

The Markets. Cotton (Spot) 18 1/2 Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2

Showers Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Showers tonight and Saturday. Cooler Saturday afternoon and Saturday night in west.

Merchants' Secretary. At a meeting of the Merchants Association, held Tuesday, Miss Ossie McRary was elected secretary of the organization, to succeed Paul Wootton, resigned. Miss McRary, who has been the office head of the Association since its organization, assumed her new duties at once. The Association made definite the proposal for a general closing of the business houses in Shelby the afternoon of the first day of the Fair. It is understood the Fair directors backed up the Merchants Association in the endeavor to put this general closing across.

Wm. R. Putnam Age 94 Passes

Second Oldest Veteran Of The County Will Be Buried At New Prospect Friday.

William Rosewell Putnam, perhaps the second oldest Confederate veteran in the county, died Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home near Zoar church following an illness of 25 days with paralysis. Mr. Putnam was a very vigorous man and was able to be up and going, despite his advanced age, until he was stricken three weeks ago. He was 94 years and five months old.

The funeral will be preached Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Rev. Rush Padgett, after which interment will be at New Bethel Baptist church where he joined about 45 years ago. Mr. Putnam was a cheerful disposition, possessed a clear mind and a keen wit and was a hard-working, healthy man all his life. After the war he lived for a few years in Alabama, later moving to Watauga county. Most of his life, however, was spent in Cleveland where he was born, a few years at Waco and 25 years at his present home.

Mr. Putnam served through the full four years of the war in the 47th regiment in the company of Capt. Ben Dixon. He was married to Miss Anna Beam, a daughter of Joshua Beam May 28, 1856 and surviving is his wife, four children Cameron Putnam and Mrs. Hattie Whisnant of Shelby, Mrs. Florence Stroup of Mecklenburg county, Mrs. Minnie Coltharp of Maxton. Also surviving are 13 grand children and one great-great-grand child.

Blalock Explains Farm Relief Act

Manager Of Cotton Growers Says Uncle Sam Will Not Play Santa Claus.

"Uncle Sam will not play Santa Claus to the farmers," declared U. B. Blalock, manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers association when he spoke last night before the Kiwanis club when Jack Palmer had charge of the program. Mr. Blalock declared that while the government has appropriated a half million dollars for the systematic marketing of crops, every cent that is loaned will be backed by first class collateral but with the co-operation of the farmers and the business men, the act should work out to the help of agriculture just as the railroad act put the railroads back on their financial feet.

Mr. Blalock pointed out the several features of the bill which is designed to regulate supply and demand, take unproductive land out of agriculture and perhaps re-forest such lands, stabilize prices, encourage the organization of farmers, co-operative gins and warehouses and the like. Help will be extended only through organized bodies and to get this help the farmers must organize and when such help is extended the rate of interest will not exceed four per cent.

May Secure Strike Jury From Cleveland

The following from the Charlotte Observer will be of interest in this county:

"It looks like now that they'll have to bring in a jury from Cleveland or Lincoln county to try the murder case here," said Robert O. Craig, city councilman of Gastonia, who has been an interested spectator at the trial in the Mecklenburg county court house. "It will be hard to select another jury in this county."

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Abernethy and their son have leased most of the John M. Black residence on S. Washington street and will move their household effects here the first of October. Mr. Abernethy and son have just opened a new jewelry store here.

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Teacher Added In City School, More Enrolling

Moss, Of Forest City, Teaches And Coaches. Talks To Teachers.

Among the items of interest developing during the first week of the year for the Shelby city schools was the announcement today by Supt. B. L. Smith that Mr. P. E. Moss, of Forest City, has been added to the school faculty.

Mr. Moss will be a teacher in the junior high school in South Shelby and will also assist Casey Morris, athletic director, in coaching the athletic teams. He is a graduate of Duke university, was captain of the basketball team there and a member of the football team. For several years he has been coach at the Candler high school in Buncombe county.

New Students In Enrollment in the school system has picked up during the week in practically all of the schools. The opening enrollment at the high school of 382 has already moved up to 432. One of the problems facing Supt. Smith already is an overcrowded condition at the Marion school, where there are more children, particularly in the seventh grade, than can be properly handled. It is the hope of the superintendent, with the consent of parents concerned, to shift a number of the Marion students to South Shelby, Washington, and Jefferson schools, where conditions are not so congested.

