

THE MARKET.

Cotton, per pound 17 1/2c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2c

Partly Cloudy.

The Weather: North Carolina partly cloudy, not so cold tonight. Thursday fair.

Price Outlines A Country Club For Cleveland

Effort Is Being Made To Enlist Representative Men In Every Section.

R. E. Price, organizer of county clubs, outlined the plans and purposes of such an organization for Cleveland here last night to about 20 men from various parts of the county in the office of the clerk of court and each man present felt that such an organization would be a great benefit to the county.

Mr. Price pointed out the advantages the club had been to Rutherford county and said that the clubs meet one a month to discuss county-wide problems.

New Furniture Firm To Open

Kester-Groome Company Opens New Store Tomorrow In Old Campbell Stand.

The Kester-Groome furniture company, housed in the rebuilt two-story building at LaPayette and Sumter streets, in the Campbell and Ingram-Liles former stand, is opening its doors to the public here tomorrow morning.

This is the sixth of a chain of associated companies in which the proprietors of this newest Shelby business establishment are interested, all of them being located in North Carolina.

Messrs. O. V. Kester, as president, L. C. Kester, as secretary-treasurer, and Z. M. Groome, vice president, are the operating heads of the new enterprise, which promises to cut quite a swath in Shelby business.

The scale on which the company is conducting business is in a measure indicated by the fact that they are offering more than seven hundred dollars worth of prizes as an introduction to the local trade.

Baptists Had 636 Baptisms In Year

Total Church Membership Of 41 Churches Of Association Now 11,187.

According to the church letters compiled for the minutes of the Kings Mountain Baptist association which met last week at Bolling Springs, Clerk G. G. Page finds that during the year there were 636 additions by baptism to the 41 churches comprising the association.

Sunday schools of the association have a total enrollment of 15,579, while the average daily attendance is 6,027, or sixty per cent. of the Sunday schools. 28 maintain the standard grade.

Copy for the minutes has been prepared and is now in the hands of the printer, Mr. Page finishing up the work in order to leave in a few days for Florida where he will spend a week at St. Petersburg and a week at Tampa engaged in Sunday school enrollment and enlargement campaigns.

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Cleveland Springs Hotel Burned Here Last Night

Shelby Hospital Approved By American College Of Surgeons

Musical Comedy Will Be Given On Friday Night By Club Here

Music And Arts Department Of Woman's Club Sponsoring Laugh Provoking Comedy.

"Dollar Bill of the Sunshine Circus," a teasing, laugh providing musical comedy will be presented at the Central high school auditorium here Friday night, October 18, at 8 o'clock.

The musical comedy is being sponsored by the Music and Arts division of the Shelby Woman's club and is the latest production of the Daniel producing company's musical plays. Modern in every respect, having a wealth of clever lines, peppy songs, up-to-the-minute dance steps, and with beautiful chorus girls in gorgeous costumes it promises to be one of the most entertaining home-talent productions ever presented in Shelby.

The plot of the comedy tells what happens when the circus visits Hackville and takes the town. Variations of the plot show what happens in the lives of circus people, the ups and downs under the big top, and offers a lesson from "Dollar Bill," the circus clown in that you "laugh and the world laughs with you—but weep and you weep alone."

County Manager Out After Week In Bed

Spent Couple Of Hours In Office Here Yesterday But Is Weak From Illness.

Mr. A. E. Cline, Cleveland county manager and chairman of the county commissioners, was back in his office here yesterday for a short time after having been confined to his home in Kings Mountain since Monday week ago.

Odd News, This! No Local Couples Marry At Gaffney

This should be a news item since Webster says that any unusual happening is news.

Last week not a single Shelby or Cleveland county couple was married in Gaffney, South Carolina. Insofar as news records here disclose it has been a year or more since a week passed in which Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup did not marry at least one Cleveland county couple.

Open Cotton, Or Something, Has Started Local Marriages Again

Six Couples Married Here Last Week Is Record Since New Law Came In.

Just what caused it no one seems to know. It may be because it is cotton-picking time when there is always a little more money for this, that and the other than at any other period of the year in Cleveland county. Anyway, it has happened.

More marriage licenses were sold at the Cleveland county court house last week than during any single week since North Carolina's marriage regulations started during county couples over to Gaffney and other Gretna Greens in South Carolina.

In fact, Register of Deeds Andy Newton sold so many licenses last

After Years Of Work, Local Institution Meets All Requirements.

After years of work, the Shelby hospital has been approved as a standard institution by the American College of Surgeons, according to a letter received this morning from the office of the director General Dr. Franklin H. Martin of Chicago.

For several years the Shelby hospital was "not fully approved" because it needed a few minor points in equipment to make it come up to the standard. This equipment has been added and now the institution is rated as having met all the requirements for this approval which means that its equipment and service equals any of the larger institutions.

What Requirements Are. The requirements for a hospital to be on the fully approved list are: 1. A modern physical plant, free from hazards, with a competent governing body.

