

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

Saturday Fair. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Mostly fair, tonight, and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Dolores Weds Again. Los Angeles, July 31.—Dolores Del Rio, film actress announced today she will be married next Wednesday to Cedric Gibbons, film studio art director. The place of the ceremony has not been selected but the actress said the wedding would be "very quiet."

High School Officials In Meeting Here

School Heads Of Two Counties

Highsmith, Combs, Hathcock Talk To Rutherford, Cleveland Men.

A two-county assembly of high school superintendents and principals was held here this week with three officials from the State Department of Education in attendance. High school officials of Cleveland and Rutherford counties were delegates to the meeting.

The three State department officials were Dr. J. H. Highsmith, high school supervisor; A. C. Combs, assistant supervisor, and J. L. Hathcock, of the department of finance.

Dr. Highsmith discussed with the school heads the organization work and daily schedules in the schools. Mr. Combs spoke on equipment, such as libraries and laboratories, while Mr. Hathcock explained the new report and register system for budget work and accounting.

Combs Instructs. After the meeting Mr. Combs remained in the county for two days for the purpose of inspecting Cleveland's standard high schools.

Mr. Francis Finds Burnt Crops West; Home From Okla.

Hasn't Seen Any Rain For Three Weeks—Wouldn't Give Cleveland For Any Section

"I wouldn't give Cleveland county for any section of the country I have seen," related J. B. Francis, West Marion street, Shelby, who returned yesterday from a three weeks trip to Oklahoma. He and his children, making a party of five, went to see his father J. R. Francis in Oklahoma City, Okla., and while away they visited many states.

It has been extremely dry in Oklahoma and Arkansas. In all the states I traversed, I did not see any cotton that equals that in Cleveland. The drought has been so long and severe, the crops are literally burnt up. Most of the cotton is about 6 to 8 inches high and corn is hopeless. I haven't seen any rain in the three weeks I have been away. Beyond Memphis, I saw a small area of good looking cotton, but other than that, Cleveland county farmers are blessed in comparison," said Mr. Francis.

In Oklahoma City, given up to have the richest oil fields in the West, all storage space is filled and the oil wells are operated only one day a week. This gives lots of unemployment. The oil wells are in checkerboard arrangement and as thick as trees in a grove, said Mr. Francis.

The party of five traveling in a car used \$31.63 worth of gas and oil and traveled 3,710 miles.

Cleveland Native Dies In Iredell

Statesville, July 30.—Mrs. Sarah E. Crawford, 78, widow of J. E. Crawford, died last night at her home here after a few days' illness. The funeral and interment will take place Thursday morning 10:30 o'clock at Olive Baptist church in Catawba county. Mrs. Crawford, a native of Cleveland county, was daughter of W. W. and Louise Bridges. She was married to J. E. Crawford in Catawba county in 1889.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. Collins, of Statesville, and three sons, T. J. Crawford and Solen Crawford, of Statesville, and Claude Crawford, of Newport, R. I. She leaves four brothers and four sisters, A. N. Bridges, George Bridges, Mrs. T. N. Brown, of Statesville, Rev. D. P. Bridges, Newland, Rev. G. Bridges, of Millport, Minn., Mrs. John Stewart, of Gastonia, Mrs. Henry Blaylock, of Cary, and Mrs. William Abernethy, Hildebran.

Driver Bound To High Court In Death Case

Drove Car Which Struck Girl

No Bond Fixed In Hearing For Negro Whose Car Killed Propt Girl.

After a hearing in county court this morning Thomas Daniels, young colored man, whose automobile struck and fatally injured little Poneze Propt, of the Belwood section, on Monday, was sent back to jail to await the next term of Superior court.

No bond was fixed by Judge Kennedy as at this time the young negro did not appear to be able to raise a sufficient bond.

The little Propt girl, it will be remembered, was fatally injured while returning home from her first day of school at Belwood. She was six years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Propt. She had just alighted from the school bus when hit by the auto. With her skull fractured and her legs broken she was rushed to the hospital here where she died a few hours later.

