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County May Make New Cotton Record

BALES GINNED UP TO DECEMBER IN LEAD LAST YEAR

44,755 Bales Ginned in County Up to December 1. Many Estimates Already Wrong

The 1927 cotton crop of Cleveland county promises to establish a new production record and possibly bring the county's total production nearer 50,000 bales than ever before.

According to the report just issued by Miles H. Ware, special agent, 44,755 bales had been ginned in the county up to December 1. This is to be compared with 37,807 bales ginned up to the same date last year.

Last year the crop totalled around 47,000 bales, or approximately 10,000 bales were ginned after December 1. Admitting that the crop this year is early, if only half as many bales are ginned after December 1, this year, as were last year the total crop will be in the proximity of 50,000 bales.

Many Miss It In Cleveland county since the farmers have gone to making a little more cotton to the acre each year one of the chief amusements through the cotton season is to estimate the total production.

Our Healthiest Young People



These two young people are the healthiest boy and girl in Shelby county, as chosen in the national contest of Boys' and Girls' Clubs at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago. The boy is Harry Antrim of Kingman, Kan., the boy, J. Fred Christensen of Shelby Springs, Ia.

J. Frank Williams, Former County Official, Is Dead

Named Town of Grover, Served as Register and Commissioner, Helped Build Shelby Mill

Mr. James Frank Williams, public official, builder and churchman, and one of the most influential men in Cleveland county, in years passed, died on Sunday morning at his home near the Post-road in three miles east of Shelby, following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered on Thursday and from which attack he never regained consciousness.

The funeral was conducted this morning at 10:30 o'clock at Elizabeth Baptist church where he was a deacon, services being in charge of Rev. H. E. Waldrop, pastor. His remains were carried to Mount Zion church in Lincoln county for interment beside his first wife.

Register Six Terms. In 1888 Mr. Williams was elected register of deeds and his popularity and esteem at Grover where he was known on his first venture in politics, was reflected in the results of the balloting, for not a single dissenting vote was cast against him in the Grover precinct.

Helped Build Shelby Mill. Mr. Williams was a public spirited man as was evidenced by the fact that he, Sheriff M. N. Hamrick and M. M. Mauney organized and built the Shelby Cotton Mills and Mr. Williams for a time held the position as secretary-treasurer.

His next venture was the building of the Williams Hosiery mills, the first hosiery industry in this section of the state. This mill was later destroyed by fire. Later on he removed to Polk county and engaged in the real estate business. In 1911 he went to Lenoir and there his wife died in 1913. In 1915 he returned to Cleveland county and married Mrs. Eugenia Hogue Poston who survives him. During his latter years he conducted a community general store and was greatly beloved and respected by all who came in contact with him.

Views And News - Just Picked Up

Comment and Information Heard on the Street and Elsewhere By The Star

"How you feeling?" queried a Star reporter of a business man as he walked out of Sheriff Logan's office Saturday.

"Not so good. Just been paying out \$3,000 for taxes, left a check for over \$1,400 in there with the sheriff just now." And away he marched.

"I don't believe, however, that we'll gin more than 1,000 bales from December 1 to December 12," he added.

There will be three more ginning reports: One up to December 12, then another one up to January 15, and the final one in March. Make your own guesses.

Was A Big Year

As W. R. Newton, tax supervisor, looks at it, Col. Wade Harris, Charlotte Observer editor, has Cleveland county's cotton crop pretty well figured out this year.

OVER HUNDRED ON HONOR ROLL LIST OF CITY SCHOOLS

Grammar Grades Place Large Number of Students on Coverted Roll in Third Month

One hundred and fifty-seven students in the public schools of Shelby attained honor roll distinction during the third school month, according to a school report just issued.

Of the number only 27 were from high school grades. The honor roll by schools and grades follows:

- Lafayette School Fourth grade—Mary Bowman, Pearl McKee, Dorothy Roberts, Donald Roberts. Fifth grade—Georgia Peters, Mildred McSwain, Ruby Brydges, T. G. Howell, Odell Humphreys. Washington School Fourth grade—Carr Cline, Jr., Edward Morrison, Keith Shull, Rufus Weathers, Annie Cline, Alphonsine Harris, Marguerite Wall, Mary Wells. Fifth grade—Veva Armour, Ellen Ford, Helen J. Jordan, Catherine McMurry, Mary Lewis Wilson. Sixth grade—Margaret Ray Brydges, Margaret Ford, Dorothy Sparks, Lucille Whisnart, Colbert McKnight, Junior Post. Seventh grade—Isabelle Armour, Evelyn Smawley, Virginia McMurry, Velma Beam, Herbert Hamrick, Matheson Hulick, Billy Quinn. Jefferson School Fourth grade—Katie Lon Ensley, Ruby Taylor. Fifth grade—Edna Walker. Seventh grade—Ruth Walker.

