

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

Freezing Weather.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and colder tonight. Freezing temperature to the coast tonight.

No Accidents Here.

Although Shelby and Cleveland county was today digging out from under the heaviest blanket of snow and ice in many years no serious accidents resulted from the freeze insofar as could be learned at noon. With warmer weather today the section was generally thawing out.

Officers Get Plant Making Yule Sprits

Deputies Capture Neat Distillery And One Operator, Much Beer Destroyed.

One source of supply for Christmas egg-nog was eliminated Friday afternoon by a group of Cleveland county deputies in their effort to make it a dry Christmas hereabouts. The plant, a neat copper affair and one of the most sanitary and modern stills seen in this county in years, was captured along with one of the three operators in the upper portion of No. 11 township, the still being in full blast when the officers crept up.

Two Get Away.

Two of the operators transformed themselves into human barrels and rolled down the mountainside to escape from the deputies but the third, Corrin Hudson, a young white man about 22 years of age, was captured and brought to jail here to await trial. Officers making the raid were Deputies Tom Sweezy, Lindsay Dixon, Loren Hoyle and Plato Ford.

The still, of about 30-gallon capacity, was new and apparently the first run was on. A jug was sitting under the worm and about two and one-half gallons of whiskey, which was seized, had trickled into it when the officers arrived. The capture also included about 300 gallons of beer.

The Christmas spirits factory was on display in Sheriff Allen's office at the court house Saturday.

New Freight Depot Of Southern Opens

\$40,000 Station Is Nearing Completion. Placed In Use Today.

The Southern railway's new \$40,000 freight station is nearing completion and will be put into use today. The department where freight is stored has been finished and the first freight will be delivered from the new station today, according to Agent A. H. Morgan. The work has moved along at an incredible speed and while the new fireproof station is not completed as yet, the freight department is finished and ready for use.

Mr. Morgan says the offices which will be modern in every particular with a heating plant and toilets, are not ready for use as yet. It will be several weeks before the offices to the freight station will be ready for occupancy.

Mr. Joe Singleton arrived home Sunday morning for Georgia Tech where he has been a student.

Star Will Not Be Issued Wednesday; Yule Appreciation

The Cleveland Star will not issue on Wednesday (Christmas Day) in order to give the folks two days with their families and friends. After today's issue the Star will appear again on Friday of this week.

The entire force of The Star wishes to express at this joyous Christmas season, its sincere appreciation of the splendid co-operation and support given the paper by its thousands of readers, advertisers and other valued friends.

Our correspondents in various parts of the county have been faithful to the task, our subscribers have been loyal, our advertisers have been generous and we in turn have endeavored in every possible way to merit their confidence.

The season's greetings are extended to all, especially those unfortunates whom we have aided in the Christmas Fund and in the language of Tiny Tim we would pray "God Bless You All."

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Bank Bandit, Once In Shelby, Is Caretaker For Governor Gardner At Raleigh Mansion; Is Trusted

"Portland Ned" Once Planned To Rob Postoffice Here But Was Stopped By Killing.

(By RENN DRUM.)

When Governor and Mrs. Gardner came to Shelby yesterday to spend the Yuletide holidays at home they left the stately executive mansion at Raleigh, with its priceless furniture, valuable silverware, and paintings in the care of the mansion caretaker—"Portland Ned," who just a decade or so back was one of America's most notorious bank bandits and yegmen.

And when the Governor and his First Lady return to the handsome edifice in which North Carolina has housed her governors for a half century they are positive that they will find nothing missing, the big mansion in fine working order, and "Portland Ned," now a man of 58 with streaks of gray in his thatch

of hair, pottering about the mansion grounds keeping the other mansion servants on the go.

Trusted To Utmost.

"Portland Ned," a dangerous criminal reformed because men, who believed that there is some good in the worst of them, placed their confidence in him, has been mansion caretaker for four years or so and insofar as anyone can discover not a thing has been stolen or misplaced about there. Ned, now on the straight and narrow, is proud of the fact that he has shown the world that he can walk the proverbial moral chalk-line and in his criminal career he became so experienced in the various methods of theft that anyone who might try to rob the mansion would find it very difficult to outwit his crafty brain.

