

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 15c Cotton Seed, per bu. 36c

Fair Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather report: Fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Thunderstorms. Today's North Carolina Weather report: Partly cloudy with local thunderstorms in west portion tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Endurance Record. Chicago, June 29.—The "City of Chicago" had flown for 435 hours, 11 minutes and 30 seconds at 8:01 central daylight time, tonight, exceeding the St. Louis Robin's non-stop refueling flight record by 14 hours. Pilots and flight managers said they would keep the plane in the air until July 4, if possible.

Chicago, June 29.—Two Illinois men boys in a second-hand monoplane soared out of the dawn today with a new world record for refueling endurance flying. The brothers Hunter—John and Kenneth—who turned coal miners to buy their first ship six years ago, bested the previous 420-hour record by an hour at 7:34 a. m. central standard time, and then continued on, determined, they said, to remain aloft until July 4. Warned by the men they supported—Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brine of St. Louis—that their record would be promptly assaulted, the new champions fought the temptation to take much-wanted rest because they aspired to a mark that might stand a while.

Charity Drive In County Gets Legion Support

Need Food, Clothing In Many Homes. Cleveland Ex-Service Men Get Behind Campaign to Aid Unemployed Families.

There are a number of unemployed families in Shelby and over Cleveland county who are in need of food and clothing, and the Warren Hoyle American Legion post of Shelby not only believes something should be done about it, but is going to see that something is done.

Legion officials announced today that tomorrow, Tuesday, they will open a drive for charity funds to be used in securing food for needy families not only of Shelby but in all sections of the county.

"Scores of people have been hard situation. All churches, organizations swept over the county, but the majority of them," Legion officials say, "have been making the best of it they could. Now the best is not good enough; many innocent mothers and children are in need of food. Realizing this the Legion this week will inaugurate a charity drive with the aim of relieving the situation. All churches, organizations and groups who desire to do so are invited to cooperate with us in this worthy movement."

Advisory Committee. Needy cases will be listed, investigated and supplied through the county welfare officer, J. B. Smith, who will work under the direction of an advisory committee to be named by the Legion. This committee will investigate each case to see that there is real need, and will also supervise the expenditures of the drive.

Ex-service men all over the county will aid in the campaign, and a drive will be put on in Shelby tomorrow, but all citizens who desire to contribute are asked to get in touch with Tom Abernethy, Legion post commander, or the welfare officer, provided they are not seen by the canvassing committee. A list of contributors will be published each week.

Unlucky Number Of June Brides Here

Thirteen Couples Have Secured License In County This Month.

Cleveland county needs one more June bride before nightfall today in order to avoid a hoodoo number.

So far this month marriage licenses have been issued to thirteen couples by Register of Deeds Andy Newton, and the register hopes to fill out the papers necessary to create another June bride before the day is over in order to get away from the supposedly unlucky number.

Couples securing license Friday and Saturday were: Shellie C. Byrd and Mary Elizabeth Biggers, both of Cleveland county; John S. Ward and Carrie Belle Green, both of Cleveland; Craig D. Falls and Francis Lucille Hord, both of Cleveland; George Maynard Elam, of Washington, Ga., and Pearl Reid McWhorter, of DeCATUR, Ga.

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King Decision Expected Soon; New Trial Hope

Appeal Heard Six Weeks Ago

Supreme Court Of South Carolina Expected To Give Opinion In July.

Rafe King, Shelby man, now confined in the state prison of South Carolina after being convicted of slaying his wife, may know within the next week or 10 days if he will get a new trial.

Should the high court refuse the appeal for another trial the lone hope the Shelby man will then have of evading the death chair will be an appeal for executive clemency to Governor Richards.

Lawyers Optimistic.

King was convicted last summer at Chester in one of the most sensational trials ever held in the two Carolinas. The alleged slaying was at Sharon, South Carolina, where he and his wife, a former Shelby school teacher, lived. The trial was moved from York to Chester because King's attorneys contended that he would not be given a fair hearing. He was convicted, however, at Chester and sentenced to death. His counsel, including Clyde R. Hoey and B. T. Falls, of Shelby, immediately filed an appeal notice to the high court, citing scores of reasons why they believed the Shelby man should be given another trial.

