

THE MARKET.

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

Showers Likely.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy with local thunder showers this afternoon or tonight in central and northwest portions. Thursday mostly fair, not much change in temperature.

Chinese Slaughter.

Shanghai, Aug. 6.—Two thousand Chinese were executed while communists were in possession of Changsha, Hunan province, Japanese dispatches said early today. In addition 4,000 Chinese were missing, either executed or kidnaped.

Shanghai, Aug. 5.—Aroused by further outrages against foreigners in China by bandit-communist armies, foreign governments today ordered additional warships to proceed up the Yangtze river to reinforce 11 gunboats at Hankow and five at Changsha.

Postoffice At South Shelby

Second Rural Station Is Authorized—C. H. Reinhart Will Be Clerk In Charge

The application for a second Rural Station for Shelby has been granted, effective as of October 1st. It will be located at the store of Charles H. Reinhart and will be known as "South Shelby Rural Station." Mr. Reinhart will be Clerk-in-Charge.

These are known as "Rural Stations" because they are served by rural carriers, and do business through the main office. Practically all business that can be transacted through the main office can be transacted through the Rural Stations—registering, insuring, purchasing money orders, sending C. O. D., selling stamps, cards, stamped envelopes, etc.

Millside Rural Station was the first station established in Shelby and is located in close proximity to Eastside Manufacturing company and to the Cleveland Cloth Mills. These stations are a great convenience to the people who live near them and it is hoped that they will be liberally patronized. This will, to some extent, relieve the congestion at the main office at peak hours.

These stations will not, in any way, displace or supersede the city service that those sections are receiving now. While coordinate, in part, with the city delivery service, they render a great deal of service that can not be rendered by the city carriers.

Work Convicts At County Farm

Lions Club Here Makes Suggestion To County Officials At Meeting

Cleveland county, or No. 6 township, has more convicts than can be employed on the township road work, so why not employ prisoners who have had farm experience upon the county home farm.

That was the question the Shelby Lions club asked county officials at the weekly meeting of the club last night. Attorney Maurice R. Weathers was the speaker and representatives of the board of county commissioners and the No. 6 township road commissioners were present.

The query was merely passed along as a suggestion for officials to think over, according to Mr. Weathers. He mentioned the fact that around 200 acres of county home farm land is now being worked and that there are now approximately 60 prisoners on the No. 6 chain gang. No. 6 road commissioners say they can only work 25 prisoners, and Mr. Weathers in his talk thought it might be possible to take those prisoners who are experienced farm workers and place them on the county farm. If such a plan could be worked out the convicts, he said, would be able to feed themselves and perhaps have a surplus to aid in feeding the inmates of the home. Should there be a remaining surplus it might go, he said, to the welfare department to aid unfortunate families.

Shelby Youngsters Win In 2 Contests

The baseball team of the intermediate class of boys at the Shelby First Baptist church won two games this week, defeating the Forest City intermediates Monday 7 to 6 and the Rutherfordton team Tuesday 4 to 3. In the Forest City game the Shelby battery was R. K. Wilson, O. C. Connor and Wolfe. For Forest City C. Doggett and L. Duggett. O. C. Connor hit a three-bagger and James a two-bagger in this game.

Jonas Attempts To Ride Smith Issue For Win

Getting Publicity Out Of Report

Republicans Would Revive Smith Fight To Offset Hard Times Damage.

"Faced by what appears to be sure defeat because of the lack of prosperity. President Hoover and the Republican party promised the country, Congressman Charles A. Jonas now seems to be attempting to revive the Al Smith issue with the hope of riding it back to Washington," Attorney W. S. Beam, Democratic congressional committee member for this district, stated here today after reading a statement issued at Charlotte by the Republican congressman for this district.

This week a report emanating from Washington had it that a petition signed by North Carolina Democrats who voted for Hoover was asking that Smith become a candidate again. Leading Democrats at the time appeared to know little about it and authentic information regarding the petition has not been advanced.

North Carolina Democrats took very little stock in the report. Many of them considered it a shrewd move on the part of Republican propaganda artists to stir up and revive the friction among North Carolina Democrats.

