

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

MORE RAIN. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and possibly Tuesday morning. Cooler Tuesday in west portion.

Seven Die By Gas. New York, Oct. 20.—A pan of water, which boiled over and extinguished a gas jet of a kitchen stove today caused the deaths of a father and six children, three daughters and three sons, as they slept in their West 46th street apartment. Walter Cavanagh, 47, private chauffeur, had failed to report for work today and the garage where he kept his employer's automobile called the apartment house to see if he had overslept. Knocking brought no response from the Cavanagh apartment. Samuel Briskwick, whose apartment is on the same floor, smelled gas and, finding the Cavanagh's door locked climbed the fire escape and entered a window. He found Cavanagh and the children—Ethel, 17; Catherine, 15; Rose, 13; Thomas, 11; George 9, and Walter, jr., 8, dead.

To Form County Club On Friday Night In Meet

Committee Named To Line Up Charter Members In Each Township Of County.

At a meeting to be held in the court house here Friday night, Oct. 25, at 7:30, a county club for Cleveland, similar to the club in Rutherford, will be organized, according to a representative of the National Association of County Clubs.

At a preliminary meeting held here last week a committee was appointed to line up charter members from each township of the county. The idea of the club is to have members from each town and section, including the rural sections, in the entire county. The club is to meet once each month in a banquet with the major aim of cooperative building and boosting of the county.

The committee to line up charter members is as follows by townships: No. 1 township, P. C. Gardner; No. 2, C. S. Young; No. 3, Bill McCord; No. 4, Sheriff Irvin Allen; No. 5, Maud Whitworth; No. 6, Lee B. Weathers and Bert Price; No. 7, Dr. R. L. Hunt; No. 8, A. M. Hamrick; No. 9, Prof. W. G. Gary; No. 10, O. M. Mull, and No. 11, H. M. Loy.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted on New York exchange at noon today: Dec. 18.08. Saturday's close: Dec. 17.85.

Tropical storm in Florida straits moving north apparently of slight intensity, dull week in Worth St. prices unchanged. Goods market in Manchester for week disappointing. Steadiness of market Saturday made a favorable impression. Flossick says no increase in crop. If hedge selling lets up market should turn up.

CLEVELAND, N. C.

Mr. Andrew Lattimore of Brooklyn is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lattimore in the Sharon section.

PRESS RUN 5,048

These figures represent the press run of The Star for the last two issues.

Now THE STAR

goes into the homes of over

5,000

readers. Verily, The Star leads all of the 200 weekly papers in North Carolina and 18 of the 38 dailies.

VOL. XXXV, No. 125

SHELBY, N. C. MONDAY, OCT. 21, 1929

Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday Afternoons

By mail, per year (in advance) \$2.50 Carrier, per year (in advance) \$3.00

Second Degree Verdict For 7 In Aderholt Case

Record Cotton Picking Week Ginners Think

More Cotton Taken Out Of Fields In County Last Week Than In Any Other.

Hundreds of bales of cotton were picked in Cleveland county last week for what is believed to be Cleveland county's record cotton picking week—and perhaps a record ginning week, also. Gin operators and leading farmers in Shelby Saturday were of the opinion that more cotton was picked and taken to gins, or stored, last week than any one week in the history of the cotton.

Perfect Weather.

An important factor in transforming a big portion of the large county crop from the boll to the bale was the weather. For the first entire week since cotton began to open the weather was practically perfect. With one day of sunshine after another cotton opened rapidly and farm families were in the white fields from early morning until late in the evening. A little over a week back observers declared that cotton was being picked more slowly than ever before. This was due, for the most part, to inclement weather and a late crop made more so by the rainy period. But last week with the bolls bursting open over the entire county and with thousands of school children excused from school to aid in the rush work a record amount of cotton was picked, and with similar weather this week another record may be established.

Find Portions Of A Marine Uniform At Kings Mountain

What Became Of Wearer Remains A Mystery After Several Weeks Time.

What became of the young marine, portions of whose uniform were found in the woods near Kings Mountain near three weeks ago? That question is the latest mystery at Kings Mountain.

