

The Markets. Cotton, spot 20c Cotton Seed, per bu. 38 1/2c

VOL. XXXV, No. 41 THE CLEVELAND STAR SHELBY, N. C. FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1929 Published Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Afternoons By mail, per year (in advance) \$2.50 Carrier, per year (in advance) \$3.00

Saturday Fair. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Court To Close. The superior court grind on the civil calendar this week will adjourn after a short session Saturday morning, Judge James L. Webb practically completing the listed calendar for trial today.

Strike Scenes Quiet Now At Loray Plant

Rumor Of Employees Of Other Mills Striking, Shelby Company Still On Guard.

(Special to The Star.) Gastonia, April 5.—The Loray mill strike continued here today without new developments or moves upon the part of the strikers or organizers, and meantime inside the big mill approximately 75 per cent of all employees are back at work, the mill management announced. Everything is quiet in the section of the mill which is patrolled by five companies of national guard troops although it is said that meetings are still being held by the strike organizers.

Rumor Other Strikes. A general rumor about Gastonia today had it that the strike organizers, who fostered the Loray strike, have been quietly working among employees of other Gaston mills with the aim of bringing on a general strike in the county's textile industry. According to the rumor circulars were issued early today from strike headquarters calling for the general strike, but at one this afternoon the other mills throughout the section were operating and there was no public indication of the strike spreading.

The situation at the Loray has been without incident since late Wednesday afternoon when three military troops, from Gastonia, Shelby and Lincolnton, used fixed bayonets to drive an assembled mass of demonstrative strikers from about the mill entrance. After being scattered along the several streets the striking group, now only about 25 per cent of the 2,000 employed by the big plant, have made no public demonstrations such as were made early Monday.

More Shelby Soldiers. The military companies are encamped about the Loray mill grounds, the tents of company K, Shelby company, being pitched in the Loray park between the mill and Franklin avenue.

Members of the Shelby outfit who could not be reached when the company was hurriedly mobilized Wednesday afternoon were ordered to and did report to the company here today. The officers of the Shelby outfit are Capt. Peyton McSwain, First Lieut. Mike H. Austell and Second Lieut. H. C. Long.

Non-commissioned officers of the company are: Claud Connor, first sergeant; Clarence Leonard, Marston Baker, Arlo McFarland, Dwella Grant, Loy Huffman, Lawrence Runyan, Fred Noblitt, sergeants.

The photo in today's Charlotte Observer of the field kitchen at the military headquarters was that of the Shelby company of which Marston Baker is mess sergeant with Corporal Andrew Eaker and Cook William Huffman in charge of the cooking.

QUIET REIGNS AMID LORAY STRIKE SCENE Leaders, Addressing Mass Meeting Of Strikers, Caution Against Violence.

Gastonia, April 4.—There was no change in the situation at the Loray textile mills of the Manville-Jencks company here tonight as about 200 North Carolina national guardsmen continued their patrol and vigil at the mill and in the village.

Representatives of the several hundred strikers, who walked out in protest against the discharge of several members of the local union, said there was nothing new from their side and mill officials declared they were waiting.

Adjutant General J. Van B. Meets of the North Carolina national guard, today met with Fred Erwin Beal and George Pershing, avowed strike organizers, and told them the military guards placed around the plant were there to protect life and property and maintain law and order both for the safety of the strikers and those who continue to work.

Grigg Is Head Of Schools In County Again

W. A. Ridenhour Re-elected Chairman Of Cleveland Board Of Education.

At a meeting of the Cleveland county board of education this week Prof. J. H. Grigg was re-elected county superintendent of school by the board. Mr. Grigg has served as superintendent for several years, since the resignation of Mr. J. C. Newton, and his services is generally considered efficient and he is popular with school officials and patrons.

Ridenhour Chairman. The same board going back into office also re-elected Mr. W. A. Ridenhour, of Kings Mountain, as chairman for the ensuing term.

Name Committeemen. At the same meeting one member of each school committee in the county was appointed, as each year the term of one committeeman in each district board expires. The list of the many new committeemen will be published in an early issue of The Star.

