

THE MARKET.  
Cotton, strict mid..... 16½c  
Cotton Seed, per bu..... 36c

Showers Likely.  
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably showers tonight. Thursday cloudy and colder in west portion.

72 Children Die.

Seventy-two small boys and girls were killed yesterday afternoon at Paisley, Scotland, when a panic rush for the exits in a theatre followed a yell of fire in the building. The majority of the youngsters were trampled to death or suffocated from gas. It is one of the worst New Year eve tragedies on record.

## Shelby Schools Open Thursday, Teachers Resign

Misses Sutle And Tweed Resign. Replaced By Miss Dobbins And Mrs. Hudson.

The Shelby city schools will re-open Thursday morning after being closed for the Christmas holidays.

Two new teachers will be on the faculty tomorrow when school takes up. Miss Helen Dobbins, a graduate of N. C. C. W., will replace Miss Elizabeth Sutle who resigned, while Mrs. Harry Hudson, a former teacher, will replace Miss Pearl Tweed, another teacher who resigned.

### Cleaning Buildings.

This week and last all the city school buildings were thoroughly cleaned and the floors oiled in preparation for the spring opening. The alteration of the heating system of the South Shelby school, which is being done by J. G. Dudley, will be completed for the opening.

## Princess Theatre To Install New Talkies

Interior Of Theatre Being Changed And Extensively Movements Being Made.

Manager Sipe, newly appointed head of the Princess Theatre forces in this city, makes the announcement today that the theatre heads are planning to re-equip the playhouse with modern sound apparatus, and to remodel the interior of the building, to bring it up abreast of the demand for the fast upcoming amusement period.

There will be, according to Mr. Sipe's statement, four notable changes in the equipment: First, a De Forest sound equipment will be installed; second, the interior of the theatre will be changed by the engineers to perfect the acoustic properties; third, a new lens will be installed on the projection machine to bring the picture closer to the audience; and fourth, a new and enlarged sound screen will be built.

Mr. Sipe says the new sound equipment will cost seven thousand dollars. This, he asserts, is the last word in modern sound reproduction. It is a "sound-on-the-film" system, which is the most perfect yet devised. The new screen will be 22 x 24 feet in size, as compared with the present 16 x 18.

The new equipment is expected to arrive in Shelby today, and will be installed at once. So that within the next ten days it is expected the modernized playhouse will open its doors to the local public.

## Mrs. Jesse Washburns Cousin Found Killed

Mrs. Jesse Washburn, formerly Miss Edna Jordan of Hartsville, S. C., received a message here last night stating that her cousin, Senator Frank A. Miller, had been found shot to death while out on a hunting trip yesterday afternoon near Hartsville.

Senator Miller was president of the South Carolina bar association and was expected to be a candidate for lieutenant-governor. The death wound in the head was termed accidental.

## First Baby Born In New Year Gets Star For 1 Year

Who will be Cleveland county's New Year's baby? Following a custom, The Star will give a year's subscription to the first 1930 white baby born in Cleveland county, or rather the first 1930 baby to be reported.

Happy parents and attending physicians are urged to report as early as possible the first star made by the stork in the county after the clock tolled twelve last night.

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## Post Office Here Retains First Class Ranking

### Necessary Quota Just Is Secured

Local Office Retains First-Class Ranking By Narrow Margin. Stamp Purchases Help.

The Shelby post office just barely managed to retain its first-class ranking for 1930 due to a rush of stamp buying by local business enterprises yesterday, it was announced today by Postmaster J. H. Quinn.

Due to a decrease in business during the June postal quarter, a decrease felt all over the country, there was some doubt until the last minute whether the local office would be able to hold the ranking it received in 1929 for the first time.

### Just Beyond Mark.

To get on the first class list a postoffice must have a postal receipt business totalling at least \$40,000 per annum, and at the end of 1928 it was found that Shelby had passed this required quota by a scant \$200. It was then anticipated that the city, with increasing business, would easily retain the ranking in 1929, but the June quarter, a period of slow business generally, showed a decrease, and although all other quarters of the year measured up to or passed the receipts of the same quarters in nineteen and twenty-eight the total receipts of 1929 were still more than \$1,000 shy of the \$40,000 mark yesterday morning, the last day of the year. During the day a rush of stamp buying by local business men for their first of the year bills and greetings and a belated batch of New Year cards carried the total over the top.

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Four numbers have been allotted the Shelby stars, and it is entirely likely they will be heard from this section in a regular weekly feature.

This is by no means their first appearance before the microphone, having broadcast a number of times from Gastonia.

## Young Man, Employed In Boiling Springs Section, Takes Own Life

Shoots Self At Forest City Because He Cannot Live With Wife At Vale.

Forest City, Jan. 1.—Despondent because he couldn't live with his wife, George Porter, 26, killed himself at the home of his parents here Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock with a 12-gauge shotgun. Porter, after seating himself in a chair, placed the gun with the butt resting on the floor and the end of the barrel against his heart. Then took a wrench and hit the trigger. The entire load entered into his left side through his heart.

Two letters were found in his pocket both addressed to Madge Porter, Vale route 8, thought to have been his wife. One of the letters addressed to Madge Porter had Madge Davis written under the first line, the first, only shorter, and he against stated that no one was to blame but himself.

The second letter was practically the first, only shorter, and he against stated that no one was to blame but himself.

Porter had been employed by P. L. Hawkins, of near Bolling Springs and it was while there he met Madge Davis and they were married. Funeral services will be held either Tuesday or Wednesday.

"Forest City, Dec. 30.—My dear wife: I am sorry to write you this but can't help it. I am going to go

### Shelby Man In First Meeting Of The Legion

Attorney W. S. Beam Attended Organization Meetings In Paris And New York.

A Shelby ex-service man, Attorney W. Speight Beam, was a member of the original committee of 17 which formulated in Paris the plans for organizing the American Legion.

This came to light here recently after a story came out of Charlotte, in connection with the convention of the 81st (Wildcat) Division of the A. E. F. at Columbia this year, telling the part played by Southerners in the organization of the ex-service men in the world's greatest conflict.

In addition to taking a leading role in the preliminary organization overseas Attorney Beam attended the first meeting of the executive committee, of which he was a member, in New York on the date of General John Pershing's arrival from France.

### Tells Of Organization.

On March 17, 1919, Mr. Beam recalls that a caucus of A. E. F. soldiers was held at Cirque de Paris in Paris to discuss the formation of an association of World war veterans. The caucus named a committee

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### Injured Stranger Ends Wandering In Morganton Hospital

Traveller, Listed As "From Everywhere," Is Taken To Hospital For Insane.

A fellow who followed the winding road of wanderlust this week ended his wanderings, temporarily at least, in the state hospital for the insane at Morganton, being taken there by Deputy Sheriff Ed Dixon and P. F. Grigg from the Shelby hospital.

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