

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

Tuesday Fair. Today's North Carolina Weather report:—Partly cloudy and cooler, possibly rain on the north and east coast tonight. Tuesday fair, slightly warmer in west portion.

Troops Leave Strike.

Gastonia, April 22.—All state troops on guard at the Loray Cotton mills here where a strike has been in progress for the last three weeks were withdrawn yesterday. A force of 40 deputy sheriffs took their place.

The troops had been on duty at the mill since April 3. Although authorities said that they did not expect any further trouble in the Loray mill village or at the mill Sheriff Eli Lineberger swore in five additional deputies this afternoon, making a force of 40 on duty. He also announced that he had summoned two additional deputies from other parts of the counties to Gastonia to start duty at the mill tomorrow.

Political Pot To Simmer In City This Week

Numerous Announcements Will Be Made During Week. Several For School Board.

Shelby has two more candidates for aldermen. Definite announcement was made this afternoon to The Star that Mr. Zolie J. Thompson, lumber manufacturer, and Capt. J. Frank Jenkins, manager of the Southern oil company plant here, would be candidates. Friends of both men have been after them to offer for a week or more but neither consented to announce until today. Mr. Thompson is in Ward Four and Capt. Jenkins in Ward Two.

Up until today Shelby had experienced the quietest period prior to the city election than ever before in the history of a town that, insofar as entertainment is concerned, just lives from one ballot battle to another.

Today, however, the political pot which has remained at winter heat, although the election is just two weeks off, began to simmer and by the end of the week there promises to be at least six announcements for the two city boards, and perhaps a bit of activity in the mayoralty campaign.

Reports today had it that at least three candidates for the city school board might announce during the week along with a candidate for the board of aldermen. The three men being urged by their friends for the school board are Thad Ford as member-at-large, Roger Laughridge for ward one, H. Clay Cox for ward three, while Capt. J. Frank Jenkins is being talked as a candidate for the school and city board for ward two. The likely candidate for the city board, according to his friends who say that he may announce this week, is Zolie J. Thompson.

Highs Will Enter Title Race Friday

Morris Boys Play Gastonia There Wednesday. Title Series Are Next.

Friday of this week the Shelby highs, considered one of the three strongest contenders in the west for the state baseball crown, will go into their first title series game. Just who the locals will play and where is not known as yet, for Coach Morris leaves tomorrow for Salisbury where he will be in a meeting to arrange the championship schedule.

Today the highs are playing Forest City there, while on Wednesday the local outfit goes to Gastonia for a return game.

Vitaphone At Webb's.

The Webb Theatre opens with the Vitaphone today. The picture is "On Trail," a hundred per cent talkie, which is due for a three day program.

Those who have heard this heralded combining medium between the stage and the screen as presented at the Webb, pronounce the effect as good as in the big cities.

Mr. Webb has imported a special Vitaphone operator, who will handle this feature of the program. All of which means that local audiences will get the benefit of the latest in entertainment from Hollywood and New York. Mr. Webb's enterprise is a decided boost for the city.

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Auto Crashes Take Toll Of Nine Lives Over Week-End In Section

Five At Gastonia, 4 Near Reidsville, One In S. C. Dead

Niece Of Mrs. Nolan And Mrs. Killed Saturday Afternoon.

Charlotte, April 22.—Two automobile accidents in North Carolina yesterday took a toll of nine lives and injured five persons, one probably fatally.

At a grade crossing on the Southern railway at East Gastonia, five were killed and three injured when their automobile was struck by the fast Crescent Limited, southbound out of Charlotte.

The dead are: J. D. McCurry, 38, driver of the car.

Fred Parton, 25. Mrs. Maggie Parton, 23, his wife. Ring Parton, their infant daughter.

James Parton, their young son. The injured are: Bud Parton, twin brother of James, expected to die.

J. D. McCurry, jr., infant. Four were killed and two children injured in an accident involving four automobiles on the Reidsville-Greensboro highway about a mile north of Monticello yesterday morning.

The dead are: G. Walter Burgess, 40. Mrs. Walter Burgess, 35. Mary Burgess, 16. Mrs. Mollie E. Hudson, 55. All were of Ramsey.

The injured are Virginia Burgess, 11, and George Burgess, 10, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walter Burgess. The boy and girl are expected to live.

