

THE MARKET.

Cotton, per lb. 12 1/2c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 36c

Fair Thursday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair and cooler tonight, preceded by local thunder-showers this afternoon or early to night on south coast. Thursday fair.

CHINA WARNED.

Washington, July 29.—The state department tonight announced the Nanking government had been cautioned against the loss of American life or property at Tsian, Shantung, China, and that should such loss occur "the American government reserves all rights in the matter."

Talking Young Man For Mayor Of Shelby Now

Younger Element Shows Interest

Think City Needs Pep of Youth in Harness. No Names Mentioned At This Time.

Perhaps it is because the weather is too warm to keep the hot weather topic to the fore much longer. Anyway, one of the most popular topics of conversation about the court square benches for a week has been "the next mayor."

There has been some talk of ex-Mayor Dorsey taking a fling at the office again, and, likewise, some discussion of Attorney Pat McBrayner, who was mayor before Shelby took on city airs, getting in the race next May.

This week a new angle to the latest political propaganda developed. The young voters, including some who class themselves as young voters although they may be pretty near middle age, are preparing themselves, according to rumors, to put a young candidate in the race.

The talk of a young candidate recalls the time when Mr. McBrayner made his bid for office as a candidate of the young voters and the women, and won. Just what young man may wear the colors of the young voters in the May election is not known.

Anyway, the city election next May is being talked quite a bit, but perhaps, as was said above, because politics is about the easiest topic to elaborate upon without danger in a hot season.

Teacher Is Killed In Auto Collision

Miss Era Proctor, Cousin of Mrs. John S. McKnight of Shelby Meets Death.

As a result of the worst of four automobile accidents in the New Bern section Sunday, Miss Era Proctor of Davidson, a cousin of Mrs. John S. McKnight of Shelby, was instantly killed near Fort Earnwell.

The driver of the car, C. V. York, son of a prominent contractor of Raleigh, is being held under Craven county guard in a Kingston hospital until he recovers sufficiently from his lacerations to be charged formally with manslaughter.

Troy C. Homesly, of Maysville, formerly of Mount Holly, who was driving the Ford sedan in which Miss Proctor was riding, en route to New Bern, received only a bruised elbow in the accident, he saw the Studebaker, driven by York coming towards him and turned almost completely off in the right side of the highway in a vain effort to avoid the collision.

Miss Proctor was taken to Davidson Monday morning for funeral and interment.

Propst Girl Killed First Day In School

Struck By Auto At Belwood

Six-Year-Old Daughter Of Tom Propst Hit By Car Driven By Negro.

For weeks little Poneze Propst, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Propst of the Belwood community, had been preparing for her first day in school. The first day in school is one of the greatest and most important events in life to a small girl or boy.

Monday the Belwood school opened, and little Poneze, dressed up in her best clothes and instructed by all her admiring family on how to conduct herself, journeyed to school. It was a proud, exciting day for her, but she never reached home to tell about the happenings of the day.

Getting Off Truck. As it was the first school day the youngsters at the Belwood school started home early after being assigned to their classes and made ready for real school work the next day.

The little Propst girl rode home in the school bus, which hauls children to and from school at Belwood. Just after she had climbed from the truck the little girl, it is said, stepped into the road to be hit by an automobile driven by Thomas Daniel, 21-year-old colored man, who lives on the Edney Willis place.

With her skull fractured and her legs broken the little girl was rushed to the Shelby hospital by Dr. F. D. Edwards where she died about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon without regaining consciousness.

Her first day in school was her last.

Funeral Today. Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock at Carpenter's Grove church. The little girl is survived by her parents, leading citizens of the community, and the following brothers and sisters: Alvin, Selma, Fred, J. C. Cecil and Ruth. The oldest brother, Alvin, is in Washington with a troop of Boy Scouts and was unable to get home in time for the funeral. The deceased was a niece of Mr. J. O. Propst of Shelby.

The tragic death was a shock to the entire community.

Daniel, the negro driving the car which hit the little girl, was brought to Shelby by Deputy Plato Ledford and placed in the county jail. According to reports of the tragic incident given to The Star both may have been more or less to blame. A State law says that an automobile must not attempt to pass a school bus when it is loading or unloading. Therein Daniel appears to have made a mistake as the bus, it is understood, had unloaded but had not moved off. The little girl, it was reported, after getting off the truck ran around, either in the front or rear of the truck, into the path of the approaching car. The colored man stopped his car and gave what aid possible, it was said. The colored man will likely be given a hearing here tomorrow or Friday.

