

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

Showers Tuesday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Local thundershowers in west and north central portions Tuesday and possible in extreme west portion tonight. Little change in temperature.

Farmers Fire Mutual Names New Officials

Borders Again President. Losses For The Year Total \$7,454.59.

A meeting of the officers and directors of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance association, which insures a major portion of the rural buildings in Cleveland county, was held Saturday at the office of W. R. Newton, secretary-treasurer, in the court house here.

The report of the secretary revealed that the total losses and expense of the year was \$7,454.59, and the rate for the coming year was set at 25 cents. There were 17 fire losses totalling \$194.85 and four losses totalling \$194.85, and four lightning losses totalling \$166.87.

Officers Named. The following officers were elected for the coming year: E. C. Borders, president; A. T. Mull, vice president; W. R. Newton, secretary treasurer; Joe E. Blanton, agent; O. M. Mull, attorney.

The directors by township follow: No. 1—J. A. McCraw; No. 2—W. C. Hamrick; No. 3—S. H. Austell; No. 4—J. Bun Patterson; No. 5—M. P. Harrelson; No. 6—Max Wilson; No. 7—J. G. Lattimore; No. 8—Andrew J. Elliott; No. 9—P. L. Peeler; No. 10—A. T. Mull; No. 11—George W. Peeler.

Transcript In King Trial Prepared Now

Record Of Trial Contains 689 Typewritten Pages With Total Of 209,700 Words.

Chester, S. C.—Miles Wood, of Chester, court stenographer of the sixth judicial circuit has completed the laborious undertaking of transcribing his voluminous stenographic notes of the famous Rafe King trial, which was in progress at the Chester county court house from July 1 through the morning of July 10.

Mr. Wood proved an excellent forecaster of the number of pages it would take to hold the testimony, etc. He predicted just before wading into the data, that it would take 700 pages of paper 8 1/2 by 13 inches, averaging 300 words to the page to hold the transcribed notes. He missed it by only one page, there being 689 pages. The 689 pages embraced approximately 209,700 words.

He used 11 stenographers' average size note books, wrote on both sides of the sheets and there were 1,300 of these double-sided pages. King's attorneys will use the foregoing transcribed testimony to perfect their appeal to the South Carolina supreme court for a new trial for the defendant, who was sentenced to the electric chair by a Chester county jury on the charge of slaying his wife, Faye Wilson King. The defendant is now in the state penitentiary.

New Furniture Firm Opens Wednesday

Boyette-Elmore Business Located At Former Nix & Lattimore Stand.

The Boyette-Elmore Furniture Company, Shelby's new furniture establishment, is today announcing their opening, slated for next Wednesday.

The Boyette-Elmore Company is located in the former stand of Nix and Lattimore, on North LaFayette street, the store having been thoroughly done over and prepared for modern displays.

The two partners come to Shelby from Wilmington, where Mr. C. W. Boyette was with the Wilmington Furniture Company for eight years, and Mr. W. S. Elmore was head of the Bradstreet organization.

After deciding upon Shelby for their future operations, they visited the furniture shows, and bought extensively of the latest and best in the modern lines to supply what is expected to be an unprecedented demand for furniture here this autumn and winter.

Mr. Miller Harris, of Shelby, will be employed by the new company.

Masonic Meeting.

A called communication of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. will be held Friday night of this week for work in the third degree, the communication opening at 7:30.

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Estimate Down On Cotton Crop In Report Today

Reduced Estimate May Mean Much Prosperity To Farmers Of Cleveland.

Prosperity for Cleveland county was promised today when the census department of the U. S. department of agriculture, placed the estimate of the 1929 cotton crop at 14,895,000 bales, thereby reducing the government estimate of a month ago by approximately 700,000 bales.

The estimate was much lower than cotton authorities had expected and as a consequence, December futures which closed Saturday at 19.27 opened at 19.80 when trading was resumed 15 minutes after the report was issued at 11 o'clock. At noon, however, December was selling about fifty points or a half cent a pound higher than the Saturday close and many were freely predicting that the twenty cent level would soon be seen on the big board.

