

THE MARKET. Cotton, per pound 16c Cotton Seed, per bu. 37 1/2c

Warmer Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Saturday. Warmer Saturday and in extreme west portion tonight.

To Help Byrd.

The American government yesterday began to arrange every possible method of rendering assistance to Rear Admiral Byrd and his Antarctic exploration party to prevent their undergoing a winter of bitter privation. Due to the locking in of winter ice packs it is feared the famous Virginian and his party will be isolated with a short food supply and all of them may not live through the winter.

Schenck Re-Elected Head Of Golf Club

Golfers Of Shelby T-ik Of Baying Course From Cleveland Springs Company.

At a meeting of the members of the Cleveland Springs Golf club held last night in the directors room at the First National bank the 1929 officers were re-elected by acclamation. They are John F. Schenck, sr., president; J. Frank Jenkins and Jack Palmer, vice-presidents; Charles Eskridge, secretary.

The meeting discussed several items of interest to the club, membership fees, operating expenses and such, but the central discussion was the future of the club. Stockholders of the Cleveland Country Club, which owns the golf club house, and also members of the company purchasing the Cleveland Springs hotel property were present.

Nine In Shelby.

Nine Shelby grocery stores will be among those operating under the Quality Service plan. They are C. H. Reinhart grocery, two grocery stores of the Keeter brothers, Baber grocery, D. T. Mauney grocery, Crowder Brothers, Jackson Cash grocery, Champion's grocery, and the Chas. Bulce grocery.

Burke Man Given Road Term Here In Liquor Trial

In county court today L. L. Stamey, of Burke county, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads by Judge Horace Kennedy on the charge of transporting a big cargo of whiskey into this county last week. Two other Burke men, Marvin Lall and Sanford Burns, were acquitted, and Stamey appealed his sentence.

Free Fertilizer Tips For Farmers

Star Has 100 Copies Of Agronomy Information For Cleveland County Farmers.

Farmers in Cleveland county may secure free of charge a bulletin which has just been issued by the extension department of agriculture at Raleigh which shows the analysis of fertilizers recommended for important crops in this district. This information was prepared by three experts in the state department, Messrs. C. B. Williams, H. B. Mann and A. S. Cline and not only gives the kind of fertilizer best suited to various crops but the number of acres of land and the various types of soil in Region No. 5.

The Star has secured 100 copies of this valuable bulletin and will distribute them to farmers without cost if they will call at the office. They will not be mailed out but distributed in person as long as they last.

Hog Weighing 651 Pounds Is Killed By R. B. Watterson

Over on Kings Mountain, Route 2, is a Cleveland county farmer who lives at home and in the months ahead will live in plenty. This farmer, Mr. R. B. Watterson, recently killed a 27-month-old hog that, after being quartered, weighed 651 pounds. Mr. Watterson was in Shelby today exhibiting a good photo of his prize pig and until he is shown better he will be of the opinion that he has the record of the season hereabouts.

Merchants Banquet

Members of the Merchants association will banquet tonight at the Hotel Charles at 7 o'clock. Matters of business will be discussed after luncheon.

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Quality Stores Will Open Jan. 31 In Section

The Shelby Merchants' WPI Open Under New Cooperative Plan Selling Groceries.

The Quality Service Stores of Rutherford and Cleveland counties will open for business January 31 and February 1, according to an announcement made by the president, W. C. Ellis, manager of the W. C. Ellis company, of Spindale.

A meeting of the finance committee of the group was held Wednesday night, at which time plans for the opening were discussed. Another meeting will be heard next Tuesday evening at the courthouse, in Rutherford, which will be attended by all the members of the Q. S. S. group in Cleveland and Rutherford, and final plans made for putting the movement in operation in the county.

The local unit of the Quality Service Stores group embraces Cleveland and Rutherford counties, and has a membership of over 30 stores in the two counties.

Officers of the local group are: President, W. Clyde Ellis, Spindale; vice president, Oscar Palmer, Shelby; secretary treasurer, R. B. Keeter, Rutherford; Charles Rice, Shelby, and J. W. Sanders, Forest City.

