

The Markets. Shelby, spot cotton 20c Cotton Seed, bu. 70 1/2c

Showers Likely. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and warmer tonight. Tuesday cloudy and warmer in east, possible showers in extreme southwest portion.

Tax Warning Given. Mayor W. N. Dorsey, formerly a real estate dealer himself, announced today that the biggest real estate deal in the history of Shelby would likely be transacted soon unless a big amount of unpaid taxes and paving assessments are paid at an early date by local citizens.

Cleveland Has Debt Smaller Than Average

Eighty Counties In State Have Heavier Debts Than Does This County.

Only 19 of the 100 counties in North Carolina are less in debt, which reversed means that 80 North Carolina counties are more heavily in debt than this county.

Figures just issued by the State Tax Commission show that the Cleveland county public debt is only 8.4 per cent of the assessed valuation, while the debt of the average North Carolina county is 13 per cent of the assessed valuation, or five per cent more than Cleveland county.

Two far eastern counties, Carteret and Currituck, have the distinction of being the most heavily in debt and the freest from debt. Carteret's total debts, including county, city non-bonded, amounts to 37.1 per cent of its assessed valuation, while the indebtedness of Currituck is only 2.9 per cent of its assessed valuation, according to the report recently made public by the state's tax commission.

Gates, with a 4.4 per cent indebtedness, Davis and Warren, with 4.8 per cent each and Northampton, with 5 per cent, follow Currituck on small percentage of indebtedness as compared with their assessed valuation.

The percentage of the Cleveland county debt is less than that of any adjoining county as the following figures show:

Table with 3 columns: County, Debt, % of Valua. Rows include Cleveland, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, Rutherford, Gaston.

Officers In Drive On Booze Traffic During Week-End

Make Several Raids In Three Sections Of Town. Dozen Drunks Nabbed.

Members of Police Chief McBride Poston's bluecoat force and county deputies cooperated Saturday evening and Sunday in stinging a general drive against bootleg traffic in Shelby. In the drive, homes in Currituck, west Shelby, and uptown rooming houses were searched and liquor found, the officers say, at three of the places, while during the round-up a dozen or more drunks were placed in the county jail.

One of the raids made was in a room over the Colonial service station on South LaFayette street where a gallon and one-half of whiskey was found along with a case of pint bottles and other vessels. Neither of the two men, said to room in the building were present when the officers made their visit but were located and placed under bond today it was learned just before press time.

Other raids unearthed pints and quantities smaller than one gallon, while at one home the officers say they found empty pint bottles concealed in piles of ashes about the home.

Hawkins Brothers Will Sell Radios

Hawkins Brothers, agents in this territory for Oldsmobile, have now taken on the Crosley radio, and are advertising this popular set for the first time in today's issue of The Star. Radio, they say, is becoming more and more the indoor pastime of America, and they are seeking to get in on the ground floor of the big company.

Fiddlers Convention.

There will be a fiddlers convention at Race Patch school house Wednesday night, March 13, 1929 at 8:30 P. M. Proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

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Charter Bill May Not Get By Legislature

Session May Close Before Local Bills Get Up, Mull Says. Other Legislation.

The legislative bill making several changes in the Shelby city charter may not become a law at the present session of legislature, due to the fact that the present term will likely convene in a week or so and State bills will be given leeway over all local legislation.

This was the opinion expressed here Saturday by Representative Odus M. Mull, who was at home for the week-end.

What He Says. "The legislature has already ruled that local bills coming in during the far end of the session will be placed at the foot of the calendar and will be taken up only when important State matters are disposed of. Since there are quite a number of State measures yet to be disposed of it is doubtful whether or not the charter bill will be reached before the session adjourns," Mr. Mull said.

"Just which of the two charter bills do you plan to introduce, if possible to get any in, when you return to Raleigh?" Mr. Mull was asked by The Star.

"The last one sent down by the mayor and aldermen, I suppose," he answered. "So far I have heard no criticism since you published it in your paper, and since it differs very little from the first bill sent down

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Injured List At Hospital Climbs; Two Auto Victims

Two Youths Hurt When Car Crashes Into Buffalo Bridge. Negroes Fight.

