

THE MARKET. Cotton, per lb. 12 1/4. Cotton Seed, per bu. 36c.

Slightly Cooler. North Carolina fair, slightly cooler on coast tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy.

Dies At Lake Lure. An automobile mechanic named Funk of Asheville, died suddenly at Chimney Rock Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock while watching the boat races on Lake Lure.

Off On Vacation. Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left today for the mountains to spend a three week's vacation with his family who are there for the summer.

Keeler Writes Of Golf Star

Remarkable Play Of "Snook" Webb Gets Attention Of Famous Writer

"Snook" (Fred) Webb, Shelby's 15-year-old southpaw golf star, has established such a remarkable record this summer that his unusual play has caught the eye of O. B. Keeler, of Atlanta, America's best known golf writer.

In an article Saturday in The Atlanta Journal, Keeler says that the Shelby boy may be the golfer to show the world that a left-hander can play golf just as well as a right-hander.

The Keeler comment follows: "While we are on the subject of young southerners who are showing promise in golf, let us not overlook Snook Webb, of Shelby, N. C. Snook, whose baptism name is Fred, is 15 years old, and he now holds the scoring record on three Carolina golf courses. A week ago, Snook and his slightly older brother, Pete, who is in his seventeenth year, were playing over the tough Spartanburg course with Hobart Lyle, former Cleveland Springs professional. The course record was 75. Pete turned in a card of 70, but that record was simultaneously busted by Snook with a 68.

Local Men Buy In Rutherford Store

C. C. Blanton and Forrest Eskridge Buy Old Commercial Bank Building

Rutherford, Aug. 9.—What is probably the most valuable property in Rutherford was sold here Friday at noon under mortgage. It was the old Commercial bank building, now occupied by the Rexall drug store on the corner of Main and Second streets, and the building occupied by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea company, which adjoins it.

The bid will remain open for 10 days and is subject to a raise during that time. There is a total mortgage of \$24,665 against the property. All taxes and costs added to that will nearly equal the amount of the bid. The original cost of the buildings and lot more than 20 years ago was around \$20,000.

First Open Boll Of Cotton In Now

The first open cotton boll of the season in Cleveland county was brought into The Star office Saturday morning by Mr. D. F. Beam. Other bolls may have opened earlier but this is the first reported at The Star.

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County Debt Reduced \$73,750 In One Year

Statement Published Today

This Done in Face of 7 1/2c County Tax Rate. Debt Itemized in Statement

There has been a total reduction in the indebtedness of Cleveland county and the various districts of \$73,750 since a year ago, according to an official statement issued by the county commissioners and published in today's issue of The Star.

Economy Program

This reduction in the county indebtedness in the face of a 7 1/2c county tax rate and the loss of revenue from uncollected taxes of \$17,353, has brought praise to the members of the county board of commissioners. The financial statement is a most gratifying one and the envy of tax payers in other counties where economy and approved business methods have not been practiced in Cleveland.

Loss in Uncollected Taxes

Today's official statement published in accordance with the County Finance Act of 1927 shows many interesting figures which the taxpayers are no doubt glad to get. For instance, the total indebtedness of the county, road and school districts at the ending of the fiscal year June 30th, 1929 was \$1,110,400.

Cline Speaker At Officials Meeting

Mr. A. E. Cline, chairman of the Cleveland county commissioners, will go this week to Wrightsville Beach to attend the annual meeting of North Carolina county commissioners, which meets there on Tuesday. The Cleveland man is on the program for the response to the address of welcome.

Storm And Hail Damage: Fallston To Cherryville

Hail Does Considerable Damage To Crops Above Fallston—Cherryville Mill Unroofed

Wind, rain and hail of severe proportions visited a section above Fallston, traveled southeast through Lincoln county and reached its height at Cherryville where one side of the Gaston Manufacturing Co., a yarn mill controlled by Mr. Heywood Hull of Shelby, had one side of the building blown in, damaging some of the machinery and otherwise disrupting the plant.

The tremendous driving force of the wind caved in a section about 10 by 25 feet of the brick wall and stripped bare a large section of the roof. The wind hit Cherryville between 4 and 5 o'clock, blowing over many trees and doing damage to small outhouses and shrubbery. The wind is said to have been the heaviest experienced there in several years.

