

THE MARKET.
Cotton, per pound 16c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 40½c

Colder Weather.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Clearer weather with a cold wave tonight. Thursday fair and cooler.

Mrs. Bryan Dead.

Hollywood, Cal. Jan. 22.—Mrs. Mary Baird Bryan, widow of William Jennings Bryan, the late orator, died at the home of a daughter here last night.

Starts Forging Checks When He Gets Off Gang

Police Officers Here Find Much Forgery And Bad Checks In Circulation.

Clarence Boyd, colored, worked out his sentence on the No. 6 chain gang last week and was freed Saturday night. A fellow doesn't have much chance to lay up a little nest egg when pounding rocks for the road commissioners, and Clarence, seemingly, was in need of some spending money. Perhaps he wanted to stage a little celebration with his chocolate drop in observance of his latest emancipation day. Anyway, just a few hours after Clarence shook off the shackles \$28 check written on O. C. Dixon was cashed at Newton's grocery store in east Shreveport.

A short time later a \$15 check with the same signature was cashed at Smith's service station. Both proved, it is said, to be forgers and Police Chief McBride Poston and his officers began to sleuth about for the forger. Monday night a colored man attempted to cash a \$9 check on S. S. Summey, the contractor, and the police chief got wind of it. He found that the Summey check resembled the two other checks passed Saturday night and within a few minutes Clarence was back again in the house-gone where he will likely remain until big court comes along, and the odds are that Clarence is headed back for the rockpile.

It was the second arrest on a forgery charge made by local officers in a three-day period. The other check writer, who is now in jail, awaiting trial in Superior court, is Beach Grayson, white man, who is also acquainted with the guards at the convict camp.

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Tax Cut For City Expected To Be Made During Year Is Opinion At City Hall

Bond To Amount Of \$119,000 Paid First Year Of McMurry Administration.

A tax reduction of 25c may be made in 1931 according to a statement made by Mayor S. A. McMurry who was forced to boost the rate 25c for 1929 to \$1.50 per \$100. "The strictest economy has been practised and we have had to cut every corner in order to keep from borrowing much money," says the mayor. During the first year of his administration public improvement bonds to the amount of \$119,000 were retired, together with accumulated interest. Since the city's fiscal year closed July 1st, additional bonds have come due and been paid. For instance, Mayor McMurry was speaking without the records before him, but recalled that in addition to the \$119,000 paid during the first year of his administration ending July 1st, 1929, \$20,000 was paid in November and \$5,000 in December. In January of this year \$15,000 will be due and paid and in February \$30,000 will be due.

The city's treasury is being watched closely and collections in the water and light departments, the tax department and the street improvement department in order to get money to meet the city's bonded obligations when they fall due.

The boost of 25c in the city's tax rate was not received with any degree of welcome by the tax payers, so there will be some comfort in the hope that the 25c can be taken off this spring on the 1930 taxes. The city's rate on 1929 taxes was \$1.50 as compared with \$1.25 in 1928. Mayor McMurry says he cannot guarantee that the increase will be taken off for 1930, but he is working to this end.

Dorton Official Of Fair Leaders

Shelby Man Re-elected Secretary Of State Association Of Fair Officials.

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—The North Carolina Association of Fairs, which held its annual session here this week elected officers for the coming year.

Dr. T. N. Spencer of Concord was elected president; Dr. J. S. Dorton of Shelby, Garland Jackson of Greensboro, R. M. Jackson of Fayetteville, and W. H. Dall, Jr., of Greenville, were chosen as vice presidents from their respective districts, and T. B. Smith of Raleigh was elected secretary and treasurer.

At a banquet the principal address was delivered by Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell, who said that "clean" shows, carnivals and midway which had no stigma—but midway which had no "skin games" artists, should be the goal of the fair officials.

Governor Gardner extended greetings at the afternoon session.

Dr. Clarence Poe of Raleigh in an address said that fairs must pay less attention to entertainment and more to educational features.

Candidates Slack Up In Announcing

For the first time in several issues of The Star no candidate is announcing today for public office. Other announcements for several county offices are in the offing, however, but several of those talked and getting themselves talked about express the opinion that the announcement season this year has been a little premature. One man who will likely be a candidate for county office says that in his opinion it will be best for him to wait some time yet. "The voters," he says, "are reluctant this far in advance to line up behind candidates for much may happen in the months to come before the primary date."