Week-end accidents and brawls in and about Shelby added considerably to the injured list at the Shelby hospital.

About 1 o'clock Sunday morning two young white men, Jake Black, of Kings Mountain, and Louis Freed of Cherryville, were brought to the hospital suffering with injuries received, it is said, when the car they were riding in crashed into the bridge over Buffalo creek at Stubbs. Black, hospital officials say, has a fractured jaw-bone while Sneed has a fractured leg. Neither, however, is considered to be in critical condition now.

Otis Eskridge and Sam Dillard, colored men, with bruises and lacerations about their heads and necks were brought to the hospital Saturday night late after what officers say must have been a general free-for-all at a colored home just a short distance west of town where a dance was being held. When officers arrived at the house all participants and dancers had vanished, some of them leaving their hats and coats in their haste.

Powell No Better. The condition of Mr. W. T. Powell, of the Union section, who was severely burned about his head and hands when the oil tank on the engine of his corn mill exploded last Thursday, has not improved much it was said today at the hospital.

Quilley Lankford Is Dead At Belmont Mill

Quilley Lankford, age 82, died this morning at 6:30 o'clock at the Belmont Mill after the third stroke of paralysis. Mr. Lankford is survived by two children, Mrs. C. W. Baker of Shelby and Mrs. J. M. Joines of Buffalo, together with fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be at Buffalo church of which he had been a member for fifty.

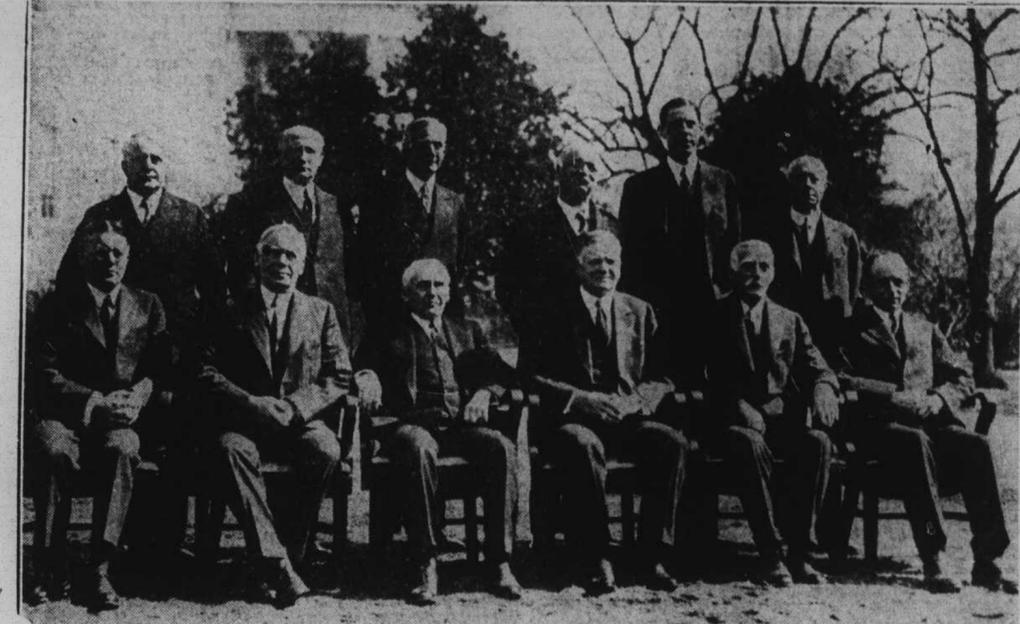
Former Shelby Girl Dies In Salisbury

Mrs. Patton, formerly Miss Elizabeth Kendrick who lived here as a young girl with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Hill Kendrick died in Salisbury Saturday morning, according to information received here by relatives. Mrs. Patton was about 32 years of age. A number of relatives live in this section.

Masons To Elect Officers Tonight

The annual convocation for the election of officers of the Royal Arch Masons will be held at the temple tonight. All companions are urged and expected to be present.