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Workmen employed by the Quality Service officials are this week painting the fronts of the nine local stores to conform with the general color scheme and the stores will cooperate with each other in selling prices and specials to be advertised.

The members of the Quality Service Stores group will purchase in bulk a number of standard advertised brands of groceries and feature them each week as specials. Through the centralized purchasing plan certain other groceries will also be purchased in bulk and sold at wholesaler's price.

No definite plan of carrying out the proposal was reached, but when the hotel property bid is confirmed directors of the golf club and of the Country Club will confer with the owners of the hotel property regarding the purchase of the course.

The membership dues in the golf club will remain as they were and an early drive will be staged for new members.

Wagon Found With 10 Gallons Of Whiskey In Wrecked Car. Two Others Cleared.

In county court today L. L. Stamey, of Burke county, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads by Judge Horace Kennedy on the charge of transporting a big cargo of whiskey into this county last week. Two other Burke men, Marvin Lall and Sanford Burns, were acquitted, and Stamey appealed his sentence.

Last week Deputy Plato Ledford captured an auto, said to be the property of Burns, containing 21 half gallon fruit jars of whiskey. According to the officer, Stamey, found with the car, which was wrecked in a creek in upper Cleveland, was so intoxicated that he could not get away, but two others, alleged to be Lall and Burns, did escape. Stamey denied that it was his whiskey but neither of the trio took the stand in court today. The Burns car was confiscated and will be sold.

On College Honor Roll.

R. S. Gidney, of Shelby, was one of the 271 University of North Carolina students making the honor roll for the Fall quarter, according to an announcement from Chapel Hill. To attain this distinction a student must average 90 or above on all studies.

Big Gain In Cotton Ginning Over Last Year Shown By Late Report

Total Of 14,187,779 Running Bales Ginned Prior To January 16, Report Shows.

Washington.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 was announced yesterday by the census bureau as 14,187,779 running bales, including 500,815 round bales, counted as half bales, and 25,457 bales of American-Egyptian, and excluding linters.

A year ago 13,889,972 bales, including 646,396 round bales, and 25,426 of American-Egyptian were ginned and two years ago ginnings were 12,501,447 bales, including 530,180 round bales, and 20,782 of Amer-

Jersey Slayer Gets 25-Year Term



Mrs. Gladys May Parks, convicted of murder in second degree and manslaughter in the death of her two ward Dorothy and Timothy Rogers, was sentenced to twenty-five years on the murder count and ten years for manslaughter, in Camden, N. J.

Shelby Used 21 Million Gallons More Water In 1929 Than In 1928

Increased Water Consumption Indicates City's Growth. 192 Million Gallons Used Last Year.

If an increased consumption of water indicates the general growth of a city, then Shelby spread out considerably in 1929.

In 1929, according to figures issued today by Mr. R. V. Toms, city water superintendent, Shelby consumed 21 million gallons more water than in 1928. The total water consumption in Shelby in 1929 was 192,914,030 gallons, while in 1928 the consumption was 171,719,000 gallons. More water, 17,241,000 gallons,

was used in July than in any other month of the year. April water consumption ranked second, and August ranked third. Less water was consumed in February than in any other month. In 1928 the month with the highest consumption of water was August with 16,735,000 gallons.

In other words, on the basis of 12,000 population, if every person in Shelby consumed, or bathed away, his and her portion of the year's water consumption, then he or she used 16.076 gallons of water in 1929.

Boy Scout Officials Called To Meet 27th

A meeting of officials of the Shelby Boy Scouts and others interested in scouting has been called by Capt. B. L. Smith, vice president of the Piedmont Council for Monday evening, January 27. It will be held in the Charles hotel club dining room at 7:30 o'clock. All those who are willing to lend a hand in this important work in behalf of our boyhood should be present.

Lions Club Starts Circulating Books

Beginning next week the Lions club of Shelby starts into circulation, two sixty volume libraries, among the elementary schools of Cleveland county. These libraries have been put up in substantial book case and will be carried from one elementary school to another, remaining at each school for two weeks for use by the pupils. The literature has been carefully selected and will meet a need among the elementary rural schools, most of which do not have a library.

