

THE MARKET. Cotton Seed, per bu. 39c Cotton, per lb. 16 1/2c

More Cold Weather. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain in east and snow flurries in west portion today and tonight. Colder tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and cooler.

10 Die In Train Wreck. Ten people, five white and five black, were killed and two score injured about noon yesterday at Onley, Virginia, when an excursion train, from Norfolk to New York, jumped the track. Eight coaches of the Pennsylvania railway train leaped the track in the disastrous crash.

7 Coal Miners Killed. Seven coal miners were killed in an explosion in a mine early Sunday morning near West Frankfort, Illinois. Late yesterday six bodies had been brought to the surface and searching parties still sought the other body.

Mull Not To Give Up State Chairmanship

New Advisor To Governor Sees No Conflict In Two Positions, He Declares.

Raleigh.—Odus M. Mull, appointed as executive counsel by Governor Gardner to succeed Judge N. A. Townsend, resigned, intends to retain his post as chairman of the State Democratic committee, it was learned here Saturday.

Mr. Mull, a prominent Shelby lawyer, life-long friend and close political associate of the Governor, will succeed to the post of executive counsel Dec. 15, when Judge Townsend's resignation becomes effective.

No Conflict Seen. A Raleigh newspaper this morning declared it likely that he would retain his chairmanship of the Democratic committee.

The Raleigh newspaper also said that it was believed Mr. Mull's retention would preclude his acceptance of the post of commissioner of revenue, should that position be offered him in the event A. J. Maxwell is appointed to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is now considered likely, however, that Mr. Mull would be a candidate for that position, even though he were free to accept it.

New Auto Plates On Sale Dec. 16

Will Require Front And Rear Plates. Fifteen Days In Which To Buy.

The new 1930 North Carolina automobile license plates will not be placed on sale until December 16, although heretofore they have come on sale December 1, it was announced at the office of the Carolina Motor club at the Eskridge garage here.

Instructions have been issued by the state department of revenue to the various branches of the Carolina Motor club through which the tags are sold, not to place them on sale until that date, it was explained, and the motor club officials in the hope of preventing a frenzied period of buying during the final few days of the year are asking the people to keep in mind that there are only 15 days during which to purchase the plates.

This year, it was also explained, there will be two plates, front and rear. The revenue department, said motor club officials, has made the change from one plate to two in the hope that it will make easier the task of checking up on those who attempt to avoid payment of the tax.

The plates were made this year at the state prison and 40 branches of the Carolina Motor club will issue them.

Choir Director At Central Church Has Been In Choir Abroad

Mr. Dale Kalter, new choir director at the Central Methodist church was a year or so back a member of one of America's most widely known choirs and has appeared with that choir abroad.

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Kalter was a member of the renowned Dayton Westminster choir and while with that organization he toured Europe, appearing in several programs given by the choir on that continent.

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Building Crash Death Suits Settled For \$13,000

Two Youths Yo-Yo Five Hours In Contest Before Star Ends Endurance Match In Draw

Colbert McKnight And "Red" Lucas Winners. Evans Logan Fan-cliest Yo-Yoer.

Shelby as yet, despite The Star's contest Saturday afternoon and evening, does not have an undisputed champion of the yo-yo art, for at the end of five long hours of yo-yoing with one hand without sitting down two youths, Colbert McKnight and Morris (Red) Lucas, were still going strong in their endurance match when the paper decided to end the long-drawn out contest rather than to further tax the nervous system of the two boys who had dangled their yo-yos in the air for five hours and were still anxious to pass midnight so that they might say they had yo-yoed from November to December.

At three minutes past seven o'clock, five hours and one minute after the contest got underway, the match was ended and both boys presented with first prize money. As it was both boys had eclipsed other North Carolina yo-yo contest records by approximately one hour and seemed determined to keep going until one or the other fell down utterly exhausted.

Many Enter. More than a score of boys and one girl entered the endurance match and as a half dozen youths had their toys still shooting up and down after two hours the telephones in The Star office kept jingling as interested fathers and mothers began calling to see who had won. In addition to the hundreds of telephone calls, between two and three hundred people visited the editorial (Continued on page ten.)

Rutherford's Oldest Woman Passes Away

Mrs. Susan Melton Left Four Children And One Hundred Grandchildren.

