

The Markets. Cotton, per pound 18c. Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2

Showers Saturday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Showers in west and north central portions Saturday, and possibly in extreme west portion tonight. Little change in temperature.

Eastside And Cloth Mill To Play In Series

Two Teams Battle Saturday For City Title. Lec With Cloth Mill.

The Cleveland Cloth mill baseball team, winner of the county league pennant, and the Eastside team, runnerup for the county title, are not as yet satisfied in their baseball war. And now the decision is that the two clubs, both strengthened, will play a three game series for the city championship.

The first game is on the cards for 3:30 tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at the city park here, and a game is to be played each Saturday until one of the two clubs wins two games.

Both Stronger.

Both outfits will be considerably stronger when they take the field here tomorrow, particularly so the eastside team. "Red" Ormond, former International league star, will be in the Eastside infield; while other new players on the Eastside club will include Van Pelt, well known to baseball fans hereabouts, and Pritchard, a big left-hander with quite a reputation as a pitcher.

The cloth mill champions will make only one change in their lineup, but that lone change is one that will send Shelby and Cleveland county fans out to the park—Cline Owens Lee, who led the Shelby High team to a state title and then jumped into the Southeastern league and set it afire before being injured near the end of the season, will play short for the cloth mill outfit.

With Ormond, one of the finest infielders produced in this section, adding to the Eastside strength both infield and at bat and with Van Pelt's big bat and Pritchard's hurling to aid Sherrill Hamrick the Eastsiders believe they can have the measure of the rayonites. On the other hand, the cloth mill tossers figure they were good enough for the opposition as they were, and with Cline Owens Lee strutting about shortstop they feel like they know it now.

League Successful.

Last Saturday's games ended the county league, and taken from every angle, considering it was the first season of a county loop, the season is considered a success by President J. R. Robinson and the fans of the city and county. At least the little loop attracted enough interest to assure another circuit of some type next summer. Talk now is that there may be two leagues—a city league and a county league, with the winner in each league meeting each other at the end of the season.

Snyder Speaker For Big Rotary Banquet

Wofford College President Guest Speaker For Ladies Night Occasion.

Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, president of Wofford college, Spartanburg, was the principal speaker at the semi-annual ladies night banquet staged at the Woman's club room yesterday evening by the Shelby Rotary club. The meeting was in charge of President Carl Thompson and was one of the most enjoyable events ever staged by the club.

In addition to the very interesting talk of Dr. Snyder upon the essentials of a good community, there was a fine musical program in which Mrs. Ben Suttle, Mr. Horace Eason, and Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Plaster participated, with Miss Ruth Thompson giving a fancy dance. Mrs. Dean Duncan was the winner of the ten dollar gold piece in the presentation of prizes, and Mrs. Chas. Hubbard was the winner of the five dollar gold piece. Gifts were also presented to those participating in the program, and to Mrs. Snyder, wife of the speaker.

Appendicitis Gets Fashionable Again

An epidemic of appendicitis and tonsillitis seems to be in full sway about Shelby. In the last three weeks there has been 28 operations for the removal of tonsils and nine appendicitis operations at the Shelby hospital, the majority of the appendicitis operations coming within the period of a week.

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Rafe King Still Cheerful; Gains Weight Waiting

Praises Treatment At Hands Of Warden. Father Finds Sentiment Changing.

"Rafe is being treated fine by the warden, and he has gained in weight since he entered the prison," declared King's father, Mr. W. P. King, well known Shelby citizen, after a trip to the South Carolina prison at Columbia to visit his son.

When he was placed in the penitentiary there, to await the outcome of his appeal from the death sentence given him at Chester after being convicted of killing his wife, Faye, King weighed only 137 pounds, his father says, and now he weighs 151 pounds—a gain of 14 pounds.

"He does not seem to be worrying so much and protests his innocence as he hopes the supreme court will grant him a new trial where it can be fairly shown that he is not guilty of the crime of which he was convicted," the father adds.

Appeal Next Month.

After his conviction King was sentenced to death on September 20, but the supreme court appeal filed by his attorneys automatically stayed the death sentence until the higher court passes upon the appeal early next month.

The father also found his son being treated well by the warden and he joins in with his son in praising the prison warden for his kindness and courtesy both to the son and his visitors.

"He will go out of his way to aid you when requested, and no one could ask more humane treatment," he said.

New Show To "Play" Fair; Fine Features

Fair Association Assures Entire Change In Show, Fireworks And Free Acts.

The entertainment features of the Cleveland county fair this year, Sept. 24-28, will be new from one end of the big midway to the other, fair officials say, and this goes for the nightly fireworks program and the free acts as well as the midway.

