

The Markets. Cotton, per pound 19c Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2

Cloudy Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, followed by thunderstorms Saturday in extreme west portion. Slightly warmer Saturday in central and west portions.

Bishop Will Talk. Today's Washington dispatches state that Bishop Cannon has written Attorney General Mitchell stating that he is willing to turn over all facts in connection with his personal contributions and operations of the Methodist temperance board during the campaign of 1928 to defeat the Democratic presidential candidate, Al Smith. His statement came in reply to Congressman Tinkham's charge that money loaned the anti-Smith campaign might not have been the bishop's own money.

List Teachers For Schools In City This Year

Official List Of School Marms Made Public By Local School Officials.

A complete list of the teachers for the city schools of Shelby for the approaching term opening Sept. 9 has been made public by school officials. This list follows:

Washington school—Agnes, McBrayer, Shelby; Mrs. Marion Nash, Shelby; Mrs. M. Tiddy, Shelby; Miss Ruby McDonald, Anderson, S. C.; Augusta Alexander, Shelby; Clara Edwards, Marion; Mrs. Frank Kendall, Shelby.

Marion school—Laura Cornwell, Shelby; Ann Hamrick, Shelby; Mary Crowell, Forest City; Mrs. Ed McCurry, Shelby; Minnie E. Roberts, Shelby; Lucy Hamrick, Shelby; Alpha Gettys, Shelby.

Jefferson school—Mrs. G. P. Hamrick, principal, Shelby; Elizabeth Suttle, Shelby; Madge DePriest, Shelby; Sedalia Probst, Shelby; Margaret Cooper, Maysville, S. C.; Nita Winkler, Boone; Mrs. C. S. New, Shelby.

LaFayette school—Mrs. Beuna Bostic, Shelby; Mrs. Brevard Hennessy, Shelby; Mrs. Ruth Plaster, Shelby; Lucille Nix, Shelby; Mrs. Clyde Nolan, Shelby; Pearl Tweed, Weaverville; Jessie M. Mackie, Granite Falls.

Graham school—Bernice Jones, Laurens, S. C.; Mrs. Mae Connor, Shelby; Ettalie Moses, Shelby; Evelyn Wilkins, Goldsboro; Thelma Young, Shelby; Isobel Hoey, Shelby; M. H. Randolph, Shelby.

Morgan school—Selma Webb, Shelby; Mae Connor, Shelby; Nora Cornwell, Shelby; Mrs. Kimmie Falls, Shelby; Miss Mary Mardy Chase City, Va.; Mrs. Wm. Osborne, Shelby; Sarah Austell, Shelby; Josephine Ramsey, Polkville; Kathleen Nolan, Shelby; Winnie Blanton, Shelby; Nancy Bagwell, Clinton, S. C.

High school Mrs. R. W. Morris, Shelby; Alice Brunson, Florence, S. C.; Sara Cowan, Rutherfordton; Mrs. Renn Drum, Shelby; Mrs. Eulab Bennett, Shelby; T. B. Falls, Shelby; J. V. Irvin, Shelby; V. C. Mason, Shelby; E. R. Smith, China Grove; Amelia Stephenson, Bolivar; R. W. Morris, Shelby; Emily Spivey, Eatonton, Ga.; Rosina Pearl, Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Robert Hord, Shelby; Mrs. Mary L. Doggett, Shelby; Ruby Pryor, Princeton, Ky.

High school principal: W. E. Abernethy, Hickory; superintendent, B. L. Smith.

Physician Depicts Need Of Healthy Tots Over Section

At today's session of the Shelby Rotary club Dr. Ben Goddard spoke on children with defective bodies and made a strong plea for better health work among the children of Shelby and Cleveland county.

"If we expect to have smart children, we must first of all have healthy children," he declared. "Many of our children are receiving low grades at school because of bad eyes, bad feet, tubercular germs, and other defects of the body."

Drum And Casey Home From Tour

Renn Drum, local editor of The Star and Casey Morris, athletic director of the Shelby high school, accompanied by their wives, returned last Wednesday night from a five weeks' motor trip to the Pacific coast, going the southern route and returning by Chicago. They traveled a distance of 8,800 miles and had a most delightful trip, visiting the places of interest in the great west and northwest and touching 33 states.

