

Cotton, per pound 16c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 33c

Rain And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Rain Thursday and in west portion tonight. Cooler Thursday in interior. Much colder Thursday night.

Republican Governor?

Gilliam Grissom, revenue collector, may be the Republican candidate for governor in 1932 against the Democratic candidate picked from five prospects now in the field, according to Raleigh dispatches.

Popular Greek Dies Of Blood Poisoning Here

George Scordas Funeral This Afternoon At Central Methodist Church.

George Scordas, native born Greek but for 14 years a naturalized American citizen and proprietor of the Central cafe here, died about 6:15 Tuesday morning the Shelby hospital, death resulting from blood poisoning which followed a small injury to one finger caused by a splinter.

George, who was a veteran of the American Legion, was at the time of his death the most popular foreign-born resident of Shelby, ranking with George Smyrniotis, who died about a year or so ago, as one of the two most widely known foreigners ever to live in this section.

Funeral Today.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:30 at the Central Methodist church with Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of the church of which George was a member, and a Greek Orthodox priest, of Roanoke, Va., conducting the services. Interment will follow in Sunset cemetery here.

Scordas, who had been a resident of Shelby for five years and of this county for 20 years, coming here from Virginia, is survived by his wife and one son and one daughter in the native land of Greece; his father, Chris Scordas, of Roanoke, who arrived yesterday; his brother-in-law Clarence Sypas and a brother Tom Scordas, of Roanoke, both of whom were here for the funeral.

K. (Dad) Cavas, proprietor of the Shelby cafe, is an uncle. Among other relatives here for the funeral are Angel Kochonis, a cousin, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Helen Anagninos, an aunt, also of Charlotte.

The deceased was born 38 years ago in Marathia, Greece.

Tuesday of last week he ran a splinter, it is understood, under the nail of one finger. He paid very little attention to the slight injury until Saturday when his arm and shoulder began to trouble him. Becoming worse he became a patient at the Shelby hospital Sunday. Monday evening a drain was made and he died Tuesday morning. He was unconscious by 3, dying shortly after 6.

Eight Couples From Section Married Last Week, Gaffney

The following couples from this section secured marriage licenses from Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup at Gaffney last week:

Vick Hoyle, of Lawndale, and Mary Lizzie Mode, of Connelly Springs; Harlan E. Wilson and Ruth Dellinger, of Shelby; David McIver, of Gaffney, and Susie Woodfin, of Lawndale; George Greer and Mozelle Seism, of Shelby; Harrison R. Wood and Maude Lall, of Mooresboro; Farrell L. Dalton and Selma Humphries, of Lattimore; Clyde Biggerstaff and Blanche Lovelace, of Bostic; John Toney and Mollie McCurry, of Bostic.

Cop Gets Man Walking Down Street With Rum

Joe Wiggins, local white man, apparently believes that the best way to get by with anything is walk out in the open and not show guilt. But yesterday afternoon it failed to work for once.

Joe strolled out of an alley onto South Washington street in the business section, carrying a large paper sack in his hand. Policeman Paul Stamey was standing nearby "What you got there?" the officer asked.

Whether or not Joe replied is not recorded, but when the officer looked to see he found a half gallon fruit jar packed to the lid with liquid "cawn," and as a result Joe is to appear before Judge Horace Kennedy in county court.

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Cleve Cline Is Killed In Accident Tuesday; Funeral Held Today

Star Baseball And Football Player Killed While Taking Shell From Gun.

Cleve Cline, 22-year-old athlete known to lovers of Western Carolina as "Rube," was accidentally killed about 1:30 yesterday afternoon while out hunting with his cousin, Cline Owens Lee, on the old Gardner place between Beams Mill and Lawndale.

The tragic death of the young athlete, who was a member of Shelby high's baseball champions several years back and later starred in baseball and football at Blue Ridge and Bowling Springs college, was a shock to this entire section as he was one of the most popular young men in the county.

Burial At New Bethel. Funeral services were held at New Bethel church this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

How It Happened.