A little over two weeks back the coat and cap of a United States marine uniform, both new, were found by the foot of a tree to the right of Highway 20 leaving Kings Mountain to the east. But since that time authorities there have not been able to determine just where the uniform came from. There are two possible explanations about the uniforms—one that some marine deserted and abandoned his uniform there so as not to be caught, while the other is that a marine might have met with foul play while passing through the section. The first theory is considered the strongest, but at Kings Mountain no trace can be found of any youth there who might have joined the marines and later deserted. All the Kings Mountain boys who have joined the marines in recent years are still in the service.

Freigh Depot Torn Down In 24 Hours

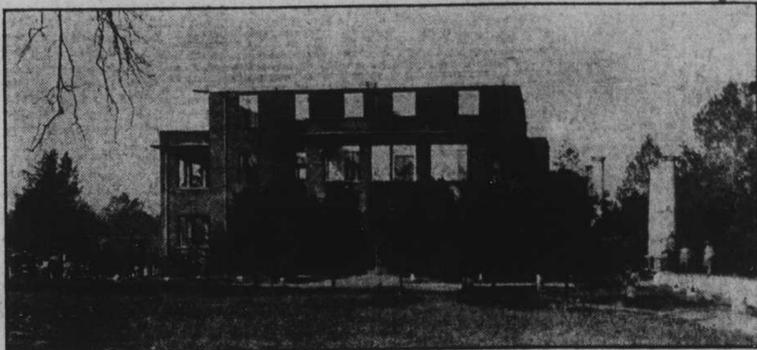
In just 24 hours time the freight station of the Southern railway at this place was completely torn down and moved away to make ready for the new station, work on which was to start today. Boyd and Goforth of Charlotte are the contractors for the new station which is to be a fireproof building and cost about \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Republicans Plan To Build Up A "White" G. O. P. Party In South

Party Plans To Build Up Militant Organization In Each State.

Atlanta, Ga.—A militant "white" Republican party, with membership limited, will be established in every state in the South, it is predicted by Judge E. L. Calloway, Florida Republican leader, who declared such a reorganization would result "through or over" the present party. A movement to this end within the Southern Republican ranks, Judge Calloway said in a statement here last night, has the support of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League and the Ku Klux Klan.

How Cleveland Springs Looks Today.



The photo above of what is left of Shelby's widely known resort hotel was made on the day following the disastrous blaze. The view, made at the east end of the building, shows the six white columns still standing on the right front, and in the foreground the beautiful shrubbery scorched and singed by the flames. (Star Photo by Ellis.)

Those Going Crazy Over Politics Are Scored By Methodist Bishop

3,000 Pass One Corner In Hour

Shelby's busy fall shopping season added another rushing Saturday afternoon over the last week-end.

Throughout the entire afternoon and until 9 o'clock Saturday night parking space in any portion of the uptown business section was very difficult to find and the streets were thronged with shoppers.

A count made on the First National bank corner, Warren and Lafayette streets, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon revealed per minute being 35 people.

Thousands Gather For Furniture Draw

Twenty-Four Prizes Given Away By Kester-Groome Furniture Co. Saturday.

A crowd estimated at between 2,500 and 3,000 gathered Saturday night at the Kester-Groome Furniture Co. at the drawing for prizes estimated to be about \$700 in value. This new store opened on Thursday and in the opening announcement it was stated that these prizes would be given away Saturday night at 8 o'clock. The visitors had written their names on a card and dropped these cards in a box. Winners had to be present when their names were called to get their prize.

Mrs. Leroy Ledford was awarded a trunk. Mrs. Alice Lineberger a rug, Hulan D. Smith a bed spring. Tom Kendrick a smoking stand, Dorothy Kendrick a card table, Mrs. W. H. Hudson a living room suit, Mrs. S. B. Wilson a rug, Lottie Fair a congoletum rug, Edwin Smith a smoking stand, W. T. Sparks a laundry heater, Willie Willis a parlor furnace, Mrs. Nora Page, a kitchen stool, Mrs. John H. Floyd an occasional chair. In addition to this 10 automobile baggage racks were given away.

Post And Crawford New Rotary Members

Ed Post, traveling salesman, and Jack Crawford, head of the Crawford Chevrolet company, are newly added members of the Shelby Rotary club. Since its beginning Shelby's second civic organization has grown steadily and is now one of the ranking clubs in this district.

