

The cold wave that struck this section yesterday and continued through the night and today caused at least a dozen deaths in various sections of the country.

George Haldeman, pilot of the American Girl plane in which Ruth attempted her trans-Atlantic flight, spent last night at Fort Bragg.

Mrs. Margaret Lilliendahl and Wil Beach, chicken farmer, were convicted yesterday at Mays Landing, S. J., of the voluntary manslaughter of the woman's husband Dr. A. W. Lilliendahl.

MOSIERY MILLS TO CLOSE THIS WEEK

The Janet Hosiery plant here owned by A. V. Victorious and company of New York, will at the end of this week close indefinitely.

Mr. Pickle, manager of the plant, made the following announcement today:

"The Janet hosiery mills will close this week indefinitely and building and equipment be offered for sale as a going unit."

No Popping Of Fire Works On Streets

Chief Richards of the police department asks The Star to call attention to an ordinance in the city's code which forbids the popping of fireworks of any description on the public streets of the town.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton was quoted at noon today on New York exchange: December 18.86; January 18.81; March 19.03; Yesterday's close: December 18.96; January 18.96; March 18.95.

More Than Bale To Acre By Mr. Queen

C. B. Queen on O. M. Mull Farm Equals or Beters Record of Mr. Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willard, Mrs. Forrest Williams, Miss Carrie Babington and W. D. Babington motored to Spartanburg Saturday, where Mr. Willard took the train for Augusta, Ga.

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BOTTLERS GATHER AT CLEVELAND ON DECEMBER 15-16

North Carolina Association to Stage Annual Convention at The Cleveland Springs Hotel.

Cleveland Springs and Shelby will play host next week to the bottlers of North Carolina.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Bottlers' association will be held at the Cleveland Springs hotel on Thursday and Friday, December 15 and 16.

Johnson Coming. Among the prominent bottlers who will attend the convention will be Frank L. Johnson, of Statesville, a leader of the state organization and also a member of the executive board of the national bottlers' association.

The gathering will bring to Shelby by many prominent business men from all sections of the state. Details concerning the program and number of visitors expected will be announced next week.

High Cagers Take First Basketball Tussle Of Season

Shelby Plays Cherryville Here Tonight at "Tin Can." Building Heated for Crowds.

A comfortable hour of indoor sport for athletic followers of Shelby is assured this evening at the high school "tin can" when the Shelby High cagers take on the fast Cherryville quintet.

Win Opener.

Playing in the "tin can" Wednesday night the High quint took the measure of Caroleen 28 to 7 in a fast game that gave further proof that Coaches Morris and Falls have one of the finest high school basketball quints in the state.

The Highs will play two games next week, one with Forest City on Tuesday and with Gastonia on Friday, both away from home. These will be the final games before Christmas.

Takes A Guess On County's Ginning

Jenkins Says Next Ginning Report Will Go Near 45,000 Bales For County.

When the next ginning report for Cleveland county is issued—covering the number of cotton bales ginned up to December 1—Capt. J. Frank Jenkins, head of the local oil mill, says that near 45,000 bales will have been reached.

Up to November 12, the ginning for the county was 38,987 bales. Since that time up to December 1, Mr. Jenkins estimates that 5,771 bales have been ginned, making a total of 44,758 bales up to December 1. Remember the guess and see how close he comes?

SLUMP IN COTTON BY REPORT GIVEN PUBLIC THURSDAY

Final Estimate of Government Is Below Former Figure. Market Only Mildly Bullish

Washington.—Cotton production this year was 12,789,000 equivalent 500-pound bales, the department of agriculture announced Thursday in its final estimate of the season.

A month ago the crop was estimated at 12,842,000 bales. Last year's crop was 17,977,374 bales. Virginia, yield 230 pounds and production 32,000 bales; South Carolina, 237 and 857,000; Georgia, 154 and 1,100,000; Florida, 122 and 17,000; Missouri, 177 and 104,000; Tennessee, 175 and 345,000; Alabama, 178 and 1,200,000; Mississippi, 192 and 1,340,000; Louisiana, 167 and 545,000; Texas, 126 and 4,280,000; Oklahoma, 138 and 990,000; Arkansas, 154 and 980,000; New Mexico, 352 and 70,000; Arizona, 325 and 93,000; California, 352 and 94,000; all other states, 168 and 7,000.

Lower California, Old Mexico (not included in United States total), 217 and 50,000.

The December revised estimate five-year average 1922-26.

The abandonment of acreage is estimated at 4.6 per cent of the estimated acreage of cotton July 1 compared with an abandonment after June 25 of 3.4 per cent in 1926 and 5.5 per cent, the ten-year average, 1917-26.

