

The Markets. Cotton, Spot 15c Cotton Seed, per bu. 45c

Rain And Cooler. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Showers and cooler in northeast portion tonight, Tuesday rain and cooler.

Legion Meeting. A meeting of the Warren Hoyle post of the American Legion will be held at 7:30 Tuesday evening at the court house, at which time officers for 1929-30 will be installed.

Find Sister Of Fair Follower Who Died Here. Show People Attend Funeral Rites Early Sunday Morning, Died During Gaiety.

A little group of wandering men and women, picked from the painted girls, the midgets and the entertainers along the Rubin and Cherry midway, gathered early yesterday morning in the chapel of the Palmer funeral home here to pay their final respects to Eddie Baker before they moved along with their hilarity to take up another fair stand.

Spanish Silver Unearthed Here. Youth Finds Treasure Hidden Perhaps One Hundred Years Back In South Shelby.

An old Spanish treasure, buried perhaps a century ago, was unearthed Friday of last week in a wooded strip on the old Bob Williams place just below South Shelby.

The finder was a youth, Clyde Williams, who was playing about in the woods when he spied something shining in a gully which had been washed there.

Climbing into the ditch the youth began to scrape about and in a few minutes had uncovered 27 pieces of Spanish silver. Just what the value of the coins were, or might be now, is not known.

Nearly All New. Practically all of the silver seemed new—in the sense that it apparently had not been in circulation very long before being buried as the coins were not scratched.

A dozen of the coins were standing on edge and in a line in the dirt indicating that they had been stacked in a row and buried in a chest or some other container, the container rotting away during the many years the silver had been buried.

The coins were dated from 1792 to 1810 and since there were no coins dated later it is estimated that the silver might have been buried about the time of the War of 1812.

No local legend tells of a Spanish treasure ever being buried in the section and the unearthing of the silver has created a mystery as to when and how it was placed there, and by whom.

Wreath On Stand. The thousands swarming along the midway Saturday and Sunday night hardly noticed it, but swaying in an autumn breeze on the front of the midway stand, Baker had operated, was a wreath—a last little tribute from the midway pals.

Youth's Leg Broken By A Car Saturday; Two Women Injured. Jack Beatty Struck By Car Driven By Kimzie Patterson, Women Improve.

Quite a number of accident victims were carried to the Shelby hospital during fair week, but with one exception there were no serious injuries.

Fair Attendance Equals Last Year's Big Record

Beautiful Home-made Cotton Dresses Feature At The Fair

163 Dresses Are Shown On Living Models. Miss Nina Cabaniss Wins Sweepstakes.

That beautiful dresses of all styles and for all occasions can be made from cotton goods, was demonstrated Friday morning at the County Fair when the cotton fashion show staged in front of the grandstand, drew thousands of people to witness the first occasion of this kind ever held in the county.

City To Advertise Property This Week For \$35,000 In Taxes

Mayor McMurry Says Remaining 1928 Taxes Must Be Paid, Or Property Sold.

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Contest Winners At County Fair Booths

At the county fair in the manufacturers exhibit hall, the Union Trust company held a guessing contest, offering cash prizes to the three who guessed nearest to the number of pennies in a jar.

Shelby High Boys Star On Gridiron

Two former Shelby high football players were outstanding stars in college and prep school games Saturday.

Three Radicals Sue Charlotte Officers For Damages \$150,000

Charlotte—Another of the long series of court actions growing out of the efforts of the National Textile Workers' union to gain a footing in the piedmont Carolinas got under way with the filing of three suits totalling \$150,000 against Alex West, chief of police, of Charlotte, and John R. Irwin, sheriff of Mecklenburg county.

Dies Mysteriously



Was Mrs. Virginia McPherson, pretty young Washington, D. C., nurse (above), strangled to death by a knotted pajama cord or did she commit suicide by like means? This is the mystery that District of Columbia detectives must solve.

Lutherans Lose To Flashy P. C. Eleven At Fair

The fast Presbyterian college eleven defeated Lenoir Rhyne here Saturday in this section's first football game at the Cleveland County Fair grounds by a score of 15 to 0.

