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A Fair Thanksgiving. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Colder Thursday and Thursday night.

China Wants End. An Associated Press dispatch this morning says: "Her armed forces in western Manchuria scattered in panic before invading Russian troops, China has appealed both to the league of nations and the governments which signed the Kellogg anti-war pact to halt and punish the invaders. Simultaneously China apparently was trying to come to terms with the Kuomintang 'people's army' leaders, who for several weeks have led their troops in several provinces in revolt against the nationalist government."

Thanksgiving Halts Business Here For Day

Local Business Will Be At Standstill Here Tomorrow. Two Church Services.

Shelby seems all set for a quiet Thanksgiving tomorrow.

All local business houses will be closed for the entire day and with citizens at their homes in reunion circles, away for football games or on visits the streets will likely be even more deserted than on Sunday.

Church Services. No observance program other than a couple of early morning church services is outlined for the day locally, with no event at all scheduled for the afternoon. At 8 in the morning a special, Thanksgiving service will be held at the Central Methodist church, and two hours later, at 10 o'clock, another service will be held at the Presbyterian church.

Football games will draw many local people for the day. Several will go to Chapel Hill for the Carolina-Virginia game by auto and by special train from Kings Mountain, while others will in the afternoon witness the Duke- Davidson game at Davidson, the Lenoir-Rhyne-Elon game at Hickory, or the Gaffney-Greenville high school tussle in South Carolina.

Hunters Ready. If the weather is favorable, rabbits and birds in the county will have very little to be thankful for during the day as county hunters will go in larger numbers than at any other time this year. The bird and rabbit season has been on only a week and the majority of hunters have been holding back to make their season's start on Thanksgiving.

One of the major methods of observing the day will be well taken care of here as groceries and butcher shops report record sales of turkeys and other delicatibles for the day.

New Baptist Pastor For Kings Mountain

Brevard, Nov. 26.—The Rev. Wallace H. Hartsell, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church for the past seven and one-half years, has resigned his pastorate here to accept the call to the First Baptist church at Kings Mountain. This call was rejected six weeks ago, but the Kings Mountain people renewed their invitation by telegraph, telephone and personal visits by members of the official board.

Mr. Hartsell takes an active part in all community affairs, especially in Associated Charities, the Red Cross work, Masonic lodge circles and other fraternal groups. He is vice president of the Brevard Kiwanis club, and was elected last week as president of the club to serve during 1930.

Rev. Mr. Hartsell will begin his work in Kings Mountain on the first Sunday in January.

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more days folks—

In Which to Do Your Christmas Shopping. That's a mighty short time with all the gifts and presents you plan to buy—and if you wait too long the array will be picked over many times before you pick.

SHELBY MERCHANTS. Have a magnificent assemblage of Christmas gifts this year—both necessities and luxuries, everything you could want. In The Star today local business men use 16 pages to tell what they have.

SHOP EARLY—

Special Civil Court Term Opens Monday

Will Hold Special Term Despite Settlement Of Building Crash Suits.

The special term of superior court for the trial of civil matters will convene here Monday despite the fact that the seven or eight big suits resulting from the disastrous building crash here last year have all been practically adjusted, it was announced today by local barristers.

The crash suits, venturing about seven deaths in the catastrophe, would have formed the major portion of the calendar, but many other civil actions and suits are to be disposed of and the court will hold for a week anyway.

No Announcement. Lawyers employed in the adjustment of the crash suits stated today that a settlement was agreed upon in nearly every case, but for legal reasons, and to observe the technicalities of the law, the terms were by the adjustments were made will not be made public until the judgments are signed in court here early Monday.

Judge Thomas L. Johnson, of Lumberton, campaign leader for Governor Gardner, will preside over the term which faces a calendar made up of minor suits and divorce cases.

The civil calendar has become congested through several court terms unable to clear up the entire calendar, and at the last term of superior court here Judge W. F. Harding had to devote the full two weeks, with the exception of a couple divorce grants, to the disposal of criminal cases.

It is not likely, now that the crash suits are seemingly out of the way, that the special term will hold more than one week.

Lucas With Pilot Insurance Company

Having completed a special training course as a life underwriter, Mr. J. W. Lucas has returned after spending a week at the home office plant of the Pilot Life Insurance company, Greensboro.

The course was given under the direction of T. D. Blair, agency manager, assisted by other home office officials. Six southern states were represented in this, the 38th training school held by the company.

Mr. Lucas will represent the Pilot through the C. R. Webb agency of this city.

Physicians To Return Friday From Meeting

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Gold, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Gold, and Drs. D. F. Moore and Dwight Bridges, some of the Cleveland county physicians attending the medical meeting in Miami, are expected home Friday, according to information received here. Several in the party from this county including the Gold families visited in Cuba while away.