His Career.

Shortly after the World war

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Annual Banquets Of Mill Pivot Men Of Dover, Shelby And Ella

Dr. Daniels Is Speaker At Dover Banquet. Mr. Dover Talks.

"Every man a bank account at the end of 1930" was the slogan adopted by the employees of the Dover, Ora and Eastside mills at their annual banquet held Saturday night at the high school building, where a most sumptuous meal was served by the members of the Daughters of the American Revolution to the 150 "pivot" men of the three institutions headed by Mr. John R. Dover.

Dr. Daniels Speaks.

It was declared to be the best meeting the "pivot" men have had from the standpoint of the meal served and from the program, with Mr. Dover delivering a five minute talk, fraught with "uncommon common" sense remarks. The entertainer for the evening was Dr. D. W. Daniels, a member of the faculty of Clemson college, S. C., one of the most popular after-dinner speakers in the South and a man who kept his audience in an uproar of laughter by his side-splitting jokes. Then, again, he would recite some inspiring poem with wonderful effectiveness as a stillness hovered over his audience. His subject was "The Joyous Life."

No Socialism Here.

Mr. Dover who instituted these annual banquets when his organization was small 20 years ago and the men were served in his home, declared that while he was not rich in this world's goods, he was grateful for his true, warm hearted friends and for the loyalty of the men of the organizations who had been fortunate in saving regular jobs during the year. Here there has been no confidence destroyed, no hearts impoverished with hate and no hands stained with blood, but the mill workers have been true, loyal sun-crowned men with no tendencies toward socialism and bolshevism. "Every true American does not want a hand-out" declared Mr. Dover. They want an opportunity to accomplish something for themselves and this has been the conception of the workers in this community.

Mr. Dover stated in his eloquent

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Rev. L. B. Hayes Makes Interesting Talk On "Good Will" To Shelby Mill Overseers.

Approximately four score people, the majority of them foremen, overseers, and departmental heads of the Shelby Cotton mills, were guests of the mill management at the big annual banquet held at the Wayside restaurant Saturday night with Mr. R. T. LeGrande, secretary-treasurer of the big textile plant, serving as general host.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of Central Methodist church, and in addition to the sound thoughts of his general topic of "Good Will" he proved himself very capable of filling any after dinner speaker's role by his adeptness at entertaining.

The meal was an unusually good one, and the music furnished by a string trio—Herbert Whisman, Clyde Wilson and Flay Gardner—was exceptionally well received as it ran the gamut from popular airs of the day to such old favorites as "Turkey in the Straw" and "Red Wings"; and throughout the entire affair a general good fellowship prevailed, typical of the loyal co-operation which is always in evidence in the operation of the big plant.

Rev. Mr. Hayes, with a subject very fitting and very close to the Christmas season, declared that only by good will can make of this world what his Maker intended, and that peace on earth—peace instead of war, industrial and economic strife, and instead of sectional wrangling—can come only through the channel of good will among men.

Informal Program.

The program for the banquet was informal throughout. The affair was opened with thanks returned by Mr. W. G. Whitworth followed by several musical selections. A short talk was made by Mr. Clarence Williams in behalf of the guests while Mr. Will Abernethy took time off from eating to give the gathering one of his entertaining jokes. In a short talk at the conclusion of the meal Mr. LeGrande took opportunity to wish the

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23 Hungry, Needy Urchins Enjoy Big Christmas Feed Of Lions Club

Boys From Destitute Homes About Shelby Get Feed, And Useful Gifts.

In the years to come there will be 23 people who will never forget a civic organization in Shelby known as the Lions club.

