

THE MARKET. Cotton, per pound 17c Cotton Seed, per bu. 45c

Fair And Colder. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Tuesday. Colder tonight, possibly light frost in interior.

2 Killed In Explosion. Oxford, N. C., Nov. 27.—Two men were burned to death by explosion of two barrels of commercial alcohol at a filling station here today.

Gary New Head Teachers Group

Succeeds Ledford At Meeting Here. To Have Spelling Contests.

At the county-wide meeting of school teachers held at the Central school here Saturday Prof. W. R. Gary, of Fallston, was elected president of the county association to succeed Prof. C. A. Ledford, of Belwood.

Prof. H. M. Loy, Casar principal, was named vice-president, and Miss Belle Elliott, of the Piedmont school, was elected secretary.

Plans were made by the teachers for holding a county-wide spelling test on Wednesday, November 27.

At that time a spelling test will be given all students in the county schools, one test being used for the elementary grades, three through seven, and the other for high school pupils. A record of the results will be preserved as to the rating made by individual students, by grades, and also by schools.

Although all the rural schools opened today J. H. Grigg, county superintendent, stated that at Saturday's meeting it was decided that in a number of schools this week, where patrons desire it, that school will start early in the morning and have just one session to permit students to leave school at noon and aid in picking the late cotton crop.

Supt. Ben L. Smith, of the Shelby schools, was a speaker to the county teachers, explaining the benefits to be derived from and by the future work to be done by the North Carolina association of teachers, and urging county teachers to enroll in the organization.

Professor Gary, of Fallston, discussed methods of improving the teaching of spelling in the schools of the county.

Cotton Pickers Sent Out Here In Manner Of Old Southern Days

Over 300 South Carolina and Wadesboro Negroes Brought Here To Pick Cleveland Cotton.

An employment bureau resembling somewhat the slave marts of the old days, except that the colored laborers price themselves and collect their own hire, is operated each Monday during cotton-picking season on the Courtview corner in Shelby.

Such is the activity of the street labor bureau that before 10 o'clock this morning more than 300 South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina negroes, old, young and of all shades, had been trucked out to the fields about Shelby to aid in picking the county's greatest cotton crop.

Several South Carolina and Eastern Carolina men, realizing that because of the boll weevil those sections could not utilize all of their pickers during the cotton season and that this county with a big season on cannot get out its crop with its own labor, have for several weeks been bringing one motor truck load after another of negroes from their plantations and adjoining plantations to Shelby where they are employed by Cleveland farmers. The big gathering of colored people, added to as other trucks came in, is dumped on one of the city's main business streets early in the day and to that point some Cleveland farmers shy on pickers to employ anywhere from 10 to 75 pickers each.

The rush today for pickers was greater than ever before as the picking season is now in full swing in the county and very little cotton could be picked last week because of the continued rains.

"Shelby Night" At Meeting On Tuesday

Tuesday night is to be "Shelby Night" at the big tabernacle meeting being held by Rev. George Stephens at Spindale. A delegation from the churches of Shelby will leave here about 6:30 o'clock. Every one is invited to go along.

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Cleveland Regains State Cotton Lead

Despite Handicap Of Wet Weather This County Climbs Ahead Of Robeson In Production.

Although cotton picking has greatly retarded recent weeks in Cleveland county because of continued rainy weather, this county had regained the cotton production lead in the State from Robeson county at the time of the last ginning report.

Up to November 1, as has heretofore been published, Cleveland had ginned 30,611 bales. Full ginning figures just received show that to the same date Robeson county had ginned 27,658, or 2,953 bales less than Cleveland.

At the time of the ginning report previous to the last one, in mid-October, Robeson was leading Cleveland by 1,791 bales. But the last report shows that in the interim Cleveland has picked and ginned 4,744 more bales than Robeson, which is now second in the State.

The leading counties and their ginnings, to November 1, this year and last follow:

Table with 4 columns: County, 1929, 1928. Rows: Cleveland (30,611, 28,537), Robeson (27,658, 28,213), Johnston (23,299, 27,401), Harnett (23,046, 26,089)

The "big four" of the cotton counties above all show a decrease over last year except Cleveland county.