Ridicules Idea Of Reforming World By Resolutions, Waps Loose Morals.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 20.—Bishop Collins Denny in the Sunday sermon of the 147th session of the Virginia annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, here, scored loose moral standards, Americans who censure the bootlegger, "while they themselves break the laws of the land," and "persons who go crazy over political contests."

He referred to the "idea of some people, that the world can be reformed by resolutions," and said "it can't be done."

Following his sermon he said the action of the conference board of temperance and social service, which endorsed and pledged the unstinted support of the conference to President Hoover, the Anti-Saloon league, the Woman's Christian Temperance union and other agencies for the suppression of liquor traffic, had nothing to do with "remarks made in his sermons."

"We have standards in the state government, and in the national government," Bishop Denny said, in his sermon, "a great many people don't like them. We need them. The trouble is that so many choose the standards they want to follow. We can do more by the example of our own actions than by all the resolutions you can pass. We think we can reform the world by resolutions," he said. "We can't. We never have done it."

"We had a presidential contest last year over which some people went crazy. We are now having a gubernatorial contest over which some people have gone crazy. I don't want to go crazy over anything."

Boys Sell Souvenir Cards Burned Hotel

Some folks always manage to find a silver, or perhaps, a copper lining to all the dark clouds. All day Sunday three young Shelby boys were doing their best to realize a profit on the destruction by fire last Tuesday night of the Cleveland Springs hotel. The youngsters had secured somewhere several shoe boxes filled with postcards of the hotel and springs and were selling them as souvenirs to visitors and curious people who visited the scene of the charred walls and smoked columns Sunday. Business, they said late in the afternoon, had not been so hot.

James Ross Dies.

James Ross, 49 year old farmer of No. 5 Township died Saturday morning following a second stroke of paralysis and was buried Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Antioch Baptist church just over the state line in South Carolina. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. J. Black of Kings Mountain. Mr. Ross lived in the Oak Grove community and is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters.

Bauregard Wants Cleveland Springs Rebuilt If Possible

Hotel Operator Talks With Mull And Stockholders, But No Plans Have Developed.

The future of Cleveland Springs was talked over at a couple of week end conferences, but so far stockholders and interested parties are mum about prospects of rebuilding.

Mr. Bauregard, of New York and Florida, partner of Henry Martin, who was operating the hotel when it burned, came here late last week and conferred with Mr. O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the hotel company, and others, but just what stage the conferences reached has not been made public.

"Mr. Bauregard is very anxious to have the hotel rebuilt, and he sees a big future for it," Mr. Mull stated today, "but so far we haven't an idea just what course will be followed."

Asked pointblank if he thought there was even a slight hope that the famous resort would be rebuilt Mr. Mull said: "I don't know. Can't tell yet."

Free Gastonia Men In Flogging Affair

Defense Argues "Whole Kidnapping And Beating" Framed By Radicals.

Concord, Oct. 19.—Four Gaston county men were acquitted by a Cabarrus county jury today, following 45 minutes of deliberation of charges of conspiracy to assault Ben Wells, British textile worker and communist labor organizer. Three were also on charges of having perpetrated the assault.

The charges were the outgrowth of an investigation made here recently by Judge Thomas J. Shaw of Greensboro into alleged anti-communist mob activity in Gaston, Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties which included the alleged whipping of Wells.

Trial of the case started before Judge A. M. Stack Thursday and introduction of testimony was completed today. Judge Stack charged the jury early this afternoon and adjourned court at two o'clock for lunch and deliberate. The jury went to the jury room at 2:35 o'clock and 45 minutes later announced they had agreed upon a verdict. "Not guilty," declared the foreman as the name of each defendant was called.

Those Acquitted.

Those acquitted of the charges of assault and conspiracy are: A. G. Morehead, superintendent of Loray mill in Gaston where communist labor union activity started last April; Carl Holloway and Dewey Carver, employes at Loray mill and Horace Lane, overseer at Myers mill in South Gastonia.

The men were accused of being in a mob that took Wells, C. M. Lell and C. D. Saylor from a boarding house in Gastonia, through Charlotte and Mecklenburg county to a point eight miles east of Concord and there thrashed Wells.