The appeal was argued before the supreme court justices six weeks ago Saturday, and at that time it was thought an opinion would be handed down within a month's time. The supreme court adjourns about the second week of July for its summer recess and the opinion, it is learned, will be given prior to the adjournment. It is likely, then, that the decision will be known within a week or 10 days.

Discussing the matter here over the week-end, Mr. Hoey, one of the King lawyers, reiterated his belief that a new trial would be granted. "I have thought all along," he said, "that we had sufficient grounds upon which to ask a new hearing and I am still of the opinion that the prospects for a new trial are bright. I expect we will know definitely within a fortnight."

R. Y. Dedmon, Junior Buried At Kadesh

R. Y. Dedmon, Jr., died Friday night at the Lincoln hospital following an operation for appendicitis and pneumonia complication. Mr. Dedmon was twenty years of age and had been sick for several weeks. It is understood that he was buried this morning at Kadesh Methodist church cemetery at Belwood.

Behave, The Jail Is "Full Up" Now

Sheriff Irvin Allen is hoping that no Cleveland county citizens find it convenient to violate any law this week. The reason is that the jail is pretty well crowded and if other prisoners come in the sheriff may have to borrow a few bunks from his neighbors.

There are now 34 people in jail, including six white women and two colored women. The males are about evenly divided as to color.

Rutherford Towns Selling Light Plants To Duke Firm; Good Price

Rutherfordton Accepts \$295,000 For Plant There. Other Offers Made.

Rutherfordton, June 30.—The Southern Public Utilities company of Charlotte, which is a branch of the Duke Power company, has brought the water and light plant of Rutherfordton for \$295,000. A Chicago firm recently bid \$210,000 for the same plant but the Duke interests bettered the bid by \$85,000. The sale is made subject to the approval of the voters. The town board plans to call an election soon.

The offer, for cash, was made at a special meeting of the mayors of Forest City, Spindale and Rutherfordton, with a member of each town board in the office of Mayor S. E. Elmore of Spindale. The same firm offered the town of Spindale \$205,000 and offered Forest City \$410,000 for their municipal water and light plants. Sherritt and com-

Smiling at End of Trail



Here is the famous Australian airman, Major Charles Kingsford-Smith and his three companions after their safe arrival in New York City from Newfoundland, where they were forced down on their flight from Dublin, Ireland, to the United States. They are, left to right: John W. Stannage, wireless operator; Evert Van Dyk, co-pilot; Major Kingsford-Smith, flight commander, and his navigator, Captain J. Patrick Saul.

17-Year-Old Putnam Girl Drowns In Broad River While In Bathing

Officers Round Up A Disorderly Party

Five Men And Four Girls Arrested. Girls Ordered To Leave County.

Five men and four girls were arrested late Friday night by Cleveland county officers in what came very near being a typical roadhouse party in the section just across Buffalo on the Kings Mountain side, according to the officers.

The arrests were made at or near the Will Dye home, north of highway 20, a little more than halfway between Shelby and Kings Mountain, and the officers participating were Deputies Bob Kendrick, Harvey Harrelson, Buren Dedmon, John Hord and Charlie Shepard.

Two of the men submitted to being drunk, and two of the girls also submitted to the same charge. Charges of drunkenness and vagrancy however, were filed against the entire party. One man and one girl were acquitted, but Recorder Horace Kennedy ordered all of the girls, three of whom are not residents of the county, to leave the county. The heaviest sentence imposed was a \$50 fine and costs on one of the men who was also charged with operating an automobile while intoxicated.

While in that section the officers also captured Grady Green with about seven gallons of whiskey in his possession. In county court Saturday he was fined \$200, or is to take six months.

Dye was acquitted of operating a disorderly house. Seven of the nine men and women arrested were said to be from Gaston county, while one man and woman were from the section about Kings Mountain.

