

The Markets. Cotton Seed, per bu. 67 1/2 Cotton, per lb. 16c

Fair And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight.

Question Mark Still Up.

At an early hour last night the Question Mark, army refueling monoplane, was still in the air after being up for five and one-half days, or 132 hours, thus doubling all previous records for sustained flight by a heavier-than-air craft.

HOTEL CHARLES OPEN HERE FEB. 15

All New Furniture And Furnishings Are Bought And Being Delivered For Opening.

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Mr. Brabble says all of the furniture and furnishings have been bought and some of the things have arrived.

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The curtains and draperies in the lobby will be in rose and old gold, while green and red curtains and draperies will adorn the dining room.

The main dining room will seat 88 people while there will be a private dining room with a seating capacity of 60.

Handsome silver and china ware have been purchased and Mr. Brabble says when the hotel is finished it will be second to none in North Carolina.

Shelby Takes Cage Game Here Friday

Two Games This Week On Tap. High Defeat Hickory Grove Five.

The Shelby High basketball quint has two games scheduled for this week, both away from home.

The first game is Tuesday night in Gastonia and the second Friday night at Cliffside.

Playing in the "tin can" here Friday night the high won their second game of the season by a 17-15 score from the husky Hickory Groves.

The game as indicated by the score was close and exciting at all times, but Coaches Morris and Falls declare their cagers are not in condition as yet following the holidays.

A Riegels Shot. During the game there was a "Riegels" goal, so to speak, when one of the Shelby performers tossed two points through the Hickory Grove basket.

VILLAGE SHOEMAKER TO VISIT FRIEND COOLIDGE

Northampton, Mass., Jan. 6.—James Lucey, 73 year old shoemaker, slipped out of town quietly today to begin his journey to Washington where he will fulfill his long-delayed promise to "drop in" on his friend, President Coolidge.

When "Doc" Came. How long has Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair secretary and former Kiwanis president been living in Shelby.

You'll find the answer together with many other items of refreshing interest in the Five and Ten Years Ago column of The Star today.

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MAX HAS ANOTHER BIG AMBITION FOR CLEVELAND COUNTY

Wants Farmers To Climb To 75,000 Bale Mark While He Is In Raleigh.

Governor-elect O. Max Gardner, leaving his home town and county this week for Raleigh where he will remain as governor for four years, today expressed one final ambition for his county, the realization of which he hopes to see while he is away.

And, somewhat typical to his entire career, that ambition is for the farmers of his county.

"My big ambition for my county before my four-year term is up is to see Cleveland county farmers producing 75,000 bales of cotton annually," he declared.

"Can Be Done" "They can do it, too," declared the big fellow who has been an important factor in bringing the county up to a 50,000-bale county.

"I know they can, if they will use pure bred seed, and a well balanced fertilizer—meaning around 700 pounds to the acre with 200 pounds nitrate of soda.

For Dairy Cows "Another thing I would like to see happen in my home county while I am gone," he continued, "is to see that every scrub bull in the county is destroyed, and every farmer owning at least two or three good milk cows.

"Cleveland county has made a remarkable progress in agriculture, but the end should not be yet."

RICKARD LOSER OF HIS BIGGEST SCRAP

World's Greatest Promoter, Once Gold Miner, Dies After Operation.

Miami Beach, Fla., Jan. 6.—George L. (Tex) Rickard, New York sports promoter, died today.

He succumbed in a hospital here at 8:37 o'clock this morning to complications which set in after an operation for the removal of his appendix New Year's night.

Mrs. Rickard, Jack Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Field of New York, Dr. E. H. Adkins and two nurses were at the bedside when the maker of champions passed.

Rickard, accompanied by his wife and child, came to Miami Beach recently as head of the Madison Square Garden corporation to superintend the opening of a greyhound race track and to arrange for a heavyweight match between Young Stribling and Jack Sharkey.

Stricken Tuesday. He was stricken Tuesday at his home, but was not removed to a hospital until that night when physicians diagnosed his illness as acute appendicitis.

