

THE MARKET.
Cotton, per lb. 15½c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 37½c

Fair And Warmer.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday. Slowly rising temperature.

Hughes In On 24th.
Charles Evans Hughes will be sworn in as chief justice of the supreme court, to succeed William Howard Taft, on February 24, it was announced yesterday after Hughes visited President Hoover at the White House.

Marion's Labor Outlook Is Not So Encouraging

Relief Work About At End, Said

Quantity Of Dynamite Stolen From Southern. More Explosives Are Discharged.

(Dan Meeker in Greensboro News)
Marion, Feb. 18.—This mountain foothill town is today faced with an ominous situation with indications pointing to a season of possible unrest and trouble.

Several conditions, taken into consideration as a whole, make the outlook for the summer none too bright from the viewpoint of those who are best informed of what is going on and how the other half of their little world lives.

The matter of living is going to be quite a problem, too, for a number of people.

Unrest is bound to follow the first of March when the food and clothing supply, furnished to more than 150 families by the American Friends Service committee through their representative, Rev. H. W. Moore, is discontinued and a part of them are left without resources unemployed and no likelihood of their finding employment in this section of the country.

Relief Work About Ended.

The committee came here November for a definite time. They have contributed to the relief of nearly 200 families each week since then at an expenditure of \$1,000 a week. Now their work is nearly done. They are trying to place as many as possible in employment, wherever there is a job to be had, but the situation throughout the entire section.

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Mann To Address Polkville Farmers

Assistant Manager Of Cotton Coops Will Speak On Thursday Night.

Farmers of upper Cleveland county are invited to attend a meeting at the Polkville school auditorium Thursday night, Feb. 20, at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. M. G. Mann, assistant general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Cooperative association.

His subject will be the "Outlook of Future Cotton Prices, Better Seed and Fertilizer Prices," it is announced by Mr. C. C. Horn, field representative in this section for the cotton organization.

Thirty Five Men At Scout Master School!

Thirty five men attended the first session of the scouts training school in the basement of the First Baptist church here Monday evening. Twelve were from Shelby and 23 from outside the city. These men are taking a ten weeks course to fit themselves to head scout troops in Cleveland county. Mr. R. M. Schiele, scout executive, of Gastonia, was pleased with the attendance and the interest manifested.

Those who are able to take the course may enroll next Monday evening as the school will be held each Monday evening for ten weeks. Others interested in scout work will receive a welcome, whether they expect to head a troop or not.

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WHAT WILL THE "MYSTERY MAN" SAY TO CASPER AND TOOTS?

If you did not start on The Star's new comic, "Toots and Casper," in the last issue of The Star,

START FOLLOWING THESE TWO INTERESTING CHARACTERS TODAY.

You'll get many a chuckle out of the stunning Toots and what she drew for a husband—and, of course, they have a baby.

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Thompson Head Of Merchants; Succeeds Wray

Local Independents In Another Meet

Organization Of Independent Merchants Is Perfected. Selling Stock \$5 A Share.

At a meeting of about 100 independent merchants and business men held Monday night, A. V. Wray who was elected temporary president, tendered his resignation because of pressing business matters and Carl S. Thompson was made permanent head of the organization to be incorporated and known as the "Cleveland Mutual Protective Business Association." Mr. Thompson is in the lumber business and is president of the Rotary club and otherwise identified with the civic and business life of the city and county.

A Rally Is Planned.

The meeting was held in the court house and at the close, President Thompson announced that there would be a rally of all independent merchants and business men on Tuesday night, February 25 at 8 o'clock at which time it is hoped to have a speaker of note address the gathering to combat the chain stores, appeal to the public to patronize home-owned stores and educate the merchants themselves into giving better service and keeping more up-to-date stores.

Selling Stock At \$5 Share.

In order to finance the campaign which the independent merchants and business men plan to put on, the association will be incorporated under the laws of North Carolina and stock will be sold at \$5 per share. Secretary Max Washburn announced today that already 400 shares of stock had been subscribed by the following:

A. V. Wray, Max Washburn, C. H. Reinhardt, O. O. Palmer, J. C. McNeely, R. E. Campbell, J. S. McCleary, W. L. McCord, C. S. Knight.

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Canadian Ace to Span Ocean



Errol Boyd, Canadian flier, in his plane following the announcement that he will attempt a flight from Toronto, Canada, to London, England, making one stop at Harbor Grace, Newfoundland. The young flier will use the monoplane Columbia in which Chamberlain and Levine made the perilous crossing.

(International Newsreel)

Governor Opposes Calling Of Special Session Legislature To Consider Revision Of Taxes

Mr. Spangler, Very Ill, Holding His Own

Says Not A Time For Pessimism, Retrenchment Or Despair. Wants Able Law Makers.

