

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 14 1/4 Cotton Seed, per bu. 40 1/2

Rain and Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and Saturday. Colder Saturday and in west and north portions tonight.

Four Die in Fire.

Knoxville, Tenn., Mar. 21.—A family of three was burned to death, another man was killed and eight persons were injured in a fire which swept a section of Knoxville's principal district early yesterday. Four buildings were destroyed and several others partially burned, with property damage estimated by W. F. Chandler, director of public safety, at \$250,000 or more.

All Convicted Men To Prison In U. S. Court

Thirty-Two Sent To Jail And Prison In Federal Court. Not A Fine.

An unusual feature of the criminal docket of Federal court here this week was that every convicted defendant was sent to prison or jail and not a single fine was imposed. Ordinarily Judge E. Y. Webb collects thousands of dollars in fines at each term of the United States district court, but at the criminal session here this week the major portion of the defendants were found guilty of manufacturing or selling whiskey and prison sentences were imposed instead of the fines usually dealt out to defendants arrested for having whiskey in their possession. One man was fined \$100 but accepted the alternative of 30 days in jail.

Many To Prison. Thirty men and two women were given penitentiary or jail sentences in the criminal session of court which ended Wednesday afternoon. More than one-third of the 32 were sent to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta or to the Federal reformatory in Ohio. Only one Cleveland county man was among those sent to prison or jail.

President's Namesake. A namesake of a great general and president, a 61-year-old man was among those sentenced to prison at the closing criminal session Wednesday. He was Ulysses S. Grant Chapman, and he drew a 15 months stay at Atlanta for selling whiskey. Others sentenced Wednesday were Paul McGalliard, four months in the Burke county jail; L. Moody, four months in the Burke jail; Marion Ogles, two months in the Burke jail; and Van Horn, eight months in the Burke jail.

Obscene Charge Over. G. Godfrey arrested at Waco some weeks back on a narcotic charge was given a three months jail sentence. The case against a young white man of the Mooresboro section by the name of Bridges, in which he was charged with mailing obscene matter through the mails, was carried over until the next term of court as Bridges' attorney was out of town when the case was called.

On Civil Matters. The time of the court Thursday and today was occupied with civil litigations, several of the suits being of such an important nature that distinguished attorneys from Richmond, Charlotte, Norfolk, Asheville and other cities were in attendance.

Hollis School To Have Big Orators

Dr. Little, J. W. Bailey And Clyde Hoey To Be Commencement Speakers.

The hundreds of Rutherford and Cleveland people who attend each year the commencement exercises of the Hollis high school, just across the Cleveland line in Rutherford, are this year assured a program of oratory never excelled in a school commencement in this section. The speakers include Dr. Luther Little, prominent Baptist minister of Charlotte; Josiah W. Bailey, Democratic candidate for the United States Senatorial nomination; Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby orator; and Clarence Kuester, live-wire secretary of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Little, pastor of the Charlotte First Baptist church and widely known by radio fans, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the school on Sunday, April 27. Mr. Kuester, will introduce him. On Friday, May 2, the annual address will be made by Mr. Bailey, who will be introduced by Mr. Hoey.

At Sharon Church.

The Alexander quartet will sing at Sharon church Sunday afternoon at 2:30, it is announced by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Forbis. After the song service there will be preaching by the pastor followed by other numbers by the well known quartet.

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Cleveland Makes Cotton Crop Of 64,287 Bales

Crop Is 10,000 Bales Ahead Of The 1928 Record

Final Report Made Public Today.

Big 1929 Crop Few Hundred Bales Shy Of 65,000 Mark.

Cleveland county cotton farmers in 1929 broke their cotton production record of 1928 by producing 64,287 bales of cotton, it was announced today by Miles H. Ware in the final ginning report of the last cotton year.

This is 10,366 bales more than the 53,921 bales which was the county's record crop in 1928.

With 64,287 bales ginned during the season cotton men say that at least 72,000 bales were produced in the county but not all of it picked and ginned due to the inclement weather which retarded picking and caused a great amount of cotton to rot.

In breaking last year's production record Cleveland county leads the State in cotton production by several thousand bales.

Gin Report for Nation

Washington.—The 1929 cotton crop of the United States was placed at 14,544,584 running bales exclusive of linters yesterday by the census bureau in its final ginning report of the season.

That compares with 14,296,549 running bales in the 1928 crop and 12,783,112 running bales in the 1927 crop.