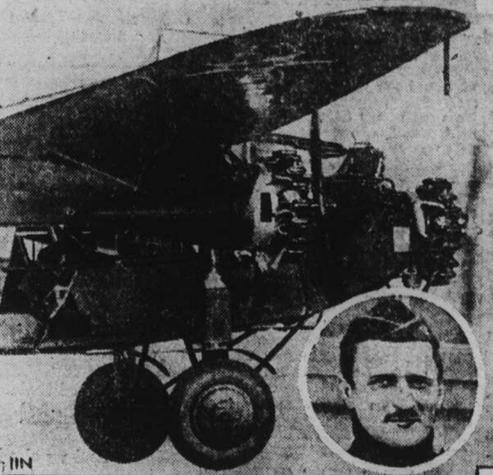
Richard Called Greatest. New York, Jan. 6.—The death of George L. (Tex) Rickard in Miami Beach today removed from boxing a figure more powerful than champions, a character unique and without a rival in the field of promotion, and the most important single figure in the lifting of the sport from the "ham and egg" class into the field of big business.

Boasting little or no experience in sport promotion, probably without ever having lifted his own hands to a position of offense or defense, Rickard revolutionized the staging of boxing bouts.

Sports World Mourning. New York, Jan. 6.—A genuine wave of sadness and regret from friend and foe alike swept over the New York sports world today at the world today at the news of the death at Miami Beach, Fla., of Tex Rickard, greatest figure in the history of sports promotion.

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A NEW ERA



Here is a close-up made during the epic endurance flight of the Question Mark, the Army's wonder plane. In the front cockpit, his back to the camera, may be discerned Major Carl Spatz (inset), the commander, as he leans forward to give directions to his pilots.

Shelby Beats New York City! In Having Increase "Flu" Cases

New York with its millions may have it on the old home town of Shelby in many respects—perhaps all respects save one, and that one is that in "having the flu" Shelby surpasses New York records.

One day last week New York papers headlined the fact that with 240 new cases of influenza reported there in one day a record for the city had been set. So much for

Party Must Discard Influence Of Al Smith, One Leader Says

Washington.—The future success of the Democratic party, in the opinion of Representative Box, of Texas, the new minority whip in the house, depends upon ridding the organization of those forces which nominated Governor Smith and controlled his campaign.

Box, who recently was selected Democratic whip for the remainder of the present congress succeeding the late Representative Oldfield of Arkansas, expressed this view in a letter, made public, to Franklin D. Roosevelt, new governor of New York and political and personal friend of Smith.

Replying, the Texas declared the situation which culminated in the nomination of Smith and Hoover and the election of the latter was a "calamitous mistake."

"If the situation and forces which nominated Governor Smith controlled the campaign continue to dominate the party," he declared, "Texas and the entire south will cease to be Democratic, the east will not be controlled, the west will be permanently estranged, and the party will break up, some of

its voters, going to the Republican party, others remaining with the organization and others becoming independents."

Mull Will Leave Shelby On Tuesday Representative Journeyed Down With Gardner Just Ten Years Ago.

Representative-elect Odus M. Mull will leave Shelby for Raleigh tomorrow morning, he told The Star today. Mr. Mull has represented the county in the legislature before and being a close friend of Governor-elect Gardner is expected to take a leading part in the legislative action and will likely receive several important committee appointments.

In Another Day. The trip down to Raleigh this week by Messrs. Gardner and Mull is not their first one together. Many times have they journeyed down together in an unofficial capacity, but this is their second trip in an official capacity. The files of The Cleveland Star of 10 years ago this week show that in the first week of 1919 Lieutenant-Governor O. Max Gardner and Representative Odus M. Mull were enroute to Raleigh along with Senator-elect D. Z. Newton.

Firemen Here Kept On Move

Four Calls, One A False Alarm, On Sunday, Blaze At Local Theatre.

Shelby firemen had anything else but one of those snooty, comfortable week-ends about the stove in the city fire department. From Saturday evening until 8 o'clock Sunday evening they answered five calls, which called for quite a bit of action in the biting wind of the cold snap.

A film at the Lyric theatre Saturday evening early caught on fire and before the flame could be extinguished the film was burned and the movie machines of the show badly damaged, the beams estimating their damage around \$1,000. No one was injured in getting from the building.

MAN SHOT BY HIS STEPSON CHRISTMAS DIED ON SATURDAY

Was Said To Have Been Beating Boy's Mother When Youngster Shot.

Turner Murphy, middle-aged Kings Mountain man, died at his home there Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock as the result of a bullet wound received Christmas day, when, according to reports, he was shot by his step-son, W. H. Murphy, who has been in the county jail here since.

Kings Mountain officers in Shelby today stated that they would take up the matter of a hearing with the solicitor during the day.

Shot For Mather. Officer Greel Ware declared that according to information given him the youth, who is 17 years of age, had fired at his step-father after being angered because the step-father was abusing his (the boy's) mother.

