

The Markets. Cotton Shelby spot 19c Cotton Seed 61 1/2c

Fair Warmer Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Somewhat warmer in east and central portions tonight.

Steamer Is Sinking. A message over the Dow-Jones market wires this morning stated that at 11:20 the Steamship Vestras, en route to Rio from New York, sent an SOS call saying that they were going to take to the lifeboats at any moment. The Vestras is carrying 200 passengers and a crew of 60.

GILMER'S TO LEAVE SHELBY

Big Department Store Of National Chain To Give Up Local Field On January 1.

Final announcement is made today that Gilmer's department store is removing from Shelby. The statement of the corporation's intention to abandon this local field, comes through the local store manager, W. G. Gabriel.

The reason assigned for the move, is that the lease is expiring, and the managers will not renew it.

Thus the news becomes authoritative, which has had the status of a rumor in Shelby for several weeks. Decision was reached by the Gilmer's managers to remove from the city soon after the collapse of a part of their building, with a consequent heavy loss. And the news has since filtered through the city as street gossip but was not confirmed.

It seems that the managers consider they have had hard luck in Shelby; have not got the breaks, speaking in sport parlance.

Of the local force it is expected the manager, Mr. Gabriel, will be transferred to another field, as will A. H. Galloway, the advertising manager.

Gilmer's came to Shelby nine years ago, since which time they have occupied a position as one of the leading department stores of the Cleveland county district.

The managers are preparing a big removal sale, which will be opened Saturday, in anticipation of which the store will be closed Thursday and Friday.

The removal is expected to take place at the end of the year.

WILL ASK BAPTIST CONVENTION HERE

Invite Baptist State Convention To Meet In Shelby Next Year.

The Baptists of North Carolina may hold their annual convention here next year.

Dr. Zeno Wall, first Baptist pastor, said before leaving today for the Baptist convention at High Point that the local church, the ministerial association, and the two civic clubs together with the people of the city would extend an invitation to the High Point convention to meet here next year. By that time the new church will be complete and the city will be in fine shape to entertain the big Baptist gathering.

Fifteen years ago the state Baptist convention met here.

Accompanying Dr. Wall were Mr. Horace Eason, Rev. J. W. Suttle, Rev. G. P. Abernethy, and Rev. Mr. Waldrop and others, including Baptist laymen.

Gold And Company In Final Game Of Season Here Friday

Shelby Highs Tackle Forest City For Gridiron Curtain Act.

The 1928 edition of the Shelby Highs makes its last appearance here Friday when Casey Morris' fast-moving eleven takes the strong Forest City outfit.

It will be the last time local grid fans will get the opportunity to see the fast Shelby backfield in action as it is now formed. In recent games Capt. Gold, Zeno Wall, Bridges, Washburn and Ab Eskridge have established a reputation for running up big scores and since Forest City has had one of its best seasons it may be that Morris' hard-driving backs will have quite a job cut out for them. It will also be the last appearance on the local lot of Big Joe Singleton, All-state guard, last year, and several other seniors, such as Gardner Lattimore, Eskridge and others.

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FIVE STORES AND DEPOT BROKEN IN HERE BY ROBBERS

Thieves Raid Two Drug Stores, Two Groceries, And Other Firms.

Shelby's crime wave took on new and increased proportions some time Friday night when five stores and the Southern depot were entered and several of stores looted.

Stores in which the burglars secured loot were Quinn's and Stephenson's drug store, Oscar Palmer's grocery, and the Acorn department store. Major Hopper's grocery was entered but nothing taken, it is said.

Attempted entrance was made at Pender's, Kelly Clothing company, and other firms.

General Raiding. If "The Shadow," who has been burglarizing Shelby homes, has included business firms in his ransacks, then he must have a gang working with him, according to general presumption.

Entrance at nearly every point Friday night was made at back doors, where wooden panels, or the glass in the doors were broken out.

Approximately \$550 worth of clothing, and perhaps more, was taken from the Acorn stores, a new firm here. Seven dollars and sixty cents was taken from the cash register at Quinn's, and about \$7 from Stephenson's register. Five dollars in nickels and dimes was missing from Palmer grocery register. At the Southern passenger station office it was said that some tickets might have been taken, but this could not be definitely determined.

Shrewd Robbery.

Shrewdness, as shown by the burglars in the stores when cash registers were looted as watches, odd coins, and other articles in the registers, which might be identified, were not touched. Other than the big lot of clothing taken from the Acorn store there is little by which the loot may be identified.

Just what time of night the series of robberies was staged cannot be determined. Apparently the burglars swarmed back alleys and attempted to get in the stores as they came to them.

Town Up In Air.

With the store robberies coming on the heels of a burglary scare in the residential sections, and one or two hold-ups, citizens of Shelby are right much disturbed and extra precaution is being taken to prevent entrances at both stores and residences.

