

Cotton, per pound 16c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 34 1/2c

Rain Tuesday.

Tod'y's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight, slightly warmer in west portion. Tuesday cloudy and warmer followed by rain in west.

Record Attendance.

Nine hundred and one people attended the Sunday school at the First Baptist church here yesterday, all departments of the Sunday school showing attendance gains. The standing of the triangular contest yesterday was: New class, 112; Young Peoples Department, 101; Men's class, 77. An attendance goal of 1,600 has been set for next Sunday.

Cleveland Near 20,000 Bales On Next County

Robeson Is Second In Cotton Crop

Leads State In Cotton Production More Than Any County Has In Years.

In leading the state in cotton production in 1929, Cleveland county holds a bigger lead over the next high county in production than any county has held over the second county in many years. Up to January 16 this county had ginned 59,982 bales while Robeson, ranking second, had ginned 40,044 bales, or 19,938 bales less.

The final ginning report in March may show Cleveland 20,000 bales ahead of the next county.

Of the five leading cotton counties in the state only Cleveland and Robeson show a higher production this year than last. Cleveland gaining 8,000 bales over last year, and Robeson gaining about 1,500 bales.

The five leading cotton counties by the January 16 report and their ginnings this year and last follow:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1929, 1928. Rows include Cleveland, Robeson, Johnston, Halifax, Harnett.

Rutherford county, to January 16 had ginned 21,456 bales as compared with 17,034 last year; Lincoln had ginned 18,768 compared with 15,216 last year; and Gaston had ginned 13,056 as compared with 12,871 last year. In other words Cleveland has ginned more than the three neighboring counties combined.

H. C. Long Named Game Warden Here

Succeeds Austell In County Job Under State Department, Military Promotion Likely.

Mr. H. C. Long is the new game warden for Cleveland county and will take up the duties of the office immediately. Mr. Long succeeds Mike H. H. Austell, who Saturday became a property auditor for the North Carolina militia with headquarters in Raleigh.

Announcement of the appointment comes in a wire to The Star from C. H. England, state game warden. The wire reads: "Upon the return to his office Col. Harrelson, director of the department of conservation, approved my recommendation of H. C. Long for appointment as game warden for Cleveland county."

Mr. England visited Shelby last Tuesday, interviewed the more than a half dozen applicants in one day and talked with many interested citizens of the county about game work. Considerable effort was put forth by the several candidates for the office and the England announcement has been awaited with much interest here.

Mr. Long may also receive a military promotion as the result of the Austell promotion. The latter has been first lieutenant of Company K, local militia unit, for several years and Long has been second lieutenant. The likelihood is that Long will be promoted to the first lieutenancy and some other member of the company raised to a commission as second lieutenant.

Cline Moves Agency To Next Door Rooms

D. H. Cline, Hudson-Essex dealer has removed from his former headquarters on West Warren street, where he had been located four years, to the building next door. This latter was, until recently, occupied by Norfleet and Enfield, Dodge Brothers distributors. These dealers have now removed to Charlotte, Mr. Falls taking over the agency.

Mr. Cline stated today that he is much pleased with his new commodious location, which gives him exceptionally attractive display space.

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Hold Two Men On Charge Of A Girl Of 14

Revolt Story Is Told By Girl

Was Kept Out Night And Day By Them, She Says. One Of Two Men Is Married.

Two white men of Kings Mountain, J. A. Berry, said to be married, and Leonard Hawkins, were placed in jail here about 1 o'clock this morning by Police Chief Greel Ware and Policeman Hicks, of Kings Mountain, charged with persuading a 14-year-old white girl of Kings Mountain away from home and keeping her out all night and a part of one day.

A hearing will likely be given the two men on the serious charge Tuesday, and this morning neither of the two had arranged bond.

Another Attempt. The episode of a revolting nature as officers say it was told them, took place last Thursday night and Friday, but the two men were not arrested until last night, being apprehended, it is said, after another attempt was made to get the young girl away from home.