The boy's story, the officer said, was that his step-father came home drunk Christmas day and began abusing his mother, whereupon the youth picked up his little .22 rifle, centered it on his step-father's breast and fired. The bullet, it was said, took effect in the exact center of the breast but Turner lived for 10 days after being shot.

The youth was jailed here on the day following the Christmas tragedy in his home.

TWO MURDERS UP FOR COURT HERE

Fred Dover Stated For Trial This Week. Judge Oglesby Presides.

What promises to be a rather interesting term of superior court convened here this morning with Judge John Oglesby, of Concord, presiding.

Two murders are booked for hearing at the term. One is that of Henrie McJellie, aged colored man, charged with fatally cutting his daughter, Martha Megginson, some weeks back in the lower section of the county.

The other is that of W. H. Murphy, Kings Mountain youth, charged with slaying his step-father, Turner Murphy who died Saturday from a bullet wound.

This morning in going over the docket the court marked the Fred Dover case, which has been on the book for some time, for trial at this term. Dover, it will be remembered, was charged with an assault on a prisoner while he, as a city policeman, was taking the negro to the county jail. Immediately after the charge was preferred he left the city police force.

Follow The Oath. Judge Oglesby, whose jury charges have attracted state-wide attention for their direct advice, literally "plain talked" to be grand jury here his morning.

"There's a citizen on this jury from nearly every community, or section of Cleveland county, and if you man will merely live up to the oath you take as jurors the result will be, within a limited time, a great decrease in law-breaking. The living up to the grand jury oath by jurors is one of the best if not the best crime solution possible," he declared.

Deputy Jerry Runyans is acting his usual role as court officer with Deputy Gus Jolley as the officer in charge of the grand jury. Mr. N. Fulton McGill, of Kings Mountain, is foreman of the grand jury.

Lackey Garage Is Entered, Car Stolen

Lackey's Buick garage which was moved last week into the Gardner building on S. LaFayette street was entered Saturday night and an Oakland four door sedan belonging to Mrs. R. M. Miller, of Asheville was stolen. The thief broke a glass in a door and entered at a late hour at night. The Oakland had been stored there for the night by Mrs. Miller who came for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shull. Up until today no trace had been found of the missing car.

FALLSTON MUSIC STORE BUYS LACKEY BUILDING

The Fallston Music store has purchased the Lackey building next door to the W. A. Gantt store and will open Wednesday, January 9, a complete line of phonographs, radios, and gramophones. The new store will carry the name of

Bank Resources Here Total Over Seven Million Dollars

Gain Of Near One Million In Resources During 1928. One Over Five Million Dollars.

Shelby is now more than a seven million dollar banking town with three financial institutions having resources of \$7,096,628.00, at the end of the years business in 1928, according to financial statements published in The Star.

Steady Gain Shown. This new total represents a gain over 1927 business of near one million dollars. Total bank resources in Shelby at the end of the 1927 business were \$6,193,841.21—to be exact a gain in one year of \$902,786.99.

During the year one Shelby bank, the First National, for the first time in the history of the town surpassed the five-million resources mark, this figure having been reached some months ago.

All three banks showed a gain in resources during the year. The First National gained \$628,105.45; the Union Trust, \$256,410.95; the Cleveland Bank and Trust, \$8,270.59.

Total resources at the close of the business year follow: First National \$5,120,572.48 Union Trust Co. \$1,284,468.97 Cleveland Bank & Trust company \$681,586.75

NO LOCAL MAN IN VANDERBURG CASE

Report Here Saturday Not Verified. Inquest Postponed Week.

A report spread about Shelby streets late Saturday afternoon and evening had it that a former citizen of this county had been arrested or questioned in connection with the Vanderburg massacre in Gaston county recently in which five members of the family were killed and burned. However, no definite information from Gastonia bears out the report in any way.

Gastonia, Jan. 5.—The inquest into the death of J. W. Vanderburg his wife and three children, who were slain and their bodies burned in their farm home near here eight days ago, today was postponed for one week due to the illness of C. V. Setzer, a coroner's juror.

Solicitor John G. Carpenter, prior to the calling of the hearing, set for today, announced that it would be impossible to proceed because of Mr. Setzer's illness. When the hearing was called to order, he moved postponed until January 12, at 10 a. m.

Jacob Vanderburg, only surviving member of the Vanderburg family, who is held on suspicion of having slain the other five, was in the court room. He was immediately returned to jail where he is being held without bail.

Gardner Will Take "Jonah" To Capital

Thing That Kept Him From Being Governor Eight Years Back Treasured.