Preliminary for next crop getting rather behind. Serious floods in winter or spring probably. Houston reports tone of market improved. Worth street quiet. Prefer long side.

Cotton Market

Cotton was quoted at noon today on the New York exchange: Jan. 17, 22; March, 17, 36; yesterday's close Jan. 17, 20; March, 17, 35.

Number of mills in the Charlotte section report that they are selling more goods. Memphis cotton review in Journal commerce says there is a broadening of demand both foreign and domestic but business restricted by high and advancing basis. Sales past week at ten-cent markets 90,000 bales, same as last week against 135,000 last year and \$4,000 year before. Rain and snow has prevented gathering remaining cotton in fields which is now so badly damaged it may not be picked.

The Eastside church has decided to erect an educational building adjoining the church. Eighteen rooms will be built at a cost of from \$3,500 to \$4,000. The contract has not been let as yet, but the pastor, Mr. Waltrip, says bids are being received and contract will be let in a few days.

The Eastside church has a Sunday school enrollment of about 350. The congregation is growing rapidly and the church is only a few years old. The building is brick veneer and the addition of 18 rooms will be of the same construction.

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The situation in North Carolina centering around the occasional development of a case of meningitis is not considered alarming by Dr. A. J.

No Meningitis Cases In This Section, Says County Physician

Not A Single Case In County, No Alarming Epidemic In State.

There is not a single meningitis case in Cleveland county or the immediate section adjoining the county. At least no cases have been reported to Dr. D. F. Moore, county physician, he stated today.

In recent weeks quite a number of meningitis cases have been reported in some sections of both Caro- linas and rumors have had it that an epidemic is spreading, but the facts do not support the alarm which is shown by the following news item from Charlotte:

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Where Sixteen Perished in Plane Crash



Trapped in a giant Ford all-metal plane, which crashed and burst into flames between Los Angeles and San Diego, sixteen persons, including two pilots, were burned to death. Motor trouble was blamed for the accident.

New Club Has First Meeting

County Club Holds Interesting Session To Meet Each Month Now.

The first meeting of the Cleveland County Club, a very interesting session enjoyed by more than a score of representative citizens from all sections of the county, was held last night at the Wayside restaurant here.

Prof. Lawton Blanton, of Lattimore, president of the club, presided and talks were made by Mr. O. J. Holler, of Rutherford, the chief speaker of the evening; and by Dr. Zeno Wall, Rev. L. B. Hayes, R. E. Price, of Rutherfordton; Prof. Blanton and others.

Interest Shown. Despite the fact that inclement weather kept many from attending, those present were of the opinion that the club will prosper and that increased interest in all sections of the county it will do much for the future of Cleveland.

Hereafter the club will meet each month at various points in the county to discuss ways and means of boosting the county along all lines, and to conduct programs centering about the best interests and future of the fair officials.

The date of the next meeting has not been set, this matter being left to committee, composed of P. C. Gardner, A. M. Hamrick and J. B. Smith, which will also arrange a program.

Bailey Is For Dry Law, He Tells Editor

Points To Record With Anti-Saloon League And For Prohibition Not Hunting Revenge.

Raleigh.—J. W. Bailey, candidate for the Democratic nomination to the United States senate seat now held by F. M. Simmons, made public yesterday a letter written by him to Clark Kinnard, editor of The Edenton News, in which he said he would support the prohibition law.

In asking Mr. Bailey for his attitude toward prohibition, Mr. Kinnard wrote that he was convinced that prohibition was a failure and that he wanted to support a senatorial candidate who advocated modification of the law.

"Uh huh," he exclaimed as he rocked over on the other foot. "Thought you'd find a fellow who didn't know better than to carry some with him. All I've got with me is in me, and you can't do nothing about that. No sah."

And then Wes reeled back on the other foot and gave the deputy a horse laugh as it were.

"No sah! You can't do nothing with me for what I has in me. Ha! Ha!"

"Maybe not," the deputy answered as he took Wes by the arm and half led and half carried him to the door, where he handed the somewhat inebriated negro over to Police Chief Poston, "but I'll send you down to the cooler to cool off a bit."