Parton was employed at the Loray mill, center of agitation by the strike-dominating National Textile Workers' union, and McCurry was employed at the Catawba mill in Mount Holly. He had been engaged by Parton to bring his family to Gastonia.

The train struck the car near a church as religious services were just completed, and a large number of people saw the crash. Witnesses said McCurry apparently was oblivious to warnings of a watchman who attempted to flag him as he approached the crossing. Mrs. McCurry said he attempted to back the car off the track after realizing his danger.

McBrayer Child Is Killed On Saturday

Small Daughter Of John McBrayer Dies In Crash. Mr. McBrayer Is Hurt.

The four-year-old daughter of Mr. John McBrayer, of Rock Hill, a brother of Mrs. J. B. Nolan and Mrs. Lawrence Lackey, of Shelby, was instantly killed about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon four miles below York and Mr. McBrayer was severely hurt when their car turned turtle on the highway.

Mr. McBrayer, the little girl, a son, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Smith, were en route to Forest City to visit Mr. McBrayer's brother, Mr. Luther McBrayer, when the fatal wreck occurred. Funeral services for the little girl were held yesterday at Rock Hill and attended by numerous relatives and friends from this section. Mr. McBrayer is still in a Rock Hill hospital in a rather serious condition but reports today had it that he would likely recover.

Car Turns Over And Injures Two Sunday

A coupe car turned over Sunday afternoon on Highway No. 18 just south of the city near the old Katherine Mill site and inflicted slight injuries on the young occupants, a Mr. Westmoreland of Kings Mountain and a Miss Wright of near Grover. Miss Wright was driving and had minor cuts about her face. Passersby took up the wreck victims shortly after the accident and took them to their respective homes, their injuries not being serious enough to require medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nash, Mrs. Jesse Washburn and Mrs. Rann Drum spent the week-end in Hickory.

Capt. and Mrs. Joe Grimes, of Kings Mountain, were Shelby visitors Sunday.

DOLLAR DAYS IN SHELBY Thursday-Friday April 25-26. Bargains, such as are seldom offered, will be available in Shelby Thursday and Friday of this week at the big trade extension event in the nature of two Dollar Days set for Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26.

Larger, More Modern Shopping District Has Doubled Trading Area Of Shelby In Recent Years

Business Districts Here Now Spread Over Five Main Streets And Draws Shoppers From Adjoining Counties.

Bank clearings and a check on the volume of business here in 1928 and so far this year indicate that Shelby is the most popular shopping town between Charlotte and Asheville in Western Carolina. Which is to say that Shelby draws shoppers over a larger area than any other town or city between Asheville and Charlotte.

Three years ago, when a special census revealed that Shelby's population had doubled in five years, the business district began to spread out. New stores began to open, specialty stores, department stores, chain stores, and stores of all types.

But there were those who were not so pessimistic. "If we make our business district attractive enough, and if we can offer the shopper the same range and same type of merchandise they now go to Charlotte, Asheville and Spartanburg, why shouldn't our trading area increase?"

Three years ago the shoppers in the Shelby business section were Shelby and Cleveland county shoppers, while many Cleveland county people did the major part of their "trading" at larger cities, such as Charlotte and Spartanburg, and practically as near.

But today there are few articles, exclusive or otherwise, which can be purchased in Charlotte or Spartanburg and not purchased here. The result has borne out the views of the far-visions business men.

Instead of having so many stores that some of them "could not make it" on the volume of trade, the new stores have enhanced the reputation of the city as a shopping center and today with a modern business section drawing shoppers from sections never before using Shelby as a shopping center the volume of merchantable business in Shelby is greater than ever before, and growing each week.

Just a few years ago the autos parked along Shelby business streets on Saturdays and trade days were for the most part Shelby and Cleveland county automobiles, but of recent years—and the dollar days event here Thursday and Friday of this week will offer the proof—cars may be seen from Forest City, Ellenboro, Cliffside, Caroleen, Gaffney, Kings Creek, Ruthersford, Cherryville, Lincolnton, Hollis, York, Blacksburg and numerous rural sections of the adjoining counties of Burke, Gaston, Lincoln, Cherokee, Catawba and Rutherford.

Barn And Mules Burned Last Night

Clem Turner, Of No. 8 Township, Loses Three Mules And His Fertilizer.