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Gardner Explains, Praises Lowering N. C. Taxes

"Tell World I'm Not Guilty" Says King, Depicts Prison Life

King Being Treated Well In State Prison And Has Hopes Of A New Trial.

"I am able to tell the world I am not guilty of the crime they accuse me of," writes Rafe King to his friend Buck Hardin.

King, condemned for wife murder is now in the South Carolina pen, awaiting a possible new trial, and Buck Hardin, his friend in Shelby, has grown gray headed, where he isn't bald, working for this newspaper.

King writes an optimistic letter to his friend. He says he is well treated in the pen, where he has plenty to eat, a nice place to sleep, and is given the privilege now and then of playing a game of ball.

His letter reveals the fact that he has it in good and strong for the newspapers, that he accuses of lying about him wholesale.

The letter follows: King's Letter. 1515 Gist street, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Buck: I received The Star all O. K., and glad to get it and hear what is going on. Well I guess things are kind of quiet now since they got me in the pen. Well, Buck, I can say I feel just like I did before the trial. I knew there were going to be lots of lies told, and there were, but that does not make me guilty.

I am able to tell the world I am not guilty of the crime that they accuse me of. And I will live up to it, and prove to the world just who I am. I am just the same old Tommie, and I feel as good as ever. And we who are down here are getting plenty to eat and a good clean place to sleep.

We get four afternoons each week to go out on the ball park and play. We get all we want to read, smoke, and can buy anything we need at the canteen out in the yard. So we are getting along all O. K. And have plenty of company in here. We have a good captain who runs the pen notwithstanding the newspapers. They have printed a thousand lies about me and how I am being treated. I am satisfied, so the people outside ought to be. I know my feelings better than anyone else, and if I get a fair trial next time, I will prove to them that I am a man, and newspapers can't kill a man by talking about him. If so I would have been dead.

Well, Buck, tell all my friends I am well and feeling as good as ever, and I am not worrying about how I am being treated in here. I like it much better than a jail. If I have got to stay in either place for awhile for nothing.

Well, I close for this time, and if any one of my friends want to write to me tell them they can. And give them all my best regards. Love to wife and babies. Your friend, RAPE.

Mrs. Ernest Hoey is spending today in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Worth Silvers, C. A. and C. E. Morrison are visiting in Charleston, S. C.

Miss Mary Reeves Forney is visiting her aunt, Mrs. O. J. Holler, near Rutherfordton, this week.

Webb Brothers Golfing Team Invades Charlotte Saturday

Pete and "Snook" Webb, Shelby's youthful golf experts who have possessed a daring, open challenge to any and all public swingers in the world, will visit Charlotte tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, for a return contest with the two crack Charlotte golfers they defeated here last Saturday.

The contest will be staged over the attractive country club course at Charlotte, and the opponents of the Webb boys will be Irwin Laxton, former junior Carolinas champion; and Freddy McCanness. This pair was licked two up in Shelby last Saturday by the Webb boys, and the local youngsters, one of whom wears the Carolinas crown, having won it from the other, are

Passenger Plane Forced Down In Kings Mt. Today

Six Passengers Unhurt When Big Plane Makes Forced Landing At Kings Mountain.

Kings Mountain, Aug. 9.—A big amphibian plane, with six people aboard, made a forced landing shortly after noon today just southwest of Kings Mountain when the motor stopped in midair.

Although the plane was considerably smashed up after being forced to "coast" to earth the pilot and his six passengers were not injured.

The plane, a Keystone-Loeving, en route from New York to Louisiana, left Richmond early this morning. Just at the noon hour Kings Mountain residents heard the whirring motors of the big passenger plane overhead, and just as they looked up they heard the big motor stop and noticed some signs of distress. The pilot, however, maneuvered his dead-motor plane in magnificent manner and although the amphibian makeup of the plane made a forced landing difficult he brought his human cargo to earth without injuries.

At an early hour this afternoon the mechanic had not completely finished his investigation, but it is thought that a gas line became plugged. The plane was apparently new.

The main damage was to the low landing gear and the wing tips. The plane will likely be forced to remain in Kings Mountain until about Sunday until parts arrive from New York and repairs are made.