New Hoover Cabinet Posed for First Picture



This being the first time Hoover and his Cabinet have gotten together, they posed before their initial meeting and here is the result. Vice-President Curtis also is in the gathering. The only member absent is Stimson, Kellogg holding over until he arrives. (International Newsreel Photo)

Mayor Taking No Part In Changing Of Town's Charter

Thinks Charter Should Be Thoroughly Modernized When Change Is Made.

Mayor W. N. Dorsey set himself straight today as to his personal activities in connection with proposed changes in the city charter.

"The impression seems to prevail," he said in a statement, "that the second charter bill sent to Raleigh was some of my work. It was not. As mayor it is my duty to enforce the charter provisions and to carry out the minutes of the municipal board meetings, but the making of the charter and ordinances, and the creating of orders on the city minutes are the duties of the aldermen. The only thing I have had to do with the charter changing movement, either for or against, was the forwarding of a wire to Mr. Mull protesting the first bill sent to him because in my opinion the aldermen should have been consulted about changes in the city government, and because I believe that when the charter is changed it should be thoroughly modernized and not halfway done. I don't think that the charter can be properly adjusted to modern conditions by hasty action during the closing days of legislature and it should be done right when it is done. As for me, the old-time charter and the old-time religion are good enough."

Citizens' Opinion. "My idea is that when the charter is changed that a mass meeting of the citizens should be held so that they may express their opinions as to what they want. If the bill does not get up before the present legislature adjourns I think that is the way to go about it. Consult the people, get everything fixed right and then make the changes."

No Hand In It. "Because both charter bills propose changes in the mayor's salary, I think it should be clearly understood that I had no hand in the second charter bill sent down. I did listen in as the aldermen and Mr. Burrus, the city attorney, discussed the charter, and I heard them outline some of the changes they desired in the charter. But while they were meeting to outline their charter bill I went home to dinner and saw no more of the proposed changes until a copy of the bill was published in The Star that afternoon. It isn't the business of the mayor to help make the laws and charter proposals. That's the duty of the aldermen, and the mayor's business is to simply carry out what they outline, in the charter or at board meetings. Particularly it is none of my business to butt in and express my desires when the proposals have something to do with the mayor's salary. The fixing of this salary is up to the board and the people. If the salary is not what I want it to be, there is no law to make me serve unless I want to, and the same applies, of

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Shelby High Quint Goes To Semi-Finals Of Cage Tourney Before Losing To Raleigh High

Local Team Goes Down By Only One Point To Last Year Champions.

Casey Morris' Shelby high basketballers were quite a sensation in the State college basketball tournament until they were eliminated in the semi-final round Saturday morning at Raleigh by the Raleigh high five, winners of the tournament last year.

The local quint lost to Raleigh by only one point, 17-16. Prior to being defeated by Raleigh the Shelby quint swamped New Bern 32 to 5 and then trounced Bakersville 15 to 13.

The diminutive Zeno Wall, Shelby's leading point scorer in the tourney and "Milky Gold, due to the fact that he has captured three famous Shelby athletic teams, were big attractions to the crowds witnessing the games in the State college gymnasium.

How They Scored. The Raleigh News and Observer sport writer had the following to say of Shelby's games with New Bern and Bakersville:

Casey Morris produced two stars in Captain Gold and Zeno Wall as the team from Shelby. Governor Gardner's home, smashed through for a one-sided 35-5 victory over Senator Simmons' boys from New Bern. The game was never in doubt, the Morrismen leading 18-2 at half time. Gold caged 8 points while Wall, his running mate at forward shot 10. Gold, a three-letter, three-taking over the pivot duties.

Shelby Stays In. Shelby defeated Bakersville in another low-scoring game in the quarter-finals of Class A, counting a 15-13 win after holding the small end of a 5-4 count at half-time. Wall, with six points, topped the winners and Greene had seven to lead Bakersville.

Bakersville (13) Shelby (15) Willis (5) Wall (6) Stanley (2) Gold (2) Greene (7) Eskridge (2) Baker (1) Bridges (2) Silver (2) Lee (2) Substitutions - Shelby: Rippey, Poston (4). Referee, Doak (Gulford).

The Raleigh Game. A last minute field goal by Moody Smith, forward, kept Raleigh's defending champion in the class A running and defeated Shelby 17-16, in the semi-finals of class A. Shelby held a 16-15 lead when Smith, who counted 11 points for high honors of the game, dropped in his victory shot.