To Nab City Autos Without New Plates

Police Chief Poston and his white-capped officers will this week begin checking up on all Shelby automobiles which do not have new city tags.

The time limit for the old tags was the end of May, but city officers gave Shelby auto owners an additional month in which to purchase tags before they started their drive. Four hundred and forty-one tags have been sold so far at the city hall, and this means that approximately 1,000 Shelby cars are as yet without new tags.

Laundry Truck On Fire This Morning

The city fire department trucks were called to the Eastside section about 9:15 this morning where a laundry truck was ablaze. The fire was under the seat, near the gas tank, but the blaze was extinguished with chemicals without a great amount of damage to the truck.

W. Lon Gantt, Merchant Of Fallston Dies

Thousands Attend Funeral Sunday

Prominent Merchant And Influential Leader Succumbs To Stroke. Funeral Sunday.

A great throng of people numbering thousands, attended the funeral Sunday afternoon of Mr. W. Lon Gantt, prominent Fallston merchant, who died Friday evening at 6 o'clock in the Shelby hospital, following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered last Tuesday morning. The stroke was sudden and he was rushed to the Shelby hospital where his condition was serious for three days before the end came.

Mr. Gantt was stricken in his store. On the previous day he had forked hay in the early part of the day and gone fishing with a party of friends in the afternoon. For sometime however, he had been suffering with high blood pressure.

Forty Years A Merchant

Mr. Gantt was 59 years of age and was born in the Rockdale section. His first experience in the mercantile business was as clerk for J. B. Ivey and Capt. Lem J. Hoyle who operated a store at Belwood about forty years ago. Later when Stamey brothers opened business at Fallston, Mr. Gantt was a member of the sales force there until he opened up a store of his own. By his honest dealing, pleasant manner and wide acquaintance, he built a large business at Fallston and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of that entire section. He was active in public affairs and a political leader of that section. For many years he was election registrar and No. 9 township tax lister. Several years ago his store was burned, entailing a heavy financial loss.

Family Surviving.

Mr. Gantt was married to Miss Sue Nolan who survives with the following children: Clarence Gantt in the state audit department at Raleigh, Mrs. Lee Baber of Lincoln county, Mrs. C. L. Hoyle of Fallston, Mrs. Ed Wise of Lincoln county, Mrs. W. D. Lattimore and Mrs. Fields Toney of Fallston. Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters: Messrs. M. N., Ben T., Summie and Robert Gantt, Mrs. E. W. Dixon, Mrs. J. L. Sain, Mrs. J. A. Tillman and Mrs. Pink Wortman.

Thousands At Funeral.

Friends who attended the funeral held Sunday afternoon at Kadesh church say the crowd was by far the largest ever assembled there for a funeral. People from all walks of life, rich and poor, came to pay a tribute to him. He had been liberal in extending credit to many and these were there to express their esteem and respect for him. He had great faith and trust in his customers and friends and all expressed a regret at his untimely passing.

Masonic Honors.

The crowd was estimated at from 2,000 to 2,500 people. When the casket was opened in the church over 1,200 filed by to review the remains for the last time. Services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Morris, assisted by Revs. J. M. Morgan and J. W. Fitzgerald, each of whom paid tribute to his noble life, after which the Masons accorded him the usual honors of a Masonic brother. He was also a member of the Junior order. Several passenger cars and a truck load of flowers also evidenced the esteem in which he was held.

Youth Of Twelve, Dies At Hospital

L. C. Hardin, Jr. Of Dover Village Develops Blood Poison. Funeral Today.

L. C. Hardin, Jr., popular student of the Dover mill school and only child of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hardin, of the Dover mill village died Sunday morning at 9:50 o'clock at the Shelby hospital after an illness of three weeks. Young Hardin had bone infections in his leg and shoulder which developed into blood poison, causing his death. He had been a patient at the hospital for two weeks and bore his suffering with unusual courage. At school where he was in the sixth grade, he was popular among his young friends and in the Dover mill village.