Young Cline was out hunting with his cousin and was preparing to return home when the accident occurred. Details as related by Lee, the only eye-witness follow: A shell had hung up in Lee's pump gun. Just as they reached the car preparatory to returning home, Lee handed the gun to Cline asking him to hold it while he placed a dog in the car and adding that he would then shoot the shell out. Just as Lee placed the dog in the car he turned to see Cline with the butt of the gun on the ground forcing he shell to eject. Just as the shell came out as the barrel was shoved down Lee says he told Cline not to push it any more, but he had hardly spoken until the barrel flew back in place, he says, slipping from Cline's hands as it did so and the gun fired, the entire load taking effect in young Cline's body just below the heart.

Spoke Three Words.

The force of the shot blew him backwards and down. Lee rushed to him to place him in the car and when he stooped over Cline told him in gasps that "It's killed me." Lee picked his fatally wounded pal up and reached the side of the car with him. Just as they reached the car he says that Cline extended his right hand to help himself in, then fell back limp. He was dead. Lee called a nearby colored man and they placed the body in the car to carry it home.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cline, well known citizens of Lawndale, and one sister, Mrs. John Elmore. The deceased was a nephew of the wife of Police Chief McBride Poston and was widely known in Shelby, having attended high school and starred in athletics here.

Last summer he played baseball with the Alexander team in the Rutherford textile league and with the Cleveland Cloth mill team in the Cleveland county league.

About mid-summer he left Shelby to have a try-out with the Columbus team in the Southeastern league, where his cousin, with him when he was killed, was starting at second base. Due to business troubles in the club he returned, but had planned to go back to Columbus this spring with Lee.

Goode Leaves Store.

Mr. C. C. Goode, up until today, the assistant manager of Montgomery Wards, is leaving the corporation to return to his home state of West Virginia. He plans to go into the hosiery business at Charleston. Mr. Goode has been in Shelby since November fifteenth, coming here from Greenville.

Lawyers Here Bitterly Opposed To Workman's Compensation Act

Many Of Them Hope To Have Act Repealed At Next Assembly Session.

Judging by the rumblings heard among lawyers in Shelby and reports of discontent among barristers in other sections of the state, the workman's compensation act, fathered and passed at the last legislature by Representative Odus M. Mull, of Cleveland county, will be the center of one of the big fights of the North Carolina legislature.

Quite a number of the lawyers here, who argue that the bill not only knocks members of the legal fraternity out of fees they heretofore received from damage suits

Driver Of Death Auto Surrenders

Man Hunt For One Driving Car In Crash In Which Cliffside Man Was Killed.

In a telephone conversation with The Star at noon today Police Chief Chas. E. Price, of Forest City, stated that Walter Branch sought as the driver of the auto in the crash which killed Kelly Moore, Cliffside contractor, Monday morning, came into the Rutherford jail about daylight this morning and surrendered. He was cut about the face and had several teeth knocked out in the crash.

Forest City, Jan. 7.—A blood-soaked coat, but not its owner, was in possession of Rutherford county officers and some 250 citizens, part of whom today continued a 24-hour hunt for Walter Branch, alleged murderer.

Branch, Henrietta man, fled yesterday morning when a car he was driving collided with another in which were G. Kelly Moore, prominent Cliffside contractor, and Lex Harrill. When Moore died two hours and a half later in the Rutherford hospital, warrant charging Branch with murder was issued and the man hunt began.

At an early hour this morning searchers believed that Branch, despite serious injuries he received in the accident, had escaped the cordon thrown about him "last night in the swamp section along the Broad river, between Henrietta and Cliffside.

Figured At Branch. Chief Charles Price, of Forest City, with two other officers, sighted the hunted man late yesterday afternoon, and fired several shots at him, none of which took effect. Branch eluded them after a two-hour chase, during which he threw off his blood-stained coat.

Posses formed from all over

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Sterchi Manager Off To Knoxville Meet

Mr. Floyd O. Smith, manager of Sterchi's, left Shelby today for Knoxville, Tennessee, headquarters of the Sterchi corporation, to attend the annual managers meeting. Mr. Smith will be accompanied by Mr. S. C. Cauble, head of the Charlotte store, and the two will make the trip by motor over the mountains.

