

THE MARKET. Cotton, per pound 16c Cotton Seed, per bu. 36c

Rain And Cooler.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain and cooler tonight. Thursday cloudy and much colder with rain on the coast...

Heads Cotton Group.

Allen Northington, of Montgomery, Alabama, who has been a real dirt farmer, was last night named head of the American Cotton Co-operative association...

Dr. Hord Dies, Funeral Plans

Prominent Kings Mountain Physician Dies At Charlotte Hospital; 7 Children Left.

Kings Mountain, Jan. 15.—Dr. J. G. Van Buren Hord, 66, prominent and wealthy physician of this place, died at a Charlotte hospital Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock following critical illness of 10 days.

The hour for the funeral had not been definitely set last night but is to be held sometime Thursday. Services will be conducted at the Boyce Memorial A. R. P. church in Kings Mountain. Services will be in charge of Dr. J. M. Garrison, pastor of the deceased, with other ministers assisting.

Dr. Hord was born in the Waco section of Cleveland county on October 2, 1862, the son of the late Jesse and Elizabeth Conner Hord. He received his primary education at a country school and later worked his way through medical school by teaching while not attending classes. Upon graduating from medical school in 1881 he began the practice of medicine in Kings Mountain and continued in that capacity until his recent illness.

Dr. Hord was a lifelong member of the A. R. P. church, serving for many years as deacon and at the time of his death was an elder in the Boyce Memorial church of Kings Mountain. He was generous in contribution.

Simmons Manager Not Located Here

All Local Lawyers Seem Adverse To Talking Up Campaign For Senator.

Whether or not Labor Commissioner Frank Grist, visiting here this week, located a campaign manager in the county for Senator Simmons is not known. Grist may not have sought one, but political opinion hereabouts was that his trip to this section had some connection with the approaching primary battle.

However, it is known that no local lawyer has accepted the managership of either the Bailey or the Simmons campaign. Several of the local attorneys, judging by enthusiasm shown, would not be reluctant to take up the Bailey campaign, as would several out of the legal profession. But at the recent gathering of county lawyers for their annual banquet every one questioned readily replied that he would not attempt to take charge of the Simmons drive.

And now the foremost political question hereabouts is: who will head the veteran senator's campaign?

Fifty Gallons Wine And Whisky Poured Out Today By Allen

One Five-Gallon Keg Of Aged-In-Wood "Pure Cawn" Gets Court Visitors Sniffing.

Sheriff Irvin Allen assisted by several of his deputies poured out enough captured whiskey and wine at the court house this morning just before noon to create sufficient whoopee for another Christmas season.

An exact count of the beverages poured into the court house sewer was not kept but between 45 and 50 gallons of wine and whiskey were poured out from containers ranging from short pints to 15-gallon charred kegs.

One particular keg, filled the five gallons of "pure cawn" and not "sugar head" according to those who profess to know, caused much sorrow about the court house corridors as the aroma therefrom came from the brown stream as it trickled away. "Mighty good medicine going to waste," said one middle-aged man to another, and then the eyes of both took on one of those appealing looks as their minds flitted back to the "Good old days" of long ago.

The beverages poured out had been held as evidence for the recent superior court term.

Who Will Buy Hotel Property When Sold At Auction Saturday?

Report Says Nine Heavy Endorsers May Take Over Property. Another Says Bank Will.

Saturday evening of this week what is left of the once famous Cleveland Springs hotel and the big hotel property will belong to new owners. Just who the new owner, or owners, will be is a guessing matter about Shelby this week, but Saturday at noon the hotel property, for many years one of Shelby's greatest assets, will go on the auction block.

One report heard on the streets and it may be nothing more than a guess, is that nine leading Shelby citizens who endorsed the expansion program some years back in which a goodly sum was involved and for which the endorsers stand may bid in the property, pay of the indebtedness and hold the valuable springs and property for future speculation or development.