Shelby's First Tree-Sitters Last Only Four Hours, Driven Out

Water Hose Turned On Youths Who Attempt To make Record For Shelby

Two 13-year-old Shelby boys, recalling that Shelby usually makes the headlines with any other town or city in most every type of contest, started out for a tree-sitting record Monday, but despite their patriotism in hoping to bring another record to Shelby they remained "up" only four hours.

The youths were Sam Ledford, son of Mr. J. F. Ledford, and Walter Wilson, son of Dr. H. D. Wilson, and their bid for the endurance was made in a large tree near the Wilson home.

The boys were all set to set

Assassins' Victim Laid to Rest



Mrs. Jeannette Buckley, widow of the famous Detroit radio announcer who was slain by gangsters, with her father-in-law, J. C. Buckley, and her daughter, Rose Marie, as they left their home for the sorrowful journey to the cemetery when the popular announcer was buried.

Sweet Potatoes May Be Important Item In Future Textile Industry

Tree-Sitter Is Up Until First Snow

Pete O'Shields Starts Out To Set Tree-Sitting Record To Shelby.

Several weeks from now Shelby may and may not have the county's champion tree-sitter, but today one youngster began his up the tree endurance contest to bring the record to Shelby.

"I'm going to stay up until it snows. Watch me," was the declaration of Pete O'Shields, 15-year-old Shelby boy, as he climbed into a large pear tree between Campbell's store and the Courtview Hotel at noon today to start his endurance attempt.

Before climbing to his shady perch young O'Shields erected him a plank cot in the forks of the tree, spread out a mattress and otherwise made the tree liveable for the weeks he hopes to remain up.

The would-be tree-sitting champion is being loyally supported by Shelby merchants and business men who are pulling for him to establish a record. His meals are being contributed by the Central Cafe, Everett Dellinger, manager. Cigarettes and drinks are being furnished by the Quinn drug store. The A. V. Wray and Six Sons department store has offered the tree-sitter a shirt and necktie to remain up for a week. The Carolina theatre is offering him a week's pass to the theatre for every 24 hours he remains up, and the Peter Pan miniature golf course, operated by George Wray, is offering a two-day pass on Friday.

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a record, one of them sending down word that they intended to remain up until school started this fall. Their families, however, decided otherwise. Shortly after noon, four hours after the youngsters mounted the tree with their two chairs, Pressly Wilson and Flay Ledford, brothers of the town's first tree-sitters, turned a water hose upon the boys in their perch. The water drove one out, and the other was removed forcibly. And Shelby is still not in the race for tree-sitting honors.

Starch Found In Potato May Go In Cloth. New Use For Farm Product

A likely new use for a farm product, the sweet potato, may boost the agricultural status of Cleveland county in that this county is a big sweet potato producer.

The following news story from New York tells of the new use to which sweet potatoes may be put: "Clothes containing a dash of American sweet potato are next on the list of prospective scientific wonders."

"New United States Bureau of Standard researches which aim to put sweet potatoes and other Southern agricultural crops into the textile industry, and boost the Southern pine as a source of paper, were announced by Theodore Swann of Birmingham, Ala., vice chairman of the Alabama Industrial Development Board.

"The Bureau begins work next month on both projects, co-operating with Alabama Polytechnic Institute for textiles and the University of Alabama for paper. "Starch is to be the sweet potato contribution to what the well-dressed man will wear. Known principally in collars as something that melts, starch is also a chemical with many other qualities, from food and glue-like adhesive to explosives and artificial silks, and it is particularly indispensable in weaving.

"It serves first as a protective coating, called sizing, which guards threads from wearing or losing their nap as they rub in the weaving process. In some goods the starch is removed after weaving by using chemicals. But it also may be retained in the finished product to enrich color, enhance sheen, make threads full-bodied by filling in the microscopic nicks and hollows or produce a texture more agreeable to the sense of touch.

"American textile mills use 250 million pounds of starch annually, mainly made from Irish potatoes, wheat and corn. Millions of dollars worth of this starch is imported. The American sweet potato, with a 20 to 25 per cent starch content, offers the South another economic opportunity if it can be made into the textile starch.

"There may develop also sweet potato Christmas cards and sweet potato correspondence notes, for starch is used in the finishing process."

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SHELBY DOUGHNUTS Shelby has a new made-at-home product. Mrs. Alice Boland, proprietress of the Piedmont cafe, has purchased and installed a Brown Bobby doughnut machine and is making the new type of greaseless doughnuts for retail and wholesale trade in Shelby and Cleveland county.