During the heavy wind, rain and thunder storm which struck Shelby and Cleveland county Sunday night the barn of Clem Turner, well known farmer of No. 8 township a few miles south of Casar, was struck by lightning and three mules burned along with the barn and all of his fertilizer.

Truck Ablaze.

The fire department was called out West Warren street this morning about 8 o'clock to the Carolina Fruit & Produce warehouse where one of the firms trucks had caught on fire presumably from a short circuit. The damage was confined to

Eight Hundred Sign Petition For Schools

Around 800 Shelby citizens have signed the petition stating that they will vote for the bond issue to pay a school debt of the city school system and urging the city to supply from an emergency fund enough money to continue the city schools for the full nine months this year.

Association Of Merchants Adds 73 New Members

Motorcades Leave Shelby Tuesday Morning To Boost Big Dollar Day Festival.

Everything is all set for two motorcades to leave Shelby early Tuesday morning, one touring the twenty mile radius north of Highway No. 20 and the other making all towns within a radius of twenty miles south of Highway No. 20, the purpose of the two caravans being to advertise Shelby two Dollar Days, set for Thursday and Friday, April 25th and 26th.

Two divisions of the high school band, one under the direction of Mr. Sinclair and the other under the leadership of Mr. Hatley, will furnish music at the various stopping places and each of the 50 or more cars to form the motorcades will carry banners, advertising Shelby's greatest sale event, Dollar Days for Thursday and Friday of this week.

10,000 Distribution. Merchants have set forth many of their Dollar Day bargains in advertisements in today's issue of The Star which will go to the 5,000 subscribers. In addition to this, the Retail Merchants association which has a membership of 73 merchants and business firms, has purchased 5,000 additional copies of The Star for distribution on these two motor excursions, this giving a total distribution of 10,000 pieces of advertising for this big sale event.

Attractive Prices. Merchants have bought extra supplies of merchandise for these two bargain days and have cut prices to the bone to attract customers from far and near. It is realized that this is a busy season for farmers, but as the women do the bulk of the buying, the merchants have made such attractive offers, to entice them away from their duties for a brief shopping excursion.

Bargains will be plentiful as one will see from reading the advertisements in this issue. One automobile dealer is offering a used car for \$1. The first customer gets the car complete for \$1.

To Broaden Trading Area. As merchandise has been marked (Continued on page nine.)

Shelby Band Gets First "B" Ranking, Debaters Go Good

Negative Debating Team Goes To Second Round At Chapel Hill.

Representatives of the Shelby high school attained high ranking in state wide musical and debating contests held Friday of last week.

In Greensboro, the Shelby high band, directed by Prof. W. T. Sinclair, won first honors in the class B with Concord taking second place. The boys quartet from the Lattimore high school won second place in the group B-C ranking. John Best, jr., of Shelby, won third place in the trumpet solo contest, and Ed Smith of Shelby, took third place in the trombone contest.

In Chapel Hill the negative debating team of the local school, composed of Edith Reid Ramseyer and Mildred McKinney, moved to the second round of the final contests in the state triangular debates. Both Shelby teams won district, or group, honors entitling them to competition in the finals at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Matthews Off To Study His Specialty

Dr. B. B. Matthews, popular young physician, who has been practicing in Shelby for several months, first in South Shelby and later uptown, left over the week-end for the University of Minnesota medical school where he will take a special course in urology. Dr. Matthews plans at present are to return to Shelby and resume his practice after taking the special course.

Legion Gathering In Newton Tuesday

Officials of the Warren Hoyle post of the American Legion remind local ex-service men of the legion district gathering at Newton on Tuesday and urge that all Cleveland county legionnaires attend. The program at Newton begins at 4 in the afternoon.

No Marriages Here In Period 2 Weeks

There hasn't been a marriage ceremony performed in Cleveland county in two weeks. The last marriage license issued at the court house here was on April 6. Up to that time, however, six couples, or one per day, had secured license.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ted Cashion, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Hope Bryson will compose a Charlotte theatre party tonight.

Indian Conducts Revival Meeting



Rev. A. C. Locke, of Greenville, S. C. is a full blooded Indian who will conduct a revival meeting beginning April 28 at the second Baptist church of which Rev. Rush Padgett is pastor. Mr. Padgett says Mr. Locke has held meetings at nearby places such as Kings Mountain and other points where he drew great crowds. Many of these people are anxious to hear him again and will come to the meeting here.

