

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 16c Cotton Seed, per bu. 43 1/2c

Cloudy Thursday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and slightly colder in east portion tonight. Thursday cloudy.

Shelby High Schedule. The Shelby high schedule for the title series which was fixed last night and other baseball news will be found on page two of this issue.

Death List Growing. Columbus, O., April 22.—The State of Ohio today pushed forward its investigation into one of the most gruesome prison disasters in history—the death-dealing fire which ripped up through the west cell block of the state penitentiary last night. While Governor Myers' Cooper's committee of inquiry questioned witnesses today, the death list stood definitely at 319, with four of the 231 injured convicts reported as having little chance of life.

Hays To Preach At Fallston For School Finals. One Of Best Years In History. Twenty Graduates. Senior Play Saturday. (Special to The Star.)

Fallston, April 22.—A preliminary investigation reveals that Fallston school has had one of the best years in its history in point of the attendance in spite of the fact that the past year was adverse to good attendance. It will be interesting to compare the increase in attendance with the percentage of promotions at the end of the year. One may also be able to estimate the amount of money saved or lost according to the decrease or increase in promotions.

The elementary grades will show an average daily attendance of 89 percent based on monthly enrollment. The high school will show an average of 94 percent. The average for the entire school will be 90 percent. The increase in attendance and regularly is an evidence of the increasing interest and faith in the worth of education for future as well as present living. The importance of attendance has been kept before the public constantly through printed matter produced with a Multistamp in our school. Fallston people have responded nobly, and we are not going to conjecture about what they will do next year. Fallston community has the habit of getting a little better (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.)

Hear Love Triangle Killing Case Here. Attorneys To Seek Bond For Morganton Woman In Shelby Hearing.

A habeas corpus hearing will be held in Shelby some day this week before Judge James L. Webb with the aim of securing bond for Mrs. Florence Benton, young Morganton woman, who is being held in jail in Burke county in connection with the death of her husband. W. M. Adams, Hickory meat salesman, who has been involved in the love triangle which resulted in the death last week of Mrs. Benton's husband, was released under bond but Mrs. Benton was returned to jail. The plea for the habeas corpus proceeding was made to Judge by the woman's attorneys, B. J. Hatcher, of Morganton, and Peyton McSwain, of Shelby. First Hearing. Morganton, April 22.—At the preliminary hearing given Mrs. Florence Benton and her alleged lover, W. M. Adams of Hickory, in the county recorder's court here this afternoon, Mrs. Benton was ordered held in jail without bond and Adams was allowed to give bond in the sum of \$1,000 for appearance at the August term of Burke superior court, the couple being charged with responsibility in connection with the death of the woman's husband, John Benton, which occurred just a week ago today. The defense, though contending that Benton committed suicide, relied entirely on cross-examination of the state's witnesses to establish the claim and introduced no witnesses at the hearing. Neighbors of the Bentons figured largely in the hearing this afternoon. Mrs. Benton is a small, not unattractive woman, a decided brunette and of some vivacity. She appears to be still in her twenties, is already the mother of two small children and an expectant mother. She seemed fairly composed this afternoon and accepted the return to jail rather stoically. Adams was apparently much more agitated than the woman.

Official Shelby Population Of 10,867 Announced

Colored Workers On Strike At Oil Mill

Mill Runs On With New Hands Operating Plant

Police Patrol Area At Shift Time

Laborers In Fertilizer Plant Pick Bad Time To Walk Out. Others Want Work.

About 25 or 30 colored laborers at the fertilizer plant of the local Southern Cotton Oil company staged a strike for higher wages yesterday afternoon, and before the day was over learned to their grief that it is a poor time to go on a strike when scores of other laborers are looking for jobs at almost any price.

Capt. J. Frank Jenkins, manager of the plant, stated today that the plant would continue to operate with new workers and that plenty of laborers were available to the places of those who walked out in Fertilizer Plant.

The walk-out was staged in the fertilizer plant, and without advance notice, or even a request for better wages, it was said. The 25 or 30 hands, who walked out, worked until noon yesterday but did not return to their jobs at 1 in the afternoon. It was then that officials of the plant asked them if they were not going to go back on the job, the workers replying, it is said, that "we will for 50 cents more a day."

It was then that they were told that none of them would be needed any longer in that they walked out without asking for a wage raise in advance.

