

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 15 1/2c Cotton Seed, per bu. 37 1/2c

Rainy Weather.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy and warmer tonight followed by rain in west portion, Thursday cloudy with rain in north and west portions. Warmer.

Fighting Hughes.

In the United States senate yesterday Senator Borah and Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, joined the group of senators fighting the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes as chief justice to succeed Taft. Senators Brookhart, Bleese and others already opposed the appointment. The senatorial opposition is based upon Hughes' alleged friendliness with big business interests.

Campaign Head For Simmons To Be Named Soon

Langston Or Hines Dopesters Think

Many Names Mentioned For Campaign Leader. Senator Remains Silent.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Senator F. M. Simmons, of North Carolina, by the end of this week in all probability will name a campaign manager to direct his forthcoming race for the Democratic nomination for the senate.

In the meanwhile, sphinx-like silence on the subject reigns in the offices of the senator here and neither the venerable son nor his secretary, Frank Hampton, has intimated what arrangements are being made nor even have suggested how many candidates for the position have been mentioned thus far.

The senator, however, is known to be nearing a choice and word comes from a source regarded as reliable that an announcement will be issued by him probably Friday or Saturday, with a very remote possibility that his decision may be delayed until the early part of next week.

The names of both Charles A. Hines, of Greensboro, and Col. John D. Langston, of Goldsboro, have been bandied about as prominently mentioned for the job, but the senator's offices will neither confirm nor deny that either is in the field. The situation as to Mr. Simmons' intentions is still guesswork and only that.

Orphan Boy Plays Traitor To Friend

Steals Near \$100 From J. J. Powell Who Gave Him Place To Live.

A story of a wandering orphan boy who, in a manner of speaking, bit the hand that was feeding him, was related here today to city and county officers.

A couple of weeks back a young white boy, giving his name as George Willis, visited the home of J. J. Powell in the Polkville section. He informed Mr. Powell that his father and mother were dead, that he was broke, needed work, and something to eat. Being of a kind disposition Mr. Powell took him in, fed him, and gave him a job on the farm. That is chapter one.

The events in chapter two were transacted this morning. The boy who was given a home got up early this morning to start the fires at the Powell residence. Some time later Mr. Powell got up. He noticed that Willis was missing. After he picked up his trousers and pulled them on, Mr. Powell felt in his pocket and missed his money, something near \$100.

In return for the kindness accorded him it seems as if the youth, said to have hailed from High Point has robbed his benefactor and departed.

Local officers are spreading a dragnet for the unappreciative young fellow. They hope to write chapter three of this story of one who bit the hand that was feeding him.

Pendleton Boy Is Better Now; Mrs. Eskridge Improves

Otis Pendleton, jr., young son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pendleton, seriously injured when struck by an automobile last Wednesday, was said to be getting along fine today at the Shelby hospital. The four-year-old youth suffered a fractured skull and thigh.

Mrs. Tom Eskridge, who became a patient at the hospital Friday afternoon, was reported to be better today the many friends of the family will be glad to hear.

A Birth. Born last Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Weaver, a daughter, Evelyn Ann.

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A. V. Wray Head Of Independent Local Merchants

Home Merchants In Organization

Independent Business Men Organized At Meeting Last Night. Falls Talks.

An organization of independent business men was perfected last night at a mass meeting at the court house with A. V. Wray as president, B. O. Stephenson and William Crowder, vice presidents, Henry Massey, treasurer and Max Washburn, secretary.

Upholds Local Merchants.

Approximately 200 men were in the mass meeting which was addressed by Attorney B. T. Falls who upheld the independent merchant as the bulwark of a community and deserves the support of the public in the matter of merchandise because he keeps his profits at home. This he contrasted with the so-called "chain store" which he declared sends its profits away to drain the communities in which they operate.

Weights And Measures.

Two other speakers were C. H. Reinhard, South Shelby grocer who urged that housewives be educated to know that sixteen ounces make a pound and that package goods are required by law to be plainly stamped as to contents. This is done, but housewives should be taught to investigate and compare contents with nationally advertised goods.

John S. McKnight, wholesale grocer, pointed out how the "chain stores" had seriously hurt the wholesaler, the independent merchant and the community as a whole.

County-Wide Organization.