Boiling Springs In Tie With Rutherford In Contest Saturday

Two Junior Colleges Battle To Deadlock, Chetty And Coble Star.

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Weevil Hurting County Cotton Very Much Now

Pest, Due To Wet Weather, Will Cut Cotton Total From 10 to 15 Percent.

Cleveland county, which is now the leading cotton county in North Carolina due to an upland location which has prevented a boll weevil visitation as disastrous as has struck other cotton sections, this year faces more damage from the cotton pest than ever before.

The continued rains and cool weather of last week brought about admirable conditions for the invasion of the pest and by midweek many farmers were reporting weevils throughout their fields.

The majority of the damage is to late cotton, and a big percentage of the county crop was planted late.

Week end reports from Gaston county state that the weevil will cut the crop there by one-third.

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A Sabbath night whoopee party, in which whiskey and women played prominent roles, ended in a tragedy last night at Lincolnton when Lewis Carroll, 32-year-old World War veteran, was fatally shot.

Carroll's companions on the drunken spree are being held in the Lincoln county jail, according to a message to The Star from Lincolnton at noon today.

According to information given newspapermen at Lincolnton the entire party was pretty well tipsy when they started for the McCoy home on the Shelby road, just out of Lincolnton near the Roseland mill.

When officers reached the Roseland section Carroll was dead and McCoy was found in bed at his home in a drunken condition.

Both men were known about Lincolnton, it is said, as bootleggers.

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However, the state as a whole had a big fire loss for the month, the estimated loss being \$299,585 resulting from 113 fires, the largest of which were at Asheboro.

Mrs. McPherson's Beauty Bill Causes Followers to Desert Her



AMEE SEMPLE McPHERSON, Los Angeles evangelist, spent \$40.50 on beauty treatments while she was in Detroit, Mich., on a recent soul saving campaign, and thereby alienated herself from followers in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Dawson MacCullough.

He said total expenses for her fifteen-day evangelistic campaign in Detroit amounted to \$19,608 and left a deficit of \$9,171 for the local church which had guaranteed expenses.

When the congregation protested strongly, Mr. MacCullough said Mrs. McPherson sent a check for \$500.

Her bills included hotel, \$674; personal, \$180; flowers, \$53, and unexplained miscellaneous items, \$995.

The hotel bill included five cents for a newspaper, \$142.50 for meals and \$40.50 for beauty treatments.

Mr. MacCullough said the bills indicated that Mrs. McPherson had "financially betrayed" her Michigan followers.

No Definite Decision Yet In Proposed Bank Merger

If First National Bank Goes In, It Will Be To Insure Better Banking Facilities.

Returning from New York Saturday where President C. C. Blanton went to investigate and discuss the invitation extended this bank to join in a big billion dollar bank merger, Mr. Blanton said no definite action has been taken and may not be taken.

"If the plan does go through and the First National merges or forms an alliance, it will be for the interest of Shelby and Cleveland county as we see it," said Mr. Blanton.

"I have just returned from a visit to New York, where I went upon invitation to discuss the proposed bank merger in North Carolina. The matter was thoroughly discussed from every angle, but no definite decision was reached. It is a big proposition and if it should go through, as contemplated, it would be an outstanding achievement for North Carolina in a financial way."

"I may add that the First National bank of Shelby was selected as one of the banks to be included in this merger in the event it was perfected and in case the directors and stockholders should decide that it was advisable. This is quite a distinction for the First National, because very great care was exercised in the selection of the banks invited to join and become a part of this merger."

Concern For Patrons. "My first concern in the discussion of this merger and in the consideration of the matter shall be (Continued on page eight.)"

Shelby Man's Girl Helps Him Get His License For Wedding

Harley Bridges' Bride Goes For License While She Waits For Him.

Richmond, Sept. 28.—When Miss Winie Ree Drawdy, 24, and pretty, of Atkinson, Ga., called at city hall here yesterday in quest of a license to wed Harley Bridges, 31, of Shelby, Thomas R. Miller, license clerk, naturally wondered where the prospective groom was.

