

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

Fair Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Saturday. Slightly cooler tonight.

Pass Farm Bill. Washington, April 26.—The new farm relief bill having the support of the Hoover administration was passed yesterday just ten days after the convening of the special session of congress, which was called primarily to provide means for alleviating agricultural ills.

Title Game Of Baseball Today

Locals Are Playing Cliffside In Fight For Third State Title.

The Shelby high baseball team is today playing Cliffside here in the first game of a state championship series which it is hoped will bring the third state title to Shelby.

Chances Bright. The chances for Casey Morris' outfit to win the North Carolina title for the third time are the brightest in several years unless a hoodoo, which has been trailing the team for a week holds on.

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Presbyterian Women Shelby Will Attend Auxiliary Meeting

Kings Mountain Group In Session At Rutherfordton Tuesday, Wednesday.

Delegates from the Shelby Presbyterian church will attend the Kings Mountain presbyterian auxiliary to be held at the First Presbyterian church in Rutherfordton on Tuesday and Wednesday April 30 and May 1.

The program begins Tuesday morning and continues until Wednesday noon. Reports will be at the Tuesday afternoon session by Mrs. R. T. LeGrand, of Shelby, secretary of assembly home mission for take presbytery and by Mrs. C. B. Alexander, presbyterian secretary of S. P. & C. home mission.

Shelby Men Serving As Deputies About Gastonia Strike Area

Former Police Chief Richards Is One Of Special Officers At Gastonia.

At least two Shelby men, it was learned today, are serving as special deputies about the textile strike section in Gastonia county. They are former Police Chief A. L. Richards and Mr. Carr Cline, formerly a clerk at the local postoffice.

Col. Bullock Talks Before Rotary Club

Col. Seymour Bullock, of Indiana, a lecturer and orator of nationwide note, was the principal speaker at the Shelby Rotary luncheon at the Hotel Charles at noon today.

The program was in charge of Rotarian John Dover, and the majority of the officials, overseers, and foremen of the textile plants in Shelby were present as guests of the club.

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Thirteen Hundred Sign Petition To Keep Shelby Schools Open For Full Nine Months Term This Year

Schools Will Run Full Year Now It Seems Assured. Will Vote Bonds.

The Shelby city schools will operate the full school year of nine months this year unless another monkey wrench is tossed into the school machinery.

This was assured yesterday when it was learned that 1,370 citizens of this school district had signed petitions pledging themselves to vote for a special bond issue, in an election at an early date, to cover an indebtedness of the schools, and at the same time petitioning the board of aldermen to make a loan of \$4,000 to complete the final month of the present school term.

The assurance that 1,370 people will vote for the bond issue to cover a debt already contracted makes it reasonably certain that the election will carry, while it is the hope and belief of citizens that city officials will, at the request of so many citizens, advance the sum needed to complete the present term with the money advanced being classed as a town liability according to the petitions.

Plan Commencement. With this assurance plans are already underway for the commencement program in June and school work is being continued upon the basis of a nine month schedule.

Strike Assistant Given A Hearing In County Court

Kings Mountain Man Who Left Wife To Aid Strikers Is Tried.

Gastonia county's textile strike boomeranged over into the Cleveland county recorder's court today when Lonnie Inman, young Kings Mountain man, was tried on charges of beating a beard bill and not supporting his wife.

The evidence revealed that the textile strikes at Gastonia and Bessemer City were behind Inman's family troubles.

Groceries Elsewhere. When the strike began, Inman said, he journeyed to Gastonia to join the Beal-Pershing union and at first was employed in taking out groceries to families of strikers, his own wife, meantime, being back at her Kings Mountain home without groceries.

It stuck to the union all right, but they didn't stick to me extra good," he said and I am through with the whole business. I've quit.

Judge Horace Kennedy gave Inman 90-days sentence suspended upon the condition that he remain in Kings Mountain, go to work and provide groceries for his own wife instead of delivering groceries to wives of strikers elsewhere, Inman said he would live up to the provisions set forth.

Shelby Police Chief Changes Poker Game Into "Set-Back"

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The other officers were sent to the rear door and Chief Poston strolled in the front door, and as a result of his visit a poker game, with bay rum being served as refreshments, was suddenly changed into an old time set-back game, except that one player had taken on so much refreshments that he wanted to keep on playing poker after the officer came in which was to the dismay of the others.

