

The Markets.  
Cotton, Shelby ..... 18<sup>1/4</sup>c  
Cotton Seed, per bu. ..... 67<sup>1/2</sup>c

Watch Out! Snow!

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy with rain tonight, changing to snow flurries in west portion. Colder tonight. Saturday generally fair and much colder.

**False Fire Alarm Here For Every 3 Fires, Says Chief**

Seventy-Five Fires In Shelby During Year, Record Shows. Damage Small.

There were 75 fires in Shelby during 1928, only one of which—the Central hotel conflagration—caused any great amount of damage, according to Fire Chief E. B. Roach.

One item worthy of note in the annual report of the city fire chief was the fact that the figures revealed a false alarm for every three real alarms turned in—the record showing that during the year there were 75 fires and 25 false alarms. One explanation, however, that decreases the actual futility of the false alarms is that by the system of keeping the alarm record automobile blazes are listed under the false alarm column. During the year there were quite a number of automobile fires and these perhaps accounted for one-third of the alarms listed as false calls.

\$4,000 Damage.

The damage estimate of the various blazes in the city during the year, not including the disastrous hotel fire, was \$4,440 for dwelling and \$1,440 for contents destroyed. The major portion of this loss, Chief Roach stated, was covered by insurance. Meantime the cost of keeping up the volunteer fire-fighting department for the year was estimated at only \$1,000 to the city, although the firemen received some extra renumeration for blazes they fought outside of the corporate limits.

Of the 75 blazes 71 were residences, two were filling stations, one a cafe, and the hotel fire.

**"DUTCH" WHISNANT LEAVES HOSPITAL**

Horace (Dutch) Whisnant, former baseball star, left the Shelby hospital today for his home after being confined there in serious condition for weeks following a shooting affair at Lawndale in which he was shot in the leg.

The bullet wound necessitated the removal of the baseball star's leg and for days very little hope was held for his recovery. However in leaving for his home today Whisnant was able to move about by himself upon the remaining leg, it was said.

**Shelby Highs Play Cliffside Outfit**

Game On There Tonight. Locals Defeated By Gastonia Team.

The Shelby High cage team, having a rather mediocre season, is playing a return game with the Cliffside team there tonight. In the first game of the season here some weeks back Cliffside defeated the locals and has since defeated Forest City.

Playing in Gastonia Tuesday night the local quint lost to Gastonia by the score of 15-13. Art Smith was the high scorer for Gastonia while the play of Zeno Wall was the outstanding performance for Shelby. The starting lineup for Shelby was Gold, center; Wall and Rippy, forwards; Bridges and Hulick, guards. Gastonia has also defeated the Forest City team and appears to be one of the strongest high school quints in the section.

**Branton Studies For Telegraph Manager**

Mr. R. H. (Dick) Branton, who has been an operator at the Western Union office here for over a year, is now in Rome, Ga., where he is taking the Western Union management course. When he concludes the course there is some probability that he may be placed in charge of the local office, now efficiently managed by Mr. Blackwelder. There is also a likelihood of the automatic system being installed in Shelby.

You can say this in defense of the modern girl—she dearly loves the spinning wheels. —Atlanta Constitution.

"Man's next great war will be with insects." Who ever heard of a war without them?—Washington Post.

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## Shelby Citizen Becomes Governor Of N. C. Today

### MAYOR AND BOARD MAY OFFER AGAIN FOR CITY BERTHS

Dorsey Announcement May Hinge On Decision Of The Aldermen.

There is a probability that the present mayor and his board of aldermen may be candidates for office again when Shelby wades up to the ballot box for the municipal election in June.

This is the call now being made by close friends of the institution. Within another year if the school library can be brought up to 2,500 volumes officials believe the college will go on the accredited list, which will mean much to the school. At present there are 500 volumes in the library—2,000 more are needed.

