

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

Showers Likely.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy followed by showers in east portion tonight. Saturday partly cloudy with thunderstorms in west and north.

At Marion Strike.

So far the conference between mill workers and mill owners at Marion, as suggested by Governor Gardner to reach an adjustment of differences existing there between textile interests and the workers, is marking time with little progress made.

Mrs. Lovelace, 61, To Be Buried Today

Lattimore Woman Is Survived By Five Sons. Died Thursday Morning.

Funeral services for Mrs. William Noah Lovelace, widow of W. N. Lovelace, who died two years ago, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Lattimore Baptist church with Rev. I. D. Harrill officiating. Mrs. Lovelace, who was 61 years of age, passed Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of her son, Fred Lovelace, on highway 20 west of Shelby. She had been ill for some time and only recently moved from the home of another son, William, to the home where she died. A member of the Lattimore Baptist church, kind-hearted and a loving mother, she was admired and respected by all who knew her. Surviving are the following sons: William, Nathan, Julius, Roland, and Fred. Seventeen grandchildren also survive.

Mrs. Lucy Moriarty Dies In Charlotte

Mrs. Lucy Oates Moriarty who is pleasantly remembered in Shelby where she has visited on many occasions at the home of Judge and Mrs. J. L. Webb, died in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon and the funeral was held this morning at her home in Myers Park.

Mrs. Moriarty was the daughter of the late R. M. Oates and Ella Blackwell Oates. She was born in Charlotte and made her home until her marriage in the family residence on North Tryon street where the first Methodist church now stands. She is survived by her husband; two sisters, Mrs. George W. Bethell of Norfolk, and Mrs. W. H. Twitty of Charlotte; one brother, John E. Oates of Charlotte; two nieces, Mrs. J. W. Irons of San Antonio, Texas, and Miss Vera Oates of Charlotte; and one nephew, W. C. P. Bethell of Wilmington.

Webb Boys "Cocky" But Have The Goods. Thinks Golf Writer

The president of the Carolina golf association writing a golf feature in the Charlotte News says that the Webb boys, of Shelby, Pete and Fred, are a bit cocky, but can deliver the golfing goods on the course. A paragraph concerning them follows:

"Those cocky Webb brothers of Shelby continue to conquer all who essay to doubt their prowess as a doubles team of golfers. However, next Saturday they will meet Fred McCasland and Alexander of the Myers Park club, and I doubt if they two country boys will be able to match up with the two city slickers awaiting them on the home course. Anyhow all praise for the Shelby boys. They have opened the eyes of a lot of players, who thought they were a fish in the pan."

Walker Gets Junior Order State Office

Not only will the next State convention of the Juniors meet in Shelby but one of the new State officers is a Cleveland county man, W. S. Walker of Lattimore, who is inside sentinel. Other State officers elected at High Point were Charles L. Hamilton, Monroe, counselor; Edgar V. Harris, Tarboro, vice counselor; Gurney F. Hood, Goldsboro, treasurer; Rev. R. Paul Caudill, North Wilkesboro, chaplain; W. H. Aldridge, Durham, conductor; W. C. York, Asheboro, outside sentinel.

Respected Colored Man Passes Here

John McDowell, one of the best known elderly colored men of Shelby, died Wednesday night after a lingering illness. John had been a servant of Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, First National president, for many years, and prior to that time he was a servant of the late Sheriff Suttie. He was one of the few remaining negroes of the old southern type, and until recent years since Shelby has grown rapidly was known to practically every citizen in town.

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Merger Of All Grocery Stores In Shelby Planned

Oil Firms Purchase Shelby Real Estate

Rafe King Jury Served With Ice Cream, Drinks And Auto Ride—York To Pay The Bill

Trial Expenses Less Than Expected Despite Lemonade And Ice Cream.