The girl, it seems, is the chief prosecuting witness. Kings Mountain officers say that the girl was located by her father at a house some miles north of Kings Mountain last Friday afternoon, but did not tell details of her experience until yesterday or last night. Her story as told today by officers was that she left her home in the evening and was taken out of town by the two men, the trio spending the night together in their car and in the woods, it is alleged, during which time the officers say that the girl tells that she had intimate relations with both men. She was left at the house where located, officers believe, Friday afternoon by the men who likely intended returning but relatives located her in the meantime.

About Kings Mountain the incident is referred to as "a kidnapping" but until the affair is fully related in court officers cannot tell whether the girl was carried away by force, by persuasion, or upon her own inclination. The girl, whose mother is dead, is said not to be overly developed physically.

Mr. Mull's Car Is Smashed On Bridge

On returning to Shelby from Raleigh Friday afternoon, the car of Mr. Mull was demolished as it collided with a truck on a bridge near Monroe. On the slippery road the car or the truck skidded and the two struck, although Mr. Mull was uninjured. Mr. Mull is executive counsel for Governor O. M. Gardner and pardon commissioner of the state. He was coming home to spend the week-end with his family when the accident occurred, forcing him to complete the trip on the bus.

Preacher Hayes Is Good Shot At Doves

Rev. L. B. Hayes of Central Methodist church, D. H. Harris and S. G. Maxwell enjoyed an afternoon of real sport in the Belwood section Friday during the recent snow. Doves were plentiful and flying fast. The preacher proved a good shot, the party bagging 75 birds. Those friends with Mr. Hayes says he is perfectly at home in field or pulpit and fits in on most any occasion.

Mr. D. F. Laughlin, who formerly lived on No. 8, out of Shelby, some five miles north of the city, has removed with his family to the vicinity of York, S. C.

Lackey Child At Fallston Burned By An Open Fire

Jinks Seems To Follow Family Of Dr. Lackey With Series Of Set-Backs.

A child of Dr. F. H. Lackey of Fallston was painfully burned in the back Friday morning when its gown caught fire from the open grate as the little tot jumped from the bed and stood there warming as the wind whistled outside and a blanket of snow covered the ground.

Fortunately, the mother and father were both in the room and the fire was quickly extinguished before the flame enveloped the little body. Dr. Lackey, lying in bed in the room from a stroke of ja-

His Kiss May Cost \$5,000



Mrs. Bertha Thomas, former Sunday school teacher, is suing the Rev. James Cornish (left) for \$5,000 for a kiss which she says he stole from her in the office of the First Christian Church, at Kansas City, Mo., where Cornish is pastor.

Woman On First Visit Here In 30 Years Lives 15 Miles Away

Wonders How Auto Owners Locate Their Cars With So Many Parked About.

"What I'm wonderin' is how folks can find their automobiles and tell one from another when all this many are parked up and down the streets. I've never seen the like of 'em," declared Aunt Jane Mode, 83-year-old maiden woman of the Union section this morning as she gazed with some awe upon the "carrying-on" about Shelby for the first time in 30 years. Aunt Jane, along with her sister, Barbara, aged 87, was brought to Shelby this morning by Mr. C. B. Williamson in his car, and Mr. Williamson rode the two old ladies about town to see the sights of the little city which grew from the crossroads town Aunt Jane remembers from her last visit. It was Aunt Barbara's first trip here in seven years, and it was "no tellin'" how long it had been since she was at Shelby last before then.

And what makes Aunt Jane's first trip to town in 30 years so unusual is that her home in the Union section is less than 15 miles distant from Shelby.

Strange Sights. She had very little to say when (Continued on page eight.)

New Patrolman Here May Tag Old Pals

Patrolman Mann, Located Here, Fought With Local Boys In France.

Some of these days or nights when Highway Patrolman Kenneth B. Mann, whose headquarters were recently established here, runs down a speeding car he may find himself pinching a pal of the days when men were pals in the real sense of the word. Near a dozen years ago, Mann, whose home is at Wilmington, was a buddy "over there" of a number of Shelby and Cleveland county boys who were in France with Company C of the 115 Machine Gun outfit. Mann hadn't seen many of his local pals since they all came back home, poisoned the cooties they brought with them, and donned civil garb again. He's glad to see them all, of course, but he's warned the old Company C gang to be sure and have the proper license tag and to observe the speed regulations when they get in the family flivver and start a highway charge.