Up Again. Scant attention was given the report, due to several mysterious angles surrounding it, until the Charlotte Observer this week published statements from Congressman Jonas and Frank R. McNinch, the anti-Smith leader of 1928, concerning it. Mr. McNinch said that he did not believe North Carolina Democrats who voted for Hoover had signed any such petition, and would not sign it. Mr. Jonas declared that he had a copy of the petition, and the articles stated that the signers may have been original Smith men who were attempting to bring the New York man into the limelight again.

Weak Strategy. "It's a laughable matter to see Mr. Jonas trying to win votes by such weak strategy," Mr. Beam declared here today. "I hardly believe that any Hoover Democrats started and signed such a petition. And I doubt, too, if any of the Democratic regulars in 1928 signed it. The party in North Carolina seems to be harmonious now and I do not think the Democrats of the state care to start anything that will get them at odds with each other again. It's merely a ruse to give Mr. Jonas an opportunity of splitting the Democrats of the ninth district so that he may get in office again. That's the way he managed to slip in the first time—that and his promises of how the textile industry and agriculture would flourish in North Carolina with a Republican in Washington to talk with President Hoover about the ninth district. From a somewhat mysterious source comes a report that Hoovercrats want Smith now." The unusual aspects of such a report caused party leaders to ignore it. But not Mr. Jonas. He saw a chance to stir up a fight, and he needed such a chance. Major Bulwinkle can beat him hands down this Fall with a united party behind him. Mr. Jonas can never explain away these hard times we have instead of the prosperity he and Mr. Hoover promised us. Now it sees an opportunity to hide behind a revival of the Smith fight. Wonder why he doesn't show the copy of the petition he has? Why be so mysterious about it? Why not publish it so

N. C. Has Only Little More Than One Auto For Each Seven People

Tar Heels Somewhat Conservative About Car Buying, Automobile Statistics Show

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—North Carolina owns and continues to buy automobiles conservatively, according to latest statistics prepared and barely one out of each seven persons supports a benzine buggy.

The exact percentage is 6.53, so the national automobile chamber of commerce has announced. Considering the vast federal taxes paid by the state and the almost unmatched system of roads, the impression had gone abroad that North Carolina owns nearly half the

Fords in Christendom. The latest figures disillusion the publicists. Nation-wide tabulations by the N. A. C. shows that: North Carolina ranks 17th in total motor vehicle registration with 483,602 cars; 26th in numerical increase during 1929 with 19,226 cars; 46th in per cent increase of motor cars during 1929; 17th in passenger car registration, 430,651; 20th in truck registration, 52,995; 43rd in population per truck; and 38th in population per passenger car.

Plans to Harness the Waves



Gustave Sachs looking over his plans whereby he will develop his four inventions to "revolutionize ocean travel both in volume and speed." The inventions include a hydroplane, an improved speedboat, an improved sea airport and an ocean wave hydroelectric power plant. With the last he intends to generate power from the ocean waves.

Hoey Will Not Say Until Fall About Prospective Senate Race

Shelby Mag Believes That Another Campaign Should Not Come Up Just Now.

Will Clyde Hoey be a candidate for the United States senate in 1932? That query is still being asked. Last week a Greensboro News writer was in Shelby and while here he attempted to get the question answered.

Here's his story of all he could learn:

"North Carolinians who are speculating over the likelihood of Clyde Hoey's entering the Democratic senatorial primary against Senator Lee Slater Overman in 1932 will have to continue their speculation until after the general election next November.

"Mr. Hoey himself doesn't say that, although his actions indicate it, but the assurance comes from his fellow-citizens, friends and neighbors to whom he will naturally talk more freely than to inquiring newspapermen. The average citizen on the court square here, to say nothing of those who have their business in the shadow of Mr. Hoey's office or perhaps in the same building where Max Gardner's law books are waiting for him to come back to them, can give the low down on North Carolina politics past, present

and future. The only evidence which directly involved Anderson was that of the other prosecution witness. He said that his father went down the aisle shouting and that Anderson smiled. On this point the recorder said he could punish Anderson for not behaving or causing a disturbance at church but that he could not force him to be religious, or keep him from smiling. In acquitting the defendant, however, the recorder warned him that if he returned to that or any other church he would have to behave or be punished.

A large number of people from the Zion Hill section attended the hearing.

