

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

Rain Tonight. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy with local thundershowers this afternoon or tonight in central and west portions. Thursday fair in central and west regions. Showers in extreme east. Cooler Thursday in west.

Snook Verdict Soon. Columbus, Ohio.—The first degree murder case against Dr. James H. Snook, former college professor, confessed slayer of Theora K. Hix, his 24-year-old coed mistress, will reach the jury of 11 men and one woman today, and an early verdict is anticipated.

"Cotton Show" For Fair Here

Local Ladies To Stage Fashion Show Parade Boosting Cotton Garments For Fair.

One of the most interesting features for the forthcoming Cleveland County Fair which begins Sept. 24 and runs to Sept. 28th, inclusive, will be a "cotton show" to be held on Governor's Day, Friday, Sept. 27th when Governor Gardner will return for the fair. It will be staged by an organization of ladies throughout the county to stimulate the use of cotton goods for wearing apparel and consequently work to the benefit of the cotton farmer of the south.

Various types and styles of cotton garments will be displayed and valuable prizes offered. Rules and regulations governing the cotton show will be made public shortly, whereby prizes will be awarded to the makers of cotton garments which will be worn by living models and displayed from a platform in front of the grand stand on Governor's Day. Garments may be made by one and worn by another and there is no rule compelling the contestants to buy locally manufactured goods. The one and main requirement will be that all garments must be made at home, not bought ready-made, and that these garments must be made entirely of cotton. It is thought that prizes will be offered for house dress, street apparel, evening dress, aprons, wraps, etc.

It is understood from the ladies sponsoring this "cotton show" that prizes totaling several hundred dollars will be offered and that much interest is being manifested in all parts of the county by women who sew and plan to enter the contests with garments. Cleveland county's prettiest models will be used to display the garments.

Star Misinformed As to Working Hours

Monday's Star carried a news item in which it was stated that all of the cotton textile plants in Shelby were working on a 55 hour week schedule. Following the reported cut in working hours from 60 to 55 weekly by the Gaston county yarn mills, The Star sought to know the schedule in Shelby and a prominent business man closely connected with the textile industry here replied that the local plants were all on a 55 hour schedule, but a re-check this morning reveals that he was incorrect. The Star regrets this error—the error not being intentional on the part of The Star or the paper's source of information. As a matter of fact, night work for women is limited by law to 55 hours and day and night work to men 60 hours and all plants are within the law. With business conditions such as they are, most of the plants are on a curtailment program, varying in different mills.

"Across America And Back"; Read Renn Drum's Tale

Readers of The Star are offered a treat in a series of travel articles written by Renn Drum, local editor of The Star who has just returned from a five week motor trip across the continent and back. The first installment appeared Monday. Today's installment takes one across the Gila desert where the heat is so intense, it actually cools water and one can't raise a sweat; it describes jackrabbits and then follows a description of great Western paradises of vineyards, orange groves, apricot orchards and forests—that spot said to contain the world's greatest natural beauty.

Pick up Monday's issue and begin at the beginning—follow Mr. Drum and his party in today's Star and read his forthcoming articles that are appearing exclusively in The Star.—(The Editor.)

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County Debt Here Remarkably Small Amount

Cook, Former Shelby Policeman, Kills Self At Albermarle

Expired Last Night; Left No Reason For It

Shot Self Near Albermarle Home. Died In Hospital At Albermarle.

H. Lee Cook, a member of the Shelby police force until last March, died at 11 o'clock last night in an Albermarle hospital from a self-inflicted pistol wound which he fired into his left temple about 6:30 yesterday evening. The Star learned at noon today by long distance telephone.

No Explanation. The former policeman, who served on blue-coat forces at Salisbury and Shelby for years, left no explanation for his suicide. His father and brother when questioned answered only one word "trouble."

Cook, well known in Shelby as a policeman serving during the Dorsy administration and finally discharged, has not had regular work since leaving here, it is understood. At the time of his death he was living with a brother about three miles from Albermarle.