Miss Ollie Dobson, former supervisor of the Lakeland, Fla., schools, was the speaker before the teachers meeting Thursday. Supt. Smith and Principal W. E. Abernethy and perhaps others will go to Charlotte tomorrow to attend a district meeting of superintendents and principals.

Officers Arrive Here With Fighter Wanted In Killing

Hornbuckle Was Known In Alabama As Jack Edwards. Was Boxing There.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Dixon and City Policeman Paul Stamey arrived in Shelby just before noon today bringing with them A. J. (Kid) Hornbuckle, who was arrested at Alabama City, Ala., for Shelby officers on the charge of killing George Scruggs, textile worker, here last February.

Hornbuckle was apprehended at Alabama City, but was in jail at Gadsden, the county seat, where the Shelby officers took charge of him. He waived extradition and requisition papers were not necessary.

The pugilist was appearing in boxing programs there regularly. Deputy Dixon learned, under the name of "Jack Edwards," and he also had taken out life insurance policies under that name.

On the trip back he talked very little to the officers about the difficulty and his hitting Scruggs, known to him as "Peanuts" over the head with a stick of cordwood. He did not, however, deny that he inflicted the blow which proved fatal.

Alabama officers will get the \$250 reward offered for his capture minus the expense of the two officers who made the trip after him.

Mother Dies Two Days After Her Son

Mrs. Gertrude Carroll, formerly of Shelby, died in Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday, two days after the sudden death of her son, C. Armond Carroll on Sunday. She died without knowing of her son's death, according to the Atlanta Journal. Mrs. Carroll was critically ill, at the time her son died and knowledge of her son's death was withheld from her. Mrs. Carroll was the wife of Mr. Will Carroll of Shelby and a daughter of Dr. Nelson at one time pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby. Her remains were buried at Americus, Ga.

Cleveland Man Grows First Lincoln Bale

J. S. Turner, former citizen of Cleveland county, now living on route 4 Lincoln, was the first to produce a bale of cotton in that county this year. This bale was ginned Tuesday of this week and was sold to Lineberger Brothers, cotton buyers, for twenty cents per pound. The bale weighed 479 pounds.

Gastonia Mistrail Causes Carolina Riots



Mistrail, caused by Juror J. G. Campbell (right) going insane, caused spasmodic riots throughout the cotton mill section of North Carolina. Tom Jimison (inset), one of the defense lawyers, was threatened with lynching by a mob at Charlotte, N. C., and three Communist labor leaders were kidnaped and beaten by local citizens. Three of the strikers on trial are pictured above (left to right), Vera Buch, Sophia Melvin and Amy Schlechter. (International Newsreel)

Ax Victim Out Of Hospital, Will Hold Hearing Saturday

Will Try White Youth And Negro About Slugging Of Negro In His Shack.

Boyce Meeks, the negro who was slugged on the back of the head with an ax a month or more back while in his shack near the Southern railway tracks, left the Shelby hospital yesterday, and tomorrow morning the slugging affair will be aired in county court.

The two defendants to be tried are Stough Green, white youth, and Louis Ellis, a negro. These two, Meeks says, were at his shack on the night that he was slugged and almost fatally wounded. He does not, however, recall very much about what happened on the night before he was found on the following morning lying in a pool of blood on the floor of his shack with the rear of his head badly crushed and a gory ax upon the bed. All, it is said, were drinking rubbing alcohol.

Attorneys B. I. Falls and Peyton McSwain have been employed to represent the two defendants when the hearing comes before Recorder Horace Kennedy tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Man Just Off Gang Acquitted Of Charge

John Kirk Acquitted By Recorder When Son Admits Ownership Of Boozie.

John Kirk, Kings Mountain man who just completed a term on the chargin gang a week ago yesterday, was acquitted yesterday in recorder's court at Kings Mountain on a liquor charge upon which he was arrested two days after completing his last sentence.

