

The Markets. Cotton, Shelby 18 1/2 Cotton Seed, per bu. 6 1/2

Cloudy And Rain. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Increasing cloudiness with rising temperature tonight. Tuesday cloudy and warmer, probably followed by rain in west and north central portions.

Gardner Praised. Greensboro, Jan. 13.—Governor O. Max Gardner was lauded today by T. A. Wilson of Winston-Salem, president of the North Carolina federation of labor, for his stand for a workmen's compensation bill with adequate compensation, as expressed in his inaugural message Friday. Wilson's comment was contained in an address at the yearly Virginia-Carolinas Typographical conference, which adopted resolutions asking a compensation act and an Australian ballot act in this state.

BABE RUTH'S WIFE BURNED TO DEATH

Was Burned In Home Of Dentist. Had Not Been Living With Babe.

Watertown, Mass., Jan. 13.—Mrs. George Herman Ruth, wife of Babe Ruth, the home run king, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of Dr. Edward H. Kinder, dentist, here, Friday night. It was learned today when relatives identified the body. She was known to her neighbors as Mrs. Helen Kinder, wife of the doctor.

Two sisters of Mrs. Ruth, Catherine and Nora Woodford, of South Boston, identified the body at a local undertaking establishment. Dr. Kinder could not be located.

District Attorney Robert T. Bushnell of Middlesex county assigned state detectives to investigate the case and ordered an autopsy of the body. Dr. George O. West, medical examiner, later said this showed death due to burns and suffocation.

Babe Ruth arrived in Boston today after having been called here by his friend and legal counsel, John P. Feeney, of Boston. He issued a statement in which he said that he and Mrs. Ruth had not been living together for three years.

"We had no permanent home," the Babe said, "and Mrs. Ruth went to South Boston to be near her mother three years ago. She had been in Boston since."

He said that his nine year old daughter, Dorothy, was at a private school in Weston where he planned to visit her tonight.

Ledford Named Head Of County Teachers In Association Unit

Belwood School Leader Succeeds Prof. Lawton Blanton, Teachers Meet.

At a meeting of Cleveland county school teachers held in the court house here Saturday Prof. C. A. Ledford, of Belwood, was named president of the Cleveland county unit of the North Carolina association of teachers.

Prof. Ledford succeeds Prof. Lawton, of Lattimore, who in turn became vice president. Mrs. Nina G. Toms 'was elected secretary-treasurer.

During the meeting Prof. W. E. White, also of Lattimore, made a talk on organizing a Cleveland county unit of the state historical association. Prof. White is the official historian of this county.

Numerous other matters of interest to the teaching profession were taken up at the meeting.

Big Cage Game On Here Tuesday Night

Belmont Abbey Prep Five To Play High In "Tin Can" Here.

One of the snappiest and best basketball games of the season is anticipated here Tuesday night when the Shelby High quint takes on the strong prep school cage outfit from Belmont Abbey in the local "tin can."

The charges of Coaches Morris and Falls are developing rapidly and are strengthening their teamwork in each game and in tomorrow night's contest will likely be at their best form of the year.

Playing at Cliffside Friday night the Highs lost their second game to the flashy Cliffside quint, which has also taken the measure of the strong Forest City outfit. However the Shelby cagers, even though minus the services of Zeno Wall, speedy forward, gave Cliffside an interesting tussle, the final score being 21-18. Shelby caged more goals than the winners in the last half. For the game Shelby made a shift in the line-up with Gold going to forward with Rippy, Mud Poston playing center, and Hulick Bridges and Farris at the guard positions.

Highlights In Address Of Gardner

Against Eight Month Schools. Wants Secret Ballot Law Passed.

Outstanding points made in the inaugural address of Governor O. Max Gardner follow:

Taxation—Recommended a n increase of one cent a gallon in the gasoline tax, two cents of the total of five cents tax on each gallon to be expended by the state on the more important county roads with a view to permitting counties to reduce ad valorem taxes. Against issuance of more road bonds.

School legislation—for an increase in the equalization fund, but against an eight months' school term by legislative enactment.

Election laws—Declared primary laws should be strengthened and "a fair and just" secret ballot law enacted.

Workmen's compensation—Recommended passage of workmen's compensation act "fair to employee and not oppressive of unjust to the employer."

County government laws—Praised present county government act and recommended that laws be strengthened and made to apply to all counties alike.

Agricultural relief—Will seek to launch agricultural program designed to make farming "more profitable and rural life more wholesome."