Waco Store Robbed, Pennies Are Taken

Miller's Store Entered By Broken Window. No Great Loss

Stowe Miller's store at Waco, in eastern Cleveland county, was broken into and robbed late Monday night or early Tuesday morning.

Reports from Waco state that a window glass was broken and that between three and four hundred pennies, some cigarettes and candy were stolen. Because of the loot taken it is believed by some that young boys staged the robbery.

First reports circulated Tuesday had it that the postoffice there had been robbed, but the report was erroneous.

Uses Gasoline To Start Fire; House Is Badly Damaged

Mrs. J. I. Moore, S. DeKalb Street, Receives Bad Burns On The Hands and Arms.

Mrs. J. I. Moore, S. DeKalb St., sent a child to a filling station to get kerosene with which to start fires in her kitchen stove early this morning. The child came back with gasoline and when the fire was laid and a match applied the usual explosion followed. Mrs. Moore was badly burned about the hands and arms, the rear rooms and contents of her dwelling were charred and a hole burned through the roof. The fire department responded and saved the dwelling from being a complete loss.

Mrs. Moore was starting a fire in the kitchen stove to prepare breakfast for her family of children and her aged parents who live in the house with her. Her husband who is a brick mason by trade is working at Baden, but the brave woman did not want to call him off the job and set about with a woman's courage to set the house back in order.

County Board Sets Official Tax Rate Here

73 Cent Rate Is Accepted

Old Levy Formally Fixed By Board. Borders Back To County Home.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county board of commissioners this week the tax levy for Cleveland county was officially fixed at 73 cents—the same levy as prevailed last year.

Some time ago Mr. A. E. Cline, board chairman, in announcing his budget for the year stated that the tax rate would remain the same. Nineteen cents of the county-wide rate is for county operation and 54 cents for schools. The only change in the budget list was the reduction of the No. 6 township road levy from 24 cents to 20 cents. The biggest reduction in a road district levy was from 85 cents to 70 cents in No. 1 township.

At the same meeting the commissioners employed Mr. John T. Borders for another year as keeper of the county home for the aged and infirm, and Uscher Sarden was employed as tenant there.

The commissioners authorized the expenditure for burial expense for Nancy Moore, and the placing on the pension list of Harriette E. Jackson. Five dollars per month was also allowed Lee Kendrick for support, and \$5 was authorized to be sent as dues to the State Association of County Commissioners.

Publiah Expense. In accordance with the decision of the commissioners to publish each month the list of county expenditures, the following copy of monthly bills approved and ordered paid was signed by the commissioners A. E. Cline, R. L. Weathers and G. R. Lattimore, and released for publication:

Farmers and Planters hardware company, county home, \$3.35; Quinn Abernethy, Jr., adjutant; Basil Goode, finance officer; C. B. McBrayer, service officer; Oscar W. Powell, guardianship officer; A. W. Archer, sergeant-at-arms; Griffin P. Smith, chaplain; Dr. B. M. Jarrett, athletic officer; P. H. Jones, child welfare; Tom C. Stamey, Americanism officer; E. B. Jarrett, membership officer; C. J. Woodson, publicity.

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County Has Ups On Its Governor By His Own Bull Statement

Gardner Says Purebred Bulls Beat Governors And Commissioners Now.

Cleveland county may not have but one governor down at Raleigh, but the county has seven new purebred bulls and that, according to the county's own governor, is more important than several dozen governors, or a flock of county commissioners, or what have you.

Which is to say that Governor Gardner thinks very few things better for a county than purebred bulls. The bull story comes from Selma, this state, where the governor spoke Tuesday. Here it is:

"Gov. O. Max Gardner, speaking to 1,000 farmers and farmwomen here Tuesday as the "North Carolina Livestock Development" special train started a three weeks tour of the state, declared "one purebred bull is worth more than any county commissioner I ever saw or any four or five governors."

"Governor Gardner, calling on the people of Johnston county and the state to aid him in bringing prosperity and happiness to the farming people of the state, 'declared war' on scrub cattle and scrub people.

"Scrub cattle in North Carolina," the governor said, "have done more harm than all the boll weevils and are greater than all the pests."

Gretna Green Cupid Feels "Hard Times"

The Dan Cupid who patrols the Gaffney, South Carolina, area, which is the Gretna Green for this section, seems to be feeling the effects of the business depression.