Mrs. Houser, 99 Years Old, Has 215 At Her Birthday

Mrs. Elizabeth Houser, Cleveland county's oldest woman, celebrated her 99th birthday Saturday at the home of her grand-son, Herbert Borders near the county home just east of Shelby. She was able to enjoy the presence of 215 friends and relatives who called for the usual reunion and birthday dinner. An abundance of good things to eat, was served.

County Borrows \$40,000 On Note

Registered Bull Is Purchased for the County Home—All Members Present

Aside from letting contracts for the erection of new buildings in lieu of those destroyed by fire at the county home during the Spring, the county commissioners in a called meeting held Saturday, decided to borrow \$40,000 for the purpose of paying appropriations made for necessary expenses for the current fiscal year in anticipation of the collection of the taxes and other revenue. A negotiable note will be issued therefore and notice of the sale of such note will be published in an early issue of The Star.

Mrs. Oliver Dies; Taken To Georgia

Mrs. Roxie I. Oliver, 1 year of age and wife of D. P. Oliver who works at the Cleveland Cloth Mill and live in the village, died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock of heart trouble. Mrs. Oliver was born in Georgia and her remains were taken Sunday morning to Hoschton, Ga., for interment. She was a fine Christian character and loved by her host of friends.

Camp Call Masons To Meet

The Camp Call Lodge No. 534 A. F. and A. M. meets in call communication Wednesday. All members are requested to be present.

Unusual News Of The Day

Love will find a way. An incident that took place in Shelby last week supports the old saying.

A young business man from a North Carolina city not a day's drive from Shelby stepped up to a clerk at Shelby postoffice and asked where a certain young lady lived. Later he visited The Star office and secured the remaining information he desired to know about the location of the young lady's home.

He was determined to find her because he desired to marry her. And before the day was over he was a married man.

Being mayor of Shelby apparently is not as hard upon a man as being president or governor. America has only one living ex-President and North Carolina has only two living ex-governors, yet Shelby has four living ex-mayors—Paul Webb, W. N. Dorsey, Pat McBrayer and A. P. Weathers. There would be more perhaps had it not been that the late Col. J. T. Gardner held the office for 13 terms.

Mrs. Rhoda Wilson, aged lady of the Palm Tree section, is not much on traveling abroad.

Saturday she was in Shelby for the probation of her husband's will and it was her second trip here in 28 years. Five years ago she came to a circus. And Palm Tree is just 10 miles from Shelby.

One of the biggest worries year in and year out for Sheriff Allen and Chief Poston is keeping the knives of negro prisoners properly identified until the prisoners become free men again. Right often the colored boys protest vehemently when they are given somebody else's carving instrument instead of the one they claim was taken from them when placed in jail.

Does an ambulance, a fire truck, or any other emergency car have the right of way when the red stop light is against them at a traffic corner? That has been a much debated topic in Shelby since an automobile was hit by an ambulance making a dash Friday to the fatal accident on the Cleveland Springs road.

Contracts Let For County Home Plant

Lutz And Webb, Roberts and Evans To Do Building There Soon.

Contracts were let at the court house here Saturday afternoon for the erection of three new buildings at the county home to replace those destroyed by the fire some months ago and to take care of the generally overcrowded condition there.

Roberts and Evans, also local contractors, were awarded the building of a six-room house for colored inmates and a four-room storage house. The price for the two was \$5,869.

And Ellis Has Show Topped By a Decade

Mr. E. R. Ellis, Shelby's sprightly Confederate vet who feels young enough to mix up in another war if somebody starts one, believes that George Bernard Shaw, the famous English playwright, should have several more birthdays before he claims to be an active old man. Mr. Ellis saw a photo of Shaw climbing a stairway two steps at a time. Shaw is 74. "I can take the court house steps two at a time without holding any day in the week, and I am spotting Shaw 10 years," says the Confederate vet who is now 84.

Local Jeweler On State Committee

R. M. Abernethy, local jeweler has been placed on the publicity committee of the North Carolina Retail Jewelers association. The membership of this committee is composed of legitimate jewelers in North Carolina and the purpose is to keep fair trade principles between merchants and customers. It has a legal department to prosecute the unscrupulous jeweler.

