

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

Rain And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and colder tonight, preceded by rain on the coast. Thursday—fair and colder.

Woman Official Resigns.

Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare and the only woman state official in the history of North Carolina, resigned yesterday to become superintendent of the New Jersey home for girls.

The Wiggins Case.

With 14 witnesses introduced yesterday it is likely that the state will finish its case in Charlotte today in the trial of five defendants for their alleged connection with the slaying of Mrs. Ella May Wiggins in Gaston county during the textile labor disturbances some months back.

County Marshal Works Up U. S. Liquor Charges

Gard Hamrick Active In Gaston County

Lining Up Defendants On Prohibition Charges For Shelby Federal Court.

When Deputy Marshal F. B. (Gard) Hamrick, of Boiling Springs, this county, comes home from Charlotte for a visit he may have other reasons for his trips than a social call upon relatives. At least he has shown such activity in Gaston county recently that bootleggers, moonshiners and pint peddlers in Cleveland may keep a weather eye open for his visits home.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Gastonia Gazette says the Cleveland county deputy marshal and Federal Prohibition Officer Gilkey arrested six men in Gastonia for violating the prohibition laws together with a 12-year-old boy charged with breaking in the West Gastonia post office. The Gazette says that the two federal officers secured their evidence in the six cases some months back but made no arrests until last week-end, presumably to save jail costs until the term of federal court which opens in Shelby on March 17.

The six men arrested in Gaston for violation of the federal laws were as follows: Clarence Tate, who was released from the county jail under \$500 bond; Sam Short, in jail in default of \$1,500 bond; John Harvey and Walter L. Smith, for whom no preliminary hearing has been held; Tom "Crip" Bridges, in jail in default of \$1,500 bond, and Glenn Gregory, in jail in default of \$1,000 bond.

Ex-Service Men In County May Secure World War Medals

Attorney W. S. Beam, vice-commander of the Warren Hoyle Post-American legion here, has learned that quite a number of ex-service men in Cleveland county have never secured the handsome World War medal issued gratis by the state of North Carolina, and after corresponding with Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts has been informed that these medals may be secured upon proper application. Mr. Beam, or Commander Tom Abernethy of the Warren Hoyle post, will be glad to forward names of Cleveland ex-service men who have not received this medal to Adjutant General Metts, who will see that all entitled to the medal through honorable discharges get them.

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Rush Padgett Resigns As Pastor Of Second Baptist Church Here

Rev. Rush Padgett, for 7 years pastor of the Second Baptist church here, tendered his resignation to the congregation Sunday night. He and his family will leave April 1 for Ramseur, Randolph county, where he will become pastor of two churches, succeeding in that field Rev. W. A. Elam, Cleveland native, who comes back to this county to be pastor of three churches.



Southern States Now Taking Disciplinary Measures Against Bolters In Democratic Ranks

Thirteenth Couple Gets License Here

Whether a Gaston county couple knew they would get the thirteenth marriage license to be issued in Cleveland county or not, did not deter them from coming to Shelby to wed. Dorse Anthony and Miss Elizabeth Clark of Cherryville got the thirteenth license to be issued in Cleveland county Monday and were married by Rev. D. F. Putnam at his home on West Warren street. A number of friends accompanied them to Shelby for the ceremony. Mr. Anthony is a prominent young farmer.

Waco To Have Big Play On Saturday

What promises to be an unusually interesting play will be staged at the Waco high school auditorium Saturday night, March 1, at 8 o'clock by the Woman's club assisted by local talent. The play centers about the life of a lovable country girl who attended a fashionable boarding school, got into exclusive society and was then faced with the problem of deciding between "Home Ties" and her social whirl.

Charge Negroes With Stealing Cow Hides

City officers yesterday arrested John Wilson, colored, and are looking for another colored man on the charge of stealing 600 pounds of cow and calf hides from the D. A. Beam farm here and selling the hides to Schwartz & Sons at Charlotte. A member of the Charlotte firm, it is said, identified Wilson as one of the two selling the hides to him.