Friday night at the Wayside restaurant the Lions of Shelby played the role of hosts to 23 boys, some of them orphans while others came from poverty-stricken homes about Shelby. Along the festive board gleamed 23 happy faces with ears and necks scrubbed red by loving mothers who fixed them up the best they could for their big night. Mothers in the homes from which the boys came were urged to make up undue preparation to send the urchins along, and here and there along the line elbows stuck through holes in sweaters that had seen better years. But it was their big night with an entire club roster of Santas and in just a few minutes, with a program especially prepared

for them the boys felt at home and were joining their hosts in making whoopee.

The entire program was devoted to contests and games such as the youthful guests would enjoy, and the only formal note was a short talk by J. B. Smith, welfare officer, who helped the Lions select their worthy young guests.

At the end of the program each of the 23 youngsters was given a suit of underwear and a peck of Christmas goodies, such as oranges, grapes, apples and bananas. Then a dozen big cars purred out side streets and by ways to carry the happy little group back to their homes—Homes where there were no fathers, or where sickness and poverty had visited. Yet as 23 excited youngsters slipped into dreamland Friday night, they were positive that there was a Santa Claus. The Lions club had proven it to them.

The program was in charge of Cobb Horn, Jr., and R. L. Wilson.



Charity Fund Santa Claus Already Calling On Poor

Old Kris Kringle is already travelling about with his pack of Christmas cheer. Beginning Saturday the Santa of The Star's Christmas charity fund began to distribute his

The early start of the distribution of the fund was necessitated by the cold wave which swooped down upon the section Thursday and Friday. By Friday morning calls for help—for blankets, for coal and for other fuel—were coming in from poverty-stricken homes all about the city, and at a meeting of the fund committee Friday afternoon it was decided that much want and suffering could be helped by starting an immediate distribution of the fund.

Until Christmas Eve.

Distribution of the fund will continue until late Christmas eve night with members of the committee helping Welfare Officer Smith distribute the various articles with the 51 needy cases picked as those most worthy of aid. Gifts coming in today and tomorrow will be added to the fund to take care of last minute appeals and cases wherein the contributions already made ran short.

Never Knew A Santa.

One of the most pitiful cases in Shelby developed late last week when members of the Lions club were canvassing the city for 23 needy and deserving boys to be their guests at a big banquet last Friday night. In one home, where the father has long been ill with tuberculosis, the committee found a family of six children—five boys and one girl—with a tired, overburdened mother as the lone means of support. Their lot in life has been a hard one for several years and as the Lions questioned the youngsters they learned that the youngest boy, aged four years, had never heard of Santa Claus and did not know who the jolly old fellow was. Three of his older brothers were guests at the banquet of the Lions while The Star's Empty Stocking Fund will see that certain very necessary necessities of life are left at the home by Santa Christmas eve.

If you haven't contributed, it isn't too late yet. The fund is supposed to formally close this evening but all contributions left with The Star, Welfare Officer Smith, or Rush Hamrick, treasurer of the Empty Stocking, up until noon tomorrow will be welcomed and is needed. Shelby has given less this year to the fund than in any previous year—and this year there is more distressing want than since the fund was originated.

Baptist Choir To Broadcast Tonight

The First Baptist church choir of Shelby, under the direction of Horace Eason and with Mrs. Hugh Plaster at the piano, will broadcast a Christmas program tonight at 7:30 o'clock over station WBT if the weather permits their reaching Charlotte.

The following numbers will be in the group: "Gesu Bambino," by Yvon; "There Were Shepherds," by Birch; "Sanctus," by Gounod; "Hark, Hark, My Soul," by Shelley; combination group solo, duet, mix, quartette, and male quartette; "And the Angel Said Unto Mary," "The Word Was Made Flesh," and "Lo, the Angels of the Lord Came Upon Them."

Dr. Hicks In Serious Shape After A Crash

Auto Of Shelby Dentist Plows Into Gastonia Traffic Post, Danger Of Pneumonia.

Dr. R. C. Hicks, Shelby dentist, who was seriously injured early Sunday morning when his automobile crashed into a concrete traffic post in east Gastonia while he was en route to Charlotte, was said to be in a serious condition this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the city hospital in Gastonia where he is a patient.

