

THE MARKET. Cotton, strict mid 16 1/2c Cotton Seed, per bu. 36c

Fair Weather. North Carolina fair weather. Slightly colder in central and north-west portion. Saturday fair, slowly rising temperature.

W. T. Rankin Dead. Wiley T. Rankin, prominent Gastonia cotton manufacturer and former mayor of that city, died Wednesday night at his winter home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., following a severe heart attack, only a few minutes previously.

Verdict Today. A verdict is looked for today at Burnsville where eight McDowell county deputies are charged with second degree murder of six Marion mill strikers. Hon. Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby who defended the deputies, addressed the jury yesterday afternoon and this morning the judge's charge was delivered.

Paragon Buys Blanton Wright

Left Over From Paragon Close-Out Will Be Merged With Blanton-Wright Stock.

The rather surprising announcement was made today by M. A. Spangler, of the Paragon department store that this big organization had yesterday bought out the Blanton-Wright clothing store.

The deal was made with surprising suddenness.

The managers of the Paragon stepped between the Blanton-Wright firm and its creditors, and took over the stock. Happening right on the eve of the Paragon's departure from business, Mr. Spangler made the announcement that the big department store's left-over stock will, the first of the year, be transferred to the Blanton-Wright store, which is immediately next door, and the stocks merged into one.

Just what the disposition of these joint stocks will be Mr. Spangler did not say, said he couldn't make a formal declaration about the future at this time, but will later.

Up until the purchase of the Blanton-Wright stock the Paragon managers had decided to remove their left-over stock to the Paragon Bargain place on Warren street.

The Paragon department store is owned by Mr. Spangler and William Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company and other enterprises.

Kings Mountain Man Not To Face Court

Walter Dillinger's Car Struck Aged Man Who Was A Crisp Tuesday Night.

Gastonia, Dec. 18.—According to a statement made this afternoon by Coroner J. F. Wallace, no charges will be brought against Walter Dillinger of Kings Mountain in connection with the death of R. L. Hoffman, elder storekeeper, who was killed Tuesday night when he was struck by an automobile driven by Dillinger.

The death will be recorded as accidental, Coroner Wallace said. Relatives of the dead man, after considering the circumstances, declared they did not want an inquest held or charges made against driver of the car, Mr. Wallace added.

Mr. Hoffman was 65 years old, and for more than 20 years had been a resident of Gastonia. The incident in which he met his death occurred when he was crossing Franklin street, in front of his store about 6:30 Tuesday night. Mr. Hoffman was crippled and used a crutch.

Clarence Morrison who is building the hospital at Mooresville will arrive home tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays with his family on S. LaFayette street.

No Issue Of The Star Wednesday

Following a long custom, The Cleveland Star will omit one paper during the year and this time, The Star will not issue on Wednesday, Christmas day. There will be an issue Monday next and again on Friday, but the Christmas day issue (Wednesday) will be omitted to give the organization of fifteen employees an opportunity to spend the Yuletide with their families.

The business office will be open on Christmas eve, but the entire shop will be closed Christmas day.

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Mull Opposes Raise In Pay Of Employes

Says Times Are Hard And State Employes Should Not Ask For Boost In Pay.

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—If any state employes are entertaining hopes that they may obtain a new year's present from the state salary and wage commission when it meets for its annual January meeting—if it does—they are doomed to disappointment.

Not that the new executive counsel, Odus M. Mull, said as much in so many ways. But Mr. Executive Counsel Mull has a good many different ways of saying things.

When asked today when the salary and wage commission was going to meet, and what the expectations were that salaries would be increased, Mr. Mull said:

"You know, I have seen several pieces in the papers lately to the effect that times are sort of hard, that there are a lot of people out of work hunting jobs, and glad to get anything they can hold of," said Mr. Mull.

"Of course, I don't know whether all of that is true or not, or whether the members of the salary and wage commission have read these pieces or not, for I have not talked to them. But if these reports are correct, I should not think this would be a very good time for state employes to ask for salary increases."

There will be no Christmas or New Year's paroles this year, either, according to Mr. Mull, who called attention to the announcement made by Governor Gardner several days ago that no parole or pardon matters would be considered until after January 1.

Mr. Mull was clearing off his desk today preparatory to leaving for his home in Shelby, as Governor Gardner has given all state employes a holiday next week until Thursday, December 26.

Sixteen Pound Box Of Candy "For Her"

Down at the Cleveland drug store is a sixteen pound box of candy on display for a few days, awaiting delivery during the holidays, to a "certain young lady." When the factory received the special order it telephoned lack to verify the order because sixteen pound box orders are not usual. It was not an order from a "family man" for his wife and house full of kids, but an order from a single fellow to make his "sweetie" sweeter.

