

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 17 1/4. Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2.

Light Frost Coming? Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and continued cool tonight. Light frost in west portion. Saturday fair, slowly rising temperature.

To Broadcast Game. Radio reports today stated that the Carolina-Georgia game Saturday afternoon at Chapel Hill will be broadcast play by play over station WBT Charlotte.

Atheist Can Testify. Concord, Oct. 17.—A person need not believe in a supreme being to be a competent witness in the courts of North Carolina, Judge A. M. Stack of Monroe, presiding over the trial of four Gastonia men charged with flogging Ben Wells, radical union organizer, which was begun at this afternoon's session of Cabarrus court, ruled today in sharp contradiction to the recent ruling of Judge Thomas J. Shaw of Greensboro.

Enrollment In Schools Here Is Gain Over 1928

More Than One Hundred More Students In School Than At Same Time Last Year.

Enrollment and attendance figures tabulated at the end of the first month in the Shelby city schools show that both have increased over the first month of last year.

The first month enrollment this year was 2,669 and last year 2,535, and the attendance this year 2,455 or slightly ahead of last year's attendance of 2,421.

Figures tabulated for enrollment and attendance in the Shelby schools this year show an increase over the first month last year. The enrollment increased from 2535 to 2669; the attendance from 2421 to 2455.

The schools are listed below in the order of rank as based on per cent of enrollment in average daily attendance:

Marion 95.9, Washington 95.5, Jefferson 95, Graham 95, High school 94.6, Morgan 91, Lafayette 90.5, Colored high 89, Colored elementary 82, and Zoar 76 per cent.

Sixty Students At High School Attain Honor Roll Ranking

Seven Pupils Make Grand Honor Roll With Perfect Attendance And Grades.

Over at Central high school sixty children so lived and worked the first month of school that their names are inscribed on the roll of honor. To be eligible for this roll of honor a pupil must meet the following requirements: Make an average grade of ninety per cent on all academic subjects studied, have perfect attendance except for two excused absences or tardies on account of illness, and conduct himself in such a manner as to bring no reflection upon himself, his parent or his school.

Following the regular honor roll is a special or grand honor roll of seven pupils who had perfect attendance and who made a grade of "A" on all subjects studied.

Eighth grade—Paul Arrowood, Loris Dover, Griffin Holland, Richard LeGrand, Colbert McKnight, Edward Post, Margaret Ford, Ruth Forbis, Bernice Miller, Jean Thompson, Lucile Whistnant, Cornelia Sparks, Edith Sanders, Thurman Moore, Ruth Smith, Maxine Costner, and Eloise Heffner.

Ninth grade—Isabel Armour, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Sue Thompson, Ethel White, Franklin Jenkins, Ida Mae Bridges, Ruth Edwards, Ora Hlott, Evelyn Smalley, and Paul Wray.

Tenth grade—C. L. Austell, Hessestine Borders, Mary Frances Kendrick, Helen Anthony, Annie Mae Bobbit, Elizabeth Blanton, Helen Bess, Mildred Camp, Lena Hamrick, Annie Lou Hoyle, Matilda Jenks, Mary Lineberger, Alice Goode King, Evelyn Short, Sara Thompson, Annie Lee White, Mildred Weaver, Doyle Webb, George Blanton, Felix Gee, William Ingram, John Irvin, Jr., Sherrill Lineberger, and May Lattimore.

Eleventh grade—Elsie Gidney, Gidney, Elizabeth Gidney, Marietta Hoyle, Elizabeth LeGrand, and Mildred McKinney.

Grand honor roll of perfect attendance and scholarship: Eighth grade—Colbert McKnight, Edward Post, and Margaret Ford.

Tenth grade—Matilda Jenks, Mary Lattimore, Sarah Thompson, and Felix Gee.

Quality Service Stores Assured Now In Shelby Section, Said

Meeting Held Here Last Night Attended By Grocers From Rutherford Towns.

That a large number of the individual grocers in Shelby and surrounding section will combine with each other in becoming links in a cooperative grocery chain operated under the name of Quality Service Stores seems a certainty now following a meeting last night.

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Aderholt Shot By Cops, Argue Beal Attorneys

Own Men Carried Shotguns. Hoy Makes Opening Speech For State Counsel.

Charlotte, Oct. 17.—Declaration that the evidence showed O. F. Aderholt, Gastonia chief of police, was shot by one of his own officers was made today by T. A. Adams, defense attorney, in arguments before the jury in the trial of seven textile union members charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of the police chief.