Surgeons at the hospital said that he spent a fairly comfortable night and was doing as well today as could be expected but that the extreme danger was that pneumonia might develop in his punctured lung.

Badly Broken Up.

Dr. Hicks was pretty badly broken up and his car badly damaged in the crash. Both upper and lower jaws were broken, five ribs fractured, and his lung punctured. Today it was said that he has not been unconscious since entering the hospital.

Found By Taxi Man.

Just how long the Shelby dentist had been lying beside the wreckage of his car before being found is not known. A passing taxi-driver saw the wrecked car about 4 o'clock Sunday morning and stopped to investigate, finding Dr. Hicks lying nearby. Due to his broken jaws the injured man has not been able to relate fully just how the crash occurred. Apparently his vision through the windshield was blurred by the heavy fog which preceded the big snowfall.

The traffic post which his car struck is at the intersection of a street in east Gastonia with Wilkinson boulevard.

At the hospital today it was only a matter of conjecture whether or not the pneumonia would develop and surgeons would say no more than that pneumonia very often sets in in such cases. Should pneumonia develop his chances of recovery, it is said, would be very slim due to his numerous injuries.

A Former Shelby Lady Passes Away

Shelby friends of Mrs. Lula J. Floyd who before marriage was Mrs. Lula Kendrick Connelly will regret to learn of her death in Shelby Saturday morning. She was 69 years of age and died at the home of her brother, Mr. T. W. Kendrick in Charlotte. Years ago she was a popular milliner in Shelby, surviving are three sisters, Mrs. James I. Webb of Charlotte, Mrs. J. R. Wolfe and Miss Hallie S. Kendrick and one brother T. W. Kendrick.

Young Kendall Wins Window Dress Prize

Whitelaw Kendall, one of the Beau Brummels at the Suttle Drug Store, who is studying window dressing at odd times when he is not dispensing drinks, has been awarded the third state prize of \$15 from the Propylactic Brush Co., in its national window display contest. He dressed a window displaying these tooth brushes and received the \$15 third prize check, together with a note of congratulations from the company.

Eastern Carolina Editors More Against Simmons Than In West

Many In Simmons Own Section Of State Urge Bailey To Get Rival, Announced.

(By a Star Staff Writer.)

If the newspaper editors of the section are good barometers—and newspapermen with their fingers on the pulse of current events generally know the sentiment of their section better than any other class—the Senator Simmons, should he have a rival in the Democratic primary, will be more bitterly fought in his own party there than in Western North Carolina.

The above declaration may be dubiously received as Senator Simmons is an easterner and is generally considered more popular there, but newspapermen from all parts of Eastern Carolina in Raleigh last week for the Gardner live-at-home feast formed a calling line at the office of Josiah W. Bailey beseeching him to get a strong candidate out against the veteran senator. Of course, all the Eastern Carolina

County Has Already Ginned As Much As Total Crop In 1928

Dry Christmas Urged By Hoey Before Class At Methodist Church

Christmas Of All Times I. Wrong Time To Get Drunk, He Tells Large Bible Class.

"Of all occasions the year round I can think of no more inopportune time in which to get drunk or to drink than at Christmas," declared Clyde R. Hoey yesterday to more than 200 people who attended his big men's Bible class at Central Methodist church.

"I love and admire each man in this class who comes here each Sunday to hear me teach the selected lesson and I do not believe a single man in this class would go home to his mother drunk Wednesday if it happened to be her birthday," he said. "Neither do I believe that a single man here would want to present a drunk husband to his wife for a birthday present. Then why—and there is no logical or reasonable answer—should anyone take occasion to make the birth anniversary of our Lord and Master a drunken festival?"

The Hoey class yesterday for the fourth consecutive Sunday led the Ivey Bible class of Charlotte in an attendance contest being staged between the two classes. The local class led in members present, new members, and visitors, while the Ivey class led in collections. A total of 208 people were in attendance at the Hoey class as compared with a total of 106 at the Ivey class at Tryon Street church in Charlotte.