Farmers Urged To Participate In Big Contest

Seven Hundred Dollars To Be As Prizes To Cleveland's Best Farmers.

Every cotton farmer in Cleveland county who thinks he can measure up to the regulations of the contest is urged to enter the five-acre cotton growing contest to be staged in the county this season by the county board of agriculture.

Seven hundred dollars in cash will be awarded to the winners of the contest and there is no entrance fee. Three hundred dollars will go to the farmer making the best record on a five-acre plot, \$200 for the second best, \$100 for the third, and another \$100 to be divided among the others ranking high. These prizes are given for the purpose of boosting county agriculture by bankers, merchants, mill owners and businessmen of Shelby and the county.

Regulations. The only regulations governing the contest follow:

1. Five acres entered in contest must be in one body.

2. Cotton must produce fifteen-sixteenths of an inch staple, or better.

3. All entrants must notify County Agent Alvin Hardin of their entrance by May 15.

The office of the county agent upon application will furnish record blanks to be used by those entering the contest, along with other information needed.

The hope is now to have two to three hundred farmers working for the big cash prizes.

City Fathers Discuss Rate But Do Not Act

The city officials at their regular bi-monthly meeting last week, discussed the proposed lowering of the city's light rate asked for by a committee of merchants appointed in mass meeting four weeks ago, but no action was taken. Other matters came up for discussion and the city fathers passed up the discussion.

The committee of merchants representing the light patrons proposed a revision of the entire scale of light rates and passed their request in for consideration. No indication has been given as to when the city fathers will act on the adjustment asked for.

Police Guard Stops Mysterious Fires Negro Section Here

Series Of Fires, Thought Of Incidental Origin, Halted For Two Weeks.

The attempt to drive colored citizens out of the Freedman residential section of Shelby, or the work of a pyromaniac, whichever it was, has been stopped due to the police guard that has been placed in the Freedman section at night for about three weeks.

About a month ago Shelby was considerably stirred by a series of mysterious fires in Freedman, a section populated by respected colored people, resulting in the total destruction to two homes and some damage to two others, the resentment arising from clues traced down by the police department and others, indicating that all four fires appeared to have been "set."

Kerosene and gasoline burners were found about the two burned homes, and at two homes only slightly damaged it was found that the blazes had been kindled under the corner of the houses by unknown persons.

Although nothing was said publicly about it at the time Police Chief Poston kept guards secreted about the colored section every night for several weeks and the result has been that not a single fire alarm has been turned in from Freedman in a fortnight.

Merchants Plan For Biggest Trade Event

Husband And Wife Serving Sentences For Handling Rum

One In For Five Months, The Other For Three. Father O Woman Fined.

For the first time, perhaps, in the history of Cleveland county a man and his wife are in jail here serving sentences for violation of the prohibition laws.

A little over a month ago Ira Dawson, white, of the southern part of Shelby, was given a five months jail sentence in federal court for violating the liquor laws. Last week in county court Judge Horace Kennedy gave Dawson's wife, Blanche, a three-months jail sentence, or a \$300 fine, after about four gallons of booze had been found in her home by police officers. She took the three months in jail and will have served her time a short period before her husband gets through with his federal court term.

Saturday in county court J. L. Taylor, father of the Dawson woman, was fined \$200 and the costs by Judge Kennedy on charges referred by officers who found around two gallons of whiskey in the Taylor home at the same time the search was made at the Dawson home, where Mrs. Dawson admitted to officers that since her husband had been jailed she had no other way of making a living Mrs. Taylor was indicted jointly with her husband and at first fined, but the fine was later stricken out by the judge.

Boiling Springs Summer School Faculty Named

Summer School Opens On June 4, Continues Through July 12, Is Announced.

The summer school at Boiling Springs junior college will open on June 4 and run through July 12, according to an announcement made today by Mr. O. P. Hamrick, bursar of the Baptist college.

The summer school will offer both high school and collegiate work and certification credits for elementary A, primary C, and grammar grade C teachers' certificates.