Raleigh Feb. 18—Governor Gardner in a statement issued today said he did not feel the present time a "propitious" one to call a special session of the general assembly.

Numerous requests, including several from boards of county commissioners, have been received by the state's chief executive for a special session to consider tax reduction.

Elect Able Men.

In his statement, Governor Gardner asked that voters place "the ablest men possible" in the General Assembly of 1931 and in county offices and banks to grant "every legitimate call for credit," if possible.

"This is the year for us to take off our coats and work in our shirt sleeves," the governor declared. "It is not time for a defeatist gospel of pessimism and despair and I for

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Brother Of Shelby Woman Is Killed

Accidental Shot Is Fatal To George L. Clary, Brother Of Mrs. O. V. Ford, Of Shelby.

Funeral services for George L. Clary, 50, native of Cherokee county, were conducted at Raile, this state, Friday afternoon and interment followed in the cemetery at West Gastonia, N.C. Clary was a brother of Mrs. O. V. Ford of Shelby.

Mr. Clary, who was a son of the late Landrum Clary of the Macedonia community, died Thursday as a result of an accidental gunshot wound. He was fatally injured while on a rabbit hunt Thursday. A charge from a shotgun struck him in the chest. He was taken to a hospital as quickly as possible, and died shortly after arrival.

Surviving Mr. Clary are his widow, before marriage was Miss Margaret Wood, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. O. V. Ford, Shelby; Mrs. L. M. Turner, Cowpens; Mrs. Carrie Littlejohn, Pacolet; J. T. Clary, York; Charles E. Clary, Gaffney and G. W. Clary, Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cammell visited Mr. Cammell mother at Forest City last night.

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First Services In Poplar Springs New Church Sunday Next

15,000 Rural Church Now Ready For Services. One Of Finest Plants In County.

Pews have been installed in the new church at Poplar Springs and the first services to be held since the church has been completed, will be held Saturday and Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock according to the pastor, Rev. D. F. Putnam.

Poplar Springs has one of the finest church plants among the rural churches of the county. The building cost \$11,500 and has been practically paid for. With the equipment, the plant has a value of \$15,000 or more and was erected with the departmental idea in mind. The community served by this church is one of the most prosperous in the county and to erect such a beautiful brick and tile church and have it practically paid for when occupied, is a tribute to those people.

Mr. Putnam invites all friends of the congregation to attend the services Saturday and Sunday. His Sunday morning subject will be "My Father's House."

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Cherryville Cotton Buyer Gave Large Check For Cotton Money Ran Short.

In county court here today Ed Sullivan, well known business man and cotton buyer of Cherryville, was found guilty by Recorder Horace Kennedy of giving a \$1,700 worthless check to A. J. Putnam, cotton dealer of Waco this county.

Judge Kennedy ordered Sullivan to pay the check in full, a part of which has already been paid, and pay the costs in the case or take a six months sentence. An appeal to Superior court was entered by Attorney Jonas, who represented Sullivan and the bond given for the appeal was \$2,000. Attorney Peyton McSwain assisted Solicitor P. C. Gardner in the prosecution.

The evidence was that Sullivan gave the \$1,700 check to Putnam for cotton purchased. When Putnam presented the check at the Cherryville bank a day or so later Sullivan did not have enough funds there to cover it. A Cherryville banker was used as a witness to show that on the morning the check was written Sullivan had deposited around \$7,000 in the bank and already had around \$2,000 there, making a total of about \$9,000 to his credit. But before the Putnam check arrived this sum had been checked down or checked out. The defense contended that Sullivan did not intentionally give a worthless check because he had about \$9,000 in the bank when the check was written, arguing furthermore that about half of the Putnam check had been paid and the remainder would be paid. Judge Kennedy ruled, however, that with checks coming in at the bank Sullivan could hardly tell whether or not he would have enough money to meet the \$1,700 check.

James, it is understood, located in Shelby Monday to buy cotton.

\$1700 Bad Check Case Heard In County Court Here Today

Cotton Buyer Here Taken To Greenville

Shoffner Talks To Lions Club Meeting

County Agent Gives Interesting Facts And Figures On Live-At-Home Program.

R. W. Shoffner, Cleveland county farm agent, was the guest speaker of the Shelby Lions club at the regular meeting held last night at the Hotel Charles.

Mr. Shoffner's talk was devoted to the live-at-home program and he cited some very interesting facts and figures on how Cleveland county does not live at home.