The exact location of the land was southwest of town between the Grover and Shelby highways.

Rev. Will Wray Dies Suddenly

Native Of Shelby And Pastor Of Ellenboro, Ga., Dies Suddenly In Florida.

According to a letter received this morning by Mrs. S. A. McMurry, a cousin, Rev. Will Wray who for many years was pastor of the Baptist church at Ellenboro, Ga., died suddenly Wednesday at Daytona Beach, Fla., where he was on vacation. Mr. Wray is a son of the late Arthur Wray who was a sister of Mrs. C. B. Suttle now living on West Marion street. He has many relatives and friends in Shelby to whom the news of his death comes as a great shock.

Rev. Mr. Wray was a man about 50 years of age and has held important pastorates in various southern cities. He has filled the pulpit on several occasions at the First Baptist church, Shelby. It is understood his remains are being taken to his home at Ellenboro for interment.

Outside Aid May Be Lacking For A County Farm Agent

Since the county commissioners and the state extension department have been unable to reach an agreement on a county farm agent to succeed Alvin Hardin who recently resigned in this county, the state and federal aid which has been coming to the county to the amount of \$17,000 a year, may be allotted to some other county and Cleveland would be left in the cold, says Mr. E. L. Millsaps, district farm agent of Statesville.

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Gaines, College President, Will Speak Twice In Shelby On Sunday



Dr. F. P. Gaines, president of Wake Forest college, will speak to the Men's Bible class at the Shelby First Baptist church Sunday at 10 o'clock, and will fill Dr. Zeno Wall's First Baptist pulpit at 11. All Wake Forest men in Cleveland and adjoining counties are urged to attend both services. Dr. Gaines succeeded Dr. W. L. Potest as president of Wake Forest two years ago and is a brilliant speaker. He has spoken here once before at a Kiwanis club meeting and his address was one of the most charming of the year. No evening service.

Large Cotton Crop Predicted In New Estimate

Million More Bales Than Last Year Forecast And Prices Take Tumble.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The first government cotton estimate of the year yesterday, which forecast a million more bales than last year, sent cotton down \$3 per bale on the New York exchange yesterday.

The department of agriculture in announcing its first forecast this season on the size of the crop said the August 1 condition indicated a production of 15,543,000 bales. Last year's crop was 14,478,000 bales.

The crop reporting board, in determining the probable yields, made of acreage and for probable loss due to the boll weevil in accordance with its current reports on weevil activity.

The August 1 condition of the North Carolina crop was described as follows: North Carolina: The crop looks good due to abundance of squares, blooms and small bolls, but the presence of heavy weevil infestation threatens to reduce this favorable condition seriously. Cultivation has been good and temperatures favorable, but rainfall has been somewhat excessive.

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E. L. Millsaps, District Agent, Says Money May Go To Another County.

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Eastside And Union To Clash Here Saturday

Dover And Knob Creek In Second Game Of County League Double Bill.

The Shelby double-header at the city park here Saturday afternoon in the Cleveland county league will see the strong Eastside team taking on Union in one contest of the double bill and Dover-Oran playing Knob Creek in the other game.

The Union outfit is determined to lower the standing of the Eastsiders, who are tied with the Cleveland Cloth for the league lead, and Knob Creek will battle to climb from the club's cellar berth by getting on even terms with the Dover-Oran sluggers.

Other Games. The two other games in the county loop will be played at Boiling Springs and Lawndale with Lily Mill facing the tossers of the Baptist college town and the strong Cloth mill team playing Lawndale before the home-town fans of the Lawndale boys.

Sherrill Hamrick, the high school ace, will likely take the mound for Eastside to help keep the east Shelby crew at the top of the league heap, but the Union boys from up in his home section have their willows tuned up to end the game in another style.

The Knob Creek-Dover-Oran contest is expected to be a nip-and-tuck tussle since the teams are pretty well matched.

Play Good Ball. Each week sees the brand of play in the county loop improve and from now on until the end of the season fans of the horsehide pastime will likely be served up an entertaining dish of diamond doings.

