

The Markets.
Cotton, per pound 13c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2

The Weather.
North Carolina partly cloudy to night and Thursday probably local thundershowers in southwest portion. Not quite so warm tonight in central portion.

Star Extra Tells Of Verdict.

Forty minutes after the telegraphic dispatch was received from The Star's correspondent Ernest Jackson attending the King murder trial in Chester, The Star was on the streets with an extra. Sixteen hundred copies were sold in Shelby and suburbs, in Kings Mountain and to hundreds of farm people in town waiting for the verdict. The Star's fast press printed the first 1,000 copies in five minutes, beating any other state paper on the streets with an extra.

County Teams Begin Season Next Saturday

Double-Header Staged At Shelby Park. Lily Mill Replaces Shelby Mill.

At a largely attended meeting of those interested in the County Baseball league, held in the office of The Cleveland Star last night, final plans for the opening of the league season next Saturday were discussed and perfected and numerous important details received the attention of the various club managers, constituting the league directors.

At last night's meeting Shelby mill reported that it was not able to take membership as had been hoped, but representatives of Lily mills were in attendance and said they would be glad to take over the franchise held by Shelby mill and accordingly Lily mill was substituted for Shelby mill in the league membership.

Forfeits Posted.

The eight clubs making up the circuit last night posted with J. R. Robinson, league president, the sum of \$25 each for their faithful completion of the league playing season and the observance of all league rules. At the same time, they posted with the league head the lists of their players, the clubs being allowed 14 players each, but with the playing membership limited to those employed in Cleveland county. It was agreed that four double-headers will be played on Saturdays, beginning at 2:30 o'clock and that the four teams playing on the Shelby grounds will equally divide the gate receipts of those contests.

Agreement was entered into with the officials in charge of the high school baseball park under which the clubs will pay jointly the sum of \$7.50 for the double-headers staged on that ground. Efforts will be made to repair the fence and improve the playing field prior to the first game next Saturday afternoon.

It was decided at last night's meeting that the various clubs will be allowed six complimentary tickets each for all games played, these tickets to be used as the various managers may see fit.

Each club will be required to furnish all balls used at home games and the clubs will be required to have not less than four new balls before any game shall begin. The balls remain their property.

Own Umpires.

Each club will furnish one umpire and one official score keeper and decision was reached that all official score keepers will be required to furnish The Cleveland Star with a copy of the official score on the same Saturday afternoon or night that the game is played. Compensation for the officers will be adjudged by the various managers to suit themselves.

President Robinson uttered a word of warning in urging the clubs to obtain the best men in their various communities to serve as umpires. He said that much of the success of the league would depend upon what manner of men are chosen for this duty.

Playing Schedule.

The president and those who are to assist him in the undertaking are expected to complete the entire playing schedule some time this week and it will be published in this newspaper in plenty of time for the second series of games.

The league is now composed of the following: Eastside, Knob Creek, Cleveland cloth mill, Union, Lily mill, Bolling Springs, Lawndale, Dover-Ora.

The following is the playing schedule for next Saturday, July 13:

Eastside versus Lawndale in first game of double-header at Shelby park; Bolling Springs versus Dover-Ora in second game at same park; Cleveland cloth mill versus Union at Union and Lily mill versus Knob Creek.

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KING SENTENCED TO DIE IN CHAIR ON SEPT. 20

Greensboro Selected By Spanish War Vets As Next Encampment

Captain Henry W. Edmonds Of Charlotte Is New Commander For North Carolina; Barbecue Dinner And Parade Are Closing Features.

Selection of Greensboro as the place of the 1930 meeting and the election of Capt. Henry W. Edmonds of Charlotte as the new department commander for North Carolina featured the closing session here yesterday of the 1929 encampment North Carolina United Spanish War veterans. Other officers elected at the closing session in addition to Capt. Edmonds were: Senior vice commander, Milford W. Haines, Tarboro; junior vice commander, Capt. S. O. Smith, Asheville.

Many Resolutions.

The closing day's session of the encampment was occupied principally with routine matters and reports of committees. Seventeen resolutions were adopted dealing with various matters, the important ones of these covering the following subjects: Endorsement of a national defense program; approval of the efforts made by the president of the United States to enforce all laws; a recommendation that all bureaus working for the relief of veterans of all wars be consolidated; recommendation to the North Carolina legislature that more attention be paid in the public schools to a study of the Spanish-American war and its causes.

Major Charles W. Montgomery of Charlotte presented resolutions aimed at bolshevist activities in North Carolina, with particular reference to the textile strikes. Telegrams were read to the convention from Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, unable to be present for the meeting; from Josephus Daniels of Raleigh and from John J. Murphy of Washington, national department quartermaster, in which they all expressed deep regret that they could not be in attendance.

Street Parade.

The street parade through the principal business streets of Shelby, although badly delayed by the veterans' business program being so lengthy, was enjoyed by thousands of people, every street being lined with humanity. The convention came to a formal close with a barbecue dinner served at Cleveland Springs hotel to all delegates and members of their families.

Colors Presented.