Another item of importance transacted by the board was the purchase of a site for the purpose new school structure in East Kings Mountain.

Crowders Plan Big Market Here

Robert And Wm. Crowder To Erect Two Story Market And Cold Storage.

Robert Crowder and Wm. Crowder, brothers, are planning the erection of a two-story market house and cold storage plant on their lot on S. Washington street adjoining the Harry Woodson building, just completed. The building will be of fireproof construction with a retail meat market on the ground floor, while on the second floor there will be a cold storage plant for meats of all kinds, a sausage and wener manufacturing department, together with a dressed poultry department. An egg storage may be added. They will start in a small way and add to the variety of meats they handle as their business grows.

Meats of all kinds will be handled at retail and wholesale throughout this territory. Mr. Wm. Crowder will be in charge as he is an experienced meat dealer, already operating a retail and wholesale market in the Arcade building on W. Marion street.

It is estimated that the cost of the building and cold storage equipment will cost approximately \$20,000. No contract has been let but plans are now being drawn for the building.

Morrison Sentence Is Changed To Fine

The six months road sentence given Coy Morrison during the criminal docket of superior court last week on liquor charges was changed this week to a fine.

According to the new sentence Morrison must pay a fine of \$250 and the court costs and a suspended sentence of 12 months on the roads was placed over him if he is not out of Cleveland county by April 15, or returns to the county within two years.

Decision By Board On Light Rate Is Postponed As Yet

Reply Of Aldermen To Citizens' Committee Deferred By Schenck's Absence.

The Shelby city aldermen at their regular meeting this week did not make a reply to the appeal of a group of citizens for lower light and power rates in the city due to the absence of Alderman John F. Schenck, jr., who is in New York on business.

Some time back a special committee appeared before the city fathers, and asked a reduction or change in the light and power scale. The aldermen heard the appeal and took the matter up for consideration with the hope of making answer this week, but were unavoidably prevented from doing so. Just when another meeting of the board will be held is not known as yet, no call being issued so far by the committee for a special meeting.

Six Marriages In Cleveland For Each Divorce In 1926-1927



J. H. GRIGG.

Frazer Speaker At Club Meet

Kiwanians Have Ladies As Their Guests. Queens' President And Girls Here.

Dr. W. H. Frazer, president of Queens college and a bevy of pretty and talented girls from the student body, entertained the Kiwanians and their wives at the semi-annual "ladies night" program held last night at Cleveland Springs hotel, when plates were set for 136 guests present.

The program was interspersed with musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental by the Queens college girls, one of the outstanding numbers being the accordion solo by Miss Margaret Johansen. Recitations and other entertainment made the evening a most enjoyable one and at the close of the program a grand prize in the nature of a basket of handsome robes was presented to one of the college girls.

Dr. Frazer stepped from his usual humor in speech making and drew a lesson of civic club ideals for community betterment from the story of King Saul, who pressed hard by his enemies longed for a drink of water from the old well back home. His soldiers braved danger to bring him water, but upon reflecting on the danger, sacrifice and hazard they had undergone, felt that the water represented the blood of his men. This he poured out as a sacrifice. From this he observed that it is all right to enjoy the fellowship and material things a civic club brings, but the things that are bought by sacrifice and service are the most worthwhile.

Thompson New Head Of Rotarians Here

Carl S. Thompson, local lumber man, is the new president of the Shelby Rotary club, being elected by the club at its meeting today as a successor to Elmer E. Scott.

F. D. Quinn was elected vice-president, and Pat McBrayer and Roy Sisk were re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Only Five Counties In State Rank Lower In Marriages For Each Divorce.

During the two years 1926-1927, there were only 6.5 marriages in Cleveland county for each divorce, according to statistics assembled by The University News Letter.

The increasing number of divorces in this county and the decreasing number of marriages is explained by the News Letter by saying that Cleveland is one of the counties bordering on South Carolina, a state where divorces are not granted, but where it is considerably easier to get married than in this state.