The total yield of lint cotton per acre on the area for harvest is estimated at 152.3 pounds in 1927 compared with 182.6 in 1926, 155.8 the five-year average 1922-26 and 156.5 the ten-year average 1917-26.

Get Brady Barrett Near Cherryville

Cherryville—Brady Barrett, wanted in Shelby, Hickory, Charlotte and Spartanburg, S. C. for alleged crimes and breaking jail at all the above named places was captured by officers Kiser, Gates and Leonhardt at the home of Buster Black in east Cherryville Monday night about 7 o'clock.

He was wanted in Spartanburg for being one of two other accomplices alleged to have blown the safe in a postoffice and getting away with \$1,400.

Barrett was captured by the other two got away with the money, so Barrett says. He was put in jail at Spartanburg but soon after broke out and had been at large until his arrest Monday night.

Officers from Spartanburg arrived here Monday night about midnight and carried him back to Spartanburg jail with his hands cuffed and his feet shackled, taking all precautions to keep him from getting away again. In the meantime to prevent Barrett from breaking out of the lockup here Deputy Sheriff Gates stayed with him in the lockup until midnight when the officers from Spartanburg arrived.

"SANTA" LETTERS START ON MONDAY

In Monday's issue The Star plans to start publishing letters of Cleveland county children to Santa Claus, following an annual custom in doing so.

A number of Santa letters have already been received and filed and will be published in the order they came in. Publication of the children's requests to the jolly old fellow will continue as space permits until near Christmas. Send them in.

Miss Vera Kings who works in a beauty parlor at Winsboro, S. C., accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Claude Hunt of Newberry, arrived home Tuesday on N. Morgan street.

BRIDE ON TRIAL FOR SLAYING OF FATHER IN JAN.

Mrs. Gatlin Will Be Tried At January Term. Father Was Found Buried in Cellar

Reidsville, Dec. 7.—(INS)—Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin, recent bride charged with the axe-slaying of her 50-year-old father, Smith T. Petty, will face trial in Rockingham Superior court at the January term which convenes on January 26, according to the present court schedule.

It was believed that the Gatlin case would be one of the first called, although several other murder cases are also scheduled for the January term of court. On account of the large number of witnesses to be called, and the large array of counsel that will figure in the sensational case, it was believed that the trial may last for two weeks or more.

The state intends to place on the stand Rev. Thomas F. Pardue, the minister who started investigation into the Petty murder when he divulged to authorities an alleged confession made by Mrs. Gatlin that she killed her father, and then hid his body in the basement of their home for the period of a year.

Mrs. Gatlin, when her father's body was found buried in the basement of the Petty home and she was arrested and charged with the crime, denied making the alleged confession to the minister.

Colored Couple To Wed To Avoid Work

Many Get Married to Work, But They'll Save Nine Months of Free Toil By Marriage

Most folks when they get married anticipate a bit of work in meeting the grocery, coal bills, etc., but a marriage being planned by a colored couple here is with the idea of avoiding work.

Recently officers raided a highway camp on Highway 18 and found that one of the colored laborers and the cook were living together without the little formality of a marriage ceremony.

Brought down before Recorder Mull the colored folks told their story and in reply were informed that for such "carrying-on" the man would have to work six months on the county roads and the girl three months at the county home. All of course, without any checks at the end of the week.

Later on there came a query wanting to know if a marriage ceremony would eliminate the work, and when informed by the judge that sentence would be suspended if they got married preparations got underway for the ceremony.

At Kings Mountain Thursday Judge Mull had three colored men up for a fight. One was fined \$25 and the costs, another \$10 and the costs, while the third was let off with the costs. He paid his price in having his head cracked during the melee.

Another unusual case at the Kings Mountain grind was a fight over hunting. Two white youths, it is said, were hunting on the land of Jim Elam when he, ordered them to stop. A fight resulted, and the boys were fined \$10 and \$5 each.

One other defendant for receiving and possessing a half pint of booze paid the court \$10 and the costs on the charge. The price of holiday cheer is already moving up.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS IN MONDAY'S ISSUE

Late yesterday and today quite a number of checks and contributions came in for The Star's charity fund, but in order to keep the total correct in each issue these late contributions will not be published until Monday. Those who fail to see their contributions in today will find them in "Santa's Stocking" Monday.

How Is This For A Real Farmer?

After all, it is the man behind the plow that makes farming pay. This fact is emphasized by Andrei Allen, enterprising white farmer with Lowery Brothers, merchants and farmers of Patterson Springs, four miles south of Shelby, on 14 acres Mr. Allen made 19 bales of cotton and not a bale weighed less than 500 pounds. On three additional acres he made 100 bushels of corn. And the big news about this production is that he made it and only \$12 additional hired help.