Law enforcement—Declared respect for constituted authority should be taught children in schools and homes. Recommended reenactment of former statute requiring teaching in public schools of effects

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Bowling Now Owns Dry Cleaning Plant

Formal announcement was made Saturday of the transfer of owner and proprietorship of the Shelby Dry Cleaning company, from the firm of Worth Branton and J. C. Bowling to Mr. Bowling individually.

Mr. Bowling explained that while the shift was of recent date, it would date formally from the first of the year.

He stated that the business would be carried on as heretofore, with no change in firm style or policy. "I have simply taken the business over," he said, "and plan to run it as effectively and efficiently as possible."

He stated that since he had assumed control he had employed Mr. Graham, of Miami, Fla., to run the dry cleaning department of the business, giving to this new executive, whom he considered, he said, to be of the expert type, sole control of this end of the enterprise.

Warrant Says Show Troupe Beat Board

Hotel Victor Seeks Something Like \$200 From Outfit. Much Court.

Judge Horace Kennedy stated today that a warrant had been issued here for members of a show troupe which played Shelby recently. The charge, preferred by George Johnson of the Hotel Victor, is that of beating a board bill at the local hostelry. The troupe, it is understood, which left Shelby for a bill in High Point, took the curtain call at the hotel while owing the hotel around \$200.

The usual Monday grind of drunks and bad check passers took up the docket in county court today. According to Judge Kennedy and Solicitor P. C. Gardner bad checks charges seem to be on the increase hereabouts.

Gardners Attend Baptist Services

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Governor Gardner attended the First Baptist church yesterday morning and then rounded out his first Sunday in the mansion by receiving friends in the afternoon and entertaining a group of friends and relatives at dinner.

The governor and his family were welcomed warmly by Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor, who urged them to make themselves at home. In the governor's party were: Mrs. Gardner, his sons: James Webb Gardner and Ralph Gardner; Mrs. Eugene Burgess, of Shelby, and Mr. Burgess; his sister, Mrs. J. A. Anthony and her daughter, Margaret, of Shelby; Mrs. Gardner's mother, Mrs. J. L. Webb, of Shelby, and Judge Webb.

The governor is a member of the First Baptist church of Shelby.

6-MONTH SCHOOLS ALL RIGHT, GRIGG TELLS THE PUBLIC

County Schools Operating Six Months In Good Financial Shape.

The six-month schools of Cleveland county are in a fairly good financial condition and are not faced by a crisis.

This was made plain in a statement here today by J. Horace Grigg, county superintendent of schools.

"Some people," said Mr. Grigg, "since the school crisis talk started seem to have gained the impression that all the schools in both Shelby and the county are in bad financial shape. That is entirely wrong.

"In the county all of the six month schools are all right. Not a single school operating six months in the year is facing any major problem that I know of, and I would likely know it," he said.

"The only schools facing a problem in the county are the special districts where patrons are trying to give their children more than six months of education each year and are finding it a financial task under the present system.

Some Money Left. "As far as the six-month schools, or the regular county schools, so to speak, are concerned there is nothing wrong. At the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 1928, we had a balance of \$2,300. And more than that, if you recall, the county school tax which is now 60 cents, is six cents less than it was two years ago. So, it doesn't seem as if the regular county schools are in deep water or any trouble at all," he concluded.

BOOKS ARE GIVEN BOILING SPRINGS

Forty-Three Volumes Donated To Library There So Far

The library at Boiling Springs college needs only 1,957 volumes to be classed as a library suitable for a standard junior college.

Which is to say that since Friday evening when The Star made an appeal for books for the library 43 volumes have been given. Mr. J. R. Dover gave 17 volumes, Rev. H. E. Waldrop gave 16, while Lee B. Weathers, Star president, gave 10.

Need Is Urgent. The Baptist college must have a library of 2,500 volumes before the school can attain its standard ranking, and at present there are 500 volumes in the library, whereupon it was decided by friends of the school to appeal to the citizens of the section to contribute books.

Books about the homes of the county, already read or not in use, might be contributed, and in case there are those who wish to contribute but have no books they are wish to part with the equivalent in cash may be given.

All contributions will be properly acknowledged in The Star and the books turned over to the school if left with the paper.

1,957 books to go—Have you made a contribution?

1929 Poor Year For Marriages; Only Two Couples In 2 Weeks

Unless Dan Cupid gets a hustle on himself 1929 promises to be an off year for marriages in Cleveland county, even dropping below the low Leap Year level of 1928.