The five counties having less marriages per divorce than Cleveland are Buncombe, Avery, Richmond, Gaston and Scotland, there being only a little over three marriages for each divorce in the last named county.

Two Borders. Oddly enough the News Letter points out that North Carolina counties bordering on the Virginia line have a better marriage ratio per divorce than does the average county of the state, which means that more Virginia couples come to North Carolina to be married than North Carolina couples go to Virginia. On the other hand far more North Carolina couples go to South Carolina to be married than South Carolina couples come here. Meantime many South Carolina couples come to this state and live for a time so that they may secure divorces.

There were two counties in North Carolina which in the two-year period had no divorces, these counties being Jones and Pender. In that period Jones had 127 marriages and Pender 178. At the other extreme are three counties which had a divorce for approximately every three marriages.

During the year 1927 there were 22,204 marriages performed in North Carolina, as compared with 22,691 in 1926. There were 1,642 divorces granted in the state in 1927 and 1,591 in 1926. Taking the two-year period there was one divorce for each 13.87 marriages. In 1916 there was one divorce for each 31.95 marriages. Thus it appears that divorces are more than twice as numerous in proportion to the number of marriages as ten years ago.

The table which appears elsewhere in this issue ranks the counties of the state in this particular. It will be observed that at one extreme are two counties—Jones and Pender—with no divorces at all, and reflecting on the danger, sacrifice and hazard they had undergone, felt that the water represented the blood of his men. This he poured out as a sacrifice. From this he observed that it is all right to enjoy the fellowship and material things a civic club brings, but the things that are bought by sacrifice and service are the most worthwhile.

Can A Rabid Cat Be Termed A Mad Dog? Query Up Here Is Worry To Cleveland Board

Can a rabid cat, or a cat suffering with hydrophobia, be legally termed mad dog?

That knotty question bobbed up before the Cleveland county commissioners in session this week, and has now been turned over to Mr. R. L. Ryburn, county attorney.

Can a cat ever be termed a dog? And this is how it happened: Some weeks back a cat in the Zion community became infected with rabies and bit five children in addition to several animals. The law says that the county commissioners are authorized to make good all losses caused "by a mad dog." The children have since been taking the rabies treatment, a treatment that costs \$25 or more per person. At the meeting of the board this week the bill for the expense caused by the mad cat was presented. The commissioners turned to the law, and the law says "mad dog" with no mention of mad cats. Seemingly the spirit of the law, although the law does not say so, would cover the cat. But these omissions in the law books often offer loop holes in court actions. And now County Attorney Ryburn has a ticklish problem to decide.

Shelby School Musicians Off To Big Contest

Sinclair Takes 120 Young Musicians To District Contests In Gastonia.

W. T. Sinclair will head a delegation of 120 high school pupils Saturday on a trip to Gastonia where they will compete in twenty contests for musical honors.

Shelby is in district No. 12 which has eleven schools entered in the various contests. In the orchestra contest, no other school in the class of Shelby is competing so this district honor comes to the local musicians by default. The band, however, with 48 pieces is expected to make a good showing as well as many of the other contestants. Mr. Sinclair does not hope to win in all of the contests, but will enter all for the experience it gives the musicians and the training they will encounter for future contests of this kind.

Lattimore Enters. It is hoped that as many parents will go over with the musicians as possibly can. The program will take place in the high school building, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. with Miss Grace Vandyke Moore of Greensboro as judge. The Lattimore high school is the only other institution in Cleveland county to enter the contests.

Various Contests. Mixed chorus—Shelby, Lincolnton, Mt. Holly, Lattimore and Lowell. Girls glee club—Shelby, Lincolnton, Forest City, Mt. Holly and Lowell. Boys' glee club—Mt. Holly and Lowell.

Orchestra—Shelby, Band—Shelby, Catawba county band. Mixed quartet—Shelby, Lowell, Mt. Holly and Lattimore. Boys unchanged voice—Shelby, Lowell and Forest City. Girls' quartet—Lowell, Lincolnton, Mt. Holly, Lattimore and Shelby. Soprano solo—Shelby, Lowell, Forest City, Mt. Holly and Lattimore.

