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Frost Tonight. Today's North Carolina Weather Report Fair tonight, colder on the coast, light to heavy FROST in central and west portion. Thursday fair, slowly rising temperature and central west portions.

Norris For Smith. What is considered one of the most important political announcements of the year, one that may mean several western farm states going for Smith, was made last night at Omaha by Joseph Koutsky, chairman of the Agricultural League of Nebraska, who stated that on Saturday night in a speech at Omaha Senator George W. Norris would come out "flatly and unqualifiedly" for Governor Smith. Senator Norris is a political power among the farmers there.

BELL COMPANY TO REMOVE POLES IN BUSINESS SECTION

Plant Improvement Calls For Expenditure Of \$30,000. Work Is Now Underway.

A \$30,000 plant improvement program was started this week by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company for its Shelby exchange, whereby all of the poles in the business section of the city will be removed, adding greatly to the appearance of the up-town district. Manager Sam Gault of the local exchange says that underground cable will be put down in the up-town section to replace the poles and that over-head cables will be extended on the following streets, Grover street by the hospital, S. Washington street, South Shelby, West Marion street, West Warren street, Lee street and out the Cleveland Springs road.

There will be three of four blocks of underground cable which will have facilities for taking care of the growth of the exchange for years to come. Already work has commenced and a crew of hands will be engaged here for the next four or five months.

1,070 Phones. Manager Gault says the exchange is growing rapidly. Ten new telephone stations were added during the past month. Now the Shelby exchange has a total of 1,070 telephone subscribers, according to Manager Gault and to care for the increasing demands, another section of common battery switchboard is being installed in the exchange's plant over the Cleveland Bank and Trust company and T. W. Hamrick company store.

One More Week For Guesses On Cotton

Estimates Must Be In By Next Wednesday. Ginning Report Due Thursday.

Those who wish to make an estimate on Cleveland county's cotton crop should do so during the next six days. The contest, in which the best estimate will win \$5, will close next Wednesday evening, Oct. 31.

Tomorrow a new ginning report for the county will be issued and a flurry of estimates is expected following the report. However, those who estimate after the report will have only Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until 4 o'clock to get their estimates in.

Recent estimates follow: L. C. Davis, 47,280 bales; Mrs. L. C. Davis, 46,800; Mrs. John M. Camp, 46,350; John M. Camp, 49,000; Mrs. P. B. Shields, 47,000; Mrs. V. S. Webber, 58,500; Mrs. Lee Melton 59,000; Mrs. Gladys Phillips, 47,282; Miss Ollie Belle Shields, 44,352; John Reid, 35,000; Gladys Phillips, 49, 873; J. F. Ledford, 39,973; T. H. Abernethy, 48,990; A. G. Putnam, 52,000; S. C. Jones, 43,930; Giles Skyles, 44,372; Otis Doster, 43,769; W. C. Harris, 47,250; E. H. Dillingham, 41,547; Tom Hallman, 48,692; Mamie Hallman, 44,896; Jimmie Brittain, 39,440; L. M. Crain, 49,889.

WHO WILL WIN SMITH OR HOOVER?

Find out from The Star on Tuesday night, November 6. On election night The Star will receive election returns from all sections of the state and nation both by SPECIAL LEASED WIRE and RADIO. A steady flow of reports on the election as the votes are counted—county, state and nation. BE IN FRONT OF THE STAR BUILDING IN SHELBY ELECTION NIGHT.

Two Football Tilts On Here This Week, Highs And Baptists

Shelby Battles Hickory Friday. Oak Ridge, Boiling Springs On Saturday.

Two of Shelby's biggest football tussles of the year are to be staged here Friday and Saturday.

On Friday the Shelby highs take on Hickory, dark horse bet for the state title.

Then on Saturday the Boiling Springs college eleven will make its first appearance here in a game with the undefeated Oak Ridge prep school eleven.

Both games are highlights of the year and a week-end of fast football is in store for fans of the section.

Hickory And Shelby. The Shelby-Hickory game ranks second only in importance to the Charlotte-Shelby game. So far this season the Hickory outfit has not been defeated while it was scoring 175 points to 25 points for its opposition of the year. Scores of Hickory people will follow the Catawba eleven here as in that section a victory over Shelby is always considered one big step towards the state title. In fact, in western Carolina football circles a high school eleven is considered of championship calibre "if it can lick Shelby and give Charlotte a good game."

Coach Shores will bring his hefty Hickory outfit down with not a single injured player, while Coach Morris will send his blue-jerseyed outfit into the game again minus the services of Guy Bridges, star halfback.

Indications are that the same Shelby eleven which faced Charlotte will line up against Hickory. Zeno Wall, knocked out in the Charlotte game, will be back in the fray and Shelby fans can vision touchdowns with him and Capt. Gold able to do the full route. The two stars Hickory will pit against Gold and Wall will be "Red" Espey and "Pinkie" James.