West Shelby School Fourth grade—Reeves Anthony, Hill Hudson, Edwin Hamrick, Francis Bowman, Nancy McGowan, Sallie Mullinax, Sara Thompson. Fifth grade—Ruth Hamrick, Virginia Mintz, Barney Lou Smith, Margaret Thompson, Charles Philbeck. Sixth grade—J. L. Dover, Clyde Weaver, Louis Dover, James Eskridge, Billie Broadway, Gean Moore Thompson, Sara Lee Norman, Annie Ruth Dellinger, Florine Wilson, Inez Blanton. Seventh grade—Mary Sue Thompson, Sara Louise Falls. Marien School Fourth grade—Marie King, Will Arey, Jr., Pansy Fetzner, Helen Sue Kendrick, James Kendrick, Helen Queen, Kathleen Phillips, Pauline Gird, Constance Dellinger. Fifth grade—Esther Ann Quinn, Margaret Louise McNeely, Sara White, Josephine George, Adeline Lineberger, Alma Ross, Clifton Wright. Sixth grade—Richard Legrande, Bobbie Hoyle, Carl Mayhew, Jean Laughridge, Gertrude Boland, Ruth DeFrist. Seventh grade—Mary Louise Dorsey, Ida Mae Brydges, Edwin Gidney, Mildred Laughridge, Herman Best, Franklin Jenkins. South Shelby School Fourth grade—Francis Blanton, Gaynelle Duncan, Eva Black, Pauline Curtis, Mary Stewart, Virginia Campbell, Helen Lee, Cora Lee Grayson, Vernie Newton. Fifth grade—Mary Sue Hill, Max Hill, Pearl Glasco, Elizabeth Hughes. Sixth grade—Bertha Bevans, Alma Blanton, Stacy Hill, Hattie Mae Humphreys, Aileen Jones, Annie Ray Jones, Janet Morrison, Elizabeth Putnam, Beatrice Whisnart, Elsie Whittener, Audie Hamrick. Seventh grade—Magnolia Carter, Emma Erwin, Velvie Welkie, Vernie Morrison, Tommie Weaver. Eighth grade—Edith Blanton, Lucille Blanton, Evelyn Short, Annie M. Bobbit, Hattie Warlick. High School Eighth grade—Elizabeth Blanton, Felix O. Gee, Jr., George Blanton, Mabel Green, Alice Goode King, May Lattimore, Sarah Thompson. Ninth grade—Mary Fay Dellinger, Mildred McKinney, Helen Roberts. Tenth grade—Lula Agnes Arey, Mary Sue Borders, Mary Francis Carpenter, Martha Eskridge, Virginia Hunt, Dorothy King, Mae Elgin McBrayer, Johnnie Moorehead, Robert Gidney, Alex Gee, Emma Bechtler. Eleventh grade—Boneta Bowling, Frelove Crawford, Minnie King, Lalage Shull, Billy McKnight, William Webb.

MR. ALONZO BEAM DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mechanic at Cleveland Mills. For Past 15 Years, Father of Athletic Stars. Mr. Alonzo Beam, foreman of the machine shop at the Cleveland Mill & Power company, Lawndale, for the past 15 years, died Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Shelby hospital where he had been a patient for three weeks, following a decline in health for the past ten months.

Last spring he was a patient in the hospital but recovered and went back to work. He was 60 years of age, the son of Rufus and Mary Beam of the Fallston community. Mr. Beam married Bell Gardner, daughter of Rufus and Mary Gardner and she survives with three sons, Sherwood Beam of Richmond, Va., Fred and Laymon Beam, athletic stars of state-wide reputation, one daughter, Mrs. Clem Martin of Fallston. Also surviving are two brothers, Sylvanus Beam of Spartanburg, S. C., and Sylvester Beam of Oregon, two sisters, Mrs. Beuna J. Hoyle of Fallston and Mrs. Anderson Hord of Lawndale. Mr. Beam was one of the most respected citizens of his community and his passing is a source of great sorrow to his host of friends.

He joined Pleasant Grove church in 1902 and was baptized by Rev. A. P. Hollifield. When he went to Lawndale, he moved his membership to the Lawndale church. The funeral was conducted Saturday at Lawndale by Rev. John W. Suttle, amid a large crowd of friends and interment took place at Pleasant Grove.