County Taxes Paid Amount To \$180,000

To date, sheriff and county tax collector, I. M. Allen, has collected \$180,000 of the \$500,000 county taxes due each year. With the year drawing to a close, the sheriff's office is over-run with tax payers meeting the annual obligation. There was a discount of one per cent on taxes paid during October, a half of one per cent during November, but all taxes are ret during the months of December and January. On and after February 1, 1930, a penalty of one percent goes on all unpaid county taxes, according to a state-wide law passed by the last general assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright spent Thursday in Charlotte.

Mayor Asks That Firworks Not Be Shot On The Streets

With the Yuletide season approaching and recalling the unfavorable publicity which the city received two years ago when there was a demonstration against the law at the city hall, Mayor McMurry has issued a statement calling attention to the law and asking that fireworks not be shot on the streets or sidewalks, but that the youths confine their activities to the court square or their own private property.

The message reads as follows: "I wish to extend to the young folks of Shelby, Christmas Greetings, and it is my wish that each of you shall have your full share of Christmas joy. "I also wish to ask that you observe the City Ordinance which prohibits the shooting of firecrackers on the sidewalks and streets, etc. The shooting of firecrackers along public streets and sidewalks

Prominent New Yorker Confirms Engagement To New Jersey Deb



William H. Vanderbilt, great-great-grandson of Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt, is reported to have admitted that he is "the lucky man" when asked if he is engaged to wed Anne G. Colby, debutante daughter of the Everett Colby of West Orange, N. J. This is Mr. Vanderbilt's second marital venture.

Former County Woman Is Dead

Mrs. J. A. Young Of Newton, Daughter Of Late W. B. Hoyle Of Belwood Section.

The wife of Dr. J. A. Young of Newton died Tuesday in the Davis hospital following a serious operation. Before marriage she was Miss Emma Young, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoyle of the Belwood section. She was 49 years of age and was married to Dr. J. A. Young, a brother of Mr. C. S. Young of Shelby in 1904. Since then she and Dr. Young have been living in Newton where he practiced his profession as a dentist.

Mrs. Young was a very devoted wife, a consecrated Christian character and a valued member of the Methodist church at Newton. She was noted for her sunny disposition and radiant cheer which she brought to all around her. Besides her husband the following children survive: Dr. Warren Young, Joseph and Nancy Young. Funeral services were conducted from their home Wednesday afternoon and interment was in the Newton cemetery. A large floral offering and many friends attested the esteem in which she was held.

Attending the funeral from Shelby were Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Young, Mr. and Mrs. Rush Thompson, Messrs. Z. J. and W. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyle, Mrs. Frank Hoyle and Mr. Joe Baber.

Women Ask For Clean Premises

Mrs. John W. Harbison, president of the Woman's club is anxious for a clean city during the Christmas holidays and is making an appeal for the merchants to sweep their sidewalks and clean their rear premises and the citizens generally to clean their front and rear yards before Christmas. The members of the Woman's club make this special request on the storekeepers and citizens in order that Shelby might be clean for the holidays.

85 Bags Mail Leave Shelby On One Train

Early Mailing Agitation Has Had Good Effect. Window Open At Night 7 To 9.

New records were established for early Christmas mailing, says Postmaster J. H. Quinn, the local post office having dispatched 85 bags of mail over the eastbound Southern train Tuesday night and approximately the same number again Wednesday night when the bags were filled more heavily. "At last the agitation that has been going on for years for early mailing is having its effect," said Mr. Quinn and it facilitates the handling of the holiday mail.

It looks now as if the mail will be heavier than any previous holiday and to help handle the situation, three extra men have been added to the Shelby post office force—two extra carriers and one extra clerk. This heavy mail a week before Christmas indicates that the patrons are co-operating with the postal department in mailing early and when the 85 bags left on a single train Monday and the same number again Wednesday, a new record in early mailing through the Shelby post-office was established. There may be a drop, however, during the few days prior to Christmas eve, due to the fact that a week before Christmas, the mail was so heavy.

Night service has been inaugurated at the windows at the local office. Normally the windows close at 6 o'clock, but from now until Christmas the windows will open at 7 and remain open until 9 for the convenience of the patrons.

There will be no service Christmas day except for the dispatch of outgoing mail and working that which comes in for boxes. Special deliveries will, of course, be handled Christmas day. Rural and city carriers will not make their usual rounds Christmas day.

Trains Are Loaded. Thad C. Ford, returning Wednesday night from Greensboro where he went to bring his sister, Miss May Wilson to his home in Shelby for a rest, says Southern train No. 135 carried eleven cars of mail, two cars of express and only one car of passengers. This is some indication of the heavy volume of mail which the railroads and postal service handle during the Christmas season.

Gulf Refining Opens Station

Company Owned And Operated Station At Corner Of DeKalb And Warren.

The fine new Gulf Refining Company's Filling Station, just completed, and located at the corner of DeKalb and East Warren streets, will be opened for public service tomorrow, after an eight weeks' construction period.

