Dies At Auto Wheel

Late News

Chas. C. Blanton, president of the First National bank and one of the most popular and influential men in the county, is doing as well as could be expected at the Shelby hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis Thursday night. His temperature is above normal and he suffers considerably, but no signs of complications have arisen and his physicians and family feel encouraged that his condition is not alarming since his operation was a drainage case.

It is the 'possum-sweet 'tater season of the year in this section. From South LaFayette street comes the report that Willis McMurry, superintendent of the Belmont cotton mill, has a pack of 'possom hounds with a near approach to a record recently. According to the report McMurry with his hounds has captured 72 possums in the section about Shelby and up in the hills about Bens Knob Is it a record.?

ENROLLMENT GAIN IN LOCAL SCHOOLS SECOND MONTH

Report Shows 2,594 Pupils Now in Attendance. Central and Morgan Schools Lead.

According to the last monthly report issued by the Shelby city school system there are 2,594 students enrolled in the local schools. Four hundred and ninety of the number are in high school. Morgan school is second with 458 and the LaFayette school is third.

The enrollment and attendance by schools follow together with the scholarship honor roll average:

School	Enrollment	Av. Attend. Per Ct.
High school	490	97
Sumter school	235	92
Marion school	276	99
Morgan school	458	94
LaFayette school	313	95
Jefferson school	251	96
Washington sch.	199	96
Colored school	372	66
Totals	2,594	92

This time last year, our enrollment was 2,337; gain, 257.

Scholarship: Honor roll.

School	Boys	Girls	Totals
High school	6	20	26
Sumter	9	17	26
Marion	8	16	24
Morgan	2	16	18
LaFayette	8	6	14
Jefferson	0	0	3
Washington	11	15	26
Colored	5	16	21
Totals	49	106	155

Failures.

School	Boys	Girls	Totals
High chool	64	13	77
Sumter	4	0	4
Marion	9	2	11
Morgan	0	0	0
LaFayette	3	0	3
Jafferson	0	0	0
Washington	6	0	6
Colored	7	8	15
Totals	93	23	116

Telephone Rates To Be Reduced Soon

Will Apply, However, Only To Long Distance Calls After December First

Telephones rates will soon be lower. That does not apply to local rates, however. Beginning December 1st, the day station to station rates for long distance calls to points 400 or more miles distant will be generally reduced. It is understood there will be no reduction for less than 400 miles, which rates will remain the same, but the long distance calls will be reduced on stations 400 or more miles apart as a result of improved devices and methods developed by the Southern Bell system, which devices have effected economies, applying especially to the longer circuits.

According to the announcement the result will be a saving to telephone users of the United States of approximately $1,500,000 a year, the greater the distance the greater the reduction.

Apple Orchard Said To Be In Full Bloom

The apple orchards of C. W. McMurry of the Belwood section is said to be in full bloom. A Shelby man who visited Mr. McMurry Saturday says he never saw quite such an oddity. Blooms and second crop fruits have been reported from various sections. These are not unusual with a pretty Fall season like this section has experienced, but Mr. McMurry's entire orchard has June. Brandy and Horse apples blooms and much second crop fruit that hangs in clusters like grapes. The fruit, however, has not matured and probably will not, but the sight is unusual, nevertheless. The Shelby man also ventured the opinion that Mr. McMurry has five of the largest hogs in the county, the single exception being the John Beam porker shown during the county fair.

LITTLE FALLSTON GIRL IS FATALLY BURNED AT HOME

Seven-Year-Old Daughter of Dr. Lackey Dies in Hospital. Gown Caught On Fire.

Eileen Lackey, seven year-old daughter of Dr. F. H. Lackey of Fallston was burned to death on Sunday morning when her outing night-gown caught fire from the open fire-place, enveloping its little body in a mass of flames which inflicted burns from which it died three hours later in the Shelby hospital. The little child was a granddaughter of Ex-Sheriff W. D. Lackey. Last December its mother died and its grand-mother, Mrs. Rufus Lackey was at the home at the time of the accident.

