

The Markets.
Cotton, per pound 19c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 40½

Weather Forecast.
North Carolina generally fair tonight and Tuesday except local thundershowers Tuesday afternoon in extreme southwest portion.

Verdict Of King Case.
A dispatch from The Star's correspondent at Chester says the jury will probably retire with the King case Tuesday morning. Just when a verdict will be reached, is of course not known. The verdict will be placed on The Star bulletin board as soon as received and perhaps an extra paper will be issued to carry the result.

Receipts Show Large Decrease At Postoffice

Danger Threatens That Shelby May Lose Its First Class Rating.

Although the Shelby postoffice retained rating of a first class office only July 1, there is no inconsiderable danger that the office may be demoted back to second class at the end of the present year unless there is a material increase in receipts here, according to a statement obtained this morning from officials connected with the local office.

Figures just compiled for the last quarter, which quarter ended June 30, show that there was a material decrease as compared with the receipts for the same quarter during 1928 and postoffice officials here are not loath to say that the situation perplexes and annoys them. They are at a loss to account for this state of affairs.

The figures compiled at the local office show that the receipts for the quarter ending June 30, 1928 at the local office reached a total of \$10,023.51 and the total for the same date of 1929 is shown to have shrunk to \$7,984.05. A decrease of more than \$2,000 is reported in the sale of stamps alone at the local office for the period designated.

Postoffice officials here say that they can hazard no guess as to what is responsible for the decrease, other than the fact that business conditions have not been quite up to par and the additional fact that there was a nation-wide reduction made in the second class postage during the past year. They think that a portion of the blame should be placed upon this latter fact.

Nothing is certain and sure, but postoffice officials, and as that of Shelby's receipts must be in the Fall if this office is to retain its first class rating.

Coker Men Coming To Inspect Fields

J. F. Clyburn, assistant manager and D. R. Hopkins of the plant breeding department of the Coker Pedigreed Seed company at Hartsville, S. C. will be here this week to look over the 1,000 acres of cotton which local farmers are growing on contract for the Coker company. In the spring a number of farmers west of Shelby made a contract with the Coker company to plant 1,000 acres in Cleveland Five, strain two and this cotton is being cultivated, fertilized and harvested under the direction of the Coker officials who have contracted to buy the seed.

The Dover gin has been rigged up to gin the cotton and keep the Coker seed free from other varieties.

This cotton has been planted on the farms of Blanton brothers, C. S. Young, Coleman Doggett, Rhyne Doggett, Clyde and Coy McSwain, W. W. Jones, R. P. Weathers.

Stubborn Blaze Breaks Out In Bakery Establishment

Considerable Damage Is Done To Bost Company Early Saturday Morning In Cake Room.

One of the most stubborn fires the Shelby fire department has had to combat in a good many weeks broke out in the Bost Bakery here about 1 o'clock Saturday morning and strenuous efforts were required on the part of the fire fighters for about three hours before the blaze was finally extinguished. Damage done to the bakery equipment and interior will amount to several thousand dollars, it is estimated, while that done to the building owned by T. W. and Frank Hamrick is negligible.

L. C. Bost, proprietor of the establishment in question, said Saturday that he had not been able to ascertain the full damage he had suffered, but that it would be considerable.

The fire appears to have originated

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Parade Will Be Feature Tuesday

Will Begin Promptly At 12:15 And Is To Cover Total Of 10 Blocks.

Official announcement was made this morning that the veterans street parade here tomorrow will form promptly at 12:15 o'clock on Lafayette street, north of Sumter, the various organizations taking their respective places as is indicated in the following order, and it is urged that all be on hand promptly. The following will be the line of march:

Lafayette street to Graham; Graham street to Washington; Washington street to Marion and down Marion street to the Shelby high school, covering all told a distance of 10 blocks. The parade will be dismissed at the high school building.

The following is the order in which the various organizations will appear:

Chief of Police McBride Poston and members of the Shelby police department.

Grand Marshal Dorton and members of his staff, mounted on horseback.

Shelby band in uniform.

Department officers of the United Spanish-American war veterans, mounted.

Members of state camps of the united veterans, Junius T. Gardner camp of Shelby in the lead, followed by camps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14 and 15.

Department officers, by rank, veterans auxiliaries, with the Shelby auxiliary officers in the lead.

All veterans of the War Between the States, riding in automobiles.

The second section of the parade will be headed by the American Legion drum and bugle corps; next will come veterans of the World War in uniform and as many Boy Scouts of Cleveland county as can be in attendance.

The third section will be headed by a band, followed by the various civic organizations of Shelby, including the Rotary club, the Kiwanis club, the Shelby Merchants' association, Shelby Riding club and like organizations; the fire department in uniform and fire trucks and decorated automobiles. In the latter class business houses wishing to do so will be permitted to enter decorated cars and private car owners are urged to cooperate.