Another report, and one seems as good as another, is that the bank through which loans have been made to the hotel company, may bid in the property to protect the interests of the bank. Just how the property would be disposed of if sold that way is not known, although one suggestion is that the many acres of the property might be divided into small lots.

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All Local Lawyers Not Opposed, Said, To Compensation

Several Shelby Attorneys Not Lined Up To Fight For Repeal. State Opinion.

All the lawyers of Shelby are not planning a fight for the repeal, at the next legislature, of the workmen's compensation act, according to recent information here, which should be brought to light as a recent article in The Star stated that local attorneys were opposed to the act.

Just how many of the Cleveland county lawyers are for or against the law passed in 1929 is not known, but it is apparent that there is a division of opinion, and, furthermore, interests out of the profession seem, for the most part, to be content with the 1929 law, it is said.

A Raleigh correspondent, writing for the State dailies, gives the following view, differing with that of local lawyers as presented some time back in The Star:

"Virtually the only opposition to the law now is coming from the same element that fought it tooth and nail in the 1929 general assembly—the damage suit lawyers, who have been deprived of a fat source of income as a result of the compensation law, according to the commissioners. Many of the lawyers are also unfriendly to the industrial commission because of the fact that they must submit their bills to the commission for approval before sending them to the clients for whom they have appeared before the commission, and because many of these bills are materially slashed before being approved.

Shelby Library Report Shows 1,428 Volumes—660 Patrons

Many Children Skate Into And Damage Shrubby. Should Take Care Of Beaty Spot.

In a statement issued to The Star today A. E. Cline, chairman of the county commissioners, urged that parents of Shelby cooperate with the county officials in halting skating on the court square, because as a result of the skating had the court square shrubbery is being damaged. Mr. Cline's request follows:

"We would at this time respectfully call our people's attention to a matter that is already proving destructive and in no small measure, to the good appearance of our court square including lawn and shrubbery.

"We are sure most of you appreciate the fact that there has been no small amount of money and work spent on the court square in planting out shrubbery and improving the grass sod, and we are at this time contemplating further

Heads Lawyers



Attorney Robt. L. Ryburn, dean of the Shelby bar, is the newly elected head of the Cleveland County Bar association.—(Star Photo)

Mrs. Houser Is Buried Tuesday

Mother Of Charles H. Shull, Mrs. J. F. Whisnant And Mrs. B. C. Houser Of Shelby.

Mrs. Joseph Houser of Blackburn, Catawba county, died Monday afternoon, January 13 of paralysis, age 90 years and 6 months.

She had been a great sufferer of rheumatism for fifteen years and was only confined to her room for the last four months.

Mrs. Houser, was the daughter of Lawson H. Hill and Elizabeth Hoyle Hill of Lincoln county, and was married to Joseph D. Shull of Lincoln county, Feb. 2, 1859. He was wounded in battle near Richmond, Va. and died May 25th, 1863.

Born to this union were two children: Mrs. Jennie Shull Beaman, deceased, and Chas. H. Shull of Shelby.

On September 25, 1865, she was married to Joseph Houser of Lincoln county, who preceded her to the grave 18 months ago.

To this union were born the following children: Mrs. J. F. Whisnant, and Bert C. Houser of Shelby, Mrs. D. A. Seagle, R. A. Houser, and Mrs. H. E. Crowell, deceased of Lincoln, Lester A. Houser of Charlotte, Mrs. J. F. Ramsaur of Wilmington and E. A. Houser, with whom she made her home.

Mrs. Houser joined the Methodist church when a young girl, and had lived a consistent member until her death.

Her remains were laid to rest in Grace church cemetery Tuesday in the presence of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, friends and neighbors, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. J. Miller.

Mrs. James Hamrick Buried At Sharon

Prominent Cleveland County Woman Dies At Home Of Her Daughter At Cliffside.

Mrs. James Hamrick who died Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert West at Cliffside, was buried on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Sharon church, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. I. D. Harrill. A large crowd of friends and relatives attended to pay tribute to this beloved woman.