Contralto solo—Lowell. Tenor solo—Shelby, Forest City, and Mt. Holly. Baritone solo—Lincolnton and Lattimore.

Bass solo—Lowell and Lincolnton. Piano—Shelby, Lowell, Lincolnton, Balls Creek, Forest City, Kings Mountain and Cherryville. Brass quartet—Shelby and Gastonia.

Violin solo—Shelby. Trumpet solo—Shelby and Gastonia. Trombone solo—Shelby and Gastonia. Baritone solo—Shelby and Gastonia. Flute solo—Gastonia. Clarinet solo—Newton, Gastonia, and Shelby.

Officers Capture More Whiskey In Raid Last Night

Gallon Found At Beatty Home Brought There By Groom, Officers Told.

Shelby and Cleveland county officers continued their dry drive with another haul in Shelby last night when Police Chief McBride Poston, Sheriff Irvin Allen and Deputy Bob Kendrick found, they say, one gallon of whiskey in the home of Lee Beatty.

Beatty's wife, according to Chief Poston, informed officers that the whiskey had been brought there by Doyle Groom, local taxi driver and a member of a local transfer firm. Beatty, it is understood is an employee of Groom in the transfer business.

The two men were placed under a \$500 bond each until a trial is given before Recorder Kennedy.

Shelby B. And L. In Charles Hotel

The Shelby Building and Loan association will occupy quarters shortly in the Hotel Charles building, using a large room near the hotel entrance on West Warren street, according to an announcement made today by Capt. J. Frank Roberts, secretary-treasurer.

Kings Mountain Bank, Member Chain, Fails To Open Up Today

First Pictures of Lindy's Sister



It was only recently revealed by the reticent Lindbergh family that the Flying Colonel had a sister, Mrs. Eva Lindbergh Christie shown above with her children, is Lindy's half-sister and is living in comparative obscurity at Red Lake Falls, Minn. She is a child by the flyer's father's first marriage. (International Newsreel)

Five Banks With Head In Gastonia Are Closed Today

Several Small Runs On Banks Yesterday. Hope To Pay 100 Cents On Dollar.

The first bank closing in the history of Cleveland county took place this morning when the doors of the Commercial Bank and Trust company, a member of a banking chain with Gastonia headquarters, failed to open and a notice was posted on the door stating that the bank's business had been placed in the hands of the State Corporation commission.

Three other branch banks in the chain and the head bank at Gastonia also failed to open and the same notice, signed by the board of directors, were posted on all doors.

Was Once Local. The Kings Mountain branch, of which Elmer Herndon was vice-president under the chain bank organization, was formerly the Peoples Loan and Trust company but about two years ago the chain bank was formed, the Kings Mountain bank being merged into the chain, which was made up of banks at that place, Cherryville, Lincolnton, Mt. Holly and the head bank at Gastonia.

Officers of the Kings Mountain branch were Elmer Herndon, vice-president; Hunter Patterson, cashier; Bright Ratteree, assistant cashier.

Runs Yesterday. At Kings Mountain this morning unofficial information had it that a day or two back reports began to spread there, as in the three other towns where branches of the chain were located, of some likely trouble at the head bank in Gastonia. The result was, it was said, that a scattered run was made throughout the day Thursday on the Kings Mountain institution, numerous accounts being checked out. A similar situation, it is understood, prevailed in the other towns, while a scattered run during the day saw something like \$20,000 to \$30,000 checked out of the Gastonia bank.

However all five banks in the chain remained open until the close of the business day yesterday. This morning the following notice was posted on the closed doors by the directors: "This bank is closed and has been turned over to the State Corporation commission by a resolution of the board of directors."