Rutherford.—Mrs. Susan Melton, Rutherford county's oldest woman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. P. Campbell, near Hollis, Friday and was buried at First Broad Baptist church. Had she lived until January 11, 1930 she would have been 97 years old. She had been a devoted member of the Baptist church for 79 years and had been in declining health for her past five years. She was a widow the last 35 years of her life and was the mother of 12 children, five of whom are living, as follows: W. J. Melton, age 77, Buffalo, S. C.; George Melton, age 76, Schoolfield, Va.; Mrs. Robt. P. Campbell, 67, Hollis; Mrs. Eliza Bridges, 62, Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Etta McFarland, 56, Hollis. She leaves 100 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She attributed her longevity to plenty of exercises, regular habits of eating and sleeping and temperance in all things. She well remembered the Mexican War, being born in 1833 and three other wars that this country has been engaged in. Twenty-five presidents of the U. S. were inaugurated during her life time.

Hollis To Stage Big Fiddlers Convention

Saturday night, December 7, the Hollis school will put on what promises to be the biggest fiddlers' convention ever held in this section of the state. Cash prizes totalling \$52.50 will go to the winners, and all lovers of good string music in Cleveland and Rutherford counties are urged to attend.

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Johnston City, Tenn.—Death having removed a threat against his life, Ale Artrip was home again this week, thirty years, he said after he fled the nearby Cumberland mountains of Virginia upon fearing himself from a pile of burning logs assembled for his funeral pyre. Recalling his flight the aged mountaineer said Hunt Hall, who is said to have confessed the slaying of Artrip on his death bed, struck him with an axe, robbed him and then left him unconscious in the fire. But he revived in time to escape the flames, according to his story, and left the county not to return as long as Hall lived.

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Christmas Fund List Starts In Star Wednesday

Wednesday's issue of The Star will publish the first list of contributors to The Star's Christmas Stocking Fund to give necessities of life to the poor and unfortunate of Shelby on Christmas eve. Thereafter contributions will be published each day until the fund closes, provided new contributions come in between issues. Will your name be in the first list of givers Wednesday? By giving early you may cause others to contribute.

Politics Warms Up Very Slowly In This County

Large Number Of Candidates In Last Primary May Have Taken Pep Out Of Others. The dozen or so candidates who sought the Democratic nomination for sheriff in the last primary together with the several candidates for other offices must have dampened the ardor of office-seekers in this county. Anyway, despite the fact that some of the political circle are talking politics prospective candidates are not showing much interest. Of course the usual Cleveland county fondness for political tussles may be more in evidence once the holidays are over, but as it is those who enjoy getting the situation warmed up are meeting with little success.

County Couples Wed During Thanksgiving

First Man Married In New Gaffney Court House Was Cleveland County Colored Man.

Two of the three couples married in Gaffney, South Carolina, Thanksgiving day were from this county. They were Russel Webb and Vashli Borders, of Shelby; and Roosevelt Chambers, of Earl, and Josephine Smith, of Blacksburg. The first couple to be married in the new Cherokee county court house on last Wednesday was Alfred Petty, 59-year-old, one-armed negro of Mooresboro, Cleveland county, and Annie Kings, of Gaffney route 9. The only other Cleveland couple married there last week was Blaine Whisonant and Aldem Lemmons, of Bolling Springs.

Johnson Presiding For Special Term

Civil Term Of Superior Court Begins Long Grind Here This Morning.

With Judge T. L. Johnson, of Lumberton, presiding the special term of superior court to dispose of civil matters opened here this morning to do what it may during the term to alleviate the congested calendar. There are enough actions on the civil court books, it is said, to keep the court grinding for several weeks, but it is not certain whether the term will last more than one week. The court this morning was devoted to several minor suits, while quite a number of divorce cases are to be taken up later. Deputy Gus Jolley is acting as court officer.

Fox Hunters Have Friends To "Feed"

Brushy Creek Club Has Couple Hundred Present For Friday Night Barbecue.

A couple hundred Cleveland county people were Friday guests at one of the most enjoyable occasions staged in this county in months when the Brushy Creek Fox Hunters Club entertained at a big barbecue at the Bate Blanton place above Shelby. Visitors from Shelby and all sections of the county, men and women, were guests of the hunting club, and such was the giant repast prepared that there were 16 quarters of mutton left over in addition to barbecued pork and chicken.

Wagner's Condition Is Critical Today

At the Shelby hospital today it was stated that the condition of Mr. Fred Wagner, local contractor, who underwent an appendicitis operation there last week, was still considered critical today. He became worse after complications and others were brought in for consultation yesterday with the hospital staff. Two of his sisters and Mrs. Wagner's father are here. They are Mrs. Martin Pulcher, of De-roit, Michigan; Mrs. William Lanier, of Atlanta, and Mr. C. C. Graham, of Unadilla, Georgia.

