

The Markets. Shelby Cotton Market 18 1/2 Cotton Seed, per bu. 64 1-2c

Cloudy And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and somewhat colder in west and central portions, and rain in northeast portions tonight, Saturday fair.

"Flu" Is General.

The influenza epidemic, which closed the city schools here today, is not confined to Shelby but seems to be general over the county. In the county the Stubbs school has closed, while numerous teachers and students are reported sick with influenza at Lattimore, Earl, Belwood, Dover mill and in other sections. In several business houses of Shelby clerks and employees are out with attacks.

MR. GARDNER WILL NOT ALLOW RAISE OF PRESENT SALARY

Governor-Elect Halts Rumor That Salary Of Governor May Be Boosted.

"I will not under any circumstances permit my salary to be raised by the next legislature," declared Governor-elect O. Max Gardner when asked concerning reports that the delay in his inauguration from January 1 to January 11 might be accompanied by an increase in his salary at the hands of the general assembly, which will convene January 9.

"I consider the salary of the Governor and all other constitutional state officers entirely too low, and I should like to see them all increased, but I shall hold the office of governor for only one term and I should not be willing for any action to be taken at this time which would affect me personally and shall so inform my friends in the general assembly."

The definite announcement by Mr. Gardner put an end to rumors as far as he is concerned, and leaves as the most likely salary measure for the two-day period before the constitutional officers will be sworn in action in regard to the salary of the attorney general. Under the constitution the salaries of the governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, superintendent of public instruction, and attorney general can not be changed during their terms of office, and any action to affect any of them before 1933 would have to be taken during the first two days of the session, as was done in 1921, the session of the last general increase for such officers.

At present the governor receives \$6,500 a year, plus a travel allowance of \$600 and free use of the executive mansion, which is maintained by the state, the superintendent of public instruction receives \$5,000, the attorney general \$4,000 and all the others \$4,500.

Funeral For Mrs. Dover On Saturday

Young Matron Passes At Hospital. Funeral To Be On Saturday.

Mrs. Brady Dover, 17-year-old wife of Brady Dover, died at the hospital here this morning about 8 o'clock. The young matron, who was well known and popular in the southern and eastern sections of the county, was brought to the hospital yesterday.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Pleasant Hill church with Rev. Mr. Lowe officiating.

The deceased is survived by her young husband, a week-old infant, and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gold, of the Grover section, and five sisters and three brothers as follows: Mrs. Coy Phillips, Mrs. Sam DeFrest, Mrs. Fitz Morehead, Mrs. Lee Hamrick, and Miss Elizabeth Gold; Messrs. George, B. M., and John Gold.

Mrs. Dover had been a member of the Grover Baptist church for five years and was highly respected and loved in her home community. Since her marriage she and her husband had been living with his father, Mr. R. M. Dover, a brother of Mr. John R. Dover, of Shelby. The news of her death will come as a shock to those who knew her as she was in the prime of young womanhood, graduating last spring from the Grover high school.

Christmas Tree On Court Square

City workmen, under Electrical Supt. Ted Gordon, yesterday completed the erection of the community Christmas tree on the northwest side of the court square. The tree when lighted and decorated will be under the supervision of the Woman's club, of which Mrs. Fred Morgan is president. The Woman's club is also one of the big aids to the community Christmas fund for the poor as raised through The Star.

"Flu" Closes Shelby Schools; 887 Pupils Are Sick

MULL DOUBTS IF STATE WILL PASS LONG TERM IDEA

If Not No State Aid Can Be Expected For Shelby Schools Under Present Tax.

In an interview with The Star today, O. M. Mull, Cleveland's representative, declared that he doubted the passage of an eight-month school term bill by the next legislature. Mr. Mull, a close personal and public friend of Governor-elect Gardner, was asked about the likelihood of the bill passing in connection with the problem here of shortening the school term of the Shelby schools.