Holding up the dead chief's garments Adams roared: "Look at the clothes he wore. He was peppered with shot in the back from his head to his feet. The only way in which he could have been shot in that manner is by a sawed-off shotgun and the only man on the ground that night that had one was one of his own officers."

In testimony during the trial Adam Hord, Gastonia plain clothes officer and one of four officers who accompanied their chief to the tent colony grounds of the Loray mill strikers the night Aderholt was fatally wounded, had said he carried a sawed-off shotgun.

Hord had further testified he went behind the union headquarters building in search of a man he saw with a gun and was there when Aderholt was shot.

The police chief received a mortal wound the night of June 7 from a shot fired in the darkness after he and officers with him had been denied admittance to the union grounds by armed strikers. They had gone to the tent colony to investigate reports of disorders there.

Newell Also Cites Clothing. Aderholt's blood-stained, bullet-ridden clothing also received the attention of the prosecuting attorney in his arguments. Requesting the jury to cast their eyes upon it, Jake Newell, prosecution attorney, said it was "proof of a conspiracy to murder the police chief. Shot in the back. Shot by cowards. Shot by murderers."

"Any answer to that? There can't be any shooting in front? No. The only shots he got were from the back and that's the proof of conspiracy. A conspiracy dark as night, black as hell."

Four speeches were made to the jury during the day, the first by Clyde Hoy for the state; the second by J. D. McCall, of the defense; the third by Newell and the fourth by Adams.

Judge Barnhill today adjourned the trial until Monday in order to have ample time to study the evidence and prepare his charge.

Hoy Opens Up For State, Attacking Beal

Oratory Of Shelby Man Brings Tears To Eyes Of Two Aderholt Jurors.

Charlotte, Oct. 17.—Smooth, piercing oratory of Clyde R. Hoy, for the state, and eloquent irony of Johnson D. McCall, for the defense, vied each other this morning in the seven radical labor defendants in the Gastonia-Aderholt murder case in Mecklenburg superior court.

Fred Beal, chief of the seven defendants, sustained a bitter attack by Mr. Hoy, indicating probably that the state will make Beal the main point of its fire. The Shelby man exercised his powers of ridicule in showing Beal as a shivering coward in hiding while his fellows stood bravely on the line of battle.

"You can't have anything but (Continued on page ten.)"

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The Policeman Pastor



The Rev. R. R. Bach, of Wichita, Kan., who plays the dual role of policeman and pastor. He is six feet tall and weighs more than 200 pounds. During the week he pounds the pavements as a patrolman on the Wichita force and on Sunday he occupies the pulpit of the Brown Memorial Reformed Church. He is liberal in his views and states that he does not mind girls smoking, as long as they do not court Lady Nicotine in public.

Special Court To Hear Crash Suits On Dec. 2

Hearing To Be Held Unless Settlements Are Made. Date For Term Changed.

The special term of court which is to be held here beginning Monday, December 2 will be for the purpose of disposing of the seven damage suits filed in connection with the disastrous building crash in Shelby on August 28, last year, it is learned at the court house in connection with the changing of the date for the special term.

The term for hearing the bank crash suits and clearing up a congested civil court calendar here but was changed early this month until the first week in December due to the fact that labor disturbances have taken up so much time of court officials in other sections. As the court calendar now stands the catastrophe which cost a half dozen lives, will come up for disposal at that time unless settlements are made.

Regular Term. The regular criminal and civil court term is to convene here Monday, October 28, or one week from next Monday. Several killing cases are on this docket.

Boxer Held For Murder Has Hoy For His Attorney

When A. J. (Kid) Hornbuckle, boxer well known throughout the Carolinas, goes on trial in superior court here two weeks from now for murder he will have Clyde R. Hoy, now engaged in the Aderholt hearing at Charlotte, as his attorney.

Hornbuckle is charged with fatally injuring George Scruggs, a textile worker, with a stick of cordwood in east Shelby last February. He escaped immediately after the alleged slaying and was captured only a few weeks ago in Georgia and has been in jail here since.

This Man Has Potato Of Unusual Length

A sweet potato resembling very much in form a long blacksnake was being exhibited in Shelby yesterday by H. E. Beattie, who lives east of Shelby on the Fallston road. The potato measured exactly two and one-half feet in length.