Charlotte Outfit Knocks One-Armed Hurler From Mound

Not satisfied with having won their last two Twilight games in Charlotte, Paris Green brought his slugging pack of Charlotte Seaboard ball tossers here Thursday and downed the Cleveland Cloth club 8 to 7 in a 15 inning conflict.

The Railwaymen sent Norman, one arm, one leg, hurling ace of Shelby, to the showers in the third canto but could do nothing with his successor, Bunn, until the 15th when they shoved over a couple of runs to win the game.

Falls Reunion To Be Held August 17

The annual Falls reunion will be held Saturday, August 17th the home of Squire J. Z. Falls on West Marion street. It will be an all-day affair and all friends and relatives are invited to be present with dinner baskets. The Falls family and friends have gathered in annual reunion for the past five years.

County Schools Get \$104,000 This Year From State Funds; \$7,221 More Than Last Year

Because of the increased appropriation from the state treasury for the school equalization fund, Cleveland county will receive this year \$104,221.05 which is \$57,221 more than last year when our school system received \$47,000 for school purposes.

When Governor Gardner went into office, he decided to urge a lowering of the tax rate on real estate. To do this, the tax on corporate wealth was increased to the end that a general tax reduction is possible all over North Carolina.

In Cleveland county the tax rate will come down 15c on the \$100 property valuation which is arrived at in this manner: By receiving \$57,221 more for education in Cleveland county, a corresponding reduction is made in the tax rate. Taxable wealth in the county is 38 millions. Fifteen cents off on the \$100 cuts the total amount of county taxes \$57,000, the amount of the increase from the state over the previous year.

This state aid for schools will benefit the 11 eight months schools in the county in the following manner, said Governor Gardner in his speech last night before the Kiwanis club:

Table with 3 columns: School Name, State Funds, Deficit. Rows include Grover, Waco, Lattimore, Mooresboro, No. 8 Township, Piedmont, Fallston, Belwood, Casar, Kings Mountains, Shelby, Total District Funds, 8 Months Term, Six Months Term Fund, Improving Teacher Personnel, Total For This Year For Educational Purposes, State School Aid 1928, Increased 1929 Over 1928 For County Schools.

Total For This Year For Educational Purposes \$104,221.05 State School Aid 1928 49,000.00

Increased 1929 Over 1928 For County Schools 57,221.00

To the above total should be added \$35,000 which the county will receive from the state on the one cent a gallon increase on the gasoline tax, which makes a grand total of \$92,221 which Cleveland county will receive this year above last year.

The county tax rate, therefore for schools will be cut from 60c to 54c and for county purposes from 28c to 19c, reducing the county rate from 88c basis last year to 73c this year. This compares with \$1.35 county rate in Lincoln, about 95c in Gaston and \$1.41 in Rutherford county.

Mr. Wootton New Manager Of King's. Mr. J. G. Wootton who operated the Cleveland Commercial college in the Woolworth building here for several months, has gone to Reidsville, his native home, where he is manager of the King's Business college. Mr. Wootton has assumed his duties as manager of the branch of this state organization and his wife who has been in Shelby, will move to Reidsville Saturday to join him. Mr. Wootton is a man of wide experience as a teacher of commercial courses.

County Farmers To Sell More Poultry

More Cleveland county poultry will be turned into cash here Wednesday of next week when another poultry car will be loaded at the Seaboard depot with poultry purchased from the chicken and cotton farmers of this county. The car will be brought here by the Eagle Poultry company, according to an announcement by Mr. Alvin Hardin, and prices to be paid are listed in an advertisement in The Star today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Morrison and Miss Louise Morrison leave Sunday for Snow Hill and Colrain Beach, where they will spend a week. Miss Louise will be gone about three weeks.

City Officials Here To Pay For Own Lights And Water Now

Ruling Made By Mayor And Alderman In Regular Meeting Tuesday Night.

City officials, that is the mayor, aldermen and heads of various departments of the city, must pay for water and lights hereafter, it was ordered at the regular meeting of the officials Tuesday night. In the case of departmental heads, the city has heretofore been paying for telephone in some homes, but this practice has been discontinued under the new administration and all officials who have been receiving water, and telephone services free, will be required to pay for such services.

The city officials did not take this action as a cut in the pay of officials, but thought it would allay much criticism that has been made. In some cases, the pay of these officials was slightly increased to give them sufficient revenue to pay for these services which they have been receiving without charge.

