

The Markets. Cotton, spot 20c Cotton Seed, per bu. 55 1/2c

Cloudy Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and slightly warmer in extreme west portion tonight.

Jail Strike Leader. Ellen Dawson, one of the communist agitators in the textile strike at Gastonia, was arrested there yesterday by a federal deputy marshal and placed in jail in Charlotte on a charge sent from Trenton, N. J., where it is said she violated the federal immigration laws.

Only 200 Sign For Gas Here

Engineer Bishop Anxious To Have Cards Signed By The Local Citizens.

Only 200 citizens of Shelby have signed cards signifying their willingness to become patrons of a gas plant should the city build and operate one here. A survey is being made by G. H. Bishop, Charlotte engineer, to determine whether enough patrons are available to justify the city to build a plant, but so far, the response has been very disappointing.

In the event that 700 signify their willingness to have the convenience of gas in their home, the city will give further consideration to building a plant here. These 700 have not signed cards, however, and unless this number is secured the city will pass up for the time being the consideration of a municipally owned gas plant.

To Make Farm Survey Here

Information On Cotton Growing And Marketing To Be Gathered In County.

Many farmers of Cleveland county will be interviewed during the coming week by field workers representing the United States department of agriculture to gather certain facts about the growing and marketing of cotton in recent years. This is just one part of a south-wide survey of conditions surrounding the production and sale of cotton now in process of completion, according to a statement from Mr. T. B. Manny, senior agricultural economist, of Washington, D. C., who is supervising this part of the work in North Carolina and Alabama.

Three men from North Carolina State college, Raleigh, J. A. Shanklin, A. L. Eagles, and G. W. Townsend, are assisting in the field work. The men are now finishing up in Cabarrus county, and expect to begin in Cleveland on Monday, April 22. They will be here a week to ten days. County Agricultural Agent Alvin Hardin, has been in touch with Mr. Manny in completing local arrangements for this survey.

It is expected that as a result, farmer viewpoints and ideas about the present situation confronting the producers of cotton will be brought more forcefully to the attention of those seeking to improve agricultural conditions in the United States.

Head's Physicists. Dr. L. A. Crowell, of Lincoln, of the faculty of the North Carolina Medical Society at the society meeting in Greensboro this week. Several Shelby physicians attended the session.

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City Election Will Be Held By Old Method

Australian Ballot Law Not In Effect Yet, Burrs Finds. Activity At Polls.

The usual crowd of vote catchers, markers and workers for the various candidates will be seen about the voting booths here May 6 as it was announced today that the city election would be held by the old plan and not by the regulations of the new Australian ballot law.

The Australian ballot law, passed by the last legislature, covers all elections, state, county, township, and municipal, but City Attorney Chas. A. Burrs after securing a copy of the law finds that the secret ballot law does not take effect until June 30. This means that the coming election will be the last ever held here by the open booth plan unless the Australian ballot, sponsored by Governor Gardner, is repealed.

Only about a score of new citizens have registered during the first registration week for the municipal election, according to Registrar Mike H. Austell. The registration books opened Monday.

Helping Crippled Youth Of County

State Is Offering Training To Unfortunate So They Might Earn Living.

Claude M. Andrews of the vocational and rehabilitation department, a branch of the state board of education, was in Shelby this week in conference with J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, checking up on the crippled of the county who are receiving aid from this department or are entitled to receive aid and have not asked for same.

This department has aided or is aiding between 15 or 20 county crippled, most of whom are young people, in offering them a training in order that they might become self-supporting. There is a state fund matched by a like amount from the federal government to aid crippled people above 16 years of age. In this county a number are being given scholarships in schools and colleges, others have money contributed to them from this fund to supplement their earnings, while artificial limbs will be purchased for those unable to buy the same.

Many people do not know of this service which is offered all over the state. Those who are entitled to this service should get in touch with the county welfare officer, Mr. Smith, who will report the case to Mr. Andrews. He comes and makes a thorough investigation and if found worthy, the state and federal governments lend the necessary assistance. Mr. Andrews says the cases in Cleveland county now receiving this service are above the average and the cooperative spirit here has been very good indeed.