With two weeks of the new year gone only two couples have secured marriage license here, one couple purchasing the matrimonial papers on the first day of the year, while the second couple secured license Saturday. The couple securing license Saturday was recorded as follows: Lemuel Ware and Mable Jenett Goforth.

BEGIN WORK ON NEW RUTHERFORD HIGHWAY

Forest City.—Work on the construction of a new road between Big Island bridge and Cliffside was started last week.

When completed the road will be three and one-half miles long, of standard width and will have three bridges. It is being constructed by the county chain gang and is to be paid for entirely by the citizens of that section.

Dorsey Announces For Mayor Again



MAYOR W. N. DORSEY

Has Cut City Debt By \$12,000, Says In Announcement. Plans More Changes, Wants Same Board

William Nicholson Dorsey, more familiarly known in Shelby as Mayor W. N. Dorsey who made a good job of upsetting the political dope bucket in the municipal election two years ago, is a candidate to succeed himself as head of the Shelby city government.

Last week he confidentially told a member of The Star staff that he had about decided to run, and today he tosses his hat into the ring—the first one there, by the way—definitely with an announcement which appears in this issue.

The announcement should create considerable interest in political and official circles due to the fact that the mayor who is a candidate again does not always follow the fixed standards of other office-seekers. When he offered for mayor the first time he came out with about as plain-spoken platform of "fire and fire," or "clean house," that the astounded political observers ever read. Furthermore, he did not make a personal campaign for votes and up until election day itself he was not given more than an outside chance to be a winner among the big field of candidates. But he won, and in office his administration has been colorful with high lights at times, although a steady business and beautifying administration seems to have been the general result.

Likes His Board. For several weeks now there has been quite a bit of curiosity about the town as to whether he would run again, and other candidates have been mentioned. Last week in an interview with The Star Mayor Dorsey declared that he would not care to run again unless his present board also sought reelection, pointing out that they were working good together now and with new board members to work with it would take some time to get adjusted and get a new system operating smoothly.

And in his announcement today he concludes by saying: "If I should be elected I am particularly anxious that the four aldermen we now have be reelected."

Which speaks for itself.

Speaks Of Finances.

The announcement is very brief and modest in reciting the accomplishments of his present administration, now nearing a close, and he does not offer, as he might have, a lengthy recital of new city equipment, buildings, etc., nor does he mention the generally improved appearance of the town which followed the carrying out of his first platform pledge "to improve the appearance of the town." Fact is, he confines himself to about one line,

which reads: "We owe \$12,000 less than we did at the beginning of this administration." Perhaps the mayor sensed the views of many taxpayers and decided that it would be hard to make a better appeal to many of them.

"I told a friend of mine when I went into office first," Mayor Dorsey said in confirming his announcement, "that I had one ambition and that was that at the end of my administration the tax rate would not have been raised, the city debt would be no larger, and the town would be somewhat improved over the two-year period.

"He told me that such a thing would be a near miracle: Not increasing expenses or debt and meantime keeping a growing town on the upgrade. But I seem to have done so, and a little better than that as we have lopped off 5,000 of the bonded debt in addition to paying some old debts and that without increasing the tax or the debt.

"My administration has made numerous changes and I have still other changes in view if the people see fit to return me to office," the mayor continued. "I would like for the board and myself to carry on to completion some of the things we have started, but, of course, that is up to the citizens."

A unique little verse carries the meat of the announcement as follows:

"I have stood the storm, Endured the pain, And am willing to try again." "That little verse and what it says represents a whole lot more than it may seem to," Mr. Dorsey declared.

His line about changes read: "I have endeavored to live up to my platform, have made many changes and if reelected intend to make more changes."

His decision to announce now came, he stated, at the urgent request of many good citizens that he do so.

Whether or not all members of the present board now in office with Mr. Dorsey will be candidates again is not definitely known, but the inside dope is that they will likely announce, or the majority of them, at least.

Goforth Purchases Forest City Place

Mr. J. T. Goforth, who has been connected with Casey's Place here for some time, has purchased the Chocolate Shop at Forest City from Mr. Bridges, who has been operating it.

The Shelby man will take charge at an early date, his mother and other members of the family going to Forest City today.

READY FOR SCOUT BANQUET HERE ON TUESDAY EVENING

Piedmont Scout Council Gathers At Cleveland Springs. Four Hundred Invited.