Lived Only Three Hours.

Dr. Lackey had five children and on Sunday morning, his mother had finished dressing several of them and went to the kitchen to give them their morning meal. Eileen, accustomed to dressing herself, was standing in front of the open fire when her outing gown caught and was a mass of flames in a moment. She rushed to the kitchen where her grandmother was, but there was nothing convenient to smother the flames, so Mrs. Lackey rushed into another room where she got a quilt and threw it around her, but the charred gown was dropping from the child's body when she got to it. The child was burned from head to ankle and suffered torture, but was conscious to the last. Attending physicians say that the child breathed in the flames which reached its lungs and hastened the end.

Playing Part of Mother.

Eileen was a very bright and attractive child. Since her mother's death she was a great help in the household, being a perfect little mother to the younger brothers and sisters. Since age five she had attended the public school and was a very pretty child, well grown for her age and popular among old and young. The many friends of the family are deeply touched over her tragic passing.

Funeral services are being held Monday afternoon at Fallston by Rev. J. M. Morgan, pastor of Friendship Methodist Protestant churc, assisted by Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald. Interment will be beside her beloved mother. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent to the home this morning. Surviving are her father, her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Lackey, Mr. W. D. Lackey, one sister and three brothers.

Brunettes And Blondes Are Alike

Study Of Traits In The Two Kind Of Girls Reveal There Is Little Difference.

There is nothing in the current belief that the blond is positive, driving, hopeful, loving, and the brunette negative, plodding, submissive and static, R. B. Wilson, assistant secretary of the state board of health, says.

Mr. Wilson tells of a study made by Professor D. G. Patterson, University of Minnesota, of such so-called blond and brunette traits and gave this to 100 mature students of psychology, each of whom was requested to pick out from among his acquaintances two pronounced blonds and two pronounced brunettes and to judge them with respect to each of the characteristics.

These students were presumably not aware of any scheme of analysis based on sets of distinct traits for the blond and the brunette and therefore were not prejudiced.

The results for the entire number of 374 individuals, half brunette and half blond, shows:

1.—Brunettes were found to possess the blond traits to the same extent that blonds do.

2.—Blonds were found to possess the brunette traits to the same extent that brunettes do.

"The results are scientific and not speculative," Mr. Wilson smiled.

110 On Honor Roll In City Schools Of Shelby

Twenty-Six High School Students Attain Coveted Honor While 84 Graders Make Mark.

One hundred and ten students in the high school and lower grades of the Shelby city school attained the honor roll for the month ending November 5, according to a statement from the office of Supt. I. C. Griffin.

Of the 110, the high school had 26, while the other grades down to the primary grades, not included, had 84.

As has been the custom here for several years, the girls led the boys.

The roll for the high school follows by grades:

High School.

Grade 8-A: Mabel Green, May Lattimore, Sarah Wray Thompson.

Grade 8-B 1: Vera Arwood.

Grade 8-A 2: Elizabeth Blanton, Felix O. Gee, jr., Walter Taylor.

Grade 9-1: Mildred McKinney, Helen Roberts, Aileen Webb, Ray Gibbs, Mary Frances Dellinger, Bennett Teele.

Grade 10-A: Lula Agnes Arey, Mary Frances Carpenter, Martha Eskridge, Dorothy King, Mae Ellen McBrayer, Alex Gee, Robert Gidney.

Grade 10-B: Florine Richardson.

Grade 11-A: Kate Bridges, Minnie King, Sara Richbourg, Lalage Shull, William Webb.

LaFayette School.

Grade 4: Mary Bowman, Pearl Mc Kee.

Grade 5: George Peters.

Grade 6: Jack McWhirter, Charles Colquitt, Hazel Putnam, Ruth Smith

Marion School.