The faculty for the summer school will be as follows:

J. B. Davis, president and Bible instructor; O. P. Hamrick, English; H. L. Snuggs, foreign languages; Mrs. Olive C. Haskins, education; Miss Martha Reece, natural science; Mrs. M. G. Pangle, mathematics; Mr. M. G. Pangle, social science; Mr. Ledford, mathematics, English, history; Mrs. H. L. Snuggs, education-science; with the musical instructor yet to be named.

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Newly Formed Group Has Membership Of 73. Miss McCrary Is Secretary.

Seventy-three merchants and business firms had joined the Shelby Retail Merchants association up to noon today, making the strongest and most promising organization of its kind ever organized in Shelby. A committee of merchants is still soliciting membership but may not be able to make a personal call, so those who wish to join, should phone the secretary, Miss Ossie McCrary at telephone 752.

Headquarters Opened.

Headquarters for the merchants association has been established in the Lineberger building over the Western Union and Miss Ossie McCrary, the office secretary is giving each morning to office affairs.

The main purpose of the organization is to sponsor bargain days (the first one being the Dollar Days Thursday and Friday of this week), seek uniform action on observance of holidays, keep a record of those who give worthless checks, hear appeals for advertising and refer such appeals to a secret committee who will pass upon whether such advertising is worthy or unworthy; strive for an enforcement of laws as to peddling, etc.

The list of members as it now stands is as follows:

First National Bank, Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., C. H. Reinhardt, Kelly Clothing Co., City Ice & Fuel Co., Stewart Motor Co., Haines Shoe Store, Dr. D. M. Morrison, Geo. Alexander, J. C. McNeely, L. U. Arrowood Lumber Co., Gravity Beauty Salon, Chocolate Shop, Cleveland Oil Co., Beck & Pratt, O. E. Ford & Co., Z. J. Thompson Lumber Co., Hord & Ransom, J. L. Lackey, Quinn Drug Co., Litton Motor Co., Hawkins Brothers, Acorn Stores, Jackson Cash Gro. Co., Wakefield Floral Shop, Charles Store, Stephenson Drug Co., Arey Refrigerator Co., Shelby Dry Cleaning Co., Ideal Service Station, Crawford Chevrolet Co., John M. Best Furniture Co., Cleveland Hardware Co., Doggett Service Station, Shelby B. & L. association, Princess Theaters, Blanton & Wright Clothing company, C. H. Shull & Son, Geo. L. Thompson Motor Co., D. H. Cline, A. V. Wray & 6 Sons, Cleveland Drug Co., Hotel Charles, Farmers & Planters Hdwe. Co., Piggy-Wiggly, Central & Shelby Cafes, Kendall Medicine Co., Cleveland Cigar Store, Campbell Department Store, Star Publishing Co., T. W. Hamrick & Co., Shelby Hdwe. Co., Automobile Electric Co., Wright-Baker Co., Palmers Funeral Home, Paragon Department Store, Wootton's Ladies Shoppe, Shelby Printing Co., Mrs. D. A. Whisonant, J. P. Austell's Barber Shop, Montgomery-Ward Co., Ingram-Liles Co., Whiteaway Dry Cleaning Co., Morton Sign Co., Suttles Drug Store, Patterson & Edwards, Florist, J. C. Penny & Co., C. I. Eskridge, Blue Parrott Tea Room, Basil Goode, Paul Webb, Shelby Steam laundry.

Local Camp Will Be Host To About 300 Woodmen In Shelby This Week.

The local camp of Woodmen of the World, Hickory 518, will be host this week to all the Woodmen of the district, which embraces the section of the state west of Cleveland county, and an attendance of about 300 is anticipated by Major T. O. Grigg, of Shelby, who has supervision of the district meeting.

The meeting program also includes the annual field day, termed by Woodmen as the convention of the Western North Carolina Log Rolling association. The program begins at 12:30 in the afternoon and continues through the degree rites which open at 8 o'clock in the evening.

To Operate Pool Cleveland Springs

Messrs. F. E. Petway and H. E. Lathinghouse, of Hickory have leased the Cleveland Springs swimming pool and will operate it this season, it was announced today. The reservoir is being cleaned out this week and other preliminary work for opening is underway. The popular rendezvous for bathers will open about May 10 and remain open until October, according to Petway and Lathinghouse.

Come To Shelby's Two Big Dollar Days—Thursday, Friday, April 25 & 26