

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

Cloudy And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and colder in east portion tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness followed by rain in west portion.

Hughes Confirmed.

In a vote last night the United States senate confirmed the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes as chief justice of the Supreme court, the Hoover appointment going through by a vote of 52 to 26. Eleven Republicans and 15 Democrats voted against the confirmation. Both Senators Simmons and Overman voted against Hughes.

Basketball In Limelight Here

Championship Game On Tonight. Plan County Tourney Here Saturday.

With the baseball season only a few weeks around the calendar corner, basketball is holding the limelight for sport fans of this section for this week and next.

Tonight at the tin can here the Shelby highs will take on the speedy Henrietta-Carolene quint in the first game of the class B state title series.

Last night Lattimore and Forest City met at Bolling Springs in their first battle of the title series.

Plan Big Tourney. Tomorrow, Saturday, morning at 10 o'clock athletic coaches and officials of all the high schools of Cleveland county will meet at the Central high school here to map out the schedule and set the date for the annual county-wide basketball tournament to be held in the tin can here.

The tournament play will not likely get going until after next week as Fallston is sure to be in the class B championship play through Friday and either Lattimore or Shelby may remain in the state race that long.

Hospital Head Is Kiwanis Speaker

Dr. O. L. Miller And Teacher Of Vocational Training Of Orthopedic Speaks.

Nearly a hundred per cent membership of the Kiwanis club was present last night at the Kiwanis club weekly luncheon to hear Dr. O. L. Miller, surgeon of the Orthopedic hospital at Gastonia and Miss DeGraff, teacher of vocational training among the "Tiny Tims" of the institution. The orthopedic hospital is a state institution with 135 beds and a plant equipment worth \$405,000. Children with physical defects and deformities from all parts of the state are taken care of and since the institution was founded over 3,000 have been treated.

Dr. Miller paid a tribute to Geo. Blanton, of Shelby, chairman of the board, for his interest in the institution and the record that has been established in having the best attendance on directors meetings of any state institution.

Public school teachers conduct a school daily and Miss DeGraff teaches vocational work. She exhibited a number of products of handwork of the children who are given every training during their period as a patient.

Go After Writer Of \$250 Worthless Check

Deputy Kendrick Goes To Red Springs For Former Shelby Man On Check Charge.

Deputy Sheriff Bob Kendrick and Mr. Harrelson, a representative of a Forest City automobile firm, left early today for Red Springs with a warrant for Cramer N. Johnson, former Shelby man, who is charged with writing a \$250 bad check here some months back.

The check, it is alleged, was given the Arrow Sales company, then operating in Shelby, as a payment upon an automobile, but proved to be worthless, officers say, at the bank.

Johnson was at one time employed by a mill at Red Springs.

Rutherford Youth Under Bond of \$300

Fay Gamble, young white man of Rutherford county, arrested here Tuesday when he attempted to cash a \$72 check on C. S. Thompson at the First National bank, was bound over to superior court under a \$300 bond after a hearing in recorder's court here. The bond was given.

White Woman Jailed Here, Drunk Charge

Waiting On Fine Money. Cutting Scrape Aired At Kings Mountain Court.

May Childers, young white woman of Gaston county, was placed in jail here yesterday after she failed to raise the \$10 fine and costs meted out by Recorder Horace Kennedy at Kings Mountain yesterday where she appeared in county court charged with drunkenness.

Another case disposed of at Kings Mountain yesterday by the recorder was the Heaver-Eaker cutting scrape some weeks back. Clarence Eaker was severely cut about the head and face by Jim Heaver in a brawl near the county line beyond King's Mountain, the victim of the cutting scrape being treated for several days in the Shelby hospital. Judge Kennedy bound Heaver over to superior court under a bond of \$400, which was given.

MR. FOSTER, WELL KNOWN PAINTER IS BURIED TODAY

Mr. John Foster, a well known painter and decorator who has been living in Shelby for many years, died yesterday at the home of Mrs. Beasley Ellis on North Morgan street. Mr. Foster came here from some northern state and was an expert in his line. He was buried this afternoon in Sunset cemetery the funeral being conducted from the Ellis home at 2:30 by Rev. L. B. Hayes.

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Two Big Shelby Banks In Consolidation Today Union Trust To Open Two Banking Offices In Rutherford County

New Gold Tooth Gets Boy Thief A Cell In Jail

Bought Glistening Tooth With Loot

Orphan Boy Who Robbed Benefactor Caught With New Suit, New Tooth And Money.

If George Willis, the young orphan boy who early Wednesday morning was charged with robbing J. J. Powell, citizen of the Polkville section, with whom he lived, had not been so fond of gold teeth it is likely that he would not be in the county jail here today with a larceny charge hanging over him.