Mr. Smith said before leaving that he will report to headquarters that he is head of a store in one of the best towns in the Carolinas, and has had a highly encouraging business for the three months the store has been established here.

Star Charity Fund Closes With \$671

The total amount contributed for the Empty Stocking fund conducted by The Star before Christmas amounted to \$669, but since the last acknowledgement, two contributions have come in, raising the amount of \$671. Ab Poston gave \$1 and J. H. Davis of Grover \$1 which closes the campaign. All of the money has been turned over to Rush Hamrick, treasurer, and is being disbursed for only the necessities of life to cases that have been thoroughly investigated and found to be deserving.

Gordon Legan Engineer Dies

Southern Railway Engineer Stricken While At Work. Buried At Patterson Springs.

Engineer Gordon Logan who had been in the railroad service for thirty years, died suddenly Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from a heart attack while he was oiling his engine at the water tank at Blacksburg. Mr. Logan who was related to many people in Cleveland county of which he was a native, had just returned on his switch engine to Blacksburg from a trip to Gaffney. He was stricken with a heart attack at 10 o'clock and died shortly thereafter.

Mr. Logan was 53 years and four months old. He was married in 1905 to Miss Bessie Bowen who survives with three sons, John Logan of Shelby, Carl and James Logan of Blacksburg, three sisters Mrs. Solle Ramsour of Blacksburg, Mrs. Elizabeth Horn of Patterson Springs and Mrs. Mamie Roberts of Shelby. Mr. Logan was converted when a boy and joining Sulphur Springs Methodist church in which church he was a loyal member at the time of his death.

The funeral service was conducted by Sulphur Springs church, Patterson Springs, Tuesday afternoon by Rev. R. L. Forbis, pastor. A large crowd attended the funeral, for during his life he proved himself a true friend and made a wide circle of friends. He was strong, manly in his bearing, honest, hard-working and a skilled workman, highly esteemed by his railroad associates and officials.

Witness in Mystery Death



A new woman witness who may aid the District Attorney's Office in its investigation of possible murder and forgery owing out of the death of former State Senator George Lafayette Finn, Iowa millionaire, will be questioned. She is Mrs. Pearl Crane, who is alleged to have 'important information' in the Finn case.

Former Wyoming Cowboy Cook Believed To Be Lost Charley Ross

San Francisco Entertainer Believed Mystery Boy, One Thought Found Here.

(The following story will be of considerable interest locally as several years back it was for a time thought that The Star had discovered the long-lost Philadelphia boy in Julius Dellinger, of Denver, Lincoln county.)

San Francisco.—Can one of America's greatest unsolved crimes now be solved? Can the seal of mystery which closes tight the story of the kidnaping of Charles Ross be broken at last?

Can a picture of a blonde six-year-old boy and vague memories of a woman, always begging her husband to "take the boy home," establish the identity of a child?

And if they can, is it possible that Charles Ross, kidnaped a half-century ago at Philadelphia, is Payton Kincol of San Francisco, entertainer, and for 20 years a Wyoming round-up cook?

These are questions the Ross family and the world some day will be called upon to answer.

Kincol makes few claims, but friends make them for him. He does not remember the actual kidnaping. He cannot remember connecting links between the life of the petted Philadelphia child and the other spent in crude cabins and Indian missions — but he does remember events that dovetail, and he produces a picture.

The picture is of himself when he was six years old. It bears a striking resemblance to published

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Health Sale Seals Here Nets \$202.60

This Sum Remains In The County For Treatment Of Tuberculosis Patients.

From the sale of Red Cross Health seals, the sum of \$270.14 was realized during the month of December, according to a report furnished by Mrs. Grover Beam, chairman of the Red Cross Seal Fund. Of this amount, twenty-five per cent was sent to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, leaving a net of \$202.60 to be used in Cleveland county for the treatment of local cases during the present year.

