

The Markets. Cotton, per pound 18c. Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2.

Fair Weather. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Saturday except scattered thunder showers Saturday afternoon in west portion.

County Cotton Crop May Not Reach '28 Crop

Farm Observers Think 50,000 Bales May Be Limit This Year Leaf Hopper Damage. A week or two back it seemed as if Cleveland county, leading cotton producing county of North Carolina, would exceed the record crop of 53,000 bales last year, but recent talk among the farmers and expert observers of the crop indicates that prospects are not so good as they were a few weeks back just after the rainy spell gave away to good cotton weather.

There was a five per cent increase in acreage in the county this year devoted to cotton, and possibly more, according to Farm Agent Alvin Hardin but other conditions will offset the acreage increase to the extent that the crop outlook, provided the season remains good, heralds a total production near that of last year. The leaf hopper receives a portion of the blame for the present outlook. This pest has been getting in its work for several weeks, especially in the late cotton. Likewise much of the late cotton is spotted due to the leaf hopper and weather conditions. The early cotton over the county is doing fine and from this a good yield is anticipated, but the outcome of the spotted fields and those visited by the leaf hopper is problematical.

Few Arrested On Fourth In Shelby

Times certainly do change, according to Shelby and Cleveland county peace officers. Instead of the score or more arrests yesterday as would have been the case a few years ago, only two were taken into custody here during July fourth by city and county officers combined. City police arrested one man charged with issuing a fraudulent check while the county officers placed one under arrest on a charge of being drunk and this summed up the day's activities. No disorder was reported from any section of the county.

Band Practice On Here This Evening

Members of the Shelby High school band are urged to be at the Central high school building tonight for practice. The band will feature in the program Monday and Tuesday of the Spanish-American reunion and every member should be present for the practice.

Bible Class Will Hear Quartet Sing

Announcement was made here this morning that the Shelby Mill quartet will sing at the meeting of the Men's Bible class of Central Methodist church Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended the public to hear this splendid feature.

Going Out Of Business.

The Cinderella Bootery is announcing a going out of business sale in the advertising columns of The Star today. The closing out event opens tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The management is adopting a new method of bargain offering, putting one price on the entire stock. This is a novel idea, and promises to be as successful as it is original.

Fought Off Cancer.

Schenectady, N. Y.—William Symes Andrews, who was the oldest employee of the General Electric company, is dead. He lived to be 83 despite cancer contracted while experimenting with X-ray tubes 32 years ago.

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Shelby All Set For Reunion Of Veterans On Monday, Tuesday

Auxiliary Will Have Sessions As Well As Spanish-American Veterans.

Latest estimates formed by those in a position to know place the attendance at the joint meeting of the United States Spanish War Veterans and the Ladies' Auxiliary thereto, to be held in Shelby next Monday and Tuesday at between 700 and 1,000 with a possibility that the latter figure may possibly be exceeded. Certainly it has already become evident, say those in charge, that every section of the state will be represented at the two-day session of the veterans and Shelby is making elaborate preparations to entertain the visitors in a fitting manner from the minute the first guest arrives.

The auxiliary meeting program has been announced through Della C. Garrett, Greensboro, provisional president of the organization. The first meeting will be called to order at 10 o'clock Monday morning and will consist of a business session.

Between the hours of 4 and 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon the delegates will be guests of the Shelby auxiliary at a tea and reception to be held in the Masonic Temple; the second business session will be called to order Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at which time officers of the Shelby chapter will be installed by the national president, Olive M. Raven. Election of departmental officers for the ensuing year will conclude the auxiliary sessions.

The veterans' organization proper will open the convention here with a meeting in the Cleveland county court house at 10 o'clock Monday morning at which time an address of welcome will be delivered by S. A. McMurry, mayor of Shelby, to which a response will be made by J. W. Thurmon, department commander, and by Della Garrett, provisional president, department auxiliary.