Immediately following the conclusion of the parade, the huge assemblage will repair to Cleveland Springs where the barbecue dinner will be served to 1,000 or more persons.

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The new commissioner, who comes from the same township as the deceased member, is regarded as a citizen of sterling worth and one of Cleveland's county best farmers. It is generally believed that the appointment will meet with public favor.

Registering For Election On Bonds

Registration certificates were being issued at the Cleveland county court house here Saturday to property owners of school district no. 33, entitling them to vote in the school bond election to be held at an early date at which time the question of issuing bonds for school purposes in the sum of \$60,000 will be decided. The registration books were opened on June 29 and will be kept open for two more Saturdays, July 13 and 20. It was stated Saturday that about 125 voters had registered at that time to participate in the election, out of a possible total of 800.

Locked In Bank; Couldn't Get Out

It is a common enough experience to be on the outside of a bank wanting to get in, but it is unusual to find one on the inside wanting to get out.

Lowery Austell, of the First National, last week found himself on the inside of the bank; locked in, and wanting to be on the outside more than anything in the world at that particular moment.

It happened this way. Austell went into the bank sometime early in the evening to take a shower. It was recalled that the bank has a line of showers in the basement, which have a great appeal these hot July nights.

Austell, wishing to feel the refreshment that comes from having the sweat washed from his fevered brow, sought the showers.

But it so happens that the lock on the bank's front door is not a spring lock. When it shuts it means business; it means to stay shut. And it did just that on this particular occasion. And Austell had no key.

As the kids would say, imagine the young man's embarrassment, finding himself in the big institution, all by himself so to speak in the moonlight.

Resorting to the telephone, he called for an hour before he got help. Finally he interrupted his cousin, Hopson Austell, in the midst of a heavy date, it is said, and got him to the front door with a key.

Such is the modest story of a man who accomplished just off hand that way and accidentally, what so many dream of doing, and never reach the point.

The bread department suffered no damage and the bakery was operating Saturday.

Veterans Convention Headquarters



The handsome new Hotel Charles, which will be general head quarters for the North Carolina Spanish-American war veterans and the auxiliary thereto, now meeting in this city. The convention opened here this morning and will continue through tomorrow, with many enjoyable features on the program. (Star Photo.)

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Casar Girl, Disappointed In Love, Takes Her Life

Beatrice Pruett, 16 year old Casar girl, shot herself in the forehead Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home and died 40 minutes later from the wound. It is understood that she brooded over a disappointment in a love affair, a young man who had been paying her attention, having married another girl on July 4th. Miss Pruett left a note telling her family when and where to bury her remains.

While members of the family were at the spring making ice cream, it is understood that the girl went back to the house. A short time afterwards the report of a pistol shot was heard and when the members of the family reached the house, they found her prostrate form lying across the bed in her bed-room.

Miss Pruett is the daughter of the late Miles N. Pruett. Her mother and a number of brothers and sisters survive. The family lived in Shelby at the Ella mill for a number of years, moving back a short time ago to their farm at Casar.

The remains will be buried at the Casar Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the funeral service to be conducted by Rev. W. G. Camp of Cherryville.

No inquest was held because the coroner thought the evidence that she came to her death from a self-inflicted wound was too well established.

Polkville Club Meets

The Woman's club of Polkville will meet on Tuesday, July 16, with Mrs. D. D. Lattimore as hostess. It is urged that all members be in attendance.

Address By Jonas Is Feature Of The First Session Of Veterans Here

Mrs. Carlo Self Is Dead Here

Mrs. Carlo Self died Sunday night at 11:45 at her home on N. LaFayette street, following a decline in health which has extended over a period of three years. During her long illness, the very best medical attention was sought, but it was impossible to stay a dreaded malady and the end came peacefully shortly before midnight.

Before her marriage to Mr. Carlo Self, one of the popular clerks at the Shelby postoffice, Mrs. Self was Sara Witherspoon. She was a very popular young lady, nearing her 31st birthday. She joined the Lutheran church at the age of 18 and the funeral is being conducted this afternoon at 3:30 from the Witherspoon home by Rev. N. D. Yount, her pastor, assisted by Rev. H. K. Boyer. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

Surviving are her mother, husband and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. O. D. McGee of Conover, Henry Witherspoon of Conover, Clyde Witherspoon of Charlotte, Mrs. Joe Lewis of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Herbert Sigmon of Newton, Mrs. H. E. Farris and Miss Willie Witherspoon of Shelby.

Governor Back In His Office

Governor Gardner, accompanied by his small son, O. Max, Jr., Mrs. Gardner and her parents, Judge and Mrs. James L. Webb, returned to Raleigh about noon Saturday from Gettysburg, Pa., where the governor presided over the unveiling of the monument to North Carolina troops taking part in that battle.