Cleveland County Lowest In State For County Taxes

Governor Gives High Praise To Business Management Of Home County In Address.

Governor Max Gardner who is here on a short vacation, addressed the Kiwanis club last night in his regular weekly meeting at Cleveland Springs, devoting his subject to the tax reduction as it affects Cleveland county. Governor Gardner's first effort after he went to Raleigh was to bring about more state aid for the struggling schools in districts where the property is not of sufficient value to warrant the longer term without a tax levy, that is burdensome.

"Cleveland county will be able to make a tax reduction of 15c on the \$100 because of this state aid and in Cleveland county the reduction would be greater if it were not for the fact that school authorities have done like them in many other places throughout the state, created a deficit which must be wiped out," said Governor Gardner.

Governor Gardner considers this increased state aid for schools one of the major achievements of his administration so far and pointed out last night just how the various schools of the county will share in this increased appropriation. He said in part:

"I am very happy to be privileged to again meet with the Kiwanis club of Shelby. Some of the most delightful days of my life were spent in its social and constructive programs.

"I have no prepared address but I thought you would probably be interested in some phase of the taxation program of my administration as it relates to Cleveland county. As you recall, I urged the general assembly to make a reduction of property tax in North Carolina with special emphasis on roads and public education. After a long struggle, this reduction was actually accomplished. It may be of interest to you to know how this reduction has reflected itself in Cleveland county, \$104,221 From State.

"In 1928 Cleveland county received \$47,000 from the state equalization fund for the six months school term. This year Cleveland county will receive \$82,506.17 from the state for the six months term and in addition will receive \$18,234.88 for the benefit of the various school districts of the county enjoying the eight months' term and \$3,480.00 for improving teaching personnel. In other words, Cleveland county will receive in addition to the \$47,000 that it received last year, an extra sum of \$57,221 for public education and will also receive \$35,000 from the gasoline tax for road purposes. This is to say, Cleveland county, in 1929, will receive from the state for schools and roads \$92,221.05 more than it received in 1928 and every dollar of this large sum is being reflected in either a tax reduction or in the payment of a deficit of schools. The effect of this increased state aid has been appreciated by our county commissioners in a tax reduction of 15c on the \$100 of property value or a total tax reduction for Cleveland county of \$37,000 on property for this year. This reduction has been affected by our commissioners by a reduction of 6c on the six months' term, 8c on the debt service represented by interest on bonds and bond maturity, and a reduction on levy for bridges. The tax rate in Cleveland county for 1929, for county purposes, will be 73c instead of 88c and if we take the levy off for schools we only have 19c remaining for other county purposes. I regard this as a remarkable record and I believe that Cleveland county today is levying the lowest taxes of any county in the state for purely county purposes. It is evidence also of good management and wise leadership. This county has been remarkably free from the slightest vestige of graft and corruption.

MAUNEY REUNION THURSDAY THE 15TH

We are asked to say for Mr. Hunter Mauney that the annual Mauney reunion will be held at Old Tryon court house site next Thursday, August 15th. This is the old home place of Christian Mauney and the reunions have been held here for a long number of years. A prominent speaker is being arranged for. All Mauney connections are invited to attend and carry their dinner.

E. P. BRIDGES IS NEW EAGLE STORE MANAGER

Kings Mountain Herald. Mr. E. P. Bridges has moved here from Shelby and has become manager for the Eagle 5, 10 and 25c store. Mr. Bridges and his wife are fine musicians and do singing for revival meetings occasionally.

Praise For Mr. Mull

"Representative Mull was a great assistance to me in securing the \$18,234.88 for the special districts of the county and the state board of equalization has divided this sum in such a manner as to give relief where relief was needed most of where the tax burden was heaviest. For instance the Belwood district receives \$2,455.63; Casar \$1,189.55; Fallston \$1,309.79; Lattimore \$1,761.53; Piedmont \$539.31; Kings Mountain \$2,586.17; Shelby \$5,438.38.

Fine Business Heads. "A number of these schools have been operating at a cost below the revenue collected and have accumulated a deficit. If it had not been for this additional appropriation..." (Continued on page eight.)