Business Firms Buy Close In Residences

Shelby's business section is gradually expanding as is evidenced by the fact that this week two business firms have purchased close-in residences to be used as future homes. The Moore Agency for the Security Life and Trust company have purchased the L. E. Ligon residence on N. Morgan street and this residence has been converted into an office for the insurance agency. Geo. and Durham Moore are the purchasers.

The Shelby Supply company owned by Fred and Gerald Morgan and Bynum Crow have purchased the Ex-Sheriff W. D. Lackey residence on N. LaFayette street from Chas. S. Young. They will retain the home in its present state for the present, but may build thereon a business house for the Shelby Supply company in the future.

P. O. S. of A. To Have Big State Meeting

Members of the Patriotic Order Sons of America in Shelby and Cleveland county will on Wednesday night, November 14, a big rally of the middle district of the order at the court house in Statesville, Judge Albert W. Jolison, of Pennsylvania, national president, will be the principal speaker, while practically all of the state officers of the organization will be present.

Officials of the order here and in the county urge every member to attend if possible as it will be one of the biggest meetings of the order ever held in the state.

Legion Meeting On Here Tuesday Night

A meeting of the American Legion will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the county court house here, it is announced by Alton W. S. Beam.

All ex-service men in Shelby and the county are urged to attend the meeting, at which several important matters will be discussed.

Memorial Erected To County's Dead.



This is the beautiful bronze memorial tablet erected on the west side of the court house to the 31 who were killed or died in service in the World War. Little Miss Pearl Weathers standing beside the tablet, pulled aside the U. S. flag that veiled it before the services. She represented the school children whose contributions of pennies, nickels and dimes through The Star had much to do with making the memorial tablet possible. Photo by Ellis

Armistice Day Here 10 Years Ago

Parade Here Carried Kaiser Placard On Hearse At Front. General Joy.

Ten years ago yesterday—Remember?

What happened here, and "over there?"

Perhaps the greatest event in history—anyway, the greatest those living today can recall, or will ever witness.

It was about 3 o'clock Monday morning, November 11, 1918, that the telephone girls in the Shelby exchange began to press their call buttons and joyfully spread their story of the Armistice signing. A story that sent the town wild.

Just a few minutes later, not more than an hour or so after the signing itself, Shelby was filled with the clamor of a celebrating people.

"Over there," many leagues across the sea, in trenches filled with suffering, death and desolation, several hundred Cleveland county boys heard the word in an entirely different manner. Some were in the front lines trenches, waiting for a word that could have been entirely different from that they heard, for in the zig-zagging front lines the message usually heard sent them piling over the top through barbed wire entanglements and shell holes to face shower after shower of machine gun fire and deathly T. N. T. in every known form. But this word they heard—"Peace"—brought peace, and home!

Big Parade Here. In Shelby proper the real celebration did not get going good until about 8:30 in the morning, when from the countryside roundabout, proud parents, wives, brothers and sisters began pouring into the town.

The streets were filled with jostling, excited, happy, crying people. Whistles shrieked, bells rang, horns tooted, tin pans rattled, guns fired. In less time than it takes to tell a big celebration parade was formed.

At the head of the parade were two motor hearses which had been busy for weeks hauling away the dead of the destructive "flu epidemic." One of the hearses at the forefront of the joyous parade bore a placard of Kaiser Bill, and the other a placard of his son, the Crown Prince. In behind the hearses came people riding, walking, running, shouting. Hundreds of school children for once "played

They joined the parade early and remained for a greater part of the day. On and on about the town the parade moved. Finally it wended its way out what is now highway 20 to Kings Mountain and back again.

Very little business was carried on in Shelby 10 years ago today.

And over there, a roody portion of the 600 Cleveland county boys who answered their country's call slowly began to get ready for the trip back home. Thirty-one never came back to their own knowledge.

A part of the number of the heroic dead were shipped back from training camps, and the others were taken from their first sleeping place in Flanders field to rest again in the soil of the homeland and the home county.

All that was just 10 years ago yesterday.

Coming Home From Turkey For Turkey

Harold Griffin is coming home from Turkey to eat Christ as turkey with his parents Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Griffin on S. Washington street. For two years he has been living in Greece and Turkey where he has been connected with a tobacco concern of America, selling its products in those countries. He leaves today from Samsoun, Turkey for Constantinople over the Black Sea. By train he travels to Paris and takes a trans-Atlantic trip from the French coast to the United States. The journey will consume about three weeks, placing him in Shelby by the first week in December.

\$50,000 Suit Filed In Building Crash In Which Six Died

Estate Of Clyde Carpenter, Of Casar. Sues Four Individuals And Town Of Shelby. Is First Suit To Be Filed.