Bailey Would Keep Republicans Out Of Democratic Primary This Year; Cites N. C. Election Law

Democratic Candidate Wants Election Law Followed In June. Law Is Explicit.

Raleigh.—Republicans will be kept out of the democratic primary this year, J. W. Bailey, candidate for the democratic nomination to the United States senate, said here at the close of the first day his headquarters were officially opened.

C. L. Shuping, of Greensboro, who will manage Mr. Bailey's campaign against Senator F. M. Simmons, opened headquarters and in a statement said that the Bailey campaign will be "clean and honest" and "maintained at all times upon a high plane."

To support his declaration that "Republicans will be kept out of the primary" in June, Mr. Bailey cited the North Carolina election laws as amended by the 1929 general assembly. The law says "no person shall be entitled to participate, or vote in

Democratic Leaders Try To Mend Breaks, Two States Open Arms To Hoovercrats.

Atlanta, Ga.—Democratic effort to mend the break in the south caused by defections to Herbert Hoover in 1928 has brought disciplinary action from the party organizations in three states.

Alabama barred as candidates those who supported the republican presidential ticket and those who openly and publicly opposed the nominee of the democratic party. The state committee welcomed back as voters, however, all who supported Hoover.

This ruled out of this year's primary United States senator J. Thomas Heflin. In returning Heflin's primary entrance fee, state chairman E. W. Pettus said that Heflin had declared that he did not vote the republican ticket but failed to state that he did not openly and publicly oppose the election of the democratic presidential nominee.

Heflin has announced for reelection in face of the ruling of the party state committee.

Arkansas Takes Action. The Arkansas democratic state committee has ordered enforcement of the rule forbidding bolters from participating in the primary. The rule which already existed does not allow any one who bolts in the general election to vote in the democratic primary for two years.

Despite a request from Dr. A. C. Millard, Methodist editor and leader of the anti-Smith forces, the committee declined to change the rule. Millard has announced the probability of taking steps to organize into a third party, democrats who supported Hoover.

Both of these states were carried by Alfred E. Smith, the democratic presidential nominee, two years ago, although the majority in Alabama was only 7,000 as compared with 67,000 for John W. Davis, democrat, in 1924.

Smith carried Arkansas by 41,000

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County Club In Lively Meeting Here Last Night

Several Speakers On Good Program

Membership Fees And Dues Of Organization Reduced. Farm Agent, Teachers Talk.

An enthusiastic and very interesting meeting of the newly organized Cleveland County club, a county-wide boosters organization, was held last night at the Wayside restaurant here, the program centering about the live-at-home drive in the county.

Twenty-five members were present, several of them new members, and the meeting was presided over by Prof. Lawton Blanton, of Lattimore, who is the first president of the club.

Interesting Talks.

In keeping with the live-at-home idea three very beneficial and interesting talks were made by R. W. Shoffner, county farm agent; P. M. Coley, agricultural teacher at the Lattimore high school; and G. E. Dillingham, agricultural teacher at the Polkville No. 8 high school. The three speakers pointed out how Cleveland county lives at home now and how the farmers of the county may produce even more food and feed and thus become less dependent upon outside sources. With the club membership composed of leading citizens from all sections of the county it is thought that the talks of the three agricultural men will have much influence in the county during 1930.

A short but engaging talk was also made by A. E. Cline, chairman of the county agricultural board. In addition to references to the live-at-home drive, Mr. Cline cited instances whereby the county club can be of general help to the entire county, all citizens and taxpayers.

In order to bring about a larger membership and so strengthen the club that its work may be more beneficial the gathering decided that the initiation fees should be reduced to \$2.50 and that the annual dues should also be lowered to the same amount. With the reduced fees and dues present officials and members of the organization hope to double the membership within the next few months.

Liquor Charges And Kodak Thefts Heard By Recorder Tuesday

Coper, Taxi Driver, Ordered Not To Drive Auto For Year, Girls Steal Kodaks.

