

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

Rain And Warmer. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Occasional showers tonight. Thursday partly cloudy with showers in west portion. Rising temperature in central and west portions Thursday.

John Roach Straton Dead. The Rev. John Roach Straton, D. D., noted fundamentalist Baptist preacher, died yesterday at a sanatorium at Clifton Springs, New York. Dr. Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church in New York city, had been seriously ill following a nervous breakdown a month ago.

Divorced Wife Testifies For Former Hubby

Woman And Present Husband Take Stand For Former Husband In Court Here.

A divorced wife and her second husband took the stand in superior court here yesterday and were used as witnesses for the woman's first husband who was the defendant in a meat stealing case.

The two were used in establishing an alibi for the defendant, both testifying that the former husband spent the night with them in Gastonia when he was charged with being in this county collecting valuable hams and shoulders from two smoke houses.

The defendant in the case was Bate Hamrick, who at the time of his arrest lived near Enola in Burke county. The meat was stolen, according to the owners—C. B. Wright and Lem Hamrick of the Beam's Mill section—on the night on January 13, last year.

Evidence was introduced showing that a man had been tracked from the Wright and Hamrick smoke houses to the roadside and from that point on a car was tracked for some distance by a defective place in one of the tires.

After reaching the highway the track was lost, but was picked up again on a side road leading to the home of Mr. Sammie Hamrick in No. 8 township. There it was testified that a car was found in the yard with a tire upon it which made the peculiar track, while in the back seat salt was found, indicating the state attempted to show that the meat had been carried there as it had just been salted away before being stolen.

Offer Alibi. Evidence offered by the defendant tended to establish an alibi for the defendant on the night of the meat stealing. Roy Allen, who lives at Gastonia and who had married the defendant's divorced wife, testified, as did his wife, that Hamrick had spent the night with them.

The date was recalled, they said, because Mrs. Allen's daughter by her marriage to Hamrick was sick and that her first husband had been sent for.

On cross-examination Solicitor Spurling brought out that the meat-stealing night was the first night the defendant had ever spent with his former wife and her second husband.

No School Friday, Teachers Attend District Meeting

The Shelby city schools will close Thursday afternoon for the weekend with no school Friday due to the fact that practically all local teachers will be required to attend the district meeting of teachers in Charlotte on Friday.

"DON'T DODGE IT," said Theodore Vail

Shelby Prepares To Welcome 1,000 State Baptists

Murder Trials Open Thursday; Will Try Hornbuckle Friday

Four Murder Trials In All, Fifth Continued. Negro Killer On Trial Tomorrow.

Disposal of the largest number of murder cases to come up on a docket for one term here in many years will get underway in superior court here tomorrow, it was announced today by Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling.

Fullenwider is charged with killing his brother-in-law at a negro church near Shelby several months back, the trouble between the two centering about Fullenwider's wife, a sister of the slain man.

Four Altogether. Four killing cases are scheduled to be heard at the present term. Five true bills charging murder have been returned by the grand jury, of which Thad Ford is foreman, but the fifth case, a shooting affair between negroes at Lawndale last Saturday night, will be continued to the next term of court.

On Friday the court is scheduled to take up the murder charge against A. J. (Kid) Hornbuckle, young boxer, who will be tried for fatally slugging George Scruggs in east Shelby last February.

Two killing cases are booked for Monday's session, the first being the charge placed against several young white men of the Grover section of fatally assaulting a negro at Grover several years back, while in the second case Boyd Law is charged with killing another negro over a girl, the killing taking place a few weeks back.

No First Degree. Solicitor Spurling as yet does not know definitely the degree will ask in each case, but he is inclined to believe that the extreme penalty, which upon conviction would mean the death chair, will not be asked by the state in either of the four cases. The defendants, one in each case except the Grover case in which there are several, will presumably be tried upon counts ranging from second to fourth degree.

Georgia Man Dies Here At Age Of 78

W. W. Rochester who died here last Thursday night at the Shelby hospital came to Cleveland county about six years ago from Georgia. He had been living in the Union community and was 78 years of age. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was in the cemetery at Union Baptist church.

Judge Harding Wants Facts Of His Court, No 'Maybes', 'Abouts'

Scuffs At Strangers Who Gives Drinks Away. Criticizes Old Character Witness Phrase.

Judge W. F. Harding, who is presiding over Cleveland county's biggest criminal court here this week, prefers facts from the witness stand rather than "maybes" and "abouts."