Memories of Shelby's worst disaster, the building crash of August 28 in which six were killed, came back today when an envelope was filed in the office of A. M. Hamrick, superior court clerk here.

The envelope contained the complaint of the Clyde Carpenter estate in which suit is brought against four individuals and the town of Shelby for the death of Carpenter, young farmer of the Casar section.

Carpenter had been to the First National bank on business when the building toppled upon him and crushed him to death on the sidewalk.

The Defendants.

The defendants in the suit brought by Mrs. Carpenter, for her and her three children, are named as follows: "John S. McKnight, Tom Webb, Cicero Lutz, E. A. Rudasill and the town of Shelby." In the complaint McKnight is set

under which excavation work was being carried on. Webb and Lutz are named as the contractors doing the work; E. A. Rudasill as the city building inspector, and the town of Shelby as responsible for the building inspection.

Throughout the lengthy complaint, which sets forth many angles and sidelights of the disaster, negligence is charged to all those named as defendants in the complaint with the allegations directed by paragraphs to the various individuals.

Huffman Handles.

The Carpenter suit, which will attract the interest of this entire section, was filed by former Solicitor R. L. Huffman, of Morganton and Asheville, who is acting as attorney for the Carpenter estate.

There is a likelihood, it is said, that the big suit may be tried at the special term of superior court convening here on November 19.

28,537 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In County To Nov. 1

In a report made to The Star today Miles H. Ware, government ginning agent stated that up to November 1, 28,537 bales of cotton had been ginned in Cleveland county.

This figure compares with 32,524 bales ginned up to the same date last year, 1927.

Local cotton men after hearing the report stated that in their opinion the total ginning would hardly reach last year's record figure, but would likely hit about 45,000 bales. Some differed in that they declared quite a bit of cotton picked during the past two weeks had not been ginned as the farmers were too busy picking to get it all in to the gins.

ATTENDANCE FOR SHELBY SCHOOLS GIVEN AT 2,445

Fifty-Seven Out Of High School Make Honor Roll While 150 Fail.

The average attendance in the Shelby public schools now is only about 200 students less than the total enrollment for the year. The enrollment figures, issued by the superintendent's office, show 2,680 enrolled with an attendance of 2,445.

Forty-seven students outside of the high school made the honor roll during the second month. In the second month there were 150 failures in the school system, this report including the high school with 96 failures.

Attendance figures follow: School, Enroll., Av. Attd., Fail. High School 490 664 96 Graham 258 235 16 Marion 323 297 11 Morgan 441 420 7 LaFayette 251 230 3 Jefferson 321 292 3 Washington 175 169 13

The Honor Roll.

The honor roll for the second month in the high school follows: Eleven-A—Alice Andrews, Martha Eskridge, Dorothy King.

Tenth-A—Mary Faye Dellinger, Marietta Hoyle, Mildred McKinney Lalage Spurling.

Ninth-A-1—Elizabeth Blanton, Frances Carver, Matilda Jenks, Alice Goode King, Milla Putnam, Sara Thompson, Orni Lee White, William Ingram.

Ninth-B-2—William Jones, Sam Dayberry.

Eighth-A-2—Bernice Houser, Graham School.

Fifth grade—Jeff Connor, Edwin Hamrick, Hill Hudson, Jr., Elizabeth Dodd, Anna Lutz, Sallie Mullinax, Sarah Thompson.

Sixth grade—Forest Moss, Charles Philbeck, Margaret Thompson, Edna Earl Grigg.

Washington School. Fourth grade—Earl Hamrick, Anna Beth Jones, Sara Bess Ledford, Jeanette Post, Bettie Smart, John Mull, Jr.

Fifth grade—Mary Wells, Raymond Lowery, Edward Morrison, Paul Wellmon, Katherine Wellmon, Richard Jones.

Sixth grade—Veva Armour, Ellen Ford, Helen Jean Jordan, Katherine McMurray, Louise Jones.

Seventh grade—Colbert McKnight, Margaret Ford, Dorothy Leonard, Cornelia Sparks, Lucille Whisnant, Marion School.

Sixth grade—Margaret Louis McNeely, Esther Ann Quinn, Mary Lillian Speck, Sarah White, LaFayette School.

Fourth grade—Mary Davis, Evelyn Gardner, Mary Lee Wiggins, Clyde Grigg.

Jefferson.

Fifth grade—D. C. Black, Ernest Greenway, Riley Taylor, Annie Dayberry, Katie Lou Ensley, Evelyn Teale, Ruby Taylor.

Seventh grade—John Fair, Garland Lazenby, Harland Pruitt.

Unveil Tablet Here For Dead Of World War; Cox Is Speaker

Beautiful Tablet Honoring Cleveland Boys Who Went West Unveiled With Ceremonies Here Saturday.