Many Fans Here To Attend Big Contest

A large number of Shelby and Cleveland county football fans are leaving today and early in the morning to attend the Carolina-Georgia football classic at Chapel Hill. Due to Carolina's victory over Georgia Tech and Georgia's win over Yale Saturday's game at Carolina will have an important bearing on both the Southern and national gridiron championships.

Cleveland Town Has Tax Rate Of Only 10c On \$100 Valuation

Lattimore perhaps enjoys the lowest tax rate of any incorporated town in this section. Dr. R. L. Hunt, mayor, says since the sale of the municipally owned light plant to the Southern Public Utilities company for \$15,500, the town's tax rate has been reduced from 50c to 10c on the \$100 property valuation. The Southern Public Utilities company is improving the entire system at Lattimore, setting new and taller poles and stringing heavier circuit wires throughout the town. Recently there was an election in which

the citizens voted almost unanimously in favor of the sale of the municipally owned plant to the private corporation and from the money derived from the sale the town's indebtedness was paid off, leaving several thousand dollars in the town's treasury. Mooreboro is to vote soon on the sale of its electric plant to the Southern Public Utility for the sum of \$15,500 and indications are that the election will carry. Ellenboro, in the edge of Rutherford county sold its plant some months ago and the plant is undergoing improvement.

Low School Rating Explained By Grigg

Interesting Facts About County Schools Given By School Head. Debt Is Low.

In outlining the method of rating schools in the United States, County Superintendent Horace Grigg last night gave interesting and startling facts pertaining to Cleveland county which ranks 81 in schools among the 100 counties in North Carolina. The facts were revealed before the Kiwanis club meeting in the Woman's club room after the club had been driven from Cleveland Springs hotel by the recent fire.

"There are ten points which determine a county's school efficiency," said Mr. Grigg and since Cleveland, which is first in so many points, yet is ninth from the bottom in the matter of schools, the explanation as to the method of rating was very interesting.

Ten Efficiency Points. In the first place the percentage of average daily attendance is cut down because there is a large percentage of tenants who are constantly moving during the school period in Cleveland county. From 1910 to 1926 the number of tenants in Cleveland increased 27 per cent as compared with 1.7 per cent in Rutherford, 18.8 in Catawba and 27.7 in Gaston.

The average length of school term in 1927 in Cleveland was 128 days, in 1928 was 143 days against the state average of 142.

In the matter of training of teachers the county's rank was 75 in 1927 and 1928. The percentage of enrollment in high school 1927-28 ranked Cleveland 71 as compared with other counties in the state.

Not Advancing Fast. In 1927-28 51.8 per cent of the children were over-age, that is were not advancing in their grades as fast as they should.

In the pay of teachers the county ranks 84th among the counties of the state, the average pay being \$712.40. The instructional cost per pupil in the county was \$19.40. This compared with \$27.12 in Rutherford, \$34.86 in Catawba and \$29 in Gaston for the year 1927-28.

In the matter of current expenditures per pupil the county ranked 89th, while the current expenditures per teacher was not given by Mr. Grigg. The value of school property ranked 90th, while the county ranked 39th in property valuation per school child.

School Debt Low. Cleveland county's school indebtedness per capita was \$40 as compared with \$99.50 in Rutherford, \$62.75 in Catawba and \$76.65 in Lincoln, said Mr. Grigg, this county ranking 80th with the other counties in North Carolina. "Our county has not gone in for stone and marble in building school houses." (Continued on page ten.)

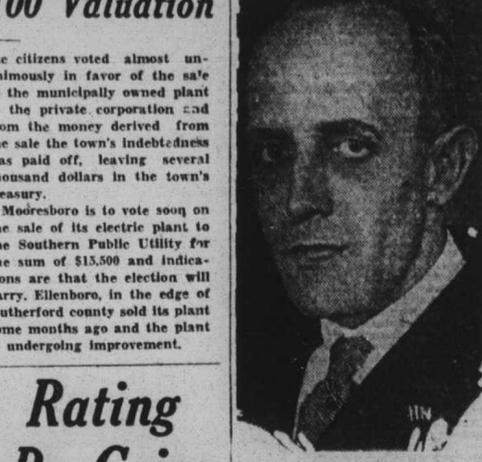
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Exposed Cult Activities



C. R. Dabney, who, according to Mrs. Otis Blackburn, now under arrest in Los Angeles, Cal., is the man who brought about the exposure of the religious cult now being proscribed by the California police. Mrs. Blackburn is responsible for the story that Dabney "peached" on the cult because the members refused to let him assume the role of "Christ," whereupon he went to the authorities with evidence that led to the discovery of the body of Willa Rhodes, buried beneath the floor of her home. International News.