He is a stickler for getting his information straight but keeps a court room alert and entertained with his wit as he makes his demands. In fact, an attentive observer might readily reach the conclusion that the Charlotte jurist once shedding the dignity of the court bench could measure up with Will Rogers in a wisecracking contest.

Explodes Old Phrase. Perhaps the most used and most heard phrase in the court room is that expression of a character witness that when asked about some defendant's character—"It's good, so far as I know." One witness used the worn-out expression in the court room yesterday and Judge Harding immediately jumped on him with both feet.

"Yes," snapped the judge, "and it's good so far as I know, too, but I don't know him at all. How far do you know?"

Whereupon barristers and court attendants, who had been hearing the expression for years and con-

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Have Fine Catch On South Carolina Coast

Bringing with them six spinnel bass weighing 121 pounds and representing a day's fishing at South Island on the coast of South Carolina, Jake Elliott, Jim Elliott, Carl Putnam and Boyce Dellinger returned to the city Monday to "tell their friends." The channel bass ranged in weight from ten to thirty pounds.

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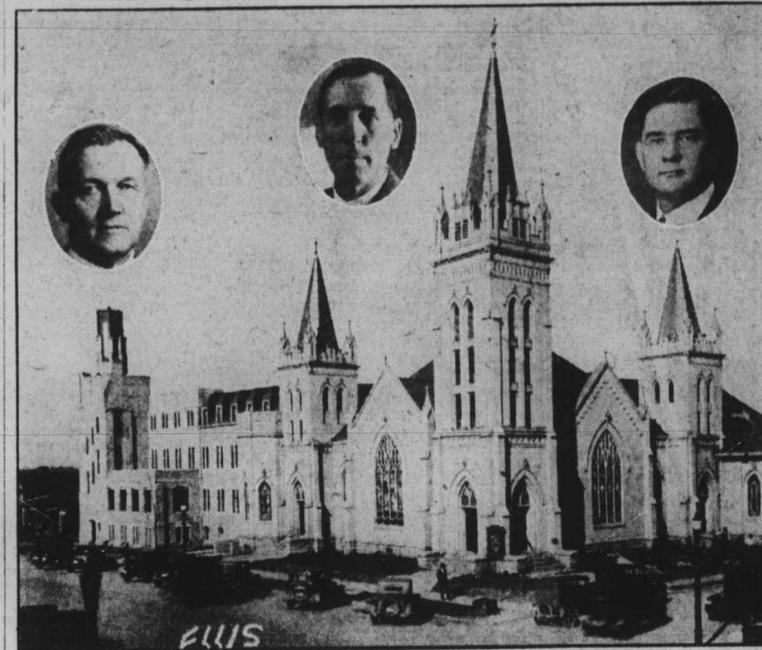
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Where Baptist State Convention Meets Nov. 11th to 14th



The First Baptist church of Shelby is the meeting place for the Baptist State Convention. Here it met in 1875, 1890, and 1913. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,500. The church property is valued at \$300,000. In the building are 103 rooms. Inset, reading right to left, Dr. Clyde Turner of Greensboro, president of the convention; Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church and host to the convention, and Dr. J. Marcus Kester, of Wilmington, who preaches the convention sermon.

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Al Wants To Know If He Is To Blame For Stock Market Crash

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 29.—"Will they blame the stock market on the Democrats?"—"Al." Such was the laconic message sent by Alfred E. Smith to a meeting of the Western-Massachusetts Democratic club last night.

The message was enthusiastically applauded, coming after Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, of New York had declared that if such a market debacle ever took place in a Democratic administration it would immediately be hailed as the result of business bungling by the party in power.

Pinned Under Car, He Dies

Farmer Of Lower Cleveland Meets Death As Car Turns Turtle On No. 18.

Jeff. Davis, farmer living in Cleveland county below Bowling Springs was buried Saturday afternoon at Elizabeth Baptist church at 2 o'clock, following his death on Friday night on state highway No. 18, north of Shelby in Burke county.

It is understood that Mr. Davis was driving his car, returning home from Morganton with his son, when the car left the road near South Fork Creek. Mr. Davis who was 68 years of age was pinned under and received injuries from which he died before the son could get medical aid.

Mrs Katherine Dysart Buried At Rehobeth

Mrs. Katherine Dysart was buried Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Rehobeth Methodist church. She was 78 years of age and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lee Whitesides with whom she had been making her home. Mrs. Dysart was a splendid woman and an exemplar Christian who will be greatly missed in the community. Her husband preceded her to the grave and besides her daughter, Mrs. Lee Whitesides of this county, one son, Charlie Dysart of Latona, Ga. also survived.