Walking on from the front door Chief Poston heard talk in the kitchen. Easing on to that door he peered in and saw the host along with two other men—all white—sitting on the kitchen floor playing

Three Citizens In Bid For School Board

Ford, Laughridge And Cox Announce For City School Board.

Shelby more than likely will have a city school board next year after all. Three citizens, urged by friends to announce for the board, let it be known today that they would be candidates, with one of the three filing his announcement in The Star today.

Shelby Owners Of Trucks Forced To Purchase S. C. Tags

New Law There Requires Out-Of-State Trucks To Buy South Carolina License.

Owners of transfer trucks and other motor trucks in Shelby and Cleveland county are very much interested in a hearing to be held before Magistrate Floyd L. Baker on April 30, in which a Charlotte firm is charged with violating a new South Carolina law which requires out-of-state trucks and commercial vehicles operating in South Carolina to display S. C. license.

Several Shelby truck owners and drivers, The Star learned today, have already been warned and have purchased South Carolina truck license. Locally it is argued by truck drivers and owners that the law is unfair and perhaps will not hold water in cases where just on or two trips are made into South Carolina for truck loads or to deposit truck loads.

Owners of transfer trucks and other trucks making regular trips into South Carolina should be made to display South Carolina license due to a regular schedule in the state, it is argued locally, but truck owners who may make occasional trips there for merchandise or to move the furniture of some family should not be forced, they contend, to purchase South Carolina license.

Some North Carolina firms, a Gaffney dispatch in today's paper says, have already been fined for not having license and then forced to purchase license there.

Comic Operetta Saturday At Polkville School

"Betty Lou" Is The Title Of A Comic Operetta In Three Acts Which Will Be Rendered At The Polkville High School On Saturday Night, April 27. A small admission charge will be made.

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Young Aviatrix Makes New Record



Elinor Smith, 17-year-old aviatrix, is shown here checking over her motor before her takeoff at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, in an effort to establish a new endurance flight record for women, which she accomplished when she broke the existing record of 22 hours, 3 minutes, 12 seconds.

Wailing And Praying Heard In Vanderburg Home, Tragic Night

Use Circumstantial Evidence To Involve Youth In Family's Deaths.

Gastonia, April 25.—Weaving of a net of circumstantial evidence by which the state is endeavoring to send Jake Vanderburg to the electric chair on charges of murdering five members of his family and burning them in their home furnished the high light of the second day of the trial of the young giant in Gaston superior court today.

Features of the day were the completion of the jury, spirited clashes by opposing counsels, denial by police that the defendant was threatened in his cell, admission of his statement, "Nobody knows how it happened but me and you can't make me tell," attempts of the defense to show Vanderburg is abnormal, gripping accounts of the burning of the home and finding of the bodies, the story the boy told police and testimony of a next door neighbor that he heard wails in the direction of the Vanderburg house five hours before the fire was discovered.

10 Witnesses Heard. With the selection of the jury completed at 11 o'clock in the morning after 48 talesmen had been examined to secure the 12th juror, the state immediately launched its attack on the 17-year-old youth, and before court adjourned for the day had placed 10 witnesses on the stand.

Vanderburg appeared more interested in the trial today than he did yesterday, although he did not seem to be overly concerned in the proceedings and showed no trace of nervousness.

A neighbor of Vanderburg testified he heard "wailing and praying" in the direction of the Vanderburg house several hours before the bodies were discovered in the burned home.

A. P. Baumgartner, aged farmer, declared, he heard the "unusual noises" between 8 and 9 o'clock on the night of December 27. The charred remains of Jacob Vanderburg's father, mother, brother and two sisters were found early the next morning.

He did not take special notice, he said, because they often quarreled. It was nearly 1 o'clock that night when the boy came to his home and told him his family had been murdered.

Griffin Will Go To U. N. C. For New Berth

Superintendent Of Shelby Schools For 13 Years To Be University Official.

Prof. I. C. Griffin, for 13 years superintendent of the Shelby city school system, will leave Shelby this summer for the University of North Carolina where he becomes full-time executive secretary of the university summer school, he announced to The Star today.

A week or two back Supt. Griffin, one of North Carolina's best known and most successful educators, tendered his resignation to the city school board.

Mr. Griffin will leave Shelby on the first of July to occupy his usual summer position as the university summer school supervisor, but does not take up his duties as executive secretary at the year-round faculty until September 1.