Miss Louisa Fortune Buried On Sunday

Miss Louisa Jane Fortune who died Saturday at the home of Roscoe Bridges in No. 2 township where she made her home, was buried Sunday afternoon at Mount Lebanon Baptist church in Rutherford county where she joined as a young girl. Miss Fortune was the daughter of Pleasant Fortune and was 67 years, 10 months and 10 days

Local Negroes Behave Well At Fair; 2 Jailed

Of 15 Arrested At Fair Grounds Only Two Were Local Men. Fire-Eater Arrested.

A survey of the county court blotter here today right on the heels of the Cleveland County Colored Fair pays a tribute to orderliness of Cleveland county colored people.

During colored fair week 25 people were placed in the county jail here, 15 of them being arrested at the fair grounds, and of the 15 only two were Cleveland county negroes, the others arrested being showmen and visiting negroes.

According to Deputy Bob Kendrick, detailed by Sheriff Allen to patrol the fair grounds, the five-day assemblage of colored people was far more law-abiding than was anticipated and in behavior the local negroes were exceptional.

Good Attendance.

The fair drew no record attendance during the day, programs, for it is cotton picking time in Cleveland county and the colored people were engaged during the week in changing the color of the cotton fields, but on Friday and Saturday nights the fair drew its record crowds with the Saturday night crowd being somewhat in the lead. Between five and six thousand people passed through the gates Friday night with Saturday night's attendance being estimated around 7,500. A feature Saturday, which drew many white people to the fair grounds was a football contest between the colored elevens of Salisbury and Charlotte, the Salisbury eleven staging an easy win.

Back Home To Jail.

Some years back Clarence Murray, local colored boy, learned, perhaps by guzzling alcoholic substitutes, that he had a sheet-iron stomach and he joined a show as a freak eater of fire and broken glass. The show playing the colored fair here last week happened to be the show Clarence was eating glass and fire for, and Clarence was back home today he is even more one of the home-comers as he is residing in a cell at the county jail not a hundred yards away from his old home on "jail alley."

Sometime Saturday one of the showmen missed a valuable suit of clothes and a suitcase. Suspicion pointed to Clarence and police Chief McBride Boston located the suit and bag in the home of one of Clarence's relatives. Then the search started for Clarence. Saturday night the police chief heard that there was a colored man down South LaFayette street "hit up" on an alcoholic substitute, raising a rucus, and guzzling the hot fluid as if it were ice water. An investigation revealed that it was Clarence. To his stomach's toughness with broken glass and fire, rubbing alcohol was just a soother, but because of the soot on his face he is being tried in county court today for public drunkenness and larceny.

Fields Young, jr., who is a student at McCaille school for boys at Nashville, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Young.

Mr. Sam Thomas and Miss Annie Thomas, of Ridgeway, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. Thomas' daughter, Mrs. Frank Kendall.

Mexico Gives Husbands Right To Kill Man Who Takes Wife

Mexico City.—A father has the right to kill his daughter and her seducer in cases where the irascible father has no power to sanction the duel.

On the side of social welfare, the code provides that habitual drunkards be placed in sanatoriums for cure. The transfer of venereal disease is made punishable and treatment obligatory. Persons with such a disease will not be permitted to marry.

Although the penal code was drawn up to become effective Dec. 15, its publication in the Gazette has raised the question whether it does not become automatically effective, if it is the first time he has killed for that reason and only if the victims are caught in the act or are about to commit it.

Shelby Has 1,224 'Phones Operating

Hello girls in the Shelby office of the Southern Bell Telephone company must have good memories as well as pleasant voices and good looks—they have to remember 1,224 numbers.

That's how many telephones are in operation now in Shelby, according to Sam Gault, Bell manager here.

Ninety-two telephones have been installed here since January 1, Manager Gault says, giving a good idea of the town's growth, while orders are in the manager's office now for 25 more telephone installations.

Mrs. J. D. Hicks Buried Sunday

Prominent Woman Of St. Peters Church Died In Lincolnton Hospital, Age 54.

One of the most beautiful floral displays ever seen at St. Peters church was a tribute to Mrs. J. D. Hicks who was buried there Sunday afternoon beside her husband who preceded her to the grave 18 months ago. Mrs. Hicks was one of the most beloved women of that community and her death was a source of great sorrow to her many friends. She passed away Saturday morning at 5 o'clock in the Lincolnton hospital at the age of 54 years and ten months.