Colored laborers were secured about the city and from nearby farms and last night the fertilizer plant ran on as usual. The workers in the oil mill, however, were transferred to the fertilizer plant and the oil mill did not operate last night. With added laborers today the plant was operating as usual.

Came Back. Police Chief McBride Poston had the oil mill area patrolled yesterday afternoon, last night and this morning to prevent any trouble should those who walked out show a disposition to interfere with new hands going on the night force. No trouble, however, developed as the old hands who did not strike and the new hands went to work last night. This morning, it was said, that a number of those walking out returned to the plant and evinced a desire to return to work, but were informed that they were not needed. The workers walking out for high (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.)

Temple Station Under New Owners Now

The Temple Service Station, located next to the Mascine Temple on East Warren street, is this week being operated under new management. The station, formerly operated by Mr. T. B. DePriest, is now operated by Messrs. J. A. and M. C. Adams with the latter in charge as service manager. Mr. Adams states that the station is fully equipped to render first-class automobile service in all departments.

Mayor Says Shelby Motorists Must Stop Dashing To Fires

Practice Followed Here Delays Fire-fighting And Endangers Property, Lives.

Hereafter when the fire siren sounds in Shelby motorists will clear the streets for the fire trucks and automobiles carrying firemen or they are likely to be arrested by city officers, according to a statement by Mayor S. A. McMurry.

Many Shelby motorists dash in their cars before the fire trucks or just behind them and ahead of the cars carrying volunteer firemen the minute the fire siren sounds. This practice, the mayor says after firemen have complained, delays the firemen getting to a fire, puts them at a greater handicap once they reach a blaze, and also endangers human life and property. The fire trucks, it is explained, must travel rapidly and the fire risk is much greater when they must slow down at corners, street intersections, and along the streets to keep from hitting motorists who should pull to the curb and give right-of-way. Likewise there is the danger of the trucks or cars carrying firemen striking pedestrians or bystanders as they swerve to prevent crashes with automobiles which get in the way and are not carrying firefighters. There is a city ordinance against blocking the path of firefighters, and hereafter it is urged that motorists pull to the curb and remain there until the trucks and volunteer firemen's cars get by. Arrests will be made, if violations continue.

Mrs. Yarbrough Gets In Race



Present County Treasurer Announces Her Candidacy For Office Again

Mrs. Mary E. Yarbrough, present treasurer of Cleveland county, today announced that she would be a candidate for reelection subject to the Democratic primary in June.

In announcing, the county's first woman to hold office states that she will follow her campaigning custom of the past—which is to say that she will remain in her office attending her duties as treasurer and will leave her candidacy to the voters.

Her announcement reads: "I wish to announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Cleveland county. The duties of this office demand all of my time and attention, and I cannot, therefore, take part in an active campaign. My record is my platform."

"I am grateful for this opportunity to thank the people for the confidence and loyal support which they have given me"

Since taking office as treasurer Mrs. Yarbrough has seen the book-keeping methods of the office transformed from the old antiquated style into the modern and efficient system used by all up-to-date firms, the present system used, being established through the cooperation of the commissioners, was not long since termed by the State Advisory Commission as one of the most complete checks kept by any county in the state on the county's income and expenditures. Miss Georgia Lutz announced for this office some time past.

Want Home For Baby Girl In The County

A dimpled six-months old baby girl wants a home! J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, stated today that such a youngster is now in the care of the welfare department to be placed with some responsible family. The little girl is healthy and apparently bright mentally, but due to unfortunate conditions her mother is unable to support her.

Added Penalty On Taxes Next Month

Four Percent Then On Unpaid County Taxes. Begin Advertising In May.

A four percent penalty on all unpaid taxes in Cleveland county will go into effect on May 1, it was announced by Sheriff Irvin Allen, tax collector, in compliance with the State law. In May, too, all unpaid taxes will be advertised in the newspaper for sale on Monday, June 2. Taxes paid between the present date and the end of the day on Thursday, May 1, will be under the three percent penalty. Big Portion Collected. To date Sheriff Allen and his assistants have collected a big portion of the county taxes, there remaining to be collected only seventy some thousand dollars of the \$488,000 total tax levy.