Ben Kendall Dies In Charlotte 22nd

Native Of Shelby With Brothers And Sisters Living Here. Bury Today.

The many Shelby friends of Benjamin Kendall, age 57, and native of Shelby will regret to learn of his death in Charlotte Sunday morning at 2 o'clock following an illness of two months.

Mr. Kendall was proprietor of the Kendall Printing company and a devoted member of First Methodist church of Charlotte. He was married to Miss Bessie Riviere, a daughter of Mrs. S. E. Riviere, now living in Shelby. Mrs. Kendall died about seven months ago leaving surviving two daughters, Mrs. F. A. Green and Miss Mary Douglas Kendall, all of Charlotte, two brothers Kemp and Bloom H. Kendall of Shelby, three sisters, Misses Carrie and Annie Kendall of Shelby and Mrs. John Birmingham of Charlotte.

Shelby relatives and a number of friends of the family attended the funeral services held in Charlotte this morning at 11 o'clock from the residence, the services being conducted by Rev. W. W. Peele, pastor of the First Methodist church. Interment was in Oaklawn cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett Cabanis of Charlotte were Shelby visitors Sunday.

General Belle Now That Crop Will Reach 60,000 Bales, 52,670 Ginned To December 13.

With 52,670 bales ginned to December 13, more than a week ago, it is now the prevailing opinion that Cleveland county will gin 60,000 bales of cotton this year.

The ginning to December 13 this year is 4,167 bales ahead of the 48,503 bales ginned to the same date last year, and cotton men and farmers contend that there is considerably more cotton to be picked and ginned now than at this time in 1928.

Five thousand bales were ginned in the county last year after December 13, running the county total up to 53,000 bales, and the average estimate of bales to be ginned from December 13 this year until the end of the ginning season is seven to eight thousand bales.

Hits New Mark.

The December 13 report was only about 400 bales short of the total crop last year and to the present date enough bales have been ginned to send the 1929 total on above the 1928 total.

The next ginning report will be issued January 20 and it is believed that the total by that time will be around the 57,000-bale mark since 5,174 bales were ginned between November 30 and December 13.

177 Bags Mail In Single Day

Heaviest Mail On Record Is Handled At Local Office. 15,000 Letters.

Whether times are hard or not people are remembering their friends during the Christmas season as is evidenced by the fact that the Christmas mail at the local office is the heaviest on record, according to Postmaster J. H. Quinn.

On Friday of last week a total of 177 bags of mail were dispatched of two trains, 102 bags on the Southern to Blacksburg and 75 over the Seaboard to Charlotte and points north. This is 2,444 more than the record mail dispatched.

Saturday was a peak day for letters and cards when 15,000 were put through the cancelling machine. This is 2,000 more than the record a year ago. On Sunday when the postal authorities expected a let-up, 4,000 letters and cards were dispatched and this number does not include the thousands of parcels.

Hoover Sends Yule Message To Soldiers

Hugh A. Logan, commander of the local post of Spanish-American veterans, has received a letter from H. W. Edmonds, department commander for this state, which closes the telegram sent him by President Herbert Hoover. The telegram reads as follows:

"To all disabled ex-service men and women I send cordial Christmas greetings and my best wishes for your happiness in the New Year, and I do pray for your restoration to health. Your country has not forgotten you and will not forget. The nation's pride in your valor and devotion and its gratitude for the service you have rendered are manifest in its continued concern for your welfare and in its warm sympathy and regard for you."

Alexander To Move, Haynes To Close

Alexander's Jewelry store has secured a lease on one of Judge J. B. Webb's store rooms which has been occupied by Dr. D. M. Morrison and the Haines, one, two, three stores. On the first of the year the Alexander Jewelry will move to its new quarters. Dr. Morrison will close his jewelry business and continue his optical work in offices in the Woolworth building, while in Haines Shoe Store will close out in Shelby for the lack of a suitable location.

Mr. Grover Hamrick who is stationed in Georgia is here to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. M. N. Hamrick.