Don't expect Governor-elect O. Max Gardner to forget old friends in moments of triumph. Nossir, not hardly! Even be there a tinge of bitterness attached.

Today as the next governor began packing up things about his office preparatory to departing for his new home in Raleigh he included in the packed articles a little framed parchment that had much to do with keeping him from being governor eight years ago instead of now. And he treasures it despite that recollection.

The little frame contains a bit of paper signed by Carrie Chapman Catt, head of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, tendering Mr. Gardner and honorary membership in the association because of his noble fight for suffrage—a fight some say that kept him from being governor in 1920.

At that early date the Shelby man espoused the cause of the women, but the politicians anxious to keep the women voters away from the poll did not like such a new and strange idea. Therefore, as some of the political observers saw it the Shelby candidate for governor got it in the belt for opposing the politicians who opposed the feminine vote. Of course, the women couldn't vote then and with only the men voting their champion went down in defeat.

Be that as it may the governor who goes into office this week has kept the little parchment hanging on his office wall all these years, and it will likely continue to swing near him as it has since it was presented him on February 16, 1920.

School Reports Out In Few Days, Said

A complete financial statement of the income and disbursements of the Shelby school system for this year will be ready for publication within a few days, it was stated today by Mr. B. H. Kendall, chairman of the city school board.

"Mr. John Shanorhouse, the auditor, is at work on the report now and he states that it will take him several days yet to have it complete for publication," Mr. Kendall informed The Star.

It was also stated that the auditor would show figures covering the income for the remainder of the year with an estimate, based on other months, of how long the schools could operate this spring on

HAMRICK BELIEVES CITY MIGHT TAKE OVER SCHOOL HERE

Former Official Makes Suggestion. Tells Of Opposition To Levy.

In a communication to The Star about the recent city school election and the crisis in the school system, T. W. Hamrick, former alderman and city official, once a candidate for mayor, makes the suggestion that when the money runs out this year that the school board present the figures to the city council along with an estimate of how much money it will take to complete the school year.

If this estimate does not involve too much money the writer is of the opinion that the board might see fit to do so although the emergency budget for the year has already been recorded. Such has been done by the aldermen here in the past, he informs in making the suggestion.

Wrong Time. Continuing the former alderman states that the election, in his opinion, was held at the wrong time—at taxing time. Also he outlines other views related to him as held by those opposed to the increased tax levy. A statement is also made that he does not believe the citizens want another election held, but would rather the schools would run until the money goes out and then close with the suggestion above to the city board.

Hamrick's views. Mr. Hamrick's letter follows: "As the school board has asked for suggestions out of the dilemma they find themselves in—possibly it would not be out of place to discuss the school election and several other matters relating to what I consider the best interests of the town.

"But before doing so, I wish it understood that whatever I might say is not to be taken as a criticism of anything or anybody, but a general opinion formed from discussing the matter with quite a number of voters.

"I do not believe the people want an election or a petition just now, to continue the school longer than when the money gives out.

"I also believe they prefer that, rather than have the schools continue and come out in debt. The people of Shelby believe in schools, and will vote for a higher tax rate to continue them nine months when they are convinced they are getting their money's worth. Quite a few people voted against the school tax, believing that the schools could be run more economically.

Want The Figures. "As to whether they can or not—few of us are in position to say, however it's up to the superintendent and school board to show, or prove to the voters that it can or cannot be done, by publishing an audit that the people can understand.

Our town has grown in the past few years, our schools have gone forward, and kept up with the growth.

"The people have voted hundreds of thousands for new school buildings. The superintendent and school boards deserve much praise, but the people now feel that taxes

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Mr. Irvin Attends Daughter's Funeral

Mr. J. M. Irvin of the Trinity section of No. 2 township returned last week from Mooresville where he attended the funeral of his daughter, Mrs. Lester Coon. Mrs. Coon who was 40 years of age contracted influenza which developed into pneumonia. She leaves her husband and six children. Funeral and interment was held at Wesley Chapel. Her many friends in this county where she was born and reared will regret to hear of her passing. Besides her father, Mr. A. C. Ramsey, a brother-in-law also attended the funeral.

Three Children Here In Need Of Homes

There are three young children in Cleveland county who would appreciate very much a good home to live in. The oldest is a boy of nine, the second a girl of seven, while the youngest girl is five years of age.

Last week the children were turned over to J. B. Smith, welfare officer at the court house, for placement by the county juvenile court. The parents of the children are in the county home, the oldest being a cripple and unable to