Town Of Kings Mountain Suit Ended Tuesday

Total Of \$1,760 Given Phifers

Suits Against Town And Textile Mill Over Sewage Disposal There.

One of the major suits on the Superior court civil calendar came to an end here yesterday when a Cleveland county jury awarded \$1,760 damages in the suit of Phifer vs. the Town of Kings Mountain and the Margrace mill owned by the Neishlers.

The suit took up two days time in the hearing and was brought over the location of a septic tank in Kings Mountain. Damages of approximately \$25,000 were asked in the three suits.

In Court Years. The septic tank, the sewage disposal of which brought on the suits, was built about 1923 and the suits have been in court, in one form or another, since 1926.

Tuesday Judge T. J. Shaw, presiding, ruled a non-suit in two of the actions which sought damages for ill health said to have resulted from the sewage disposal.

The awards as made by the jury were \$1,200 to J. D. Phifer, \$440 to Ben D. Phifer, and \$120 to the Phifer sisters. The basis of the award was upon the ground of property damage caused.

The non-suited action charged that two members of the family had been ill with typhoid fever as a result of the location of the sewerage tank which it was charged polluted a stream on the Phifer property. The civil court session will likely continue through the week.

Dream Brings Back To County Two Who Left 65 Years Ago

Jim and Columbus Greene Return to Cleveland From Kentucky—Caved in Tomb

Messrs. Jim and Columbus Greene of Pineville, Ky., have been visiting relatives in the Double Springs community for some time. They left this country with their parents and other brothers and sisters 65 years ago and this is their first visit back to their old home place.

There were ten of the children, but only these two are living. Being influenced by a dream of the old family grave yard he began to make arrangements to visit the old home place.

When he arrived the first place he visited was the old family burying ground and finding his grandfather's grave all caved in, he said, "this ends my dream." Jim also said this was the hardest time he had ever known in his life. Jim is 78 years old while Columbus, a Baptist minister, is 71. Both look very much younger than they really are.

Given Chance, Young Man Becomes Parson

Up For Stealing Tires Last Year, Judge Is Lenient, Youth Makes Good

This is a story with a moral to it, but without names. It tends to show that judges and others who give a down-and-out a chance are often rewarded by seeing the erring one seize the opportunity and make good.

At a court term in Cleveland county last year a young man was up on a charge of stealing automobile tires. His record up to that time had been good, he had a good face, and he had good blood in him. The judge considered the several angles to the case and then informed the defendant "I do not believe you are a criminal. I'm going to try you out, give you a chance to show me what there is in you, and I'm of the opinion that I'll not see you in a court room again."

"You'll not," the young man answered. He's preaching now.

Kadesh Revival Begins August 3

The revival meeting at Kadesh church, Belwood circuit, will begin Sunday, August 3. Rev. E. F. Duncan, pastor of Duncan Memorial church, Charlotte, will assist the pastor, Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald. Services begin Sunday and continue throughout the week at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Cotton Acreage In County This Year Larger Than That Of 1929

Crop Acreage For 1930 In Cleveland

The following figures give the crop acreage for the various farm crops in Cleveland county for this year, showing the increase and decrease in acreage of each crop, and the amount of acreage in each township:

Table with columns: Township, Cotton, Corn, Wheat, Oats, Hay, Hens and Mules. Rows list townships No. 2 through No. 7, and a total for 1929 and 1930.

Acreage In Corn Also Larger

Cleveland county farmers have more acreage devoted to cotton this year than ever before, even more than was in cotton last year when the county's record crop was produced to lead the State in cotton production for the third time.

Figures assembled for the United States Department of Agriculture by County Farm Agent R. W. Shoffner last week show that 82,327 acres of land in Cleveland county are in cotton this year. This is 2,899 acres more than the 79,428 acres in cotton in 1929.

Other Gains. The acreage statistics also show that there are 2,234 more acres in corn this year than last, 1,402 acres more in oats, and 390 acres more in hay crops. These figures reveal that the county is making some progress in the live-at-home movement despite the increased cotton acreage, which in all likelihood will cause the county to lead the State again this year in cotton production.

A decrease in wheat acreage of 4,911 acres is almost equal to the increase in oat and corn acreage.

A decrease is also shown in the number of laying hens in the county and a similar decrease in the number of horses and mules. Last year there were 90,158 laying hens in Cleveland as compared with 89,312 this year. There are now 7,364 horses and mules on county farms, a smaller number than the 7,499 of last year.