Two Witnesses. Only two witnesses testified at the hearing here this morning. They were the negro and a white man, Mr. Cook, who saw the tragic crash.

Cook said that the school bus had parked on the right side of the road going north and that the car driven by the colored man was coming south. Just before the colored man's car reached the bus the little girl, he said, went around the rear of the bus in front of the approaching car. The car, he added, did not appear to be going over 30 miles per hour.

The colored man said he saw the child coming into the road just before he reached her, but that he thought she would step out of the way. Instead, he said, she seemed to be paralyzed with fright and did not move. He slapped on his brakes, stopped as rapidly as he could, he said, and did all in his power to avoid hitting her. The other children who had alighted from the bus had gone to the right, he said, and he did not expect the little girl to go the other way.

One of the chief reasons where the driver is held more or less to blame is that he did not come to a full stop, as required by the State law, which says that automobiles must stop when approaching a school bus loading or unloading children.

Cops Start Tagging Tagless Autos Today

Time Limit Is Up in Which to Secure New City Tag.

Shelby cops are playing tag today—with tagless city automobiles. The new city auto license plates should have been placed on all Shelby cars at the end of May. City officials, however, granted a two months period of grace. The two months were up yesterday and Shelby motorists who do not have new tags on their cars today should park in back alleys and make a trip to the city hall before motoring too much in public.

Only 741 city tags have been sold so far. That means, police headquarters inform, that hundreds of Shelby autos are still without tags.

Rutherford Cuts Off Agents To Reduce Tax Rate Only One Cent

Tax Rate Lowered Slightly by Move. Action Causes Stir There.

(From Rutherford County News.) The county commissioners Monday eliminated the home and farm demonstration agents effective not later than October 1, 1930. Monday was the last day to go over the county budget for the next fiscal year, though it will be about two weeks before the tax rate for this county will be definitely known for this year. The two offices cost Rutherford county \$3,110 a year.

It takes a "lopping off" of \$3,600 to reduce the county's tax rate one cent on each \$100 worth of taxable property. In other words, the tax rate last year was \$1.39 on each \$100 worth of taxable property and if the county had abolished this work last year the rate would have been \$1.38 and a fraction of a cent. The county pays Mr. F. E. Patton, farm agent \$133.33 per month, which includes expenses and Mrs. Laura

Dining Aboard the R-100



The rather spacious dining salon aboard the R-100, where the passengers of the giant of British dirigibles are being served during the present voyage to Canada.

Cleveland Farmers, Farm Women Enjoying Big Week In Raleigh

Sister Of Shelby Woman Is Killed

Miss Posey, Sister Of Mrs. Andrew Lewis, One Of Two Killed In S. C.

Miss Daisy Bell Posey, of Williamston, S. C., a sister of Mrs. Andrew Lewis of Shelby, was one of two people killed in an automobile crash last Monday night near Williamston.

Miss Posey, another girl and two men had been out riding when their car turned over, ploughed into a field, killing Pruett and Miss Posey and injuring Dalton Hall and Miss Zella Austin. Miss Posey is survived by her parents, her sister here, and seven other brothers and sisters.

To Plan Bulwinkle Campaign Aug. 6th

Members of the Ninth District congressional committee will meet at Hickory on Wednesday, August 6, with Major A. L. Bulwinkle, Democratic nominee, for the purpose of planning his campaign this fall. Attorney W. Speight Beam, of Shelby, is the committee member from this county and plans to attend the gathering. The Shelby man is confident that Major Bulwinkle will be returned to Congress this fall.

Ella Mill Scouts on Return From Bridgewater

Scout Troop No. 7 of the Ella Mill village has returned from an outing of a week spent at Bridgewater. The youngsters report a most happy and enjoyable outing.

