

The Markets. Cotton, per pound 18c Cotton seed, per bu. 48c

Cloudy Thursday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and slightly warmer in west and central portions tonight, Thursday partly cloudy.

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County School Tax Rate Gets 10 Percent Slash

New Board Retains Poston As Chief Of Police; Ligon Clerk

Gordon To Be City Electrician, Spangler Is Street Overseer, Dorton Health Officer.

McBride Poston, who became acting police chief in the Shelby department when Chief A. L. Richards left the force under the Dorsey administration and who has made quite a reputation for himself and his force during the few months in office, was again placed at the head of the department by Mayor S. A. McMurtry and the new board of aldermen at their first official meeting Monday night.

At the same session, a session that has been eagerly awaited by the citizenship of Shelby interested in the new personnel of the city workers, practically every other city office was filled. Very few changes were made.

Other Officials.

One of the first acts of the council was to accept the resignation of the present city clerk, Mr. Fred P. Culbreth, who will likely go with an auditing firm, and shortly thereafter Alderman Z. J. Thompson motioned before the meeting a motion to make Mr. L. E. Ligon, well known Shelby citizen and former Southwestern agent here, city clerk and treasurer. The motion was seconded by Alderman P. M. Washburn and Ligon was elected and will take charge on July 1.

No Fire Chief.

Ted L. Gordon, who is now acting as fire chief as well as city electrical engineer, was re-elected city electrician, but for the present no one has been selected as chief of the fire department.

Mr. R. V. Toms, who has had charge of the department for years, was retained as superintendent of the water department.

Mr. Ernest Spangler was elected street overseer, the position held in the Dorsey administration by Mr. Nelson Self.

Police Named.

Other members of the police department named in addition to Chief Poston were Rufus E. Sparks, Paul Stamey, and B. E. Putnam, all members of the force now, and Marshall M. Moore, a former member of the force.

Present members of the fire department were retained despite the fact that no chief has been selected. They are Joseph Carroll, Henry Lucas and J. C. Caskey.

Photos Of Fruit Flies On Bulletin Before Star Office

Farmers, merchants, housewives and other Cleveland county people interested in the new pest, the Mediterranean fruit fly, which is playing havoc with the Florida citrus crop and is now threatening the fruit crops in this and adjoining states, may see photos of the pest on the bulletin board beside the front entrance to The Star office.

Cline To Raleigh For Session With Advisor Commission

Mr. A. E. Cline, business manager of Cleveland county, left today for Raleigh to attend a two-day session of the North Carolina county government advisory commission of which he is a member.

Lawyers Will Play Doctors In Baseball

Umpires for baseball games in Shelby for the next week or so will likely be hard to find.

The first city contest booked is to be a baseball game between the lawyers and the physicians of the city, while the second one being arranged will be between the Rotarians and the Kiwanians. The dates for the two games have not been set as yet.

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Quarter Million Dollars In Property On Block For Taxes

Auction For Unpaid County Taxes Held Here Monday. County Purchases Majority Of Property.

Approximately a quarter of a million dollars worth of Cleveland county property went on the block here Monday afternoon for unpaid county property taxes.

The actual amount of advertised property taxes as sold was around \$4,500, representing an estimated

average of \$1 on the \$100 valuation. The majority of the property sold for taxes by the sheriff, at the order of county commissioners, was brought in by the county, although individuals purchased several pieces of property. The remainder of the unpaid tax in the county comes under the classification of poll and personal property.

Big Suit Is Filed Against Mill For Splinter In Hand

John Camp Asks Damage Of Local Plant For Infection Said To Have Been Caused.

John M. Camp of South Shelby, by his attorney Peyton McSwain, has filed suit in the superior court of this county against the Ella Mill, a division of the Consolidated Textile corporation, asking for damages in the sum of forty thousand dollars.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Camp, while in the employ of the defendant struck a splinter in his thumb which became infected and resulted in blood poisoning. It is further alleged that the plaintiff was operated upon some four or five times in an effort to save his life; that he has entirely lost the use of his hand and arm; that he is scarcely able to walk around due to infected back, hips, and legs; and that the plaintiff has been left in a crippled, maimed, and deformed condition for life due to said injury.

Mr. Camp was unable, due to his physical condition, his attorney said, to come to the court house to file his suit, though he was injured four months ago, March 4.

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Merchants Debate Half Day Closing For Summer Months

Majority Of Merchants Seem To Favor Afternoon Off, Want Lower Light Rate.