Auto Thief Caught In Less Than Hour

Young Ohio Man Gets Car At Kings Mountain, Is Caught In Gastonia.

Police Chief Greel Ware, of Kings Mountain, has a claim for a world's record in making a quick recovery of a stolen automobile. Sunday evening the Ford of Paul McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, was stolen. He immediately informed the police and they passed out the word to officers of neighboring towns to be on the watch for the car. Forty minutes later Gastonia officers called to say that they had the stolen car and the driver. The latter, a young white man, gave his name as Frank Patterson and his home as Ohio. He was jailed Sunday night here to await a hearing in county court.

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S. P. U. After Other Plants In The County

Power Company May Get 4 Plants

Duke Interests Negotiating For Additional Light Plants In Best Lighted County.

Deals are said to be pending whereby the Southern Public Utilities company, a subsidiary of the Duke Power company, is negotiating for the purchase of four rural light companies in Cleveland county—The Fallston, Polkville, Lutz and Beaver Dam light and power companies. A representative of the Southern Public Utilities company has been in the county making a survey of the property with a view of arriving at the value. Just whether the trades will be consummated or not, is not learned.

Four Plants Bought. Within the past year the Southern Public Utilities company has purchased the light and power plants at Ellenboro, Mooresboro, Attmore and Bolling Springs and these plants have been greatly improved since. The purchase price of each of the above was in the neighborhood of \$18,000 each.

1,200 Lighted Rural Homes. Cleveland county is the best rural lighted county in North Carolina with a dozen or more community lighting plants serving over 1,200 rural homes in practically every section of the county. Most of these plants were built within the last five years and are said to be in good condition. Neither one of these plants generates its own power, but buys either from the City of Shelby or direct from some generating plant. Most of the power comes from the Duke or Southern Power Company's hydro-electric plants in the Piedmont section of the two Carolinas.

Mr. Liles Dies At Son's Home

Gar Liles, Age 87 Is Taken Today To Wadesboro, Former Home For Burial.

Mr. Edgar Liles, age 87 years and 9 months, died Sunday morning on South DeKalb street at 8:30 o'clock at the home of his son, Mr. J. A. Liles, a member of the firm of Ingram-Liles Company. Mr. Liles had been in declining health for some time and for several weeks was at the point of death.

The funeral was held this morning at the Palmer Funeral Home and the remains were taken to Wadesboro for interment this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Liles had been making his home for a number of years with his son, coming to Shelby about two years ago when his son opened business here. His wife preceded him to the grave. Surviving are one son, J. A. Liles of Shelby, and one sister, Mrs. Petway of Peachland, this state.

Simmons Backers Planning Campaign

Durham Caucus Moves To Select Campaign Manager - 25 Present.

Raleigh.—The News and Observer says that some 25 followers of Senator F. M. Simmons met in Durham Friday to plan a campaign to support him in his contest for Democratic nomination to the senate in the June primary, against J. W. Bailey.

The meeting was called, the story said, by Charles A. Hines, of Greensboro, former chairman of the state board of elections. Every congressional district was represented, Mr. Hines was quoted as saying.

The News and Observer said that Secretary of State James Hartsess and Commissioner of Labor Frank D. Grist attended the meeting and that a committee was appointed to recommend a state manager for the senator.

Methodists Raise \$6,131 In Half Day

In a drive made by members of the Central Methodist church congregation Sunday afternoon a total of \$6,131 was pledged. A goal of \$9,360 was set to meet an obligation of the church and with over two-third secured in a single afternoon, the result was very gratifying. Many members could not be seen, so it is hoped to wind up the campaign and secure the entire \$9,360 today.

Six Weeks Bad Weather Coming

Keep the coal dealer's telephone number in mind, be sure to turn off the water tonight and for 40 more nights, and don't be surprised if you see another big snow before Spring rolls around and brings on another wave of love making in rumble seats.