Colored Man Struck By Falling Elevator

Frank Poston, colored man, was taken to the Shelby hospital Monday afternoon to be treated for injuries received when he was struck by a falling elevator at the Cleveland Cloth mill. Poston, who had several ribs cracked and was bruised up, was caught between the descending elevator and the elevator gate.

Yo-Yo Artists May Use Only One Hand In Star Contest Saturday

No Type Of Yo-Yo, However, Will Be Barred From Contest. Fancy Exhibition First.

Entrants in The Star's yo-yo contest at The Star building Saturday afternoon will be permitted to use only one hand in manipulating their yo-yos for the endurance portion of the match. This has been decided by the judges who fear that could the youths use both hands the contest might last all afternoon and into the night.

Girls In. Another decision in regard to the contest is that girls as well as boys may enter, this ruling coming after numerous calls were made to inquire why girls could not enter. The announcement comes late as it does may

Star Editor Shows Improvement Today

The hundreds of friends in Shelby and over the county of Lee B. Weathers, president and editor of The Cleveland Star, will be glad to hear that last night and this morning his condition has shown more improvement than since he first became ill with influenza three weeks ago tomorrow.

Mr. Weathers, suffering a prolonged attack, was moved to the hospital a week ago, and it was stated there today that he had passed through his best night and was very much improved today.

Mr. Pink King Better Today, Doctor States

Mr. W. Pink King, who has been seriously ill at his home on Sumter street for more than a week, was considered to be better today by his physician, the many friends of Mr. King will be pleased to hear.

Yesterday and today it was stated that Mr. King was able to sit up in bed for short periods.

Fred Wagner Under An Operation Today

Fred Wagner, well known Shelby contractor, was operated on for appendicitis just before noon today at the Shelby hospital. At 2 o'clock this afternoon it was stated that his condition was as good as could be expected so soon after the operation.

Wright Barbershop Is Sold To Patton

Mr. Frazier Patton, well known as an expert barber in Shelby for years, announced today that he had purchased the Fred Wright barber shop, located under the Cleveland Bank and Trust company.

The change of proprietorship was effective Monday.

Mr. Patton, his friends say, has the qualifications to make a notable success of the enterprise, and he is being congratulated on his acquisition. Mr. Wright had conducted the establishment, which he opened anew, about two years, and the shop has been successful.

Rev. C. A. Wood III Friends Here Learn

Friends of the Rev. C. A. Wood, former pastor in Shelby, will regret to learn that he is quite ill and in Florida undergoing special treatment. Rev. Mr. Wood has many, many friends in Shelby, where he was pastor of the Central Methodist church. He is now superintendent of the Children's home at Winston-Salem.

License Issued.

Marriage license were issued this week at the court house here to Ivy London and May White. Licenses were issued to a couple of other couples who asked that their names be withheld until the day after Thanksgiving, as they plan to be married on the holiday.

Miss Emily Camp, of Forest City, was a Shelby visitor Sunday afternoon.

Asserts Flaming Youth Same in Every Age



Mrs. Sidney C. Borg, president of the New York Conference of social workers, convening in Albany, has stepped forward with a defense of the youth of today. She denies that young people are any worse or any better than their parents.

Blanton Leader Of County Club For First Year

County Club Organization Made Permanent At Enthusiastic Meet Here Last Night.

With 35 to 40 interested citizens from all sections of the county present a Cleveland county club based upon the Rutherford county club plan now rapidly spreading, was permanently organized here last night.

The meeting, which heard several enthusiastic talks, was held in the county court house, and the temporary officers of the organization were named permanent officers. They are Prof. Lawton Blanton, of Lattimore, president, and Mr. J. L. Herndon, of Grover, secretary.

January Charter Night.

Due to illness Mr. Blanton, the president, was unable to attend and for this reason it was decided to hold a big banquet and a charter night in January of the approaching year. At this time the club hopes to have Governor Gardner, a booster of county clubs, for the chief speaker, and also hopes to outline a farm schedule for the county for the year. Mr. A. M. Hamrick, clerk of superior court; Prof. W. R. Gary, Fallston high school principal; and Prof. C. A. Ledford, Belwood high school principal, compose a committee which will arrange for the banquet and charter occasion.

Speakers Heard.

Several speakers, all favoring the county-wide club movement, were heard. These included Mr. O. C. Dixon, the first member to join the organization; Mr. R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton, club organizer; May or Wiley McGinnis of Kings Mountain; Mr. John M. Gold, Mr. A. R. Gary, Prof. J. D. Huggins, of Mooresboro; County Manager A. E. Cline; Mr. W. W. Washburn, former county commissioner; and Prof. C. A. Ledford.