Raleigh trailed by five points as the second half got under way. Casey Morris' boys from Cleveland county held a 13-8 advantage at the turn.

The Morsons showed vast improvement in the third period, in which Shelby was held scoreless. Milky Gold, all-around Shelby athlete, shared with Poston leading

Fire Chief Chases Flaming Car Down Business Streets

Has Foot Race With Burning Automobile Of Dr. Houser Saturday Night.

City Fire Chief Ted Gordon has more than one method of doing business in his fire-fighting repertoire, and one is to run the fire down even when he has to do it on his own feet instead of from the seat of one of the big red trucks.

Saturday night when Dr. E. A. Houser, local physician, eased his car to a standstill at the traffic light at the Central Methodist church corner a motorist just behind him noticed that the physician's car was on fire. Then the traffic light changed to the green "go" signal and Dr. Houser sped out Marion street by the city hall. Chief Gordon, standing in front of the fire station, noticed the flames, thought to himself that Dr. Houser would have to stop at the traffic signal at the next corner, and then grabbed a fire extinguisher in his hand and "lit out" on his feet after the burning car. But before the chief and his extinguisher could get to the next corner the traffic light had changed again and Dr. Houser had turned the corner and was going down LaFayette street, the flames spreading more and more about the car all the time and the driver not aware that there was a blaze.

Speedy as he was Chief Gordon was not quite fast enough to compete with the physician's high-powered coupe and the car had reached the traffic lights at the Hotel Charles corner before pedestrians yelled at the physician to stop as his car was on fire. By that time the fire, which started, it is said, from a short circuit in some wires, had burned the wiring and connections all over the motor. "I thought he would stop at the Woolworth corner where his office is, or I would have used one of the trucks to catch him instead of taking out on my feet," the fire chief declared after his speedy dash afoot.

Negro Youth Placed Under Heavy Bond In Shooting Affair

Dick Jolley, young colored man, was placed under a \$2,000 bond to superior court at the morning session of county court here today for shooting and wounding two other colored boys last Wednesday. The bond was given.

Jolley, it will be recalled, shot three times at Leo Abrams last Wednesday about noon near the colored school building, one bullet striking Abrams in the leg while another of the bullets, going wild, struck Alvin Hoskins, colored school boy, in the leg. Jolley told officers that Abrams had threatened him.

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Monazite Industry Dead Unless A New Use Found For It

Much Interest In Complaint Meeting About Light Rates

Promoters Are Inviting All Shelby Merchants To Attend Meeting Tuesday.

Unusual interest is manifest in the meeting of the Shelby merchants, to be held at the court house tomorrow morning at nine-thirty o'clock, to probe into the question of the water and light rates of city.

Promoters of the meeting are inviting every merchant in the city to be present. And it is emphasized the meeting will be an open one, with free discussions of the vexed question invited.

The plan is, to have the question as thoroughly threshed out as possible, and to outline a proposal armed with which a specially appointed committee will wait upon the mayor and city council, to seek relief, it is announced.

Hear Radio Over Telephones Here, And Vice Versa

Radio Fans Tune In On Long Distance Telephone Calls. Operator Hears Radio.

If your bootlegger happens to live out of town, be particular when you call him up on the telephone for some local radio fan may hear you talking to him.

And if married women and men hereabouts have sweeties out of town whom they telephone occasionally, they cannot be sure but what some Shelby man or woman listening in on their radio hear every one of the sweet words.

Believe it or not, but it's true. In fact, such peculiar things have happened in connection with radios and telephones hereabouts lately that the average man may come to believe that the inventors who gave us radio and telephone may know no more about the limitations or the scope of their inventions than Thomas Edison knows about electricity. And Mr. Edison, who has done a little bit of everything with electricity, readily admits that he doesn't even know what electricity is.

Here's The Yarn. Just a few days back a Shelby lady was turning her set in on WBT station at Charlotte one afternoon when she heard the following words: "Long distance, I want Concord." Then came other words: "This is Concord," and so on. In a few minutes the voice faded away and the radio program came in strong.