Union Trust Co. Elects Officials

Resolutions Adopted On Death Of Vice-President T. A. Stamey, Fallston.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Trust Co., which operates banks at Shelby, Fallston, Lattimore and Lawndale, it was reported that the surplus had been increased to \$100,000 and the profit and reserve account to \$40,000. Suitable resolutions were adopted commemorating T. A. Stamey, a vice-president who died in December.

The following officers were re-elected: C. C. Blanton, president; J. T. Bowman, John F. Schenck, Geo. Blanton, Dr. L. V. Lee and E. B. Hamrick, vice-presidents and Forrest Eskridge, cashier. The place of Mr. Stamey was not filled for the present. J. F. Roberts is manager of the insurance department. Directors are C. C. Blanton, J. T. Bowman, E. B. Hamrick, J. H. Quinn, J. R. Dover, J. F. Schenck, sr., L. V. Lee, C. H. Hamrick, L. S. Hamrick, C. H. Shull, J. F. Roberts, Geo. Blanton and Forrest Eskridge. Assistant cashiers are Miss Katie May Toms of Lattimore, John Carpenter of Lawndale and Herman A. Beam of Fallston.

Masons Of County Attend Grand Lodge

The following members of Masonic lodges in Cleveland county, returned yesterday from Raleigh where they attended a meeting of the Grand Lodge: Clint Owens, J. F. Roberts, W. V. Metcalf, J. W. Fitzgerald, Lon Gantt, T. G. Lackey, H. F. Royster, A. L. Calton, M. A. Ware.

WOODMEN DANCE AT HALL SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be an old time square dance held at Woodmen's hall on East Graham street Saturday night January 24. Good music and order will be had. This is benefit of the degree team of the Woodmen of the World for uniform.

King Appeal To Reach Court In March, Believed

Shelby Man, Now In S. C. Prison, Will Not Know About Another Chance Until Then.

It will be some time in March before Rafe King, Shelby man now in the South Carolina prison, will know whether he will be given another chance to prove his innocence or will be sent to the death chair according to the sentence passed upon him in South Carolina circuit court at Chester last summer on the charge of slaying his wife.

The following dispatch from Chester tells of the expected date, announcement being made following a conference between lawyers in the case:

"Belief that the appeal of Rafe F. King, convicted last July of murder of his wife, Paye Wilson King, at their home at Sharon, S. C., will reach the South Carolina supreme court some time in March was expressed by attorneys Wednesday following a conference of state and defense counsel here.

No definite announcement could be made however, due to Solicitor Harry Hines' absence from the hearing.

King, member of a Shelby family, was sentenced to death by Judge J. K. Henry. The sentence was stayed upon notice of appeal.

Defense attorneys some time ago filed with the solicitor their proposed case of appeal to which Mr. Hines and his state counsel prepared proposed amendments Wednesday's conference was to contest these amendments, and though Mr. Hines will have to pass on the proceedings first, attorneys felt that the differences would be adjusted without the necessity of an appeal to Judge Henry.

Cohen Bros. Lease Efirid's Old Stand

Will Open Economy Store About February 1. Have Store In Lincolnton.

Cohen Bros. of Lincolnton have secured a two year lease on the J. C. Blanton store room formerly occupied by the Efirid department store and will open about February 1, a general store to be known as Cohen Bros. Economy Store. The lease was closed yesterday and preparations are being made to remodel the store interior and repair the roof.

Cohen Bros. maintain a store at Lincolnton and their coming to Shelby means an additional store as the Lincolnton store will be continued.

Paul Fowler Dies Here At Age Of 22

Paul Fowler, aged 22 years, died yesterday at his home in Curtis town, a section on the extension of South DeKalb street. The remains were buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Buffalo Baptist church, the services being conducted by Rev. H. E. Waldrop. Mr. Fowler is survived by his widow and a fifteen months old child, also one full brother, one half brother, two half sister died in 1919. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fowler.