Upon behalf of the Confederate veterans, greetings will be extended by J. Z. Falls and an address will be delivered by Clyde R. Hoey. The final address of the morning session will be delivered by a representative of the United States Veterans bureau.

Following lunch, the next session will be called to order at 2 p. m., at which time an address will be delivered by Hon. Charles A. Jonas, member of the national house of representatives from the ninth North Carolina district. Greetings will be extended from the American Legion by R. G. Cherry, state commander.

An address by a representative of the commander-in-chief of the United Spanish War veterans will be interesting at this time. A band concert on the public square at 8 o'clock Monday night will be an event in which the general public will find much pleasure and the day's activities will come to a close with a dance at the Cleveland Springs hotel, beginning at 9 o'clock and continuing until a late hour.

Second Day. The second day's session will be called to order Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at which time the visitors will be welcomed by the Shelby Merchants' association and an address will be delivered by Olive M. Raven, national president of the auxiliary. The formal business session will be called to order at 10 o'clock and reports will be heard from committees on credentials, auditing and resolutions.

Election of officers for the ensuing year, selection of the next meeting place and installation of new officers will occupy a prominent part of the program. (Continued on page nine.)

Cleveland Farmer Receive \$30,000 For Poultry In 1929

Alvin Hardin, farm demonstration agent for Cleveland county, says that approximately 1100 pounds of poultry were loaded in the cooperative shipment made from here last Wednesday, which the agent regards as being entirely satisfactory for this season of the year. Fortnightly shipments are to continue through the summer as heretofore, according to the agent, and no immediate change in the schedule is contemplated. Mr. Hardin says that thus far this year, counting from the first of January, there have been about 90,000 pounds of poultry shipped

Hardin Resigns As Farm Agent On August 15

To Be Poultry Buying Representative In Southern States Then.

Alvin Hardin for four years farm demonstration agent for Cleveland and the man who persuaded and convinced Cleveland county farmers that they could make a profitable cash crop of poultry announced to The Star today that he has tendered his resignation as farm agent here effective August 15.

Mr. Hardin will become affiliated with the Eagle Poultry company, Inc., of Philadelphia and the Southern states, he being a stockholder in the company according to a recent charter filed in Raleigh. The head of the company is Mr. Udell, prominent poultry dealer of Philadelphia, and Mr. Udell on a recent visit here realized the Cleveland farm agent's practical knowledge of the poultry business and persuaded him to take an active position with the firm.

One House Here. The official position of Mr. Hardin for the company will be buying representative for the Southern states and this section. He goes with the firm on August 15 because the company plans to open their buying houses, warehouses and headquarters throughout this section about September 1. One of the houses which will purchase poultry, eggs and other farm products and will be opened in Shelby Mr. Hardin will continue to make his home here.

New Agent Soon. In forwarding his resignation to Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district farm agent at Statesville, Mr. Hardin suggested that his successor be named at an early date so that he could come to Shelby by August 1 and spend two weeks with Mr. Hardin getting acquainted with the routine of the office and with the farmers of the county. The farm agent is paid by the county, the state and the national government, and it is the duty of the district agent to suggest the new agents with the final approval and appointment being left up to the commissioners of Cleveland county. The farmers of this county will await eagerly Mr. Millsaps' endorsement and the appointment of the new agent by the commissioners.

The retiring agent came to Shelby near four years ago to succeed Mr. R. E. Lawrence, who entered the real estate and insurance business at Brevard. During his stay he has aided the farm progress of the county to a considerable extent and has made many friends in his work.

City Fathers Talk Gas And Taxi Problems

Plan For Gas Franchise Presented Again. Taxi Drivers Definite Placing.

Discussion of a gas franchise, the matter of purchasing additional fire hose and consideration of a minor taxicab problem occupied the attention of Shelby city council at a meeting held here Wednesday night, but no formal vote was taken on any question, owing to the absence of one member of the body, and final decision on all questions went over until the next meeting. Mayor McMurry and three members of council were in attendance but Councilman J. P. Schenck was unable to be present.

