

Cotton Moves Up; Christmas Drive On

COTTON MARKET UP ON GINNING REPORT FIGURE

Market Up Around 50 Points After Ginning of 10,899,182 Bales Reported. Figure Expected

The cotton market moved up 50 points today following the ginning report giving 10,899,182 bales.

Shortly after noon today in view of the ginning figures local cotton was quoted at 19 3/4c.

HIT-AND-RUN CAR GETS COUNTY MAN

Kings Mountain Citizen Dies in South Carolina of Injuries. Driver Unknown

Spartanburg. — Without rallying from the comatose state in which he has lingered for nearly a week, John McAllister, 44, of Kings Mountain, victim of a hit-and-run auto driver, died at the General hospital here Friday.

McAllister was injured last week at an early hour while en route from Greenville to his home. He sustained a fractured skull, broken leg and multiple bruises.

According to members of the family, who were with him at the time, the car in which they were making the trip, ran out of gasoline at Converse and McAllister went to a nearby filling station to get a supply of fuel.

Women Hurt When Two Autos Collide

Two automobiles were well nigh demolished and two Shelby women injured, in a crash between a Nash and a Dodge on Gidney street here early this morning.

One of the cars, the Nash, driven by Mrs. J. Reid Misenheimer, cashier at Webb theatre, turned completely bottom up. The Dodge was driven by Mrs. Clyde Mauney. Both women were painfully but not seriously hurt.

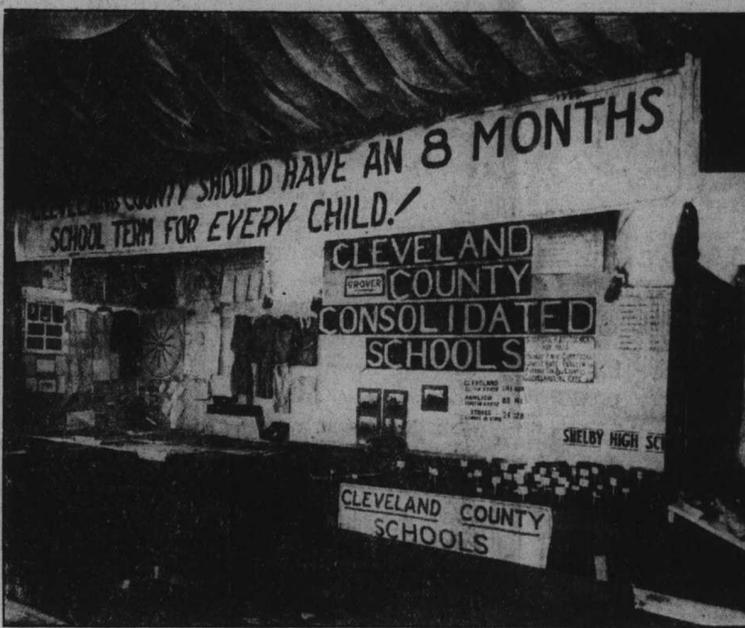
It was said the cost of the repair of the two cars will run to a figure between six and seven hundred dollars.

According to the version of the affair told to The Star, Mrs. Misenheimer was driving west on Gidney street, and Mrs. Mauney was driving south on Washington.

OPERATION FOR A. L. STANFORD

Charlotte.—Rev. A. L. Stanford, former pastor of Tryon street Methodist church here, underwent an operation for appendicitis in Charlotte sanatorium at 6 o'clock Saturday evening.

SCHOOL CHILDREN WANT LONG TERM SCHOOLS



Above is the pictured likeness of the booth exhibited by the schools of Cleveland county at the county fair this fall. This booth in addition to receiving much favorable comment from both within and without the county won second prize sweepstakes and also one first prize sweepstakes for the most unique and appropriate manner of exhibiting the name of the booth.

CLASS FOOTBALL HERE ON TUESDAY

Youngsters Play for Class Title. Basketball Starts With Highs Soon.

The opening game of the class football season to decide the class title of Shelby High will be staged Tuesday afternoon about 3:45 when the eleven representing the eighth and ninth grades will face each other.

Coaches Morris and Falls will officially open the basketball season next Monday, it is said, with a day or two of practice likely in the "tin can" before then.

Kiwanis Club To Name New Leaders

Annual Election at Next Meeting on December 1. No Meeting On This Week.

At the next meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club officers for the new year will be elected, it is announced by the secretary.