Secretary Dorton's announcement about the entertainment features follows: "We are presenting on our midway this year for the first time the Rubin and Cherry Shows, known throughout the United States as 'The Aristocrats of the Tented World,' a position to which they are justly entitled. This show is without doubt the most beautiful of all the carnival companies in the United States; presenting a midway of splendor and refinement, replete with shows of the world while variety and twelve of the most up-to-date rides to be found on any midway.

"For two successive years the Rubin and Cherry Shows have played the Canadian Exposition, recognized as the largest exposition in the world and we feel indeed fortunate to be able to present this show to our people because we know that they will amuse and entertain you without offending. "We, of course, will have our usual (Continued on page ten.)

Arrest Negro For Theft Of Automobile

Deputy Bob Kendrick yesterday afternoon arrested Luther Barrow, a colored man, in Shelby on the charge of stealing an automobile Wednesday night from R. M. Phillips, a colored man of the Boiling Springs section. The stolen car was found early yesterday morning parked in the Hopper park section. Barrow, who came here from Georgia and is not known to have a regular job, according to officers, will be given a hearing in county court.

Mrs. Sarah Warlick Passes At Belwood

Mrs. Sarah Warlick, a highly respected lady of the community, more than 80 years of age, died yesterday at her home at Belwood after an illness of some time. She and her sister, Mrs. Eliza Mull, had been making their home there together. Surviving are two sons—Plato, of Kings Mountain, and McClure, of Georgia.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock today at St. Peter's church.

Defend Gastonia Strikers



John C. Carpenter (left), chief counsel for the State of North Carolina, will prosecute the Gastonia strikers, alleged to have killed the Chief of Police of that city during recent disorders there. Arthur Garfield Hays, New York attorney (right), will help to defend the accused millworkers.

New County Agent Says He Wants To Meet The Farmers

Likes Cleveland And Desires To Get Out And Mix With Folks. Talks Fair.

R. W. Shoffner, the new farm agent for Cleveland county, is new to the county and is not acquainted with many of the farmers, but he means to be within a few weeks. In the following communication to the people of the county, particularly the farmers, he explains his ambitions to do his part in aiding the agricultural progress of the county:

"I am now in the county acting as county agent. I am here for the purpose of rendering any service that I might to the people of this county. I would like to meet all the people of Cleveland county and that is my aim as near as possible, and to do this I want to visit your places, and I want you to visit me when you can. You know it will take time for me to go over the county as I am new here. I am very much impressed with this county, to see the many things that are going on and to do this work going and to add to it, we all must make the drive together.

There are in the county over eighty, five-acre cotton demonstrations which I must visit just as early as I can get to them. These people are keeping records as to the expenses of these demonstrations so as to show them the exact cost of producing this cotton. I have in my office at this time about half of these record blanks filled out. I would like to get the others as early as possible and to do this I must visit your places and to help do this, all that haven't turned in their reports please leave them filled in when I come after them and if you happen to have a chance, drop in at the office and leave them. If you haven't a blank just let me know and I shall be glad to send you one.

"There are many other demonstrations being carried on in the county of various kinds. If you have any trouble with them just let me know, otherwise just carry (Continued on page eight.)

"Hoss Traders" To Have Big Reunion At Cleveland Fair

When the Cleveland County Fair opens two weeks from Tuesday old-timers who come to town for the event will have their memories carried back to the "court weeks" of long ago when Shelby's "honeyard," or Trade Alley was the biggest "hoss swapping" center between Charlotte and Asheville.

Fair Secretary J. S. Dorton has set aside a plot of ground near the eastern entrance of the fair tract for the horse traders, his decision leads to do so coming after numerous appeals from horse traders in three states. The hundreds of farmers who come into the fair, the horse traders argued, will enjoy nothing more than a big circle of horse trading. "It will bring scores to your fair," they argued. "All right, come along," Secretary Dorton answered. "You may have a camping place near the main tract where you will be close to water and lights."

And the reports are that "hoss swappers" from far and near will begin arriving here in a week or so with their long strings of "trades." They're coming from as far away as Kentucky and Tennessee, and about Shelby the older fellows, who have pleasant reminiscences of the old days, are anticipating a seat by the camp-fire of the traders each evening where they will hear yarns more entertaining than the modern amusements can give.

Sheriff Allen Is Witness In Strikers Trial

May Tell Today What Two Defendants Told Him About Aderholt Shooting.

Sheriff Irvin M. Allen, of Shelby, is in Charlotte today as a witness for the state in the trial of 16 strikers for murdering Police Chief Aderholt of Gastonia, and it may turn out that the Cleveland county sheriff will be one of the state's most important witnesses.