The good yields are not due to the liberal use of fertilizer he spent only \$148.50 for fertilizer on entire crop. Aside from his corn and cotton, Mr. Allen found time for his garden, chickens and livestock.



Merchants Lend Helping Hand To Boost Star's Christmas Charity Drive Here

COMMITTEE PLANS FOR FUND'S WORK

City Divided Into Seven Districts With Head For Each Welfare Worker to Investigate

The committee appointed by J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, and The Star to investigate needy cases in the city and to handle the distribution of The Star's Christmas Fund met Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the court house and outlined the work before them.

The following committee members were present: Mrs. F. R. Morgan, Mrs. C. R. Hoey, Mayor W. N. Dorsey, John Schenck, Jr., R. T. LeGrand, J. D. Lineberger, L. B. Weathers and I. C. Griffin.

The plan agreed upon was that the city be divided into seven districts with a member of the committee in charge of each district. The districts were divided as follows: South Shelby—John Schenck, Jr.; Lafayette—R. T. LeGrand; West Shelby—J. D. Lineberger; North Shelby—Lee B. Weathers; Marion—Mrs. C. R. Hoey; Eastside—Mrs. F. R. Morgan; Colored school—I. C. Griffin; Town-at-large—Mayor W. N. Dorsey.

Each chairman is to canvass his or her district, using the school, or any other means thought fit in order to locate needy families. When needy cases are found district chairmen are to call upon Welfare Officer Smith to investigate every case reported.

Another meeting of the committee will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Central Methodist church. At this meeting each chairman is urged to bring a list of the needy families in his or her district.

Banker Blanton Out In Auto First Time

C. C. Blanton, the popular president of the First National bank was out riding in a car yesterday for the first time since his operation for appendicitis three or four weeks ago and he is looking fine and feeling like he wants to get back to his post of duty. Although he has lost 15 pounds in weight, he is very much encouraged over his condition and his friends are rejoiced over his rapid come-back.

Lutheran Church of the Ascension. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; a little while devoted to things that last a long time. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Subject "Convincing Testimony." Evening worship, 7 o'clock, subject "Mysteries Declared." The place: Central school building, where you'll always find plenty of room, and a hearty welcome.

Shelby's Business Men Push Up Santa Fund Here.

The merchants and business men of Shelby are going to do their bit in playing Santa to the unfortunate of the city. Today and yesterday they loosened up the purse strings and tendrons of the heart and gave merchandise to the value of \$124 with \$50 in cash.

Which is only the beginning, according to Welfare Officer Smith.

Numerous uptown merchants yesterday began telling the welfare worker that they wished to contribute merchandise to the fund and during the remainder of the day those he happened to meet on the street were queried by Mr. Smith with the result that he received a total of near \$150 in merchandise and money for the fund. Other merchants who have not as yet contributed or offered merchandise should telephone Mr. Smith or leave the amount of merchandise at The Star office, as it is hoped that every local merchant will contribute some thing. With the whole movement being one of voluntary charity it is impossible to canvass the entire town and individuals along with merchants are asked to come in and contribute without urging. No one is to be slighted, but still there is no one with enough time to make a canvass from store to store and from house to house.

Will Help Much.

When Mrs. Nat Bowman, who aids her husband in operating a coal business, called up and said she would be glad to give a ton of coal to help the needy, the idea came to the welfare officer that other business people would like to help in a similar manner. Shoes, clothing, underwear, hats, coats and many things will be needed. The cash contributed is to be turned into necessities. With the merchandise orders for needed articles will merely be forwarded to the stores covering the amount of merchandise donated.

Total Moves Up.

Up to the last issue of The Star cash contributions totalled \$85.50. With the \$124.50 in merchandise tendered by the business men together with more than \$20 in cash the fund now touches around \$240, which does not include all of the contributions made by individuals today.

SANTA'S STOCKING

Table listing contributions to Santa's Stocking fund, including items like 'Previously contributed', 'Merchandise', 'Total', and 'Total to date'.

ORPHAN WANTS TO HELP CITY NEEDY

Little Fellow Who Was Helped Before Knows What It Means and Helps Others

All the contributions to The Star's Christmas fund for the needy are not coming from the wealthy and well-to-do people of the city. Many of the dollars turned in to help others were hard-earned and needed quite a bit where they came from—but there were given to help others not fortunate enough to have a dollar.

Wednesday J. B. Smith, welfare officer, received a modest little letter which read: "Mr. Smith—Here is a dollar for the Christmas Charity Fund. An Orphan."