In equivalent 500-pound bales the crop was 14,821,489 bales compared with 14,477,874 in 1928 and 12,956,043 in 1927.

Round bales, counted as half bales, included were 572,092 compared with 674,506 in the 1928 crop. American-Egyptian cotton included was 28,771 running bales, compared with 28,313 in the 1928 crop. Cotton remaining to be ginned, included in the total, was 33,347 bales, compared with 71,869 in the 1928 crop.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop was 506.5 pounds, compared with 506.3 pounds for the 1928 crop.

Included in the total crop were 86,970 bales ginned prior to August 1 which was counted in the supply for the 1928-29 season, compared with 88,761 bales of the 1928 crop so counted and 162,283 bales of the 1927 crop.

Ginnings for 1929 in North Carolina were given as 766,787 running bales, or 746,962 500-pound bales.

County Republicans In Meets Saturday

Republicans of Cleveland county will hold their precinct meeting tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at which time they will name their delegates to the county convention to be held in Shelby a week later, Saturday afternoon March 29.

Very Modern Salesman Calls On His Shelby Trade In Airplane

The red-winged airplane people of this section saw circling over Shelby Wednesday afternoon carried and was piloted by the first travelling salesman who ever called upon his trade here in an airplane. He was Joe E. Johnston, district representative of an Ohio paper and board company, and his call was upon the Best bakery.

Paul Webb Out Of Senate Race He States Today

Business Will Not Permit Race.

Paul Webb, Only Candidate In Race For State Senate, Withdraws Today.

Although an announced candidate for the state senate in this district for just two weeks, Paul Webb withdrew this morning, telling the public through the columns of The Star that he would not run. Mr. Webb is the only announced candidate for this office. He says that after giving careful consideration to the matter of entering politics, he has decided not to run and states that he will not under any circumstances permit his name to be offered.

"I find that I have too many business matters demanding my attention to give my time to a campaign. I could not make a campaign of the district embracing five counties. This would cause too great a neglect of my drug store and other interests which require attention every day and I do not want to have my mind diverted by politics," said Mr. Webb.

"I appreciate the offer of support by my many friends, who have come to me day after day pledging their votes. But I find that I cannot make the sacrifice for reasons too numerous to mention and I hereby withdraw from the race in order that the track might be cleared long enough before the primary for other candidates to be considered," declared Mr. Webb.

Miss Goodwin Only Nurse Graduate

Student Nurses and Nursing School Staff Of Physicians Are Kiwanis Guests.

Miss Gladys Goodwin is the 18th graduate of the School of Nursing of the Shelby hospital and she received her diploma last night at the Kiwanis club which had for its guests the staff of physicians who teach in the school and the student nurses numbering twenty one. Her diploma was presented by Clyde R. Hoey, chairman of the board of trustees who paid a tribute to all nurses and students who undertake a long course of study and particularly to Miss Goodwin for "her fine character and her loyalty to duty in the sick room." Miss Ella McNichols presented Miss Goodwin with the hospital insignia.

Music was furnished by the McKnight-Best orchestra and the girls glee club from the city high school, directed by Horace Eason. Wm. Lineberger, president of the club and J. S. Dorton, chairman of the program committee, presided and Dr. John Harbison, speaking for the staff of the physicians, threw a challenge to the Kiwanis club to find a way to match the Duke fund of \$25,000 for hospital enlargement.

Favors were awarded to the graduate, to Misses McNichols and Beverly and to the student nurses and after the program there was a square dance at the nurses' home.

Shelby Surgeons At Famous Mayo Clinic

Dr. Sam Schenck, of the surgical staff of the Shelby hospital, and Dr. Tom Gold, local eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, are attending a surgical clinic at the Mayo hospital at Rochester. They will be away several weeks.

Beauty Blooms at Capital Show

Another of the many signs of Spring. These prize amaryllis blooms are being admired by Mrs. Mary Bramford, who is considered one of the prettiest workers in the Department of Agriculture. Over 1,200 of the flowers were exhibited. (International Newsreel)

Blanton Not To Serve As Agent In Bank Matter

Shelby Man Declines Liquidation

Announced At Forest City That Shelby Banker Declines Post. Another Named.