The board of directors of the Shelby Merchants association held a meeting Monday, and gave consideration to that moot question, summer closing. The association recently mailed out ballots to its members, to the end of having a vote cast on the subject. Of the ballots received back two to one were in favor of shutting up shop one afternoon a week, as per the old

schedule. However, the issue is not definitely settled, and it is on the cards, the members of the association may be asked to attend a special dinner meeting at the hotel to vote finally and definitely upon the proposal.

The board of directors went on record as desiring a lower light rate from the city, and they are going to make this issue a vital one. The board decided to ask the city council and mayor to call a special meeting to confer with a committee from the association to consider giving Shelby more light or less money.

18 Percent Cut Over Two Years

New School Budget Adopted This Week Cuts Expense To Taxpayer.

Taxpayers of Cleveland county will pay 10 percent less school tax this year than they did last year according to figures announced today as taken from the new county-wide school budget prepared by Prof. J. H. Grigg, county superintendent, and A. E. Cline, county manager.

This means, it is recalled, that school taxes in Cleveland county have been slashed 18 percent in two years. The school tax rate in 1927-28 was 66 cents and last year the rate was cut to 60 cents, while for the approaching school year the rate will be considerably below 60 cents.

The decrease is due for the most part to the increased sum from the state equalization fund. This year the county will receive \$83,506.17 from the fund, or \$34,000 more than the \$47,735 received last year. The only increase in the school budget is in the matter of teachers salaries, numerous teachers raising their certificates by summer school study and by experience. The budget calls for \$147,596 for teachers salaries in all the rural schools and for \$73,604 for six months of the Shelby and Kings Mountain schools, a total of \$221,200 for teachers salaries, or approximately two-thirds of the entire budget which is \$354,900.

The budget calls for only one new building, the Parkgrace school at Kings Mountain, which is to be erected at a cost of \$22,500. Approximately \$6,000 is set aside for repairs and small buildings in the county. The Parkgrace figure, of course, is covered by the customary state loan, while \$13,757 of the budget total goes out to repay loans received from the state funds.

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Speaking of the Hoey address The Charlotte News said:

"The circumstances surrounding Davis' administration of the affairs of the Confederate government, Mr. Hoey declared, caused outstanding qualities other than his statesmanship to be overshadowed. He presented him as a student and as a soldier as well as a statesman. The Shelby orator's widely recognized eloquence brought to Dixie's only president a tribute couched in beautiful terms. Amplifying arrangement carried the music and speeches to all parts of the great hall so distinctly that none had difficulty in hearing.

"The auditorium was profusely decorated in flags suitable to the occasion and vocal and instrumental music came at intervals. During the singing of Dixie the old soldiers broke forth with rebel yells heard for a great distance away."

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Two Happy Mothers-in-Law



Left, Mrs. Morrow, wife of Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow and mother of Miss Anne Morrow, who married Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, famous flyer, in a surprise wedding at the Englewood, N. J., home of the Morrrows. Right, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, the modest mother of Lindy, who has been in the public eye ever since the memorable solo flight which her son made to Paris two years ago. Here are two mothers who have every reason in the world to take an abundance of pride in their children, but who are nevertheless distinguished for their modesty and simplicity.

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Jonas And Newell To Appear Before Postmasters Here

Man Born Here Back First Time In 78 Years

Left Shelby In 1848, Back In 1851, Then Here Again Today.

A man who has not seen the town he was born in for four score years came to Shelby today, looked about for a short time, failed to find any one he remembered or any sight about the place that looked like "old Shelby, found it all disappointing and boarded a bus "never to return," as he put it.

The visitor was J. F. Hallman, Confederate veteran who now lives in Atlanta. Eighty-six years ago Mr. Hallman, who is attending the reunion in Charlotte, was born in Shelby. At the age of five his parents moved away, that was 81 years ago. Three years later young Hallman came back for his uncle's funeral. That was his last trip until today. He was accompanied by his son, a former president of Clemson college.

Veteran Of Vale Section Killed In Route To Reunion

Elam Houser, Who Enlisted At 17 Killed By Train At Lincolnton Monday

Lincolnton, June 3.—Clad in his gray uniform, ready to go to the reunion in Charlotte, Elam Houser, 81-year-old Confederate veteran, was struck by a railroad engine here today and killed.

Mr. Houser had just been brought to Lincolnton by his son, Wallace Houser, with whom he lived in the Vale section of Lincoln county. To pass a few moments spare time, he climbed up on the Seaboard Air Line trestle near the Arrow mills to watch some shifting trains below on the Carolina and Northwestern tracks thinking the track above safer than the underpass.