In the western section of the State the majority of the counties are showing a crop increase this year while a decrease is general in the east. Rutherford, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Gaston and Catawba, all adjoining Cleveland, show increase for the year so far.

It has been two weeks since the last ginning report was issued and it is now estimated that more than 40,000 bales have been ginned in this county.

Wet Weather Hurts.

However, continuous rain last week has held farmers back in their picking and has, also, hurt the grade of cotton. Last week ordinarily should have been one of the biggest weeks for getting cotton out for the year and it was the final week school children might aid in picking, but rain nearly every day, resulted in a small amount of cotton being taken from the fields.

Over the week-end farmers were some what pessimistic about the week of rain. Their worry was not so much that the amount of the crop would be lessened by the wet weather but that the grade would be lowered thus cutting down the price anticipated for the crop.

Southern Will Have Train To Big Game

Vernon Proctor, Southern ticket agent here, stated today that the Southern Railway will operate special trains throughout this section to the Carolina-Virginia Thanksgiving game. Shelby people who wish to make the trip to Chapel Hill by train may catch the football special at Kings Mountain at 7:22 on the morning of the game. They will leave Chapel Hill after the game getting back to Kings Mountain at 11:35. The fare on the special there and back will be one-way fare plus 25 cents.

Old Santa To Take Millions Out Of Saving Accounts In 2 Weeks

Christmas Savings Accounts At Banks Will Send 600 Million Into Santa's Sack.

New York.—Six hundred million dollars for Christmas shopping will be poured into Santa Claus' sack during the next two weeks by 6,000 banks in all parts of the country. The amount represents the savings by members of Christmas clubs operated by banking institutions. Payments will be made to 9,000,000 persons who have maintained Christmas accounts during the last year.

The amount made available through this channel for Christmas shopping is 10 per cent larger than in any previous year, representatives of the banks reported, and it is five times the amount deposited in Christmas club accounts in 1920.

The average amount received this year by each depositor will be \$59.59, which is slightly higher than a year ago. Payments run, from \$12.50, the least anyone will receive, to \$1,000

This Family Keeps Surgeons Stepping

Three Members Of Mr. Gus Kendrick's Family Operated On In Two Weeks.

Mr. Gus Kendrick, of East Graham street, no doubt feels as if he has done his part by the Shelby hospital of recent weeks, or, perhaps, that the hospital has well served him.

On Tuesday October 29, Mr. Kendrick's daughter, Dorothy, aged eight years, entered the hospital for a tonsil operation. On the following Thursday, October 31, she was able to return home, and on that day her father came in for appendicitis operation. Gradually the father recovered from his operation and just a short time back he was able to leave the hospital. Last Friday, November 15, Mr. Kendrick's son, James, aged 11 years, entered the hospital and underwent an appendicitis operation. He is still in the hospital, but doing nicely.

Other members of the family are hoping that the surgical game is played somewhat along baseball rules where three is considered enough outs for one team and three strikes enough for any batter.

Blaze At Cleveland Springs Biggest In State In October

Charlotte Led In Fire Losses But Shelby Hotel Fire Largest. No Fires Inside Town.

Raleigh.—Losses from 178 fires in October totaled \$327,376, the state insurance department reported. In the same month last year, the number of fires was less, being only 160, but the loss of \$389,015 was greater.

Charlotte led the state in fires, with 64 causing a damage of \$47,656. Winston-Salem was second, with 17 fires, causing a damage of \$4,410. Charlotte was the only large town in the state in which the fire loss exceeded \$5,000.

Two drug store fires, in Kinston and Charlotte, and three hotel fires in Cleveland county, Burnsville, and Hendersonville caused a total damage of 158,102, nearly half the total fire damage for the state.

Tobacco Houses Burn. An unusually large number of tobacco packhouse fires were reported accounting for 14 of the rural fires, and a total loss of \$125,000. There was a total loss of \$125,000.

The largest fire in the state was a hotel in Cleveland county, which caused \$90,000 damage. A drug store fire in Kinston caused \$34,000 damage, and a freight depot fire in Lexington \$25,000 damage. The Charlotte warehouse fire caused \$13,715 damage, and the Hendersonville hotel fire \$10,600 damage.