Move Opening County Schools Back One Week

Six Months Schools Not To Open Until Nov. 11 Due To Late Opening Of Cotton.

Between 2,500 and 2,700 students in the six months schools of Cleveland county will not start to school until Monday, November 11, a week later than the original date of November 4, which was set some time ago by the county board of education.

This was announced yesterday by J. H. Grigg, county superintendent, as a ruling made by the school board this week. The moving back of the school opening for one week is due to the fact that the Cleveland county cotton crop is several weeks late this year and the children will be needed at home until that time to aid in cotton picking.

No Plans Yet For Rebuilding Hotel; Blow For Lessees

Martin And Beauregard Just Starting Wide Advertising For Hotel When Fire Came.

What is to become of Cleveland Springs? This question is being asked by scores of people in and about Shelby, and so far there has been no definite answer from the men who control the property where the well-known hotel was destroyed by fire Tuesday night.

Mr. O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the hotel company, is in Raleigh for the week-end, and any discussion of future plans will likely carry over until he returns. Meantime stockholders are adverse to discussing possibilities of rebuilding.

Was An Asset. Despite numerous bad breaks and handicaps it is generally known that the Cleveland Springs hotel, was a great asset to Shelby, one of the town's best advertisements, a gathering place for civic meetings and such, and many Shelby people hope that by some method the hotel can be rebuilt.

Good Era Ahead. From all indications the hotel was just facing what promised to be one of its most successful periods. The lessees, Martin and Beauregard, of recent weeks had just entered upon a wide advertising schedule for the hotel in addition to making arrangements whereby the hotel property would be used in helping to defray operating expenses. The lessees were at the time of the fire erecting highway signs along the main north and south highways from Virginia to Florida, and they were, also, using a travel agency to boost the hotel and resort. (Continued on page ten.)

Shoe Shop Robbed 6th Time In 5 Years

Burglars entered the Shelby Shoe shop of which J. O. Panther is proprietor on West Warren street last night, making the sixth time in five years this place has been entered by thieves. Entrance was gained by forcing open a window with the tools. A quantity of shoes was stolen. The time the shop was entered a \$200 worth of leather was stolen.

New \$40,000 Fire-proof Freight Station For Southern Ry. Here To Be Erected At Early Date

59 Bolls Make Pound Of Cotton

The early October storms may have damaged the Cleveland county cotton, but they failed to take all the quantity and quality from the crop which may bring a new production record. M. M. Mauney, who farms the plantation of J. J. McMurry and sons, picked 100 bolls from one of his fields yesterday and brought them to town. The cotton from 59 bolls weighed exactly one pound, while the cotton from the 100 bolls together lacked four ounces of weighing two pounds. Cotton men usually figure that it takes between 85 and 100 bolls to produce a pound of lint.

DePriest Sells Car Agency To Forest City Auto Dealers

Frank Doggett And A. G. Harrelson Open Oakland-Pontiac Agency on N. Morgan.

Frank Doggett and A. G. Harrelson, Forest City dealers for the Oakland and Pontiac automobiles and operating a sales agency at Forest City under the name of The Arrow Sales company, have purchased the Oakland-Pontiac agency from A. B. C. DePriest, who has been the representative for these cars and operating on S. Washington street at the A. B. C. Motor Company. The deal was consummated this week and Messrs. Doggett and Harrelson have moved into the Washburn building on N. Morgan street in the store room formerly occupied by the Litton Motor Company.

The Arrow Sales Company, therefore, will maintain the agency for the Oakland and Pontiac cars, products of General Motors, at both Forest City and Shelby.

Mr. Tom Osborne, a well known local automobile salesman has become sales manager for the Arrow Sales Company and entered upon his duties this week.

Mr. Lee Improving After Having His Arm Amputated

Arm Badly Mangled In Cotton Gin Saw At Polkville Last Friday.

Reports from the Shelby hospital today stated that Mr. John Lee, of the Polkville-Lawndale community, was gradually improving after the amputation of his arm which was badly mangled in a cotton gin saw at Polkville last Friday afternoon. Mr. Lee's left arm was caught in the gin saw and practically cut to shreds. His life was thought to have been saved when he was pulled from the saw by his brother, Mr. Clem Lee. He was rushed to the hospital here and the mangled arm was amputated, after which he was given a blood transfusion. For several days he has been in critical condition, but today the reports from his bedside were more encouraging.