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and denials resulting from a printed circular asserting that the Republican party stood for repeal of the poll tax as a prerequisite to voting and showing pictures of Oscar DePriest, negro congressman, and his wife, together with portions of DePriest speeches, this week usurped some of the interest that other phases of the Virginia gubernatorial campaign has held.

Party officials exchanged letters concerning the circular. Henry W. Anderson, Republican leader, seeking to learn if the circular was "authorized or approved" and T. McCall Frazier, Democratic headquarters director, denying any official connection with the pamphlet.

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A four and a half year old New Jersey child, visiting his grandfather Mr. Joe Runyans and other relatives here, fell from a moving automobile Sunday and sustained a rupture of the liver from which it died in the Shelby hospital Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The child's father, F. F. Runyans and his brother Craig Runyans and Craig's three children went out for a short ride after church service. The fathers were in the front seat and the four children in the back seat playing. In some manner the rear door of the car flew open and the four and a half year old child, William Fletcher Runyans, fell to the ground, sustaining the fatal injury.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Runyans were here on a visit to his father, bringing with them their only child which was a victim of the accident. They left yesterday for Newark, New Jersey with the body which will be buried today in the cemetery at Mountain View, N. J., a suburb of Newark.

Mr. Runyans has been manager of one of the Great Western Grocery stores in Mountain View, N. J., for the past ten years.

Negro Congressman Adds To Heat Of Political Trouble In Virginia

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Mr. Anderson spoke of the circular as being an "outrageous attempt to associate Dr. Brown (William Mosley Brown, coalition gubernatorial candidate), and myself with DePriest." He accused Democratic headquarters of distributing the circular, and denied that the Republican platform stood for repeal of the poll tax.

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Drive For Scout Funds Is Planned

Civic Club Members To Wage Campaign For Shelby's Quota In Piedmont Council.

Civic club members of Shelby are planning to wage a campaign next Tuesday for \$1,000, Shelby's quota for the maintenance of the Piedmont scout council. Oliver Anthony is general chairman and the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs have appointed committees to conduct the campaign.

Mr. J. M. Holland, council treasurer and R. M. Schiele, scout executive of Gastonia were in Shelby today conferring with leaders in planning the campaign. The following committees have been appointed:

Kiwanis: R. T. LeGrand, Earl Hamrick, Chas. Hoey, Jack Palmer, J. D. Lineberger, Henry Mills, J. H. Grigg, Bill McCord, Max Washburn, Forrest Eskridge, Horace Eason and H. N. McDiarmid.

Lions club: A. L. Bennett, Arthur Benoy, Charles Dover, Claude Groce, Clyde Nolan, Peyton McSwain.

Rotary club: Dean Duncan, Horace Kennedy, Charles Hubbard, Roy Sisk, Henry Massey, Rush Thompson, DeWitt Quinn, Tom Gold.

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State Meeting Comes Here For Fourth Session

Last Baptist Convention Held Here Was In 1913; Plan Two Banquets.

One thousand delegates and visitors are expected to attend the Baptist state convention which meets in Shelby November 11 to 14 inclusive with the First Baptist church which will entertain the convention for the fourth time. To get some idea as to the strength of the Baptists in North Carolina and the importance of the deliberations of this body of religious leaders, it is learned that a year ago there were 2,281 Baptist churches in the state with 386,495 members, contributing for all purposes nearly four million dollars. It is estimated that the summary will show over 400,000 members of the Baptist denomination in the state this year.

Ample Quarters For Meeting. The First Baptist church which will be host to the convention this year is greatly enlarged, having church property, including the handsome parsonage, valued at \$300,000. The church and educational building were remodelled within the past year and now the plant has 103 rooms, the church auditorium having a seating capacity of 1,500. Here the convention meetings will be held, while in the educational building adjoining the church are ample department rooms for sessions of the various branches of the convention to be held.

The First Baptist church has Dr. Zeno Wall for its pastor. He is beginning his fifth year and is considered one of the outstanding leaders in the denomination in the state. Horace Eason is educational secretary and director of music and is playing an important part in making plans for the entertainment of the visitors. Hon. O. M. Mull is chairman of the committee on entertainment and is making the assignment to homes for the delegates.

The host church is one of the strongest of the Baptist faith in the state with a membership of 1,200 and a Sunday school enrollment of a like number. This church entertained the Baptist convention (Continued on page twelve.)

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