**Would Keep System.**

Inside information is that the official city family talked the matter over unofficially at their meeting this week, rather they passed a few words on the subject enough, perhaps, to cause the aldermen and the mayor to go home thinking. Just what may result from their conversation about the city business board, with whom he has been working smoothly during the present administration, decides to stick by him to continue the work the administration has begun.

**Friends of the School**

The known by close associates of the mayor that he has not decided upon his own candidacy as several matters still "hanging fire," so to speak, may decide his course. However he does not mind saying that he thinks it would be best for the city generally if the entire official family, the elective part, should offer or refuse together. His logic, it is understood, is based upon the fact that he and the present board have got themselves adjusted to each other, have worked out a system for handling city affairs, and are in the plain language of good teamwork, pulling together. If the mayor were to offer and be reelected and his board or a part of it did not, it might mean that with new faces about the council table would necessitate a revision of the present working plan and a change in systems, this in turn taking some time to get settled before the city machinery could get down to steady work. But with the mayor and his entire board offering again the new administration, assuming a victory at the polls, could pick up just where they left off and move on without a hitch in the system or their plans. Too, there are projects on foot which the administration, typical of all administrations, would like to carry to completion.

**Safety Inadequate.**

At the unofficial talk between the mayor and aldermen it is understood they "popped the question" to each other about running again, and at that time the mayor declared that he would hardly care to offer again unless they also entered the race thus assuring, up to that point, that the same system would prevail if they were victorious in the election. So far as can be learned no one definitely declared himself to run again, but the same information has it that no one shock his head in complete rejection of the idea.

Which is to say, they're thinking it over, and when the train of thought ends some announcements may be made.

Likewise it is general knowledge that the mayor, along with others, is of the opinion that the salary of the office is insufficient and for the time and work required. In fact some weeks back Mayor Dorsey made it known that he could not afford to neglect his personal affairs for another two years to continue his administrative program and a financial sacrifice to him-

### Best Opens Display Room In Basement

John M. Best, has opened his new furniture display room, which is in the basement under his main store. Adjoining this new addition, is an immense storage room, which he is utilizing.

With the addition of these advantages to his establishment, Mr. Best is now permanently located in the furniture business.

The new display room has been opened several days. Together with the store room, the entire basement area under his own and the Jackson store on the corner are being utilized, giving Mr. Best the advantage of additional floor space amounting to 50 by 90 feet.

### Books Needed At Boiling Springs

Call Issued To School Supporters For 2,000 Volumes. To Raise Class.

Will the supporters and friends of the Baptist junior college at Boiling Springs give 2,000 books to the school library there, thus boosting the college into the standard, accredited junior college rating?

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### FIVE GIVEN TERMS IN STATE PRISON AT SESSION HERE

Slayer Of Daughter Gets 15-Year Term. Judge Oglesby Leaves A Lesson.

Before convening the term of Superior court here Wednesday evening Judge John Oglesby, of Concord, sentenced five of the defendants to the State prison in Raleigh, one of the largest numbers of prisoners to go down from one term of court in this county in several years.

**McLellie Longest.**

The longest prison term was meted out to Henry McLellie, aged colored man of the lower part of Cleveland county and of Gaffney. McLellie was sentenced to a minimum of 15 years and a maximum of 20 years of hard labor in the State prison and is to wear stripes. The aged negro was charged with murdering his daughter, Martha McGinnis, after she died in the hospital here from fatal knife wounds inflicted by him. His counsel, Clyde Hoey and Lieutenant-Governor Butler, of South Carolina, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder, sentence being passed after the evidence was heard.

The four others who left yesterday for the State prison, in the custody of Sheriff Logan, Deputies Mike Austell and Fred Logan, were Marvin Doggett, Clyde Byers, Charles King and Chris Medley.

Doggett is the colored boy who stole Mayor Dorsey's automobile and was also charged with other thefts. His sentence was five to seven years at hard labor and he is to wear stripes.