Mrs. Hamrick was 71 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Capt. G. G. Holland of Boiling Springs. She was twice married, the first time to Leroy Morehead who died about twenty years ago. Next she was married to Mr. James Hamrick who preceded her to the grave about one year ago. Surviving are the following children, Grady Morehead of Gastonia, Mrs. Robert West of Cliffside, Edgar Morehead of Shelby. The following sisters and brothers also survive, Mrs. M. N. Hamrick of Shelby, Mrs. T. G. Lee and Mr. Tom Holland, Mrs. John Moore of Boiling Springs, Mrs. Samuel Hames of Cliffside.

Improvements with a view of making it more beautiful, but unless we receive the cooperation of our people both young and old in taking care of the shrubbery and grass there is but little use putting it out. "We have all heard from time to time one comment after another that our court square in Shelby is the most beautiful spot of its kind you can find anywhere. We feel sure no one would purposely mar its beauty, and yet we see numbers of children and others using skates and running into and tearing up not only the grass but also breaking down and destroying the shrubbery.

Judge Kennedy Will Not Enter Next Primary

Makes Definite Statement To Star That He Will Retire From Bench At Term's End.

Judge Horace Kennedy, North Carolina's youngest jurist, today confirmed the report that he would not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in June and would not ask reelection to the office in which he is now serving his first term.

Recorder Kennedy explained his definite statement that he would not run again by saying that he is still a young man with his fortunes ahead of him and he believes that for the present there will be more enunciation in the private practice of law than as recorder. In discussing his retirement he did say that in his opinion, due to the increasing number of cases to be disposed of, making the court almost a daily affair, that the remuneration for the judge should be more, or a clerk added to handle the clerical details. As it is now the office of recorder requires almost full time work.

Field Is Open.

Since the report got out that Recorder Kennedy would not enter the June primary two or three lawyers in the county have had their eyes on the judgeship and have been talking and being talked. None of them, however, has made a definite entry in the race, but announcements are expected soon now that Kennedy has confirmed the report, the belief being that prospective announcements were being held back by likely candidates who were not overly anxious of going up against the present recorder should he decide to seek the office again.

Atkins Heads Scout Council

W. W. Atkins, Editor Of The Gastonia Gazette, Elected President Of The Piedmont Council Boy Scouts Of America At The Annual Meeting Held Monday Evening At The Arlington Hotel At Gastonia.

J. W. Atkins, editor of the Gastonia Gazette was elected president of the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts of America at the annual meeting held Monday evening at the Arlington hotel at Gastonia at which 200 business and professional men interested in scouting were present.

Mr. Atkins served last year and the number of scouts in the council-territory composed of Cleveland, Gastonia, Rutherford and Polk counties increased to over 1,400.

Capt. B. L. Smith of the city schools of Shelby was elected vice president for Cleveland, succeeding Lee B. Weathers whose term of office expired. In the report of Mr. Weathers it was revealed that there are 186 scouts in Cleveland in eleven troops and the county's quota of \$1,500 was raised with the exception of about \$92. Cleveland county was commended for having four rural troops that are working well.

This is the only county in the council that has rural troops. A dozen men interested in scouting attended from Shelby, four from Earl, eight from Kings Mountain, making a representative delegation from Cleveland at the annual meeting.

Henry R. Dwire of the public relations department of Duke university was the principal speaker.

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He Starts Political Ball Rolling



There may, or may not, be 10 candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for sheriff in the next primary, as was the case in the 1928 primary, but, anyway, one candidate has already announced. He is Pink E. Lackey pictured above.—(Star Photo)

Pink Lackey, Former Candidate, In Race Again For Sheriff, He Says

Gaffney Man Says Mooresboro Death Not Fault Of His

Wilkerson, Of Gaffney, Denies That He Was Hit And Run Down Last Friday.

Gaffney, Jan. 15.—Paul Wilkerson, well-known Gaffney man, has been placed under \$500 bond at Shelby in connection with an automobile accident last Friday afternoon that caused the death Saturday in the hospital at Shelby of Tom Wright, 74-year-old Mooresboro man. An investigation of the accident is scheduled to be conducted at Shelby Friday. Mr. Wilkerson is an employee of T. J. Cagle, local plumber, who signed the bond.