By some it was thought that perhaps the passage of eight month schools for the entire state would make it unnecessary to raise the tax levy here to keep the schools open nine months. Mr. Mull's view, as expressed below, casts cold water upon that hope:

"A number of voters in the Shelby school district have asked me what school legislation would likely be enacted by the approaching general assembly. The financing of the public schools of the state will be one of the most important questions before the legislature. What will be done, no one can definitely foretell.

"The public schools in Cleveland county school tax of 62c on the money from three sources. Our six months term is paid for by our county school tax of 62c on the hundred plus \$47,000 which we drew from the state as our share of the 3-1-4 million dollars state equalization fund. The town in Cleveland county by a local tax run their schools three additional months while a number of other districts run their school, some two and some three months additional by a local tax.

"Prof. Allen, our state superintendent of public instruction and a large number of others are asking the legislature to provide the money to run the public schools for eight months instead of six. If this should be done the town of Shelby would only have to finance one additional month and there would be no need to increase our local tax from 30 cents to 40 cents as the thirty cents would be more than ample. I do not believe the state will finance an eight months school term. A large number of the counties are finding the tax burden for the six months term very heavy and are clamoring for more help on the six months term. I believe the legislature will provide further help on the six months term. If it adheres to the present method of giving help by the state equalization fee, I believe the amount will be raised from the present 3-1-4 million to five million dollars. If this method is not accepted I believe some other method will be adopted to furnish state help on the six months term.

"If state aid is limited to the six month term, as I believe it will be limited, it will be left to the local school districts to provide by local tax an amount reasonably necessary to run the schools the three additional months or shorten the length of the term as they see fit," he stated.

Shelby Boys Named On Other Elevens

Shelby high football players continue to be named on the various mythical high school elevens. The Hickory Daily Record in an All-Stats recently published placed Capt. Milt Gold, of Shelby, at left end, a berth he has been placed on in two other All-State elevens and on the All-Southern. The Concord Tribune's All-Western eleven named Zeno Wall, of Shelby, as quarterback. It was the second eleven on which the wiry little field general of Shelby high has been mentioned.

Campbell And Davis To Preach In County

Rev. R. C. Campbell pastor of First Baptist church of Hickory will be with Rev. J. W. Suttle and preach at Double Springs next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Campbell is a native of this county and goes to one of the largest pastures in Texas the first of the year.

Dr. J. B. Davis, president of Boiling Springs junior college, will be with Rev. J. W. Suttle and preach at Waco Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

More Whiskey Smuggled Into United States Now Than Three Years Ago—Tough Problem

Attorney General's Report Shows It 75 Percent Increase In 3 Years.

(Special To The Star.)

Washington. — The attorney-general of the United States is in the unenviable position of a man who has finally succeeded in solving a tough problem only to have it go all to pieces on him and present itself in an entirely new way.

The annual report of Attorney-General Sargent, just made public, sheds a new and interesting light on the trial and tribulations that attend the efforts to prevent the smuggling of intoxicants into this country.

It reveals that whereas the smuggling of liquor in from the high seas has been got pretty well under control, the flood that seeps in across the Canadian border is steadily increasing, despite all efforts to check it.

"The problems of the liquor smuggling traffic directly from Canada into the United States across the international boundary line continue to be unsolved," admits the report. "Indeed, while the record of foreign ship seizures would seem to indicate that the smuggling traffic from the high seas through the aid of hovering vessels is diminishing, such traffic across the international boundary on the north is increasing. The great bulk of this trade is carried on through the waters of the Great Lakes and their connections."

To begin with, as the report points out, it is possible to estimate the amount of liquor smuggled in from Canada a little more accurately than that which comes in from other places, because much of the Canadian liquor passes through the Canadian customs, and official record is made of it.