Y'see, the groundhog, the veteran weather prognosticator, yesterday declared six weeks more of bad weather to be in store for galosh wearers and head cold carriers.

Seeing his shadow early yesterday morning the woodchuck reiterated the prophecy of many years gone by: "Bad weather until March 15." And he added the clause, as weather men do: "and probably snow." For the marmot not only saw his shadow—he saw it reflected on snow.

Mrs. McBrayer Has Birthday

Beloved Woman Who Recalls Anniversaries Of Others Greeted By City.

Shelby's wizard at remembering anniversary dates, Mrs. Mary E. McBrayer, N. LaFayette street, celebrated her own birthday Sunday. The entire congregation at the First Baptist church arose to pay tribute to her. Two of her children who live out of town, Mrs. Hugh Wray of Gastonia and Mr. Harry McBrayer of Florence, S. C., came to join the other children and friends in celebration of her 74th birthday.

Mrs. McBrayer has the wonderful faculty of remembering thousands of birthday and anniversary dates. She usually calls them up on the telephone and has a gracious word in greeting on a wedding anniversary or birthday when the individual himself or herself has overlooked the fact that it is an anniversary. Remembering anniversary dates seems to be a hobby with Mrs. McBrayer. She does not keep any record to refresh her memory, but these thousands of dates are stored in her mind and each morning when she arises she automatically calls to memory the anniversary dates of those of her wide acquaintance. If they can be reached, by telephone, she calls to extend a word of cheer and congratulations. If they can't be reached by telephone, she often sends a greeting card through the mail.

So Sunday it was her natal day. Her children gathered in the home and at church the whole congregation stood in tribute to her sweet, cheerful life. Telephone calls came her way and friends visited the home in person to extend their greetings. Mrs. McBrayer is one of Shelby's most beloved women, cheerful and kind to everybody, and a cultured type of the old South.

Poultry Specialist To Visit In County

P. A. Sease, poultry extension specialist, will spend two days, Wednesday and Thursday, in this county working among farmers interested in poultry. It was announced today by R. W. Shoffner, farm agent. Wednesday night, at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Sease will make a poultry talk in the court house here, discussing incubation and brooding, and every farmer interested in poultry is urged to attend.

Joe Beam Kills Hog Weighing 701 Pounds

In attempting to find out the largest hog killed in Cleveland county during the winter, each week The Star finds a farmer who has killed one larger than the next man. Mr. Watterson of No. 4 township and Mr. Adams of No. 7 are both beaten by Joe Beam of the Pleasant Hill community of No. 3 township. He killed one that netted 701 pounds recently.

Decrease In Gasoline Sale In N. C. Indicates "Hard Times"

Revenue Collections For January Show First Reflection Of "Hard Times."

Raleigh.—For the first time "hard times" were reflected in the revenue collections from the gasoline tax for the month of January. The figures released showing that sales in gallons fell off 16 per cent from the sale last year although the tax collected was larger, with a five-cent rate in force as against four cents last year. In every month collections have shown an increase in the number of gallons as well as in the amount.

Total collections, including both those of the general fund and the highway fund, for the seven months that have elapsed of this fiscal year show a gain over last year of approximately \$4,000,000 but this is accounted for largely by increase

Schools To Support Live-At-Home Drive

Don't Kill A School Child

Stop When School Bus Unloads

In 21 days in January 36 motorists in Cleveland county violated the law which says that an automobile must come to a stop when it approaches a school bus which is loading or unloading school children along the highway—and these 36 violations of the law were reported by the driver of one school bus. No telling the number of violations in connection with other school buses in the county.

The owners of the 36 cars which in January violated the law by not stopping for the school bus serving the Beth-Ware school, where a small child has already been hit and seriously injured by a passing auto, have been reported to officials of the law and if there is a second offense the 36 will be halted into court.

Law Is Strict.

The law says that no vehicle must pass, or attempt to pass a school bus while children are getting on or off. It further requires that the passing auto stop at a distance 50 feet from the bus until all the children are off or on and entirely out of the highway. Conviction for this misdemeanor means a fine of \$50 or imprisonment of 30 days.