Contract Let For Eastside Church

Contract has been let to Lutz and Webb to build 18 room addition to the Eastside Baptist church of which Rev. H. E. Waldrop is pastor. The addition is for the educational department of the church. A committee of 30 from the membership will be appointed shortly to raise funds to pay for the addition.

City Will Levy Tax Penalty After Feb. 1

A penalty of one per cent on all unpaid city taxes will be levied after Feb. 1, according to an ordinance recently passed by Mayor McMurry and the city board. Up until Feb. 1, taxes are net, but after that date one per cent penalty will be added to all unpaid taxes, whether for the year 1929 or earlier.

Newton And Mull Classes In Contest

Bible classes taught by J. C. Newton and John P. Mull at the First Baptist church are on a contest whereby they will strive to win laurels in attendance. The public is invited to attend the class of their choice next Sunday morning at Sunday school. The hour is 10:30 o'clock.

Champion Cotton Farmers Of County Feted At Banquet Here

Here's A Reference Map Of Your County.



The above map of Cleveland county is one prepared by the State Department of Conservation and Development and used in a publication showing the resources of North Carolina by counties. Clip it out and paste it up for future reference.

Bailey Making Gains In State By "Swapping About"; Simmons May Carry Fight To Each County

Guilford, Simmons Stronghold Some Time Back. Now Showing Favor To Bailey.

Raleigh.—Lines in the forthcoming campaign for the senatorial nomination between Senator F. M. Simmons and J. W. Bailey are remaining virtually unchanged here, with the exception that the Bailey forces are being credited with material gains in some sections of the state as a result of political trades being made.

For despite the plea, made last week by Governor O. Max Gardner to the people of the state not to let the senatorial campaign obliterate the other campaigns in the state, especially for the selection of nominees to the general assembly and for other state and county offices, indications are that the Bailey forces are trading heavily on these very offices.

Reports received here indicate on every possible office, from members of congress on down to solicitors, county officials and members of boards of county commissioners. In other words they are going to the various prospective candidates and pledging the support of the Bailey organization in return for the support for Bailey from the prospective district or county candidates. Indications are that the Bailey forces have materially strengthened their position in some sections of the state as the result of these tactics.

"Three weeks ago I would have stated positively that Guilford county would go for Simmons by a big majority," said a man here today who had just returned from spending several days in the Guilford territory. "But within the last week or two so much trading has been done among the various local factions there that the entire county now seems to be safe for Bailey. And I understand that similar trades are being made in all the

counties in the fifth congressional district with a view to swinging the entire district into line back of Bailey."

There is no doubt that both Mr. Bailey and his friends are growing more and more optimistic at their chances of carrying the state as a result of the encouraging reports coming in from all sections of the state. The Bailey forces claim that they already have the active support of virtually 90 per cent of the present Democratic county officials, of 90 per cent of the lawyers of the state and that fully 80 per cent of the chairmen of county boards of elections are pro-Bailey and anti-Simmons.

They maintain that with the county officials, the lawyers and the majority of the local political leaders solidly for Bailey and against Simmons that they are bound to win. For they believe that in off-year elections, such as this will be in June, and especially in the primary, that the majority of the people will follow their local leadership much more closely and loyally than in national election years, since local questions—state and county questions—are the dominant one in off years.

However, the Simmons forces are not sitting idly by and permitting the Bailey followers to go

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County's Oldest Citizen Is Dying

Capt. Ed Dickson, Cleveland county's oldest citizen, is said to be in a dying condition at his home near Fallston. Capt. Dickson is one of Cleveland's most respected citizens, an officer in the Confederate army and a gentleman of the old South. In March of this year Mr. Dickson would be 92 years of age.

Gaffney Bank Still In Business Despite Large Loss Revelation

Bank's Affairs In Good Shape Despite Loss Through "Manipulation Of Checks, Drafts."

Gaffney, S. C.—Fears that the First National Bank of Gaffney might discontinue operations following disclosure by bank examiners that the institution had lost \$132,368.04 due to "manipulation of checks and drafts" were allayed yesterday by a statement issued by the board of directors.