Cotton by Townships. No. 6 township, with 13,479 acres in cotton, is the biggest cotton township in the county with No. 8 ranking second and No. 9 third. No. 8 is the biggest corn township and No. 9 is second. No. 4 township ranks first in wheat, oats and hay acreage.

No. 9 Has Hens. No. 9 township leads all others in the number of laying hens with 11,726. No. 3 township ranks second and No. 5 is third. No. 6 township has the most horses and mules, 995. No. 9 is second and No. 4 is third.

A complete table of the crop acreage in each township is also published today.

Big Baseball Game Here This Friday

Shelby Club Plays Strong Spindale Team. Local Boys On Both Clubs

What promises to be the big baseball game of the year is booked for the city park here Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when the Eastside-Ora team of Shelby takes on the strong Spindale semi-pro team.

The game should attract interest because the two contesting clubs are among the strongest amateur and semi-pro teams in North Carolina. There will be added interest, however, for Shelby fans in that several popular Shelby players will perform on both clubs. Sherrill Hamrick, the high school star and former Eastside hurler, will pitch for the Spindale team, and Cline Owens Lee, who also captained a Shelby High state championship team and then performed in the Southeastern league, will play shortstop for Spindale. That means that two of Shelby's favorite diamond performers will be doing their best Friday to defeat the old home town club. The usual Eastside-Ora outfit, a strong club in itself, will be strengthened Friday with "Lefty" Smith pitching and Tommy Harrell, the ex-Virginia leaguer on first base.

The Hamrick-Smith duel will give fans enough action, it is thought, to entertain anyone for the afternoon.

Cleveland Couples Keep Gaffney Busy

Three County Couples Married There Last Week. One Other Couple

Had it not been for lovelorn young folks from Cleveland county there would have been only one marriage ceremony performed last week by Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup at Gaffney, the South Carolina Gretna Green.

Three of the four couples married there were from this county. They were: Dewey Morris and Ruby Davis, of Kings Mountain; William T. Dale and Mary E. Tate, of Shelby; Roy Chasreau and Audre Humphries, of Lattimore.

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Yes, Lightning Strikes Twice

Lightning, an old saying has it, does not hit in the same place twice.

But here's an exception.

Down on North Morgan street, one of the shadiest, tree-lined residential streets in Shelby, a tree was struck by a bolt of lightning three years ago. Several people in the city ball park just back of North Morgan street were slightly shocked by the lightning. That was struck never before. During the storm Monday evening the lightning struck again on North Morgan street, and it was the same tree-stroke number two. The fact that lightning did strike in the same place twice is vouched for by Mr. Ogburn Lutz, of Campbell's store, who is positive that it is the same tree.

Small Colored Boy Killed By Another

Young Negroes Playing With Gun. One Accidentally Shot By Other.

It's the same old tragic story with new characters.

Monday John Williams and Willie Brown, two small negro boys, were playing with a shotgun on the farm of Mr. Clarence Warlick, near Lyndale where they live. The boys thought the gun was not loaded, or became a bit careless with it. In some manner while John was playing with the gun it was discharged and a portion of the load struck Willie, aged five years, in the shoulder. Mr. Warlick rushed the injured little negro to the hospital here where he died several hours later.

An inquest was not deemed necessary due to the age of the small boys and the lack of anything to indicate that there was an intention to shoot.

The load of shot, it is said, tore away a small hole just on top of the shoulder, and at first it did not appear as if the little negro was seriously injured, but it was found that a stray shot had punctured one lung.

Shaking Hand Of Shelby Man Proving Puzzle To Physicians

New Duke University Hospital Would Like To Observe B. F. Walker

Raleigh, July 29.—The unusual case of B. F. Walker, Shelby workman whose hand trembles and jerks so he has not been able to work since suffering a minor injury last December—a condition which doctors have said is mental rather than pathological—is now before Industrial Commissioner Dewey Dorsett who is to decide whether Walker will continue to receive compensation of \$9 a week.

While working for the Southern Cotton Oil company, a self insurer, Walker received an injury in one of his index fingers. After it healed the hand began to shake and jerk

with what physicians have termed "hysterical tremor." The employer has had a number of physicians treat Walker, even sending him to Baltimore, but the condition has not been cured. Doctors insist that the trembling is the result of a mental rather than physical condition. The employer wants to discontinue compensation.

Evidence given the commissioner who has held two hearings on the case, was to the effect that the man had been watched and at one time it was found that his hand did not

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