No name was selected for the new organization last night which will be county-wide in its scope, according to the officers who made a personal call in a body at the Star office this morning to give an account of the meeting. The officers thought the name would probably be "Shelby and Cleveland County Independent Business Protective Association."

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Building And Loan Shows Good Profit

A. C. Miller Again Heads Shelby And Cleveland B. And L. \$5,000 Profits.

The shareholders of the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan held their annual meeting in the office of the association on Feb. 11, 1930. The annual report of the association was very gratifying to the stockholders being the best in the history of the association. The association after paying out all profits and expenses made a net profit of over \$5,000 which was added to the undivided profits. The assets of the association now total \$569,000 and in all the 20 years history of the association they have never lost a dollar, neither has the association had to take in any property on loans.

All the old directors of the association were re-elected for another year and J. L. Putnam and C. S. Young were added to the old board. The old officers as follows were re-elected for another year, A. C. Miller, president, R. T. LeGrand, vice-president, Jno. P. Mull, secretary.

The association is a sound and conservative institution and the report at the end of the year showed the institution to be in a good sound condition.

Home Of Colored Family Is Burned

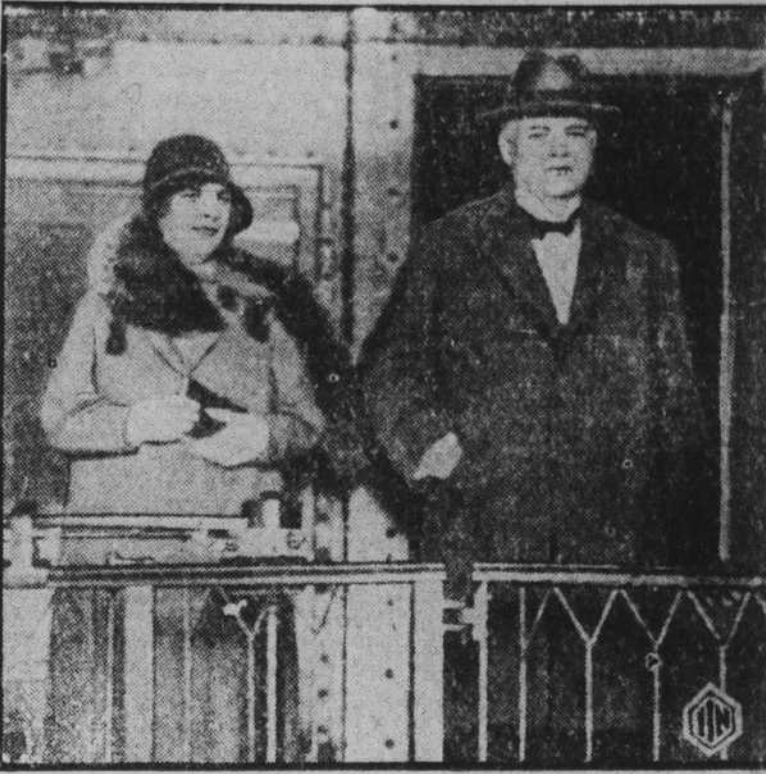
Reports Here Had It That There Was Big Fire In New House Section.

Reports in Shelby Monday night and Tuesday morning had it that a cotton gin and a number of residences were burned at New House Monday night, while still another rumor had it that all of Polkville had been destroyed by fire.

Both reports, when checked up, proved to be greatly exaggerated. The truth was that a house, occupied by a colored family, burned at New House Monday night. The Hubert Gold gin adjoining the negro house caught on fire, but was put out, it is understood, without very much damage being done.

A call or two came to the Shelby fire department, and these calls perhaps resulted in the rumor that there had been a very destructive fire in that section.

Let Sailfish Worry Now!



President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover pictured on the rear platform of their private train just before pulling out of the station at Washington, D. C., for the beginning of their ten-day southern vacation. The President will spend his time in fishing from the yacht "Sauterter" of Long Key, Florida.

Volstead, Creator Of Dry Law, Says Liquor Buyer Is Guilty

Says Equality Of Buyers And Sellers Intended When He Wrote Dry Law.

St. Paul, Minn.—Former Congressman Andrew J. Volstead this week told the United Press that the buyers of alcoholic liquors were intended by congress to be equally guilty with the seller when the Volstead act was drawn up more than ten years ago.