Grigg On Program Of Teachers Meet

Ridenhour And County Superintendent To Attend Raleigh Sessions.

County Supt. J. H. Grigg, of Shelby, and Mr. W. A. Ridenhour, of Kings Mountain, chairman of the Cleveland county board of education, will leave Sunday for Raleigh where they will attend the five-day efficiency course for North Carolina school superintendents and chairmen of county educational boards.

Prof. Grigg is on the program for a talk on Wednesday. Three men from North Carolina State college, Raleigh, J. A. Shanklin, A. L. Eagles, and G. W. Townsend, are assisting in the field work. The men are now finishing up in Cabarrus county, and expect to begin in Cleveland on Monday, April 22. They will be here a week to ten days. County Agricultural Agent Alvin Hardin, has been in touch with Mr. Manny in completing local arrangements for this survey.

Will There Be A Woman On Next School Or City Board In Shelby?

Shelby's next board of aldermen and next school board may for the time in the history of the city have feminine members. Anyway, several prominent women of the city are being talked as candidates for both boards.

Three Said To Be Willing To Accept Berths On Board

It is reported to The Star that Marvin Blanton will be a candidate for alderman in Ward 3 in which no one has announced. A. V. Hamrick is alderman at present in this ward and has not decided whether he will be a candidate or not, hesitating because he thinks he should give his whole time to his work and therefore retire from the board.

Felix Gee in Ward 2 and Thad C. Ford in Ward 1 have been approached by friends who urged them to accept places on the city board of education. Neither of these men has been seen by The Star, but they are reported to have signified a willingness to serve if the citizens show they want them.

Shelby Highs Take Win Over Charlotte Nine

Hitting Of Bridges And Hurling Of Hamrick Feature Victory On Tuesday.

The Shelby high shook off the hoodoo held over them for several years by "Lefty" Wood, Charlotte high school hurler, and defeated the fast Queen City team here Thursday afternoon before the largest crowd of the year by a 6 to 2 score.

The heavy slugging of Bridges, Shelby second-sacker and lead-off man, and the air-tight hurling of Hamrick, who struck out nine Charlotte hitters featured the game. Both hurlers worked well but were given ragged support at time. Wood striking out seven Shelby hitters.

Shelby practically placed the game in the electric refrigerator system in the first frame which "Rooster" Bridges started with a long triple. A single and a double on the heels of the triple by Parris and Bumgardner and two Charlotte errors put over a total of five runs. From that point on Wood was stingy with his hits and runs.

In the fifth inning the visiting hurler slammed a drive to center field for three haseocks but Hamrick settled down and struck out two hitters in succession, the Charlotte hurler failing to score. In fact, seven of the men Hamrick struck out were sent to the bench with men on bases.

Double Plays. In with a bit of ragged fielding the local youngsters turned in two lightning like double plays. The first, by Bridges, Lee, and Harrelson, was the snappiest with Lee taking Bridges throw, tagging second on the run and shooting the ball to first to catch the other runner by near 10 feet. "Milky" Gold grabbed a hot roller out of the dust with the bases loaded, tagged third, and heaved to Harrelson for the out.

Opposed Chester. Mr. McDow suggested Fairfield or Lancaster, Chester, the only other county in this judicial circuit, adjoins York and the people of the two counties come more or less in contact with each other. Mr. McDow stated. Another reason he gave for sending the case to Chester is

Anticipate Record Crowd For Boxing Program Saturday

Roberts And Roper Box In Main Bout, Singleton In Semi-Final Wrestling.

A record crowd for a boxing program in Shelby is anticipated at the Thompson building here Saturday night when Baxter Roper, of Georgia, and Terry Roberts, of McAdenville, meet for the second time in a boxing card sponsored by the American Legion here.

Big Joe Singleton, Shelby high school boy and a favorite with boxing fans, will appear in the semifinals. Three other good bouts are scheduled along with a wrestling match which will see Ernest Harris, of South Shelby, taking on Kid Freeman.