Charles M. Sturkey, representing the Atlantic Gas Co appeared and presented his proposition. Mr. Sturkey offered blue prints and other specifications detailing what his company would like to do here and said that in some North Carolina towns it had been possible to begin furnishing gas within four months after a franchise had been granted. He asked city council to give careful consideration to the subject of granting his company a franchise.

No Answer Made. There was a general discussion of the subject and while members did not go on record as favoring or rejecting the proposition, their attitude appeared to be that the city would be setting up a new undertaking in opposition to its own interests, since the local electric light plant is municipally owned. It is understood that the matter will come up for further consideration at the July 16 meeting of council.

Miller Block Taxed. Four operators of taxicabs appeared before council and made request that the first four stalls in the Miller block be allotted to their use. (Continued on page nine.)

Talk Several To Fill Berth County Board

Odd Against No. 6 Citizens Since One Is On Board Now. Dr. Gold's Place Vacant.

Who will fill the berth on the county board of commissioners left vacant by the death of the popular Dr. G. M. Gold?

That question is already being asked about Shelby and the county, and is one of the leading topics of conversation about the court house corridors and groups gathered on the square.

In fact, it is understood that some moves have already been made for several prospects who desire to fill out the unexpired term. Named by Hamrick.

The new member of the board, according to the law, must be named by Mr. A. M. Hamrick, superior court clerk. Mr. Hamrick since taking office has already filled one vacancy on the board, that being term before last when Ex-Senator Sam C. Lattimore resigned from the board and Mr. R. Lee Weathers, present commissioner, was appointed. However, it is understood that Mr. Hamrick will not make the appointment for several days as there will not likely be a meeting of the county governing body for a week or more.

Those Talked. Among the prospects talked were the Democratic candidates eliminated in the primary in June 1928. Mr. Charlie Reinhart, South Shelby merchant, was fourth man on the list, which is to say that he was runner-up to the three commissioners elected. This ranking if the new commissioner is to be taken from the list of 1928 candidates would seem to give Mr. Reinhart the lead. Other candidates then were Messrs. Zeb Mauney, Coy McSwain and Toy C. Stockton. All have been talked for the berth of recent days.

Out Of No. 6. It is pointed out, however, by political observers that it would not likely be a tactful move for the third commissioner to be appointed from No. 6 township since one of the two present commissioners, R. Lee Weathers, is also from No. 6. Remaining portions of the county, it is contended, might be none too well pleased with two of the commissioners from the Shelby township and the chairman from Kings Mountain.

With that in view, one observer says, that in fairness to the rural sections the No. 6 prospects may be automatically eliminated. Should be the case three of the 1928 candidates would not be considered in the list as Mr. Mauney and Mr. McSwain live in No. 6 as well as Mr. Reinhart, for whose appointment there is considerable support in the South Shelby section. On that basis Mr. Stockton, who lives in No. 7 township, would be the lone remaining candidate of 1928 eligible.

Still others say that the new commissioner should be appointed from the No. 8 township section where the late Dr. Gold resided. In that area several names have been suggested, among them being George Lattimore, George Cornwell, L. C. (Am) Palmer, and others. Mr. Palmer has served on the board and might therefore, according to the talk, not be looked upon as a contender. Numerous other leading citizens, most of them farmers, including Forrest Crowder and others, have been talked.

Just what turn the appointment will take and when it will be made is not known. But it may be put down for a fact that there will be much interest attached to the announcement when it does come.

Golf Match Is On For Saturday Now

Webbs And Laxtons Booked To Play Match Here Saturday Afternoon.

The 18-hole golf match between the Webb brothers of Shelby and the Laxton brothers of Charlotte is to be played over the Cleveland Springs course here tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30. The match was scheduled for last Saturday but postponed on account of illness of one of the young golfers. Both Webbs, Pete and Fred, have held the Junior Carolina title, while the younger Laxton, Irwin, was the 1927 title holder for the Carolinas. His brother, Fred is also a sterling golfer. Scores of golf fans from several cities in this section will likely follow the match around the course.