Last week only one Cleveland county couple motored to Gaffney to be married. They were Wayne Styles and Mattie Peek, both of Shelby.

Whisnant Reunion On Saturday Next

The Whisnant reunion will be held Saturday, August 9th at the home of Bruce Whisnant at Folkville. All who attend are asked to bring baskets of dinner and spend the day. The invitation is extended to the Whisnants of this section, their relatives.

APPOINTED NOTARY Mr. Paul Hawkins, of Shelby, has been commissioned as notary public by Governor Gardner, according to Raleigh dispatches.

Hail Beats Out Eyes Of A Calf In Vale Section, Rabbits Killed!

This is another item about last Friday night's hail storm. And what an item!

Mr. E. F. Sigmon, who lives in the vale section near the Catawba - Cleveland - Lincoln line, was in Newton this week and while there related some of the things the hail storm did at his house.

Among other things, he said, the hail stones, some of them the size of guinea eggs, beat out the eyes of a calf, and now the calf is totally blind.

And in the Toluca correspondence to The Star today is an item about the rabbits killed in that section by the hailstones.

Beam Head Of Legion Post

One Of Men Vets Who Organized Legion In Paris Heads Shelby Group.

At a meeting held last night at the court house here Attorney W. Speight Beam was named commander of the Warren Hoyle post of the American Legion to succeed Commander Tom Abernethy.

In naming Mr. Beam to the office the Shelby and Cleveland county ex-service men honored the one North Carolinian who attended the first organization meeting of the American Legion in Paris just after the World war. Mr. Beam was also on the first executive committee and is the first official named in the act of Congress endorsing the organization of veterans.

Other new officers named were: Dale R. Yates and Robert D. Crowder, vice-commander; Thos. H. Abernethy, Jr., adjutant; Basil Goode, finance officer; C. B. McBrayer, service officer; Oscar W. Powell, guardianship officer; A. W. Archer, sergeant-at-arms; Griffin P. Smith, chaplain; Dr. B. M. Jarrett, athletic officer; P. H. Jones, child welfare; Tom C. Stamey, Americanism officer; E. B. Jarrett, membership officer; C. J. Woodson, publicity.

The new officers will be installed at the regular meeting in October.

Bike Rider Makes Wilmington Jaunt

Spangler Covers Long Hop In Twenty-Nine And One-Half Hours.

It takes twenty-nine and one-half hours to ride a bicycle from Shelby to Wilmington, a distance of 257 miles. That's the statement of Albert Spangler, Shelby boy, and he should know. Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock he arrived in Wilmington on his bike, after leaving Shelby Monday.

A telegram from the Shelby boy, whose stunt was backed by local bike dealers, says that he stopped a half dozen times. "No trouble," he wrote, "only money getting low, knees getting weak, and sunburn stinging."

Drought Dries Up Wells Used By Cleveland Schools; Appeal Made

Situation Similar To 1925. Huge Enrollment Is Perplexing To Board.

The lack of rain during the spring and summer is giving the Cleveland county school board a problem similar to that of the 1925 drought.

In 1925 the county board of education had to dig wells at numerous schools in the county due to the drought, and at the monthly meeting of the board this week six county school made similar appeals, three such appeals being heard at one time by the board. At several of the schools the wells are dry as a result of the drought. At other schools the school supply has been secured at neighboring homes, but because of low water residents who live near these schools are somewhat adverse to taking the chance of exhausting their entire water supply by permitting the school children to use their wells. The board has the matter under consideration and unless the situation improves may be forced to dig or drill new wells for several of the schools.

Drought Hurts Less Here Than In Other Agricultural Regions

Returning Tourists Tell Of Parched And Burning Sections. Hoover Told That Dry Spell May Be Major Catastrophe Soon. Want Cattle Moved.

The worst drought in the history of the United States, one that may prove a great disaster to farming sections, seems to be doing less damage in this immediate section, than anywhere else in the South, according to returning Shelby tourists and Department of Agriculture reports.

Tree-Sitter Up A Week Today; To Be Up Until Christmas

Going To Beat Durham's Boy's Record Of 413 Hours, Pete Says.