One Arrested Over Robbery; Several Thefts

Robbery Wave On Over County

Bud Neal Arrested in Connection With Entering of Postoffice At Lawndale

A robbery wave was inaugurated in Cleveland county last week, two postoffices and at least a half dozen stores being entered and rifled.

Friday county officers arrested Bud Neal, young white man of the Lawndale section, as a suspect in the breaking in of the postoffice there Thursday night. Neal, who has a court record, will likely be tried in Federal court. Nothing was taken from the postoffice. It is said, as the alleged thief became frightened when he heard the night watchman approach. He was seen by the night watchman and two companions and they say, according to information at the sheriff's office, that they recognized the fleeing man as Neal.

A night or two before the Lawndale postoffice affair, the postoffice and a store at Waco were entered and robbed.

Lattimore, Belwood

Lattimore and Belwood merchants were also visited during the week. Wednesday night two stores, a filling station and the depot at Lattimore were robbed. The stores were those of J. S. Blanton and company and T. C. Stockton. The service station was Walker's. A large number of pennies was taken, it is said, from the cash drawers.

Some time Friday night thieves prized open the front door and robbed the Dixon & Lutz store at Belwood. Quantity of cigars, cigarettes, shoes, shirts, socks and other goods was stolen. Officers could find no clue to the theft after an investigation Saturday morning.

Faulty Brakes Cause Rutherford Death; Golden Valley Man

Alfred Grayson, Prominent Farmer Is the Victim. Driver Will Be Held.

Rutherford, Aug. 9.—Because the brakes and clutch were out of commission on an old model T Ford, Alfred Grayson, 67, well known citizen of Golden Valley township, is dead.

Mr. Grayson, who lived within a half mile of South Mountain institute, attended church last night at Fairview where a revival was in progress and was en route home walking when he was knocked down and run over by the Ford, driven by a Mr. White, of Dysartville. James Anderson, of that section, was with Grayson and was slightly injured.

Grayson was rushed to the Rutherford hospital and died today at 3:15 o'clock. He was conscious until early this morning. His body was bruised and his skull was crushed. He will be buried Sunday at 3 o'clock at Golden Valley Methodist church. He leaves one brother, Beulo Grayson of this place and one sister, Mrs. D. D. Freeman, of near Bostie.

The driver of the ill fated Ford will be arrested and held for an investigation, it is said. It is reported that he tried to stop his car on a hill in order to avoid hitting Grayson and could not.

Simmons Home Until Session In December

North Carolina Senator Doesn't Plan To Return To Capital Until December.

Washington.—Senator Simmons has returned to the state and will probably remain at home until congress meets again in December, unless official business demands his return here now and then. It is thought that Mrs. Simmons, who has been ill for some time at the Takoma Park sanitarium, will be able to return to her home in New Bern in about two weeks.

Senator Simmons now finds himself much improved in health. His friends believe that he will shortly be as well as ever.

Farmer Killed. Estill Bennett, age 28, Spartanburg county farmer, was struck dead by lightning Sunday night during a severe electrical storm which did considerable damage to that section.

First Lady Christens Boat



Mrs. Herbert Hoover (insert), holding the bottle of pure water which she smashed over the bow of the 7,000 ton cargo boat "Excalibur" at the New York Shipbuilding Company's plant at Camden, N. J.

Shelby People Benefit As Dry Cleaners Here Stage Price War

Some Prices Half What They Were One Year Ago. Cuts Made By All

Debonair men-about-town may wear neatly pressed trousers every day and the ladies of Shelby may freshen up their appearance with regularly cleaned gowns considerably cheaper now than they could a year ago. Shelby dry cleaning plants and pressing clubs have started a price war.

Such has been the reduction in cleaning and pressing prices that in some instances suits may be cleaned and pressed for half what they could have been last year, and the same applies to the cleaning of dresses and other feminine garments.

One of the first moves in the price war, which has brought every Shelby plant in, was the opening of a cut-rate, cash-and-carry plant. Soon thereafter another plant dropped prices to compete. And now every plant in town has slashed prices, some on a cash-and-carry basis, others on the prevailing delivery method.

Whether or not the price war is at end yet cannot be definitely determined, but it so appears now. Some of the plants have not dropped to the lowest price set by competition, but are advertising extra quality service as the difference.

Anyway, that part of Shelby which attempts to be well-dressed has enjoyed the little price battle between the cleaners and dyers.

