

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 8 1/2 to 9c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 31c

Rain And Snow.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Snow in central and west portions and rain or snow in extreme east tonight and probably Thursday morning.

Get "Rumor Bugs."
Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Superior Court Judges H. Hoyle Slink, in Raleigh, and Cameron McRae, in Asheville, today promised grand jury investigation of loose talk derogatory to banks as the result of a "rum" yesterday on the Commercial National bank here.

Select Jurors For Term Here On January 5

Number of Important Matters To Be Tried During January Term.

At a special meeting of the county board of commissioners held here this week jurors were elected for the January term of superior court.

The term convenes on Monday, January 5, and it is the belief here now that Judge J. H. Clement will preside. If so, it will be Judge Clement's first term of court in Shelby.

Jurors named were:

Miles Woods, J. L. Hamrick, A. G. Whisnant, Howard H. Moore, J. S. Roberts, B. Bettis, F. C. Barrett, G. C. Boone, R. C. Baker, D. J. Keeter, Hugh Williams, Rastus B. Dixon, D. W. Carpenter, John B. Porter, Irvin A. Lutz, L. S. Kendrick, B. R. Dellinger, J. L. Putnam, P. B. McMurry, Ben L. Roberts, C. Rush Hamrick.

G. H. Hamrick, Lee Jenkins, L. C. Greene, S. M. Greene, J. Wayne McMurry, C. T. Stamey, G. M. Edwards, C. R. Turner, J. F. Yoder, Clyde Cornwell, Sam Grigg, Clem Martin, Ambrose Crofts, David Wortman.

Bank At Waco Closed Tuesday

Money Tied Up In Another Closed Bank. Hope To Have No Loss.

The Bank of Waco, in eastern Cleveland county, a small financial institution, was closed yesterday evening, after a meeting of officials, because some of the bank's money was tied up in one of the closed Gaston county banks, used by the Waco bank as a depository or clearing bank.

Mr. A. C. Beam, Waco cashier, said this morning that other than having money in the closed Gaston bank the Waco bank was in good condition.

No Withdrawals.

There had not been a single withdrawal, he said, before the bank directors decided to close in order to protect all patrons and stockholders. If the Waco bank can secure what money it has in the other bank when matters are liquidated there it is believed that 100 cents can be paid on the dollar.

The resources of the bank at the time of the last statement were \$111,338.26. The capital is \$5,000 and the surplus \$4,000. Mr. A. W. Black is president and Mr. Beam cashier.

Mrs. Darwin Earl, Young Mother, Dies

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Green Blanton Buried At New Hope Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. Darwin Earl, mother of a two weeks old son, died Monday morning at 9 o'clock at her home one mile west of Earl, following a brief illness from a complication of troubles. Mrs. Earl before her marriage 18 months ago was a Miss Blanton and a popular and attractive member of the younger set of that community.

She is survived by her bereaved husband, a two weeks old infant, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Blanton, seven brothers, Jake, Ed, Carl, Kenyon, Andrew, Cleton and Hudson Blanton, four sisters, Mrs. Irwin Guffey, Misses Isabel, Lorene, and Ida Blanton.

Interment was in the cemetery at New Hope Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. G. P. Abernethy and Rev. J. W. Davis conducted the services.

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Record Snowfall Halts Activity In This Section

Two Buildings Collapse Here; No One Injured

"Tin Can", Garage Tumble In

Depth of 14 Inches Is Record For Score of Years. Little Traffic.

A heavy snow which blanketed the two Carolinas last night and today covered Shelby and surrounding section under 14 inches of snow, which is a record snowfall in this area for more than a score of years.

Less traffic was moving in business and residential Shelby and along the highways out of the city up until noon today than in any half day in 10 years.

Buildings Cave In.

The snowfall, which measured from 13 to 15 inches in level places where there were no drifts, averaging 14 inches, placed such a weight on two Shelby buildings that they caved in early this morning. One was the "tin can" gymnasium at the Shelby high school, and the other a tin storage building and auto paint shop at the rear of the Hawkins garage on South La Fayette street.

When the roof gave way at the high school gymnasium the pressure sent the walls hurtling outward, and the building, according to those who fought their way through snow drifts to the scene, was near a complete wreck.

Cars Are Smashed.

The shed behind the Hawkins garage, said to be owned by the Babers and McClurds, was filled with used automobiles owned by Jack Crawford, former Chevrolet dealer and M. E. White's auto paint shop. From 10 to 15 of the cars were damaged by the falling weight of snow and the roof. Some were considerably damaged, while only the tops of others were damaged to any extent. A negro employe was in the building when it fell, but was extricated by members of the Hawkins force without being injured. Mr. White estimated his paint shop damage at \$200 with no insurance.

