

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 15c. Cotton Seed, per bu. 45c.

Fair and Cooler.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Thursday. Cooler Thursday, and in north portion tonight.

Dies at Funeral.

Durham, May 27.—Arthur Goss, brother of J. C. Goss, who was shot and killed by his son, Norman Goss, at his home here Sunday night, dropped dead in the midst of the funeral services here late today and within a few minutes the son became ill and was placed under a physician's care. His condition was pronounced serious.

Whiskey Prices Drop, Drinkers Fear "Jake Leg"

Defendant Says Whiskey Can Be Purchased For 75 Cents Per Pint.

Whiskey, such as it may be, is plentiful and cheap about Shelby—as plentiful and as cheap as it has ever been since the old days.

Facing the court on a charge of having a half gallon of corn in his possession, the defendant informed that the entire gallon cost only \$3.50, and that it could be readily purchased in short pints about Shelby for seventy-five cents per pint.

Costs After All. The drop in price somewhat surprised the court, despite the prevailing business depression which is decreasing the value of many things.

Decrease in Drinking. Despite the reported drop in price of bootleg whiskey the county court officials say that there has been a decrease in drinking hereabouts of recent weeks.

Blind Man In Court Again Over Whiskey

Jess Green, Under Suspended Sentence, Gets Six Months More.

Jess Green, blind white man who lives in the so-called "Chinatown" section near Eastside, was in court again this week on a whiskey charge.

This time Green, who has a suspended sentence of three months from Superior court, was given a six months jail sentence in county court.

Last Saturday night, according to the evidence, Police Chief Poston and Policemen Stamey and Sparks made a visit to the Green home just as a gallon of whiskey was being divided into pints, 16 pint bottles being near. McSwain and a couple of others were with Green.

Drunken Driver Who Killed Kelly Moore Draws 5 Years In Pen

Walter Branch who was charged in the court of Rutherford county with operating a car while under the influence of liquor and being responsible for the death of Kelly Moore of Cliffside some months ago, was given not more than five years in the state penitentiary at Raleigh, and not less than three years. It will be remembered that Mr. Moore who had been connected with the Cliffside mills for many years was killed early one morning as the car driven by Branch while intoxicated plunged heading into the Moore car.

Sheriff Hardin of Rutherford county went to Raleigh Monday with twelve prisoners to serve a total of sixty years.

Tickets Ready For Absentee Voting

Those who are qualified to vote by being properly registered in Cleveland county and reside elsewhere or will be away on primary day June 7th, may secure tickets for absentee voting from John F. Mull, chairman of the county board of elections.

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Simmons Campaign Head Here Says Bailey To Carry County, But Not By Any Big Majority

May Win Two To One, Thinks

Bailey Leaders Hope For Even Greater Majority for Raleigh Man in June.

"It looks now as if Mr. Bailey will lead Senator Simmons about two to one in Cleveland county in the primary, but he certainly will not beat the senator three and four to one," is the voluntary opinion of Mr. J. Cullen Mull, Cleveland county manager of the Simmons campaign for re-nomination.

Mr. Mull's statement was made after being informed that some Bailey leaders in the county had offered the view that Bailey would carry the county by anywhere from three to one to five to one.

Although it now appears to Mr. Mull that this county will in all probability be a Bailey county, he still is hopeful, and believes, that Senator Simmons will carry the state and be nominated again. Much water may go over the wheel, and with considerable effect, between the present time and primary day, and there may be some vote changing in this county, in his opinion.

Mr. D. W. Royster, Bailey's county manager, is of the opinion that his candidate will carry the county by a three to one vote. Other Bailey supporters, some of them well versed in county politics, believe the Bailey lead will be even larger. However, many observant citizens who hark to both sides are of the opinion that the estimate of the Simmons manager will not be far from wrong.

Hurting Simmons. A Simmons supporter, who never takes an active hand in politics other than expressing his opinion and casting his vote, is of the opinion that Senator Simmons' candidacy in this county has lost strength in recent weeks, rather than gained power, because of Republican efforts in his behalf. The view taken is that quite a number of Democrats who were inclined to the Simmons side are in a fair way of becoming disgusted with the activity of Republican leaders and workers in boosting the Simmons cause.