Judge Refuses To Dismiss King Charge; Sister Says She Saw Suit In Closet

No First And Second Degree Murder Terms In S. Carolina

People Discussing King Case Here Talk Of Such But Procedure Differs.

(Note: The article below, written by an experienced South Carolina newspaperman now serving as city editor of The Star, explains some details about South Carolina courts not generally known here and which should be interesting to the hundreds following the Rafe King case.)

(By WATSON BELL) Shelby and Cleveland county people, keenly interested in every feature of the Rafe King trial, now in progress in Chester county, South Carolina, are indulging in considerable speculation as to what sort of verdict it might be possible for the South Carolina jury to return in the event the jury should decide to find the Shelby man guilty of the slaying of his wife. North Carolina people, for the most part, are not very well acquainted with South Carolina court procedure and it might be remarked that there is a wide difference in the two methods of conducting court and the verdicts it is possible to return. Not Superior Court. In the first place, the court now sitting at Chester would be known in North Carolina as Superior court, but in South Carolina, the official title of the court is Court of General Sessions. The civil court in South Carolina is designated as Court of Common Pleas. No Murder Degrees. Some Shelby people have remarked: (Continued on page six.)

Crowell Thinks Bishop Should Be Recalled; Medical Leader Praises Physicians Of N. C.

Thinks Every County In State Should Have Tuberculosis Hospital. Harbison Report.

"It is to be sincerely regretted that the Southern Methodist church does not observe and practice the recall as is the permissible custom with municipalities so that the church, of which I am a lay member, might recall Bishop James G. Cannon, Jr. He should be recalled and that without hesitation."

The foregoing statement was made here last night by Dr. Lester A. Crowell of Lincolnton, president of the North Carolina Medical Society and head of a Lincolnton hospital, the declaration dealing with the physician's address before the Shelby Kiwanis club. Dr. Crowell was discussing the subject of "Public Health" and said that fear was a big deterrent factor to perfect health. He then said that the abject fear of the bishop entertained by many preachers and church members would be highly amusing were it not so pitiful.

N. C. Doctors Lead. Declaring that he was proud of his position as president of the North Carolina Medical Society, Dr. Crowell asserted that at the recent national association meeting, it was unanimously conceded by the leading physicians of the entire nation that North Carolina's doctors stand in the forefront of their profession over the United States and he therefore concludes that he is president of the most distinguished group of physicians and surgeons in America today.

Tuberculosis Hospital. During the course of his address Dr. Crowell deplored the fact that every county in North Carolina is not equipped with a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis. He says that at present about two months are required before a patient can be admitted to any state institution for the treatment of the "white plague" and that in many cases the disease has already passed beyond control before the expiration of these two months. He also urged better facilities for taking care of the feeble minded of the state. He said that since 1910 when the electric chair was first put into use in North Carolina, there have been 96 legal executions in this state and his careful study of those cases reveals the fact that while these 96 had an average chronological age of 23 years, their average mental age was only five years. He believes that had they received proper mental treatment, they might have been saved from death. "They tell us that the mind is the abiding place of the soul and that if there is no mind, there can be no soul," said the speaker. "Some of my distinguished colleagues argue that in cases of this kind the best disposition of the problem is to chloroform the unfortunate, and while I am not saying that this might be the easiest solution, I do not propose to be a party to carrying out any such edict." Dr. Crowell urged that the Shelby Kiwanians use their influence with social clubs over the state in an effort to have North

One Auto Wreck Listed On Fourth

The only automobile accident reported to the sheriff's office here during yesterday took place near Buffalo bridge not far from Kings Mountain. A woman whose name the officers were unable to ascertain, ran across the road in front of an automobile driven by E. I. Sinkoe, well known merchant of Charlotte, and she sustained slight injuries when struck by the heavy car. Mr. Sinkoe came to Shelby and reported the matter at the sheriff's office. He was accompanied back to the scene by an officer who ascertained that the accident appeared to have been unavoidable and that the woman was not badly injured. No charge was made against Mr. Sinkoe.