The Tuesday morning session of the encampment was called to order in the Cleveland county court house shortly after 10 o'clock, with W. J. Thurmon of Wilmington, acting department commander, as the presiding officer. The program was opened with the singing of "America" after which the colors were presented, these being the personal gift of the deceased commander, J. C. Benjamin. The colors were accepted by Gen. Stephen N. Harris and the audience stood in silent prayer for one minute as a tribute to the deceased officer.

The report of the resolutions committee excited much interest and precipitated spirited debate in a number of instances, but a majority of these were adopted as introduced. The association by a close vote imposed a registration fee of 50 cents per delegate to be in force from this time forward at all future state encampments, the funds de-

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Asheville Man Hurt In Wreck; 2 Youths Held

A. S. Moore Taken To Hospital Following Collision Monday Afternoon.

Following an automobile accident on the Shelby-Asheville highway about 6 o'clock Monday evening, A. S. Moore, railway car inspector whose home is in Asheville, was taken to a Shelby hospital for treatment while John Hill and "Peaches" Smith, young men of Kings Mountain, were placed in the Cleveland county jail. Charges were lodged against the defendants of driving an automobile in a reckless manner and operating an automobile while under the influence of whisky.

Bond was posted for the two Kings Mountain youths, one of whom is said to be the scion of a prominent and wealthy family there, Hill being required to furnish bail in the sum of \$500 and Smith in the sum of \$100.

Reports made to the office of Sheriff Allen indicate that a car driven by L. L. Merchant of Asheville and one driven by Hill were both going from this city to Asheville, Mr. Moore being an occupant of the Merchant car. When at a point about six miles from this city, it is alleged that the Kings Mountain youths attempted to pass the Merchant car at a high rate of speed and struck the other vehicle. Mr. Moore was badly hurt and the Merchant car damaged while the Kings Mountain car jumped across a six-foot ditch but was not badly damaged.

Mr. Moore was brought to the Shelby hospital where it was ascertained that he had suffered very painful, though not necessarily serious, injuries to his back and it is probable that he will be incapacitated for some time. No hearing of the case against the Kings Mountain defendants will be attempted until such time as the injured man is able to appear.

Sidelights ON THE King Case

Not in many months has there been as much public interest manifested in any event as was displayed by the people of Shelby following the conclusion of the King trial at Chester. There were telephone calls without number made to The Star office and the newspaper office was bombarded by visitors seeking to learn the latest.

Interest in the event was by no means confined to the men of the city and county, since many of the telephone calls made to this office were in feminine voices and many of the visitors calling in person were ladies. The ladies appeared to be as keenly interested as the men.

Numerous Shelby people were heard to remark that they would have been glad to make the journey from here to Chester had they considered that there was any bare possibility of a chance to hear Hon. Clyde R. Hoey make his argument before the South Carolina jury. Mr. Hoey's address is declared by the newspaper men "covering" the trial to have been a masterpiece of oratory. It is said that it was the finest oratorical attempt ever presented in a South Carolina court room.

The Shelby public, while some local citizens appeared to feel the newspapers had been a bit biased and prejudiced against King, all agreed that the press of this section had "covered" the trial just about as completely as was humanly possible. It would be difficult to estimate the number of words concerning the trial sent out by telegraph, telephone, mail and courier from Chester to all newspapers in North and South Carolina, as well as to more distant points.

WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY JULY 14TH

J. B. Porter will celebrate his birthday at his home five miles east of Shelby on July 14. Everybody is invited to attend with well filled baskets.

Rotes Prey To Kiwanis Club

Exciting Baseball Game At City Park Results In Score Of 15 To 2.

In a game marred by no casualties but watched with keenest interest by the supporters of the two teams, the Shelby Kiwanis club defeated the Rotary club at the Shelby baseball park yesterday afternoon by the decidedly decisive score of 15 to 2. The contest went only seven innings, and had it been a full nine inning affair it is probable that some of the players would have been confined to their beds today, if not under hospital treatment, due to their extreme physical efforts.

George Moore, who in his more youthful days was a star flinger for the Wake Forest college team, was on the mound for the Kiwanians and pitched stellar ball, while Oliver Anthony did the receiving. Pitching duties for the Rotarians were shared between Charles Hubbard and Dean Duncan and the catching for the Rotes was done by Dr. Schenck and C. B. McBrayer. The medico suffered an injury to one of his digits and had to retire from the game.

Horace Grigg for the Kiwanians wielded a mighty bat, smiting three long ones to distant parts of the field and he enacted the role of Babe Ruth to the entire satisfaction of the Kiwanis supporters. J. R. Robinson was umpire-in-chief of the fray and he was ably aided and abetted in this particular by Al Bennett and Ed Post. Contrary to general expectations, no efforts were made to commit mayhem upon the official arbiters.

Belwood Scouts Plan Outing On Thursday

Boy Scouts belong to the Belwood troop are asked to meet at the Belwood school house Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock to plan for an outing at Lakeview. All scouts are urged to attend and be in regulation uniform.