Grade 4: Will Arey, jr., Jack Palmer, jr., James Kendrick, Constance Dellinger, Marie King, Helen Sue Kendrick, Helen Queen.

Grade 7: Franklin Jenkins, Herman Best, Mary Louise Dorsey, Ida Mae Brydges, Edwina Gidney, Mildred Laughridge.

Grade 6: Richard LeGrand, Bobby Hoyle.

Morgan School.

Grade 4: Herman Hamrick, Vernie Newton, Mary Stawart, Lillie Mae Oakes.

Grade 5: Mary Sue Hill, Mary Sue Hastings, Mable Sanders. Max Hill.

West Shelby School

Grade 4: Jeff Connor, Loy Weaver, Edwin Hamrick, Nancy McGowan Sallie Mullinax, R. Sarah Thompson.

Grade 5: Millicent Brackett, Virginia Mintz, Margaret Thompson, Ruth Hamrick, Barney Lou Smith, Paul Dover, Charles Philbeck.

Grade 6: Sarah Lee Norman, Annie R. Dellinger, Isabel Lackey, Jean M. Thompson, Florine Wilson, J. L. Dover, Louise Dover, Clyde Weaver, James Eskridge.

Grade 7: Elizabeth Thompson, Edith Ledford, Mary Sue Thompson, Sarah Louise Falls.

Washington School.

Grade 4: Carr Cline, Keith Shull, Clyde Trammel, Rufus Weathers, Annie Cline, Alphonsine Harris.

Grade 5: Veva Armour, Ellen Ford Catherine McMurry.

Grade 6: Margaret Ford, Colbert McKnight, Junior Post.

Grade 7: Evelyn Smawley, Virginia McMurry,, Eleanor Morrison, Amanda Harris, Motheson Hailck, Billy Quinn.

Jefferson School.

Grade 4: D. C. Black, Ernest Greenway, Annie Daberry, Maggie Myrr Chapman, Ruby Taylor, Katie Lou Endey.

Grade 6: Geneva Ross, Griffin Holland, Caleb McSwain.

Grade 7: Ruth Walker.

Judge And Alibi Agree On Cotton Crop Of County

Jurist and Guesser Look For Cleveland Crop to Go over 43,000 Bale Mark.

What will the Cleveland county cotton crop total this year? Will it go up to last year's record mark, or fall short?

County Judge John Mull, after reading the last ginning report showing over 32,000 bales, says that he will stick to his September estimate of 43,000 bales. Alibi Al, football dopester for The Star, takes a hand in the guessing and points out a figure on his memo pad said to have been set down many weeks back. That figure is 43,100 bales

Several cotton men predict a total crop of around 45,000 bales, but the major portion of the cotton buyers think the county will do well to barely go over 40,000 bales, arguing that most of the crop has been ginned.

SCOUT CAMPAIGN FOR FUND SOON

Gastonia.—November 22 and 23 have been designated as the dates for the annual campaign by the Piedmont Council Boy scouts of America for funds for the support of this work during the year 1928 in Gastonia.

Gastonia's quota is $4,000.

Scout Executive R. M. Schiele announces that Rev. J. H. Henderlite pastor of the First Presbyterian church, has accepted the chairmanship of the campaign and will be assisted by teams from the various civic clubs, the chamber of commerce and probably other local organizations.

The Piedmont council is composed of five counties, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Polk and Rutherford and has about 1,200 boy scouts. A permanent camp is maintained at Lake Lanier, Tryon, where during the summer every boy scout in these counties has an opportunity to spend from one to two weeks.

The entire cost of operating the council in the five counties is approximately $12,000 a year.

William Lineberger Has Narrow Escape

Mr. William Lineberger had a narrow escape from serious injury Friday when the horse he was riding fell through a wooden bridge over a creek three miles east of town. As it was the banker sustained painful bruises; oddly enough the horse, although all four of his feet went through the frail wooden structure, was practically uninjured.