Only Three Jobs. In 26 years of teaching and directing education Supt. Griffin has held only three positions—superintendent of schools at Salisbury, Marion and Shelby, serving his 13th year here this year. For several years, however, after the close of the Spring term of the local schools, he has served as an official of the university summer school.

The remarkable advance of the Shelby school system under the retiring superintendent is shown by the fact that more than 3,000 pupils are now enrolled in the Shelby schools as compared with an enrollment of 525 when he came here 13 years ago. At that time there were only 12 white teachers and four colored teachers in the city schools, whereas there are now 73 white teachers and 11 colored teachers.

Numerous Additions. In those years numerous additions to the school system have been made by Supt. Griffin and today the Shelby school system in advantages and departments is on an equal footing with many large cities although the operating cost of the Shelby schools is below the average for the entire state. Among the departments added by Mr. Griffin are the home economics department, commercial department, the music department, and physical education. This list does not include the teacher training school operated as a part of the city school system with the state of North Carolina paying the expenses with a special appropriation. This department for training teachers, cost-

Tornado Kills 39 In South Carolina, Georgia Yesterday

Four Killed At Spartanburg, 17 Dies In One Town In Georgia.

Atlanta, April 25.—Two tornadoes that swept south Georgia and South Carolina today and tonight, dipping at intervals, caused a death list of 39, injured 200 or more persons and caused property damage running well into the thousands of dollars.

Thirty of the dead were in south Georgia, where two tornadoes struck one this afternoon and the other tonight. In South Carolina, two persons were killed at Pelzer and four near Spartanburg, while near Anderson an undetermined number were injured.

Of the injured, more than 150 were in a half dozen south Georgia towns and rural communities, where damage to property and crops will run heavy.

Cochran, Georgia, a town of 2,000 inhabitants, was hardest hit, 17 people being killed there and more than 100, 90 of them negroes, were injured.

Storm Hits Spartanburg. Spartanburg, April 25.—Four persons were killed and three probably injured in a tornado that struck this section this afternoon. A score or more persons were less seriously injured. More than twenty homes were either badly damaged or demolished. John Eubanks, about 65, was killed near Enoree when a house he had sought shelter in was blown down. The others killed were negroes.

Is Felt Here. A portion of the Thursday evening storm, which killed four at Spartanburg, 45 miles south of Shelby, and injured many more, was felt in this county, a heavy wind, hail, and thunderstorms striking several sections of Cleveland county. The fast-moving tornado cloud was visible here and for a time it seemed as if a heavy blow would strike this immediate section, but after a short thunderstorm the cloud hovered again in the south.

Masonic Meeting. A regular meeting of Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. will be held tonight at the Masonic temple at 8 o'clock.

Shelby Band Gets Invited To Denver For National Meet

Prof. W. T. Sinclair, the instructor, and the youngsters composing the Shelby high band, which recently won the state cup in Class "B" at the Greensboro contests, has been highly honored in being invited to participate in the nationwide band concerts at Denver, Colorado, early in May.

The invitation came to Supt. I. C. Griffin this week from the National Band Concert association at New York. There is little likelihood, it is said, of the high school band being able to make the trip.

Tenants Till More Farms In Cleveland Than The Owners

Eighty-Seven Percent Of Our Colored Farmers Are Tenants. 46.9 Percent White.

The majority of the land in Cleveland county, the state's leading cotton county, is tilled by tenants according to statistics, based on 1925 reports, assembled by the University News Letter.

The News Letter presents figures to show 87.5 percent of the negro farmers in Cleveland county are tenants, while 46.9 percent of the white farmers in the county are tenants. This is slightly below the state average, which has 34.3 percent of all the white farmers in North Carolina as tenants and 72.7 percent of the negro farmers.

One Judge Marries Half Dozen Of One Family In Cleveland

Judge Stroup At Gaffney Last Week Married Sixth Member Kings Mountain Family.

Gaffney.—With the marriage of Miss Irene Tate and Willie England of Kings Mountain, here last week Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup can now say he has married an even half dozen Tate brothers and sisters. He performed his first ceremony for a member of the family shortly after he went into office five years ago.

He has married five Tate sisters and their brother. Now there are only two Tate children left at home and they both have told Judge Stroup that they want him to perform the marriages for the whole family.