County To Make Almost Seventy Thousand Bales

Stamey Says Only About 60,000 Will Be Harvested Because Of Bad Weather.

"Bass Suttle's prediction that Cleveland county would this year make 70,000 bales of cotton is the best estimate I have heard," is the opinion expressed by Mr. Tom Stamey, leading merchant and citizen of Fallston. It is Mr. Stamey's belief that at least 70,000 bales of cotton have been produced in the county this year, but he does not think the total ginning will run over 60,000 bales because all of the cotton was not picked due to bad weather. Some cotton, he says, was ruined because of continued rains which kept the pickers out of the fields, while other cotton was so badly damaged by the weather that farmers did not consider it worth the picking cost. Had the weather been suitable throughout the season he says there is no doubt but what the final ginning report would have reached near the 70,000 bale mark.

Imported Pickers

In connection with the big cotton crop Mr. Charlie S. Young, wholesale grocer who also is a good cotton farmer, says that he believes that at least 2,000 colored people must have been brought to this county in the last couple of weeks to aid in the cotton picking. The cold snap Friday night and Saturday was a hardship to many of the imported pickers who failed to bring along blankets and are sleeping in barns and outhouses while here. Fortunately, however, the majority of the pickers brought along ample clothing and blankets. The importation of the pickers is the biggest movement of labor to this county since it became a cotton leader. In many instances the women have been employed over the county as cooks while their husbands and children are in the cotton fields.

Scouts Of District In Court Of Honor

Scout Leaders And Scouts Of Shelby District To Attend McDiarmid In Charge.

The Court of Honor for the Shelby district of the Piedmont council of the Boy Scouts of America, which includes the various Shelby troops and troops of Belwood, Fallston, Lattimore, Earl and Grover, will be held in the court room of the Cleveland county court house on Monday night, December 2 at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, judge of the court, will preside and will be assisted by various citizens of Shelby.

First Baptist Men Will Enjoy Banquet

The men of the First Baptist church here will enjoy a fellowship banquet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in the young peoples department of the assembly room at the First Baptist church. Even men in the church membership is invited to attend this chicken dinner.

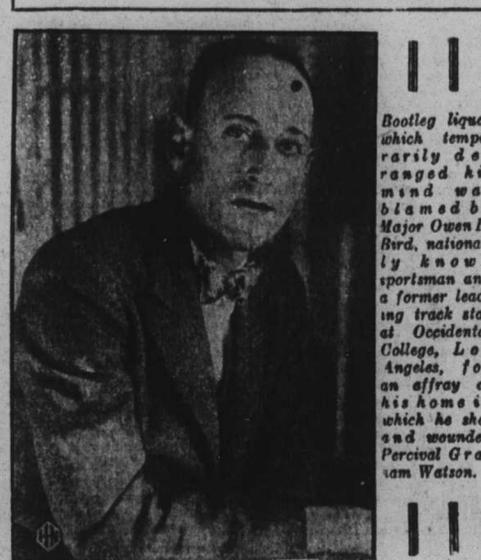
Wreck At Mooresboro

Early last night two cars crashed together on the highway near Mooresboro and a Forest City man had one arm broken while his wife was lacerated about the head and face. The wreck was caused, according to reports here, by an intoxicated negro driver who is said to have cut his car across the road in front of the Forest City car. His last name is Logan and he was placed under a \$300 bond there to await trial. The names of the Forest City people were not learned.

Convict Defendants In Marion Riot Trial; Chain Gang Terms

Marion.—Alfred Hoffman, United Textile Workers of American organizer, and Lawrence Hogan, Del Lewis and Wes Fowler, strikers from local cotton mills Saturday were convicted by a jury in McDowell Superior court of rioting. They were acquitted of charges of resisting officers. The verdict carried a recommendation for mercy. Hoffman was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to one month in jail; and Fowler, Hogan and Lewis were each given six months on the chain gang by Judge G. V. Cowper, presiding. The charges against Hoffman and the three strikers grew of efforts of strikers at the Clinchfield and Marion Manufacturing Company Cotton mills here to prevent non-union workers moving into the Clinchfield mill village. The trouble occurred on August 30. Sheriff O. F. Adkins and other officers testified that the furniture of a non-union worker had been moved out of the house into which he had moved when starting to work at the mill and officers had been prevented from returning it. As a result of the demonstration (Continued on page ten.)