According to Mr. Wilkerson and other witnesses, Mr. Wilkerson was driving behind another car that turned suddenly to the left to enter a side road coming into the main highway through Mooresboro by the side of a filling station. Mr. Wilkerson was forced to veer his car sharply, but despite his best efforts a collision resulted, and Mr. Wright, who had started walking across the road, was unavoidably run over by Mr. Wilkerson's car.

Mr. Wilkerson stopped, placed the injured man in his automobile and rushed him to the hospital at Shelby he said. The identity of the driver of the other car, who is said to have failed to offer any assistance, has not been established so far as known here. Reports published in the daily newspapers saying neither of the cars involved in the accident stopped were wrong. Mr. Wilkerson said. Both stopped, but the other man made no offer to help until he was requested to do so the Gaffney man said.

Mr. Cagle went to Mooresboro Sunday and conducted an unofficial investigation, which, he said yesterday, verified Mr. Wilkerson's report of the accident. Mr. Cagle said he talked with a 14-year-old boy who witnessed the occurrence and that the boy substantiated Mr. Wilkerson in all important details.

Holiday Greetings By Telegraph Show Big Gain In Shelby

Shelby shattered all previous records in volume of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year telegrams, indicating that the city enjoyed the greatest celebration in its history and that a state of local prosperity exists which tends to belie rumors of restricted spending.

No only were previous high records equalled but citizens of Shelby and their friends piled up an impressive total in addition. This total shows an increase of 85 per cent over the record established by the Christmas and holiday season of 1928. It was revealed today by R. E. Blackwelder, manager of the local Western Union office.

Only One Delinquent Tax Judgment In The County In Three Years

What Would It Be Without Dimmette As One Candidate?

The Democratic primary next June will have an old-time atmosphere insofar as the congressional race is concerned.

Dr. J. A. Dimmette, of Gaston county, who, perhaps, has sought the Democratic nomination for Congress more than any one man in the district, will be a candidate again, he has announced. In years gone by printers, when printing district ballots, got the habit of entering Dimmette's name by he side of other candidates who announced.

Gaffney Banker Shot To Death

Coroner's Jury Says Maynard Smyth Accidentally Killed. Bank In Good Shape.

Gaffney, Jan. 14.—A coroner's jury last night decided that Maynard Smyth, president of the First National bank and vice president of the Gaffney Manufacturing company, came to his death here yesterday from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted.

Mr. Smyth was found dead shortly before noon with a bullet through his chest. The body was lying on the ground by the side of his automobile in the garage at the home of his brother, W. D. Smyth, with whom he resided. A pistol belonging to the bank was nearby. His failure to arrive at the bank this morning caused a search that resulted in the finding of the body.

A report submitted by C. W. Hames, cashier, to the annual stockholders meeting, held yesterday, showed the bank to be in excellent condition.

After funeral services here today the body will be taken to Aniston, Ala., Mr. Smyth's former home, for interment. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mattie Smyth, and a sister, Mrs. French Bell of Aniston, and two brothers, W. D. Smyth of Gaffney and Sid Smyth of Arizona.

Mr. Smyth came to Gaffney, 30 years ago from Aniston. He had been connected with the First National bank a quarter of a century, having been promoted from cashier to president 10 years ago. He served a number of years, as treasurer of the First Baptist church and was identified with many of the business developments of the city.

Shelby people who visited Gaffney yesterday afternoon state that it appeared as if Mr. Smyth had a pistol in his inner overcoat pocket, and that as he stooped to get in the car it caught on something about the automobile and discharged. The bullet entered the left side of the chest and came out under the right shoulder blade, imbedding itself in the upholstery of the car.

Mr. Wade Hoey is in Washington on a trip.

Mr. Lee B. Weathers left today for Chapel Hill to attend the semi-annual Press-Institute.