Informing that he had been unavoidably detained by an accident in North Carolina and could not reach here until 9 o'clock last night, Miller informed the bride-to-be that the license could not be issued unless Bridges applied in person. At the same time, however, he very obligingly agreed to come down to city hall and issue the license at that hour.

This he did and Bridges and the girl appeared at the appointed time. They were married soon afterward and left today on a wedding trip after spending the night in Richmond.

"Doc" Willis Sells Out His Barbershop

Announcement was made today of the sale of the Willis Barber shop, D. L. "Doc" Willis, proprietor, to three young men of the city, who will henceforth conduct the enterprise, with "Doc" Willis staying on the job to assist them.

The purchasers are J. J. Willis, nephew of "Doc"; Howard Bridges and J. H. Wright. The change in management was made this morning. All three young men are well known and popular in Shelby.

Pioneer Home, 200 Years Old, In Cleveland County Still In Use

In the Muddy Fork section of No. 5 township there is a residence still in use today, which was built in 1731, or 198 years ago.

The other old residence, lingering over from pioneer days, is the red house just west of New Prospect church and is on the plantation owned by Mr. Josh Lattimore and Dr. E. B. Lattimore. This residence was erected in 1794 by John Teter Beam, also a great grandfather of Mrs. Wright, who was the first of the Beam family, then known as Baum, to settle in this section which is now covered by hundreds of his descendants.

Receipts Equal Last Year But Expense Bigger

Record Crowd Swarmed Midway Friday Night, Set Record For County Fairs.

Although completely washed out one day and practically rained out another day, the Cleveland county fair this year drew a crowd during three good days which equalled last year's record attendance and brought in receipts equalling or surpassing the income of last year.

This was revealed today by fair officials although bookkeepers and officials were not through with a complete check of the event.

Expense Heavier. Just how much the income of the big event exceeded the expense, if it did, is not known, but it is the belief of fair officials that the event broke even, and perhaps made some money despite the weather which greatly handicapped the program.

115,000 Attendance. The total attendance, most of it during three days, was conservatively estimated today at 115,000, or slightly ahead of the 105,000 record of last year.

Thirty-five thousand, it is estimated attended on the opening day, which was school day, while the vast throng on Friday and Friday night ran around 45,000 with 30,000 more pouring through the fair gates on the closing day, Saturday. The attendance figures for these three days totals 110,000 while an estimate of only 5,000 is made for both Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday hundreds attended the races and the fireworks program at night, but on Thursday there was no program during the day.

The Record Night. Friday night saw the largest crowd of the year packing every inch of space on the 56-acre tract. Many of the gatekeepers and officials estimated the gigantic throng at nearer 50,000 people than 45,000. It was impossible, due to the tremendous rush about 8 o'clock at night, to keep any check on the size of the crowd, as early in the evening all auto tickets and other methods of checking the crowd were exhausted. Such a stream of cars jammed highway 20 trying to get in that extra deputies had to be put on to handle the traffic jam and attempt to find parking space within the fair tract for all the cars. As it was scores of cars were turned back to seek parking places along side roads.

"It was the largest crowd I've ever seen at either day or night program of a fair anywhere," declared the manager of the Rubin (Continued On Page Eight)

D. S. Bridges Dies Sunday

Prominent Farmer Living Between Lattimore And Bolling Springs Succumbs.

Mr. D. S. Bridges, prominent and well-to-do farmer living between Lattimore and Bolling Springs succumbed to a protracted illness with rheumatism Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Bridges had been sick for 7 months, most of which time he was confined to the bed. He was 58 years, two months and 26 days old.

The time for the funeral had not been agreed upon today, pending the arrival of a son from Ohio. He will be buried at Pleasant Ridge Baptist church either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday and the services will be conducted by Rev. W. G. Camp of Cherrville. Mr. Bridges joined the church forty years ago and was a faithful church member and fine Christian gentleman, highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Deceased was married 36 years ago to Miss Angeline Blanton, who survives with eight children; three girls and five boys: Vaugnna Bridges of Ohio; Robert, Hall, Ray and Gale Bridges of this county; Mrs. C. R. Ledbetter, Mrs. L. P. Brooks, Mrs. G. P. Whisnant. The passing of Mr. Bridges was the first death in the family.