Final arrangements were perfected today for the annual meeting of the Piedmont council Boy Scouts of America to be held Tuesday evening at seven o'clock at Cleveland Springs hotel, Shelby. This will be a dinner meeting and indications are that the attendance will be the largest in the history of the council. Over four hundred invitations have been issued to members of the council, local committeemen and Eagle scouts throughout the five counties comprising the district, Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rutherford and Polk.

The several counties comprising the old Catawba council, including Statesville, Hickory, Morganton and Marion will also be represented, this territory now being attached to the Piedmont council under an extension agreement.

Meyer To Speak.

Dr. Harold D. Meyer, associate professor of sociology at the University and who has been active in his support of the Boy Scout movement, will be the principal speaker at the meeting. Other features of the meeting will be the annual report of the scout executive, R. M. Schiele, reports from the chairmen of the various council committees, adoption of a budget for the current year and brief discussion of various phases of the work.

The year just ended, according to J. M. Holland, council publicity chairman, has in many respects been the best year in the council's history. The camp maintained at Lake Lanier, Tryon, one of the most widely known Boy Scout camps in the South, had its most successful season, caring for about seven hundred boys. Progress was made in many phases of the work, including the establishment of numbers of new troops throughout the territory. Many of the leading business men of the territory are actively connected with the work and will be present at the annual meeting. Jas. W. Atkins, managing editor of The Gastonia Gazette, is president of the council.

FARM LEADERS TO VISIT THE COUNTY

Dr. Winters, Pate And Gray Coming For Two Days In Month.

Cleveland county farmers are booked for some interesting and valuable information during the month.

Announcement made today by County Agent Alvin Hardin says that Dr. R. Y. Winters, and Messrs. W. F. Pate and James M. Gray will be in this county for two days during the month, Wednesday and Thursday, January 23-24.

Four Meetings.

A meeting of farmers, which will be addressed by the visitors, will be held at the court house here at 2:30 on the afternoon of the 23rd; at Belwood school at 7:30 the same evening; at Kings Mountain at 2:30 on the 24th, and at Lattimore at 7:30 that evening.

Every farmer who can possibly do so is urged to attend one of the four meetings. Dr. Winters is one of the South's best known agricultural leaders, being director of the state agricultural experiment station. Mr. Pate is agronomist for the fertilizer association, and Mr. Gray is a nitrate of soda expert. The three men will discuss seed and cotton experiments, fertilization, and the use of nitrate in cotton, and all three are expected to bring messages of value to the farmers of Cleveland.

Reward Offered For Light Globe Breakers

A reward of \$15 is offered by Mayor Dorsey for evidence leading to the conviction of the parties who last night broke out a number of light globes on the streets around the Eastside Mill, out on the Cleveland Springs road and on Chestnut street. One large globe which will cost \$5 to replace was broken near the Central Methodist church. Mayor Dorsey says he is determined to put a stop to this sort of vandalism and asks the citizens to help him and the police department, as such acts as these are costly to the taxpayers.

To Start War In Shelby On Sale In Stores Of Bay Rum And Intoxicating Extracts

Largest Contract For Advertising Signed by Penney

Last week The Star signed an advertising contract with the J. C. Penney company store of Shelby for 15,000 inches of display space to be used during 1929. This is the largest advertising contract ever signed by The Star or any local merchant and indicates that The Star has been a great factor in the Penney company growth here. Manager Scott says business last year warranted an increased appropriation for advertising and rather than divide his space with other papers in this trading his best judgment impelled him to use The Star on a larger scale.

Big Percentage Of Drunks In Local Court Not Drunk On Whiskey.

The long arm of the law hereabouts is preparing to crook a finger at the alleged increase in sales of intoxicants in Shelby in the form of extracts, bay rum, other patent medicines, and bottled goods sold for this and that, but according to officers used for the most part as a substitute for corn whiskey.

At the City Hall and in the recorder's office it is said that officers have already been ordered to keep a strict check on the sale of such goods, the decision to do something about it coming after officers and court officials kept reiterating that a big percentage drunk in the court here were getting soured on alcoholic substitutes rather than on whiskey.

In other words, the law intends to see if something cannot be done about what might be called legalized bootlegging.

Much Rum Sold.

Several officers state that information reaching them is to the effect that bay rum sales in Shelby have been on the increase for months, while several people addicted to the drinking habit have informed officers that they prefer nowadays to get soured on the substitutes rather than actual whiskey, and they add that such is cheaper—it being possible to get a fairly good float, the modern name for the kick, on 40 cents when one of the whiskey substitutes is used.