Kirk leaving the gang yesterday week ago was arrested last Saturday along with his son, Howard, after a gallon of whiskey was found at their home, and yesterday he was back in court only a week after leaving the rockpile. In the courtroom, however, the son admitted ownership of the whiskey and the father denied any connection with it. Recorder Kennedy fined the son \$100 and freed the father.

Miss Charlie Mae Laughridge leaves Tuesday to enter N. C. C. W. at Greensboro.

Washington Police May Identify Mystery Man Here

Congressman Jonas Says Photo Of Mystery Man Was Made In Washington.

The police department of Washington may prove successful in unravelling the identity of Shelby's "mystery man" who was buried in potter's field here some weeks back after his sudden death in South Shelby.

Heads Baptist S. School Again



Judge B. T. Falls was re-elected Sunday by the First Baptist church as superintendent of the First Baptist church Sunday school, the largest Sunday school in this section. He will begin his third consecutive year October 1. On Armistice day the State Baptist convention meets here and this Sunday school will be able to report an enrollment of 1,200 with an average attendance of 700.

To get some idea of the growth of the Sunday school, it is recalled that Judge Falls was superintendent in November 1913 when the state Baptist convention met with this church and at that time the enrollment was 450 and the average attendance 200.

Thieves Steal Tire At Rear Of Police Station, City Hall

A wave of "spare tire" stealing is so sweeping Shelby that even city officials are not spared.

One night this week the spare tire on the rear of City Electrician Ted Gordon's auto was stolen while the car was parked at the rear of the city hall and police station.

Washington Police May Identify Mystery Man Here

who writes to The Star that he has seen the photo and story of the "mystery man" and is satisfied the clothes he wore were purchased in Washington and that the photograph of the man, known here as "Fred Andrews," was made before Grant's monument in Washington.

The letter also carried the suggestion from Congressman Jonas that the photo and other information be turned over to the detective bureau of the District of Columbia.

Issue Warrants In Gaston Mob Affair, Officers Included

Three Gastonia Policemen And Mill Men Named In Bench Warrants.

Charlotte, Sept. 13.—Fourteen men, accused of taking part in the activities of the anti-communist mob, which Monday night raided National Textile Workers Union headquarters in Gastonia and Bessemer City and kidnaped N. T. W. U. Organizer Ben Wells and two companions, flogging Wells, were arrested in Gastonia last night on bench warrants issued in Charlotte late yesterday by Judge Thomas J. Shaw, Solicitor John G. Carpenter told The Observer by telephone.

The men are charged with conspiracy to kidnap, kidnaping, assault with intent to kill, imprisonment and false arrest, in the warrants which were issued as an outgrowth of the sweeping investigation announced by Judge Shaw and Solicitor Carpenter at noon Wednesday into both of the mob which spread into both Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties.

Those arrested, and their occupations as given by Solicitor Carpenter were:

Will Pickering, Loray mill worker. Tom Carver, Loray mill worker. Dewey Carver, Loray mill worker. Smiley Lewis, Loray mill worker. John Holly, occupation not learned.

J. D. Moorhead, said to be superintendent of Manville-Jencks mill. Horace Lane, Myers mill worker. T. A. Gilbert, Gastonia city policeman.

A. J. Roach, Gaston city policeman. C. Holly, night superintendent at Manville-Jencks mill.

Oscar Goodman, machinist at Myers mill. Dr. Lee Johnson, Manville-Jencks mill physician.

C. M. Ferguson, Gaston city policeman. Carl Holloway, Loray mill worker.

Bonds for the accused men were placed at \$1,000 each, and the hearing is scheduled to take place before Judge Shaw in Mecklenburg superior court here this morning.

Are Company Takes Over Radio Agency

The Arey Refrigerating Company made the formal announcement Thursday that they have taken the agency for the RCA Radio in this territory, and will prosecute business for this organization vigorously.

Mr. Will Arey, speaking for the company said he is expecting a big shipment of RCA's within a few days. This is one of the best known of the modern makes of Radio, and is already well and favorably known in this territory.

Masonic Notice.

Cleveland lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. will meet in called communication tonight (Friday) for work in Master Mason degree. Lodge opens promptly at 7:30. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

Plato Durham Will Conduct Revival Here

Prominent Son of County To Come To Central Church In October.