"Every time one of that family marries they tell me they want me to marry the whole family," Judge Stroup declared. There are only two left now and I am ambitious to finish the job."

for Cleveland county and also chairman of the committee on safety during the disastrous influenza epidemic. For years he has also been chairman on the Cleveland county Red Cross chapter, and has served the county and city in many other official capacities. Such has been his interest in community development from all angles that few citizens with their families would be more missed in Shelby than the Griffin family and the best wishes of hundreds of citizens, who have come in contact with them in educational work and otherwise will go with Mr. Griffin and his family as he moves to a larger field of service.

Held On Bigamy Charge, Second Wife Is Just 14

Double Wedding At Gaffney Last Sunday Gets Oscar Mathis Into Trouble.

Oscar Mathis, young white man of the New House, is in jail here awaiting a trial for bigamy, and his friend Arvin Cooper is under bond for aiding and abetting in bigamy as the result of a double wedding before Probate Judge Stroup at Gaffney last Sunday.

In fact, it is a double-barrel story of unusual matrimonial incidents all the way through.

Two couples were married, two men were arrested, and one of the two must face the court on the charge of having two wives, one of whom, the first one, will testify against him, it is said, at the bigamy trial.

Married At Gaffney. Mathis was married both times at Gaffney. It is charged by his second wife's father, Claude Hamrick, of No. 2 township, who has employed Capt. Peyton McSwain to prosecute the man who married his (Hamrick's) 14-year-old daughter, Moore, when he already had one living wife, Ella Mathis, at Bolling Springs. But the last wedding, a double-header, which took place at Gaffney Sunday started all the trouble.

Mathis with the 14-year-old Moore Hamrick drove to Gaffney along with Arvin Cooper, of the Earl section, and Mae Mathis, of the New House section. They were married in a double ceremony by Judge Stroup. Shortly thereafter the father of the young girl learned of the wedding and became active. He notified officers and soon both Mathis and Cooper, who had married a Mathis, were in jail here, Mathis being charged with bigamy and Cooper with aiding and abetting a bigamous marriage. The 14-year-old girl who thought herself a legal and properly married wife to Mathis was returned home by her father.

According to Attorney McSwain, the prosecuting counsel, Mathis was married to his first wife at Gaffney just three years ago. Last November, he says, Mathis and his wife separated without a divorce and she is now living with her step-father near Bolling Springs. Just how Mathis will explain his second marriage when it is charged that he has one living wife is not known, but the preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held before the county court here today.

South Carolina Trial. It was learned today that Mathis will be tried on the bigamy count in Gaffney instead of in Shelby as he never lived with his second wife, the 14-year-old girl in this state, being arrested in Gaffney on the morning after the marriage on Sunday.

Lattimore Finals April 26 to May 4th

Names Of Graduates Given, Bolling Springs President To Preach.

Finals for the Lattimore school begin April 26 and continue through May 4, according to hand-somely engraved invitations which have been mailed to friends of the school. Dr. J. B. Davis, president of Bolling Springs junior college will deliver the sermon on May 4. The following is the program:

Class day exercises, April 26, 8 p. m.; entertainment by the grades, May 2, 8 p. m.; music recital, May 3, 8 p. m. Saturday, May 4—readers contest, 10 a. m.; address, 11 a. m.—by Dr. J. B. Davis, president Bolling Springs junior college; dinner on ground, 12 noon; declamation contest, 1:30 p. m.; graduating exercises, 2:30 p. m.; play—Son John—8 p. m.

The graduates for this year are as follows: Gerthel Beverly Bailey, Addie Esther Bailey, Luma Mae Blanton, Mertice Viloa Bridges, Mattie Lee Bridges, Thelma Cabanis, Selma Davis, Blanche Elizabeth Grigg, Frances Hamrick, Odessa Hamrick, Clarice Aurelia Harris, Ora Virginia Jones, Maud Oree Canipe, Cleopatra Oconee Latham, Reba Lee, Evangeline McEntire, Margaret Elizabeth Stockton, Mary Ada Monroe, Aileen Walker, Willie Hamrick, Walker, Kay Odess Whelan, S. Malcolm Bridges, H. Dufaye Bridges, Farrel A. Dalton, Robert Z. Falls, E. Tyree Green, Frank Eugene Holland, Wade E. Hamrick, Everett C. Horn, Lowell McSwain, W. Wynn Westburn, W. Galien Willis, Julius E. Wilson.