Chicks Can't Sweat, And Die From Heat

They Die When Atmosphere Gets Hotter Than Their Body Temperature.

Washington.—The high temperatures of the past few days have killed many chickens and turkeys in nearby Maryland, including 91 prize hens in the egg-laying contest of the University of Maryland. The hot weather also caused a sharp drop in the egg production in the contest.

Chickens have no sweat glands, it was explained at the University of Maryland, and when the atmosphere gets hotter than their body temperature of 105 degrees they frequently die.

During the past week the mercury went to 108 degrees in the contest plant. Deaths and prostrations occurred so rapidly among the hens that the attendants were kept busy keeping the records straight and reviving those birds that would respond to treatment. Only two of the 91 birds lost were leaders in the contest, it was reported. All the hens are housed in well ventilated pens with runways.

Cut Force Of Deputies Here, Allen Informs

Several Officers Are Cut Off

Maintaining Big Force Expensive By Insurance Plan. Economy Moves Cut

There are four less deputy sheriffs in Cleveland county today than there were yesterday, and by the end of the month the force will be decreased by eight to ten, it was announced today by Sheriff Irvin M. Allen.

There are two reasons for cutting the force of officers, according to the sheriff. One is that the workman's compensation act requires the county to keep all officers insured and this is quite a bit of expense with a large force. Another is that Sheriff Allen does not believe there is enough crime going on in the county to require a large force, and the cut is being made as a matter of economy.

Deputies do not draw regular salaries and their only pay is from fees in cases on conviction. From that standpoint a large force was no expense to the county, but the insurance requirement added a cost that is partly eliminated by a cut in the force.

Rutherford's Fair Grounds Are Sold

\$30,394.30 Is Derived From Auction Sales in Rutherford County

Forest City, July 31.—An auction sale held today by Harrill and King, selling agents for John D. Biggs, liquidating agent for the Farmers Bank and Trust company, of Forest City, and the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company of Rutherford, property owned by these defunct banks brought \$30,394.30. This money will be used, together with that derived from the sale of property of the Farmers bank last week to pay off the depositors.

The Rutherford county fairgrounds, property was bought by a group of eight Forest City men as an investment. Part of the fairgrounds was divided into 100-foot lots and several small farms. There was also one eight-room two-story dwelling house. All of these were sold this afternoon.

This morning at Rutherford the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company building was sold by Harrill and King for \$12,850 to the Union Trust company of Shelby which is operating a branch bank in the building. The old Commercial bank building at Rutherford was sold to the First Industrial bank of that place for \$7,875. There is a \$6,000 mortgage on this building.

Decrease In N. C. Diseases

Biggest Drop in Diphtheria. With 30 Cases Less Than Previous Week

Raleigh.—A decrease in contagious diseases throughout North Carolina was noted in the weekly report of the State Board of Health. The most notable decrease was in diphtheria. Only 192 cases of this disease were reported last week, against 222 for the previous week, and 461 for the corresponding week of 1929. Ten cases of measles were reported, against 38 for the previous week, and none for the corresponding week in 1929.

A decrease of 22 in new cases of typhoid fever is still slightly more prevalent this year than it was last. There were 56 new cases, against 78 during the previous week, and 52 (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN.)

Heavy To Operate Cafe At Bus Station

Heavy (Earl) Lybrand, who in years gone by operated one of Shelby's most popular eating places, will be back in his old business Monday when he takes over the cafe at the Union bus station here. Mr. Lybrand will continue his work as city salesman with Mrs. Lybrand operating the cafe during the day and Mr. Lybrand at night.

Masonic Meeting. A meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. will be held tonight for work in the second degree.

Cleveland Gets Share Of Coin

In the first distribution of equalization funds from Raleigh this year Cleveland's portion was \$19,682.36. This is slightly more than the allotment of \$18,334.88 in the school year of 1929-30. The money is a portion of the \$1,250,000 equalization fund which is used each year to aid eight months school terms. Rutherford's allotment was \$17,810.22, slightly more than last year's allotment.