But George, apparently, has been fond of gold teeth all of his life, and when he got his hands upon enough money to buy one, he bought it, and as a result the new and shiny molar enabled officers, who were looking for him, to find him.

Dressed Himself Up. Star readers will recall the item in Wednesday's paper about the Powell robbery. Some weeks back the Willis boy, purporting to be an orphan and hard-up, came to the Powell home and asked for a job. Mr. Powell gave him a home and a job. Wednesday morning the youth got up early to start the fires, and a short time later Mr. Powell arose to find the boy missing along with near \$100 Mr. Powell had left in his trousers pocket.

Officers in Shelby were notified and they spread a dragnet for the missing boy. Wednesday afternoon late they located him and had him back in jail here along with a little negro boy accomplice who had been given \$20 as his part of the loot.

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How It Happened. After robbing Mr. Powell it appears as if the Willis boy split the loot with the negro boy, giving the latter \$23, and then came to Shelby with the remainder of the money. One of the first things he did on reaching Shelby was to visit a local dentist and have a gold tooth put in. The next move was to visit the Acorn department store where he purchased a suit of clothes, a shirt, underwear, and a general outfit of wearing apparel with the exception of shoes. After dressing himself up in his new outfit, including his new gold tooth, the lad who robbed his benefactor journeyed to the bus station, bought a ticket, and left town headed west.

His gold tooth and his new clothing coupled with his old overalls and coat caught him.

Just before leaving Shelby the boy dumped his old clothes in a

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Flier's Widow Studying Aviation



Mrs. R. H. Merrill, youthful widow of the Alaskan aviator who perished in the icy wastes last September, is shown with her youngest son after her arrival at Portland, Ore., to complete her course in aviation. Mrs. Merrill plans to apply for both commercial and transport flying licenses.

Rutherford Bank Situation Will Not Be Cleared Up Definitely For A Week Yet, Say Examiners

Methodist Memorial Service For Durham And Wood Sunday

Methodists Of Shelby And Section To Honor Memory Of Late Leaders.

The Methodists of Shelby and section will on Sunday night unite in a memorial service at Central Methodist church to pay fitting tribute to two outstanding Methodist leaders who have recently died—Dr. Plato Durham and Rev. C. A. Wood.

Dr. Durham, one of the South's most distinguished sons and a native of Cleveland county, was buried Wednesday at Warrenton. Rev. Mr. Wood, a former pastor of the Central church here and later head of the Methodist home for children, died week before last.

At the Sunday night memorial service, beginning at 7:30, Clyde R. Hoey will talk on the life of Plato Durham, and Rev. J. Ed Thompson will pay tribute to the career of Rev. Mr. Wood.

The public is cordially invited to the memorial service.

Dover Mills Hold Annual Meetings

There were four meetings of stockholders of four textile enterprises held yesterday at the First National Bank directors room.

In addition to the stockholders meetings, the directors of each plant held their annual meetings, making eight gatherings in all. Mr. John R. Dover is head official of the East Side, Dover, Ora Mills of Shelby and the Charles Mill at Red Springs. The reports were very satisfactory in view of the stagnant period through which the textile industry as a whole has been going. Six per cent dividends were ordered paid on the Ora and Dover Mill stock and dividends on all preferred stock were ordered paid.

John Gantt Passes Suddenly This Morn

Worked Yesterday And Appeared In Good Health. Funeral Saturday At Kadesch.

Mr. John Gantt, 62 years of age, died rather unexpectedly this morning about 4 o'clock at his home in the Belwood section.

Mr. Gantt, who lived on the farm of Deputy Ed Dixon had suffered, it is understood, for some time with a weak heart, but he had worked on the farm all day yesterday and appeared to be in normal health.

He is survived by his widow and five or six children. The deceased was an industrious farmer and highly regarded by those who knew him.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at Kadesch church.

Pleasant Hill Will Have School Election

The county commissioners, following a request from 25 qualified voters of the district, have called a special school tax election for the Pleasant Hill non-local tax district for Monday, March 17. The voters of the district at that time will pass upon the question of levying a special school tax of 30 cents on the \$100 valuation. Joe Beam has been named as registrar for the election with J. C. Lowry and E. Q. Roberts as judges. The registration books opened yesterday, February 13, and will close on Saturday, March 8.

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Some Hope Of Re-organization. Removal Of Money To Shelby Is Explained.

(From Thursday's Rutherford Sun) No statements have been issued by officials of the state banking department who are in charge of the Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co., and its two branches, one in Spindale and the other at Union Mills, the Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Forest City and its branch bank at Caroleen, and the Chimney Rock Trust Co. of Chimney Rock, these financial institutions having closed their doors on Tuesday, February 4 by orders of their board of directors for the protection of all depositors.

There are some well informed men who believe there is still a chance for the banks to be re-organized but this average man in the street does not give much credence to, and in general the consensus of opinion is that liquidation will be necessary.