Young Hardin was 12 years and nine months old and the funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. Zeno Wall and Rev. W. A. Elain. Interment was in Sunset cemetery. His parents who have been here eight years, have a host of friends who extend their sympathy.

'Simmon Sprout Grows In 'Tater

Now that we've had several freak stories about the tomatoes growing on Irish potato stalks, here's a new one: M. H. Hawkins, of the New House section, was in Shelby Saturday exhibiting an Irish potato from which was growing a small persimmon sprout. The sprout was about four or five inches in length and seemed to be growing from one side of the potato. It can be clearly seen that the sprout which is living, was not grafted on the potato, but apparently grew there; presumably the persimmon seed and the potato, when planted, were packed against each other in the ground.

Very Unusual Manslaughter Hearing Here

Negro Charged With Shocking White Woman To Death. Is Acquitted.

One of the most unusual manslaughter cases ever heard in the courts of this county was tried here Saturday before County Judge Horace Kennedy and resulted in the acquittal of the accused negro.

The charges were that Frank Toms, a negro of the Lattimore section, had caused the death of Mrs. Pink Tessenner by shock.

Argued With Husband

The evidence offered by the prosecution was that Toms had gone to the Tessenner home after a mule. In some manner an argument developed between the white man and the negro. Mrs. Tessenner, whose first name was May, attempted, it was said, to halt the controversy, and then, according to the charges, the colored man cursed her, so shocking and frightening the woman that she died a week or two later. The technical charge preferred was manslaughter "by cursing and assault."

The defense admitted that there had been an argument between the woman's husband and the negro, but contended that the negro had said nothing to the woman, and had not touched her or bothered her in any manner.

III With Tuberculosis

Additional testimony given by a physician was that Mrs. Tessenner was in the advanced stages of tuberculosis, the disease which is said to have caused her death. The exertion put forth by her in going out where the argument was being held might have it so indicated, weakened her and so excited her that the shock added to the progress of the disease, but the court could find no justifiable grounds upon which to hold the colored man on a manslaughter charge.

Admires Our Water, And Cool Climate

"It's wonderful at this warm season of the year to be where you need to pull some cover upon you during the night, and the water in this section is unusually good," was the praise passed out over the weekend by Mr. J. B. Dawson, former New Bern newspaper publisher, who was in Shelby Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson and son Billy, were the guest here of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson.

County Democrats In Quiet Meeting Here

Chief Richards Not Dead As Reported

Erroneous Report Got Out When Richards' Father Died Today.

Here's another case of a man who is very much alive being reported as dead.

Shortly after noon today the report spread about Shelby that A. L. Richards, former Shelby chief of police, had died suddenly at Kings Mountain where he operates a branch music store for W. A. Pendleton.

An investigation by The Star, just before press time, revealed that it was Chief Richards' father, who lives in South Carolina, who died today.

The report here had gained such headway that details of the death—a sudden heart attack—were being given. The mistake crept in, it is understood, when Pinkney Richards, the son of the former police chief, called here to inform that his grandfather, whom he refers to as "daddy," had died.

Re-Elect Anthony Party Leader

J. Frank Roberts Made Party Chairman. Convention Moves Along Rapidly.

Cleveland county Democrats, represented for the most part by those who refer to themselves as "the old-timers," held a real old-time convention here Saturday, one that did not last over a half hour, but one that promised another big Democratic victory this fall.

Due to the fact that county court was in session the convention held its meeting in one of the first floor offices of the court house and the convention proper lasted for only a few minutes. An executive session of the precinct committee followed at which Oliver S. Anthony, who filled in Judge Falls' term as chairman, was elected chairman for the next two years, and Capt. J. Frank Roberts was elected secretary.

All Are Delegates

In the convention a resolution offered by Attorney Speight Beam, and unanimously adopted by the delegates, praised the administration of the county's native son governor, O. Max Gardner, and the general advance of the party in the county and state.

Another unanimous procedure was that of qualifying every county Democrat who desires to attend as a delegate to the State convention in Raleigh on Thursday of this week.