FEW DEFENDANTS OF CORPORATION

John R. Dover Says Corporation Seldom Given Fair Balance With Public. Speaking to the Rotary club here, John R. Dover, prominent Shelby textile manufacturer and a self-made climber of the ladder of Success, declared that corporations generally speaking receive a poorer deal in public opinion than any other one thing in existence—and that without proper justification.

Checking up on court records here Mr. Dover found before making his address on business relationships that very few times in the history of the county has a corporation emerged as winner from a suit in court. "When conditions are such that when a jury takes the box and the verdict is nearly always the same, something is wrong," the textile manufacturer declared.

Not "White" Slaves Continuing Mr. Dover sought by producing facts and conditions in his own textile plants to show that the public generally has the wrong conception of corporations. Included in the facts were the average wages paid employes in the local plants, working conditions, etc. He referred to the time secret agents tried to check up on the "white slaves of the South"—textile workers—and found that conditions were far from those painted by politicians. In fact, the blame for the charges and attacks against corporations was laid to the door of politicians in the past who used the harangue to win votes.

Looking for Crooks "Still everybody looks for something crooked in the corporations. What basis they have for this lack of confidence is hard to understand. Every year the government sends down men to check on the reports and business of corporations, acting as if they were to be crooked out of something. An odd view, that. Just think, a group of people get together

Shopping Crowds Large Saturday

The cold weather and the near approach of the holiday season brought the largest shopping crowd of the year to Shelby Saturday, in the opinion of many merchants.

Practically all the stores seemed to be thronged and during the afternoon it was impossible to "make time along the sidewalks such as the jam happy, holiday bargain hunters."

With a big cotton crop and a fair price for it, local merchants anticipate one of their busiest seasons during the next two weeks and Saturday's crowd was a very good indication that the anticipation is to be realized.

COLORED SLAYER WAIVES HEARING IN LOCAL COURT

Walter Gordon to Remain in Jail Until Superior Court, Other County Cases

Walter Gordon, colored boy, who inflicted fatal wounds on Javan Smith, another colored youth, on the streets here some days back, waived a preliminary hearing before Recorder John Mull Saturday and was remanded to jail until the next term of Superior court. The examination was waived through Gordon's attorney, Clyde R. Hoey.

High Cagers Turn In Another Game

Shelby Quint Trims Fast Cherryville To Return Elimination in Baseball. Playing in the "tin can" Friday night the Shelby High basketball quint turned in its second straight victory of the season by defeating Cherryville 31 to 17. In a manner of speaking it was a pleasant victory as Cherryville last spring eliminated Shelby from the state baseball race.

From the standpoint of the real game the local quint offered a much better exhibition than in opening game, although the first victory was by a larger score. In Friday's game the team passed better and worked more as a unit, revealing that the "pass 'em up" instructions of Coach Morris and Falls have had their effect. Laymon Beam, center and temporary captain of the squad, was not in the line-up due to the death of his father. He was replaced at center by Milky Gold, who led the scoring, while Guy Bridges broke into the first-string line up at Gold's guard position. A feature of the game was the stellar guarding of Floyd Cline, husky Shelby guard.

The locals play two games this week, both away from home. The first is Tuesday night at Rutherfordton, and the second Friday night at Gastonia. These will be the final games before the Christmas holidays.

Girls To Have Two Games During Week

The Girls High school basketball team will tackle two opponents this week, the playing program being speeded up as the season progresses. Tomorrow night the Cherryville team comes to Shelby for the first clash of the year with the locals, and Friday night the local team travels to Gaffney to tackle a team rated as one of the best in this section of the South.

Coach Toulson believes he has got his squad to pretty good form, and the game's enthusiasts are looking forward to see the Shelby girls take on prestige and superior form as practice becomes more consistent.

VETERANS TO REGAIN CAPTURED DIXIE FLAG

Raleigh.—Charles H. England, private secretary to Governor McLean announced that the chief executive had appointed a committee of 10 Confederate veterans of North Carolina to go to Washington December 16 to receive the 54th North Carolina infantry flag, captured in the war between the states.

The flag is to be returned by a delegation of Maine veterans and Governor Brewster of that state after residing in their state capitol for many years. The committee of Carolinians is composed of S. S. Nash, Tarboro; W. A. Smith, Ansonville; A. H. Boyden, Salisbury; J. D. Hodges, Mocksville; Alexander Graham, Charlotte; E. H. Tyson, Pikeville; Virgil L. Lusk, Asheboro; George H. Hall, Red Springs and J. R. Rodgers and S. A. Ashe, both of Raleigh.