Shelby Boy Graduates At Davidson College

Shelby boy, Mr. Louis C. Roberts, will be a member of the graduating class at Davidson college next week.

Mr. Roberts is the son of Capt. and Mrs. J. Frank Roberts, and has received numerous honors during his four years at Davidson.

Dr. John White Raps Clearing Of Cannon's Gambling Charges

Dropping Of Gambling Charges Against Cannon Is Felt By All Evangelical Christianity.

Savannah Ga., May 26.—The Savannah Morning News publishes a sermon by Dr. John E. White, president of the Georgia Baptist convention in which Dr. White criticized the disposal of charges of stock speculation brought against Bishop James Cannon, Jr., at the recent conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In the prepared sermon which Dr. White delivered at the First Baptist church here he said in part: "This is not a matter for Methodists only—it upsets us all. It is a wound keenly felt by all Evangelical Christianity. It is especially a heavy blow to the cause of prohibition for which Baptists and Methodists in the south stand together in close sympathy."

It is true that the enemies of prohibition made much of the gambling incident and rejoiced that the bishop had put such a club in their hands. This is no reason for Christians to make nothing of it and to show no distress when the conference puts the club in the hands of their enemies.

Prominent Dry Leader Supports D. W. Morrow



Mrs. Lewis S. Thompson, of Red Bank, N. J., one of the most prominent dry leaders in New Jersey, announced her intention of supporting Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow's candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

Mrs. Eskridge Passes, Age 75

Widow of Late A. W. Eskridge Succumbs At Home of Her Son Chas. L. Eskridge.

One of Shelby's noblest women died Monday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock when Mrs. Sara Hamrick Eskridge, widow of A. Webb Eskridge, passed quietly at the home of her son, Chas. L. Eskridge, on West Marion street where she had been in declining health for several years.

The funeral was conducted from the residence at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which she was a long and faithful member and interment was in Sunset cemetery beside her husband and only daughter, Effie, who died in girlhood.

Some of the cars followed in behind the truck closer than the one behind regulation, thus slowing up the volunteer firemen in cars behind, while other violated the speed laws in rushing madly out Marion street and the Cleveland Springs road through the residential section. The motorists whose number were secured were not only picked up for interfering with the fire-fighters but also because they endangered the lives of children and other pedestrians along the route traveled.

Hereafter, it is said, the regulation will be strictly enforced against one and all.

Auto Tag Prices Cut In Half On July 1

It was learned in Shelby today that state automobile license plates will be reduced to half price on July 1 and there will be an additional drop to one-fourth the original price on October 1.

The tags will remain at full price up through June 30, it was announced.

Acorn Stores Close Out Their Business

The Acorn Stores, a departmental chain of stores, is closing out business, according to an announcement made this week in the Gastonia Gazette. Recently the stock of the Acorn Store of Shelby was moved to Gastonia and consolidated with the Acorn store there. This system recently went into the hand of receiver and it is understood that it is upon the orders of the receiver that the close out sale is announced for Gastonia.

Instruct Judges, Registrars Here Thurs., June 5

Australian Ballot Booths Ready

Between Eight And Ten Thousand Voters Registered For Democratic Primary.

Between eight and ten thousand voters are registered in Cleveland county for the Democratic primary on Saturday, June 7, but it is not likely that more than 6,500 votes, if that many, will be cast on primary day, according to Judge John P. Mull, county election board head, who has called a meeting of all precinct registrars and judges for Thursday, June 5.

Just what the county registration is cannot be determined as no new registration was required in the county this year. Only one precinct, Delight, had a new registration. However, judging by the 1928 vote of more than 7,500 it is estimated that at least 8,000 Democratic voters are eligible to participate in next week's voting.

Instruct Officials. At the gathering of registrars and judges here Thursday week Chairman Mull will instruct the primary officials in the operation of the new Australian ballot method which is to be used over the entire county for the first time.