The accident occurred early in the day when Mr. Lineberger, in company with Will Arey and Oliver Anthony were on a pleasure jaunt over the countryside. As Mr. Lineberger drove his mount on the boards the animal's front feet broke through, throwing his rider over his head. Mr. Lineberger landing several feet beyond the horse, a blow sufficient to cause severe bruises. As the animal struggled to free himself his hind feet also broke through the boards. Aside from minor scratches, however, the animal was uninjured. It was Mr Lineberger's first fall.

Shelby Stars Will Play In Contest

Connor And Caldwell In Morganton Game Between Oak Ridge and Rutherford College.

Quite a number of Shelby football fans plan to make a trip to Morganton Friday November 18, to see the football game billed there between Rutherford college and the Oak Ridge prep school. The Morganton business section will close up for the afternoon and a large attendance is expected.

Interest here in the game centers about the announcement by Coach Marvin Ritch, of Rutherford, that Max Connor and Big Jim Caldwell will play for the college outfit. Connor was an All-State halfback in high school here and Caldwell was a star tackle. Both elevens have fast outfits and a good grid tussle is expected.

COTTON MARKET

(By Jno. F. Clark & Co)

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange:

December 1972, January 19.80, March 19.97. Saturday's close, Dec. 19.91; January 1995; March 20.16.

New York, Nov. 14.—Forecast fair east, rain and colder west; heavy rain at Corpus Christi.

Business in Worth street for week is described as fairly satisfactory in a good many quarters, substantial sales having gone through. Manchester cable reports business for week limited, inquiry better but bids too low. Manchester, N. H., special says millions of yards of fabrics after being held up for a week in Manchester, Lowell and Lawrence are now moving to Western points. October consumption was 612,935, compared with 568,000 October last year.

Rather favor purchases on soft spots based on probability that spinners will be inclined to fix prices on all reactions and that the pressure of sales against the actual is about over.

18 Solid Cars Gasoline Received In This County

Cleveland County Received 156,000 Gallons of Gasoline Last Week No Slump in Consumption.

If one would look up and down the streets of Shelby on any Saturday afternoon and see the automobiles nosed in to the curb for blocks and blocks, there would be no wonder at the amount of gasoline used in their operation. Last week 18 solid car loads of gasoline were checked in for distribution in Cleveland county. Twelve of these cars contained approximately 8,000 gallons each, while six cars contained 10,000 or more gallons, according to R. A. Hoyle, of Shelby, gasoline inspectortor for the state. This makes a total of 156,000 gallons received in a single week.

Mr. Hoyle says when the tourist travel is on in the summer the consumption is high and one would expect it to slump when fall comes on, but in a prosperous season like this, the local consumption mounts higher and maintains a high record of consumption..

Automobile dealers report that car sales are good. Most of the dealers find a market for all new cars they can get. Second hand cars especially in good demand and dealers are selling all they can get.

Mr. Hoyle has ten counties in his district and Cleveland is right at the top in gasoline consumption, ranking with Gaston and Catawba two of the more populous counties in his territory.

Presiding Elder's District Calls

District Stewards, Lay Leaders and Pastors to Meet at Gastonia November 29th.

The following is a list of the appointments of Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Shelby district on his first round:

Shelby, Central, 11 a. m. November 20.

Gastonia, West End, night, November 21.

Gastonia, Franklin, night, November 22.

Gastonia, Trinity, night, November 23.

Gastonia, East End, night, November 24.

South Fork, Vernon, 11 a. m. November 26 and 27.

Lincolnton, night, November 27.

District Stewards meeting, 10 a. m. November 29.

Shelby Circuit, 1 Bethell, 11 a. m., December 2 and 4.

LaFayette Street, night, December 4th.

Rock Springs, Bethel, 11 a. m., December 5.

Maylo, night, December 5.

South Fork, Vernon, 11 a. m. December 6.