He expressed interest in the indictment of a liquor buyer in Boston under Section Six of the Volstead act, which he cited to read: "No one shall manufacture, sell, purchase, transport, or prescribe any liquor without first obtaining a permit from the commissioner; to do so, except that the person may, without a permit, purchase and use liquor for medicinal purposes when prescribed by a physician."

Section Three of the act, under which most prosecutions are argued does not use the word "purchase" Volstead said.

"Proceedings have not been had under this section," said Volstead of Section Six, "because some court has intimated that the prohibition against purchasers applies only to persons who have what is known as basic permits to manufacture certain articles containing alcohol."

"There are required to secure in addition such basic permits necessary to purchase liquor. There is, however, in this law no provision that all persons who may manufacture such articles must have basic permits through the Treasury Department has made a regulation requiring basic permits in all cases before a person can purchase liquor." Volstead then went on to say it would seem that the theory on which the courts hold does not rest on the law, but on the regulation.

"It may be argued that Section Six against purchase should apply generally against all purchases," the former Congressman explained. "Of course, federal officers who purchase liquor for evidence against the seller cannot be arrested."

Annual County Cage Tourney To Be Planned Here Saturday

School Officials To Arrange Schedule And Dates For Big Basketball Meeting.

A meeting of all athletic coaches and high school officials in the county interested in basketball will be held at the Central high school here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock to lay plans for the annual county-wide basketball tournament, it was announced today by Casey Morris, athletic director of the Shelby high school.

This tournament has been one of the highlights of the sports season in Shelby for several years, the winner of the tournament being tendered the county championship along with the Rotary club trophy cup.

Heretofore all the teams have been bracketed and the tournaments played off in three or four nights at the Shelby high gymnasium. By past arrangements two games, participated in by four teams, were played each night until the final night with the title game between the two quints left in the race. Presumably the same system will be used this year, but this is what coaches and high school officials have decided.

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Hard Times Putting Crimp In Cupid's Business

"Love," some sentimental chap wrote many years ago, "will find a way." Perhaps so. But with the pinch of hard times being felt by the young and cherub-cheeked Dan Cupid himself, love—or, rather, lovers hereabouts are finding it hard to find even enough coin to purchase sufficient gasoline for a trip to Gaffney and back—and, of course, a set of hitching papers while there.

Romance, a dainty, aesthetic thing which supposedly thrives under a beautiful moon regardless of economic ills, does not, however,

Training School For S. S. People Here On Feb. 23

Annual School For Church Workers

Annual Training School For Methodists Here Last Week In February.

The seventh annual Cleveland County Standard Training school for church and Sunday school workers will be held at the Central Methodist church in Shelby during the week of February 23, beginning on Sunday February 23 and running through Friday evening, February 28.

The first, or Sunday, session will be held at 3 in the afternoon and the four other sessions at 7:30 each evening.

The school will be in charge of O. V. Woosley, Sunday school official of the Methodist church, and teachers here for the week will be Rev. R. F. Morris, Mr. F. M. Williamson, Miss Corinne Little, and Rev. J. W. Hoyle, Jr., Prof. J. H. Grigg is head of the training school organization. Marvin Blanton and J. F. Alexander are vice presidents, Mrs. J. T. Gardner is secretary, and Miss Verta Hendrick is secretary. Churches represented are: Central church, Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor; LaFayette Street church, Rev. W. R. Jenkins; Kings Mountain Central, Rev. J. R. Church; Belwood circuit, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald; Polkville circuit, Rev. J. M. Barber; Shelby circuit, Rev. R. L. Forbis; Cherryville circuit, Rev. T. V. Crouse.

The board of managers for the school is made up of J. H. Grigg, Wm. Lueberger, O. S. Anthony, E. O. McGowan, Thad Ford, Ogburn Lutz, Marvin Blanton and J. F. Alexander. Mrs. Grover Beam will have charge of text books arrangement, and the enrollment will be handled by the following committee: B. L. Smith, Mrs. Thad Ford.

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Hunting Season Is Nearing End Here

Bird And Rabbit Hunters Must Turn To Fishing After Saturday Season Out.

This is the last week of the two main hunting seasons in Cleveland county.

Saturday, February 15, the bird and rabbit hunting seasons draw to a close, and local nimrods will lay up their hunting equipment until another season rolls around.

A big portion of the hunters of this section are also enthusiastic about fishing and in the weeks ahead, as reels and lines are made ready, the stories about hunting centers will deal with yarns about Bridgewater and other favorite fishing ground.