The meeting of the annual election will be held on Thursday night, December 1. Two men have been nominated for each of the outstanding offices.

Woman's Club Will Sell Stamps Here

The Shelby Woman's club, through Mrs. F. R. Morgan, president, announces that the club will have charge of the Red Cross stamp sale for aid in tubercular work.

Girl Charged With Killing Father Writes Poetry In North Carolina Jail

Wentworth.—Loneliness is preying heavily upon youthful Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin in the county jail here where the comely bride of a few months is awaiting trial for the gruesome axe-murder of her 50-year-old father, Smith T. Petty.

Finding her dreary existence between four drab walls in vivid contrast to the days less than a year ago when she was a bell of Reidsville the diminutive prisoner has turned to writing poetry.

Possessed of a desire to give vent to her emotions through poetical expression—a trait which her friends say manifested itself even in her school days—the alleged dpatricide recently has found time to turn out reams of poetry, some of which has been published in a county newspaper.

No one is allowed to visit the accused murderess save close relatives and members of her array of counsel, and she spends several hours each day with her Muse, according to jail officials.

Mrs. Gatlin is faced with several months more of jail life until January when trial is scheduled to be held in Rockingham superior court here. The trial, which will bring together some of the best of North Carolina's legal talent, is expected to last for a week or more.

Much of the time of the trial probably will be taken up with the testimony of Rev. Thomas F. "Thunder-bolt" Pardue, minister-evangelist and star prosecuting witness who played a stellar role in the investigation which led to the alleged murderer's arrest.

The erstwhile divine instigated the murder investigation when he divulged to authorities a confession which he claimed Mrs. Gatlin confided to him in a religious exaltation after she attended a revival that Rev. Pardue was conducting at Reidsville.

The minister told the authorities that the 20-year-old bride confessed she had killed her father a year before with an axe as he was eating his breakfast, and had then concealed his body. Petty, a cotton mill foreman, had been missing for a little over a year, but no foul play had been suspected in connection with his disappearance.

Acting on the information furnished them by the evangelist, authorities began an investigation which ended in the finding of Petty's axe-hacked body buried in a shallow grave in the basement of the Petty home. Mrs. Gatlin was arrested and charged with the horrible crime on the day the gruesome find was made. She denied making the confession to the minister.

PADGETT ESCAPES AND RETURNS TO CHARLOTTE JAIL

Sensational Getaway Has Ending When Romeo Comes In. Says He Wants Trial

Charlotte, Nov. 19.—A sensational drama at the Mecklenburg county prison, with six prisoners making their escape in the early hours of Friday night, came to a startling climax when Romeo Padgett, aged 23, held on charges growing out of the shooting and gravely wounding Rural Policeman Henry Moseley, surrender early Saturday morning.

Immediately after being placed in the cell room from which he salmily walked fourteen hours previously, Padgett told a newspaper man that "I would have come back last night but I was afraid the officers would shoot me on sight."

H. L. Strickland, attorney for this prisoner, went to a house on the Concord road, just at the city limits, soon after 9 a. m. Saturday in response to a mysterious telephone message. Mr. Strickland was told to get his automobile and come immediately to a designated point on that road. Padgett was doing the talking but refused to tell his attorney his name.

Some fear of possible physical injury being inflicted upon one or both of them as they were riding through town on the way to prison caused Mr. Strickland to stop his automobile at the intersection of Tryon and Fifth streets and request Sergeant Gardner, of the Charlotte police department to ride with them to the county jail. This was done by Sergeant Gardner.

"I want to face trial and tell my story of the whole thing," said Romeo Padgett a few minutes after he was placed in Mecklenburg county jail here Saturday morning.

"I decided before I had got a block from this jail last night that I did not want to escape, but I was afraid that I would be shot on sight if I should show myself to the officers," added the youthful prisoner.

Padgett was interviewed by a newspaper man while thirteen other prisoners in the cell room crowded around him and listened to the conversation being carried on through the bars. H. L. Strickland, attorney for the youth, who is held on charges growing out of a gun battle September 26 between officers and alleged bootleggers at a house on Commonwealth avenue, when Padgett and Rural Policeman Henry Moseley were shot and gravely wounded. The prisoner, formerly a soda jerk here who attained a wide acquaintance largely as a result of his jovial disposition, talked freely of his part in the sensational incidents of early Friday evening at the county jail, when he and five other prisoners went through a hole cut in the iron lattice work over a second-story window.