Suit Against City Settled

Superior Court Term Ends Here Today. No Big Suits Tried

The July term of Superior court adjourned here today with Judge T. J. Shaw completing the civil calendar about noon.

Yesterday one of the most important suits on the civil calendar, the suit of G. B. Jones against the City of Shelby, was settled by compromise.

Mr. Jones was asking \$1,500 damages of the city because of alleged damage to his residential property on West Graham street. The complaint was that the street level being higher than his lot the drain water flooded the lot and that on occasions water got up into the house. The terms of the settlement, it is understood, was that the city will level the lot. Attorney D. Z. Newton represented the city and Attorney Maurice Weathers and Peyton McSwain appeared for the plaintiff.

Non-Suit Action

The suit of Butler vs. Warlick, in which damages were sought for the death of a Butler child en route home from school last year, was non-suited by Judge Shaw when the plaintiff failed to appear in court. The complaint was that the child was killed when riding from school with a son of Mrs. Clarence Walker, the fatal injury being suffered when the child stepped or fell from the running board.

No major damage suits were heard during the term and only a small number of divorce suits came up for disposal.

To Ride Bike To Wilmington Monday

Albert Spangler, Shelby boy, will on Monday start off on a new fringed endurance grind.

He plans to ride a bicycle to Wilmington and make the trip in 24 hours.

For a week he has been practicing on the highway between Charlotte and Asheville. He will ride a Hawthorne bike on his long trip.

Ella Club Defeats Kings Mtn. Outfit

Playing here yesterday the Ella Mill base ball club defeated the Coza team from Kings Mountain, 8 to 6 in a fast ball game.

INTERMEDIATES PLAY

The baseball team of the intermediate class of the First Baptist church will play the Forest City junior team in the city park here Monday.

Present Drought In United States Worst Country Ever Experienced

Heavy Damage To Crops. No General Relief In Sight Yet

Washington, D. C.—The searing drought which for weeks and months has baked large areas between the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachians was listed today as the worst the country has experienced since State-wide weather records began.

J. B. Kincer, meteorologist of the department of agriculture, described it as unparalleled in the records which reach back 40 or 50 years.

Farmers who have watched their crops wither under almost unprecedented temperature records accompanying moisture deficiencies, particularly corn, pastures and fall truck crops, received no encouragement. The forecast division of the weather bureau said no relief was in sight for several days more at least. "Every additional day without rain," Kincer said, "notwithstanding cooler weather, necessarily will further reduce crop prospects."

County Will Publish Full Expense Account

Tree-Sitter Here Makes Second Day, Up For Record Now

Several Thousand People Visit Pete O'Shields in Two Days

At noon today Pete O'Shields, Shelby's tree-sitter who hopes to bring a record to town, had completed his second day—48 hours—and was taking it easy in his pear tree home determined to remain up until fall.

Since young O'Shields climbed into the big tree, at the rear of The Star building, between Campbell's and Courtview, Wednesday at noon, at least 3,000 people have visited the scene of the attempt at a record. Wednesday night the alley was filled with cars and people and there was another traffic jam in the alley again last night. During the day a constant stream of people, many of them young boys and girls, keep moving to and from the tree.

During the day and early hours of the night from three to a half dozen youngsters have kept him company in his shady retreat. Only in the late hours of the night has he been alone, refusing so far all offers from pals to spend the night with him.

Gets a Mattress

His first night was a bit uncomfortable due to the hardness of his plank bed, but last night he fared better on a mattress loaned by the Kester-Groom furniture firm. The rain and thunder storm at noon Thursday failed to drive the tree-sitter out. An awning tent, contributed by Lutz and Jackson, with spliced sides, held much of the rain off him and the radio loaned him by the Pendleton store. So that the tree-sitter may have a bit of spender money when he comes down Dr. A. Pitt Beam, local dentist, is offering him a dollar each week he remains up, and others are planning to make similar offers.