One month ago the government's crop estimate was 15,514,000 bales. Today the estimate was placed at 14,895,000 bales. The average of all private estimates and those of the 58 members of the cotton exchange were in excess of the government estimate by 140,000 bales, so quite a surprise was sprung. Of course all private and exchange estimates were reduced from a month ago, but when the government reduced its estimate by 700,000 bales, the price took a jump of 73 points above Saturday's December close.

The ginnings were given to September 1 at 1,590,000 bales the condition of the crop at 55.4 per cent and the per acreage yield at 152 pounds.

Milk Truck Leaps Fill; Close Call For Those On Truck

Negro Boy Has Left Arm Broken, Driver Is Cut, Pole Helps.

Ordinarily a light pole does more damage than good in an automobile wreck, but early Friday evening when a truck owned by the Shelby Milk plant plunged off the highway embankment on the Cleveland Springs road it was another story.

The truck driven by Shuford Green, with a couple of boys aboard, skidded to the side of the street, just on this side of the Dr. Osborne residence, and started to plunge off the embankment to the stream many feet below. But the car in its first leap from the street level struck a city light pole, broke the pole in two and remained hanging upside down on the side of the fill. Had the truck plunged all the way to the bottom it would have been a miracle had anyone aboard it escaped alive. As it was a negro youth, Adolphus Mumfry, received a severe fracture of the left arm just above the wrist, and the driver Shuford Green, was cut about the face and head.

Baby Killed, Mother Hurt, Father Is Held On Drinking Charge

Avondale Mill Worker Held After His Car Turns Over Killing Babe.

Rutherfordford, Sept. 8.—A three-month-old child was killed in an automobile wreck near here this afternoon.

Johnny Jones, mill worker of Avondale, was riding along Highway No. 20 with his wife and two children when his car left the pavement and overturned, pinning the infant under the car, critically injuring Mr. Jones and doing no serious harm to Jones or the other child, who is about three years old. Jones was arrested and is now out on bond charged with reckless driving and driving while under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Jones is in a hospital here. The infant was rushed to a local hospital immediately after the wreck but died in less than an hour.

Father Gets A Son For Birthday Gift

Herbert Whisnant was 28 years of age, or thereabouts, last Friday, and as is customary he received a birthday present, but on this occasion it was not a customary gift— for him.

The following announcement tells of his present—Born, Friday, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Whisnant, at the Shelby hospital, a son, Mrs. Whisnant before marriage was Miss Mary Roberts.

HERE'S JOHN AND HIS FAMILY



John Coolidge and his future wife and "in-laws" are shown above. Mrs. Trumbull, the mother-in-law to be, is first on the left; then the son of the former president; Miss Florence Trumbull, the bride-to-be, and her father Governor Trumbull, of Massachusetts. The wedding has been announced for September 23.

Best Scholar From Shelby Hi Chooses N. C. C. For Women

Miss Dorothy King won the Cleveland county trophy cup at the Shelby high school last year for the best scholastic record, has chosen North Carolina college for Women in which to pursue her studies. Miss King's record as a scholar won for her deserved applause and the beautiful trophy cup, also the distinction of being valedictorian of her class which numbered over one hundred students. Miss King is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will King and leaves Wednesday for Greensboro where she enters as a freshman.

Schools Close For Fair Here

All County Schools To Be Closed One Day. Cotton Picking Closing.

All the rural schools of Cleveland county will be closed for the entire day Tuesday, September 24, which is educational day at the Cleveland County Fair. However, some of the schools will be closed already for cotton picking.

In that connection it is stated by J. B. Smith, probation officer for the county, that the schools of the county will close in ample time for the school children to assist in cotton picking and that children will not be excused before that date for cotton picking.

Following their regular custom the rural schools, which opens early for that purpose, will close in about two or three weeks for a period during which several hundred children will go into the fields to aid in getting the big cotton crop out. Just when this closing period will start will be determined, of course, by crop conditions, but it will likely come about September 25 to 30.

Mrs. Ramseur Nurse For Metropolitan

Mrs. Tom Ramseur, N. Morgan street, has accepted a position as community nurse for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. working under the office of L. R. Cornevin, local agent. Mrs. Ramseur entered upon her duties last week and visits all sick policyholders of this company. Mr. Cornevin says a number of nurses are being stationed at nearby towns where the number of policyholders will warrant.