Booze cases and kodak stealing featured yesterday's session of county recorder's court here.

Bus Coper, local taxi man who escaped some weeks back after officers raided his residence and found around one-half gallon of whiskey, later returning to give himself up, was fined \$75 and the costs by Judge Horace Kennedy, and was also given a three months suspended sentence and ordered not to drive an automobile here for a period of 12 months.

Raymon Grigg, who skipped bond on a whiskey charge some weeks ago also came back for trial, was given a six months sentence, but took an appeal to superior court.

Two colored girls, Cora Lee Chancellor and Emma Lou Harris, were fined \$10 and the costs each for stealing two kodaks from the Stephenson drug store and were also ordered by the court to pay for the kodaks. The girls were apprehended when Cora Lee carried her kodak to the Ellis studio to have her films developed. The other kodak, however, was recovered in Gastonia, having been given to her sweetheart there by Emma Lou. Yesterday afternoon the girls were still in jail not being able as yet to raise enough money to cause the cell doors to swing open.

Cleveland Farmers Take To Lespedeza

Hay Crop Boosted By Union And Stanley Being Adopted By Farmers Here.

The farmers of Cleveland county are taking rapidly to lespedeza, the hay and pasture crop boosted so much in recent years by Union and Stanley counties, according to Farm Agent R. W. Shoffner in his agricultural column in The Star today.

One farmer, he says, recently made a trip to Stanley for 25 bushels. One drawback to lespedeza, the county agent says, is dodder, but in his agricultural article today he cites expert information on this handicap.

Bad Checks Become Numerous Here; 27 Warrants In 1 Day

Worthless Checks Flood Local Business Houses. Majority Written By Whites.

Local officers, county and city are today on the trail of writers of 27 bad checks.

Just that many worthless check warrants were written by Squire Sylvanus Gardner on charges preferred yesterday by local business concerns through county and city officers.

Of the 27 defendants charged in the warrants with writing worthless checks 26 are white and one is a colored man.

Moss Of Grover Falls To Death

Young Man Of Grover Sustains Fatal Injuries As He Falls From Pole Today.

W. W. Moss, young man in his twenties, living at Grover, fell this morning from a 30 foot pole of the Southern Public Utilities company and sustained injuries from which he died two hours later. After the fall he was rushed to a Gastonia hospital where he died without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Moss lived at Grover where he has a wife and two children. He had been going back and forth working at Bessemer City for the Southern Public Utilities company and was on a pole which he had climbed this morning when either the cross arm broke or he lost his hold and fell to the ground, receiving the fatal injuries.

Mr. Moss was married to a Miss Croniker of Kings Mountain who survives with two children, together with his mother, Mrs. Will A. Moss of Grover and three sisters. His father died at Grover last summer. Funeral arrangements had not been made at noon today.

Bury Crowder Scrogg In Rutherford County

Ellenboro.—Funeral services of Crowder Scrogg, 57, were conducted at the First Baptist church of Forest City Monday afternoon in charge of Rev. W. A. Ayers, assisted by Rev. M. F. Moore, of the Methodist church.

Mr. Scrogg died at his home Sunday morning from a lingering illness of more than a year. He was prominently known in the county and community, and was a leading member of the Baptist church. He was a member of the Pythian order.

Surviving are his widow, who was Miss Carrie Martin before her marriage, two daughters, Mrs. Guy Blanton, of Forest City, and Mrs. E. C. Saunders, of Burlington, two brothers: Lewis Scrogg, of Erwin, Tenn., and Berry Scrogg, of Charlotte; the following sisters: Messdames Robert Moore, of Martin and D. H. Queen, all of Mooreboro, and Miss Ocie Scrogg, of Mooreboro; six grandchildren. His aged mother survives, who is 90 years of age. Burial was in Forest City's cemetery.