Well-Known Track Star Shoots Friend in Drunken Craze



Boozed liquor which temporarily deranged his mind was blamed by Major Owen E. Bird, nationally known sportsman and a former leading track star at Occidental College, Los Angeles, for an affray at his home in which he shot and wounded Percival Gram Watson.

Boy Trusty And Sheriff's Son Battle Down Jail Break Here

December Rides In On A Bitter Wave

Saturday Morning Coldest November Weather Registered Here In Years. Sunday Colder. December rode into Shelby and section Sunday morning aboard an icy wave which brought the coldest weather on record in many years for the season of the year. The cold snap, which clung on today as an early morning rain froze almost as fast as it fell, comes approximately 12 years after the bitter cold weather of 1917.

Trusty Injured But He Stops Dash For Freedom And Catches One Who Escaped

Cobby Page, young white trusty at the Cleveland county jail, played a heroic role along with Halwood Allen, 13-year-old son of Sheriff Irvin Allen, early Saturday evening when they stopped an attempted jail break at jail here. Both youths were considerably bruised in the battle but at the end not a single prisoner had escaped. Along about dusk the young trusty accompanied by the two sons of the sheriff, the youngest, George only 11 years old, started upstairs to give the prisoners their evening meal, thinking that Sheriff Allen was on the first floor. As they unlocked the door to the main floor cells, two stories up, Page, the trusty, walked in toward the cages with the 13-year-old son of the sheriff remaining at the door with the keys. Unexpectedly a prisoner, James Mayhew, held here for stealing and also wanted in South Carolina, who had perched himself just above the door on the inside, roped upon the head of the small youth and crashed him to the floor. The boy flung himself clear and made a dash to lock the door but was floored for the second time by a milk bottle in the hands of Mayhew, a 200-pounder.

About this time Page, the trusty, dashed back to the door and gave chase to Mayhew who was heading down the stairs for freedom. The second Allen boy secured the keys from where Mayhew threw them after he had knocked down the sheriff's oldest son and secured them, and then he locked the door keeping the others in.

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\$2,000 Each For 6 Lives, \$1,000 For Other Death

County's Biggest Series Of Damage Suits Definitely Settled In Court Today.

Shelby biggest series of damage suits, an aftermath of the town's greatest disaster, the building crash in August of 1928 in which seven met death, came to an end in superior court here this morning when a compromise agreed upon was officially signed by Judge Thomas L. Johnson, of Lumberton, who opened a special term of superior court here today.

By the terms of the compromise reached three defendants in the suits, which in original claims totaled around a quarter of a million dollars, will pay \$2,000 to the estate of each of the six white people killed in the crash and \$1,000 to the estate of the colored laborer who died weeks after from injuries received.

Others Settled

The settlement of the seven suits today ended all legal action which has developed so far. In the cases of the several people injured in the tragic crash private settlements have been made out of court or are in the process of being settled now, according to attorneys for those concerned.

The court judgment as signed says that three defendants—John S. McKnight, owner of the building which collapsed; Charles Lutz and Tom Webb, contractors for excavation work—must pay the following claims: \$2,000 to the estate of Miss Ora Eskridge, bank employee; \$2,000 to the estate of Alex Hoyle, bank employee; \$2,000 to the estate of Guy Green, bank employee; \$2,000 to the estate of Zeb Blanton, a farmer; \$2,000 to the estate of Carl Blanton, son of Zeb Blanton; \$2,000 to the estate of Clyde Carpenter, farmer of upper Cleveland; and \$1,000 to the estate of J. C. Thomas, colored laborer who died after the crash from injuries.

The sums total \$13,000, and the judgment also adds that the defendants must also pay the costs in the case, which will total several thousand additional. It is understood.

Majority Of Claims Filed

In the majority of the claims filed the city of Shelby through the city building inspector was made a party to the suit, but in the compromise judgment the city was omitted, because, it is said, that it could not be held legally responsible.

Just how the judgment sums and costs are to be divided among the three defendants is not stated in the judgment record, that portion, according to attorneys, being left to a private agreement between the defendants elated.

Throughout Shelby and the county there is a feeling of relief that the cases will not be fought out in court. The disaster struck Shelby a heavy blow from which the entire (Continued on page ten.)

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"Mr. McKnight did nothing of the sort and the rumor probably originated from a statement by Mr. McKnight that he did not have the ready cash to make a settlement of the suits and would have to borrow money and mortgage his property to meet the settlement terms," the attorneys said. "He made not a single move of that type for he is not that manner of man, as this entire section knows, and he faces the hardship he does in making the settlement agreed upon without kicking. It is nothing but fair to denounce the false rumor that he used such tactics."