This will be a company operated station, with Tommy Harrill, one of the city's well known former athletes as manager, and Harry Hudson, also here known in this section, as assistant manager.

This is said to be the last word in modern filling station construction, ornamental, and with every new device for serving the motoring public. Special features include a rotary lift for greasing cars, special type pumps being used. The modern touches even include electric water cooler.

To Draw For Free Car Tuesday Noon

Chevrolet Car Will Be Given Away By American Legion, Three Day Grace.

At noon Tuesday, December 24, at the First National bank corner, a number will be drawn from a box and the holder of this number will receive free a Chevrolet sedan given away by the American Legion and local merchants who have been giving a ticket free for each one dollar purchase. It is not necessary for the holders of tickets to be on hand. The number drawn will be advertised for three days and at the end of that time, if the holder of the lucky ticket has not shown up to claim his prize, another ticket will be drawn and a period of three days allowed for the holder to come forward with his ticket as evidence of his win.

Merchants who are co-operating will continue to give tickets through Monday night when all boxes will be sealed for the drawing on Tuesday at noon.

Will Wed Heir to Rockefeller Fortunes



Mary Todhunter Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy H. Clark, of Philadelphia, whose engagement to Nelson Alrich Rockefeller, youngest son of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has been announced.

Empty Stocking Fund To Close Monday

There are just a few more nights before Old Santa packs his kit and starts upon his rounds spreading Yuletide cheer and joy. And there are just two more days in which Shelby and Cleveland county people may contribute to The Star's Christmas Stocking Fund for the poor of the town. It's now time for those who have been putting it off to give. The fund closes Monday evening so that distribution among the unfortunate homes may be made Tuesday. Have you given?

The fund is still far short of last year's mark. The empty stocking has not been filled. Santa may be unable to call at a dozen or more homes Tuesday evening with food, fuel and clothing. Any number of hungry youngsters may have reason to believe that there is no Santa when they awake Christmas morn and find that Kris Kingle has not called upon them.

Don't put it off any longer—Give now!

Gifts so far to the fund have come from organizations, clubs, Sunday school classes, prominent men and women, and many gifts have come from humble homes—homes when there is none too much money but enough to live on and help others to live. All of the gifts haven't come from Shelby people. Many have come in from the farms of the county. One of the biggest individual gifts recorded during the week came from a big-hearted young farmer and his wife.

Much aid has been given to The Star's annual charity fund of such a nature that it would not be properly recognized in the list of contributions. For instance, the sprightly group of hello girls at the telephone exchange visited the welfare officer and had him single out a special case or two for them.

"Our money lines are not so busy," they said, "but in our idle time we can sew and make things that will help. Give us a case or two where some deserving girl or mother needs help and we'll get together their needs."

By this plan there is no doubling-up. Money, or rather supplies, that would have gone to the cases taken over by the hello girls will now go to other deserving cases, thus caring for more. One lady also asked for a special case to take care of herself although a nice contribution had already been made by her family. Several of the Sunday school classes, including one made up of little tots, are taking individual cases and scraping together the needed articles. Many helping hands are being extended by this method, all of which are appreciated by The Star, by the civic committee in charge, and by the welfare officer. Everyone knows that they will be deeply appreciated by the recipients.

But more money is needed. There is much coal and wood to buy, supplies to be purchased, and clothing to be secured.

Remember, just two more days in which to get your gift in. You'll feel better down in you Wednesday morning when you awake to another Christmas day, if you have done your bit to make it Christmas everywhere in Shelby. Somewhere about the town a weary mother, or a deserving youngster will be offering a prayer: "for you and what you've done to Him whose birth anniversary it is."

- Previously acknowledged -- \$454.50 R. T. LeGrand ----- 10.00 Mrs. Gene Schenck ----- 3.00

Local Citizens May Organize And Bid On Hotel Property Here

Boiling Springs Light System Sold

Southern Public Utilities Buys Fourth Light System In This Section.

By a vote of 62 to 32 the citizens of Boiling Springs voted to sell their electric light plant to the Southern Public Utilities company for the consideration of \$18,000. This is the fourth system this company has purchased within the past six months. Recently the citizens of Ellenboro, Mooresboro and Lattimore sold their plants to the Southern Public Utility company, a subsidiary of the Southern Power company. The price of each plant was around \$15,000.

It is understood that the new owners will rebuild the Boiling Springs plant as they have done their newly acquired properties at Ellenboro, Mooresboro and Lattimore and that lower rates will be established.

Mr. Rex Brooks of Mooresboro has become manager of the Boiling Springs plant under its new ownership.