Auxiliary Of Presbyterians Here Thursday

Between 75 And 100 Women To Attend

Kings Mountain Presbyterian Auxiliary Here Two Days. Program Is Outlined.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian auxiliary, embracing the Presbyterian women's work in Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk counties, will be held in the Shelby Presbyterian church Thursday and Friday of this week.

Every church in this district is expected to send representatives to this annual meeting. The women of the local auxiliary will be hostesses of the 75-100 visitors who will attend. Homes have been secured for all who may desire to remain in Shelby Thursday night. Lunch will be served at the church both days of the meeting. For the other meals the visitors will be accorded hospitality in homes of the local congregation. Thorough preparation has been made by the women of the Shelby church for the entertainment of the visiting women and the usual Shelby hospitality will be abundantly manifested.

The officers of the Presbyterian are: President, Mrs. Cott M. Robinson; vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Nelder, Kings Mountain; secretary, Mrs. Claude Timpan; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Rhyme; Stanley; historian, Mrs. J. A. Lore, Lincoln. Every phase of the Presbyterian progressive program is covered in the activities of the organization. The Thursday morning session will be devoted to the reports, with other reports and Bible study in the afternoon. Thursday evening there will be a pageant, the birthday objective and an address on foreign missions by Rev. E. D. Bedgett. Friday morning's session will be devoted to personal evangelism topics, a revision of the constitution, and orphanage reports. Friday afternoon officers will be elected and the Lord's Supper observed. Local people who will participate in the program include Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, Shelby Presbyterian pastor; Mrs. Harry Speck, Mrs. Shovine Beam, Mrs. Dale Kaiter, Mrs. E. Yates Webb, and Mrs. W. F. Mitchell.

OVER 6,000 STARS.

Over 6,000 copies of this issue of The Star will be printed today since it contains a section devoted to the school life of Cleveland county and its 15,000 school children. Five thousand copies go to the regular subscribers, while the other 1,000 copies will be distributed through school channels by the various principals. Extra copies may be had at The Star office at five cents per copy as long as they last.

Hundred And Sixty Graduate In Consolidated Schools Of County

New Strawberries Are Reported Here

This is just one of those tasty little items that go along with springtime—or, rather, one of those little items that make spring what it is. Two South Shelby ladies yesterday reported that they had strawberries from their own gardens on their dinner tables. They were Mrs. Sam Morrison and Mrs. Wilbur Shytle.

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Shelby School Orchestra Off For State Meet

To Greensboro 24th For Contests

Band, Orchestra, Young Musicians To Compete In State Music Contests.

The Shelby high school band, which won the class B championship of the state in 1929, the high school orchestra, and individual musicians representing the school will leave Shelby Thursday morning for Greensboro where they will again participate under Prof. W. T. Sinclair in the state high school musical contests.

Last year in addition to taking first honors with the band, Shelby won two other honors, John Best, Jr., winning third place in the trumpet solo, and Ed Smith third place in the trombone solo.

Go By Train. About 80 Shelby students will make the trip, it is stated by Supt. B. L. Smith, these students comprising the band, orchestra, a mixed chorus and several soloists.

A special train over the Southern from Shelby to Greensboro will be operated according to Vernon Proctor of the local Southern railway office. The train will leave at 5 o'clock Thursday morning and will reach Greensboro at 9:30 in the morning, returning after the contests Friday. The special round-trip fare will be \$2, he states, and \$1 for those under 12 years of age, and it is expected that a majority of the Shelby children together with some of their parents and friends will go on the special.

More Than 300 Prisoners Die In Tragic Ohio Prison Blaze

Overcrowded Penitentiary Scene Of One Of World's Greatest Fire Tragedies.

Columbus, Ohio.—The lives of 317 Ohio penitentiary convicts were snuffed out by flame and smoke while they were looked in their cells Monday night, according to the official casualty count made Tuesday state officials. One hundred and thirty other prisoners were in the penitentiary hospital and a score of these were in a critical condition from burns and from smoke they inhaled while fire raged in parts of four cell blocks. The penitentiary housed 4,300 convicts, some 2,500 above the capacity for which it was intended, when the fire, believed of incendiary origin, and fanned by a stiff wind, swept through the upper tiers of the four blocks, spreading death and suffering in its wake. The flames were discovered shortly before 5:30 p. m. Within several hours the fire had been brought under control but the suffocating smoke continued to take its toll among the convicts. In the adjoining cell blocks men screamed to be released. And when the prison officials capitulated to their demands the wide penitentiary yard became a streaming mass of gray clothed men. Freed Convicts Violent. Before two hours had passed this mass of men, picking their way among the countless bodies spread over the yard, became a threatening menace. Some of them cut the fire hose which continued to play upon flames that spread to the prison cotton and woolen mills. Others hurled stones and slugged the guards that were trying to (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO.)