Barnett Winner In Ellenboro Contest

Carl McKinney, Of Mooresboro Route One, Second In Corn Estimating Contest.

(Special To The Star.)

Ellenboro—Mr. L. F. Barnett of Ellenboro won the first cash prize and Carl McKinley of Mooresboro, Route 1, won the second in the corn estimating contest recently held in connection with the field meeting of farmers at the Rutherford-Cleveland county line to study the yields obtained from the five plots which made up the corn fertilizer demonstration, conducted by the department of agriculture of the Ellenboro school and the Chilean nitrate of soda educational bureau cooperating.

The names of the winners of the six cash prizes follow in order: L. F. Barnett, \$2.50; Carl McKinney, \$1.50; Graham Brooks, \$1.00; Emmett Tessner, \$1.00; C. B. Holt, \$1.00 and Willie Campfield, fifty cents.

Miss Dorothy Hunt and Miss Grace McGinley of Newark, N. J., are visiting Miss Lillian Rudessil.

Cleveland Holds Lead In Cotton By Good Margin

County Is 6,778 Bales Ahead Of Robeson, Closest Competitor. Western Counties Gain.

North Carolina's cotton growing empire seems to be switching from the East to the West as for the second consecutive year, due to the boll weevil, Cleveland county is strengthening its lead over Robeson county, in Eastern Carolina, for cotton producing honors in North Carolina.

When the last ginning report was issued, covering bales ginned up to November 14, Cleveland county was leading Robeson by 6,778 bales, Cleveland having ginned 40,624 bales to Robeson's 33,846. Johnston county was third with 28,334 bales and Harnett was fourth with 26,142 bales.

Only six counties in the state had ginned more than 20,000 bales to November 14 and of the number Union county, which is also in the piedmont section was sixth.

West Gaining.

Practically all of the Eastern counties, with the exception of Robeson, which shows a slight gain, are off in cotton production this year while counties in the western piedmont section show a gain.

Catawba county with 9,436 bales is more than 2,000 bales ahead of last year; Gaston is four hundred bales ahead of last year; Lincoln with 13,247 bales is nearly 3,000 bales ahead of last year, and Rutherford with 12,881 bales is more than one thousand bales ahead of last year.

The six leading counties in the state with their production to November 14 this year and last follow:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1929, 1928. Rows include Cleveland, Robeson, Johnston, Harnett, Sampson, and Union.

Twelve Homes Here To Be Sold At Auction

Real Estate Firm To Put Dozen Shelby Homes On Block At Same Time. Novelty.

A home auction sale is the latest thing on the cards in Shelby real estate circles, the Carolina Land company, of Hickory, advertising to knock down twelve Shelby homes on the auction block next Monday morning. All of them are located in the city. It is the first time such a wholesale selling of dwelling has occurred here in many a moon. Added kick is given the event by the announcement that twenty-five Christmas turkeys will be distributed to lucky ones in the crowd. The hour is ten o'clock Monday next.

Gail Hollifield Dead Near Rutherfordton

Rutherfordton, Nov. 26.—Gail B. Hollifield, 56, died at his home near town yesterday afternoon, after a 10 days' illness, and was buried today in the local cemetery. Funeral services were held at the home this morning with Rev. E. B. Jenkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, in charge. He leaves his wife, four sons and four daughters. He was a deputy sheriff here for a number of years and was a well-known officer and citizen.

Pretty Girl And Ugly Man Contest

A big stunt night and box supper is to be held at the Poikville school Friday night with the main features to be a pretty girl contest and an ugly man contest. There will be other stunts, a cake-walk, a yo-yo contest, and no admission will be charged.

To Attend Legion District Meeting

Tom Abernethy commander of the Warren Hoyle post of the American Legion, along with other local legion officials plans to attend the district legion meeting at Charlotte on Saturday night. At this meeting the local post will receive its citation for a successful membership drive.

Closed Thanksgiving.

The S. A. L. and Southern freight offices will be closed for the day Thanksgiving it is announced and no freight deliveries will be made during the day.

Mull Named Advisor To Governor Gardner; Will Succeed Townsend



GOVERNOR'S NEW ADVISOR, ODUS M. MULL. (Star Photo)

Gardner Appoints Friend Executive Counsellor To Him

Shelby Man Succeeds Judge Townsend As Executive Counsellor. To Take Office Dec. 15.

Adding another link to the Damon-Phyllis friendship which has existed between them for many years, Governor O. Max Gardner yesterday announced in Raleigh that he had appointed Hon. Odus M. Mull, of Shelby, his executive counsellor and advisor, to succeed Judge N. A. Townsend, who has held the post since it was created by the last legislature but who tendered his resignation to Governor Gardner so that he might return to the practice of law.