Thinks Memorial Tablet Should Mark Site Of First Court Here

Lawyer Urges Memorial Tablet For Old Weathers Place And Muster Ground.

Attorney C. B. (Pat) McBrayer, of Shelby, has a task which he wishes the County Historical association would take up, and that is the suitable marking of the site where Cleveland county's first court was held.

He believes that the county bar association and other organizations of Shelby and the county will gladly endorse the movement to preserve early records of the county. The county's first session of court was held at the Squire Billy Weathers place, near the line of No. 6 and No. 8 townships, and very close to Zion church. The same spot was used as a muster ground during the Civil war as it is near the center of the county and was the most populated section in the early days.

Attempt To Show Men Were Beaten En Route To Shelby Jail After Alderholt Murder

Sheriff Allen Tells What Defendants Told Him. They Claim Talk Forced.

Charlotte, Sept. 6.—Over the protest of defense attorneys Judge M. V. Barnhill this afternoon admitted into the testimony alleged confessions of two of the defendants in the trial of the 16 strikers and strike leaders charged with murder of Police Chief O. F. Alderholt, of Gastonia.

The admission of the confessions came only after a spirited controversy during which the jury was excluded from the court room. Judge Rules Against Defense. The unusual procedure came just after Sheriff I. M. Allen, of Cleveland county, took the witness stand. At the opening questions from prosecution attorneys, defense attorneys objected. His testimony was not material, they argued, since the confessions he was about to describe had been given under threat and promises.

Judge Barnhill halted the questioning long enough to have the jurors escorted from the room and then had the sheriff continue. Then, in order to combat the testimony of the sheriff, the three defendants were brought to the witness stand. They were followed by Sheriff Ell P. Lineberger, of Gaston county, whose testimony was calculated to disprove statements by the defendants.

McLaughlin took the stand and stated he was taken to city jail immediately after being arrested, that he was badly beaten and told that he had "better tell" and that it would be "light on him if he told." He said that most of this beating was done by Charles Ferguson, another wounded officer and the only member of the police party who has not yet testified. He stated that Adam Ford and others took him to Shelby, with George Carter in another car, and that on the way Ford stopped at the river, took him out of the car, beating him again and telling him that some of the defendants had been mobbed and that he might be.

Admitted Firing Second Shot. Sheriff Allen testified McLaughlin and George Carter had been brought to the Shelby jail some hours after the shooting "for safe keeping" and that they had made voluntary statements to him.

He quoted McLaughlin as saying he had fired the second shot and then ran away. Carter was quoted (Continued on page eight.)

Juror Goes Crazy During Strike Trial

Alderholt Case Ended In Exciting Mistrial At Charlotte Today.

Charlotte, Sept. 9.—The Alderholt murder trial blew up here today and must start all over again due to the fact that one of the jurors, J. G. Campbell, suddenly became hysterical thus splitting up the jury and bringing about a mistrial.

The date for the reopening of the trial was set Monday, September 30.

Campbell, a newspaper agent, suddenly flared into a hysterical condition termed in the court room as insanity and screeching at the top of his voice, it required four men to carry him from the jury box and out of the room.

The sudden flare-up bringing the trial to an end completely astounded the court spectators and officials, who now face the undesirable task of beginning all over again in the trial which has already taken several weeks to get started.

Mrs. Blanton Dies Of Blood Poison

Fallston Lady Picks Small Bump On Jaw With Pin And Shortly Afterward.

Blood poison developed from picking a small bump on her face with a pin and Mrs. John J. Blanton of Fallston died a few days later in the Shelby hospital. The pimple on the face was a small, harmless looking affair, but Mrs. Blanton pricked it with a pin and when it began hurting she consulted her physician. She was brought to the hospital for treatment and in five days she was dead from blood poison. She passed away Thursday morning at 3 o'clock at the age of 68 years.