Among the town reporting no fires were Chapel Hill, Henderson, Roxboro, Edenton, Waynesville, Spencer, Burlington, Monroe, Shelby, and Lincolnton.

Among the town with less than \$100 fire loss were Elizabeth City \$150, Goldsboro, \$40, Wilson, \$75 and Rocky Mount \$125.

School Cost 22 Cents Each Day Per Child Here

That Is Instructional Cost For Shelby High Students, Only 14 Cents For Elementary Children.

The daily cost of instructing each pupil in the Shelby High school is 22 cents, or \$40.52 per year, according to summarized facts concerning school work issued last week by school officials as a part of the educational week program.

The daily instructional cost per pupil in the elementary schools is 14 cents, or \$25.93 for the year.

Enrollment Less. There are 2,727 children enrolled in the city schools now, the report also shows, a total somewhat less than the total enrollment last year. Eighty-six teachers are employed for instructing the 2,727 children and the yearly budget for operating the schools for the present year is \$103,999.25.

In regards to attendance the figures show that one pupil of every four in the city schools last year was out of school every day.

Casar Man To Get Well, Said

Information Received Here Indicate Will Robinson May Recover. Wife Reported There.

At the sheriff's office here today it was stated that the latest information received from Chase City, Va., had it that Will Robinson, Cleveland county man, shot there Thursday night by officers, was improving and would likely live.

On the morning after the shooting, Friday, Sheriff Allen received a message from the Chase City police chief telling of the shooting and stating that very little chance was held out for Robinson's recovery. He was shot in the right shoulder, it was said, with a shotgun when officers attempted to arrest him the second time after he had escaped from jail after his first arrest.

Robinson, whose home is in the Casar section, left the county several weeks back and officers understood that he was accompanied by a woman. However it was stated here this week that his wife left for Virginia to be at his bedside immediately after the heard about him being shot.

Little Girl Struck By Auto Here Today

Crossing Highway When Hit. Father Of Dr. Harbison Operated On Here.

Inez Gaskey, small school girl who lives on Lineberger street, was struck and injured by an automobile shortly after noon today as she was crossing the street intersection where Lineberger street enters the Cleveland Springs road.

The driver of the passing car stopped, picked the injured child up, placed her in another car and rushed her to the hospital. There it was said that she had suffered a cerebral concussion and was unconscious for a few minutes after being brought in.

Harbison's Father Here. Mr. J. H. Harbison, of Burke county, father of Dr. John Harbison of the Shelby hospital staff, was operated upon this morning at the hospital here and early this afternoon was said to be getting along nicely.

John Norwood, colored man, was brought to the hospital here yesterday for treatment of injuries received when struck by a car, but was not thought to be seriously hurt.

Local Doctors Off For Miami Meeting

Half Dozen Cleveland Physicians To Medical Session At Miami This Week.

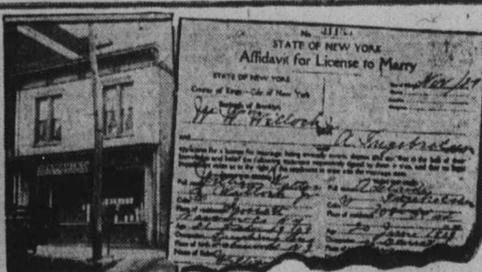
Dr. and Mrs. Ben Gold, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Gold, and Dr. D. F. Moore of Shelby; Dr. Dwight Bridges of Lattimore; Dr. Sherrill, of Lawndale; Dr. F. H. Lackey and his brother, of Fallston, left Shelby yesterday and today for Miami, Fla. to attend the medical convention. Several of the physicians traveled down by motor while others went by rail.

Several of the party, if no rain, will visit Cuba while in Florida.

Heir to Millions Finds Happiness with Mother's Chambermaid



Once more it has been demonstrated that heart and mind, despite materialistic findings, can win happiness through following the dictates of the God of Love. A few days ago, the social world was startled by the marriage of William Willock, Jr. (left), heir to millions and his mother's chambermaid. The upper picture shows the humble dwelling where the youthful heir brought his Norwegian bride. At the right is a facsimile of the license to wed which was filed in Brooklyn, N. Y. The lower picture shows the mansion of his father, where the young man first met his twenty-year-old Norwegian bride.