Mr. Smith Suffers Paralytic Stroke

Mr. J. Pete Smith, South DeKalb street, suffered a stroke of paralysis Saturday at his home and was rushed to the Shelby hospital for treatment. His condition over the week-end was very serious, but it is learned this morning that he is showing some improvement, his many friends will be pleased to learn.

High School Band To Give Concert

W. T. Sinclair, director of the high school band, says a public outdoor concert will be given Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the court square, weather permitting. The band has 52 pieces and will play concert music. The public is invited to hear the youngsters.

Two Fires Yesterday

The city fire department answered two alarms shortly after noon Tuesday. The first, about 12:15 came from Dogd street in South Shelby where a residence owned by Hershel Blanton and occupied by T. L. Green was on fire, the blaze being extinguished with only slight damage. The second call around 1 o'clock was a grass fire on Graham street.

Comes Back To Complete Term After 3 Years

Convict Returns To Chain Gang Here

Ralph Dean, Who Escaped Twice, Is Tired Of Being A Hunted Man.

Yesterday Ralph Dean, young Gastonia white man who escaped from the chain gang here more than three years ago while he was serving a sentence imposed for rape, returned to Shelby, donned his convict stripes and resumed his work on the No. 6 township roads, determined to complete his time after having escaped twice.

The young fellow, who has travelled over much of the country in his three years of freedom, came back to his stripes, he says, because life is no pleasure when one is a hunted man.

A Little World.

"It's a little world after all," he told officers here yesterday. "No matter where I would go I always kept running into someone who knew me and I had to keep dodging them for fear that they would report me. Life like that will worry you to death. Once I had a job in Akron, making \$36 a week, then one day who walked in to work at the machine next to me but a boy from Gastonia who I knew and who knew me. Of course I had to move on, and everywhere I went someone else would see me and I'd have to keep moving. I'm going to stay here this time so that I can make my own mind easy by knowing that I'm a free man when I leave. There's no fun to dodging your life away."

Another bit of Dean's story which came out was that after leaving one place for another, after being recognized, he finally found himself without a job, without money and hungry. Presumably he reached the conclusion that it would be better to be back on the gang here with three square meals a day than to starve in freedom in the north and east. So he made his way back to Gastonia and his brother, Dillard Dean, convicted with him on charges preferred by two girls after a wild auto ride and party brought him to Shelby and turned him over to officers.

Aided By Masked Men.

It is the second time that Dean has returned. And he came back the first time because he was hungry and broke.

About five years ago Dean and his brother carried two young white girls of Gastonia for a ride. They wound up in this county, in the Kings Mountain vicinity, where the two girls jumped from the auto

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Gaffney Draws One Couple From County

Only one of the 10 couples securing marriage license from Probate Judge Stroup at Gaffney, S. C. last week came from Cleveland county, according to the Gaffney Ledger. This couple was Julius Blanton and Carrie Green, of Lattimore.

Masonic Notice.

Cleveland lodge No. 702 A. F. and A. M. will meet in regular communication Friday night at 7:30 p. m. Members are urged to attend. Visiting brethren cordially invited.

He May Rebuild Springs Hotel



Z. J. Thompson, local lumberman (above), is now considering the rebuilding of Cleveland Springs hotel which was destroyed by fire some months back. Definite assurance that the widely-known hostelry will be rebuilt awaits a final decision by Mr. Thompson, but the section is generally elated over the prospect. (Star Photo.)

David McSwain Buried Sunday

Beth-Ware Community Farmer And Friend Of Education Dies Of Paralysis.

Mr. David Andrew McSwain, sixty year old farmer of the Beth-Ware community in No. 4 township died Saturday morning at 2:30 o'clock following an illness of two weeks with paralysis and his body buried Sunday at Beaver Dam Baptist church, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Black, Rev. R. L. Forbis and Rev. D. F. Putnam. One of the largest crowds that ever attended a funeral at Beaver Dam was present to pay a tribute of respect to Mr. McSwain.