Dr. Plato Tracy Durham, a member of the faculty of Emory university and one of the most prominent native sons of Cleveland county, will come to Shelby next month to preach for the evangelistic services at the Central Methodist church.

These services, according to Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, Central pastor, will begin on Sunday, October 13, and continue through Sunday, October 20.

Nationally Known.

Dr. Durham, who was born in Shelby and who is a member of one of the outstanding families in the history of this county, made the principal address at the unveiling of the Stone Mountain memorial, at Atlanta, several years ago, and by the address added to his national reputation as an orator. He is considered one of the leading figures in the Southern Methodist church and is perhaps the outstanding orator in the South today.

Dr. Boyer and Dr. Durham are close personal friends and the Central pastor is elated over Dr. Durham's acceptance of the invitation to return to Shelby.

Cleaning Plant Is Robbed Here

Service Dry Cleaning Firm Has Many Ladies Winter Coats Stolen.

The Service Dry Cleaning plant, operated on West Graham street by Worth Branton, was thoroughly cleaned Wednesday night by thieves who entered the building and made away with several hundred dollars worth of clothing in the plant for cleaning.

The robbery struck the plant at a bad time for the operator and at a prosperous period for the thieves as a special cleaning offer was on for rehabilitating winter coats.

The loot taken included something like 15 ladies winter coats, some of the them are fur trimmed; 10 or 12 suits of men's clothing, extra trousers, and other garments. Police officers yesterday found four pairs of trousers, one suit and one fur coat in a cotton patch to the rear of the plant, according to Police Chief Poston, but no other clue to the robbery has been found. Entrance was made through a window.

Poplar Springs To Have New Church

Hope To Pay Cash For New Brick Building When Completed. Contract Let.

The congregation of the Poplar Springs Baptist church, to the right of Sharon, is to have a new brick church building.

The contract for the new structure was let Wednesday to Mr. J. H. Brackett, of Shelby, and work will start soon. The members of the congregation have been staging an active campaign for the new building, which will be modern in every detail and containing Sunday school departments, and it is hoped by the time the church is completed that they may be able to pay cash for it. The structure will cost around \$12,000.

Rev. D. Frank Putnam is the Poplar Springs pastor.

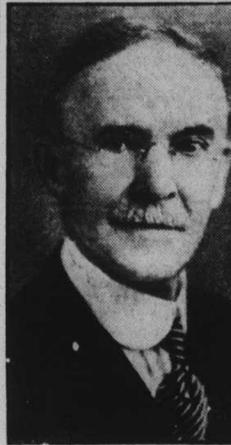
Misses Willie Hoyle and Charlie Mae Laughridge are spending today in Charlotte.

Mr. Lloyd Lutz leaves Monday to enter school at Duke University.

Pellagra Increasing In N. C. By Leaps And Bounds

Raleigh.—In conversation with Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse, state health officer, he gave out the information that pellagra was increasing in North Carolina by leaps and bounds; that five years ago the death rate per hundred thousand was practically eight and that today the death rate per hundred thousand was practically 30. He also stated that two years ago 5 per cent of admissions of insane patients in the State hospital at Goldsboro was caused by pellagra. Last year 10 per cent, and that since July of this year, it has been climbing until now 13 per cent of the admissions to the Goldsboro hospital are insane from pellagra.

May Leave Here



DR. H. K. BOYER

Dr. Boyer May Go To Another Church In Fall

Coming Conference Will End Popular Pastor's Fourth Year In Shelby.

Shelby may lose one of the city's most popular ministers of many years early in November should the Western North Carolina Methodist conference follow its customary ruling in moving a pastor who has served one charge for four years. Which is to say that next month Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, pastor of Central Methodist church, will have completed four years pastorate here.

"Of course, I cannot tell what the conference will do," Dr. Boyer said to The Star in discussing the likely change, "but the bishops usually insist on a change after four years on one charge."

The conference for Western Carolina opens at High Point on October 23, and it is then that pastors of the Methodist church throughout this section of the state are allotted their charges for the coming year. New pastorates are usually taken up about November 1.