The lady had been hearing a long distance telephone call on her radio. Whether the call was being made from Shelby to Concord, or from some other town to Concord, perhaps Charlotte, she does not know and perhaps will never now.

Since that time other Shelby radio fans have told of hearing snatches of telephone conversation mixed in now and then with their radio programs.

Operators. At the exchange here of the Southern Bell Telephone company the long-distance "hello girls" inform The Star that right often they hear radio programs over the telephone wires. Which means that radio may be heard by telephone as well as telephone calls can be heard over radio.

"Right often," says one of the long-distance operators at the local telephone exchange, "we hear short bits of radio programs from some station but we have never been able to tell what station. It just comes in a few words at a time, and then fades away as mysteriously as it came in through the receiver."

So, it may be that some of these nights when you're trying to tune in on Moran and Mack that you'll hear instead some Shelby swain calling his girl at Charlotte over the telephone and asking for a date.

How come? Well, that's up to some of the experts.

Charlotte To Play Shelby In Baseball

The Shelby high baseball team, out after another state title, will give the strong Charlotte team their first home game of the season on March 26, two weeks from tomorrow. Baseball training at the high school here will get underway this week. Charlotte comes here for a return game on April 19.

President Of Welshback Company Says So In Letter. Duty Would Not Help.

The monazite industry is dead in the Carolinas unless a new use is found for monazite and monazite products, according to Sidney Mason, president of the Welshback company, one of the largest of all monazite manufacturers.

Mr. Mason's statement is contained in a letter to a prominent Shelby man, who was closely connected with the mining industry here in the old days.

Tariff No Good. Mr. Mason likewise makes it plain that in his opinion an import duty on monazite coming into this country could not under any circumstances revive the North Carolina industry as the demand for monazite products is very small as the use of gas mantle has been practically discontinued.

New Information. Continuing Mr. Mason gives some information not heretofore made public in this section since the discussion about reviving the monazite industry was started. This information is that there is very little monazite mining going on anywhere now, even in Brazil or India, as the world wide demand for monazite and products is only about one-tenth what it was 10 years ago.

Concluding his letter the Welshback official writes: "Why don't you set the editor of your paper straight by handing him the letters I have written you on this subject? It seems unfair that the good people of North Carolina should have their hopes raised without a shadow of realization."

He also mentions that he was visited by Messrs. H. Clay Cox and Fred Hamrick and that he informed them that the Welshback company would be pleased to see the industry revived here as his company has quite a bit of mineral acreage here which it would be "delighted" to dispose of "even at a low price."

Letter Quoted. Portions of his letter are quoted below: "I likewise told them very frankly it was my opinion that an import duty on monazite could not

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Youth Signs Name Of Surgeon On Back Of \$20 Check Here

Morganton Young Man Bound To Superior Court At Hearing Today.

Ernest Butler, young white man who lives near Morganton in Burke county, was bound over to superior court under a bond of \$500 here today by Recorder Horace Kennedy on a charge of using the name of Dr. J. W. Harbison, local surgeon, as an endorsement on the back of a \$20 check. He was returned to jail, where he had been since Saturday, when unable to give the bond.

Butler, it is said, visited the Cleveland Bank & Trust company Saturday afternoon, filled out a \$20 check on the Bank of Morganton and then wrote Dr. Harbison's name as an endorser on the back of the check. Although he had with him a note from Dr. Harbison, who came from his section of Burke county, identifying him as Ernest Butler the bank teller became suspicious and called an officer. After Butler was arrested Police Chief Poston telephoned the surgeon at the Shelby hospital, and Dr. Harbison declared that he had written the note to identify the young man but had not intended it as an endorsement, neither had he authorized Butler to sign his name on the back of the check. It appeared to officers as if Butler in writing Dr. Harbison's name on the back of the check had attempted to make the signature conform with the signature of the surgeon, on the note of identification. The youth protested that he had not intended to forge the name but thought he could write it on the back of the check since he had the note of identification.

Eastern Star Will Name New Officers

The local chapter of the Eastern Star will elect new officers at a meeting to be held Tuesday at 7:30 in the Masonic temple. All members are urged to be present.