Charged with breaking and entering and larceny at Kings Mountain, Charles King was given five to seven years and Chris Medley was given two to four years both to wear stripes. On a charge of auto larceny for judgment was continued as to King, but James Medley was given an 18 month term.

Clyde Byers, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, was given a sentence in the State prison of one to three years.

**Many Road Terms.**

Other terms meted out, most of them on the county roads, follow:

State vs. Harry Kelly, forging and uttering; two years on the roads, prayer for judgment continuing in several other similar counts in which Shelby merchants were prosecuting witnesses.

State vs. Roy James, breaking and entering and larceny; pilot guilty to receiving stolen goods, and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

State vs. L. A. Law, violating prohibition law; four months on roads.

State vs. Lee Latimore, larceny of truck motor; four months on roads.

State vs. Fred Neal, Drunk and aiding in gambling; jail term of 60 days.

State vs. Eula Strong, violating prohibition laws; jail term of three months.

State vs. Fred McDowell, manslaughter; discharged upon payment of half the cost.

State vs. Fred Dover, plea of guilty assault with deadly weapon; upon recommendation of solicitor, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

The monthly salary payroll, the number of teachers, and the average monthly salary per teacher of the other schools follow:

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**Deficit Explained.**

The deficit up to and not including the deficit of the current year is given in the report as \$39,766.46. The deficit, meaning the expense total in excess of the income, this year is set down as \$20,130.36, which is a total deficit of \$19,636.82.

School patrons who desire to contribute upon and read detailed expenditures and income may turn to the advertisement on an inside page.

**In Duke Funeral.**

Melvin Peeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Peeler, and a former Shelly boy, was one of the 10 Duke university students selected to carry the casket of Benjamin Duke at the impressive funeral services for the beauteous magnate held yesterday in Durham.

In addition to the criminal court grind one divorce was given and the decree signed before the court adjourned.

### Furniture Of Gardner Light

Early yesterday morning Blackwell's transfer truck left Shelby with the household effects of Governor O. Max Gardner, taking them to the mansion in Raleigh. Although it represented the governor's entire household effects, it was only a half load for the large truck. The mansion at Raleigh is only partially furnished and it is understood that Mr. Gardner is buying considerable furniture with his own money to fit up the rooms. The mansion has 40 rooms—large and small.

**McLellie Longest.**

Because a man is governor, therefore, it does not mean that he has the most furniture. His half loaded truck bore out the statement Mr. Gardner is accustomed to making in his speeches, that it matters not how powerful or rich a man becomes, he can sleep in only one bed at a time, wear only one suit of clothes and eat only a limited amount.

**Financial Report Of School Given**

Board Today Publishes Full Statement About City Schools. Salaries Given.

In an advertisement in today's Star J. M. Shannonhouse, auditor, publishes at the request of the Shelby city school board a complete financial statement of the school system, giving every detail of operation and maintenance expense, a list of salaries paid, and income available.

**No Date Set.**

It was hoped by the board that in compiling the report and assembling the figures for the information of school patrons that the auditor could make a close estimate as to how long the schools could remain open this spring in view of the fact the increased tax levy measure was defeated. However, such an estimate could not be made in the day and since the board has decided to keep the schools open to the very last minute funds are available it was thought best not to estimate an exact day for the closing as it may be possible to run a few days longer or less than appears from the financial figures now.

**Many Road Terms.**

During the school election period there was considerable talk of salaries paid and the report published today gives the salary scale in detail. The superintendent's salary is given as \$300 per month, while \$175 per month is allotted the superintendent's office for an assistant treasurer, clerical work, office and travel expense. The salary of the Central High principal is given as \$306.67 per month, the colored principal as \$186.66 per month and the music and elementary supervisor as \$166.66 per month.

The one high school teacher at the Morgan school is paid \$150 per month, and the two at the colored school is \$80 per month. The 19 teachers at the main high school are paid an average salary of \$170 per month.

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**GOVERNOR O. MAX GARDNER**

**Tax Relief Big Aim Of Mull In Legislature, He Declares**