In Patch Of Woods. Albermarle dispatches today had it that the shooting took place in a clump of woods near the Scalebark service station west of Albermarle. A .38 calibre gun was used and the shot was fired with the left hand. Police Chief Poston and others in Shelby recall that Cook was left-handed.

The bullet, according to Coroner I. M. Lefler, of Stany county, entered the left temple and emerged only about two inches from where it entered.

Left Home Twice. Information secured at the Cook home was that he left his wife and others at his brother's home yesterday afternoon. Shortly after he returned and left again. Some time later a pistol at the service station was missed, then a shot was heard in the clump of trees nearby. Rushing to the scene those who heard the shot found the former officer dying. He was rushed to the hospital but never regained consciousness.

It was said that he had not been working recently. Wife And Children. He is survived by his wife, three children, a brother, and his father, J. A. Cook.

For eight years he was a policeman at Salisbury and Spencer, coming to Shelby two years ago, and serving on the force here as patrolman and traffic officer until last March.

Smelled Whiskey. Newspaper dispatches quote the Stany coroner with saying that he thought he could detect the odor of whiskey about the fatally wounded man when he was summoned. The funeral is scheduled for this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at St. Martin's Lutheran church on the Oakboro road.

Juniors To Picnic. Members of Shelby Council No. 436 Jr. O. U. A. M. will have an ice cream picnic and speaking at Zoar church ground on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, August 17. All members of the council and their families are urged to be present. Good music and singing.

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Directors To Hear Several Protests. Schedule For Remainder Of Season. A meeting of the managers of the eight clubs in the Cleveland County Baseball League has been called for Thursday night of this week at 7:30 in The Star office by the league president, J. R. Robinson.

Several details in connection with the business side of the league are to be worked out, while decisions are to be rendered on protest games to date. All managers and club officials are urged to attend. Remaining Schedule. Three more games are booked before the league closes its season. Saturday the four teams playing in the double-header in Shelby will be the Lily Mill and Lawndale clubs opposing each other with the league-leading Cleveland Cloth outfit meeting Bolling Springs. Eastside will play at Knob Creek Saturday afternoon, and the Dover-Ora team will play Union at the Union park.

Potter's Field May Get Body Of Mystery Man

Relatives Of Man Who Died Here Sunday Night Cannot Be Located.

Fred W. Andrews, mysterious unknown, who died here Sunday night with an attack of acute indigestion after eating a watermelon, may be buried today in "Potter's Field," burial place of paupers and the unclaimed, in the county home vicinity.

This was the information given out at noon today from the Lutz & Jackson funeral home, where Andrews' body is, and where every effort has been made to locate relatives of the dead man about which little was known by Shelby people.

County Willing. At the court house today it was stated that County Manager A. E. Cline had declared that if no relatives could be located the county would provide a casket and give decent burial to the unknown in "Potter's Field"—that grim spot where the friendless and homeless are placed for their last sleep once their wanderings and vicissitudes are at an end.

Never Heard Of Him. Andrews died at the home of Charlie Williams in South Shelby, where he was a guest from Friday until his death Sunday night. Information reaching officers and the undertaking parlor had it that the deceased, a man about 50 years of age, had uncles at both Spartanburg and Rutherford. However, Sheriff Allen who got in touch with members of the Andrews family in both cities was told that they had never heard of the man who is likely to go to a pauper's grave here.

Today another report had it that the man once worked in the dead letter office at Washington and a telegram has been forwarded there with the hope of locating some of his relatives. If this lead fails, the gray-haired fellow who made Shelby his home for his last days will sleep with the other forgotten unknowns.

Princess Under New Management Here On Thursday

D. and R. Amusement Co. Of Charlotte Begin Five Year Lease On Local Theatre.

The D. and R. Amusement company of Charlotte will formally take over the Princess Theatre on Thursday of this week, operating the same under a five year lease which was closed with the owners, Zeb and Enos Beam. The name Princess will be retained and the price of admission reduced to ten and twenty cents. On Wednesday of each week, a "bargain day" will be held, when the admission to every body will be ten cents. Silent pictures will be run.