When the noon whistle shrieked here today Pete O'Shields, Shelby's youthful tree-sitter, stood up, stretched himself, and declared to his audience, "Well, that's one week gone. Guess I may as well stay up until Christmas now."

At noon today the young tree sitter had been up 168 hours in his pear tree on the Campbell lot near The Star office between Campbell's store and Courtview.

This morning O'Shields was informed that "Arsenic" Taylor, of Durham, who claims to be the North Carolina champion, and perhaps the American champion, had climbed down Monday after remaining up 413 hours. The Shelby boy says he means to pass that record which will require 10 days and five more hours up.

An Atlanta tree-sitter, however, is still up and has already passed the 416-hour mark. A message came in today from Albenarie saying that Spinks Melton of that town is going to give the Shelby boy a race and will be up a week in the morning, a night and one half day behind O'Shields.

Hundreds of people still visit the tree-sitter's perch daily, but yesterday the warning had to be issued that only three or four people could come up the tree at one time to visit him so that there would be no chance of the limbs breaking.

New Physician Is Here For Practice

Dr. Parker of Goldsboro Locates in Shelby For General Practice

Dr. Shepherd F. Parker of Goldsboro, has come to Shelby to locate for the practice of medicine. He arrived this week and has secured offices in the Judge Webb building where he will open in a few days.

Dr. Parker is a native of Goldsboro and took his academic training at the University of North Carolina. Upon his graduation at the State University he attended the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond where he completed his medical education, after which he served his internship in the Garfield Memorial hospital in Washington, D. C.

Patrolman Halts Big Skating Trip

Shelby Boys Will Hike To Wilmington Instead Of Going On Skates

The North Carolina highway patrol, acting through one of the patrolmen, stepped in Monday night and stopped a publicity stunt planned by two Shelby boys. Now the youngsters are working upon a new plan of making a record of some kind.

Monday's Star carried an item about a proposed skating trip, over Highway 20, from Shelby to Wilmington by two Shelby boys, Clyde Weaver and Boyce Connor. In that instance advertising paid, or didn't pay. Monday night a highway patrolman got in touch with the two lads and informed them that there would be no highway skating as it is against the law to skate on a public highway.

Weaver, undaunted, is determined to make the Wilmington trip. Today he and Kendrick Jackson were planning to hike it—not hitch-hike, but walking—with the hope of establishing a walking record to the coast. The new plan, however, depends upon whether their backers will support them in making the trip afoot instead of on skates.

While other sections east of the Mississippi are in dire straits due to the lack of rain, the section about Shelby, and practically all of the Piedmont Carolinas, do not seem to be suffering to any great extent.

Two weeks ago farmers of Cleveland and adjoining counties were worried. At that time the dry spell here was assuming serious proportions. The corn crop appeared already doomed and cotton was beginning to burn at the top of the ground. Just as it looked as if the crops were headed for ruin unless it rained within a day or so the rains came. Since that time showers have fallen at frequent intervals, and at present no crop seems to be suffering, although additional rain would not hurt.

Such seems to be the situation in other parts of the Piedmont section. One or two counties in the Piedmont counties may be in need of several good rains, but taken as a whole the Piedmont belt is in far better shape than any other similar area east of the Mississippi.

Terrible There. Shelby motorists who have been in the Kentucky-West Virginia area in recent weeks say that conditions there are terrible. The drought has held on so long with excessive heat that pastures have parched away and crops have wilted. In several sections of those states cattle have been shipped out to points where they could get feed and water. Forest fires have added to the perils.

Talks To Hoover. This week Louis J. Taber, master of the National Grange, farm organization, visited President Hoover and informed him that unless it rained within a short time the drought would become a major catastrophe for the farmers of Eastern America. His plea was that railroads grant special rates in the effort to move livestock out of the suffering areas, and in making the appeal he said "the situation is more serious than the nation understands."

Concerning the Taber statement the New York World says: "On a tour of the district in hundreds of rural communities he found pastures as black as if they had been killed by frost, while the green of the forest trees was broken by autumn-like splashes of yellow. He found forest fires a constant menace in the region east of the Mississippi River, where at this season of the year they are normally unknown. Streams and lakes had receded, he said, leaving in their beds dead and dying fish.

Mountain Suffer Worst. "Water shortage was especially acute in the hilly regions. Many

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