J. W. James Arrested Here Yesterday For South Carolina Offense On Charge There.

Joseph W. James, cotton buyer who had just located here, was arrested here yesterday by Deputy Bob Kendrick upon request of Greenville, South Carolina, officers. After Greenville officers were notified of his arrest they came here for him, seeking him, it is said, upon a larceny charge preferred against him there.

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Union To Open Caroleen Bank About March 1

Blanton Plans Third Banking Office

Union Trust To Establish Third Bank In Rutherford County. Business There Pleasing.

A third branch bank of the Union Trust Company of Shelby will be opened in Rutherford county at Caroleen. It is announced today by President C. C. Blanton.

"We have ordered Mr. Hicks, the cashier of the Caroleen branch of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., who closed early in February, to take care of customers in that vicinity until we find time to open the third unit in Rutherford," said Mr. Blanton, this morning.

"We will probably not be able to open the Caroleen offices until March 1st at the latest as all hands are busy opening the banking offices of the Union Trust at Forest City and Rutherfordton, Mr. Blanton added.

"The business that has been accorded us and the reception we have been given in Rutherford county since the two Union Trust Co. bank offices were opened at Forest City and Rutherfordton, have been very gratifying," the president added. "We have been assured support and patronage on all sides and each office has been crowded with customers and well-wishers since our opening at these two places on Monday."

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Woman Broncho Buster First at Frontier Show



Miss Grace Runyon, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, is said to be one of the world's greatest horseback riders and bronco busters. She has won first place at the annual frontier days round-up at Cheyenne and finished second twice. She was selected national woman all-around performer at the women's rough riding contest at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

(International Newsreel)

Hoey Launches Drive For \$300,000 High School Building Here

Building Is Inadequate, He Declares, And Not In Keeping With Shelby. Auditorium Crowded For Parent-Teachers General Meeting.

A movement to build a \$300,000 high school building for Shelby was launched last night by Clyde R. Hoey when he addressed a packed house of teachers and parents at the high school auditorium. In Shelby there are six parent-teachers associations and a general meeting is held of these associations four times a year. One of these general meetings was under way last night when Mr. Hoey proposed that Shelby go ahead without delay in planning for a high school building in keeping with the needs of the city.

Present Building Inadequate. His suggestion took favorably and was roundly applauded. Mr. Hoey pointed out that the present high school building was erected 25 years ago and is thoroughly inadequate to the needs of a growing city. "There are three things which go to make up our schools, first the children and we have 3,000 of school age in Shelby; secondly, good teachers and these are highly competent; thirdly, good equipment, but we are sadly lacking, particularly in a suitable building for our high school," said Mr. Hoey.

Cage Tournament Opens Tonight In Shelby Gymnasium

Two Games Tonight, Two Thursday And Friday. One For Title Saturday Night.

The county-wide basketball tournament to decide the high school champions of Cleveland county will get underway tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Shelby High Gymnasium.

Two games will be played tonights, two Thursday night, two Friday night, and one Saturday night for the title and the Rotary cup.

Polkville will play Fallston in the first game tonight and Grover will play Lattimore in the second contest of the double header.

Tonight the two winners of tonights games will play the winners of the Thursday night games. Then on Saturday night the two quints remaining in the race will play each other for the title.

There is much interest throughout the county in the tournament and large crowds are expected each night.

Rev. W. E. Elam To Return To County

Accepis Calls To Fallston And Dover Baptist Church. Building Parsonage.

Rev. W. A. Elam, native of Cleveland county and brother of Carmine and Frank Elam of the Lawndale community, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Fallston and Dover Baptist churches and will enter upon his duties about April 1. Mr. Elam and his family have been living at Ramseur, Randolph county, for several years.

He succeeds Rev. G. P. Abernethy, recently resigned from the Fallston church and Rev. D. F. Putnam recently resigned from the Dover church and will be occupied by Mr. Elam and family upon their return to the county.

Grigg Asked To Head Drive In Cleveland To Drive Out Illiteracy-3,245 In County

Nation-Wide Effort Will Be Made. Will Try To Teach Rudiments To Those In County.

J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of public schools, has been asked to head-up a campaign in Cleveland county to drive out illiteracy by teaching the 3,245 illiterates in Cleveland county the rudiments of reading, writing and arithmetic.

The drive will be nation-wide and sponsored by the National Advisory Committee on Illiteracy, department of interior, Washington, D. C. Statistics show that in North Carolina there are 104,844 native white illiterates and that the state ranks 46 from the top in percentage of white illiterates in the nation. In Shelby, the number is given at 20.

Mr. Grigg has received the following letter signed by Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of interior and chairman of the National Committee on Illiteracy, asking him to become a part of the intensive cam-

paign that is to be waged by nation