Presiding Elder To Preach Here Sunday

Rev. W. A. Newell, presiding elder of the Gastonia district of the Western North Carolina conference, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour at Central Methodist church Sunday. It is announced. The pastor, Dr. H. K. Boyer, will preach at the evening service.

County Teachers To Gather On Saturday

The school teachers of Cleveland county will hold a county-wide meeting in the court house here Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. Supt. B. L. Smith, of the Rutherfordton schools, will be the chief speaker, it is announced.

No Bond Given King Yet; Gets Venue Changed

King Will Be Tried In Chester In July By Judge's Ruling In York Wednesday.

Rafe King is now in jail at Chester, S. C., where he was taken immediately after the hearing at York Wednesday where his counsel succeeded in having his trial changed from York to Chester due to the antagonism against the Shelby man in York. Prior to the convening of the York court Monday King was out on a bond of \$3,000, but no mention of securing bond until his trial in July was made at York Wednesday by his lawyers.

York, S. C., April 17.—The guilt or innocence of Rafe King of Sharon, charged with the murder of his wife, Fay Wilson King, will be decided by a jury of Chester county.

The motion of the defense for a change of venue was granted by Judge J. Henry Johnson at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon, after a lengthy hearing in which the defense submitted 71 affidavits in support of the motion and the state countered with 170 against it.

Judge Johnson's decision came with dramatic suddenness. After reading of the affidavits had been concluded, Thomas F. McDow, chief counsel for King, arose and inquired of the court how much time would be allowed for arguments.

No Arguments. "I am not going to hear any arguments," answered Judge Johnson in his characteristically decisive manner. Every one in the crowded courtroom sat up straight in tense expectancy. Rafe King, himself, calm and composed all day, was visibly agitated.

"I don't mean that I want to cut off any one from making an argument," continued Johnson, "but in a matter of this kind it does not require arguments to point out the path of duty to the court. In view of all that has come out at the hearing I am convinced of what my ruling should be under the present state of the law. Under the decisions of our supreme court I think I am compelled to grant the motion."

Judge Johnson went on to say that he was by no means convinced in his own mind that King could not get a fair and impartial trial in York county and that his decision was wholly due to supreme court decisions in cases of this kind. After elaborating for several minutes on the reason for transferring the case to another county, Judge Johnson asked for suggestions from counsel as to where to send the case.

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J. B. Tyner Buried Here On Thursday

J. B. Tyner, aged 50, died Wednesday April 17 at his home near this city. He had been in ill health for several years. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the Central Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Thursday at the home. Burial was made in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Tyner is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elmira Tyner; one son and four daughters: Torrey Tyner, Miss Esta Tyner, Miss Bessona Tyner, of Charlotte, Mrs. W. C. Enslay, and Mrs. W. B. Sewell of Philadelphia, Pa.

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Weight On Court House Clock Falls, Shakes Structure

Big Weight, Weighing 1,600 Pounds, Falls About 25 Feet. Clock Stopped.

The big concrete striking weight of the town clock in the dome of the Cleveland county court house tore loose from its cables yesterday morning about 11:30 o'clock and plunged downward about 25 feet to the ceiling over the main court room, the fall of the heavy block shaking the entire building.

Only the bracing of a steel rafter in the court room ceiling kept the 1,600 pound weight from hurtling on through the court room and down into the center of the court house lobby, it was estimated by those observing the wreckage, and the impact of the fall for a moment or two threw a scare into the county officials and visitors in the first floor office, the impact resembling a discharge of dynamite.

Mr. A. E. Cline, county business manager, had a narrow escape, and it was considered very fortunate that county court was not in session at the time as the weight before being stopped to a large hole in the court room ceiling and for several hours it was feared that the weight might shake loose and continue its fall. The big clock had not been running for several days and Mr. Cline had just gone to his car to get some tools to work upon it and was returning when suddenly the clock boomed out one time and the crash occurred. In a few more minutes Mr. Cline and the janitor would likely have been in the very path of the weight in the belfry while attempting to start the clock.