2. An efficient, chief executive officer or superintendent with a competent personnel.

3. An organized medical staff of qualified physicians and surgeons who hold regular meetings to review and evaluate the professional work of the hospital.

4. A thorough system for recording conditions, treatment and progress of each patient.

5. Acceptable diagnostic and therapeutic facilities.

6. Definite evidence that the staff members are opposed to fee-splitting or payment of commissions by surgeons for patients referred to them.

Production of health, like auto- (Continued on page twelve.)

Tax Notices Being Sent Out By County

New State Law Says One Percent Deduction For Those Paying In October.

Cleveland county citizens are this week receiving a little blue slip—the most cursed little blue slip in the world—earlier in the year than before. It is their tax notice from the county of Cleveland informing them just what they owe the county in taxes for the year 1929.

Heretofore the tax notices have usually been sent out about the first of the year, but, according to Sheriff Irvin Allen, the new Machinery act passed by the last legislature sets aside certain months where deductions are made for early taxpayers and certain penalties added to those who pay their taxes late. For this reason the notices are being mailed early.

The Machinery act says that there will be a reduction of one percent on all taxes paid during October, and a reduction of one-half of one percent on all taxes paid during November. In December the exact amount must be paid. There will be a penalty of one percent on taxes paid as late as February, two percent penalty for taxes paid in March, three percent in April and four percent in May.

Mr. Erwin To Leave Ella Mill Job Here

Mr. W. J. Erwin who has been the popular and efficient superintendent for the Ella division of the Consolidated Textile corporation here for a number of years, leaves the first of the month for Great Falls, S. C. where he becomes assistant to the president of the Pacific Mills. The Pacific Mills is one of the largest textile organizations in the south and the new position to which Mr. Erwin goes is quite a promotion.

Examination For Clerk-Carrier Here

Mr. Talmadge Gardner announces that a civil service examination will be held Saturday in the high school auditorium for position as clerk-carrier at the Shelby postoffice.

Widely Known Shelby Hotel Destroyed By Fire.



The Cleveland Springs hotel (above), one of Shelby's greatest assets and widely known as a resort and commercial hotel, was completely gutted by flames at an early hour last night. All guests escaped without injury, but practically all of the hotel furnishings was destroyed, the entire loss running around \$200,000.

Cleveland Booth Wins First Prize At North Carolina Fair For Third Consecutive Year

Lattimore Community Also Takes First Prize At State Fair: A Waco Winner.

Cleveland county is apparently sitting on top of the world with a blue ribbon when it comes to fairs. The Cleveland county fair for several years has been ranked as the leading county fair in the state and one of the largest in the south.

Three years ago a collective booth from the county fair here was sent to the state fair in Raleigh and it won first honors, or the blue ribbon, over all other county booths. Last year the same thing happened.

And yesterday in Raleigh, when the judging of booths and exhibits at the state fair was completed the blue ribbon, or first honors, was again hanging on the Cleveland county booth, making three consecutive wins.

Other Honors. But the first county prize was not the only honor coming to Cleveland at the state fair. A wire to The Star from R. W. Shoffner, county agent, says that the Lattimore community booth won first prize in community booths over all others exhibited at the state exposition; and the live-at-home booth of the Beams brothers of Waco, this county, took fifth honor in individual booths.

The county booth in taking first honors won \$400, while the Lattimore booth won \$250.

The county booth this year was arranged by Eldridge Weathers, who assisted in arranging the winning booth last year; Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, home agent; R. W. Shoffner, the new county agent; and Boyd Harrelson, all of whom deserve much credit for the time and work they gave to the winning booth and all were in Raleigh to see the booth win. The Lattimore community booth was arranged under the supervision of Prof. Coley, agricultural teacher at the school there, and he was accompanied to Raleigh by Prof. Dillingham, agricultural instructor at the No. 8 school. Mr. Thamer Beery was in charge of the Beam individual booth.

Shelby Golf Wizards Win Another Match

With an exciting world's series game going on and with a surprising enthusiasm still rampant from Carolina's win over Georgia Tech, Shelby athletic followers overlooked an event nearer home Monday.

Playing on the Myers Park club course at Charlotte Monday afternoon Pete and Fred Webb, Shelby's young golfing brothers, defeated Freddy McCanless, Myers Park champion, and Jimmy Hobbs, runner-up to McCanless, by 2 up in an 18-hole match.

McDiarmid Returns

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, returned yesterday from Rocky Mount where he has been for about 10 days attending the Synod. He announces that prayer meeting will be held at his church this evening at the regular hour, 7:30.

Low Pressure For Fighting Blaze Is Explained By Chief

Pressure In Six Inch Main Very Weak Over Two Miles, Says. Plenty of Water In Tank.

The fact that the water connection between Shelby and the Cleveland Springs hotel is through a six-inch main was given as the reason today, by Assistant Fire Chief Herman Eskridge, why the water pressure was no stronger last night to fight the disastrous hotel blaze.