Booths Ready. Officials in some of the county precincts are of the opinion that it is up to them to provide the Australian ballot boxes required by law, but these booths are provided by the county and are already in Shelby for distribution.

At the meeting Thursday week ballots to be used on June 7, along with the required booths will be turned over to the election officials. There are 121 booths for the entire county.

Two Cafes Closed In City; New Pool Room

Dad Cavas Closes Shelby And Central Cafes, Pool Room Being Installed

Shelby this week has two less cafes and eating houses operating than were being operated last week. K. (Dad) Cavas, well known local Greek, and the execution of the estate of the late George Scordas this week and last closed the doors of the Shelby cafe, which was operated by Cavas, and the Central cafe which had been operated by Scordas prior to his death.

The Shelby cafe was located on South LaFayette street and a pool room, it is understood, will be located there now. The Central cafe was operated on East Warren street.

Cavas, who has not been in the best of health for some time and therefore felt that he could not operate the cafes longer, will remain in Shelby, however, he says.

District Masonic Meeting Is Planned

Grand Master E. W. Timberlake And Grand Secretary Anderson Coming Here.

Masons of the 37th district are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming visit of grand master E. W. Timberlake and grand secretary John H. Anderson on Saturday evening June 14th. A district meeting will be held at that time in the hall of Cleveland Lodge No. 202 Shelby, N. C., and every Master Mason in Cleveland county is urged to make arrangements to be present. All Master Masons are cordially invited.

Watch for further announcements.

Promoted To First Lieutenant Co. K

Mr. H. C. Long, for seven years second lieutenant of Company K, Shelby unit of the National guard, has received his commission as first lieutenant. His promotion places him second in command of Company K, succeeding Mike Austell, former first lieutenant, who became a captain when he became equipment auditor of the State militia.

Graham Street To Have Finals Thursday

Graham street school of which M. H. Randolph is principal will have recitation and declamation contests for the Carl Webb recitation medal and the B. T. Falls declamation medal at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon thus closing the school for the summer.

Bible in N. Y. City Schools Is Upheld by Authorities

Corporation Counsel Fights Free-Thinker's Suit—Clarence Darrow Will Lead Battle for Abolishment.



Reading the Bible in the public schools of New York City is not only permissible under the City Charter but does not violate any provision of the New York State Constitution or that of the United States, was the answer of Corporation Counsel Arthur J. W. Hilly to the taxpayer's suit brought by Joseph Lewis, president of the Freethinkers' Society of New York, to restrain the Board of Education from allowing the Bible to be taught in the public schools.

Outside Observer Sees Hot Battle For Judgeship Here

Sixteenth District Contest Between Falls and Warwick, Spurring Race.

(By T. M. Pridden, Charlotte News Political Writer)

Lenoir—Who shall fall heir to the superior court judicial robes of Judge James E. Webb is the question which is causing more Democratic political fur to fly in the five county sixteenth district than in any other territory of like size in the state.

This county, Caldwell, and its next-door neighbor, Burke are the only counties in the district which have not advanced one or more Democratic candidates for the judgeship. Inasmuch as each candidate is on all sides admitted to be a man of fine judicial qualities and would grace the bench, a worthy successor to the revered Judge Webb, the democrats are having a whale of a time deciding what to do about it.

In addition to general question of which of four available candidates

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Buyer Of Booze Not Guilty Unless Illegal Transportation Is Shown

Supreme Court Rules Purchase Of Of Liquor Not Liable By Law.

Washington.—The buyer of bootleg liquor was held by the supreme court this week not liable to prosecution as a violator of the prohibition laws if the question of illegal transportation and possession be not involved.

The court declined, however, in another case, to declare whether purchasers who order knowing illegal transportation will be involved as guilty of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. It found that the case in which the government had sought to raise that issue had been foreclosed by the plea, equivalent to one of guilty, which had been entered when the accused was arraigned.

Defeat For Government. In a third case the court held manufacturers using liquor and alcohol in the preparation of non-beverage products were entitled to operate until their permits were cancelled for some violation and could not be compelled annually to renew their permits.

The two cases decided on their merits were defeats for the government, and all three decisions were without dissent.