Cost of the trial of Rafe King, convicted of the alleged murder of his wife Faye Wilson King at Sharon, January 25, and who was tried in Chester county under change of venue by Judge J. Henry Johnson, is \$2,362.26 and more to York county, which must bear the expenses, according to an itemized statement filed with Clerk of Court T. E. McMackin of York county by Clerk J. E. Cornwell of Chester county, informs The Yorkville Enquirer. The Chester clerk in his statement to the York county clerk itemizing expenses of the trial, goes on to say that—"I will state that there will be several witnesses to come up yet (with their bills); but this will hardly run over \$10 or \$15 if that." The general expectation was that expenses of the trial in Chester to be borne by York county would be \$7,000 or more and Clerk Cornwell goes on to say, "The reason that this expense is as low as possible."

York county was charged \$2 for ice cream for the King jury. The Enquirer adds. They also drank 1.15 worth of lemonade, for which the county pays the Whitesides cafe. Robert Woodward of Chester charged the county \$15 for taking the jury to ride. The Carolina Inn was paid \$467.65 for board and lodging for the jurors. The pay of the jurors was \$615 and constables for keeping order charged \$216. Repairs for damaged doors and the change for fan rent, cleaning the courthouse, telegrams and postage, etc., total \$120.36. Sheriff Howze charged a total of \$55 for going to Clemson college three times in connection with the case and for use of two cars in hauling the jury around. J. Henry Gladden, the county clerk of Chester, was paid \$20 for "calling court."

Damage To Courthouse Door. The crowd attendant on the trial did some damage to Chester's new courthouse, according to Clerk Cornwell, the crowd "rushing a door and breaking it down. The front door is badly sprung now and we have had nothing done to it; but it is used so seldom. There were also several metal screens damaged, but no amount is included for them."

It was awfully hot in that courtroom and it took a lot of ice water for the crowd and the court officials, attorneys and others. York county's part of the ice bill during the trial was \$6.10, it is noted in the itemized statement submitted by the Chester clerk. The biggest cost, of course besides jury expenses, was for the payment of witnesses and their mileage, and physicians testifying got extra fees for "expert testimony" or rather as expert witnesses. Chemist B. F. Robertson of Clemson was paid \$28.70; Dr. McMillen, druggist and chemist of Columbia, who put up the disinfectant called "Nominol," an empty bottle of which was found beside the body of the dead Faye King, put in claim for \$16.50; Mrs. Margaret Gartman trained nurse, who

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Kiwanians Of Three Cities Hold Joint Meet In Shelby

Forest City And Rutherfordton Clubs Here. Stage Golf Tourney.

Thursday was Kiwanis day for this section of Western Carolina with three of the largest clubs—Forest City, Rutherfordton and Shelby—holding an inter-club meeting at the Cleveland Springs hotel here.

The joint gathering of club representatives of the three neighboring towns got underway in the early afternoon on the Cleveland Springs golf course and continued through the afternoon and evening to conclude with the regular hotel dinner.

H. C. Long was the low scorer of the inter-club golf tourney with an 86 for the 18 holes. Dr. A. C. Duncan, of Forest City, was next, with Horace Eason, of Shelby, turned in the high score of 112. Prizes were presented the winners at the dinner

First Open Boll Cotton Reported

The first open boll of what promises to be this county's largest cotton crop was brought in to The Star today by W. W. Fisher, cotton farmer who lives north of Shelby. Although this is the first boll to be brought in here, correspondent in this issue from Double Springs reports open bolls there on last Monday in the fields of Clyde Short.

Acquit Rutherford Women Of Misusing County Home Funds

County Home Superintendent's Wife And Daughter Found Not Guilty.

Rutherfordton, Aug. 21.—Another "county trial" closed here late this afternoon when Mrs. Sallie Royster and daughter, Miss Ruth Royster, were acquitted on a charge of mis-use of county funds. The trial started at 1 p. m., and lasted until 5:30 p. m. and was heard before County Recorder W. J. Mode.

A large crowd attended and keen interest was shown. On July 5, R. M. Twitty swore out a warrant for Mrs. Royster, wife of C. S. Royster, superintendent of the Rutherford county home, and their daughter, charging them with unlawfully and feloniously purchasing dress goods, shoes, notions, groceries, confectioneries, etc., from local merchants for their own use on the credit of the county.