Asks Parents To Stop Skating Of Children On Court Square Here

Miss Murchison Gives Detailed Report Of Year With Treasurer's Report By Mrs. Mauney.

According to the annual report of the Shelby Public Library, made by Miss Stella Murchison, there are 1,428 volumes in the shelves and during the year 660 people were patrons. The library has constantly grown, both in size and in its use by the public, the following report showing the number of volumes used month by month:

Report For Feb. Total number of books taken out 734, magazines 23; total number of books returned 711, magazines 20. Dues collected \$9.90 for fines. Donations 43 books and seven magazines. Report For March. Total number of books taken out 760, magazines 23; total number of books returned 760, magazines 23; dues collected \$14.58. Donations one book. Report For April. Total number of books taken out

Commissioners Forced To Take Final Judgment For Taxes In One Instance. Shows Prosperity.

Cleveland county citizens have never felt the pinch of hard times to the extent they could not pay their taxes. As proof hereof R. L. Ryburn, county attorney, cites the fact that over a three-year period the county commissioners were forced to secure only one final judgment for non-payment of taxes.

And in this one case the landowner is now preparing to make a belated settlement, and a judgment might not have been necessary for him had he been a resident of the county so that he could not have been located prior to the legal date set.

150 Suits Originally.

According to a law of 1927 county commissioners, who usually buy in land sold for taxes when it is not otherwise adjusted, were ordered to file the necessary suits in Superior court for final judgment by December 1, 1929 for delinquent taxes of 1925, 1926 and 1927. As the date approached County Attorney Ryburn with assistants began preparing papers necessary for the judgment suits. He found that for the three years there were something like 150 delinquent taxpayers. Realizing that the filing of 150 suits and attendant costs would run up a considerable expense, in many instances more than the unpaid tax taken over by the county.

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Bank Officials Are Re-elected

Annual Meeting Of First National And Cleveland Bank Held Tuesday.

At the annual meetings of the shareholders of the First National bank and the Cleveland Bank and Trust company, all officials and directors were reelected and commended for splendid statements made in the face of an unfavorable year. Plans for the new year were made and an effort will be made to dispel pessimism and encourage thrift, industry and economy.

C. C. Blanton continues as president of the First National, John F. Schenk and Geo. Blanton vice presidents, Forrest Eskridge cashier, R. R. Blak and C. S. Mull assistant cashiers, C. C. Blanton, John F. Schenk, A. C. Miller, Jas. L. Webb, L. A. Getley, Clyde R. Hoey, C. M. Gardner, J. F. Roberts, Paul Webb, Geo. Blanton and Forrest Eskridge directors.

Wm. Lineberger was reelected president of Cleveland Bank and Trust company, R. E. Campbell vice president, J. J. Lattimore secretary-treasurer, J. L. Suttle manager insurance department, Wm. Lineberger, R. E. Campbell, J. J. Lattimore, J. L. Suttle, C. Rush Hamrick, A. P. Weathers, J. A. Suttle, H. F. Young and Z. J. Thompson as directors.

Former Deputy In Upper County Dies

Mr. N. A. Smith, who for a number of years was a deputy sheriff in upper Cleveland, died Saturday night, Dec. 28th at the age of 87 years and five months old. Mr. Smith was married to Miss Sara Cook in 1893 and she survives with nine children: Mrs. A. G. Mode, Mrs. C. G. Downs, Carl Smith, Mrs. Claude Canipe, Lester, Dixon, Charlie, Vertie and Manley Smith. Three sisters and two brothers also survive.

The funeral was conducted at St. Paul Baptist church where he was a member for 35 years, the services being conducted by Rev. E. I. McCord, his pastor. A large crowd attended the funeral services. Mr. Smith had many friends and will be greatly missed in the community.

Cash Market Moves To Jackson's Store

The Cash Market, of which Mr. Ernest Johnson is the proprietor, is now located in the Ab Jackson Cash Grocery on South LaFayette street, the move being made yesterday. Heretofore the market has been operated in the Major Hopper grocery on North LaFayette street.