A College Game. The Saturday's game here will border on college football. The members of the Oak Ridge team are seasoned high school players taking a year or two of prep school training before entering college and many of the names in the Ridger line-up remind of old high school days. On the other hand Boiling Springs will throw one of the heaviest lines in the state and a hard-hitting fullback against the Ridgers. Three performers in the Baptist college line are former Shelby high stars and Thompson, the big fullback, is rated as one of the greatest high school players South Carolina ever produced. The remainder of the Boiling Springs eleven is made up of high and prep school stars of the two Carolinas.

The Cleveland county collegians are being drilled hard this week by Coaches H. G. Hammett and "Shine" Blanton for their big game of the year. Jack Caldwell, former Charlotte high coach and Duke university star, will have charge of the Oak Ridge squad invading Shelby Saturday morning.

The Boiling Springs student body, it is understood, will attend in a body and fill a cheering section in the Shelby stands, while Boiling Springs alumni from the two Carolinas are expected to cover the field to see their school, now a college, in its first big football test.

FETZER DEFENSE TO FACE RIDGE ELEVEN

(Special To The Star.) Boiling Springs, Oct. 24.—The defense that made Bill Fetzer's elevens at Davidson and Carolina hard to score on in years gone by will be used by Boiling Springs college eleven in thumping back the big Oak Ridge backs in Shelby Saturday. Coach "Shine" Blanton, who is

coaching the Boiling Springs line while Coach Hammett works on the Baptist backfield, is this week polishing Capt. Buck Coble and the Boiling Springs forward wall into a nice defensive front. Furthermore he is using his tackles in the interference and the Boiling Springs backs should be able to get off in better style than in previous games. However, Blanton will have only four days in building up a defense and a stone wall cannot be constructed in that time.

Saturday Last Day To Register For Coming Election--Many New

May Be 1,000 New Voters Registered In Shelby Alone. Add To Primary.

Saturday is the last day to register if you intend to vote in the general election on Tuesday, November 6. Be sure to register this week.

The heaviest registration in the history of Cleveland county is forecast by registration officials who have been busy for more than a week registering new voters, includ-

This County Given First Fair Honors

Raleigh, Oct. 24.—Cleveland county won first place and a prize of \$500 at the state fair here yesterday, in the county exhibit contest, with an exhibit showing practically all the products of the county and the farming methods used there, after the judges had spent an entire day weighing the merits of the exhibits. The winning exhibit was prepared by County Agent Alvin Hardin.

Cleveland county scored again when E. L. Weathers, owner of "Lakeview Farm," won the first prize of \$200 for the best "live-at-home" exhibit. County Agent Hardin received great praise from fair officials and visitors for the big county exhibit which he assembled and prepared in his county.

Falls Sees Good Democratic Lead In County Voting

Says High Man On Democratic Ticket Here Will Lead By 3,000 Votes.

"The high man on the Democratic ticket in Cleveland county Tuesday week will have around 3,000 votes lead over his Republican opponent," it was estimated today by Judge B. T. Falls, county Democratic chairman.

Judge Falls expects to see a record vote cast in the county this fall, and almost twice as many votes as were cast in the last general election in 1924.

Other Figures. In 1924 the voting was light, being at least 2,000 votes under that of 1920. In the election eight years ago, 1920, Cleveland county cast 5,116 Democratic votes and 2,978 Republican votes, which was a Democratic lead of a little over 2,000 votes. The Democratic majority in 1924 was about the same but there was a general falling off in voting on the part of both parties. The Democrats in the last election cast 3,836 votes and the Republicans 1,754.

Record This Year. At the Democratic headquarters here it is estimated that the county this fall will cast between 9,250 and 10,000 votes.

"It will be divided about as follows: Democrats—6,500; Republicans—3,200," declared Judge Falls in checking over registration figures and the vote in previous elections.

The big increase in total votes is predicted for two reasons—first, an increased registration now of both Democrats and Republicans, and second, due to the fact that 7,600 Democrats voted in the second primary this year. In other words, near 2,500 more Democrats voted in the primary this spring than did in the last general election.

O. Max Gardner, the county's own candidate for governor, is generally expected to lead the ticket, List in the records another honest man.

Honest Man Sends Money Order Back To Shelby Barber

This week a travelling salesman dropped in the Palace barber shop, owned by the McWhorter brothers, where he secured a hair cut from Twitty Green, one of the barbers. A conversation arose, as is customary in barber shops, and the salesman departed without paying for his haircut. On the following day there came a money order sent back from Kings Mountain. "I forgot to pay for that hair cut yesterday. Here it is," read the message accompanying the money order. The sender proved to be Geo. Blevin, who travels out of Charlotte for the Proctor & Gamble firm.