Man Enters Wrong Home, Gets Nabbed As House Burglar

Burglary Scare On N. Washington Devolves Into Drunk Plight.

A burglary scare on North Washington street last night devolved itself into a drunken man's plight, according to officers here today.

Last night a call came to the police station from the two-story residence at the corner of North Washington and Suttle streets, where G. W. Morehead and Mr. Clark, Seaboard operator live.

According to the call a burglar had been caught in the house and locked in the room. When officers arrived the man, said to be Everett Spangler, was found on the floor in one room of the house either asleep or drunk, and perhaps both, it was said.

Occupants of the house stated that he wandered about the rooms some time before piling down in the room where he was locked in. Although first impression was that the house burglar, who has been terrifying the town, had been caught, the idea was later scouted by those who were of the opinion that Spangler, who lives in that section of town, was just inebriated to the extent that he entered the wrong house and piled down to sleep it off.

He will be given a hearing before Judge John Mull Friday of this week, it is understood.

Roll Of Honor.

With Editor Lee B. Weathers in charge of the program, a beautiful prayer was offered by Dr. Zeno Wall, former chaplain in the World War, and Mr. Newton in the course of his dedication speech read the names of the 31 deceased comrades: Harvey N. Allen, Wm. Barrett, John Garver, E. O. Cabiness, Calvin Cook, Ira A. Crabtree, Broadus V. Doty, Robert P. Falls, Otis D. Green, Geo. W. Hastings, Frank Hayes, Warren F. Hoyle, Butler Ford, Roy Lattimore, C. A. McCraw, B. C. McSwain, G. B. McKnight, Reid Morris, Lawson J. Owens, Ed Price, Wm. Parker (col.), Summey Powell, J. H. Ratteree, S. J. Randall, Forrest A. Rippy, R. O. Rhyme, Joseph W. Runyans, Joseph L. Spangler, O. Pratt Street, Wm. B. Weathers, Fred Weathers.

Turning to the reserved seat section where gold star mothers sat with fathers of the deceased soldiers, Mr. Newton said it was because of these parents who reared manly, patriotic sons that the war was won in such a brief period after America entered.

The tablet was accepted for the county by A. E. Cline, chairman of the board of county commissioners who also thanked The Star for taking the lead in raising the money through its columns in order that the names of the war dead might be preserved for generations to come. Most of the contributions were made by children in the public schools of the county and the \$325 tablet represented the sacrifice of pennies, nickels and dimes which they gave. Of course this was augmented some by contributions as large as \$5 by adults who wished to preserve their memory.

Salute And Taps.

The customary military honors accorded dead comrades were given by a platoon of soldiers from Company K under command of Capt. Peyton McSwain. After the firing of a volley of three shots, taps was sounded by the company's bugler and the band struck up a march.

The weather was bleak and cold, somewhat like the weather that prevailed in France when the boys over there heard that the Armistice was signed and hostilities would cease at 11 o'clock, so the outdoor program was brief.

Predicts End Of War.

Col. Albert Cox, former commander of the American Legion and one of the state's leaders during the World War, was the principal speaker for the occasion. He was introduced in the Court House by Commander Mike Austell of the Warren F. Hoyle Post who again thanked the contributors for the memorial tablet and spoke in highest praise of Col. Cox as a soldier and citizen.

"It is but fitting that we should observe Armistice Day as a holiday," declared Col. Cox "for we hope to make that the conclusion of war for all time. President Wilson tried to prevent the conflict, but when we were forced in, the men responsible

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NEGRO SHOOTS HIS STEPFATHER SUNDAY

Lyon Surratt, 57-year-old colored man, who lived on the Ves Cline place in the Philadelphia church section, is in the Shelby hospital in serious condition today as the result of being shot in the abdomen Sunday night by his stepson, Frank Dixon.

The young negro is said to have been drinking when he fired upon his stepfather with a .38 calibre pistol.

Bob Kendrick and other officers searched the section Sunday night for Dixon, but today he was still free having fled after the shooting.

Trundle In Georgia Buggy Pays Up Bet

An election bet was paid in Shelby amidst the shoppers, Saturday, F. O. Hopper rolled J. B. Williams in a wheelbarrow from the Jackson store on south LaFayette street to Thackston's store, at Eastside, a distance of about a mile.

In the wake of the barrow, was a donkey, representing the Democracy. Mr. D. B. Pritchard bought cigars for the party, and speeded them on their way as they left the Jackson store, amidst a whoop, which greeted the conveyance over most of the route.

Methodist Week Of Prayer This Week

This is the week of prayer for the Central Methodist church congregation and two meetings will be held at the church, one Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 and another Wednesday afternoon at the same hour.