Yesterday Mr. Mull in informing The Star that he would accept the post tendered to him by his close friend and fellow townsman added that he would not move his residence from Shelby.

"The nature of the work judging by the way Judge Townsend has been moving about will send me all over the state, and although Raleigh will be working headquarters I will maintain my home here in Shelby."

Somewhat A Surprise.

Tom Bost, Raleigh correspondent, tells in The Greensboro News of the resignation and the Mull appointment as follows:

"Judge N. A. Townsend, executive counsellor to Governor Gardner, has resigned his office to return December 15 to Dunn for the practice of his profession, and Representative O. M. Mull, of Cleveland county who is also state Democratic chairman, has been named by Governor Gardner to succeed Judge Townsend.

"The resignation of Judge Townsend, in view of his long deferred acceptance of the honor, was less a surprise than the announcement that Mr. Mull had been chosen by Governor Gardner and had agreed to take on about the hardest position that the state has. Mr. Mull had been unwilling to take on the chairmanship of the state prison board, which position would have made him a magnified manager of the prison plant. He also had declined to be considered as chairman of the state highway commission. He had refused any and all honors that might have gone to him. Governor Gardner succeeded in giving him the hardest assignment that anybody in North Carolina can take. That perhaps is exactly to the liking of Mr. Mull.

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Dr. F. H. Lackey Slightly Better

Appears Brighter And Conscious But Unable To Speak Any As Yet.

The condition of Dr. F. H. Lackey, well known Fallston physician, who suffered a severe stroke of paralysis last Saturday night, seemed to be somewhat improved, it was stated today at the Shelby hospital where he is a patient.

This morning he seemed brighter and appeared to be conscious of what goes on about him, but cannot speak as yet.

He was at his home just after making a call Saturday night when he suffered the stroke on his right side and became unconscious and speechless.

Charlotte Defeats Shelby Team There In Duck Pin Match

In Charlotte Monday night the Lucky Strike bowling team defeated the Shelby team three straight games in a duck pin match. The Blue Ridge products team and the taxi-drivers stage another match at the alley here tonight.

Thanksgiving Dates Back To Biblical Days-Canaanites First

Tribe Believed To Have Staged First Occasion. Tradition Dates Event Back to 1621. Pilgrims Started It In America.

(W. S. Odin in Asheville Citizen)

When Thursday, the people of the United States draw around millions of groaning boards for the chief event in their Thanksgiving Day observance they will be carrying on a custom almost as old as the human race itself.

There exists, of course, the widespread notion that Thanksgiving is distinctively an American holiday, founded by the Pilgrims, but this is only partly true. The fact is, the fundamental idea of the feast may be traced back through the ages to distant Biblical times. Concerning the Canaanites, from whom the Children of Israel derived some of their practices, we find in the Book of Judges the following:

"And they went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes and held a festival, and went into the houses of their god, and did eat and drink."

Act Of Worship.

This vintage or harvest festival appeared later among the Hebrews as an act of worship to Jehovah and was called the Feast of Tabernacles. In Deuteronomy, Moses gave apocryphic directions for its keeping, while in Leviticus the command is "when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord."

Pagan Greece and Rome, too, had their thanksgiving season in honor

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of the harvest deities, nor was it unknown to the aborigines of the New World. At Athens, in November, this feast, called Thesmophoria, was celebrated by married women only and two wealthy and distinguished members of the sex were chosen to prepare the sacred meal, which corresponded to the Thanksgiving dinner of today. The Romans on each October 4 worshipped Ceres, their

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Carpenter Nephew Dead In Charlotte

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter are in Charlotte today to attend the funeral of their nephew, Bobbie Cline, who died there yesterday. The youngster, who was 19 months of age, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Cline.

Woodmen And W. C. Plan Big Evening

The local W. O. W. and W. C. will give a measuring party and free dance Saturday night, November 30, in the Woodmen hall here. Music will be furnished by a well-known string band, the proceeds will go to the order and the public is cordially invited.

Bailey Determined That Simmons Will Have Opposition In Party

If Senator Enters Primary, He Will Have Picked Opposition, He Says.

Raleigh—Josiah William Bailey has not changed in the slightest his position with reference to the senatorship from North Carolina, namely, that Senator Simmons should and will, undoubtedly, have opposition in the Democratic primary next June, if he is a candidate, and that the selection of a candidate should be a party matter, not one for any individual, he said here, headlines in one daily paper to the contrary notwithstanding.

Headlines Mislead.

The story regarding his possible candidacy in that paper states its position correctly, but the headlines are contradictory, he states, as in one place they assert that he