His testimony, it is understood, will deal with what two of the defendants, Carter and McLaughlin, told him after they were brought here and placed in jail for safekeeping a few hours after they had been arrested and while Gastonia was in a fever heat over the slaying of the city's police chief.

Admits Shooting.

One of the two men, McLaughlin, it is understood by The Star, told Sheriff Allen, in a conversation at the Cleveland county jail, that he fired a shot in the direction of the officers, although he contended that his shot was not the one bringing death to the police officer. His story, as The Star gets it and as Sheriff Allen will likely tell it on the stand, was that he fired one shot, which was the second shot of the melee. The first shot was fired by a defendant by the name of McGinnis, according to McLaughlin's story to the local sheriff.

"Carter," Sheriff Allen says, "told me that he did not fire a shot. His story was that he was on guard duty near the tents when the officers approached. He told them to stop, he said, and drew his gun when they failed to do so. One of the officers (Gilbert) grabbed his gun and began scuffling with him. About that time, as Carter's story goes, a volley of firing broke out from the tent and he says he felt Gilbert's grip loosen and realized that he had been shot. Then, Carter says, he decided he had better get away, but he returned later to get another gun and it was then that he was captured."

Brought Down.

Carter told the sheriff here, the latter says, that he came down to Gastonia from Pennsylvania, having been "sent for." He, along with McLaughlin, who hails from South Carolina, was placed on guard duty and armed with shotguns. The two men were kept in the jail here for only a short time before being rushed on to the jail at Asheville. While here Sheriff Allen talked with them at some length endeavoring to aid Gaston officers to get the straight of the tragedy there. Due to that conversation Sheriff Allen will be used as a witness for the state, although until today it was not generally known that the local sheriff might play an important role in the hearing.

Chief Leaving At Time Killed

Officer Tells How Aderholt Was Shot. McGinnis Fired First Shot.

Charlotte, Sept. 6.—A man who had been "deputized" to accompany Police Chief O. F. Aderholt to the tent colony of the Lora textile mill strikers on the night of June 7, testified this afternoon in the trial of 16 strikers; and strike leaders charged with murder, that the officers were leaving the colony when the shot that killed the police chief was fired.

A. J. Roach, former Gastonia police officer and requested to accompany the officers when they went to investigate reports of trouble at (Continued on page ten.)

Masons And Wives Guests At Picnic

Masons of Shelby and their wives were guests yesterday evening of the local chapter of the Eastern Star at a big picnic held on the grounds of the Cleveland Springs hotel, and those in attendance report an exceedingly big feed and a very entertaining evening. A short address of welcome was made for the Eastern Star chapter by Capt. J. Frank Roberts, Masonic leader, with a response by Attorney J. Clint Newton, representing the guests.

Masonic Meeting.

A called communication of Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

More Than Two Thousand School Children Back To Books Monday

Al Smith May Succeed Copeland As Senator For New York.



New York political gossip is that former Governor Al Smith is being groomed to succeed Dr. Royal Copeland (above) as United States Senator for New York. Dr. Copeland, former health commissioner who now syndicates health articles published each issue by The Star, may again become health commissioner for New York City.

Audit Shows School Deficit Here Now Totals \$76,990.66

Summer Teaching Expense Added To Other Obligations. Tops Bond Issue.

The George E. Dombhardt and company, certified public accountants, of Charlotte, have completed an audit covering the years 1927-28 and 1928-29 of the Shelby school books. A summary of the accounts is being published elsewhere in this paper.

It will be seen from looking at the statement that there are obligations against the district to the extent of \$86,687.06 which is reduced by anticipated revenue, mostly in uncollected taxes, to the extent of \$9,696.40, leaving a net deficit in the amount of \$76,990.66. Any amount that is uncollected will increase the deficit by an equal amount. And, of course, the amount realized from the \$58,000 bond issue will apply on reducing the deficit, says a statement from the school board.

It should be said to the credit of Superintendent I. C. Griffin and the old school board that there is absolutely no indication of misappropriation of funds. The books have been well kept by Mr. John Shannhouse. It is simply a case of spending for legitimate purposes more than there was available to spend.

It should be explained further that the amount in excess of the amount asked for in the bond issue, was in the main caused by charging against last year's revenue the obligation for teachers who were employed last year. This is to say that the salaries paid last year's teachers for July and August of 1929 have been listed as outstanding obligations of June 30, 1929. The old system has been placing this charge against the new year, and has thus always been two months behind the fiscal year.