The engineer driving an S. A. L. train to Cherryville saw the old man, blew his whistle and put on his brakes, but it was too late. Mr. Houser was knocked unconscious and died shortly afterward.

The old veteran had told friends a few minutes before that this probably would be the last Confederate reunion he would be able to attend and he was looking forward with a great deal of interest to seeing many of his old friends for the last time.

Mr. Houser, born and reared in Lincoln county, was the son of Levi Houser, who was killed while serving with the Confederacy. He enlisted near the end of the war at the age of 17 years.

Score Of Veterans At Reunion Today

Twenty or more Confederate veterans from Cleveland county are attending the reunion in Charlotte today. Eighteen veterans and eight attendants left here by bus early yesterday and today for Charlotte, their transportation being paid by the civic clubs of Shelby, while it is estimated that a half dozen or so made the trip down by private motor.

Complete Tar And Gravel On Highway 206 Here Tuesday

Construction workers on highway No. 206, Lincolnton to Shelby, yesterday completed the placing of the tar and gravel surface on that highway from the Lincolnton county line to Shelby.

The work began at the other end of the highway and early yesterday the construction forces moved here where they put down the gravel and tar on the highway with highway 206 just on the other side of the Mike L. Borders residence on the Cleveland Springs road.

Several Hundred Postmasters To Gather Here Next Week For Convention.

Congressman Charles A. Jonas and Hon. Jake P. Newell, of Charlotte, will be the main speakers of the North Carolina convention of postmasters to be held in Shelby late next week, according to the program for the convention as delivered to Postmaster J. H. Quinn, Governor O. Max Gardner has been invited to address the postmasters but due to a previous engagement he found himself unable to accept.

Opens Friday

The convention opens on Friday morning and the sessions, with the exception of the banquet at Cleveland Springs hotel Friday night, will be held at the Hotel Charles.

The invocation for the opening session will be by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the local Presbyterian church. The address of welcome will be made by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey representing Mayor S. A. McMurtry. The response will be by Miss Leah J. Franck, postmistress of Jacksonville. The usual reports and an address by W. Neal, of Greensboro, will be heard at the morning session. The closing item on the morning's program will be a talk by Hon. Lovel N. Morgan, superintendent of postmasters' appointments at Washington.

To Lake Lure.

Friday afternoon the civic organizations of Shelby and the postal council of the county will give the visiting postmasters and postmistresses, several hundred in number, a motor tour to Chimney Rock and Lake Lure. Those guests not caring to make the Lake Lure trip will be accorded free use of the Cleveland Springs golf course for the afternoon and at any other time during their stay in the city.

On Friday night the big banquet will be held at Cleveland Springs with W. B. Duncan, of Raleigh, as toastmaster and with Hon. Jake P. Newell, of Charlotte, and Congressman Jonas making the addresses.

The Saturday morning session will be opened with invocation by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church. At this session there will be an address by Mr. E. A. Meeks, president of the national league of district postmasters. Mr. Meeks is from Nichols, Georgia.

This will be followed by the usual reports, round-table discussion, election of officers and of delegates to the national convention at Niagara Falls.

Gene Wofford To Play At Cleveland During The Summer

Orchestra Well Known In Two States Signed By Cleveland Springs Manager.

An announcement of considerable interest to music lovers in this section was made today by Manager Martin of the Cleveland Springs hotel when he stated that Gene Wofford and his Carolegians, one of the best known orchestras in the two Carolinas, had been engaged for the summer by the hotel. The orchestra will play for evening dinners and Thursday evening dances throughout the summer.

The organization is composed of Gene Wofford, director and trumpet; Walter Speigh, Willie Hite and M. B. Ezell, saxophones and clarinets; Jo Johnson, piano; Wyatt Cooper, drums and entertainer; Beverly Montgomery, baritone and Red Dobson, trombone. Mr. Wofford is also accompanied by his wife.

This organization has played for such prominent events as the Mardi Gras dances in Asheville, the Meyer Park dances in Charlotte, the Bachelor and Cottillon club dances in Spartanburg, the fraternity dances at Wofford college for three years the Assembly, Spinster and Block F club dances at Greenville, the Sponsors ball and Citadel dances at Citadel, Kelley Military institute dances, Charnock club dances at Charlotte, stage presentation at Rex theatre in Spartanburg and numerous other events. For some time Wofford's group has been broadcasting over station WBT at Charlotte and station WNCN at Asheville, and negotiations are about to be closed now for the orchestra this summer to make the "K. A. Sweetheart" for the Victor people.