No Losses Likely. Unofficial information given The Star this morning from Gastonia indicated that depositors will likely receive 100 cents on the dollar. The chain had a capital of \$500,000 and deposits totalling around two and one-half million dollars. Officers at the main headquarters in Gastonia were: W. T. Love, president; G. N. Henson, cashier; V. E. Long and J. White Ware, vice-presidents, with the heads of the various branch banks also ranking as vice-presidents in the organization.

No Reason Was Given on the posted notice or from other official sources as to the cause of the failure but the consensus of opinion in Gastonia today laid the blame to "frozen assets." General report at Kings Mountain and at the other towns where branches were located that business at the branch institutions had been reasonably good, and Kings Mountain depositors added that they knew that the affairs of the branch there had nothing to do with the closed doors today.

No Strike Connection. The closing of the main bank at Gastonia along with the branch banks had no connection whatsoever with the Loray textile strike at Gastonia, it was definitely announced there today.

Other reports from Gastonia have it that there is no fear at all of a financial crisis there as the textile city has two other strong financial institutions, the First National and the Citizens National.

Triangular Debate Is On Here Tonight

The two Shelby debate teams in the state-wide triangular debate get into action tonight. The Shelby affirmative, composed of Alke Sanders and May Ellen McBrayer, will meet the Gastonia negative here this evening in the Central school auditorium, while the Shelby negative, composed of Mildred McKinney and Edith Reid Ramsauer will debate the Lincolnton affirmative in Lincolnton.

Star Thanked For Service Rendered Boiling Springs

(To Editor of The Star from J. B. Davis, president of Boiling Springs junior college.)

Due largely to the publicity given through the columns of your paper, and to the spirit of loyalty generated by your whole-hearted cooperation, our recent library campaign has been pronounced a "monumental success"—as we have received, to date, approximately 1,800 volumes, multiplying our number by more than 100 percent, giving us a variety and quality of books that establishes Boiling Springs college library in the foremost rank of library assets in this great section "the world's Garden of Eden."

Therefore, this opportunity and method will be granted me to express to you, and through your columns to every donor, personally and officially, subjectively and objectively, our warmest appreciations for the climaxing service rendered by your paper, thus furthering its mission of constructive contributions to community progress—yours is hereby declared to be an "outstanding, epochal service to a worthy community asset."

Summey Gets Contract On Cement

S. S. Summey, local contractor in concrete has landed a contract in Charlotte for pouring the concrete on a large ten story office building to be erected by J. A. Gardner, contractor who has just finished the First Baptist Church plant here.

Mr. Summey is moving his equipment and force of men to Charlotte this week to begin work.

County Government Here Still Recommended For Others

Cleveland county's business manager form of government is still being recommended to other counties of North Carolina as a model form of county government.

Highs Continue Heavy Batting To Win Again

Defeat Cherryville Here Second Time 11 To 2. Play Gastonia Here Today.

Defeating Cherryville here yesterday by a score of 11 to 2 for their second straight victory over the Gaston crew, the Shelby highs are this afternoon clashing with the strong, Gastonia team in the city park.

Gastonia easily defeated Charlotte and "Casey" Morris' heavy-hitting youngsters are in for their first real test today.

Cline Owens Lee, local shortstop, seems headed for another 500 percentage at bat. In Tuesday's game he slammed out a homer, two doubles and a single, while in Thursday's game here he led the Shelby onslaught with two hits, four runs, and three stolen bases out of just three accredited trips to the plate. Hulick and Bumgardner also secured two safeties each while the remainder of Shelby's 10 hits were divided among Bridges, Gold and Smith. Carpenter, second sacker, led the Cherryville hitting with two singles.

Hamrick, who is making a bid for chief hurling duties of the Shelby staff, hurled seven of the nine frames but was relieved in the eighth by Sam Dayberry, young left-hander, who was in action for the first time. The youngster held Cherryville to one lone hit in the two frames. Both Shelby hurlers worked well although Hamrick became upset a time or two with runners on the mound for the visitors but the consistent hitting of the locals drove him from the mound to be replaced by Vandyke.

A stolen base may mean an extra run in most any baseball game. (Continued on page nine.)