Bird And Rabbit Season Will Open Here Wednesday

Big Days Just Ahead For Hunters. Convict Eight Hunting Out Of Season.

The heavy artillery of scores of Cleveland county hunters will open up in full blast on Wednesday morning as the quail and rabbit season opens in this section.

Hunting licenses in view of the fact that the two big local hunting seasons are just around the corner are selling fast, according to Mike H. Austell, county game warden.

In connection with the announcement of the opening of the bird and rabbit season, the game warden states that nine people were arrested in the county last week for hunting rabbits out of season or for hunting without licenses. Eight of the nine were convicted.

Was Nitrate First Used In Cleveland?

Effort Being Made To Find First Carolina Farmer Who Used Nitrate Of Soda.

An attempt is being made to find some of the farmers who pioneered in using nitrate of soda as a fertilizer in North Carolina. As a feature of the centennial celebration of Chilean nitrate of soda, suitable recognition is to be conferred on the farmer now living in this state who first used "Soda" and also on the farmer who has used it for the longest period of time.

It is thought that Cleveland county will have several representatives among the early users of nitrate. Any farmer who has used nitrate of soda for 25 years or more should report his experience, for he may, unknowingly, be the first or the oldest user in the state. Names may be sent to County Agent R. W. Shoffner, who will forward them to the committee which will make the awards.

The use of mineral fertilizers in the United States, according to County Agent Shoffner, runs back to the last half of the past century. When the first farmers used mineral fertilizers there was much doubt about the value of the practice. It was a "newfangled" idea, about which very little was known. But as a result of modest farm tests and experimental research, it has now become an economic necessity in the agriculture of the country.

The first shipment of nitrate of soda was brought to the United States in 1830. Since then it has been used by four generations of American farmers. Today, with the exception of lime and marl, it has probably been utilized the longest of the inorganic substances now used for agricultural purposes.

D. H. CLINE TO DETROIT.

Mr. D. H. Cline, local dealer for Hudson and Essex cars, left Saturday night for Detroit where he will attend a meeting of dealers. Hudson dealers outstanding in their sections were invited to the factory conference.

Red Cross Roll Call To Ask For Dollar Each In Shelby This Week

Shelby Ministers Talk On Education

Local Pastors Preach On Educational Topics And Value Of Instructing Youth.

The pastors of the Shelby churches Sunday joined the school folks in observing appropriately American Education Week.

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid of the Presbyterian church had as his subject for American Education Week "The Trust of Youth."

Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the Central Methodist church, spoke on the subject, "The A. B. C.'s of Religion."

Rev. Rush Padgett of the South Shelby Baptist church used "Character Building" as his subject.

Dr. Zeno Wall of the First Baptist church was confronted with the necessity of reviewing the great convention held in his church during the week, and therefore had simply to make incidental mention of American Education Week in the public schools.

Shelby Birds Win In Spartanburg Fair

Shelby chickens carried off three prizes at the recent Spartanburg fair. E. Holcomb, of 411 South DeKalb street, won the sweepstakes on his dark cornish, also taking first on young pen entry, second on young cockerel, and the best young pen in the show of 1,000 birds.

Mr. George Wray has returned from a business trip to Baltimore, Maryland.

Mrs. Sue Austell of Charlotte spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Crowder.

Flaws Found In North Carolina's Secret Ballot Law; To Clarify It

Three Ways To Vote Straight Ticket. Attorney General Will Straighten Errors Out.

Raleigh.—Despite all the hours and weeks of debate devoted to the Australian Ballot bill passed by the 1929 general assembly, and the numerous times it was written and re-written, it seems that a good many errors of one sort or another slipped into the bill, study of this law now reveals.

What effect these errors may have in the operation of the law or in the result of the elections is not known. Some think they may invalidate the entire law and seriously hamper the holding of elections under it, while others think that these irregularities in the law may serve only to give judges of elections greater leeway in deciding whether or not ballots are properly marked. If the matter of interpreting the law is left up to the individual judges in the various precincts, there is little doubt but

Annual Drive For Funds For Great Relief Organization In World Begins Tuesday.