The statement declared the bank is fully solvent in spite of the loss and that an alliance with other banking institutions which would place the bank in the strongest position it has ever occupied was being considered. The bank had \$184,236.52 in surplus and undivided profits on December 31, according

to its financial statement of that date.

Examination of the affairs of the institution by bank examiners followed the death of Maynard Smyth president, who was found shot to death in his garage on the morning of January 14. His death was pronounced accidental by a coroner's jury.

The announcement of the loss by the directors was the first authoritative information given on the bank's condition since the examiners began their audit.

At the meeting of the directors, H. H. Littlejohn and W. C. Thompson were named to fill the vacancies on board caused by the deaths of Mr. Smyth and J. A. Carroll, J. N. Liscomb was elected temporary president Saturday.

Prizes Given Nine Men; Mull Speaks On Gardner Idea

Farmer Should Have Nothing On His Farm That Farm Does Not Feed.

Cleveland, North Carolina's champion cotton growing county, last night inaugurated Governor Gardner's live-at-home campaign in his own county by staging a banquet honoring the county's best cotton producers, an event staged by the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs of Shelby and at which O. M. Mull, advisor to the governor, was the chief speaker.

The meeting, undoubtedly, was the most cooperative and most representative gathering the county as a whole has ever staged, and it heard a plea urging the county, now pointed out as an agricultural example, not to lay too much emphasis on cash crops, but, first of all, to live at home. Attended by more than 100 people—farmers, lawyers, physicians, manufacturers, milliners, business men and professional experts—the banquet, held at the Hotel Charles drew leaders from all walks of life in the county. Rubbing elbows at the same table were farmers, who doff their hats to none in producing farm crops, and outstanding professional and business men, who do not have to look back more than one generation to the day when they worked on Cleveland county farms.

Nine Happy Men.

At one of the tables were seated nine men in whose honor the occasion was first thought of. They were the nine who produced more cotton on five acres at less expense than any other cotton farmers in a county that boasts of bale-to-ho acre farmers. But ere the meeting ended thoughts were turned to things other than cotton as the meeting heard of other sections where the farmer put all of his eyes in the cotton and tobacco baskets and as a result is in dire straits.

Guests of the two civic clubs other than the nine cotton prize winners were the three members of the county agricultural board from each township of the county, and other farm leaders from the various sections. Eager youth was represented as was old age and experience. At the table of prize-winners was young Aston Adams, of the Lattimore section, who still yearns for a heavy beard on his face, but takes a pack seat for no elder in the matter of getting cotton bolls to the acre, while at another table were elderly farmers who remember the day when Cleveland thought a 15,000-bale cotton crop a remarkable achievement.

Contentment First.

The committee arranging the program for the evening attempted to bring some of the outstanding agricultural experts from Raleigh to furnish the oratory, but after some search the man decided upon was a native of the county and one who knows that he is talking about when he starts talking to farmers—Odus M. Mull, Cleveland farmer has an inclination to sniff with disdain when a book farmer tells them how to prosper, but this gathering knew Odus Mull; it knew that for two years every tenant on the Mull farms had averaged a bale of cotton to the acre, and that during that time, and for many years pre-

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Gastonia Man Was Murdered, Believed

Gaston Officers Said To Be Working On Clues Pointing To Startling Result.

Gastonia, Jan. 23.—Satisfied that W. F. Long, whose body was found beside highway No. 20 early Wednesday morning, was murdered in cold blood and the body placed by the road to create the impression that he was the victim of a hit-and-run driver, Sheriff Eli P. Linberger and city police officers were working jointly this afternoon on clues which they felt sure would result in at least one startling arrest by Friday night. The name of the person under suspicion was not revealed, however.

Three West Gastonia men, associates of Long, are held in the county jail now awaiting a coroner's inquest Saturday morning. They are Crisp Bridges, Andy Cane and J. N. Jenkins. All of these men deny any connection with the killing.

There is a belief that Long might have met his death as the result of gang warfare between two gangs of Gastonia. However, coroner J. F. Wallace and several physicians who examined Long's body are certain he was murdered with an axe, balisart, or some other heavy sharp weapon.