Now beat that! No name was signed, but the welfare officer has an idea. Not so many months ago a youngster both fatherless and motherless received aid from the welfare officer. It is not often that a fellow needs a friend worse than when he has to struggle along without parents. The youngster perhaps remembered that helping hand. He isn't so well off now—perhaps it should read "she." Mr. Smith would tell no names—but he knew how much a dollar meant when things looked darkest and he wanted to do his bit for some other unfortunate even as he was aided.

Many of the dollars you read in the Santa Stocking came from people of that class—folks who have met adversity and misfortune and know the cheer of a helping hand extended to some one down and almost out. The dollar from that orphan will check up as a greater gift than \$100 from a wealthy man who never felt the pangs of poverty.

Contributors to date include an orphan, a widow, and a blind man. When they get enough together to help an unfortunate brother, what about those who could give and never miss it?

The fund is still open, but Christmas is near. Give today.

Table listing names and amounts of contributions to the fund, including M. A. McSwain & Son, Julius A. Suttle, A. Blanton Gro. Co., and Campbell Dept. store.

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses.—Mat. 10:8-9.

KIWANIS YEAR IN REVIEW BY QUINN AT CLUB MEETING

Many Distinguished Speakers Address Club. President Blanton And Others Praise

In the Kiwanis year which closes the last of this month by the retirement of President George Blanton and the inauguration the first week in January of President-elect J. S. Dorton, the club heard many distinguished speakers and entertained a number of local organizations. Kiwanian J. H. Quinn last night at the Kiwanis banquet held at Cleveland Springs reviewed each meeting of the current year in a paper which he read representing extensive research through the records. It made the members feel proud that so much had been accomplished. The boy scout movement was sponsored, aid was given to the high school band, the campaign for \$12,500 golf club house was put over, graduating exercises of the Shelby hospital were held, the city fathers were entertained, members of the American Legion were feted, ladies night was observed, fathers and sons met together in fellowship around the festive board and a barbecue was enjoyed with the boy scouts.

Many distinguished out of town speakers were heard during the year including Dr. J. P. Monroe of Charlotte, John Hill Tucker who spoke of parks, playgrounds and recreation centers, Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte, Dr. Lee R. Scarborough, of Dallas Texas, Judge Michael Schenck, Col. Albert Cox of Raleigh, Dr. O. L. Miller of the state orthopedic hospital, Dr. Frank Gaines president of Wake Forest college, Rev. Dr. I. S. McElroy of Kings Mountain and John Paul Lucas of Charlotte.

Mr. Quinn praised President Blanton for his ease and grace of manner as a presiding officer and the other officials of the club came in for their faithful attention to duty.

Charity Cause Presented. Lee B. Weathers, editor of The Star which is raising the Christmas charity fund, outlined the campaign; told of the investigation of needy charity cases and how the necessities of life will be distributed to the less fortunate by a committee representing the Rotary, Kiwanis, Woman's clubs and churches of the city.

Contributions from Kiwanians will be taken next Thursday night at the South Shelby school building when Max Gardner has charge of the program, the subject being "Christmas and Charities."

Lattimore Off To Inspect 3,500 Farms

Ex-Senator Sam Lattimore has a herculean task before him. He has been assigned the duty of inspecting 3,500 farms in central and east Carolina for the Durham Land Bank company with which he has been connected for some time. His inspection trip will take him over 50 North Carolina counties, half of the entire state. Each farm on which the Durham Land Bank has made a loan in central and eastern Carolina will be visited and inspected and a report made to headquarters on the condition the farm is found to be in. Under the terms of the loan of all land banking institutions, the farms must be cultivated and not allowed to run down, so this is a check up to determine the condition of each tract.

Mr. Lattimore left this week to enter upon his duties which will require fully a year.

YOUNG HAS NOT DECIDED AS YET

Mr. Charlie S. Young, prominent Shelby business man, told The Star today that he had not as yet made up his mind about accepting a reported appointment to the city board of aldermen.

It was learned this week that Mr. Young was held in high regard by other members of the board and by the mayor and announcement was made that he would likely be the new alderman. Time to "think it over" was asked by Mr. Young.

WOMAN HEAVYWEIGHT OF BOSTIC DIED ON MONDAY

Morgantown News-Herald. Miss Bertha Self of Bostic, died at the State hospital here Monday. Miss Self was of unusual size, weighing approximately 500 pounds. When she entered the hospital about a year ago she weighed 330 pounds and had steadily increased in weight since that time. A special size coffin had to be made for her body.

Advertisement for SHOP EARLY, featuring a woman shopping and text about Christmas seals and fighting tuberculosis.