James E. Farrar of Boston was indicted for purchasing liquor from a bootlegger. The federal district court for Massachusetts quashed the indictment, taking the position that the prohibition law did not, as the government had contended, make the purchaser equally guilty with the seller.

Auto Thief Is Given Six Months Sentence

Man Found With Weathers Car Sent To Roads for Half Year In County Court.

Dallas Mauney, young white man, was sentenced to six months on the No. 6 township chain gang in county court yesterday on an automobile larceny charge.

Mauney was charged with stealing the Chevrolet automobile of Mr. H. A. Weathers, Lawndale star route carrier. The car was stolen from its parking place in Shelby about two months ago while Mr. Weathers was attending a movie.

Last week Sheriff Allen recovered the car at Rock Hill, South Carolina. It was in the possession of Mauney, who declared at the time that it had been left at his house by another man.

In court yesterday Mauney would not testify, and when Recorder Kennedy asked him if he would rather take a six months road term or be bound over to superior court, he readily accepted the chain gang sentence.

Senior Play Thursday Night

Grammar Grade Graduation Tomorrow, Closing Of City Schools Near.

With the closing date of the city schools nearing the next portion of the finals program comes this evening with the teacher training graduating exercises in the Central school auditorium.

Thursday morning the seventh graders will participate in the grammar grade graduation exercises. The reading contest for the Dover medal will be held at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Class Play. The annual senior class play, a three-act comedy, "Tommy's Brides," will be put on Thursday night. Character roles in the play will be taken by the following students: Clyde Wright, Helen Roberts, John Corbett, All Elmore, James Shepherd, Rachel Wells, Ernest Bean, Marietta Hoyle and Anderson Faudel.

The play is said to be unusually interesting and the admission charge will be 25 and 35 cents.

Young Man Here Tried On Charge Of Little Girl

Handling Of Girl Is Charged

Youth, Found Not Mentally Competent, Sent To Home of His Mother.

Russell Arthur, 17-year-old youth, who lives with a relative in the Cleveland Cloth mill village, was given a hearing before Recorder Horace Kennedy yesterday morning on the charge of improper handling of a little seven-year-old white girl while she was picking strawberries east of the Eastside village late Monday afternoon.

Examination of the youth and testimony by the relative with whom he has been living for some time revealed that Arthur is not mentally competent, and, according to the relative, has "never been very bright." He has been afflicted with St. Vitus dance and other nervous and mental ailments since he was a baby. It was brought out, and an examination of the youth on the stand strengthened the testimony showing that his mind is not fully developed.

Since the little girl was not harmed, other than being frightened, and with the agreement of the girl's parents, Judge Kennedy accepted the solution of the relative and ordered that Arthur be sent back to the home of an uncle in Virginia where his mother might watch him.

Evidence introduced had it that the little girl, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lane who live east of Shelby near the Seaboard tracks, was out along the tracks, some distance from the house, Monday afternoon picking strawberries.

The father was sitting on the back porch where he could see her. He noticed Arthur, he said, walking down the tracks, through a railroad cut near the girl. Shortly after he passed the little girl, she walked down the embankment into the cut, and her father noticed the youth walk back that way.

Just a few minutes later the little girl was heard crying and while the father brought officers to the scene, the mother of the girl and another woman held the youth. After being arrested Arthur was for a time very non-committal and insolent, it was said, in answering the questions of Police Chief Poston, and refused to tell his name or where he lived. After being placed in jail, he opened up and gave the desired information.

According to the little girl Arthur made no improper proposals to her, but handled her some before she became frightened and began to cry, thus giving an alarm.

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The annual soph-junior debate, for the LeGrande medal, will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock, the class day exercises at 3 in the afternoon, and the graduating exercises, with Dr. J. Henry Highsmith as the speaker, Friday night at 8 o'clock.

HOEY IN ADDRESS TO GRADUATES AT QUEENS

Two commencement addresses were made yesterday by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby. The first, yesterday morning, was to the graduating class of Queens college, Charlotte, and last night to the graduating class of the Albemarle high school.