These Canadian official records show graphically the increase in the amount of liquor sent over from the dominion. The following table shows the total number of gallons exported in the last four years:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Gallons. 1925: 665,896; 1926: 983,152; 1927: 1,053,213; 1928: 1,169,002

Furthermore, the value of the smuggled product keeps going up. In 1925 the Canadian value of the exported whiskey was \$10,772,988. This year the sum rose to \$18,883,541. The report goes on to add:

"These figures thus given cover the exportations of whiskey only, and the same records show that the total value of all alcoholic beverages exported from Canada to the United States during the year ending June 30, 1928, amounted to \$24,397,958. As observed heretofore, these records show only the liquor which was regularly cleared through Canadian customs.

"Some of it may be short circuited for consumption in Canada. On the other hand, it is believed a substantial amount of liquor enters the United States across the northern border, of which the Canadian customs has no record. Based on the figures supplied by the Canadian department of trade and commerce, it will be noted that in the course of three years the volume of this traffic has increased more than 75 per cent."

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Star Starts Christmas Fund For Poor

All over Shelby "Christmas is in the air," and here, there and nearly everywhere preparations for the holiday of holidays are being made, but in some homes in and about Shelby there is very little being done in the way of getting ready for Christmas, because of unfortunate circumstances which make it so that there is no money with which to participate in the good cheer of the season.

For that reason The Star again hangs out its Santa Stocking for the poor and unfortunate of the city and section. The appeal for gifts for the poor was delayed this year due to the influenza epidemic which has confined leaders of several civic clubs and organizations

who have always aided in The Star's appeal for contributions. However, despite the delay Christmas is yet 10 days off and enough money to take a ray of cheer into many homes can be raised if the people of Shelby respond as heretofore.

As before, understand that none of the fund will go for trivial things, toys, and such, but will instead be used to purchase shoes for little girls and boys, coal for ill and stricken families, and groceries for homes where the head of the house is sick or dead and there is no one to provide.

On Christmas eve the money will be turned over to a special committee, which is investigating needy cases and will be used to purchase clothing, fuel and groceries. In compiling the list of

CLEVELAND MOVES TO A BIGGER LEAD IN MAKING COTTON

Johnston County Supplants Robeson In Second Place, Behind Cleveland 7,702 Bales.

When the last cotton ginning report for North Carolina was issued Cleveland county gained over her nearest rivals in cotton production in the state.

When the November 14 report was made this county was only three or four thousand bales of Robeson, then second in cotton production. But with the December 1 report Cleveland with 45,343 bales was the only county in the state to pass the 40,000-bale mark and was leading Johnston, which supplanted Robeson by 7,702 bales. Robeson with 36,945 bales ginned to December 1 was 8,398 bales behind Cleveland.

Behind Last Year. The majority of the large cotton counties of the state are behind last year in their ginning this year. Johnston county to December 1 was nearly 11,000 bales behind the ginning of 1927, while Robeson was about 3,000 behind. This county up to December 1 was about 1,000 bales ahead of the 1927 crop to the same date. Halifax with 33,826 bales ginned to December 1 was the only other big cotton producing county ginning more than in 1927 with an increase of about 1,000 bales over the previous year.

The five leading cotton counties with their ginning figures up to December 1, this year and last, follow:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1928, 1927. Cleveland: 45,343, 44,568; Johnston: 37,641, 48,356; Robeson: 36,945, 39,345; Halifax: 33,826, 32,101; Nash: 31,963, 36,107

TO PUBLISH REPORT SCHOOL FINANCES

Taxpayers Can Get Any Information They Desire From School Officials.

When a request came several times this week from voters in South Shelby asking that The Star publish the salary schedule of teachers in the city schools, the request was transmitted to the school officials who have this information. A member of the school board was seen and had the following response to make to this request.

"Any information which the taxpayers wish about the finances of the school, including the salaries of teachers can be secured from any member of the school board or from John Shannonhouse who made this audit. The men who seek this information have never asked the members of the school board or the auditor, so far as I have been able to learn, but have questioned folks who they knew did not know, hence exaggerated reports have gone out.