While there is considerable talk about new banks being soon established in Rutherford and Forest City there is nothing concrete that can be learned. It will be, of course, only a question of time until the two towns have strong banks, but in well informed circles it is thought that little can be actually accomplished until the bank examiners' statements are made public, and this will probably not be for a week or ten days.

County Reacts. The closure of the two large banks, their branches and the trust company at Chimney Rock came with lightning-like swiftness and while the natural shock was very great it was borne with great fortitude and courage by the vast majority of those who had deposits. There were no scenes of despair; no groups of people stating that they were ruined and when some

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Live-At-Home Program Given School Support

Cleveland Schools Show Enthusiasm

Every School In County Heard Live-At-Home Talk Each Day This Week.

If the school children, thousands of them, will carry home and put over their message Cleveland county will certainly live at home this year and in 1931.

In every school in rural Cleveland county this week the students have heard about Governor Griggs' live-at-home program, and they haven't heard it just once but over and over again, and their response from all reports has been enthusiastic.

Mentioned Every Day. In all of the county schools, J. H. Grigg, county superintendent, said today, each teacher this week has devoted one class period each day to some phase of the live-at-home program. Not only have the teachers taken up and discussed the value of living at home once each day, but, furthermore, practically every school in the county has heard at least one live-at-home speech by a county agricultural teacher, by one of the two county agents, or by A. E. Cline, chairman of the county commissioners and head of the county agricultural board.

The children have been active also. Scores and scores of county school children have been at work all week, the county superintendent says, upon essays and posters in the live-at-home contests. All these essays and posters will be turned over to the contest judges next week.

It is impossible now, of course, to estimate just how much good the live-at-home program in the schools this week will do, but as Supt. Grigg says "when you get every school child in the county enthusiastic and talking about the live-at-home movement, their enthusiasm will certainly spread to the home and bring results."

Parent-Teachers To Have Founder's Day Program Here 17th

All Associations In City Meet At High School Monday Evening. Hoey To Speak.

A very interesting program has been arranged for the observance of Parent-Teacher association founder's day. All of the local units of the city will meet at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, Feb. 17, in the central high school auditorium. The program follows:

Prayer, Rev. Rush Padgett; Musical selection "A Hungarian Overture," high school orchestra, Mr. W. T. Sinclair, director; Musical selection "Massa Dear," by Devorak, Jefferson chorus, Miss Margaret Cooper, director; Miss Sedahlia Probst, accompanist; Musical selection, "Go Lovely Flower," by Lemare-Danty, Graham chorus, Miss Bernice Jones, director; Miss Ettaile Moses, accompanist; Musical selection "Sweet and Low," LaFayette chorus, Mrs. Ruth Plaster, director; Mrs. Flora Nolan, accompanist; Musical selection, "Indian Lullaby," South Shelby chorus, Miss Bernice Jones, director, Miss Aileen Jones, accompanist; Musical selection "The Blossom and the Bee," Washington chorus, Miss Augusta Alexander, director, Miss Mary Roberts accompanist; Musical selection "Star of the Summer Night," Marion chorus, Miss Minnie Roberts, director, Miss Mary Helen Lattimore, accompanist.

Reports from the Parent-Teachers associations of the following schools: Washington, Jefferson, Marion, South Shelby, LaFayette, Graham; Count of parents in attendance to determine percentage for schools. The Parent-Teacher association, Mrs. John Schenck, Jr., Needs of the school, member of school board; Address, Hon. Clyde R. Hoey; Musical Selection, "My Tribute." All choruses and orchestra, W. T. Sinclair, director; Musical selection "As I Walked Out In May," Woodman, High School girls' chorus, Mr. W. T. Sinclair, director.

Miss Selma Webb, vice-president of the City Council, will preside.

Their Banks In A Merger



Chas. C. Blanton.



William Lineberger. (Star Photo)

Dick Thompson Shoots Himself

Hotel Clerk Who Married At Hollis Shoots Self Today At Spartanburg.

Richard Thompson, hotel clerk, shot himself to death this morning at Spartanburg, while relatives prepared to take him to the hospital at Chick Springs.

Mr. Thompson, well known in Shelby and this section, married Miss Mattie Withrow of Hollis, who died a couple of years ago. During the winters he was a hotel clerk at Chick Springs and at an Asheville hotel during the summer.

For several days, according to reports given The Star this afternoon, Mr. Thompson had been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

This morning while relatives prepared to carry him to the hospital he walked to the garage and shot himself.

Just a few hours before news of his death came to this county, Mr. Thompson had called Mrs. W. T. Calton, at Lattimore Mrs. Calton, an aunt of Thompson's deceased wife, was keeping the one child of Mr. Thompson.