Dr. Boyer is one of the veteran Methodist ministers of the state and ranks among the outstanding clergymen of his church. A kindly, well-learned, yet dignified and outspoken as a man and as a minister; he has come to be, during his four years here, one of the most highly admired and respected men in Shelby, and the city, should the conference follow its custom of changing pastors after four years, will regret very much to give him up.

Catch Another In Robbery Of Plant

While making a search yesterday for clues in the robbery of the Service Dry Cleaning plant Wednesday night, city officers found and arrested Emmet Thompson, young white man, wanted in connection with the robbery of the Shelby Dry Cleaning plant a couple of weeks back.

At the time of his arrest, Police Chief Poston says, Thompson was wearing the coat to one of the suits missed from the plant and was carrying the pair of trousers which matched the coat. He did not deny the robbery, the police chief says, and was jailed to await trial, likely today before Judge Horace Kennedy.

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Ejected Worker In Shelby Jail Wants Jimison

Tessner, Jailed On Auto Tag Charge, Asks For Lawyer Of Textile Workers Union.

In county court this morning Cleo Tessner, who was ejected from a Kings Mountain textile mill house this week, was fined \$25 and the costs for operating an automobile without a proper license tag. If the fine is not paid Tessner is to take a 60 day road sentence.

Cleo Tessner, alleged labor organizer, jailed here Wednesday afternoon by Kings Mountain officers after Mr. D. D. Wilkins, state auto inspector, swore out a warrant for his violating the state auto license regulations, is anxious to get in touch with Tom P. Jimison, of Charlotte, attorney for the strikers in the Charlotte trial, so that Jimison and the union may help him out of his difficulties.

On the same afternoon that he was jailed here on the auto tag charge, Kings Mountain officers, serving ejection papers, removed Tessner's household belongings from one of the Cora mill residences in Kings Mountain, where he had been living, and placed them in storage uptown.

Others Move. Tessner together with two other families in the Cora mill village had been living in the houses there after they had left the employment of the mill, and it became necessary, according to Kings Mountain reports, to take out ejection papers to get them out of the houses. When Kings Mountain officers went to serve the ejection papers Wednesday, after Tessner was in jail here, two of the families had already moved out, one going, it is said, to Gastonia, but the officers had to move Tessner's belongings. Officers say that Tessner, who came to Kings Mountain from Maryland, worked only a short time in the mill, but had been living in the mill house until Wednesday. A week ago he was taken into county court charged with trespass after he had, it is said, tacked placards about the mill urging textile workers to fight the "stretch-out" system. He was acquitted, however, on the trespass charge as the evidence did not show that he had been specifically forbidden to go upon the mill premises.

Has Visitors Here. The present charge against Tessner, as preferred by the auto inspector, is that he has not purchased a North Carolina license since coming to the state and has been operating his car upon a Maryland license. Yesterday, according to Sheriff Allen, a couple of strangers, apparently not natives of the South, visited Tessner in the county jail. His bond was set at \$200 but none of the visitors or the union raised the necessary amount. Shortly after being jailed Tessner told the sheriff that he wanted to get hold of "Lawyer Jimison, the union lawyer," and the sheriff informed him that he would be glad to deliver any desired message to the Charlotte attorney. Tessner replied, the sheriff said, that he wanted to have a private conversation with Jimison and nothing more was heard about the matter.

Charge Deputy With False Arrest Here

Deputy Bob Kendrick will be tried in county court Tuesday on a charge of false arrest and assault due to a warrant sworn out by Lloyd Hopper, who lives in east Shelby. Hopper was arrested one night this week on a charge of being drunk and slapping his wife, and he was fined 10 on each charge in county court today.

The charge against the officer, it is understood, is that he did not have the proper papers and that he used force in making the arrest. Officer Kendrick says that the father of Hopper interfered in the arrest and that it became necessary for him to use force.

Hope To Organize County Club Here

Mr. R. E. Price, editor of the Rutherford News, was in Shelby today calling upon prominent business and professional leaders feeling out the sentiment for a county club here similar to the one which has made such a success in Rutherford county. The county club movement, which makes a contest between the leading citizens of the cities and rural communities, is spreading rapidly over the country, and a unit will likely be established here.