Goodsonville, night, December 6.

Lincoln Circuit, Pisgah, 11 a. m. December 7.

Smyre, night, December 7.

Belwood, Palm Tree, 11 a. m., December 8.

Kings Mountain, night, Dec., 8.

Stanley, 11 a. m., December 10.

Mt. Holly, 11 a. m., December 11.

McAdenville, night, December 11.

Cramerton, night, December 12.

Lowesville, 11 a. m, Dec. 13.

Belmont, Park St., night, December 13.

Polkville, Rehobeth, 11 a. m., December 14.

Bessemer, night, December 14.

Crouse, 11 a. m. December 15.

Dallas, night, December 15.

Cherryville Circuit, St. Paul, 11 a. m., December 16.

Cherryville, night, December 16.

Belmont, Main St., 11 a. m., December 18.

Gastonia, Main St., night, December 18.

Lowell, night, December 19.

The district stewards, lay leaders, and pastors will meet at Main St. Church, Gastonia, on Tuesday, November 29th. No further notice will be issued. Pastor are urged to bring a full representation to this important meeting.

Beat Bascom Now On Late Vegetables

Bascom Martin, The Stars janitor, takes time between whisks of the broom to look over the paper. Just the other day in his cleaning up he noticed on a discarded paper that some person had string beans for dinner in October. Whereupon Bascom informs that he is quite a gardener himself. According to Bascom he has a half dozen late tomatoes now, three watermelons—one weighing 15 pounds—ripened recently, while on Saturday he had green beans and cucumbers for dinner.

HIGHS LOSE GAME FIGHT TO GO OUT OF STATE BATTLE

Crippled Shelby Backfield Fails to Cope With Passing Attack. Harris and Beam Star.

Five years ago a vaunted Asheville High football eleven took a detour to Shelby en route to Chapel Hill. When dusk ended a rainy, wintry day, Asheville journeyed back to the mountains licked.

Saturday Asheville wrought a sweet revenge by putting Casey Morris' fighting blue eleven out of the state race by a 13 to 0 score.

The score fails to tell the story of the bitter fight Morris' light crew staged in that grim afternoon of football in the fine Memorial stadium tucked on the Asheville mountainside. Asheville won, but fans who attended the game brought home memories of a little line that would not give and of two backs, Captain Harris and Laymon Beam, playing their last official game for Shelby High and playing in a manner that they alone gained more ground from a running attack than did the entire Asheville eleven.

Asheville licked Shelby in the air. Ten completed forward passes from little Scotty Chakles and his pal Estes turned the trick. Outside of Jack McDowall and his State college receivers this writer has seen nothing to equal the air game of the Asheville eleven. Pases zipped through the air from whistle to whistle but in the final quarter it resembled a basketball game as both teams passed in desperation. In the air duel Asheville won because the two main cogs of Casey Morris' aerial attack could not perform.

Wall Goes Out.

Expecting to meet a stronger team Coach Morris built up a strategic passing attack for his Highs, then Fate stepped in and broke almost every pass. Saturday morning when the boys boarded a bus here it was found that Irish Bridges, sterling passer and pass receiver, had a large water knot on his elbow. Blow No. 1, that was. When the game started the famous "four pony" combination was broken up, McSwain taking the field instead of Bridges. On the first play the wiry little Zeno Wall took a head-on tackle for Chakales and was knocked cold. That left only half of the pony crew, Harris and Beam, but it will be years before their play Saturday afternoon will be forgotten. With Wall, the field general gone, and Bridges, steady little defense player out, things looked hopeless for Shelby from the outset.