Scout Masters To Start School Here

Men Need To Direct Activities Of Hundreds Of Boys Ten Weeks School.

Men who are willing to give their time and attention for one year to the activities of the Boy Scouts of America are needed to take training in this work in a scout masters school which begins Monday next in the scout room of the First Baptist church. Mr. J. O. Probst is chairman of the school masters committee for Cleveland county and is anxious to have all present scout masters as well as others willing to help the young manhood of the county, attend this school.

This school will be conducted by the P. M. Schield, executive for the Piedmont Council who will come over from his home in Gastonia each Monday evening for a period of ten weeks. The first meeting will begin at 7:15 o'clock and last a little longer than an hour. The purpose of the school is to train these men as scout masters. It is very urgent to have leaders as Capt. B. L. Smith of the city schools says there are 500 boys anxious and ready to join scout troops if leaders can be had. This is typical of a situation which obtains all over the county.

Thad Ford Undergoes A Serious Operation

Thad C. Ford, prominent business man and churchman and former chairman, underwent a serious operation at the Shelby hospital Tuesday morning. He stood the shock well and was resting this morning as well as could be expected. He will be in the hospital about two weeks and his many friends wish for him a complete recovery.

Company K Dance On Saturday Night

Round and square dancing will be enjoyed by those who attend the Company K dance at the armory hall Saturday night, Feb. 15th. Hob Hendrick and his Trouble Chasers from Cherryville will furnish the music for the occasion.

Lattimore And F. C. In Championship

Lattimore meets Forest City Thursday night at Boling Spring in the first game of the state championship basketball contest. Forest City having defeated Lattimore by a narrow margin, this is looked upon as one of the outstanding games of the season.

Get Check Flasher In Action Tuesday

Young Rutherford Man Attempts Pass Check Signed By Carl Thompson.

Yesterday morning when he came to Shelby, Fay Gamble, young white man of Rutherford county, had \$144 worth of checks in his pockets. This morning he is in the county jail, where he spent Tuesday night.

Just before noon Tuesday Gamble attempted to cash a \$72 check at the First National bank. The check bore the name of C. S. Thompson, Shelby lumberman, on the line where names count. The bank teller was suspicious. Officers were called and Gamble was arrested. It was Thompson's name but not Thompson's signature. In Gamble's pocket was another \$72 check, just like the one he attempted to cash. In an attempt to cash the \$72 check, which was made out to "A. W. Brackett," Gamble in endorsing it wrote the Brackett name on the back of the check.

Falls May And May Not Run

Local Attorney Not Decided About Contest For Superior Court Bench.

Judge B. T. Falls, of Shelby, may be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Superior court judge in this district—and he may not.

Today when asked if he would be the third candidate to announce he answered that "I have nothing definite to say as yet. I suppose it might be said that I am pursuing the policy of watchful waiting."

Last Saturday Marshall H. Young, Hickory attorney, announced as a candidate to succeed Judge James L. Webb, who will retire at the end of his term. Mr. Young was the second to announce. Wilson Warlick, well known Newton attorney, having announced some weeks back.

In political circles for some time it has been the opinion that it would be at least a four-cornered race with Judge Falls and A. L. Quekel, like Mr. Falls, has made no definite statement of his intentions, although he has already been endorsed by the Lincoln county bar.

Ellenboro Plans For Booster Club

Citizens Of Lively Rutherford Town To Hold Mass Meeting Friday Night.

(Special to The Star.) Ellenboro.—All of the male citizens of Ellenboro are urged to attend a meeting, Friday evening at 7 p. m. in the K. of P. hall to discuss the organization of a Booster club for the town.

It is believed that Ellenboro greatly needs a Booster club and that such a club could do much to make the town more beautiful and prosperous. Then, the organization would serve as a social organization for the men of the town.

Ellenboro is well located and can be made one of the prettiest and best towns between Asheville and Charlotte if only the citizens will work together to this end.

Service Station In City Changes Hands

Messrs. D. L. Wray, and his son, James Wray, coming to Shelby from Eustis, Fla., have bought out the Supreme Filling Station, at the corner of LaFayette and Sumter streets, and will henceforth conduct the enterprise.

The transfer of ownership has just been made. The Supreme Filling Station was owned by Stanley and Son, who recently built a new brick building to house the business.