Mrs. Hicks before marriage was Miss Jane Ramsey and is survived by two brothers Enos and Billy Ramsey, one of Gaston and the other of Rutherford county.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, assisted by Rev. J. M. Morgan of Fallston and a large crowd was present. Deceased is survived by ten children: Austin Hicks of Fallston, Mrs. Carr Mull, Mrs. Yates Harrelson and Mrs. L. L. Smith of Shelby, Mrs. Johnnie Hoyle, Clyde Hicks, Roy Hicks, Ruby Hicks and Dwight Hicks of R-1 Belwood, McClure Hicks of Morganton.

Standard And Gulf Erecting 4 Stations

Work Has Commenced On Four Modern Gas Service Stations In Shelby.

Work is now underway on four modern gas service stations, two being erected by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and two by the Gulf Refining company for which the Royster Oil company are local distributors.

The old Lineberger dwelling at the corner of DeKalb and Warren street has been moved back and on this site will be erected a handsome station for Gulf products. Work commences today on the erection of a modern service Gulf station at the corner of Sumner and N. LaFayette streets, on the lot belonging to Paul Webb and O. M. McMill and adjoining the Kester-Groome Furniture company.

The two new Standard stations in other cities and are being erected on the lot bought from Frank L. Hoyle at the convergence of Warren and Marion streets, East, and on the lot purchased from Rush Thompson on West Warren street.

Beal And Pals Face Long Term In State Prison

Mecklenburg Jury Brings In Verdict In Only 50 Minutes.

(Special To The Star.)

Charlotte, Oct. 21.—Fred Beal and his six companions were declared guilty of second degree murder in the slaying of Gastonia by a Mecklenburg jury shortly after noon today. Sentence has not as yet been passed, or, rather, had not at 1:15.

The Mecklenburg jury which returned a speedy verdict in the case attracting nation-wide attention was only out of the court room 50 minutes before returning.

Out At 11:15.

At 11:15 this morning Judge Barnhill had completed his charge and the jury left the room to debate upon a verdict. Fifty minutes later, or at 12:05, the jury filed back in the room with the second degree murder verdict. There was three possible verdicts: second degree murder, manslaughter, or not guilty.

The second degree verdict carries with it a sentence in prison from two to thirty years, and general estimates soon after verdict was that the sentence would be from five to 10 years.

The verdict as returned was against all of the seven defendants: Fred Beal, Clarence Miller, K. Y. Hendricks, William McGinnis, LeRoy McLaughlin, Joseph Harrison and George Carter, all union leaders or strikers.

More To Come.

In rendering the verdict the jury informed Judge Barnhill that it had not as yet reached a decision in regards to the assault charge also preferred against the seven because of the attack upon Policeman Gilbert, Roach and Ferguson. After receiving the other verdict Judge Barnhill sent the jury back to bring a verdict in the assault case.

Rutherford Fair Opens On Tuesday

Will Continue Through Saturday. Fireworks Display On Each Night.

Rutherford, Oct. 21.—The ninth annual Rutherford county fair will open here Tuesday and continue through Saturday. Several thousand school children are expected to attend the fair on the opening day to see the football game between the Central and Cliffside high schools, which will be played at the fair grounds Tuesday morning, and to take part in athletic games Tuesday afternoon.

Features scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday afternoons include horse and mule races. Prizes totaling \$3,000 are offered, and many well known racers will compete for the purses. An elaborate display of fireworks will be given each night.

Large delegations from Cleveland, McDowell, Polk, Henderson, Burke and Spartanburg counties are expected to attend the fair.

Forest City Man Is Hurt In Crash Today

Just after 1 o'clock today Police Chief Poston and Sheriff Irvin Allen were notified by telephone from Forest City to be on the watch for Chevrolet car, driven by two young men, which had just featured in a serious wreck there. According to the telephone message the Chevrolet drove around a car driven by Jack McKinney, of Forest City, and caused McKinney's car to crash head-on with a Coca Cola truck. McKinney was thrown through the truck and was badly cut.

Shelby Mill Erects Hall For Club Work

A two-story building, the first floor to be used for club work, is being erected at the Shelby Cotton Mills. The hall on the first floor, when complete, it is announced, will be used for meetings of the Sewing club and the Textile club and other gatherings of mill employees. Heretofore these meetings have been held in a hall over one of the stores near the mill.