His meals, as previously announced, are being given by the Central cafe, and his smokes and drinks by Quinn's drug store. The Campbell department store is furnishing the tree, A. V. Wray and Six Sons are offering a shirt and a necktie for remaining up a week, the Carolina theater is giving a week's pass for every 24 hours up, and the Peter Pan golf course is giving two days free play for every day up.

To Get Hair Cut

At 5:30 this afternoon Frazier Patton, proprietor of the Patton barber shop, will climb the tree and give O'Shields a hair cut and shave. The tonsorial work will be carried out on the limbs of the tree.

Game Here Today Attracts Interest

Baseball fans of Shelby are considerably enthused over the scheduled contest here this afternoon between the Spindale club and the Eastside-Ora team of Shelby. Two hurling rivals in local ball will oppose each other—Sherrill Hamrick, former high school star, pitching for Spindale, and "Lefty" Smith for the Eastside-Oras. Several well known league and semi-pro stars will appear in the two line-ups.

Citizens To Know Operating Cost

Monthly List of Bills to Be Published as in Past. Nothing Secret, Cline

"There is nothing about the operation of the county government which the commissioners and other officials care for all citizens and taxpayers to know, and with that in view we are planning on publishing each month every item of expense the county has," Mr. A. E. Cline, chairman of the Cleveland commissioners and county auditor, said today.

Many people, he explained, find it difficult to get all the information they want out of the annual publication of the county expenses and audit. Desiring to keep the public posted on all such expense the commissioners plan to return to the old method of preparing an extra copy of the bills ordered paid at each monthly meeting for publication in The Star. Prior to the new business system installed some years ago the monthly expense list as endorsed by the commissioners was published each month. Under the voucher system the method of approving the monthly bills was somewhat different and for a time the monthly list was not published.

Although it may take a bit of additional work to prepare a copy of this monthly session, as it touches upon finance, the commissioners believe it will be the best way of keeping taxpayers informed and plan to follow that hereafter.

Each Item Listed

"Every person," Mr. Cline said, "can then tell just where every cent of money is going. Each bill be approved and order paid will be listed with the amount and the recipient and the nature of the bill. It will be easier for citizens to tell just where the money is going than it will be to figure it out from the annual statement. A list of the bills approved at the meeting Monday will be turned over to The Star during the week. We not only have no desire to keep anything secret, but think it far best for all concerned to know just what is going on."

The only county expense other than the monthly bills as recorded at the meeting of the commissioners is the regular salary list of county officials and workers. Some citizens do not know the exact salaries of all county employes, and for that reason Mr. Cline is preparing a list of salaries of county employes for publication.

Dorton To Handle Concession Rights For Big Celebration

Local Man Will Handle Concession Rights For Battle Ground Event.

At a meeting of representatives of nine American Legion posts held at Gastonia this week in the new Memorial Building, Dr. J. S. Dorton, of Shelby, was appointed as official representative of the Legion in the handling of concession rights for the Kings Mountain battle celebration. The Legion will sell the privilege of setting up refreshment stands and the right to sell souvenirs to the great throng of people who will be in attendance. The money derived therefrom will be turned into the treasury of the Celebration committee to help defray expenses of the great event which takes place October 7th.

Dr. Dorton, by reason of his being secretary of the Cleveland County Fair association, is in touch with men and firms who make a practice of following up gatherings of this sort and selling refreshments and souvenirs. The concession rights, therefore, are expected to be a fine source of revenue to the celebration committee. Dr. Dorton and Tom Abernethy, president of the local Warren Hoyle Post of American Legion, attended the Gastonia meeting this week.

At Celebration 50 Years Ago, Returns

Bill Hogue, well known Shelby man, was at the Kings Mountain celebration 50 years ago and he is going back in October for the biggest celebration yet staged there unless something bobs up between now and the date of the event. Fifty years ago he attended for two days of the three-day celebration.