Magistrate L. Purgason of Logan Store township issued the warrant and the trial was moved before the county recorder.

The prosecution called 10 or 15 witnesses while the defense only put up one witness in addition to the two defendants.

John M. Mull and J. F. Spainhour of Morganton were employed by Mr. Twitty to assist the county solicitor, R. R. Blanton, in the prosecution, while County Attorney C. O. Riding and Attorney Fred D. Hamrick appeared for the defendants. The case was dismissed for want of probable cause or lack of evidence.

The Roysters have been in charge of the Rutherford county home for several years.

Sheriff Back From Chase After Foxes

Sheriff Irvin Allen, who keeps in practice by running human foxes, has just returned from an enjoyable fox hunt in Bladen county in Eastern Carolina. He accompanied 15 citizens of Kings Mountain and Gaston county and returned to Shelby Wednesday night. While on the hunt they had one all-day chase, and the total bag of the hunt when the Cleveland county sheriff left was three weynards.

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Filling Stations To Be Erected On Valuable Property

Standard And Gulf Companies To Operate Several Plants In Shelby.

Three handsome filling stations to be operated by two of the leading oil refineries of the country, will be erected shortly in Shelby, following the transfer of three well located and valuable pieces of real estate.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey is understood to have purchased the triangle from Frank L. Hoyle, being a portion of his residence lot and a handsome station similar to other Standard stations in other cities, will be erected where East Warren and East Marion streets converge on highway No. 20. The Standard Oil company of New Jersey is also understood to have purchased the house and lot of Mr. Rush Thompson on West Warren street where another handsome filling station will be erected. Mr. Thompson, it is understood, retains his garage on the rear of this lot.

Two Gulf Stations. The Royster Oil company, distributors of Gulf products has purchased the John Lineberger two story residence and lot at the corner of East Warren and DeKalb streets, where a handsome station will be erected to handle Gulf products. This station, it is understood, will be operated by the Gulf company.

Paul Webb and O. M. Mull who own the 50 foot vacant lot on the north side of Ingram-Liles store building, will erect a one story brick building where will be operated a filling station and automobile accessory stand of very large and modern proportions. This property is being improved for the Royster Oil company, distributors of Gulf products, which company already has a lease on the property and operates a filling station.

In the transfer of this real estate and in the development of the four pieces of property in question, it is estimated that about \$35,000 to \$40,000 is involved.

Half Dirt Moved On Highway No. 18

Construction Crew Now Grading At Shoal Creek. Bridge Work Starts Soon.

Practically half of the dirt on Highway No. 18 running south of Shelby to the South Carolina line has been done and the Lee J. Smith Construction Co., has its force now working near Shoal Creek. This is now half of the distance, but half of the dirt has been moved, according to latest reports. Grading was started at the South Carolina line and the force is working in the direction of Shelby. The lower end of the route has the heaviest grading and now since that is over, distance will be accomplished more rapidly.

Material is being placed by the Hobbs Peabody Co., which has the contract to construct the bridges and this work will begin in a few days, according to information.

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Farm Board To Advance Money To Buy Cotton

Funds To Farmers Cash If They Need It. To Come Through Co-op.

It is announced from Washington that cotton farmers are to receive the full cash equivalent of this year's crop in advance whenever they are "in distress and must have money," under the plans announced by the federal farm board.

The funds will be advanced through the cotton co-operatives. The board itself will advance 25 per cent of the value of the crop, 65 per cent will be loaned by the federal intermediate credit banks, and the remaining ten percent will be paid from the capital reserves of the co-operatives.

How much money actually will be required was said by the board to depend solely on the needs of the co-operative association. It is expected that the sums involved in this year's marketing operations will run some where between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, but board members said they stood ready to go as far as the industry required.