Of recent weeks bus drivers have complained time and time again of motorists violating the law in this respect. After reports were made to officials, the bus drivers of the county schools have been ordered hereafter to take down the license number of autos violating the law and report them to officials so that the violators may be halted into court.

Heretofore drivers have been reluctant about turning in names of violators, but the bus drivers are in a way held responsible for the youngsters who ride with them and feel that they can no longer take such chances. Hereafter violations will be reported.

Cleveland county parents sitting on a court jury will show very little sympathy for a motorist, who has crippled or maimed somebody's child.

The bus drivers, school officials, and officials of the law say this is the final warning.

STOP YOUR AUTOMOBILE WHEN YOU SEE A SCHOOL BUS STANDING ON THE HIGHWAY OR ROAD WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN NEAR ABOUT. NO AUTO DRIVER WOULD WANT TO KNOW THAT HE OR SHE MURDERED A HELPLESS CHILD THROUGH RECKLESSNESS.

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Civic Clubs Offer Prizes For Essays And Posters By Children Backing Gardner Plan.

Thousands of school children and teachers in Cleveland county are going to take upon their shoulders the task of convincing the people of Cleveland county that they should first of all live at home by producing their own food and feed-stuff.

At a meeting of all the county teachers held at the Central high school auditorium here Saturday a program was mapped out whereby the teachers will carry the idea to the children and the children to their parents.

The week of February 10-14 will be "Live-at-home Week" in the schools of Cleveland, and each day teachers will take up some phase of the live-at-home program started in the state by Governor Gardner.

Program Outlined.

The program is outlined as follows: Mon. Feb. 10—Importance of daily food to the family. Tues. Feb. 11—The importance of the cow. Wed. Feb. 12—The importance of poultry. Thurs. Feb. 13—The importance of the hog. Friday, Feb. 14—The importance of the garden.

To Give Prizes.

County Superintendent J. H. Grigg announced at the meeting of the teachers, which was presided over by Prof. W. R. Gary, of Fallston, that the three civic clubs of Shelby, Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions, will give handsome prizes in three live-at-home contests to be held among the rural children of the county. There will be an essay contest for high school students, an essay contest for grammar grade students, (Continued On Page Eight)

Urges Naming Of All Shelby Streets

Many Streets And Alleys In City Without Names, Aldermen Should Name Them.

Every street and important alley in Shelby should be named before the Federal census of this year is made.

That is the suggestion given to officials of the city by Miss Mayne Jones, who assisted in compiling the census made some time back by a commercial firm.

At that time Miss Jones says there were more than a score of streets encountered which no one seemed to know the name of. Unnamed streets and alleys leave any census of a city far from complete, especially so when census data is used in directory form.

Fishermen, Hunters Meet Tuesday Night

A meeting of all sportsmen, particularly fishermen and hunters, will be held at the county court house Tuesday night at 7:30 for the purpose of organizing an Isak Walton league here, it was announced today by H. C. Long, new county game warden.

Assistant State Game Warden J. P. Stepp, of Lenoir, will attend the meeting together with others interested in the Isak Walton league, which has as its aim the preservation of game. Isak Walton clubs are being organized in all sections of the state, and all Cleveland farmers, who have game of any kind on their lands, or enjoy hunting or fishing, are especially urged to attend the meeting.

Wake Forest Fresh At B. S. College Tuesday

Bolling Springs Plays College Outfit. Baptists Defeat Wofford Fresh.

At Bolling Springs college Tuesday night the Bolling Springs basketball team will play the Wake Forest fresh team, and one of the county's fastest games of the season is anticipated.

Earlier in the season the Wake Forest freshmen quint beat Bolling Springs at Wake Forest by two points, and Tuesday night the Junior Baptist Bull Dogs will be seeking revenge.

Playing in Spartanburg Saturday night the Bolling Springs collegians defeated the Wofford freshmen 39 to 29 in an exciting contest. Moonenham with 17 points and Forney with 14 led the scoring for the Baptists. (Other sport news may be found on Page Three of today's Star.)