The D. and R. Amusement company has E. F. Dardine as its president and J. A. Reynolds as its vice president. Mr. C. L. Henry who has been associated with a number of leading theatres will be the local manager and Mr. Henry arrived this week and assumed his new duties. The Beams who built the Princess and operated it for a number of years will devote their time to the operation of the Lyric and attend to other business affairs which demand their attention.

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On Bench For Quarter Century, To Retire Now



JUDGE JAMES L. WEBB —Star Photo.

Veteran Judge, James L. Webb Retires In 1930

Shelby Man Is Dean Of State's Veteran Jurists. On Bench Quarter Of Century.

Next spring the Democrats of the 16th judicial district composed of Cleveland and four adjoining counties, will be faced with the task of electing a new superior court judge for the first time in a quarter of a century.

On the last day of 1930 Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, will complete his term and his 25th year on the superior court bench, and in an interview with The Star today the veteran jurist, who is well known and loved throughout the entire state, stated that "a quarter of a century is a good time for a man to serve his state on one job, and I have definitely decided (Continued on page ten.)

Ten County Couples Marry In Gaffney

Near Half Of Gaffney Marriages Come From Cleveland County.

Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup, of Gaffney, S. C., who is the "marrying magistrate" of that Gretna Green, could successfully retain his title even if he married only Cleveland county couples.

Last week Judge Stroup married 27 couples and 10 of the 27 were from Cleveland county.

The Cleveland county couples listed by The Gaffney Ledger were: William Byers and Gladys Grier, of Kings Mountain; Wirth Oakes, of Shelby, and Eva Wilson, of Lattimore; Paul Blanton and Lucy Mae Francis, of Shelby; Joe S. Bagwell, of Mooresboro, and Bessie Robbs, of Gaffney; Leon Batchelor, of Grover, and Lillian Jenkins, of Cherokee Falls; Glenn Meade and Flossie Costner, of Belwood; Dennis Chapman of Lawndale, and Pearl Hull, of Belwood; Darwin Wilkie and Annie Bell Nix, of Shelby; Hurshul Moore and Bulna Lindsey, of Shelby; Berry Swink and Blobay Holtzlag, of Casar.

One Aged Couple. Gaffney, S. C.—The marriage here last week of an aged couple from Cleveland county, North Carolina, was followed Saturday by a second wedding in which the bride and bridegroom were both past the three score mark. The couple was W. M. Wheelchel, better known as "Billy Martin" Wheelchel, who gave his age as 75, and Mrs. Georgia Phillips, who said she was 60. "I figure I haven't much longer to live and I believe I might as well have the company of a good woman during my last days," Wheelchel told Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup when he went to his office to buy the marriage license.

City Dads Turn 'Thumbs Down' On Music Coin

Unable To Give \$1,500 Towards Salary Of Sinclair, Band Instructor.

The city fathers of Shelby, faced with a boosted tax rate and financial cramps in the city treasury, today practically turned thumbs down upon the plea for a city appropriation of \$1,500 towards the salary this fall of Prof. W. T. Sinclair, band and orchestra instructor in the Shelby high school and the man who lead the high school band to state honors.

A final appeal to the city council was made at a special meeting last night by leading women of the city and representatives of various civic organizations. After the pleas were heard the council did not make immediate answer but decided to think it over, although they were not very encouraging in the face of the city's financial straits. The definite answer was scheduled to be tendered today and at the City Hall this morning The Star understood that the breaking of the news would be in the form of a gentle "No."

Personally Willing. The aldermen, the understanding is, readily admit that they would like to have Prof. Sinclair back and are willing as private citizens and individuals to dig into their own pockets and help pay the additional salary above the school scale which is required to get the music teacher back. But to take it from city funds is another matter, as they look at it. As things stand, they can rarely see their way clear to do it since the governing regime is of the opinion that city expenses are high enough and that the general run of taxpayers are ready to draw the line on every expenditure possible.