Charles C. Blanton resident of the First National Bank here and of the Union Trust company banks operating in Cleveland and Rutherford counties, will not act as liquidating agent for the six banks which closed in Rutherford county. This, according to the Forest City Courier, was announced there this week. After the Rutherford and Forest City banks closed, and the Union Trust company opened banking offices in the two towns, stockholders of the defunct institutions, it is understood, asked Mr. Blanton to act as agent in the liquidation. Another agent, however, has been secured, the Forest City paper said, and he will be an Eastern Carolina man.

Wet And Dry Issue May Remain In Controversy For Many Years

Youthful Driver Of Death Car Is Freed

Judge Kennedy Finds No Reason To Hold Hambright In Jackson Death.

Preliminary hearing in county Recorder's court yesterday at Kings Mountain, Fred Hambright, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Harvey Jackson, was dismissed for lack of evidence. Judge Horace Kennedy ruled that no direct evidence was presented to prove that Hambright was drinking at the time of the accident as was charged in the warrant.

Jackson was instantly killed on the afternoon of March 2 when the car which was being driven by Hambright with Jackson and another passenger, turned over on the old Shelby-York road four miles from Kings Mountain. In the evidence at the hearing it was brought out that Jackson grabbed the steering wheel, causing Hambright to lose control of the car. The charges against Hambright were preferred by Ephraim Jackson, father of the dead man.

Yount Sees "Hot" Contest Ahead In Judgeship Battle

Entry of Falls, Shelby Man, Assures Close Contest, Hickory Entrant Thinks.

Hickory, Mar. 21.—"I expected Attorney Falls to become a candidate for judge of this district all the time," declared Marshall Yount, local attorney who also is a candidate for the judgeship.

"From the way things are looking now, it looks as if there will be quite a contested campaign for the judgeship," stated Yount. "My prospects are continuing to look good." With the announcement of the candidacy of B. T. Falls, Shelby lawyer, to succeed Judge Webb who will not run for reelection, the judgeship race has four candidates from three of the five counties in this district.

Wilson Warlick was the first to announce his candidacy for the position and for some time every-where was quiet. Then Attorney Yount threw in his hat and things brightened up a bit. With the coming of A. L. Quicquel, Lincolnton lawyer, several days ago political followers began to show interest and now that Falls has entered the race it is not known what the reaction will be.

Falls is known to be a strong politician and has heavy support in Cleveland county. Both Catawba candidates feel that they also have many supporters in that county as well as in the other counties. All probable candidates mentioned when Judge Webb made it public that he would not run again have not entered the race and it is thought that Falls will complete the candidate announcements. However, Caldwell and Burke counties yet have plenty of time to put forth a candidate. This possibility is regarded as remote, though, by local politicians.

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Mrs. Lee Dies; Bury Saturday

Mother of Dr. L. V. Lee of Lattimore and Mrs. J. R. Green of Bolling Springs.

Mrs. Pamela Ann Lee died this morning at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Green with whom she had been making her home. Mrs. Lee's death was expected for she was 84 years of age and had been in declining health for some time.

Her husband, T. G. Lee, died at Bolling Springs 14 months ago. Mrs. Lee was one of the oldest women of that community and a saintly character, greatly beloved by her host of friends. She was a devout Christian and a member of the Bolling Springs Baptist church.

J. Clint Newton Is Taken to Specialist

J. Clint Newton, prominent young attorney and teacher of the young men's Bible class at the First Baptist church, was taken this morning to Charlotte where he will undergo treatment at the hands of a specialist from Johns Hopkins hospital who treated Mr. Newton a number of years ago when he was a patient at this Baltimore institution and is familiar with his peculiar kidney trouble which is said to be without parallel in America. His condition is serious and does not show improvement.

Baseball Season To Open This Afternoon

Highs Play Cherryville Here. Three Games Next Week. One To Be Here.

The local baseball season opens this afternoon with the Cherryville high furnishing the opposition for Shelby highs, 1929 State champions. Three contests are already booked for the high next week. On Tuesday they play Lowell at Lowell, and Gastonia at Gastonia on Friday.

This Section Loses Chance For Big Government Narcotic Farm

Will Be Located In Kentucky Near Lexington. South Mountain Site Offered.