"A six-inch main," he stated, "carries a pressure of only 70 pounds. Statistics show that the pressure in a six-inch main decreases eight pounds every 1,000 feet. It is two miles, or over 10,000 feet from where the six-inch main starts here in town to the hotel, therefore the decrease in pressure, by the statistics, is 80 pounds, or more pressure than is held in a six-inch pipe. The water stand up town was full as the meter for the hour of the fire will show. The pumps on our trucks will pump water only when it is there and cannot suck water through a pipe over that distance, therefore the pressure could be no stronger than the natural flow over 10,000 feet of distance. It was for this reason that the water coming from the hose had no more pressure, and not because of any defect in the pumps, fire-fighting equipment, and the methods used.

"The fire officials here," he added, "have always argued against a six-inch main over any distance because it does not carry enough pressure for good fire protection, and this statement is made in justice to the volunteer firemen who did what they could."

City Paying Bonds, Amount Of \$20,000. This month the city is having heavy obligations to meet, says Mayor McMurry. About \$20,000 in bonds and interest is to be paid. These bonds are on street and water works bonds coming due and the obligation is straining on the city's treasury, with no taxes collected for 1929 and much owing for previous years.

Gas Turned Over

A news item in Monday's Star told about Thurman Smith's car being damaged by fire early Monday morning when it turned over near the city ball park while Smith was delivering some gasoline. The item erred in its facts in that it was the can of gasoline which turned over instead of the car. The automobile did not turn over.

Deputy Dixon, Great Hunter Of 'Possums, Loses No Time Starting

Hunting Season Opened At Midnight Monday And He Had One Treed By 1 O'clock.

For several years Deputy Sheriff Ed Dixon has been vying with other hunters to become the champion opossum hunter of Cleveland county, and in order to uphold his possum catching reputation he lost no time starting out as the present hunting season opened.

The state game laws say that

Famous Resort Here Burns In Spectacular Blaze; \$200,000 Loss

All Guests In Building Saved When Blaze Catches From Flue Of Furnace Heated First Time This Year. Only \$75,000 Insurance To Cover Loss Of \$215,000. Thousands Witness Destruction.

Cleveland Springs hotel, a name synonymous with Shelby for scores of years and for decades one of the leading resorts and commercial hostels in the two Carolinas, is today a mass of charred ruins as the result of a disastrous fire which swept the big structure last night and left only gaunt walls and a smoldering heap on the hillside where thousands in years gone by have rested and played.

The blaze, near the kitchen roof, was first seen around 8 o'clock and the city fire trucks called, but due to a weak water pressure over a six-inch main two miles from the city tank, the firemen were unable to combat the spreading flames, and by nine o'clock all hope of saving the building was given up.

No Lives Lost. The 24 people in the hotel, guests-officials and employes, all managed to get out without accident or injury. Many of them saved their personal belongings, but the hotel furnishing, other than the dining room silver and office equipment, burned with the building.

A Heavy Loss. Odus M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Springs hotel company, informed The Star today that the building cost \$175,000 and the furniture \$40,000, a total cost of \$215,000. At the time of the blaze \$70,000 insurance was being carried on the building and \$5,000 upon the furnishings, a total of \$75,000 to deduct from the \$215,000 cost leaving a loss of \$140,000 to the owners, if all insurance is collected.

Shelby Hit Again. Shelby, for two years now a victim of the fire demon and disaster, received a heavy blow by the fire. It was only in February of last year the Central hotel burned and four lives were lost; and as all of the eastern section of the city was lighted by the gigantic blaze last night and two people perished in the flames. From that period on until 1920, when the new brick building was erected, there was no hotel on the hillside although the springs continued to draw many visitors. In the heyday of prosperity following the World war, Shelby citizens, realizing what an asset the property was to the town, purchased the property, including several hundred acres, and erected the new hotel. Since that time with its golf course and play facilities it had become a playground, outstanding in the state.

Just how much of the personal belongings of guests and employes had been saved could not be determined today. The majority of the guests, however, it is understood, carried out their possessions, although some of the regular guests were out of town and lost what they had in their rooms.

Exacting Time. Although the toll of the disaster was not so heavy as two past blows to the town, the night was one of the most exciting on record. Several meetings were in progress in different sections of the city and hundreds did not realize what was happening until the hotel was doomed. At the Central school building there was a great gathering of parents, teachers and pupils, and once the meeting adjourned these flocked along the already packed highway to the blaze. Shelby stirred very little when the first alarm

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Kiwanis Will Meet In Woman's Club Room

The meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club tomorrow, Thursday, evening at 7 o'clock will be held in the Woman's club room in the Masonic temple, it was announced today by Chas. A. Burrus, club secretary. The change is due to the burning last night of the Cleveland Springs hotel where the Kiwanis club has been meeting each week since it was organized. Prof. J. H. Grigg will have charge of program and it will be in keeping with educational work.

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