Due to the damage caused considerable repair work will be necessary to get the big clock going again, and it may be several weeks before it keeps correct time again as the entire mechanism was shaken up and a part of it wrecked.

Personnel Of Shelby Band

Those Who Went From Shelby Schools To Greensboro To Music Contest.

The following is a list of those from the Shelby public schools who attended the state musical contest at Greensboro yesterday:

Cornet. John Best, Geo. Blanton, Colbert McKnight, Lemar Young, T. B. Gold, Jack Palmer, John McBrayer, Bill Loy, Thomas Cottle, Charles Roberts, Edwin Gibson.

Saxophones. Will Arey, Jr., Louis Arey, Fields Young, Jr.

Trombones. Ed Smith, Ray Hoffman, Herman Best, John McClure.

Drums. Herbert Elam, Carlos Young, Everett Toms, Robt. Elam.

Alto Horn. Vergil Cox, Ruth Thompson, Mary Alice Leach, Mildred Laughridge.

Clarinets. Riley McCord, Pegram Holland, H. C. Cox, H. Lee Weathers, Dick Le Grand, Junior Post, Wm. Ingram, Hill Hudson, Jr.

Sarah Thompson, Elizabeth Blanton, Julia Cox, B. R. Dellinger, James Hambricht, Orin Smith, James Morehead, Julian Morehead.

Piccolo. Ann Elmore.

Basses. Bill Hamrick, Frank Abernathy, Harlan Bridges.

Chaperone—Mr. Hatley.

Mixed Chorus. Lula Agnes Arey, Helen Anthony, Charles Alexander, Frank Abernathy, Geo. Blanton, Hesseintie Borders, Mary Sue Borders, Edith Blanton, Harlan Bridges, Elgin Carothers, H. Clay Cox, Mary Frances Carpenter, Lillian Crow, Ann Elmore, Robert Elam, Mary Reeves Forney, Frances Graham, Pegram Holland, Virginia Hunt, William Ingram, Virginia Jenkins, Tillie Jenks, Sherrill Linsberger, Minna Le Grande, Ruth Laughridge, Bob McDowell, Evelyn Short, Charles Switzer, Chrystal Thompson, Mary Tedder, Everett Toms, Harvey Wray.

Helen Whitner, Henry Lee Weathers, Abbie Jane Wall, Mattie Sue Probst, Harvey Blanton, Edwin Smith, Nannie Pearl Allen. Chaperone—Miss Coleman.

Gardner Farm Idea Will Be Tried In State

Would Supply All State Institutions With Food—State May Enter Bidding On Road.

Raleigh.—Two plans of Governor Gardner for making profitable use of the state's growing number of convicts were sketched in broad outline this week.

One of them was revealed in the appointment of George Ross as director of prison farms, a new position, with a view to increasing the production of the farms in such articles as are now imported by North Carolina, and the development of a supply of such products for the 20,000 population in state institutions.

The other was the determination to make use of convicts in the building of state highways. After directors of the prison had appointed a committee yesterday to seek arrangements with contractors whereby the latter would agree to employ convicts, the governor let it be known that he does not expect to let any escapable obstacle prevent this use of prisoners.

"If necessary," he declared, "the state will obtain road equipment, and enter into the bidding for contracts before the highway department. I believe we can underbid any outsiders. We already have the labor at no cost except to feed and guard the workers. And we have that to do, anyway."

The problem of what to do with the prison population of the state, was described as serious by the governor, who pointed out that admissions to the prison for the first quarter of this year exceeded the total admissions for all of 1917 and 1918.

At the prison, he said, 400 convicts are being maintained without profitable employment, costing the state around \$500 a day. The farms are over-manned, he said, there being 700 prisoners at Caledonia when not more than 500 are needed.

"To keep these prisoners in idleness is not only a drain on the state," he said, "but it is not conducive to the welfare of the men themselves."

The appointment of Mr. Ross, who has been chief of the state department of agriculture's division of markets, was described by the governor as a big step forward, and in with the chief executive's announced program of fostering the farming industry of the state as much as possible.