"The school board has nothing to conceal. We have this information and it is to be had for the asking and not only that, but we are planning to publish a full and complete statement in a short while. We feel that the matter of teachers salary is just one of many interesting items in the report and the taxpayers should know the sources of revenue, the deficit and other things as well as teachers salaries."

W. H. Blanton, Jr. To Rebuild Wrecked Cars And Truck Bodies.

A new industry for Shelby is announced in the opening of the Shelby Auto and Wagon company by Mr. W. H. Blanton, Jr. in a new building on South Morgan street. The new firm will rebuild wrecked cars, build bodies for trucks, wagons, and other automobiles, as well as operate a general paint and blacksmith shop.

Christmas Cantata At Boiling Springs

A choir of fifty well trained voices will sing "Chimes of the Holy Night," a Christmas cantata at the First Baptist church at Boiling Springs Sunday evening Dec. 16 beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Katherine Holmes Grogans is organist and choir director. The fifty voices will be made up of students and members of the faculty of the college, in addition to the regular community choir.

County's Famous Dog Case Closed At Last

Cleveland county's most widely heralded dog case is at end—for the present at least. Thursday the North Carolina Supreme court handed down a decision affirming the Superior court decision here in the case of Blanton vs. Bridges.

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Local Manager Of Penney's Benefits In Aladdin Style

Penney Employees Get In On Stock Cut. Manager Scott Gets Reward.

Here's a yarn out of the book of Aladdin.

It has to do with the J. C. Penney company in general, and E. E. Scott, the manager, in particular. Recently the Penney company made an announcement to the effect that they were putting into effect a plan for further distribution of the Penney stock among the present stockholders.

It was announced that owners of stock in the company would be enabled to purchase additional stock at a cost of ten dollars per share. That doesn't sound so hot, until the matter is explained.

Here is an explanation that brings out the Aladdin quality of the plan.

Mr. Scott, (and this information came to The Star without the manager's knowledge)—Mr. Scott originally owned 27 shares. This year he acquired 35 more. (You see, it was a good year.) So he owns roughly speaking, sixty shares. He will be able to buy, under the Penney plan, two shares for one, so that his quota will be 120 shares.

Now the plot begins to thicken. He will be able to buy the 120 shares for \$1,200. And here steps in Aladdin. The stock was selling this week on the market for \$343.00. So that Mr. Scott will clean up the neat sum, through this company transaction, of over \$41,000.

Which means a clear pick up. The sum hasn't anything to do with profits. It hasn't anything to do with other phases of his earnings. He just found, so to speak, forty-one thousand dollars through the Penney plan of finance.

And his friends tell him he is getting nice and round and fat. And that is the other side of the story.

Physicians Think Move Best; Lose Only Three Days

183 New Cases Among School Children From Thursday Until Friday. One-Third Of Pupils Now Out. Move Taken As Precaution By Board.

The Shelby city schools will close this afternoon and remain closed until Monday, December 31, thus taking the annual Christmas holidays a week earlier than planned due to the spread of the influenza epidemic over the city and among the near 3,000 students.

The move was taken by the city school board, Supt. I. C. Griffin stated today, after being advised by the county health officer and physicians of the town. The medical men recommended the course as a wise one to prevent the further spread of the epidemic in the city, noting meantime that 183 new cases had developed among school children here over night.

The Rapid Increase. There was some discussion of closing earlier Wednesday and Thursday, but no definite decision was made until today when actual tabulation of attendance and sick reports were compiled.

From Thursday morning until this morning 183 more pupils were listed as absent due to the epidemic. Thursday morning 704 students were out with influenza and other sickness, and this morning 887 children, or more than one-third of the average attendance were out. More pupils than 887 are now out but only that number have been reported as sick to their teachers.