Asheville started a steady march down the field and ran their first three downs over the Shelby line. Then something happened. The little blue wall dug in the turf and held. Only one more first down was made over the Shelby line that day. Pushed back under their own goal posts Shelby took the ball. Cline knifed the line for five yards, but could go no more. Then Harris slung through the Maroon team for seven yards. A first down was registered, up in the Asheville stadium a group of fans though seven-yard runs of fans thought seven-yard runs "Where's that All-Southern back?" Two seconds later he saw him as Beam sneaked around left end and spilled would-be-tacklers who tried to halt him before he covered 26 yards and planted the pigskin in Asheville territory. The drive kept up with Harris and Beam alternating on short runs. Then with a touchdown in sight the ball was jostled out of Harris' arms, Beam recovering, but the play marred the first real chance to score.

Thereafter Asheville tried the line again, and the try was a failure. Then Asheville took to the air and remained until the game was won. The first score in the second quarter came from three passes and a short plunge by Chakales. Put it down now that this Chakales can do everything that is to be done in football, and do it well. In the third quarter Asheville threatened twice, but no more. In that period Ed Harris tor off three runs from 10 to 20 yards, while Beam was a consistent gainer. In the meantime however Chakales was lost to the Asheville team when he nabbed a pass in the Shelby backfield and was fiercely tackled by the Shelby secondary defense. In the final quarter with the score standing 6-0 Asheville took to the air again.

Miss the Air Defense.

In that air attack Shelby saw defeat. With Bridges and Wall out of the fray only two experienced backs were left to break up the air game. Asheville passing over for the second

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Hen Takes Hobo Trip And Rides Train To Shelby

White Hen Calmly Rides Pilot of Southern Train Into Shelby Yard. Caught Here.

This seems to be a day of freakish hoboes. Just the other day a dog was taken from the rods under a box car in the railroad yards at Spencer and mention was made of a new-type hobo. Shelby goes it one better.

Friday of last week, yard officials at the Southern here noticed a strange sight as the Southern passenger train from Marion rolled into the yard with a hen perched calmly on the pilot of the engine. When the locomotive came to a standstill a yard employe walked up to the pilot and pulled the blinking chicken off without any attempt at a getaway. The white hen was streaked with soot from the engine, but apparently unmindful of the soot, noise or anything else. The chicken, incidentally, lost her neck a few minutes later and was carried away by the baggage master intent on making the hobo pay for the ride in the form of a good chicken dinner. Sug gestion is that the hen started to fly across the track somewhere between Marion and Shelby, but was forced to alight on the pilot and thus rode to town in the manner of the 'boes of old. Anyway, Shelby boosts a hen hobo.

DR. WALL DELIVERS CONVENTION SERMON

State Baptist Convention To Be Held In Durham This Week, Beginning Tuesday.

Many ministers and laymen of the Baptist churches of Shelby and Cleveland county will go to Durham today and tomorrow to attend the State Baptist convention which opens there at the First Baptist church and continues through Thursday. Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby is to deliver the convention sermon which will be one of the outstanding parts of the program.

The president of the convention is Dr. C. I. Mercer, formerly pastor at Wilson, who recently resigned this work to go to another field. Other officers will be elected at the opening session. Worship periods will be in charge of the following: Tuesday afternoon, Dr. J. B. Turner, of Hayes-Barton Baptist church Raleigh; Tuesday evening, Rev. C. R. Pittard, of Apex; Wednesday morning, Rev. B. F. Bray, of Wadesboro; Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. B. Bass, of Scotland Neck; Wednesday night, Rev. R. T. Vann, of Raleigh; Thursday morning, Rev. Coy Muckle, of Wingate; Thursday afternoon, Rev. E. C. Dean, of Burlington.

Wednesday night the principal speaker will be Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., former president of the Southern Baptist convention and now president of the Baptist World Alliance, and known in Europe, it is said, as "the outstanding Baptist of America;" and the annual meeting of the alumni association of Louisville Seminary, where Rev. J. A. Gaines, of Charlotte, will preside, and Dr. Mullins will be honor guest. Most of the Baptist ministers in North Carolina are graduates of this seminary, it is stated.