Stough Wray Hurts Knee Out Hunting

Friends of Mr. Stough Wray will regret to hear that he is still confined to his home with an injured knee which he hurt while out hunting last Saturday. While crossing a ditch he slipped and wrenched the knee so severely that he had been confined to bed until yesterday when he was up for a short time.

Mrs. Esckridge And Injured Boy Better

Reports from the Shelby hospital today stated that Mrs. Tom Esckridge, who has been seriously ill since last Friday, was better. Otis Pendleton, Jr., seriously injured when hit by an automobile Wednesday week ago, was also, said to be getting along fine.

Consolidation Creates Unusually Strong Banking Structure; Will Also Serve Rutherford County

Chas. C. Blanton Heads Broadened Bank Institution Which Has Resources Of Near Two Million Dollars. Rutherford Offices To Open Monday.

Important in banking circles was the announcement today that the Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., and the Union Trust Co., both strong banks of this place, had consolidated and that the Union Trust Co., will on Monday open banking offices at Rutherford and Forest City where failures had closed institutions in that county.

To Open Rutherford Offices. It has been known for two months by those close to these Shelby banks that this consolidation here was under way, but not until today was it consummated and public announcement made. Since the bank failures in Rutherford county, prominent citizens of that section have been making overtures to President C. C. Blanton of the Union Trust to open banking offices in those places and today after the combination with the Cleveland Bank and Trust, it was definitely decided to go to Rutherford county with banks at Rutherford and Forest City on Monday.

Mr. Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the Union Trust Co., and Mr. Wm. Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., issued the following statement bearing on the consolidation at noon today:

"For two months the officers and directors of the Union Trust company and the Cleveland Bank and Trust company have been considering consolidation of the two institutions and today Chas. C. Blanton, president of the Union Trust company and Wm. Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company announced that their plans had been consummated and were ready to be made public.

Increased Capital. In announcing the consolidation of these two institutions the officers also announced another forward movement for the consolidated bank by having increased the capital structure of the bank by adding another \$100,000.00 in new capital to the present combined capital of the two banks.

Open Two Rutherford Banks. "To give banking service to the neighboring towns of Rutherford and Forest City which have been urging President Blanton to open banking offices there, it has been decided for the Union Trust company to open banking offices there beginning on Monday next.

"The capital stock of the enlarged Union Trust company will be \$200,000.00, the surplus fund \$200,000.00 and the total reserves over \$75,000 making a total capital structure of nearly half million dollars. The combined resources amount to nearly two million dollars.

Union Name Continued. "The entire staff of officers and directors of the two institutions will be connected with the enlarged institution and for the present banking offices will be maintained in each of the present banking rooms. The name of the Union Trust company will be continued. A complete list of the officers and directors will appear soon."

"Big Move For County," Says Lineberger. Wm. Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company says: "This consolidation has been under way for some time and I think the step is the best move for Cleveland county in a long time. The combined capitals will enable the Union Trust company to better serve the public in every way as the day has come when strength is highly essential in banking circles.

"In the merging and expansion of these two banks, this section is certainly given, the banking facilities it deserves."

Interview With Mr. Chas. C. Blanton. "For about two years at intervals, the officers of the Cleveland Bank and Trust company and the Union Trust company of which I am president have considered joining forces and this week the final plans have been arranged and I think the step one of the most important and forward-looking that has happened in financial circles in some years. I think every man connected with the two institutions is solidly behind the consolidation and with the enlarged capital structure this institution should be able to give the public in this section excellent service. Both banks are in excellent financial condition, neither one owes a cent of borrowed money and has large reserves on hand. The Union Trust Co. and the First National bank of Shelby of which I am president also, will work harmoniously together as there is enough good business in this section for both institutions, as some phases of business can be handled more successfully by one institution and others by the other one.

Two Strong Institutions. "I can truthfully say, and I hope modestly, that this section is to be congratulated on having two such financial institutions. The First National has a capital structure of approximately \$900,000.00 and resources over five million dollars. The enlarged Union Trust company will have nearly half a million dollars capital structure and resources of nearly two million dollars capital structure and resources of nearly two million dollars. Both of the banks will be well manned as to officers and directors and both institutions are well supported with cash securities and reserves.

The Rutherford County Branches. "With my associates we are planning to give the towns of Rutherford and Forest City banking service by the Union Trust company. The people in these towns have urged by letter, telephone and personal calls that we give them adequate banking service and this I intend to them to have. While we will be using the present bank rooms of the former banks in these towns there will be no financial connection with the closed institutions. In other words, we are not "taking over" the former banks but establishing entirely new ones.

"We will have well-tried men from our institution to manage the offices opened in Rutherford county.

Conditions Very Sound. "The Union Trust company's capital and surplus has been increased to accommodate this need. With my associates, I have taken this additional

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