Facing Electrocution, But Rafe King Remains Calm



Mrs. Faye Wilson King Who Was Found Dead In An Outhouse On January 25th



Magazine Used Court House Night Scene

The picture of the Cleveland county court house at night with the flood of electric lights illuminating the sidewalks and shrubbery was made into the cover for a magazine issued by Crouse and Hinds company, of Syracuse, N. Y. Underneath is the title "Moonbeams in

the Night," a very striking title for the beautiful night scene, showing the beautiful court house through the trees with the moon shining in the background.

The cover page of this magazine was sent to The Star by Archie Galloway, now advertising manager of the Henry County Bulletin, a newspaper published at Martinsville, Va. Mr. Galloway formerly lived in Shelby and was advertising manager of Gilmer's department store.

MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL IS DENIED BY JUDGE HENRY

Defendant Manifests No Emotion As He Hears Words Of Jurist. Appeal Will Be Taken To South Carolina Supreme Court By Defense Attorneys. Jury Deliberated Only Brief Period.

(By ERNEST JACKSON.)
(Special Star Correspondent.)

Court House, Chester, S. C., July 10. (10:45.)—Rafe King, convicted here late yesterday of the murder of his wife, was sentenced by Judge J. K. Henry here today to die in the electric chair at Columbia, Friday, September 20.

Sentence was passed after Judge Henry had overruled the motion of the defense for a new trial.

Calm and composed, King went in the prisoner's dock at 1:59 and never flinched when he heard his doom pronounced.

While making no announcement in open court at this hour, defense attorneys said an appeal to the state supreme court would be made for a new trial.

Notice Of Appeal Is Given.

Attorneys Clyde R. Hoey and B. T. Falls, Shelby lawyers who were strong counsel for the defendant, came to Shelby last night and consequently were not in court this morning to argue for a new trial, leaving that to their associate counsel.

Both Hoey and Falls stated this morning that since the motion for a new trial was not granted by Judge Henry, notice of appeal to the supreme court was made, which is the last resort to save King from the electric chair.

Exceptions to certain evidence were taken a number of times during the trial and at the close exceptions were noted to the jury charge by Judge Henry, so the defendant counsel will go before the supreme court in October, or late fall in the hope of getting a new trial.

The appeal to the supreme court of course stays the execution of King, September 20, until a decision can be reached from that higher tribunal. Both Hoey and Falls are confident that they can win a new trial before the supreme court.

Court Room, Chester, S. C., July 9 (6:45).—"Guilty," was the verdict rendered by the jury at 6:27 this evening in the Rafe King murder case.

"Your honor will please note a motion for a new trial and we would like a time fixed now for hearing the motion," said Thomas F. McDow of King's counsel.

Judge Henry named 9:30 in the morning as the time for hearing arguments on the motion.

HOLDS IRON NERVE.

King's iron nerve and composure did not desert him when the verdict was read. After hearing it he even smiled slightly.

His father W. Pink King, who was seated immediately back of him, gave him a warm hand clasp and said something in an undertone that no one else could hear.

The jury indicated at 6:05 its desire to report a verdict, but Judge Henry had left the courtroom and had to be summoned from his home.

The verdict carries with it a sentence of death in the electric chair. The notice of an appeal for a new trial automatically stayed the imposing of the death sentence by Judge Henry.

The courtroom was jammed when the verdict was read. Gentleman of the jury have you agreed on a verdict, inquired Clerk of Court J. E. Cornwell, after everything was ready for hearing the jury's decision.

"We have," announced R. L. Crook, foreman. The verdict was then handed the clerk of the court who read it in the mist of breathless silence.

No demonstration occurred when the verdict was announced.

Jurors reported they discussed the case for an hour before endeavoring to reach a decision. On the first ballot, eight stood for conviction for first degree and four for recommending mercy. On the second, the count was 10 and two and on the third it was unanimous.

Charge By Judge Occupied Hour

Chester, S. C., July 9.—The jury in the King murder case retired at 4:06 this afternoon to deliberate on a verdict. Judge Henry's charge occupied an hour and four minutes. When the verdict will be returned is purely a matter of conjecture.

Judge Henry's charge to the jury was a comprehensive explanation of the law applying to the case. In plain but forceful language he defined murder and manslaughter. He gave illustrations of many of the points he brought out.

For the state to convict a man of murder, he said it was necessary to prove a motive for the crime.

Discussing circumstantial evidence, Judge Henry said there are three principles governing evidence of this kind. These are:

- (1) The circumstances must be established to a moral certainty.
- (2) The circumstances must be consistent with each other. One must not point one way and one another way.

(3) They must all point not only in one direction but must point so unerringly to the guilt of the defendant as to leave room for no other reasonable conclusion.

(4) Judge Henry told the jury he could not comment on the testimony, he could only lay down the law.

The courtroom was jammed to capacity throughout the charge. Rafe King, seated beside his sister, Mrs. Moss, of Shelby, showed no signs of nervousness during the charge nor when the jury retired.

Persons who have heard the entire trial have expressed the opinion that the defendant's chances for acquittal were much better after the eloquent and masterful argument to the jury this morning by Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby. It was said by hundreds to be the ablest effort of the kind they had ever heard. Mr. Hoey was kept busy during the noon recess acknowledging congratulations.