Mrs. Blanton before marriage was Mary Ledford. Her husband died suddenly about four years ago and as they were without children Mr. Amos Wright and family had been making their home with her. She was a charter member of the Fallston Baptist church and a very faithful attendant and fine Christian woman. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. G. P. Abernethy and interment was in the cemetery at New Bethel beside her husband.

No Fires Here In Two Months; Firemen 'Wary'

One Call Three Weeks Ago Outside City Limits Was Last.

The city of Shelby has just passed through one of the longest periods on record without a fire of any kind.

At the end of last week the city fire department had not received a call to a fire within the city limits in two months time—a record never before entered on the fire-call register so far as can be found.

Just Outside. The last time the trucks have been in action was three weeks ago yesterday when an alarm came in from Charlie Upton's service station, which is just one hundred yards or so east of the city limits on the Cleveland Springs road.

The long rest, as the firemen hang to their posts about the big fire engines, however has the fire fighters somewhat on edge. There is an old saying, which is particularly believed in by fire-fighters, that a storm always follows a long period of calm, and the Shelby firemen trying to be optimistic cannot help but worry now and then, during the long days of waiting for action, about what might break loose.

It has been so long since a blaze that citizens accustomed just a few months back to hearing it screech daily have almost forgotten the town owns a fire siren.

Finds Big Weevil In County Cotton

Red Spiders And Weevils Showing Up In Cotton Fields Here.

Cleveland's big cotton crop, perhaps the biggest ever, may suffer quite a bit of damage from the red spider and boll weevil before picking time is over as many reports are coming in of the two pests, particularly the spider.

Mr. Clarence McEntire, who farms the Bate Blanton place near Eskridge Grove was in Shelby today with an unusually large weevil found in his cotton. Other weevils are there, he says, but the spiders are more numerous and doing more damage.

J. Ross Cannon Is Dead At Age 39

J. Ross Cannon, member of a family prominent in textile manufacturing in the two Carolinas, died Sunday morning at 6 o'clock in a Charlotte hospital where he had been undergoing treatment. Mr. Cannon was 39 years of age and for a number of years was connected with the Cannon Manufacturing Co. at Concord and other textile interests at York. The funeral will be held at York where he made his home. Mr. Cannon married Miss Ashley Lowe, a niece of Mrs. Joe C. Smith of Shelby.

College Grid Game For Fair Is Planned

A college football game, between Lenoir-Rhyne and Presbyterian college, of South Carolina, may be staged as the main afternoon feature on Saturday, September 28, the closing day of the Cleveland county fair, if negotiations being carried on today prove successful.

Coach Dick Gurley, of Lenoir-Rhyne, has practically agreed to the game, and now fair officials await the endorsement of officials of P. C., a college which puts out one of the best football teams in South Carolina.

Tempting Products Of Best Cooks To Be Shown At Fair

These folks hereabouts who are addicts of the 18-day diet have no business whatsoever going to the Cleveland county fair which opens two weeks from tomorrow, according to Mrs. Irma Wallace, home demonstration agent. And that means that the exhibit department at the fair which has already drawn more comments than any other will surpass its former records—the department is that displaying the competition between the cooks of Cleveland county in turning out tempting morsels. This list of entries for this department, which always sends the fair visitor home hungry even after eating a half dozen hot dogs, will include canned fruits, vegetables, preserves, jams and marmalades, jellies, pickles and relishes, juices, canned meats, loaf bread, loaf cakes, layer cake, cookies, candies, cheese, and what not. The fruit and vegetable department exhibits are under the direction of Mrs. A. P. Falls and Miss Violet Goforth while Mrs. John McClure and Mrs. George Hoyle have charge of the pantry and dairy supplies exhibits.

"Hitch-Hike" Champ



Miss Elizabeth Brown, Bayonne, N. J., stenographer, arrived home after hitch-hiking from Texas to New Jersey. She estimates that her total journey took in some 2,000 miles and recites many adventures en route. (International Newsreel)

Cloth Mill One Up On Eastside

Hitting Of Cline Owens Lee Wins Close Game In City Title Series.

Cline Owens Lee, the Shelby high star who jumped to professional baseball last spring, wore a uniform once again in Shelby Saturday, wore it long enough to give the Cleveland cloth mill one up over Eastside in the city title series and to demonstrate that he can still play baseball with the best Shelby can produce or bring in.