The advances to be made by the board will be on cotton upon which a definite value has been fixed by hedging in the future market. A statement accompanying the announcement said the effect of the secondary loans to be made by the board would be "to permit the co-operative associations to make final settlement with a member grower when the latter desires to sell his cotton without forcing his cotton on the market at time when buyers already may be over-supplied."

Eastside Winner In Ruling Handed Down Over Contest

Remains Tied For League Lead With Cleveland Cloth. Play Saturday.

The Eastside club of the Cleveland County Baseball League still divides honors with the Cleveland club team for the league leadership due to a decision by the league managers in The Star office last night regarding a protested game by Dover-Ora.

This means that when the Cloth mill club and Eastside hook up here tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at 2 o'clock that the game will practically decide the pennant winner of the league. Curly Smith and Sherrill Hamrick will be the opposing pitchers and the game is attracting more interest than any since the Shelby High club was making a fight for its third state title. Lily Mill plays Dover-Ora in the second game of the double bill.

At the meeting of league managers last night, presided over by President J. R. Robinson of the league, Eastside was given its victory in the protest game, leaving that team and the cloth mill without a defeat during the season. Several other protests were taken up, but for the most part they dealt with decisions of umpires which cannot be reversed by league officials.

It was decided, also, at the meeting of managers that the two leading clubs at the end of the season Saturday week should meet in the park here for a three game series.

Dr. Zeno Wall To Preach On Sunday

Dr. Zeno Wall, who has been on his vacation for several days, will return tomorrow and will fill his pulpit at the First Baptist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The services of the day will open at 9:30 o'clock with the Sunday school. Every member is urged to be present.

Mr. Eason, director of music, announces splendid musical numbers during the day. The choir will meet for rehearsal this evening at 7:45 o'clock at the church.

All B. Y. P. U. s will open at seven o'clock Sunday evening. These 12 training organizations urge every member to be present when the programs begin.

As They Rush Through Space



Actual photograph of William B. Leeds and Captain Sir Hubert Wilkins, gazing from a window of the Graf Zeppelin during the flight from Lakehurst to Friedrichshaven during the first leg of the world tour.

Says Boll Weevil Placed This County Ahead In Making Cotton

Boll Weevil Forced Johnson And Robeson, Once Leaders In Cotton, To Grow Tobacco.

Robeson and Johnson counties were once running neck and neck for honors as the leading cotton county in North Carolina. It was usual to see 60,000 bale crops there. Last year Cleveland hopped ahead and, from the looks of the crop this year, may again take the honor as the largest cotton producing county in North Carolina.

Plumer Wiggins, banker at Maxton (Robeson county) and former Shelby citizen, who by the way, founded the Shelby Daily News, referred to in Renn Drum's column last issue, was passing through the city yesterday and stopped over to greet a few of his many friends. And to keep history straight, it should be said that the Shelby Daily News referred to as Shelby's first daily was established by Mr. Wiggins 24 years ago instead of 28 and Mr. Wiggins had associated with him Guy Eskridge, another Shelby boy now living in New York. They did not own their print shop, but Buck Hardin and Milton Tiddy printed the paper under contract.

In speaking of Robeson's surrender of cotton production honors, Mr. Wiggins rejoices that it has passed to Cleveland since Robeson had to surrender it. But he says the idea should not be gained that it is poverty stricken because her cotton crop has dropped. The boll weevil forced Robeson and Johnson counties to abandon cotton as their only money crop. Now Robeson is producing four million dollars worth of tobacco which is equal to the value of 40,000 bales of cotton. Peanut is another money crop which is a revenue producer. Since the fertilizer to grow peanuts costs only \$4.50 per acre, peanuts is as profitable as cotton.

In driving through the county this week Mr. Wiggins made an investigation to see if any boll weevils could be found. When he saw a field that was "suspicious," he got out of his car and searched closely, yet none was found. "You may have a few, but not enough to cut your cotton crop," said Mr. Wiggins. He was astonished at the prospects of a bumper crop.