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Plato Durham Funeral At Warrenton Today

Nationally Known Orator And Churchman, Son Of Shelby, Died Suddenly Monday At Atlanta Home.

Funeral and burial services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Warrenton, this state, for Dr. Plato Tracy Durham, nationally known orator and churchman and one of Shelby's and Cleveland county's most distinguished native sons, who died suddenly Monday at his home in Atlanta.

Carolina Papers In Tribute To Durham

Plato Durham Considered One Of North Carolina's Most Distinguished Sons.

The following tributes to the late Plato Durham, native of Shelby by leading newspapers will be of interest here:

PLATO DURHAM (Charlotte Observer.) North Carolina has lost a son of distinguished record as preacher, educator and writer, for Dr. Plato Durham was all that, and older Charlotte citizens will remember him best because of his literary and political contributions to The Observer during part of the period when the paper was under management of Tompkins and Caldwell, his productions having been properly ranked as among the most brilliant of newspaper articles of the times. He was engaged on The Observer at the time John Charles McNeill was making it famous by reason of his poetical contributions and was terminated shortly after McNeill's death, when Doctor Durham entered the class of North Carolina's dispersed abroad, having heard the call to the educational field. He assisted in the founding of the Candler School of Theology, in Atlanta, having since maintained identity with that institution.

Doctor Durham was a native of Shelby and member of a family distinguished for its contribution to State politics, literature and statesmanship. He was a man of polished education and as both speaker and writer was equally forceful. He had rendered not only his native State, but the South, as a whole, valiant and valuable service in the school room, the pulpit, the editorial office and on the hustings. His death is circumstance of grievous reflection on part of the people of the State and he will be mourned as one of North Carolina's finest citizens.

It was only last summer that Dr. Durham came back to the town of his birth to conduct evangelistic services at the Central Methodist church here. The people of his old home county had not heard him speak since his famous address at the unveiling of the Stone Mountain memorial and large congregations came from all sections of the county to hear him.

First funeral services were held yesterday at Emory university, where he founded the Candler school of Theology, and all classes were suspended during the afternoon. The body was then taken to Warrenton, this state, where the final funeral and burial rites were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

His Life Career. Plato Tracy Durham was born at Shelby, September 10, 1873, the son of Plato and Nora Tracy Durham. He was a grandson of the late Dr. J. W. Tracy, of Kings Mountain. Much of his youth was spent in the latter town where he attended school at the old Kings Mountain Military Academy under the noted Prof. W. T. R. Bell. Later the family moved to Oxford, where his step-father, the late Dr. Ben F. Dixon, was superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage. There he attended Horner's Military school, going from there to Trinity college, now Duke university, from which institution he was graduated in 1894. He then attended Yale university. He also attended Columbia university and took his theological course at Union Seminary he spent two years at Christ Church college, Oxford university, England. While there he spent one semester at Heidelberg university, Germany, as an exchange student.

Returning to America he was elected professor of Biblical Literature at Trinity college. After several years there he entered the active ministry of the Methodist church as a member of the Western North Carolina Conference. He served Dilworth and Trinity churches in Charlotte, Central church in Concord, and was presiding elder of the Winston-Salem district.

When the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, was established in 1914, Dr. (CONTINUED ON PAGE ELEVEN)

Highway Patrolman Examines Brakes Of 300 Automobiles

Fifty Cars Found With Faulty Brakes, Taxi Driver Is Nabbed For Racing.

Yesterday, Kenneth B. Mann, highway patrolman for this district with headquarters here, stopped 300 local automobiles in the patrol examination of brakes. The brake inspection according to his report, revealed that one-sixth of the autos stopped had faulty brakes which is to say that 50 of the 300 motorists stopped by the patrolman were sent direct to garages to have their brakes repaired.

In with his brake-testing activity Patrolman Mann kept an eye open for speeders, nabbing Albert Jacobs taxi driver and Raymond Lewis, as they raced each other through the residential section of South Shelby.

He's Married Now. Incidentally, Patrolman Mann, who was a waddy of several machine gunners from this section, does not receive all of his orders nowadays from the patrol chief. Yesterday week ago he was married in his home town of Wilmington to Miss Betty Crumpler, attractive daughter of W. B. Crumpler of that city. The patrolman and his bride are living at the Isaac Shelby hotel.