Traffic At Standstill.

About one out of 20 automobiles in Shelby were moving today. The only cars out were those which had roads shoveled out from garages to pavement and were then equipped with chains so that they might travel along the slippery and snow-banked streets.

Traffic in and out of Shelby along the several highways was practically at a standstill. With highway forces at work, buses and other traffic was moving slowly between Shelby and Charlotte, but there was little travel west any farther than

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Schools Closed By Heavy Snow

City Schools Did Not Open Today. Closed For Holidays. County Undecided.

Thanks to the big snow storm nearly 3,000 Shelby school children began their Christmas holidays today instead of waiting until Friday.

With traffic tied up by heavy snowdrifts and teachers and pupils facing a problem in reaching the various buildings this morning, Supt. B. L. Smith announced that the holidays would be inaugurated today. Teachers and pupils were notified early this morning that they need not report today.

The schedule had called for the vacation to start Friday, December 19, and continue until Thursday, January 1. The city schools, forced to close earlier than planned, may not re-open until the set date on the first of the year. If it is decided to open earlier announcement will be made.

Out In The County.

All the county schools were also scheduled to close down Friday and re-open on Monday, December 29, but Supt. J. H. Grigg was not sure today that the schools would be able to maintain their work until Friday afternoon due to the snow.

"If highway officials clear the highways as they did last year, the buses will be able to run and school work will go on out in the county," Mr. Grigg said this morning.

"As it is now," he continued, "no definite announcement can be made. It depends upon highway conditions and matters to be determined by individual schools."

Pioneer Business Man Dies



The above is a photograph made some years ago of Mr. A. C. Miller, pioneer textile and business man of Shelby, who was buried here this afternoon. Mr. Miller was one of the central figures in the building of present day Shelby and active in welfare and church work.

A. C. Miller, Retired Capitalist And Churchman, Buried Today; Was Loyal And Generous Leader

Sunday School Supt., Church Official and Deaf School Trustee For Three Years.

Andrew C. Miller, pioneer textile manufacturer, prominent business man and generous friend to the poor and discouraged, is being buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Shelby Presbyterian church which he loved and served as Sunday school superintendent and elder for about 30 years.

Underwent Operation.

Mr. Miller died at 6:35 Tuesday morning in the Shelby hospital where he had been a patient for several days, undergoing a serious abdominal operation for an intestinal trouble. Mr. Miller had been sick for two weeks when an operation was found imperative. At an early morning hour he underwent a serious operation, but his advanced age of 82 years, made it impossible for him to survive the serious trouble.

Many Pay Tribute.

As his body lay at his home on S. Washington street, hundreds of people called to pay a tribute to this saintly man and his princely life. He was born in the Sharon community, the son of Dr. W. J. T. Miller, an excellent physician, a public spirited and benevolent man who served in the house of commons, state senate and state convention of 1851.

Loyal To All.

Possessing many of the fine traits of his father, Mr. Miller was a public spirited, generous and kindly man whose frugal and thrift life enabled him to accumulate a comfortable fortune. This he shared with others, never turning a deaf ear to the poor and needy. He loved a good joke, possessed a keen sense of humor and was loyal to the last degree to his friends, his church and the causes he had faith in.

First Job \$50 a Year.

Mr. Miller's first job was as clerk for the firm of Jenkins and Rudasill for the diminutive salary of \$50 a year. Later he clerked for Fullenwider, Wells and Webb for \$200 a year. His first venture for himself was as a partner with the late Maj. S. J. Green. For 20 years he was in the cotton mill business, owning the Belmont with B. Blanton and Ruch Oates where he built a chapel for his employees and aided them in every possible way.

Prominent In Church.

For 30 years he was superintendent of the Presbyterian church Sunday school and was its active head until five years ago when he relinquished the head because of his defective hearing. His interest in the church and Sunday school, however, never waned. For an equal number of years he served as deacon and elder of this church and was one of the largest contributors.

For nearly thirty years he served on the board of trustees of the state school for the deaf at Morganton of which Dr. E. McK. Goodwin is president.

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Officers Find More Store Loot Near Asheville

Second Note Gives Officers Tip

Dresses, Shoes, Hosiery, Ties And Other Goods Found In Woman's Home.

County and city officers are gradually rounding up the goods stolen from two Shelby stores in two big robberies some weeks ago. Monday evening and night Sheriff Irvin Allen and Police Chief McBride Fosson found a quantity of the J. C. Penney and Lily Mill store goods in the home of Mrs. Della Parker, near Asheville.

Mrs. Parker is said to be the mother of Ernest Stewart, one of the four men held in jail here in connection with the two robberies. She lives near the Enka village, west of Asheville.