The Delegation. The delegation appearing before the council and making the plea included Mrs. Rush Thompson, head of the Parent-Teachers association; Mrs. John W. Harbison, representing the Woman's club; Dr. E. B. Lattimore, representing the Kiwanis club; Mr. Carl Thompson, head of the Rotary club; and Mr. Henry Mills, representing the Merchants' association.

So, as conditions are now, the return of Prof. Sinclair is doubtful unless other measures are provided to take care of his salary or he takes the chance of private tuition from his pupils. However, it is learned that those desiring his return still are hopeful that the city fathers will make some contribution toward his salary even though they find themselves unable to tender the \$1,500 asked for.

Young Has Prettiest Cotton In Carolina

C. S. Young, wholesale grocer, but a real farmer by training, has the "prettiest cotton in North Carolina" declared Governor Max Gardner a few days ago. Governor Gardner has been well over North Carolina and is a close observer of crop conditions. While back home on a short visit he made trips to various sections of the county and declares that "Charlie Young has 150 acres just west of Shelby which will outstrip anything I have seen in the state." Mr. Young is one of a number of farmers in this section who planted the 1,000 acres in Coker's pedigree seed.

Orphans To Sing At Two Places Here

Children from the Methodist Protestant Children's Home at High Point with Dr. A. G. Dixon, superintendent, will give a program at Oak Grove Methodist church Sunday afternoon Aug. 18th at 3 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to hear these orphan children. And children from the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford, supported by the Masons of North Carolina will sing in the Masonic Hall in Shelby Friday evening of this week. The singing class of the Oxford orphanage will give a concert in Masonic temple here Friday night.

Next Convention Of North Carolina Juniors May Be Held Here In 1930

More Than 1,000 Juniors In Cleveland County Want Big Convention.

The 1930 convention of the North Carolina Junior Order United American Mechanics may be held in Shelby.

At least a good delegation of Juniors from Shelby and Cleveland county will journey down to the state convention at High Point on August 20 and present the invitation for the next state session to be held here, according to District Deputy Ed Dixon, of Shelby who is the high official for the Juniors of four counties.

If the local delegation gets its invitation accepted, and chances are good, it will be another convention to add to Shelby's revived reputation as one of Carolina's chief convention cities.

Many Juniors Here. In recent months 600 new members have been taken in by the Shelby order and at the present some of the largest and most active orders in the state are located in Cleveland county, with the Shelby and Lattimore orders leading.

"There are more than 1,000 Juniors in Cleveland county," says District Deputy Dixon, "and there are hundreds more in the other counties of my district. Every Junior in the district, I believe, will do his bit to help bring the convention to Shelby."

Thief Nabbed In Robbing Theatre Safe Here After A Six-Year Robbery Wave

Webb Theatre Janitor Nabbed In Room With Money Taken From Safe And Collection Of Articles Lost There By Theatre-Goers. Now On Rockpile.

An unusual story of a one-man robbery wave which lasted over a period of six years has just come to light here although the convicted thief has been pounding rock out on the No. 6 chain gang for several weeks—and has something like a year and one-half more pounding to do.

In the six years it is estimated by Claud Webb, proprietor of the Webb theatre, that the convicted thief, Rob Byers, theatre janitor, had pilfered \$600 or more cash from the theatre safe and had assembled a costly heap of valuable articles lost in the theatre by movie fans.

These articles, unearthed and in circulation again, are rapidly being identified and claimed by the owner, while the theatre owner is sending out calls for others to come in and identify articles lost by them, presumably in the theatre, in recent years.

Clever And Consistent. The story of the series of robberies and pilfering indicates considerable cleverness upon the part of Byers. For years Mr. Webb and the theatre cashiers have been missing small sums—and, on occasions, large sums—from the theatre safe on the morning after the show of the night before. But shrewd detective work failed to unravel the mystery. Leads ran, ghost-like, into a brick wall, much like some of the mystery plots seen on the screen in the theatre.

Then of recent years articles supposedly lost by movie-goers in the theatre failed to show up as they did in other years. The entire problem caused Mr. Webb to scratch his head even more than he does in deciding what talkie will draw more patrons to his show.