Governor Gardner was well pleased with the way the exercises went off, the beautiful day and the crowd of present and former North Carolinians and other visitors at the unveiling exercises. He was especially delighted with the excellent interpretation of the spirit of the occasion 66 years ago by Gutzon Borglum, as revealed in the monument created. The remark of one former North Carolinian in reply to the question of what he had to say about the monument was that he had nothing to say, but could only look at it and cry.

Governor Gardner postponed the trip he had considered taking to New York on business.

Address Of Welcome

Mayor S. A. McMurry was introduced and given a round of applause, after which the official welcome was extended by J. C. Newton, member of the Shelby bar. Mr. Newton declared that the Spanish-American war was a war of humanity and that all Shelby delighted in paying homage to the veterans of that struggle. He said that Shelby, "The Friendly City" is proud of being chosen to entertain the encampment and hopes to make its hospitality as perfect as possible. Responses to the welcome were

King Case Probably To Go To Jury Some Time In The Morning

Two Arguments Made This Morning And Four More Remain To Be Heard. Marion And McDow Make Impressive Pleas For Their Respective Sides.

(By ERNEST JACKSON)
Chester Court House, S. C. July 8.—Arguments, by J. A. Marion of York for the state and by Thomas F. McDow of York for the defense were made this morning in the Rafe King murder case. Mr. Marion spoke from 10:10 a. m. to 11:35 a. m. and Mr. McDow began speaking at 11:40 and at 1:05 had not concluded his argument.

Shelby Guard Off For Camp For Fortnight

Included in the detachment leaving Shelby Saturday were 55 enlisted men and several officers, these being headed by Captain Peyton McSwain, commanding officer of the local company.

The local company joined Company F of Charlotte and the Howitzer company of Gastonia at Charlotte and the three companies proceeded from that point aboard a special train, Camp Glenn being reached shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning according to reports coming back to Shelby to relatives here of the young soldiers.

The Shelby soldiers were housed on the Seaboard train in two Pullman cars and a baggage car was provided to carry their equipment and information received from them today is to the effect that the journey to camp was made under very pleasant conditions.

Prior to his departure Capt. McSwain said that his company is in fine physical condition and he expects them to acquit themselves with credit during the brief training period.

In addition to the military duties, there will be numbers of athletic and social events at Morehead City in which the local militiamen will participate.

Shelby Doctors Aids In Defense Of King

Chester, S. C., July 5.—A physician who attended the second autopsy of Faye Wilson King at Kings Mountain, N. C., testified this afternoon that he was "satisfied" the woman was not choked to death.

Called to the witness stand by the defense in the trial of Rafe F. King, the woman's husband, who is charged with her murder, Dr. S. S. Royster, of Shelby, N. C., declared he did not believe the physicians performing the autopsy had made sufficient examination to determine that she died from strangulation.

In response to questioning by Judge B. T. Falls of the defense counsel, Dr. Royster said that to have been "morally certain" that her death was caused by choking, it would have been necessary to cut into the muscles of her throat and examine the windpipe and other parts of the throat.

Previous testimony had brought out that the other physicians at the autopsy had decided she had been choked when they discovered the bruised condition of the blood vessels under the skin on either side of the throat.

The 62 year old physician, however, was attacked by the prosecution on cross examination for not having given the other physicians the benefits of his doubts.

Was A Looker On.

Under the heated and almost bitter questioning of Col. Arthur L. Gaston on cross examination, Dr. Royster became plainly angered and declared "I have told you at least half a dozen times I was sent to look on at the autopsy and not to take charge."

"But you heard Dr. Robert E. Abell and the other doctors say they were satisfied she died by being choked. Don't you think that as a man you should have done anything you could to have proved

Dave Says He Was Early; Car Broke

Dave Turner who usually comes forward with the first bloom of the season, was in town this morning with a handful of cotton blooms which he gathered on the Gardner and Mull farm near Grover. Dave says he had blooms June 25, but his car was not running, so he could not get to town and first honors went to Berry Mintz.

J. H. Morgan who is farming on the Blanton farm west of Shelby found a white bloom on Sunday.

Baseball Promoters Will Hold Meeting Tomorrow

communities with clean sport and recreation for the remainder of the summer and there is no individual to benefit in a financial way.

The principal matter to be discussed and considered at tomorrow night's meeting will be the drafting of a playing schedule. Tentative opening games have already been arranged for next Saturday with Eastside playing Lawndale here at 2:30 and with Bolling Springs and Dora-Ora cashing in the second game of the day immediately upon the conclusion of the first contest. Cleveland Cloth mill is to play Union at Union in the opening game and the Shelby mill team will meet the Knob Creek team at Knob Creek.

At tomorrow night's meeting all clubs will be required to submit their player lists of 14 men and other details will be considered and discussed. It is declared by officials of the new league that all clubs must be represented at tomorrow night's important meeting.

The president explains that the league will not be operated for financial benefit or profit, but solely as a sporting enterprise. Those responsible for agitating the undertaking were prompted, says Mr. Robinson, solely by a desire to provide the city, the mills and rural

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