Revealed By Note.

The second batch of stolen goods was revealed by a note written by one of the prisoners in the county jail just as was the cache of goods recovered last Saturday when officers secured a note Stewart had written to his wife. That time she was warned to move the loot from the home of her father, Marion Absher, between Kings Mountain and Bessemer City. Officers by intercepting the note visited the Absher home and found the goods in a trunk. Absher was placed under a \$500 bond on the charge of receiving stolen goods.

The next day officers in some manner got hold of another note which was written, presumably, to warn some one to move the loot stored at the home of Mrs. Parker near Asheville. The two officers left for Asheville early Monday, but did not locate the residence for several hours.

The recovered goods included quite a collection of dresses, shoes, sweaters, hosiery and other clothing. The two largest assortments, however, were ties and hosiery. The goods were stored in a large bag which also came from the Penney store.

While searching the home officers also located goods and articles thought to have been taken in other robberies in this section of the state. Mrs. Parker was not arrested and brought here. She admitted, it is said, that several of the fellows in jail here were in the party which brought the loot to her home.

Mr. Kendall Cables Arrival In China

Mrs. Henry E. Kendall received a cablegram this morning announcing the safe arrival in Shanghai, China, of her son, Henry Kendall, who sailed from Seattle, Washington. He left Shelby nearly three weeks ago to go to China to take a responsible position in the foreign office of Dibrell Brothers Tobacco Co. and will be gone a year or more.

Cleveland Land Worth \$53 Per Acre In 1929

(M. E. DUNNAGAN, Star News Bureau.)

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—North Carolina's total valuation of real estate in 1929 was \$2,090,414,000, including land acreage valued at \$934,829,000 and town and city lots valued at \$1,020,077,000, according to the last report of the state board of assessment.

The average valuation of land per acre in the state is \$31.84, the highest being in Gaston county, \$210.81, and the lowest in Dare, \$6.97, while the town lots average the highest in price in Caldwell county, \$3,379.09, and the lowest in Jones county, \$342.51. The state average for town lots is \$1,920.18.

Mecklenburg leads in total value of town lots, with \$123,947,306, while Currituck is listed as having no town lots. Gullfong has the highest total of land acreage, with \$26,936,370 while Tyrrell has the lowest total valuation, \$1,547,067.

In This County.

Cleveland county, the report shows, had a total real estate valuation of \$28,285,000, of which \$16,370,000 was in land, valued at an average of \$53.42 an acre, and \$7,345,000 in town lots, average value of which was \$1,633.97 a lot. The county had \$4,570,000 in manufacturing establishments outside of city and town corporation limits and nothing listed in value of mineral, timber or water power sites in the county.

This County Leads Robeson In Cotton Over 12,000 Bales

Johnston Is Third, 23,000 Bales Behind Cleveland. Rutherford High.

The complete ginning report for all North Carolina, up December 1, shows that Cleveland county is 12,075 bales ahead of the second county, Robeson. Johnston county takes third place, 23,000 bales behind Cleveland.

The five leading counties and their ginning this year and last to Dec. 1, follow:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1929, 1928. Rows: Cleveland (59,123/47,496), Robeson (47,048/37,125), Johnston (35,718/33,593), Harnett (29,418/28,482), Halifax (28,896/23,892).

The ginning in neighboring counties to December 1 was as follows: Catawba 15,041, Gaston 12,625, Lincoln 17,861, Rutherford 19,788. It will be noted that Cleveland has ginned more than any of three neighboring counties and almost as much as the four neighboring counties which produce cotton. The Rutherford crop, over 4,000 bales ahead of last year, promises to be one of the best in the history of the county.

Assessors Named For County's Revaluation

Relief Store Opens In South Shelby

Ed Moorehead in Charge For Present. School and Mill Lend Help. Christmas Program.

The Sunday school of the Second Baptist church will hold its annual Christmas entertainment on Wednesday night, December 24. This will consist of two plays which will be given by the young people of the Church under the direction of Rev. W. T. Brown. In addition to this a white gift program will be rendered when each department will bring articles of food and clothing to be distributed among the needy families of the community.

Relief Store Opened.

The task of administering relief to needy families in South Shelby has been found to be so great that a vacant store room has been obtained which will serve as headquarters for this work in the future. This is located next to the South Shelby Shoe shop and the use of it has been donated by the Consolidated Textile corporation. Further announcement will be made as to the time when this room will be ready to open. Any person having food or clothing to donate are requested to call phone 568 and a Boy Scout will call. Scoutmaster Ed Moorehead has already collected a considerable amount of provisions and clothing. This work is temporarily in charge of Mr. Moorehead and Rev. L. L. Jessup. The South Shelby school under the direction of Miss Selma Webb and her splendid faculty are also rendering a great service in relieving suffering in this section. An urgent plea is made to every citizen of South Shelby to co-operate in this work which is growing more imperative every day.