Mrs. Beam's financial statement is as follows: Mill Men \$45.00 Business Section \$74.99 Schools, Washington St. \$27.65 South Shelby 2nd, \$13.10 Clubs \$70.28

TOTAL for year 1929 \$270.14 25% sent to N. C. Tub. Asso. \$65.54 Total amount kept in Cleveland county \$202.60

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Fell Babington Goes To New Orleans Job

Mr. J. Fel Babington, Intertype salesman, has had his headquarters changed from New York to New Orleans and left Shelby yesterday to make his home in the Louisiana city. His territory for most of the nine years he has been with the firm has been North Carolina and Virginia, while his new field will be the city of New Orleans.

Bury Auto Wreck Victim At Antioch

Lamar McSwain, 23 years old who was injured in South Carolina about thirty days ago, died yesterday from his injuries in a Rock Hill hospital as a result of his injuries. His body is being buried today at noon at Antioch Baptist church below Grover.

1658 Pages

The number of pages in the 155 issues of The Star printed in 1929 reached a total of 1,658, an average of over 10 pages per issue.

The Star knows of no paper in North Carolina that gives as much reading matter for the subscription price of \$2.50 per year by mail, \$3 by carrier. At this price, an issue of The Star costs less than a two-cent postage stamp per copy delivered at your home, or mail box.

If you are not a Star subscriber, borrowing your neighbor's paper, don't deprive a neighbor—have the paper come in your own name, then have it all for your own family to read.

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Grid Star Gets Prison Term On Forgery Charge

Judge Stack Imposes Long Suspended Sentence. Many Defendants Fall To Appear.

The outstanding case disposed of so far by the present session of superior court was that of Max Connor, former football star, who received an 18 months to two years sentence in the state prison after pleading guilty to forging a \$10 check here.

There is some indication that the well known athlete may appeal the sentence to supreme court, but notice of appeal has not been filed as yet.

Many Are Dodging. Due, perhaps, to the reputation of Judge A. M. Stack for firmness many defendants have failed to appear when called and in each instance Judge Stack has set instant proceedings in motion to bring them into court. In this connection the presiding jurist was critical of a seeming neglect to forfeit and collect bonds wherein defendants fail to appear here.

Not For Life. The average suspended sentence meted out in the court room runs for one to two years, but Judge Stack seldom applies a suspended sentence without extending the time for five years, this entry being made on nearly every prohibition charge in which the defendant was not given a straight road or prison sentence. In one case wherein the defendant was convicted of gambling a suspended sentence of 30 days was given and will go into effect if the defendant ever gambles any more during his life, or has anything to do with liquor for a period of five years.

Failure of important witnesses to appear is another thing which nettles the Monroe jurist. In one case yesterday a witness who did not show up was fined \$80 but given the remainder of the term to show why he did not appear.

Alonso McClinton, who last week confessed to the attempted holdup of Mrs. Kate Betts White, Earl postmistress, some weeks back, was given a six months sentence on the No. 6 chain gang on the charge of an assault upon a female.

No sentences to the chain gang longer than six months were imposed as the court was informed that the No. 6 road commissioners would abandon operation of the chain gang on July 1.

Other sentences passed include the following:

State vs. Harley Painter, larceny of auto belonging to Bob Grant; 18 months to three years in the state prison.

State vs. Harold Burrellson, forgery; one to two years in the state prison.

State vs. Zeno Black, drunk and disorderly, driving drunk; 90 days on the roads.

Gets Three Years. In court today Judge Stack sentenced Ceph Thomas, colored, to three years in prison for the killing of Clyde Harris, colored, in the Lawndale section last November. Thomas pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter.

Slot Machine Case. A prospective test by the supreme court of the legality of slot machine operation in North Carolina failed to materialize. In a case wherein the defendant was charged with operation of a slot machine he was taxed with the costs, ordered to rid his place of the machine and never again to operate one. Defense counsel at first took exception to the judgment and gave notice of appeal, making a supreme court decision likely, but later, it is understood, the costs were paid.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Crowder, and children visited Mrs. Crowder's mother, Mrs. Sue Austell, at Charlotte Sunday.