Lindberghs Set New Record



Charles and Mrs. Lindbergh in flying gear standing before their monoplane just before hopping off at the break of dawn for a one-stop flight to New York. They roared out of the West with a new speed record for a trans-continental flight and landed at Roosevelt Field, L. I., 14 hours and 45 minutes after their take-off from Glendale, Cal. (International Newsreel)

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Lattimore Finals Are Now Underway

Class Day Exercises Yesterday. Graduating Exercises On Saturday Afternoon.

The commencement program of the Lattimore high school is now underway with the class day exercises held last night, the grammar-grade program Friday night, and the annual address and graduating exercises on Saturday. Friday's Program. On Friday night the grammar grades of the widely known Cleveland county school will present an opera, two playlets, songs and other entertainment. Stevens Speaks. Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the annual address will be made by Dr. B. A. Stevens, of the extension division of the University of North Carolina. His subject will be "Education the Purpose of Life." There will be dinner on the grounds at noon followed by the graduating exercises at 2 in the afternoon. At 8 o'clock Saturday night the class play, "College Hobo," will be given. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen and Miss Ethelinde Oates of Rock Hill, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Culbreth and family of Charlotte, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Tucker at their home on the Cleveland Springs road. Miss Oates will remain over for a few days.

Unemployment Situation Better Here, Says Welfare Officer Smith

Very Few Unemployed Families On Charity List Now. Many Seek Boy Worker.

The unemployment situation in Shelby and Cleveland county is considerably better than it was last winter and in the early spring, according to J. B. Smith, county welfare officer. Mr. Smith, who is in position to know because practically all charity work is handled through his department, says that there are a smaller number of families on the county welfare list due to unemployment than in many months. During the late winter months Shelby and section had more charity appeals than in many years previous due to a shortage of work, but with spring farm work opening up and quite a bit of construction work underway scores have received employment in recent weeks. An indication of the change was demonstrated late last week. The welfare officer had in his

City Gains Over 7,000 Since 1920

Ward Three Largest In The City

Official Government Count Runs Population Higher Than Thought.

The population of Shelby is 10,867 people, according to the official count of Uncle Sam's decennial census announced here this morning by Mr. Howard Camnitz, who has charge of the government census work in Cleveland county under Mr. W. H. Barkley, of Hickory, district supervisor. The official census figures were not anticipated this early in view of the fact that the actual census-taking in the city was not completed until Tuesday. Mr. Camnitz and his four assistants, however, compiled their figures and had them ready for publication today. Remarkable Gain. The population of the city shows a remarkable gain since the last regular census in 1920, or 10 years ago. This is due in part to the extension of the city limits made by the general assembly in 1925. The population in 1920 was 3,609 people, making a gain in the 10 years of 7,258 people. In the fall of 1925 the government made a special census, paid for by the city, and the population at that time was 8,890, which by the new figures shows a gain of 1,977, nearly 2,000, in the five-year period since and despite business depression of recent months. Ward Three Ahead. Ward three with a population of 3,345 people has a slight lead over ward one as the largest ward in the city. The population by wards follows: Ward One 3,407 Ward Two 2,380 Ward Three 3,435 Ward Four 1,945 Total 10,867 Miss Aileen Costner was the census taker in ward one, Mrs. Ransom Casstevens in ward two, Mrs. Harry Camnitz in ward three, and Mrs. George Hoyle in ward four. The four census-takers in the city made rapid time and what is now thought to be a very complete count of the population, according to County Supervisor Howard Camnitz. Just when the complete census figures for all of Cleveland county will be ready for publication Mr. Camnitz cannot say. The county census-takers have the remainder of the month in which to complete their work, but it is said that three or four additional workers may be added to the 24 now working in the county. Mauney Named. Mr. Z. C. Mauney of Shelby, is the nominee of this district for director of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative association. Mr. Craig Hartgrove, of Alabama, is visiting relatives in the city this week.