Reunion Barbecue Not A Free Affair

J. H. Jenkins, chairman of the entertainment committee for the annual encampment of the Spanish-American War Veterans to be held here during Monday and Tuesday, said this morning that there appears to be a slight misunderstanding about the dinner to be served at Cleveland Springs Tuesday at 1 o'clock and the opinion prevails in some quarters that this dinner is free to the general public. Chairman Jenkins explains that this is not the case and that dinner will be served only to those holding the necessary tickets entitling them to same. The chairman says that feeding the entire public would be such a great financial strain upon the local post that such could not be considered for an instant.

Shelby People On Stand For King

(Special to The Star.) Court House, Chester, S. C., July 5.—Character witnesses for Rafe King here this morning were: Charles C. Blanton, A. W. McMurry, Paul Webb, Charles W. Eskridge, N. Dellinger, H. A. Logan, B. Hamrick, B. D. Suttle, F. B. Little. All testified to the good reputation of the defendant had for truthfulness and sobriety.

Suit Found In Attic Was In Closet Day After Death. Was Missing Later.

(By ERNEST JACKSON.)

Court House, Chester, S. C., July 5 (Noon)—Motion for a direct verdict of not guilty in the Rafe King murder trial was refused by Judge J. K. Henry immediately after the convening of court here this morning. The motion was made by T. F. McDow, who said King's counsel did not care to argue it.

In refusing to grant the motion, Judge Henry said he could not discuss the weight of evidence but that there was evidence for the jury to consider.

Theories Unproved. The direct verdict was asked for on the following grounds: There is not sufficient evidence to warrant submitting case to the jury. Because all the evidence, if true, is not sufficient to prove the defendant guilty. All the evidence being circumstantial, the state has failed to prove any of its numerous theories as set forth in the indictment. That the state has utterly failed to show a motive for the alleged killing.

Scores For Defense. Mrs. Ione Moss, of Shelby, sister of King was the first witness for the defense. Shown the bloody suit found in the King home, she said it was King's wedding suit. She said she saw it in a closet the morning after Mrs. King's death and missed it when she was packing up King's clothing several weeks later.

Dr. E. A. Houser, Shelby, testified that Mrs. King came to him for treatment for a venereal disease in 1928.

Dr. Ben Gold, Shelby, said he treated King for a severe venereal disease in 1926 and 1927 and that King had convulsions at this time. Wasserman test was negative, it was cured. Dr. Gold issued health certificates to King and Miss Faye Wilson in November 1927, in August 1927, he said, indicating King order for them to get married.

State Closes Case. Chester, S. C., July 4.—Big guns of the defense will be opened up tomorrow morning in an effort to save Rafe F. King from death in the electric chair. The state rested at 4:32 o'clock this afternoon after a full afternoon session that followed on the heels of one filled with high spots in the morning.

Immediately afterwards court was adjourned for the day and a conference of defense counsel was held.

The afternoon session unlike the morning one was the most uninteresting and fruitless since trial of the case opened Monday. It opened with John Boulevard, negro neighbor of the Kings, being placed on the stand. He testified that he went to the home of the Sharon couple the afternoon Mrs. King died and asked the defendant if he could do anything for him. His answer, he said, was that a "small boy already had built a fire for King, The Sharon school teacher was not there, according to the negro.

Policeman Testifies. Next came Rural Policeman John A. Anderson of York, who testified regarding the discovery of blood stains in the rear part of the King home. After the inquest, he said, he talked to the defendant and the latter told him that someone had killed his wife, and carried her to the outhouse. He quoted King as saying that a negro came after dark killed her. Later he said King told him a "Mr. Edwards, negro," reported to be Boulevard, killed her, although at first he said he didn't know who did. Jackson denied that he had threatened King, claiming

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