The educational program of Wednesday night will include discussion of the campaign for $1,500,000, now under way in the state, for the benefit of Meredith college, Wake Forest college and other church schools. It is hoped that the campaign will be completed by March 1, it is said, and the fund in use before the centennial of the North Carolina Baptist convention, which was organized in 1830.

Mr. Cookson Goes To Burlington Mills

Mr. J. H. Cookson one of the builders of the Cleveland Cloth Mill started here several years ago, has accepted a position as superintendent of three textile mills at Burlington and goes today to enter upon his duties there. Mr. Cookson is a man of outstanding ability. He was associated with Mr. E. T. Switzer in the operation of the Art Cloth Mill at Gastonia before coming to Shelby. Prior to that time he had spent his life with some of the largest and most successful mills of the East. Shelby regrets to give up the estimable Cookson family.

FARMER DIES IN CAR DRIVING HOME FROM HIS CHURCH

Husband of Miss Essie Elliot of the Beams Mill Section Died in Gaston County.

Ed Crawford, well to do Gaston county farmer and son-in-law of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Elliott of the Beams Mill section of Cleveland county died at the wheel of his car Saturday night as he was driving home from preaching at Union Presbyterian church near the Linwood college property. Mr. Crawford felt a stroke of apoplexy coming on as he sat at the steering wheel, turned off the switch, pushed in the clutch and pulled out to the side of the road, where he fell over on the shoulder of his wife sitting by his side.

By the time Mr. Crawford was taken to the City Hospital in Gastonia he was dead. He was a man about 40 years old, a hard worker, with a fine lot of hogs and cattle beside the other things raised on a model farm. He had been subject to attacks but on Saturday was feeling unusually well and took his wife and two children to the Union Presbyterian church of which he was a member. After the services he started home. Two small children were asleep on the back seat. When Mrs. Crawford who was Miss Essie Elliott realized that something serious was the matter with her husband, she screamed at the passing cars but could not attract notice. One of the small children was awakened and sent back up the road to a filling station. Some ladies passing in another car, seeing the child walking along the road at night, thought something was the matter and stopped to inquire. They went to the assistance of Mrs. Crawford and helped her take her husband to the hospital, but he was dead before they got him there.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at Union Presbyterian church, Rev. J. E. Berryhill conducting the services. A large crowd of friends and relatives from Cleveland and Gaston counties were present for Mr. Crawford was one of the most popular farmers in Gaston.

True Definition Of Cotton Staple

Planted In The Spring, Mortgaged In Summer And Left In Field In The Winter.

The Star's good friend, J. R. Moore of the Alexander Manufacturing Co. at Forest City ran across a very humorous but true definition of cotton which he has handed along for our readers to ponder over and while the man who wrote the definition was striking at humor, he "said a mouthful" as the New York mayor once remarked.

Here's a definition of cotton, not by Webster, but by Mr. Anonymous; read and ponder:

Cotton is the overcoat of a seed that is planted and grown in the Southern States to keep the producer broke and the buyer crazy. The fibre varies in color and weight, and the man who can guess nearest to the length of the fibre is called a cotton man by the public, a fool by the farmer, and a poor business man by his creditors.

The price of cotton is fixed in New York, and goes up when you have sold and down when you have bought.

A buyer working for a group of mills in the South was sent to New York to watch the cotton market, and after a few days deliberation he wired his firm as follows:

"Some think it will go up, some think it will go down, I do too. Whatever you do will be wrong—act at once."

Cotton is planted in the spring, mortgaged in the summer, and left in the field in the winter.

POTATO WEIGHING 15 POUNDS GROWN HERE

Gaffney.—A sweet potato weighing 15¼ pounds, grown by J. S. Huffstetler at his home on the Chesnee road a few miles from Gaffney, was sent to Gaffney.

Mr. Huffstetler has not taken up his potatoes yet, but he has found another of approximately the same size in his patch.

He planted the Porto Rico variety in a sandy, loan soil.