Ross will have general supervision of prison farms and will serve as expert advisor to managers of farms operated by other state institutions. He will be charged with inauguration of a system of diversified and scientific farming on state owned property with a view to producing sufficient food and feed for state institutions including the colleges.

One of the innovations proposed by the governor is the establishment of a canning plant at the Halifax county farm, large enough to preserve a year's supply of fruit and vegetables for the prison population, and also to meet the needs of the surrounding territory for canning facilities.

City Registration Needed For Voting In City Election

Registration On County Books Or School Ballot Books Does Not Entitle Voting.

Voters of Shelby, who desire to vote in the approaching city election, are reminded that if they are not registered on the city registration books they cannot vote in the city election, as registration on the county registration books does not entitle a citizen to vote in the city election. Neither does registration in a school election entitle one to vote in the city election.

The city registration books is kept apart from the general election and school registration books. Likewise it may be opportune to remind that in city elections there will be only one voting booth—at the county court house. The South Shelby booth is a county election booth, there being only one booth for city elections, and the citizens of South Shelby listed on the registration book there should also register on the city registration book if they desire to vote in the municipal election. Those who are not sure that their names are on the city registration book should see Registrar Mike H. Austell at the court house during the registration period, which does not close until the last Saturday before the election.

Two Motorcades Will Advertise Dollar Days

Tax Listers For County Are Named

All Property To Be Listed As Of May 1. Starts May Seventh.

The tax listers for Cleveland county, who will begin listing property on Tuesday, May 7, were announced as follows today by A. E. Cline, county business manager, and W. R. Newton, county tax supervisor:

No. 1 township—J. A. McCraw. No. 2 township—M. D. Moore. No. 3 township—Austell Bettis. No. 4 township—E. L. Campbell. No. 5 township—M. P. Harrelson. No. 6 township—W. R. Newton. No. 7 township—R. W. McBrayer. No. 8 township—B. P. Jenkins. No. 9 township—W. A. Gantt. No. 10 township—M. N. Gantt. No. 11 township—A. A. Horton. All property to be listed as of May 1. All tax payers are expected to list their property during May.

Dorton May Land Secretaryship Of Inter-State Fair

Consider Shelby Man As Manager Of New Mecklenburg Fair In Charlotte.

Charlotte, April 18.—Lease of W. S. Orr's 50-acre tract of land on the Concord road 2 1/4 miles from Independence Square was signed Wednesday by the organization committee of the county fair, it was announced by W. H. Harkey, chairman of the committee.

Mr. Harkey also announced the intention of the committee to incorporate the fair as the Inter-State Fair association as soon as sufficient stock is sold to enable the erection of the buildings and other necessary improvements to put the fair into operation on the Orr land this fall. The committee hopes to raise \$100,000.

Services of Dr. J. S. Dorton, secretary and treasurer of the Cleveland county fair for many years, have been obtained, said Mr. Harkey. "It is likely that Dr. Dorton, who has made such a marked success of that fair, will be the manager of our fair, he said.

Resignation of Mr. Orr from active duties with the fair because of ill health, said Mr. Harkey, made it necessary for the committee to get a man with the practical experience of Dr. Dorton.

Plans were laid for working out fair programs with civic clubs here. Dr. Dorton was in Charlotte Thursday, and the fair committee hoped to have him appear before some of the civic clubs in behalf of the fair.

Drawings for the proposed buildings at the fair grounds have been finished, Mr. Harkey said. Among the fair features which were discussed by members of the fair committee was night horse racing. It was proposed to light the race track so that night racing would be practical.

Members of the fair organization committee are Mr. Harkey, W. H. Peeps, Fred Davidson, H. G. Melville, F. L. Harkey and Frank Graham.

Allen Prepares To List Unpaid Taxes

Only About \$86,000 Remains To Be Paid Of County Tax Total.

Only about \$86,000 of the total half million dollar tax levy remains to be paid for 1928 taxes in Cleveland county, it was announced today by Sheriff Irvin Allen.

"The taxpayers have been pouring in since I took office," the new sheriff stated today, "and since the limit for paying county taxes will be here in less than two weeks we are already working on the advertising list of unpaid taxes."