Mr. Wiggins has been instrumental in the establishment of the "Presbyterian Junior College for Men" which opens its doors for the first time this fall at Maxton. "It is the first time in my recollection that a junior college has ever opened and met all of the requirements of a standard junior institution at the very outset." The required number of books are in the library, the faculty members have master of arts degrees, the plant and equipment are all that is required.

Radio After Crooks.

New York.—Police commissioner Whalen hopes to be in touch with the activities of crooks even when he is motoring. A radio receiving set has been installed in his limousine.

To Give Local Grocer An Even Business Chance

Would Aid Home Men To Better Compete With Chain Stores, Said.

A gigantic merger plan, from the local viewpoint, now on foot here would combine the business of every grocery store in Shelby owned and operated by home capital.

The plan for merging the buying power of all the local grocers, so that the individual grocer might buy cheaper on the market and offering stronger competition to the sell cheaper to the consumer, thus chain stores, has been discussed quietly here for some weeks. Public announcement of the hoped-for merger, however, was not made until yesterday, following a meeting of a number of Shelby grocers with Gastonia grocers and officials of manufacturing and jobbing interests who are working upon the merger with the idea of helping the individual, home grocer to remain in business.

Want 30 Stores. A half dozen or so Shelby grocers along with Mr. Paul Orton, salesman here for a national manufacturer of a grocery product, who has interested himself in the movement, motored to Gastonia Wednesday night for the meeting.

The Shelby grocers attending are continued, it is said, over the outlined plan of the merger and it is hoped to get at least 30 groceries in Shelby and Cleveland county in the merger—the entire chain, still entirely locally owned, to be a part of the nation-wide Quality Service Stores. The proposition will be taken up, Mr. Orton says, with other grocers and next week organizers of the Quality Service Stores hope to come here and complete the merger and start the stores off under the new system.

In Gastonia now there are more than a score of such stores, the merchants collaborating with each other in their buying, their selling prices, and in their advertising.

How Plan Works. "The workings of the plan as I get it," says Orton, "is something like this: We get all the local stores, those owned by home men, we can in the merger. The interiors and the personality of each store remain as they are, the exterior, the advertising and the selling plan being as one unit. In other words, each store in the merger will have its front painted in red as are all stores in the union. The name of each store will be the Quality Service Store. Each week representatives of the combined stores will visit town to redecorate and trim the windows. All the grocers in the merger will each agree upon a number of specials for that week, combining their specialties into one advertisement in the newspaper under the firm name of the Quality Service Stores, but carrying also the location of each of the groceries where the specials may be purchased and the name of the owner.

"By the plan the local grocer does not give over, or sell any stock of his store to the combined group. He retains entire financial supervision of his store and does not pay any membership dues or charges for being a part of the chain, as the movement originated by manufacturers and jobbers is with the idea of keeping the home grocer in business by having him and the scores of other grocers unite their buying power so that they may purchase in volume and thus secure lower prices for themselves, and, in turn, for their customers. The advertising and boosting expense of the stores is to be borne, for the most part, by the manufacturers whose plan it is and whose products are advertised in the specials each week. It gives the home grocer the buying power of a mammoth chain—and that must be the salvation of the individual business man—along with the advertising power of a mammoth chain of stores, and it asks nothing in return other than that he cooperates with the other grocers in the merger in each week putting on an advertising the same specials.

Faith In Plan. "I have much faith in the plan, and I believe the Shelby grocers attending the meeting also have a similar faith. It seems to me as if it is about the only plan whereby the home grocer, as an individual, can hope to remain in business and successfully compete with the tremendous buying power of giant chains. Unless individual merchants can pool their buying power, they

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Lily Mill Gives Huge Theatre Party

The Lily Mill owners gave their employees a treat this morning in the form of a big theatre party, which was staged at the Webb, Mr. Schenck, was so impressed with "Noah's Ark" that he bought out the theatre for a special performance, which was put on at nine o'clock this morning. The play-house was packed. The play-house was packed. The play-house was packed. The play-house was packed. The play-house was packed.