"I walked around the corridor and noticed the hole through the bars," said Padgett. "I decided I'd make my getaway. I returned to my cell, and got the coat I was wearing when I was shot. I went back to the window, slid through the hole and jumped to the ground about fifteen feet below."

"None of the prisoners here had anything to do with my escape, and I want you to put it in the paper that I did not lead this jailbreak. I was surprised to find the hole in the bars, and I did not think about anything then but getting away. Then, right after I got out, I began wishing it was different. I did not see any of my people while I was out. I just laid low."

Two Autos Catch On Fire Saturday

Truck Ablaze Before Daylight at Convict Camp. Ford Catches on Fire

The city fire department experienced a bit of activity Saturday morning due to two automobile fires.

The first call came about daybreak from the convict camp west of the city, where a big road truck was on fire the blaze starting when vapors from the gas tank were ignited by a lantern, it is said.

The other blaze occurred later in the morning when a Ford blazed up in the business section, but was extinguished with very little damage.

Riding In Ruth Elder Style In Europe, She Says

Miss Laura Burton Miller Lost in Fog While in Plane. Makes a Forced Landing.

Charlotte.—Miss Laura Burton Miller, of Charlotte and Shelby, has shared some of the thrills of Ruth Elder, although on a smaller scale, according to a message received Friday by friends here.

Miss Miller has been in Paris, with her cousin, Miss Douglass, who is studying art there. Miss Miller is a prominent member of the Charlotte Writers club, and her stories and verses have appeared in leading magazines.

NIGHT SCHOOL TO OPEN THIS YEAR

Civic Boosters Help Put Worthy School Program Over. Will Have New Divisions.

The Kiwanis Club has again agreed to sponsor a night school for Shelby. The club has appropriated enough money to pay the salaries of the teachers for six weeks. It is hoped that sufficient money will be secured from the Red Cross Roll Call to carry on the school for another six weeks.

On account of the fact that the holidays are so near, those interested in the night school think it best to wait until the holidays are over to begin the school.

Down in a business building in a busy corner of uptown Shelby there is a little automobile in a display window. Saturday a little girl, of about seven years, and a little brother, not more than five, stood and peered with hungry eyes at the coveted prize.

Major Bulwinkle Leaves On Tuesday

Gastonia.—Major A. L. Bulwinkle, representative in congress from the ninth congressional district, will leave early next Tuesday morning for Washington to be present at the opening of the next session of congress.

Home Is Destroyed By Blaze Sunday

The home of Pole Curtis, in the Zoar section, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock according to reports on the street here this morning.

SAYS MORE ILLITERACY IN NORTH THAN SOUTH

New York.—In the opinion of Dr. John J. Tigert, federal commissioner of education there is more illiteracy in New York city than in all the mountains of the Southern states, and while there is no peril to the county from an aristocracy of learning there is grave danger from an aristocracy of horses. The allusion was to the recent Kentucky election.

WILL GRADE ROAD TO LINCOLNTON

Lincolnton.—Mr. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, state highway commissioner for this district, states that the contract will be let in December for the grading and topsoiling of that portion of the Shelby-Lincolnton road within Lincoln county.

Can you enjoy your fine gifts and trinkets knowing that within a mile or so of your home actual necessities of life are missing.

This is an early appeal, but it is hoped this year to raise the greatest fund ever. Do not wait until Christmas week to give. Start it now.

CHRISTMAS FUND FOR CITY NEEDY IS PLAN OF STAR

Newspaper To Assist Welfare Officer and Civic Organizations in Playing Santa Claus

As the major part of Cleveland county looks forward with joy to the gay Christmas season due to a bumper crop of 20-cent cotton there are, scattered here and there a few homes wherein there is little cheer.

Last year, and year before last through various organizations the more fortunate people of this section helped make it a real Christmas in the homes where sickness and misfortune had visited.

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Starts Gifts Now

In order to start the fund square-ly no private canvass has been paid. No person has been offered the opportunity of "first to give" if he, or she, would give a big sum.

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Many Such

In spots here and there about Shelby are many such homes—many such scenes. Uptown here one seldom sees the little tragedies of life, and some of them are not so little.

The best way to give is through the fund. Individual giving and distribution is all right, but on occasions there are others who think of the same families you may think of. That family may be remembered twice while just across the street another family will get nothing—not a breath of the Christmas season.

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FRONT

Mr. Paxton Elliott and Miss Catherine Carpenter spent Sunday at Lake Lure.