However, general impression is that it will be rather hard for officers to absolutely cut down on the bay rum and extracts now being consumed for inebriation purposes as conviction, barstera says, depends upon whether or not the law can prove that merchants or others who sell extracts, rum and such are making the sales with the knowledge that they are being purchased for beverage purposes. In other words, it is understood that the seller of an alcoholic substitute must know that his product is going to be used as a beverage before he can be convicted. And therein is a problem sufficient to stump most any police force or group of deputies.

A short time before he left office Judge John Mull warned officers that they should try putting a stop to the sale of the alcoholic substitutes and since that time the decision to do something about a situation that is causing considerable trouble has been endorsed by both Mayor W. N. Dorsey and Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner of the county court.

Solicitor Gardner has been vexed at the consumption as a beverage of extracts and such for several years now and as far as he is concerned he is ready for a showdown in the court room. As he sees it the bootlegger or purveyor of corn whiskey has no more right to be punished than the agent of an alcoholic substitute who knows that his product is being used as an intoxicating beverage. Added to that is the verdict of physicians that the substitutes generally are more injurious to the health and mind than real whiskey.

Officers say that street sweepers and garbage collectors say that barrel under barrel full of empty extract and rum bottles are picked up weekly in their rounds, and of recent months officers making arrests of drunks have usually found more extracts, bay rum, or some other whiskey substitute, on the arrested persons than whiskey.

Whether or not the drive to halt the sale of such will prove very beneficial time only will tell. To ban the sale of certain products, which are used for other than beverage purposes, is right much of a task to perform legally, and to prove that any merchant or business man knows that he is selling such to be used for drinking is still harder task.

Information is that one merchant with whom officers talked declared that his firm did sell some of the products in question but also stated that no clerk insofar as he could determine ever sold it knowing that the stuff would be used for a beverage, and orders were, he added, that not over one bottle be sold to one person if possible.

So Shelby's drive against prohibition's whiskey substitute—and there are dozens and dozens of such cases in the court room each month officials say—may meet with good results, and it may not. Anyway, the drive is on, and according to officers and officials "under the present conditions something must be done.

GRAND JURY PROBE VANDERBURG CASE

Will Ask That Body For Indictment Of Jacob, Letters Read.

Gastonia, Jan. 14.—Efforts of the state to connect young Jacob Vanderburg with the slaying of five members of his family here two weeks ago took a new turn Saturday with the announcement that a grand jury investigation would be sought today.

Solicitor John G. Carpenter, in making the announcement at the conclusion of Saturday's session of the inquest, said all evidence thus far produced against the boy together with hitherto undisclosed facts would be presented to the grand jury in an effort to secure an indictment. The 17-year-old boy, sole surviving member of his family, has been held on suspicion since the charred bodies of his mother, father, two sisters and a brother were discovered in the smoking ruins of their home December 28. The state contended that the Vanderburgs were killed and the house fired in an effort to erase traces of the crime.

Saturday's session of the inquest, the third since the boy's detention was continued after an hour of testimony until January 19. The state introduced six letters taken from the trunk of Pauline Vanderburg purporting to show that Jacob would do no work about the place and was in "continuous quarrels with members of his family. The letters were written while Pauline, one of the slain sisters, was a student at North Carolina College for Women.

Testimony of two city police officers who were the first to question young Vanderburg after he was taken into custody, was relied on by the state as an important link in the chain of evidence.

O. R. Austin, the first called, related a conversation he had with the suspected boy on the morning the crime was discovered.

"There is nobody knows what happened there but me and you can't make me tell," the officer said Jacob told him. Hubert Jackson.

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What Will Al Say In Talk Wednesday

New York.—The N. Y. Times said it was hinted in Democratic circles that Alfred E. Smith would declare himself the actual as well as the titular head of the Democratic party in a nation-wide radio speech next Wednesday evening.

No intimation came from Mr. Smith or party leaders what he would discuss. It was made clear on his behalf that he would not reveal the subject of his address in advance of its delivery.

The former governor will speak over WEF and a chain of 37 associated stations of the National Broadcasting company. His speech will begin at 8:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

RUTHERFORD FARMERS SETS COTTON GROWING RECORD

Forest City.—Thirty-three bales of cotton, weighing more than 500 pounds each, on 30 acres of land, is the record of B. B. Forbes, of near Ellenboro.

This is thought to be the best yield of any farmer of the Ellenboro community.