Very Optimistic

Brief talks in the convention and executive session expressed optimism as to the chances of Democratic victories this fall and in 1932.

In a short talk of acceptance Chairman Anthony stated that he hoped to have the party organization in the county working at full speed in November. In addition to the main precinct committee it was urged that each precinct organize precinct committees of young Democrats and women, each committee to have five members.

A majority of the voting precincts in the county were represented at the convention and there was not the slightest indication of any turmoil within the party. The entire affair moved off so smoothly that it was quite a contrast to the convention two years ago when there was heated voting over the Hull and Smith delegates to the State convention. This time the Democrats of the county had no bone of contention, no argument about delegates, and the sole purpose, apparently, of bringing about a Democratic victory this fall.

The Beam resolution, adopted by the convention, follows:

Whereas, the Democrats of Cleveland county, in regular convention assembled, realizing that a strong party government is essential to success and for the good of the people of the state, and realizing that devotion to its principles and a loyal adherence to its leaders, its platform and its creed are incumbent upon us as staunch and true Democrats, and whereas, real-

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Assault Tried Woman Says

Married Woman Prefers Attempted Assault Charge Against Raymond Grigg.

Jess Green, blind man of the Eastside section, was arrested this morning and officers are looking for Raymond Grigg, young white man who has featured in several court affairs, as the result of an attempted assault story related today by Mrs. Nellie Click, who also lives in the Eastside-Cloth mill section.

Mrs. Click told officers, in swearing out a warrant, that the two men came to her home last Thursday night after she had retired. She was informed, she says, that Green's wife was sick and that they wanted her to go and stay with her during the night. She told them, she said, that she would go just as soon as she dressed. She then accompanied them to the other home, only to discover, she states, that Green's wife was not there and that she was alone with the two men.

Try Assault

It was then, she said, that Grigg grabbed her, wrestled with her, and pushed her upon the bed, attempting what she described as an assault. She then managed to get loose and away from the house. Green did not bother her, according to her story.

Officers say that the story of the attempted assault was a very plausible one.

Higgins Sisters At Beaver Dam Church

The four Higgins sisters will give a sacred musical concert at Beaver Dam church Tuesday night. The quartet of sisters comes from Virginia and offers a sacred music program hard to excel. There will be no admission charge.

Voters Not Talking About 2nd Primary

Little Enthusiasm Shown. Candidates Working Hard Now.

This is the home-stretch week of the second, or run-off, primary, and from the standpoint of enthusiasm there is about as much kick in the race as there is in a bottle of near beer.

The four candidates in the two contests are working zealously to stir up interest among voters; but so far those who cast the ballots, or those supposed to cast them Saturday, refuse to be aroused.

Attorney Hamilton Jones and Maj. A. L. Bulwinkle, the congressional candidates, are making their main appeal to Cleveland voters through the newspapers, although both candidates have visited here since the primary. With P. Cleveland Gardner and J. Clint Newton, the candidates for county solicitor, it is another matter. Both men are making intensive campaigns and are travelling over the entire county, advocating their candidacies with the voters themselves.

Campaign Expenses

Last Friday was the final day for filing a complete list of campaign expenses in the first primary and the first day to file a preliminary expense account for the second race. A check-up of the expense accounts filed falls to show any unusual expenditures.

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Population North Carolina Will Go Over Three Million Mark

Increase Of 17.7 Percent, or Nearly Half Million People.

Wrightsville Beach, June 30.—"I am authorized by the bureau of the census to say that shortly they will probably announce your 1930 population to be 3,016,000, based on the present computations," Capt. R. S. Patton, director of the United States coast and geodetic survey, department of commerce, told the attendants at the mid-summer meeting of the North Carolina Society of Engineers in session here.

"This," continued Captain Patton, "is an increase of over 17.7 per cent since the 1920 census, or nearly 457,000 people. It contrasts with an estimated increase of 13.3 per cent for the whole nation.

"It is always a pleasure to help those who so effectively are helping themselves, and among these North Carolina stands out pre-eminent," Captain Patton said early