Marshal Man Has Auto Stolen Here

A Ford touring car belonging to Mr. John Fox, of Marshall, this state, was stolen Monday night from its parking place in front of the residence of Mrs. Alice Linberger, on Sumter street. Mr. Fox returned about 9 o'clock and left his car parked in front and as it was not missed until Tuesday morning he has no idea as to what time it was stolen. The license number of the car was 322,500, and the motor number was 14195797.

SCHOOL COSTS IN CITY AND COUNTY LOW ON AVERAGE

Only 14 Counties In State Have Lower Pupil Cost. Six Towns Below Shelby.

School patrons in Shelby and Cleveland county are educating their children at a cost of \$6.01 less per child than are the patrons of the average county in North Carolina.

The above statement is supported by actual facts assembled by state educational officials and published in the University News Letter.

In The County. In Cleveland county the average cost per pupil each year is only \$20.54 cents, while the state average is \$26.55 per pupil.

In Durham county where the cost per pupil is \$50.16 the school cost of each child each year is more than twice what it is in Cleveland county. Only 14 counties of the 100 in North Carolina have a lower cost per pupil than Cleveland county. In all adjoining counties the cost is greater per pupil in the rural schools. In Catawba the per pupil cost is \$35.02; in Gaston, \$33.57; in Rutherford \$31.17; in Burke \$29.39; in Lincoln \$26.13.

In other words the cost per year for a Cleveland county school child is \$14.48 less than the cost for a Catawba child; \$13.02 less than in Gaston, \$10.63 less per child than in Rutherford; \$8.85 less than in Burke, and \$5.59 less than in Lincoln.

Shelby Cost Low. The cost per pupil in the city schools of Shelby is also below the average cost per pupil in city schools of the state.

The average cost per city pupil in North Carolina is \$42.53, while in Shelby the per pupil cost is only \$37.89. Which is to say that the school child in Shelby goes to school each year at a cost of \$4.64 less than the average city school child in North Carolina.

In the 35 larger cities and towns of the state only six cities have a longer per pupil cost than Shelby. They are Washington, Dunn, Lexington, Smithfield, Morganton and Mooresville. While the cost in Shelby is \$37.89 per pupil the figures show that in Asheville it is \$60.56 per pupil; in Charlotte, \$58.51; in Salisbury, \$43.61; in Gastonia, \$40.83; and in Hickory \$38.58.

In a 25-year period, however, the per capita cost for the average student in the state has increased from \$3.19 to \$28.08.

"There are two primary reasons accounting for the increase in annual per capita costs," a statement with the figures said "These are (1) increase in length of school term, and (2) increase in average annual salaries of teachers and principals."

Naturally in this county the per pupil costs cannot be held at a below-the-average level because each year there are scores of new pupils, demanding new teachers, and by the state salary scale the salaries of teachers increase each year until they reach the state limit.

Invading Smith's Home State

Lexington.—"The White House has been dumb for nearly eight years, and it needs a voice, even if it shouldn't use correct grammar all the time," Dr. Della Dixon-Carroll, of Raleigh, told a large audience here Monday night. The speaker harked back to the uncompromising democracy of her father and declared she had been an anti-Smith Democrat "when such existed before the Houston convention." Ninety-nine per cent of her former objections were found to be prejudices and not reasons, said Dr. Carroll. "The Ohio '600' gang and the Harding and Coolidge administrations make the darkest chapter in political history," she declared. "Mr. Hoover sat with the gang and kept his mouth shut, and has not opened it yet."

Citizens Here Arm Selves In Robbery Wave; Youth Shot



Biggest Crowd Since "Red Shirt" Days Hears Shelby Man At Fayetteville.

Hoey Speaks To Record Crowd In Eastern Carolina

Clyde R. Hoey, local citizen, whose campaign addresses for the Democratic party have made him a national figure and the most sought-after speaker in this section of the south, will speak here, in his home town, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The address will be in the court house during a recess of superior court. Hundreds are expected to hear the silver tongue which has been swaying voters of the Carolinas and Virginia.

Two Big Department Stores Open In Shelby This Week

Two new department stores—notable additions to Shelby's status as a merchandising centre—will swing their doors open to the public this week;—one the Charles Stores tomorrow, for a formal opening, and the other, the Acorn Stores, on Friday.

The first occupies the transformed former Paragon Furniture Company's building, on Warren street—converted into an elaborate and tastefully decorated establishment; while the Acorn Store will occupy a building on South Lafayette, especially built for their accommodation, one of the largest structures in town.

The Charles Store. The Charles store, member of the chain of the Charles Stores, Inc., of which this Shelby enterprise is unit number twenty-one, announces a formal opening Thursday, tomorrow evening from seven to nine o'clock.