Kings Mountain Woman Killed In Wreck In S. C. Had Several Names

More Mystery Centers About Woman Killed In Tragic Wreck

York, S. C.—All of the mystery surrounding the tragic death in an automobile accident here last Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Minnie Nettie Martin does not appear to have been cleared up as yet; in fact, some details are becoming more involved.

O'Shields Near 300-Hour Mark

At noon today Peta O'Shields, Shelby's tree-sitter whose stunt has attracted thousands of people to his roost on the Campbell lot, had been up exactly 288 hours.

Tonight he will have been up 300 hours, and he states that he will "just be getting good started then."

Justice Clarkson To Speak Thursday At Beam Reunion

Justice Heriot Clarkson of the Supreme court of North Carolina will speak Thursday, at the annual Beam reunion to be held at New Prospect church. This is one of the largest families of the county and several hundred people are expected to attend. Justice Clarkson is a native of Mecklenburg county and for a number of years was solicitor in this district. He is a gifted speaker.

MASONIC MEETING

Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. will hold a called communication tonight at 8 o'clock for work in the first degree.

Motorcycle And Auto Hit, Fred Smith Is Killed

Young Man Killed Here Friday.

Cleveland Cloth Mill Employee Badly Mangled in Terrific Highway Crash

The highway death toll was increased by one here Friday afternoon when Fred Smith, young white man employed by the Cleveland Cloth mill, was almost instantly killed when his motorcycle collided head-on with an automobile driven by Herbert Miller, of Lincolnton. The terrific crash took place on the Cleveland Springs road near the homes of Mrs. Kate North and Attorney D. Z. Newton.

Smith, on his motorcycle, was headed east along the Cleveland Springs road and Miller was driving towards Shelby. Reports as to how the terrific collision happened vary somewhat. Anyway, the motorcycle and car plowed into each other with such force that it is considered miraculous that only one was killed. The motorcycle, it appeared, hit the automobile on the left fender, between the headlight, and running board. Smith was catapulted against the left-hand front corner of the windshield and car top, the blow bursting his head.

His head was crushed on the side also and his body was slashed and mangled in the chest and stomach. Such was the force of the blow that the door and windshield of the car were driven in against the steering wheel, this making it seem miraculous that Mr. Miller, who was driving, escaped with only minor injuries and bruises.

Ambulance Hits Car

A telephone call sent an ambulance rushing to the wreck scene. As the ambulance crossed the court square section it struck a Ford automobile driven by a colored man at the stop light at the corner of North Washington and East Marion streets. The car was turned over and considerably damaged, but fortunately the driver escaped without injury.

The ambulance continued to the wreck and Smith, who apparently died about that time, was placed in it and rushed to the hospital. He was accompanied in the ambulance by his brother, Sib Smith, who was riding in an automobile just a short distance behind the motorcycle at the time of the crash. Drs. Harbison and Schenck, of the hospital, made a rapid examination of the injured man just as soon as he reached the hospital, but within a few minutes informed the brother that he was dead, not having breathed since he reached the hospital. Such were the nature of the injuries that the hospital surgeons declared that death must have been almost instantaneous.

FUNERAL SUNDAY

The deceased and his brother have been working at the cloth mill here, but their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith, live in Newton. The body was taken here and funeral services were held at Newton Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Burial was in Alexander county.

Emerson Wilson Of Palm Tree Dies

Honest And Kind Citizens Of Upper Cleveland Is Buried On Friday.

Emerson A. Wilson of the Palm Tree community west of Lawndale, died Thursday last week at his home following an illness of four years with a heart trouble. Mr. Wilson had been bedfast for 13 weeks and his faithful, patient wife had been constantly at his bedside, looking after his every need. Mr. Wilson was 68 years of age, a member of Palm Tree Methodist church which he joined in early life. He was known for his honesty, quietness and kindness.

Mr. Wilson was twice married. Eight children survive by his first union and two by his second marriage to Miss Rhoda Stockton. The surviving children are Mrs. Will Fortenberry, Mrs. Albert Perry, Mrs. Alfred Bumgardner, Mack, Joe, David, Ezekiel and Elynn Wilson. Funeral services were held Friday by Rev. J. W. Fitzgerald, assisted by Rev. Mr. Rollins and Interment was in the family burying ground near the home.