The federal government's big narcotic farm will not be established in the South Mountain section of Rutherford and Cleveland counties as had been hoped for by citizens of this section. Dispatches from Washington state that Dr. Walter L. Treadway has decided to locate the narcotic farm near Lexington, Kentucky. Some months back the announcement was made from Washington that such a farm, for narcotic addicts, would be established. Citizens of this section immediately interposed themselves in the proposal and a large acreage in the South Mountain section was tendered. Concerning the selection of the Kentucky location, Dr. Treadway says: "A great many bids, relative to the location of the proposed narcotic farm, were submitted to the treasury by people in North Carolina and other southeastern states. In the state the committee could have secured a site from nothing per acre, but the land near Lexington—just four miles out—will cost better than \$200 an acre. It is town lot stuff, and is served, in the matter of water and lights, by a public utility corporation. The city of Lexington, with a population of 60,000, contributed \$50,000 toward the purchase price. The committee is to take more than a thousand acres."

Grover Youth Shoots Self To Get A Thrill

Dick Sheppard, Aged 26, Shoots Self Four Times In Breast. Leaves Note to "Dear World" Telling of Desired Thrill and Failure In Life.

Dick Sheppard, 26-year-old Grover youth, all of his life had wanted to do something thrilling and yesterday he fulfilled that life-long desire by shooting himself to death, apparently considering that the supreme thrill.

No Paralysis Caused By Drinking "Jake" Has Developed Here

Local Jamaica Ginger Drinkers Changed Beverages Several Years Back

"Jake paralysis," which has been sweeping over Oklahoma, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia, has not shown up in this section yet, officers say. The paralysis epidemic in the states mentioned above has been attributed to Jamaica ginger drinking by physicians, who say that practically all of the hundreds of the victims of partial paralysis had been getting their alcoholic kick out of the ginger known to the negroes of the south as "jake." "A few years back," says one Shelby officer, "I guess we would have had as many paralysis cases as those town in Kentucky and Tennessee, but in the last three or four years jake drinking has been on the decline in this section. Perhaps it is because the guzzlers hereabouts have changed beverages and are drinking canned heat, rubbing and radiator alcohol, and other substitutes, or it may be for the reason that the law stopped several sources of jake a few years ago—anyway only a small percentage of the drunks arrested here in recent years were tanked up on jake. Five years ago the majority of them arrested were jake drinkers. And now that the word is spread abroad that jake drinking has been causing all this paralysis it would be a difficult task to revive the popularity of the erstwhile favorite kicking fluid hereabouts."

News dispatches yesterday stated that hundreds of cases of ginger madness by Kentucky firms had been seized since chemists had decided that a below standard Jamaica ginger was causing the wide epidemic of partial paralysis.

Used Brother's Gun. Young Sheppard, a son of Alex Sheppard and a nephew of Deputy Sheriff Charley Sheppard, was living with his brother, Basil Sheppard, northeast of Grover. The two brothers and Basil Sheppard's brother-in-law, Major Black, had been working together yesterday morning. At noon they came to the house and were planning other work for the afternoon. The Black youth noticed Dick Sheppard near the barn writing something and teasingly asked him if it was a letter to his girl.

"Oh, it's nothing much," Sheppard answered. Basil Sheppard's wife was away on a visit and in passing through the house he noticed, he said, that his .32 calibre pistol was missing from the mantelpiece. He inquired about it and his brother, Dick, told him he had it. On previous occasions, or at least once before, the youth had threatened suicide and his brother asked him what he meant to do with the gun.

"Shoot my heart out," he is said to have replied. A short time later he started walking up the road with the expressed intention of going to his father's service station. Both his brother and Black begged him to leave the gun at home; they said, telling him that some officers might find it on him. The youth walked on away and was not seen again by them until he was found dead.

Started Search. A short time after he left his brother and Black began worrying about him and hurried to his father's service station where they learned that he had not arrived. Someone mentioned about hearing shots just a few minutes before down the road between the Sheppard home and the Sheppard home.

Girls Glee Club. The program at the Shelby Rotary club luncheon today was furnished by the girls glee club of Central high school directed by Mr. Horace Eason in the absence of Prof. Sinclair.

Business Men There Working On Project. Believe Capital Can Be Raised. A new bank for Forest City, which has been served by a branch of Shelby's Union Trust company since the recent Rutherford bank crash, is being planned, it is learned here.

A number of Forest City business men have already held one or two meetings to discuss the project, and they believe, it is understood that sufficient capital can be raised to open a new financial institution.

Leaders in the movement, the Rutherford Sun understands, are "Metor Harris, former active vice-president of the defunct Farmers Bank and Trust company; Ballas Horn, Grover King, June Harris, and H. F. Little."

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