It is the plan of the new board to have published from time to time, financial statements showing the conditions. The policy of living within their income will be rigidly adhered to. They hope that the city board will cooperate by collecting all revenue so that the rate may be held at a minimum.

Governor Gardner Is Asked For His Matrimonial Advice

Raleigh.—Governor Gardner, beginning to open the mail which had accumulated during his absence found many freak letters today. Apparently the people of North Carolina did not know that the governor was on his vacation, and certainly some of them think that the governor can do anything.

Letters giving the governor free advice are plentiful, but among the most unusual are those asking his advice on marital difficulties and love affairs. One young husband complains that his wife is not strong enough to teach school this fall, but ought to stay at home and look after her nine months old baby. "Honorable Sir, wont you write me

Teachers Meet Here Saturday

Eight Graders Get Schedules Today. Expect Over 2,500 Opening Enrollment.

The Shelby city schools, operating under a new system for the first time in 13 years, will open Monday, and today it was predicted that between 2,500 and 2,700 children would enroll on the opening day. Within two weeks it is expected that the total enrollment will surpass the 3,150 of last year.

Super. B. L. Smith, who succeeds Supt. I. C. Griffin, and Principal Abernethy, who succeeds Principal Andrews, are this week supervising final arrangements for the opening. Cleaning and renovating is being done at all the buildings.

First Year Students. The first formal move of the school year came today when first year high school students, or eighth graders, met at the high school this morning for registration and arrangement of courses.

Teachers Meeting. Out-of-town teachers will arrive today and tomorrow, and the first teachers meeting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Central high building. Colored teachers will meet at 10 o'clock Saturday morning at the negro school building.

Changes Made. A statement regarding the opening as made by school officials follows: "The high school periods have been lengthened to an hour. This will cut out the necessity for doubling the period for home economics, science, etc., and thus increase the number of pupils that can be taken care of in those courses. Too, it will afford time for assistance by the teachers in the preparation of the work. This supervised study should prove beneficial.

"It is a great day in the life of any community when a fourth of its population treks off to school. The success of the undertaking in training these boys and girls for good citizenship is so great that it ought to illicit the whole-hearted support of every good citizen and every good institution. "Superintendent Smith says they are the people's schools and they cannot be better than the people appreciate and demand. "He says further that 'we are going to do our best with the funds available to give to Shelby a good school. Everyone should understand that to cut the expenditures by a third must force us to do without something. However, what we cannot pay for, we shall do without till the people provide the funds. I have the confidence to believe that the fine citizens of Shelby will provide school facilities in keeping with their ability and with the needs. That is all that can be asked of anybody.'"

While in young manhood he joined the Baptist church at Earl and at the time of his death was a member of the Second Baptist church. He was a respected and highly esteemed citizen and his death is a great shock to his many friends. The funeral was conducted this afternoon by his pastor, Rev. Russ Padgett at New Hope church and interment was in the cemetery there.

Snyder Will Preach At Waldrop Churches

Rev. Frank L. Snyder, of Bessemer City, who is the week-end guest of Rev. H. E. Waldrop will preach at the two Waldrop churches, Elizabeth and Eastside Sunday. The hours is 11 at Elizabeth and 7:30 at Eastside.

Power Off Sunday For 2 Hours Here

The electric current, lights and power, will be off in Shelby by Sunday afternoon from 2 until 4, it is announced by Mayor McMurtry. The Duke Power company will be at work during the two hours changing some meters.

James H. Hill Is Paralysis Victim

At 2:30 o'clock this morning Mr. James H. Hill, connected with Shelby Sandwich Co. died at his home on Sumter street following a stroke of paralysis which overcame him Tuesday. He was 72 years of age and well known in Cleveland where he spent most of his life, although he spent a short period in Caroleen and Gastonia. Mr. Hill was a highly respected citizen of fine gentlemanly bearing and a very faithful and regular attendant at Central Methodist church where he was a member. His wife and seven children survive and all of the children reflect the splendid atmosphere of excellent family training. The children are Mrs. D. L. Smith of Great Falls, S. C., Mrs. Ola Hill Smith of Shelby, Mrs. Julius L. Weathers of Fayetteville, Mrs. James Gough, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. U. D. Bright of Roanoke, Va., Mrs. W. E. Young, of Erwin, Tenn., Virgil Hill of Charlotte. One sister Mrs. W. N. S. Rollins of Caroleen and ten grand children also survive.

The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock at Central Methodist church Saturday morning, the services to be conducted by Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, assisted by Rev. Mr. Swiford of Winston-Salem. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery. (Continued On Page Eight)