CHRISTMAS FUND INCREASING NOW

Total Up to Monday Goes Over \$300 Mark. Useful Gifts As Well As Cash

Up the fund goes and by the time Santa gets ready to clamber down the chimney he should have a pack pretty well jammed with necessities for the poor of Shelby. Santa's sack, as you know, is being filled by the people of Shelby and the county who contribute to the Star's Christmas Charity Fund.

Day by day the fund is growing. It will take a goodly sum of money to take life's necessities into the homes of all the unfortunates located by the welfare committee—and it ought to be Christmas in every Shelby home. Why not make it so? Bruno Lessing, famous newspaperman who works for the Hearst papers, makes the following appeal that should be fitting anywhere: "Open the ventilators of your soul for this one day and let the Christmas spirit breeze in! It will make you happy afterward whenever you think about it. Contribute to Christmas funds. Do something! Loosen up! Whether you believe in religion or not, whether you care for the weak, the unfortunate and the friendless or not; no matter what you think or believe, you have a conscience which will always respond with a little thrill of pleasure to a good, unselfish deed which you performed for Christmas."

The money you give will do double duty, in other words. In addition to aiding those who need it, you yourself will get such a kick that the same money could not purchase elsewhere.

Total Up Now In the last issue the fund total, including cash and merchandise of equal value, was \$246.30. Since that time \$65.65 has been contributed making a grand total up until this morning of \$311.95. Contributions made late Saturday and today will be included with the list Wednesday.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Santa's Stocking, Previous Contributions, Mrs. C. Philbeck, Judge J. L. Webb, etc.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.—Corinthians 13:1.

Committee Gathers For Charity Plans

Sunday afternoon at the Central Methodist church members of the Christmas charity fund committee gathered and discussed plans for the handling and distribution of the funds. Practically all members of the committee, coming from various civic organizations, were in attendance and the annual charity program was thoroughly considered. At the meeting it was decided to have Miss Elizabeth Roberts to act as treasurer for the fund, provided she will accept the office. The need of a room or building in which to store food supplies donated together with clothing and others contributions was brought out and Lee B. Gathers of The Star, offered the temporary use of his building on West Marion street near the Boston Bakery. Owing to a delay a list of needy cases failed to show up at the meeting, but will be investigated at the next session of the committee.

MRS. L. J. WAGNER BURIED SUNDAY

Widow of Beloved Contractor and Engineer Passes at Home of Her Son, Fred Wagner. Mrs. Delia Wood Wagner, widow of the late L. J. Wagner, beloved contractor and engineer, died Friday night at 9 o'clock at the home of her son, Fred Wagner on N. Morgan street with whom she had been making her home since coming here from Atlanta, Ga., three years ago. Mrs. Wagner was born in Cleveland, Tennessee 75 years ago where she met and married Mr. Wagner. For the past eighteen years she had been an invalid, but a most patient and uncomplaining sufferer. Her husband preceded her to the grave in April of this year and her body was buried Sunday beside him at Sunset cemetery, the funeral services being conducted at the Wagner home by Rev. Hugh K. Boyer and Rev. Zeno Wall.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Jessie Lanier of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Katherine Lowe, of Detroit; Mrs. Martin Pulcher of Detroit, and Mrs. Clyde Wootton, of Augusta, Ga. also one son, Fred Wagner of Shelby. All of the children were here for the funeral services Sunday and are remaining over for several days.

Dr. Wall Praised By Maxton Meeting

Help Rev. A. B. Wood in a Revival Meeting Which Had a Wonderful Success. To Editor of The Star. Maxton, Dec. 9.—Please give space in your paper for the following account of our revival: Our revival began November 18 and closed 25. The pastor did the preaching until Sunday night, November 20 at which time Dr. Zeno Wall of the First Baptist church of Shelby came to us and preached twice daily through Friday night. Dr. Wall did a great work with us. He captured the hearts of our people of Maxton from the first sermon he preached. His deep consecration made a fine impression upon all who heard him. The business men of the town closed their stores from 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning and large numbers of them came to the services at that hour. Dr. Wall understands how to appeal to business men. Our town feels that it has been greatly blessed by his coming. There were 21 professions, 18 for baptism, and one by letter. We thank God for men like Dr. Wall.

ALUMNI BANQUET FOR LATTIMORE

The alumni association of the Lattimore high school will hold its second alumni banquet in the Lattimore school building on Friday evening, December 30, it was announced here today. All alumni and alumnae of the well known high school are urged to attend. Each member is privileged to bring one guest, and those expecting to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Yates Harrill at Lattimore.

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