Shelby Horse Wins

Carl Hatchell's horse, Bris Brou, which was a trotting winner at the Cleveland County Fair and also at the Cabarrus district fair at Concord, continues to win races. At the Salisbury fair yesterday the horse of the Shelby man placed first in the 2:16 trot.

Killing Frost Predicted Before End Of October By Martin Grant

Chester Weather Prophet Sees Early Frost. Will Be Warm Again In November.

Chester.—Warning of the early arrival of killing frosts has been issued by J. Martin Grant of Halsellville, Chester county's well known forecaster of weather variations, who claims that in 30 years he has never erred in predicting the time of Jack Frost's arrival. Farmers having crops likely to be damaged by frost are advised by Mr. Grant to reap their harvest before October 29, as all astronomical signs and celestial portents indicate a heavy frost on October 29 or 30. "Storm diagrams show two periods of disturbance," Mr. Grant said "one in the closing days of October, the other during the first week of November. Low barometric pressure will occur in the west on October 25 or 26, with a cold wave following the storm that will spread eastward, causing frost far into the south. "A killing frost may reach the south on or about October 29 or 30. It will probably turn warmer in the opening days of November, with increasing cloudiness, rains and wind, followed by colder weather, with heavy frost about November 4 to 6."

Tearing Down Of Old Station Starts Today. Civic Clubs Get Action.

As a result of the request of civic clubs of Shelby to officials of the Southern railway, a new \$40,000 fireproof freight station will be erected here, workmen starting this morning to tear down the old station. The suggestion that Shelby needs a new station was brought to the attention of the civic clubs by John S. McKnight of McKnight and Co., wholesale grocers, who were big shippers. Quick action was had because the need of the new station was taken up direct with high officials. It is learned that Boyd and Go-forth of Charlotte have the construction contract and that this firm will begin work early next week or as soon as the present wooden station is dismantled. The new building will be 40x128 feet, built of brick, with tile roof and cement floors. An additional side track will be built and the freight yard paved from the freight station to the street, so that shippers can drive to the station in all kinds of weather. While improvements are under way, the freight depot will be in temporary quarters and the office will be at the passenger station.

Taxes Pouring In Here Early

Sheriff Allen Collects Over \$2,000 With Books Open Two Days. One Big Fayer Pays.

The majority of Cleveland county citizens are not sluggards about paying their taxes although a small amount of property is advertised for sale for unpaid taxes each year. Yesterday afternoon after having had the tax receipt books for 1929 in his possession only two days, Sheriff Irvin M. Allen had already collected approximately \$2,500 in county taxes. Among the early taxpayers Thursday was one farmer whose taxes totaled over \$400. The 1929 notices were sent out last week and early this week but the receipt books used by the Sheriff were not ready until Wednesday and for that reason no payments were received up until that time.

Father Of John M. Best Passes Away

Friends Of Local Furniture Dealer Passes Away At Franklinton.

Friends of Mr. John M. Best, local furniture dealer, sympathize with him in the death of his father, W. M. Best, age 73, who died at his home at Franklinton Wednesday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Best and children left Wednesday afternoon for Franklinton to attend the funeral services which were held there Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Deceased was one of the oldest and most respected citizens of that city. He is survived by his widow and five children, John M. Best, Shelby; William Best, Lumberton; Charles F. Best, Franklinton; Mrs. J. H. Finlator, Raleigh and Mrs. Nonie B. Harris, Franklinton.

New Eating Place To Open Here Saturday

Wayside Restaurant Opens In Former Stand Of Blue Parrot Tea Room.

The Wayside Restaurant, Shelby's newest eating place, will open Saturday morning in the Hoye building on East Warren street, in the former location of the Blue Parrot Tea Room, which closed early in the week. The proprietresses of the Wayside are Mrs. Alice Boland, who operates the Piedmont cafe, and Mrs. Tom Abernethy. In their announcement Messdames Boland and Abernethy say that they will serve special dinners and dinner parties in addition to operating a full-time restaurant. Although the formal opening is not set until tomorrow the new restaurant is this evening serving a banquet to the Warren Hoye Post of the American Legion.

At First Baptist

"The Heavenly Visitors" will be the subject of Dr. Zeno Wall's 11 o'clock sermon at the First Baptist church Sunday. At the evening hour his subject will be "The Charm of the Unseen World."