It will be a gala event of its kind, with music, and the distribution of souvenirs to add to the interest of the occasion. E. A. Millican, manager of the store, extends a cordial invitation through this paper to the public to be present, to give the once-over to an establishment of which the managing heads are exceedingly proud.

A number of the corporation's executives will be present to witness the opening, which has been well nigh feverishly prepared for during the past week.

A big force of workmen, and clerks has been busy night and day unpacking and placing the big stock. It is said that at least fifty men and women have been employed to lay out the displays.

The Charles store is a department store of a unique sort, handling merchandise listed from five cents to five dollars. Amongst the departments will be found such standard lines as women's and men's furnishings, candies, stationery, hosiery, millinery, jewelry, notions, dry goods and yard goods.

The store will be managed by Mr. E. A. Millican, who has been here for several weeks superintending the preparations. Mr. Millican announced Wednesday that visiting executives for the opening will include, Mr. H. L. Gurkin, shoe supervisor of the chain; R. A. Rundio, superintendent of the Eastern district; L. M. Bates, superintendent of the Western district and Mrs. R. H. McNicholl, personal director.

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Burglaries Continue, Gun Fixed For Burglar Shoots Policeman's Little Son.

Shelby's burglary wave is getting to be the talk of the town, and, incidentally, is causing numerous citizens to lug home six-shooters and automatics for the purpose of protecting their households.

Since the burglary epidemic broke out last Sunday night other burglaries have been reported and eventful things have happened, including the shooting of a policeman's son.

Following the numerous robbery scares the wife of Policeman H. L. Cook requested her husband to oil up and load one of his heavy duty guns, which he left at home, so that she might protect herself while he was on his night beat in the business section of the city.

Boy Shoots Self. Tuesday morning at the Cook home on Sumter street, Ed, the 10-year-old son of the bluecoat, got his hands on the newly oiled and loaded gun and the result was a bullet hole through the fleshy part of his lower left leg. The bullet was a steel jacket and the wound was a clean one and is not considered overly serious for the youngster.

Burglar Gets Gun. Adding to the oddities of the situation is the fact that in the most recent robbery reported the burglar took a gun as his loot, perhaps deeming it necessary to arm himself since owners of the homes he is entering are doing so.

Monday night Mrs. Clarence Mull accompanied by Miss Lottie Petty, who rooms at the Mull home, journeyed to the Shelby hospital to visit Mr. Mull, bank cashier injured in the building disaster weeks back. Returning home the ladies noticed that things about the house had been moved and an examination revealed that the gun, which Mrs. Mull had on top of her dresser for protection, had been stolen. Several dresser drawers had been opened but so far as Mrs. Mull could determine nothing other than the gun had been stolen. An unlatched window screen was silent testimony as to how the burglar made his entry and departure.

Citizens Arm. The big result of the little crime wave is that there are more guns in Shelby homes tonight than ever before. Citizens, who heretofore have left the latch-string on the outside, have been rushing the clerk of court's office for permits to buy pistols and in turn purchasing them at local hardware stores. Others who had guns but have not used them for sometime have been taking them out, oiling and cleaning them, and a visit to the bedroom of the majority of the Shelby homes, now would reveal a loaded gun deposited near the bed for immediate use in case of necessity.

Wears White Sweater. First official notice of the burglary wave came late Sunday night and early Monday morning when an attempted entry was made at the home of Dr. Zeno Wall, First Baptist pastor, and a burglar was discovered in the residence of Mr. W. H. Hudson, who awakened to find the intruder standing nearby with a gag in his hand. The burglar escaped but Mr. Hudson detected that he wore a white sweater, and since that time white sweaters attract quite a bit of attention when seen.

At first it was presumed the minor robberies and burglaries were being carried on by a hanger-on or hangers-on of the carnival playing the colored fair last week. In no instance has more than one man been noticed.

Lone Burglar Terror. As it is the lone burglar, if he is such, is causing a good many sleepless hours in Shelby. Strange noises heard in the night bring sleepy citizens upright in bed where they keep alert for every noise for an hour or more. Rat-traps going off, doors slamming, and natural creaks in the floor are causing a good many trigger fingers to twitch in Shelby in the dead hours of the night this week.

Incidentally, an auto was stolen on a main residential street one night early in the week, the theft following a quiet period in which the city had no stolen autos.

Regular Masonic Meet On Friday

Cleveland Lodge 302 A. F. & A. M. will meet in regular monthly communication Friday night of this week. Since it is the monthly meeting all local Masons are urged to attend.

One Week Of Court Billed Next Week;

The superior court term convening here next Monday with Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, presiding, will hold forth only one week in the disposal of the criminal docket and a few divorce suits.

On November 19, a special term has been called to dispose of the civil calendar.

Prowler Arrested.

A young white man, prowling around homes and begging in east Shelby was arrested at 3 o'clock today.