Today when Wes appeared in court his bravery and brass had given way to penitence, for what was in me aint there now."

The Edenton editor also asked if Mr. Bailey's campaign against Senator Simmons was actuated through "revenge" for Senator Simmons' failure to support the presidential candidacy of Alfred E. Smith.

The Raleigh attorney replied: "Let me say that it had not entered my mind that by any manner or means my candidacy for the senate could be interpreted or regarded as a campaign of revenge. To be sure, nothing of that sort is really involved. I am offering for the senate as a Democrat and on my record, which I take it is well known to the people of North Carolina since I have been quite active in public life for 30 years."

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Large Number City Students Make Fourth Month Honor Roll

Senior Class Places 20 Pupils On Honor Roll List. Junior Class Has 29. Other Schools.

An unusually large number of pupils in the city schools of Shelby attained honor roll distinction during the fourth school month, according to the official list issued today.

The roll, recording high school students first, follows:

Seniors—Elizabeth Sparks, Lucille Blanton, Irene Davis, Mary Faye Dellinger, Ray Gibbs, Elizabeth Gidney, Elsie Gidney, Sarah Hoyle, Kathleen King, Elizabeth LeGrand, Mildred McKinney, Edith Reid Ramsay, Helen Roberts, Marietta Hoyle, Bennett Teale, Clyde Wright, Roland Gant, Vivian Buley, Sara Dellinger, Thelma Spangler.

Juniors—C. L. Austell, Pegram Holland, Lizzie Allen, Jessie Humpris, Helen Roberts, James Aswain, Annie Mae Bobbitt, Edith Blanton, Elizabeth Blanton, Helen Bess, Frances Carver, Mildred Camp, Lena Hamrick, Annie Lou Hoyle, Matilda Jenks, Beverly Jones, Alice Goode King, May Lattimore, Mary Linneberg, Evelyn Short, Sarah Thompson, Ormai Lee White, Mildred Weaver, Aileen Vaughn, Milla Putnam, Louise Miller, George Blanton, Felix Gee, John Irvin, Jr.

Ninth grade—Isabel Armour, Aileen Blanton, Sara Louise Falls, Edwin Gidney, Bernice Houser, Mildred Laughridge, Edith Ledford, Virginia McMurry, Nancy Sperling, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Sue Thompson, Ethel White, Herman Best, Herbert Hamrick, Frank Jenkins, Carlos Young, Hattie Mae Humphries, Evelyn Smalley, Ralph Allen.

Eighth Grade—Ruth Forbes, Margaret Ford, Lula Belle Huskey, Hazel Putnam, Jean Thompson, Lorrie Dover Griffin Holland, Richard LeGrand, Colbert McKnight, Edward Post, Jr., Maxine Costner, Ruth DePriest, Annie Ruth Delinger Dorothy Leonard, Helen Miller, Cornelia Sparks, Edith Saunders, William Kendrick, Thurman Moore, Norman Nolan, Roy Newton, Ruth Smith, Boole Hoyle, J. B. Spanier, Ila Mae Morehead.

Seventh grade—Isabel Armour, Aileen Blanton, Sara Louise Falls, Edwin Gidney, Bernice Houser, Mildred Laughridge, Edith Ledford, Virginia McMurry, Nancy Sperling, Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Sue Thompson, Ethel White, Herman Best, Herbert Hamrick, Frank Jenkins, Carlos Young, Hattie Mae Humphries, Evelyn Smalley, Ralph Allen.

Playing at Forest City last night the Shelby high basketball quint lost a hard-fought game to the last Forest City cagers by a score of 32 to 25.

Dorsey, captain of the Forest City team and rated as one of the best basketball performers in this section, was the star of the game, shooting six field goals and two foul goals for a total of 14 points. Moss, Forest City center, was second with 10 points. Eskridge's six points led for Shelby with Farris coming second with five points.

Messrs. Everett Houser and Renfrew attend the funeral yesterday of Mr. M. B. Geddy, father of Earl Geddy, editor of The Greensboro News, at Harmony.

Mr. D. R. Sibley left Monday for a business trip to Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Harrill was at home from Polkville during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Weaver of Gaffney spent Sunday in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins of Shelby were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hawkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ector Ledbetter were visitors in this section Sunday.

The weekly Sunday school teachers meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shelt Clary Friday evening.