The game, a rip-and-tuck affair and one of the best baseball exhibitions staged here in many moons, was for a good portion of the way a shade in Eastside's favor. But in the seventh with two men on bases young Mr. Lee did tricks of the type he did last spring while he was leading the Shelby youths to a baseball crown: he smacked a sizzled between first and (Continued on page eight.)

Interest Here In Lattimore Election

How Town Will Vote On Sale Of Light Plant Has A Local Angle.

There is considerable interest in Shelby in the anticipated outcome of the election at Lattimore late this month at which time citizens of the Cleveland town will decide whether or not they will sell their light plant to the Southern Public Utilities. It is known that the utility firm would like to own Shelby's municipal plant although no definite talk has ever been passed, so far as is known. However, there is much opposition here to the passing of the plant out of city control although quite a few are understood to favor it.

Girl Of 14 Married At Rutherfordford

Rutherfordford.—Dora Mae Poole, aged 14, of near Harris was married last week to Otis Waddell, age 21, of Virginia, by Squire R. R. Henson, at his home near Harris. The bride's father gave his written consent to the marriage. This is the youngest bride known here in some time.

2,384 Children Marching Back To School Today

Three Hundred Eighty Two In Central High, Regular Class, Tuesday.

An army of 2,384 Shelby children, six years and upwards-marched back to the school room today, leaving vacation-time behind and taking up again the school work abandoned in the early spring.

Motor buses and trains Friday, Saturday and Sunday brought in the score or more of outside teachers, and this morning at 9 o'clock the Shelby school system, the biggest enterprise of the city, began settling down for the nine months of work ahead.

It's school time again!

How Enrolled. Next to Central high school the Morgan school ranked ahead in opening day enrollment with 372 students.

Today's enrollment in schools follows: Central high - 362 Colored high - 65

Total high school - 470 Washington school - 158 Jefferson - 307 Marion - 325 LaFayette - 184 Graham - 247 Morgan - 372

Total elementary - 1,914

This enrollment is being handled this year by 71 white teachers, 11 colored teachers, and several special teachers, according to Supt. E. L. Smith.

All the schools had good openings today with quite a program at the Central auditorium. Mr. Thad Ford represented the school board at the meeting; Mrs. Ruth Thompson the Parent-Teachers association, while three up-town churches were represented by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid.

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Youth Returns Here To Face Theft Charge

George Painter, Bound Over To Superior Court For Clothing Theft.

George Painter, 16-year-old white boy, was bound over to superior court Saturday under a \$300 bond in connection with the robbery week before last of the Shelby Dry Cleaning company.

Painter disappeared from his home here after the robbery, but returned to Shelby Friday and on Friday night visited the home of Police Chief McBride Poston to whom he admitted his part of the theft of about \$150 worth of clothing from the pressing club. In robbing the plant he was accompanied, officers say, by two other youths, Thompson and Bridges.

The youth, who has been to the reformatory and in other troubles here before, was connected with the robbery by the dry-cleaning label on one pair of the trousers taken. He was bound over by Acting Recorder Maurice Weathers, who filled the county court bench Saturday in the absence of Judge Horace Kennedy, away for a week-end visit.

Number Are Bruised In Auto Collision

Two cars are badly smashed and a number of occupants received bruises and cuts, which were not serious, however, when two cars collided Sunday afternoon five miles west of Shelby on highway No. 20. L. W. Green, Jr., of Patterson Springs, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Hallman and Betty Hallman, of Rock Hill, and Helen Ewing, of Shelby, riding in one of the cars were given emergency treatment at the hospital and were able to go to their homes. In the other car was riding Capt. H. E. Lackey of the U. S. navy, stationed at Norfolk, together with Capt. Lackey's friend, John White, of Tarboro, and an enlisted man who was at the wheel.

Over Hundred At Teachers' Meeting At Junior College

More than 100 teachers, or an estimated number of 120, were in attendance here Saturday upon the first county-wide teachers meeting of the year. The meeting was held in the Central high school auditorium and was devoted for the most part to organization work and professional business.