The following table showing the number of children reported absent from the eight schools due to sickness is given for Thursday and Friday, thus revealing the spread of the epidemic:

Table with 4 columns: School, T, F, N. C. Central High: 99, 134, 35; Graham: 57, 83, 26; Marion: 56, 92, 36; Morgan: 164, 200, 36; LaFayette: 53, 83, 30; Washington: 68, 89, 21; Jefferson: 38, 31, 7; Colored: 169, 175, 6

Totals: 704, 887 in 183. Little school work will be lost, Supt. Griffin says, and the early closing may prevent hundreds of cases in the opinion of school board members and physicians, who urge that those who take a cold or seem to have the "flu" should go to bed immediately. By closing this afternoon and opening on December 31, it is said that the students will only be out of school three more days than they would have under the ordinary holiday period. These three days will be made up next spring, Supt. Griffin states, as is required by law.

Even if the move had not been recommended by physicians and the health officer so many students are now absent that it would have been near useless, to attempt to carry on a class program as such a large number would have been behind with their work.

Teachers Sick. Prof. Columbus Andrews, principal, and four teachers of the high school were out today with influenza, with one to two teachers out of each of the seven other schools.

Go To Bed, Is Advice. Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Dr. Charles Laughinghouse, state health officer, is urging county health officers, county commissioners, city aldermen and teachers to insist that people who contract influenza go immediately to bed in a well ventilated room, put themselves under the care of a physician and remain in bed under their physician's care until, in the judgment of the physician, it is absolutely safe for them to be up and out.

Rev. R. C. Campbell To Preach B. Springs. Rev. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist church of Hickory will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Boiling Springs church, filling the pulpit of the pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins. Many members of the congregation expressed a desire to hear Mr. Campbell before he leaves for his new charge in Texas.

Wherever He Goes There's A Governor

Mr. Woodward Has Lived In Towns With Four North Carolina Governors.

It's right much of a boost for a town when Mr. John F. Woodward, 76-year-old Morganton citizen, becomes a citizen, even temporarily, thereof.

Mr. Woodward, who is spending several months here with his daughter, Mrs. Columbus Andrews, wife of the Shelby High principal, has lived for short or long periods in four North Carolina towns, and every one of the towns had a citizen who was or had been governor of the state.

For 49 years Mr. Woodward was connected with the State hospital at Morganton, for many years being in charge of the construction there. Visiting the office of Governor-elect O. Max Gardner here recently Mr. Woodward was reminded of the fact that by chance the towns he had lived in, were homes of governors.

In his boyhood days at Statesville, his native home, he lived near the home of the war governor, Zeb Vance. Later as an apprentice in woodwork and construction in Charlotte, Mr. Woodward lived in the same town again with the Vance family. When he became connected with the State hospital he lived in Morganton, the home town of the late Gov. Todd Caldwell.

In more recent years Mr. Woodward has spent much of his time with two of his daughters, Mrs. Andrews of Shelby, and another daughter at Lumberton. The latter town is the home of Governor McLean and while in Shelby Mr. Woodward is living in the home town of Gov. McLean's successor.

Mrs. Stiefel Funeral Here This Morning

Mother Of Mrs. Honeycutt taken To Concord For Interment. Today.

The funeral of Mrs. J. H. Stiefel, mother of Mrs. D. E. Honeycutt was held this morning at 10 at the home of Mrs. Honeycutt on N. Morgan street by Dr. H. K. Boyer. Mrs. Stiefel was 75 years of age and a member of the Methodist church, a devout Christian and greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Her remains were taken today to her former home at Concord for interment beside her husband who preceded her to the grave thirteen years ago. The following Shelby friends served as pall bearers: Will King, Will Arey, E. A. Rudasill, Basil Goode, Charles Hoey and T. J. Babington.

Surviving Mrs. Stiefel are two children, Mrs. Honeycutt of Shelby and Mr. Clarence Stiefel of Jacksonville, Fla.

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