Record December Mail Enables Post Office Here To Hold Rating

December Postal Receipts Here 20 Percent Better In 1929 Than In 1928.

Figures issued today by Postmaster J. H. Quinn show that the Shelby post office would not have retained its first class ranking had it not been for a record mail in December with postal receipts totalling \$6,000.85, or 20 per cent more than ever before for the same month.

A letter from Mr. Quinn follows, showing that the local office retained its first class ranking by a scant \$100 margin: "I take this means of expressing to the citizens of Shelby and the surrounding territory, served by this

office, of expressing to them, and all of them, our sincere thanks and hearty appreciation for the co-operation and loyal support given this office during the last quarter in increasing the business and in retaining our classification as a first class office.

"It will be recalled that our office, in line with 54 percent of the offices of the United States, lost heavily in the June quarter, 1929, as compared with same quarter in 1928. It looked at times as if we would not be able to recoup our loss and retain our classification, but, fortunately, we passed the goal of 1928, the total receipts were \$40,201.93.

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M'Swain and Weathers Talked For Legislature And Senate For County

Bennett Heads Lions Of City



Al R. Bennett, attorney, is the new president of the Shelby Lions club, being elected last night at the Lions luncheon at the Wayside restaurant to succeed Claude Grose.

Other officers elected by the Lions were: Ray Boyette, first vice president; Vernon Mason, second vice president; Arthur Benoy, re-elected secretary-treasurer; C. C. Horn, lion tamer; Joe Turner, tall twister. The two new directors are Claude Grose and Meredith H. Hennessy.

New members becoming affiliated with the club recently are Claude Mabry, C. C. Horn, and Meredith Hennessy.

Cotton Gin Burns In No. 3 Township

Allen And Glenn Suffer Loss Of New Gin Erected Last Fall. Loss \$8,000.

Allen and Glenn's cotton gin in No. 3 township was totally destroyed by fire Friday night about midnight, causing a loss of about \$8,000 with \$5,000 insurance. The gin was erected only last fall and was up-to-date in every particular. It had not been operated since two o'clock Friday afternoon as the ginning season was about over. Between 11 and 12 o'clock the fire was discovered and neighbors reported to fight the fire. They saved the cotton on the yard. It is thought the gin was set afire but as yet there have been no arrests.

Births In No. One Lead The Deaths

For the past eight years M. E. Earls of Gaffney, Route 6 has been registrar of births and deaths in No. 1 township, the smallest county township in the county from the standpoint of population. The number of deaths in these eight years has been 61 while the number of births has been 211, an increase in population of 150 caused by births exceeding the deaths. To this should be added numbers of people who have moved into the community, however, but there is no record of this. The peak in births and deaths was reached in 1926 when there were 11 deaths and 51 births during the year.

Firemen Halt Dangerous Fire

Night Blaze In Business Section Curbed. Boyette-Elmore Store Is Damaged.

The fire raddies did valiant work here Monday night when they saved an entire city block from loss by controlling a flame originating in the Boyette-Elmore Furniture company store on N. Lafayette street. The fire was held within the building and was soon under control, but not until a property loss of \$6,500 had been sustained.

When Paul Webb, Jr. returned to his car parked in front of the Paul Webb drug store about 10 o'clock, he saw smoke boiling from a vent under the roof of the two story building. The alarm was hastily turned in and the fire department reported with two engines and the hook and ladder truck. Under the direction of Chief Robinson, the fire was soon put under control, but the flame had eaten its way through the ceiling of the second floor and roof. Water did damage to the furniture on the first floor and water and fire did considerable damage to the second floor stock.

The building which is owned by Paul Webb had a loss estimated at \$1,500, while Boyette and Elmore, proprietors of the furniture store estimate their damage at \$5,000. It is understood that both the property and merchandise owners are fully protected by insurance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It was first discovered on the second floor to the rear of the building.

KINGS MTN. WOMAN DIES IN MORGANTON

Miss Zula Boone who died yesterday in the Morganton state hospital where she had been a patient for thirty years, is being buried this afternoon at Kings Mountain, her former home. She has a brother, George Boone, living in Kings Mountain.

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