Local Stores Are Broken And Robbed

A. and P. Tea Store And Reinhart's Are Entered, Thought To Be Boys.

Both the A. and P. Tea company store on N. LaFayette street and the C. H. Reinhart store in South Shelby were entered by thieves this week and robbed. Officers who are investigating the robberies are convinced that both stores were broken and entered by small boys. The cash register was demolished at the A. and P. Tea store and a few dollars in cash taken therefrom, together with a small quantity of groceries.

Breaking a door or window in the rear of the Reinhart store in South Shelby, the thieves, thought to be the same parties, stole a quantity of pocket knives, some socks and sweaters. In all the value of the goods stolen from the Reinhart store amounted to \$30.00.

Merchants are asking the city officials to put on a couple of extra men on the police force during the holidays in order to keep a more vigilant watch during the nights.

Double Cage Bill At Tin Can Tonight

Shelby High Teams Play Two Kings Mountain Teams. Girls And Boys.

The entire athletic prowess of both Shelby high and Kings Mountain will be on exhibition at the "tin can" here tonight as the Shelby boys meet the Kings Mountain quint in one basketball game and the Shelby high girls sextet takes on the fair King Mountain basketball tossers in another game.

Early season scores indicate that the teams in both contests will be near equally matched and fans are assured an interesting evening of fast sport.

Holiday Trade Nearing Its Peak—Stores Open At Night

Holiday trade in Shelby is nearing its peak and with only three more shopping days left, the stores are swarming with Christmas shoppers, most of whom of course are women who do most of the buying for themselves and also for the men of the household. The weather has been very unfavorable for shopping, but thousands swarm the stores and streets just the same in the last few days, making final preparations for the great holiday season of the year.

All stores that keep holiday goods are keeping open at night until 9 o'clock to accommodate the crowds. This gives the men a chance to do their buying after their day's work is done.

Never before have the stores been so well stocked with Christmas goods as this year and while trade has been slack on days when the weather was bad, sunshine and Saturdays bring them out by the thousands. Tomorrow (Saturday) is the last Saturday before Christmas and the largest crowd of the fall is expected.

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New Company Being Organized To Bid On Cleveland Springs Property. Statement Of Inebtedness.

A company is being organized in Shelby, known as the Cleveland Springs Development company which will bid on the Cleveland Springs property when it goes on sale at noon, January 18. At least a letter has been sent to all stockholders in the Cleveland Springs company asking them if they are willing to subscribe for as much stock in the new as they had in the old company.

The letter says if the response to this proposition is one hundred per cent, a meeting will be called of the new stockholders to determine what price to bid on the property and if the bid sticks, just what action the new company will take. If the new company is unsuccessful either in its organization or its bid at the sale, it will be dissolved without expense or obligation.

An official letter which goes out from the directors of the present Cleveland Springs company goes into details about the cost of the property and its operation, prior to the fire which destroyed the hotel building in the early fall. This letter reads:

Total Cost \$275,000.

"The directors of Cleveland Springs company wish to make a statement to the stockholders of the corporation of the financial affairs of the company. The corporation was organized in 1919 for the purpose of erecting a hotel building at Cleveland Springs. Subscription for common stock in the company was solicited and stock sold and paid for to the amount of \$105,000. The hotel building was erected at an approximate cost of \$175,000 and hotel furniture and equipment was bought for approximately \$40,000. Three hundred acres of land were purchased for approximately \$60,000, making a total expenditure of \$275,000. That part of the directors of the company who reside in Shelby purchased \$75,000 of preferred stock of the company, paying cash for same, so as to reduce the indebtedness on the corporation. After this was done the company owed approximately \$95,000 which was secured by the personal endorsement of that same part of the directors of the corporation.

Land Development.

"In 1925 the directors made a contract with A. E. Marshall & Son of Clearwater, Fla., to sell them \$200,000 common stock in the corporation and these people undertook to put on a land development of the surplus real estate of the corporation. On account of financial conditions, however, this sale of stock failed to be carried through, but in the meantime the directors living in Shelby accepted lots in payment of their preferred stock by which transaction the \$75,000 preferred stock of the corporation was cancelled and these directors received in exchange for same lots constituting an area of approximately 15 acres of land, the directors taking a loss in the transaction with

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Mills To Banquet Key Men Saturday

Dr. D. W. Daniels To Address Dover Mill Men And Rev. L. B. Hayes Shelby Men.

Two banquets are scheduled for Saturday night by local industrial plants which have been giving banquets annually to the "key" men of their organizations. The Shelby Cotton mill will serve about seventy men at the Wayside restaurant on East Warren street and the principal speaker will be Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of Central Methodist church. "Key" men of the Dover Mill organizations, composed of the Dover, Ora and Bassfield Mills will be banqueted at the high school building Saturday night beginning at 6:30 o'clock. The meal will be served by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the principal speaker for the occasion will be Dr. D. W. Daniels of Clemson college, one of the most popular after dinner speakers in the south. Over 300 men are expected to attend the Dover banquet.