Detective Dixon. One morning some weeks back the theatre office was opened, the safe unlocked and it was found that twenty dollars was missing from the other box office cash placed there on the night before. Manager Webb decided he had had enough. During the day he encountered Office Deputy Ed Dixon, of Sheriff Allen's office, and Deputy Dixon, somewhat skilled in sleuthing, declared (Continued on page ten.)

Sends Brother-In-Law To Hospital, Then He Goes

William Crowder, well-known Shelby meat dealer, helped place his brother-in-law, Ray Allen, in an ambulance and send him to the Shelby hospital yesterday morning for an appendicitis operation. No doubt he expected Ray to be out in a couple of weeks to tell him about "my operation." But now William and Ray, within 10 days or so, may tell each other about "their operations," and check-up on the minor details since they both underwent the same operation yesterday. Young Allen was operated on shortly before noon and perhaps the brother-in-law got to thinking about it. Anyway, some hours later Mr. Crowder began to suffer with pains in his side. Soon the realization came that it was appendicitis, and last night he bundled himself up and followed his brother-in-law, who he had helped send to the hospital, to the same place, and then followed him upon the operating table. Both stood the operation very well, and are reported as travelling the same road to recovery today. Perhaps before many hours William from his room will send word over to the room next door—"Well, Ray, I came to see you."

Cleveland Owes Only \$243,000; Districts More

Actual County Debt, Other Than School And Roads, Among Lowest In N. C.

Cleveland county and the road and school districts of the county had a net cash surplus of \$197,455 at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, according to the annual financial statement published in today's Star, showing this county to be in excellent financial condition. The official statement is one of the most interesting revelations of the year to the taxpayers of the county for it shows the condition of the county funds as well as the township school districts and the various school districts, with the tax levy for the various townships and districts for the year 1928-29.

Tax Rate Cut. Official announcement is also made in the cut of 15c from the county's general tax rate, lowering the rate for county purposes from 88c to 83c.

The statement bears out the impression which Cleveland county has gained all over North Carolina as one of the best managed counties in the state and one in which the tax rate is much lower than the general average. Governor Gardner stated in a public address last Thursday night that the tax rate in Cleveland county is the "lowest in the state."

38 Million Valuation. The assessed valuation of real and personal property in the county from which taxes are derived is thirty eight million dollars. The county debt, that is (Continued on page ten.)

Gets Hand Injured In Mill; Girl Hurt In Wreck Yesterday

James Wray, Of Lawndale, Catches Hand In Machinery, Fingers Off.

The Shelby hospital had its quota of accident victims Tuesday and then some, the rush coming at about the same period of the day. Early yesterday morning, around 9 o'clock, James N. Wray, 51 years of age, got his left hand caught in a card in the Cleveland Mill and Power plant at Lawndale, and immediately after the injury was rushed to the hospital here for treatment. An hour or so before he arrived a seven-year-old girl, a member of a Georgia family en route to Hickory by motor, was brought to the hospital with a lacerated arm following an auto crash in the Belwood section of upper Cleveland.

Wray's hand was found to be painfully cut up and reports from the hospital today, where he is still a patient, have it that it was necessary to amputate one or more fingers from the hand. He is still a patient there but his condition is improving.

The young Georgia girl, whose last name is Ayra, was with her father and other members of the family en route to Hickory from Hartsville, Ga., when their car skidded and plunged into a pole, the flying glass severely lacerating the youngster's right arm. After treatment and the dressing of wounds at the hospital, however, she was able to leave, and the family returned to their Georgia home instead of continuing their journey to Hickory once the damaged car was repaired and ready to run again.

One or two other victims of minor accident were brought in during the day but all were able, it was stated today, to leave after first aid treatment.

48 Out Of 58 Papers Recorded Are Automobiles

Register of Deeds Andy Newton recorded 58 legal instruments in his office on yesterday and in the number 47 were on automobiles. It was a rather heavy day in recording papers and extremely heavy in the matter of automobile papers. Automobile trading seems to be going along briskly and holding a lead over other trade.