Deceased was a farmer in the Beth-Ware community and a great friend of education. He was an honest, upright and highly esteemed citizen. Surviving are his wife who before marriage was Miss Emma Champion, three children, Luther, Leslie and Odessa McSwain, six grandchildren, two brothers, T. W. and Elijah McSwain and one sister, Mrs. S. A. Champion. Four children preceded him to the grave.

WEBB THEATRE HAS UNDERGONE REPAIRS

Claude Webb, proprietor of the Webb theatre has had painters and decorators busy for the past several days, painting and decorating the lobby and interior of this popular house of entertainment, adding much to the attractiveness of the place.

Falls And Erwin Are Speakers At Big Mass Meet

Independents Hold Another Meet

Uphold Independent Stores As Builders And Pioneers In The Community.

B. T. Falls, Shelby attorney, and Clyde Erwin, superintendent of schools in Rutherford county were the principal speakers at a mass meeting of independent merchants and business men and citizens generally in the court house last night when the independent merchants were upheld as the pioneers and builders of the communities "which the powerful chain stores are seeking to dominate."

The court house was nearly filled with men and ladies and C. S. Thompson, president of the Cleveland Merchants Mutual Protective association, presided with the high school band furnished music. To the rear of the speaker's platform was a large banner asking "Who built the court house, the streets, the textile plants, the hospital, the largest bank between Charlotte and Asheville?—answer, the independent merchant, chain stores had no part in them."

Judge Falls referred to the "Yankee money barons who would dominate the South," admitted that chain stores had taught the independents the art of salesmanship and suggested that charge and delivery merchants operate on the dual system of cash and carry and charge and delivery, making a small carrying charge for service which customers would be willing to pay.

Would Reduce School Term.

Clyde Erwin, native of the Waco section told a number of jokes in the course of his remarks to illustrate his points and kept his audience laughing. His talk was free from bitterness. He gave a comparison of taxes paid by independent and chain stores in Rutherford county and declared that if the property of the independent merchants in Rutherford were wiped off the tax books, it would reduce the school term one month annually. In Shelby he said the distributing houses pay taxes on \$300,000 worth of property.

In Rutherford after the bank failure, it was the independent merchants who charged account that accommodated the people who had no money because of the bank closures. Seventy per cent of the bank resources of the U. S. are centralized in New York City, said Mr. Erwin, who declared this to be a dangerous tendency. "The menace of the chain stores has become so serious congress has authorized an investigation and the two North Carolina senators are backing it," said Mr. Erwin.

A number of Rutherford county merchants were here attending the meeting.

Daughter Dies Just 5 Days Following Funeral Of Father

Daughter Of Gailther Kennedy, Who Had Prayer Tree, Was Buried Tuesday.

The funeral arrangements that marked the burial of Gailther Kennedy, of the Ferry section of Rutherford county, last Thursday afternoon, were preserved intact for the burial of his daughter, Miss Maude Kennedy yesterday.

The daughter, about 40 years of age, died Monday night at her home near Henrietta. A nervous breakdown brought on by the strain of her father's funeral developed into pneumonia, which proved fatal. She was buried beside her father at Floyds Creek church. The same ministers, pallbearers and flower girls who performed the last rites for the father officiated for the daughter.

Of Gailther Kennedy it was chronicled that he left a self-constructed monument to his belief in prayer. Over a long period of years he left a stone for each prayer at the tree where he prayed, until, at his death, the heap had grown large.

Miss Kennedy is survived by two brothers, Crawford Kennedy, of home, and Claude H. Kennedy, of Charlotte. Her mother died about eleven years ago.

Officiating ministers at the funeral were Dr. Zeno Wall, Shelby; Rev. George Stephens, High Point evangelist, and Rev. T. M. Hester, Spindale.

Mr. Ted R. Ware is the new faced at the "Patton Barber shop. Mr. Ware comes to Shelby from Charlotte, where he has long been a member of the Charlotte hotel barber force.

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