Shelby's quota for American Red Cross work this year is \$500, representing 500 annual memberships at \$1 each, according to Attorney Henry B. Edwards, chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call committee.

Chairman Edwards has designated this week, from Tuesday through Saturday, as Roll Call week with intensive drives to be made on Friday and Saturday, and it is hoped to secure the entire quota during the period.

Officers of the Roll Call campaign in addition to the chairman are Dewitt Quinn, vice chairman; D. C. Newton, secretary-treasurer; C. B. McBrayer, Home Service chairman; Miss Selma Webb, Junior Red Cross chairman, and Rann Drum, publicity chairman.

Women To Canvass. On Friday and Saturday a delegation of Shelby women headed by Miss Selma Webb will make a canvass of the uptown business section in the effort to secure the required quota during the two days.

Chairman Edwards will endeavor to have the Lions, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs mention the roll call at their meetings.

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Giant Turnip Shown By Cleveland Farmer

Mr. W. W. Covington, Cleveland county farmer, was in Shelby Saturday exhibiting a giant Purple Top turnip which weighed six pounds and seven ounces. Mr. Covington lives five miles above Lawndale on Lawndale Route 1.

Farmers Gather For Big Meeting Here Tuesday

All-Day Session For Depicting County's Farm Progress At Court House.

Quite an assemblage of Cleveland county farmers are expected here tomorrow, Tuesday, for an agricultural program in the court house, a program which will take up the major portion of the day in depicting agricultural changes in this county during the last eight years.

The gathering will get underway at 10 o'clock with a session until noon and another program in the afternoon. County Agent R. W. Shoffner says that he believes that every farmer in the county will be interested in and will benefit by the information given out. He likewise urges that business men of Shelby and the county attend as well as farmers and farm wives.

To Show Changes Here.

The big feature of the meeting will be the presentation of facts and figures showing just how the farm life of this county has changed since 1920. The amount of cotton made eight years ago will be compared with the amount made last year, and the gain or decrease of each year will also be shown. The same will be done in connection with other farm crops and activities. Agricultural experts present for the meeting will explain just how the county has benefited or been damaged by the increase or decrease in the various farm lines.

A portion of the meeting will be given over to planning a farm program for the county for the approaching year. Among the visitors who will be present for the meeting will be Mr. C. A. Sheffield, of the agricultural department at Raleigh.

Confederate Vet Is Dead In Rutherford

Funeral Of William Philbeck, Cleveland County Native, Held At Walls Church.

William Philbeck, 88, Confederate veteran and well known citizen who lived near Walls Baptist church, about 14 miles east of Rutherfordton, died Saturday morning after an illness of several years.

Funeral services were held at Walls church Sunday at 3 p. m. He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Caleb Smart, Cleveland county, and Misses Ressie and Susan Philbeck, at home; also one sister, Miss Dina Philbeck, of Cleveland county.

Mr. Philbeck, a native of Cleveland county, though he has made Rutherford his home for many years, served three and a half years in the War Between the States and was a member of company D, 34th N. C. regiment. He was a member of the Baptist church for many years.

Goes To Jail For Writing Bad Check On His Sister Here

Just In From California, Harold Burleson Goes To Jail Over Bad Check.

Harold Burleson, attractive young white man, was placed in jail here Saturday morning after he had written a worthless check at the Paragon department store signing the name of his sister to the check. Young Burleson, who had just arrived in Shelby from California, purchased a pair of shoes and offered the \$10 check with the name of his sister, Grace Sides, who lives here, upon it. Department store officials were on the alert and in a short time Burleson was headed for jail to await trial.

Clean Up Trash, And Burn Papers, Urges Shelby's Fire Chief

"None of the citizens of Shelby want to see a fire," said City Fire Chief J. R. Robinson today, "and if they will all cooperate with the fire department and the garbage department we may keep the number of Shelby fires low during the next few months when there are usually many fires."

The fire chief urged that piles of rubbish and paper in both the business and residential sections be cleared up. Some of the rubbish and trash may be burned and thus save the trouble of moving it, while the remainder should be placed where it can be loaded by the city trash trucks.