Roberts Taken Into Military Fraternity

Davidson—Seven Davidson college students, who are taking the advanced R. O. T. C. course here have been signally honored by election to Scabbard and Blade, national honorary military fraternity. Men who have been initiated are R. F. Sloope, Mooresville; G. A. Price, Charlotte; L. L. Boyd, Charlotte; F. W. Johnston, Jefferson, Ga.; W. H. Morrison, Laurel Hill; L. C. Roberts, Shelby; W. R. Hill, Statesville; W. B. McQuire, Jr., Franklin; C. C. Orr, Jr., Asheville.

Merchants To Inform Big Trading Area Of Bargain Festival Here.

Two motorcades will traverse the countryside Tuesday, carrying merchants who will advertise Shelby's major sale event of the year—Dollar Days for Thursday and Friday, April 25th and 26th, of next week. About 70 merchants joined the newly organized Shelby Retail Merchants association last week and their first move is to stage a real bargain occasion that will extend over a period of two days.

One motorcade will cover a radius of twenty miles south of highway No. 20, while another will cover the twenty mile radius north of highway No. 20. Two sections of the Shelby high school band will be brought into service to give a concert at each place the motorcades stop. They will go in automobiles, about twenty-five in each group, and these cars will bear banners heralding the big bargain event of the year when special prices will be made on all lines of merchandise for Thursday and Friday, April 25th and 26th.

These bargains will be advertised in Monday's issue of The Star and go to the 5,000 Star subscribers. Five thousand extra copies of The Star carrying these special offerings will be printed and distributed by the merchants as they make their good-will tour to the nearby towns.

Routes They Go. Just what route the motorcade will take, have not been designated, but President Mills of the Retail Merchants association says the section covering the territory north of highway No. 20 will touch Waco, Cherryville, Lincolnton, Beam's Mill, Falkton, Belwood, Tolouca, Casar, Polkville, New House, Lantdale, Double Shoals, Hollis, Lattimore, Mooresboro and intervening points.

The towns included in the southern route are Ellenboro, Forest City, Henrietta, Carthage, Cliffside, Avondale, Bolling Springs, Gaffney, Earl, Patterson Springs, Kings Creek, Grover and Kings Mountain.

Bargains Galore. Merchants are vying with each other to give un-heard-of bargains on these two dollar days. With seventy members of the merchants association, including department stores, hardware and drug stores, garages, filling stations, music stores, shoe shops, ready-to-wear stores for men and ladies, in fact every line of business, they have banded themselves together in an effort to extend and widen Shelby's trading territory. With good roads and automobiles radiating in every direction and stores that measure up to those in the larger cities, the Shelby merchants and business men are undertaking to "sell Shelby" as a shopping center to the outside world.

10,000 Pieces Advertising. That this sale event will be broadly advertised goes without saying and if these two dollar days are the success which the merchants contemplate, they will hold about four such occasions a year. To make this a success, therefore, they are offering real bargains which will be advertised in a cooperative way, all advertising appearing in a 16 to 20 page issue of The Star to go out to regular subscribers on Monday afternoon and also be distributed by the motorcades on Tuesday. Ten thousand copies will be printed and distributed Monday and Tuesday heralding the two dollar days, Thursday and Friday, April 25th and 26th.

Forest Fire Burns Over Webb Farm

Two Dwellings And A Barn Destroyed, 133 Acres Geo. Webb Land Burned Over.

A forest fire swept over approximately 500 acres of land six miles South of Grover near Kings Creek last week and did considerable damage to property belonging to Geo. P. Webb former clerk of court of Shelby. Mr. Webb says two dwellings and a barn on his farm were destroyed and 133 acres of timber land were burned over. Just what damage the fire caused is not known, but Mr. Webb estimates that the timber land belonging to him had 2,000 cords of wood on it. The fire extended to other adjoining farms and burned over 500 acres of land, destroying 75 cords of cut wood belonging to a neighbor.

The fire raged for several days and had gained such a headway, it was impossible to check it under a high wind.