Work Will Begin January 6

Tax Supervisor All Set To Start Property Revaluation Early In Month.

More than three dozen men will on January 6 start work on the task of re-assessing all property in Cleveland county as is required by the revaluation law.

Tax Supervisor R. L. Weathers, named to direct the work, has already appointed his assessors in every town except No. 4, and this will be done immediately.

A meeting of the assessors already appointed has been held and the supervisor together with County Managers A. E. Cline discussed the work with the appraisers.

Another meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, at which the blanks and final instructions will be issued and the actual work will begin.

Assessors have been named for the following townships:

- No. 1—J. A. McCraw, J. D. Ellis, and T. P. Wood.
No. 2—W. C. Hamrick, D. B. Harris, and D. D. Dodd.
No. 3—A. A. Bettis, J. C. Lowry, and Byron Davis.
No. 4—M. P. Harrelson, J. F. Moss and H. B. Rhyne.
No. 5 (outside)—S. S. Mauney, Coy McSwain, and D. M. Cline.
No. 6 (Shelby)—S. A. Washburn, L. F. McBrayer and J. T. Webb.
No. 7—R. W. McBrayer, F. Bate Blanton, and J. G. Lattimore.
No. 8—Ben P. Jenkins, George M. Gold, E. M. Eaker.
No. 9—C. S. Beam, George L. Cornwell, and C. R. Dixon.
No. 10—M. W. Cantt, Cleo C. Falls, and Tom Probst.
No. 11—A. A. Horton, A. E. Elmore and A. R. McNeely.

Father And Son Feast At Ellenboro

(Special To The Star.)
Ellenboro, Dec. 16.—The fathers of the agricultural students in the Ellenboro school are to be given a real treat Wednesday evening at the expense of their son when the boys plan to banquet their fathers in their annual Father-son banquet.

In addition to the boys and their fathers several special invited guests have been given invitations to the present to address the group. Old time string music is to be rendered during the jamboree for the entertainment of the boys and their parents.

SWEZEY SWORN IN AS CONSTABLE FOR NO. 9

Mr. Tom Swezey was sworn in as constable for No. 9 township and the proper bond was filed at a special meeting of the county commissioners held in Shelby this week.

Will Santa Hear The Prayers Of These?



Pros... now are that on Christmas Eve, as dusk settles before the long-awaited coming of Santa Claus, there will be in and about Shelby many such scenes as that pictured above. There may be many homes that Santa may never get to hereabouts, with necessities of life not to mention a toy or two, or a bit of candy, for those empty stockings. Many little feet will be cold, many little bodies not warm, and many homes without heat and food, unless you, and others like you, help make it Christmas for them. As you go about your final Yuletide preparations, take time to collect up the discarded clothing about your home, some food—potatoes, canned goods, fruits, anything—and leave your contribution at the Charity Shop in the basement under the Betty-Jean beauty shop. If you haven't time to deliver your own, telephone 255, tell them what you have and a Boy Scout will call for it. Let's make it Christmas for everyone as much as possible. Those children in the picture above must know that there is a Santa. Is there?

Ask Morrison, Judges To Bar Banquet Here

New Senator, Judge Parker, Judge Webb, Justice Clarkson, Others Invited.

If all the dignitaries of the legal fraternity attend that are invited, Shelby will be visited next Tuesday evening, when the Cleveland County Bar association holds its annual banquet, by some of North Carolina's most prominent citizens.

The banquet is to be held at the Hotel Charles and Attorney W. S. Beam is in charge of the arrangements. Attorney Robert L. Ryburn, dean of the Shelby bar, is the president of the association.

Those Invited.

Among the dignitaries and prominent jurists invited are the following: Senator Cameron Morrison, Judge John J. Parker, of the Circuit Court of appeals; Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, Justice Heriot Clarkson, of the North Carolina supreme court; Judge-elect Wilson Warlick, of Newton; Superior Court Judge A. L. Quicke, of Lincoln, and Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling.

With this array of talent on hand the barriesters of Cleveland are expecting a big occasion. For the last couple years the bar banquets have attracted more interest than customary among those of the legal fraternity, and now the annual meetings are among the banquet events of the year hereabouts.

Baptist Church Lends Help To Many Needy

One hundred people a week have been helped with clothing by the First Baptist church during the past few weeks, according to the pastor, Dr. Zeno Wall. Dr. Wall and his organization is collecting and distributing clothes to needy families and the response has been very gratifying. The names of the families helped are turned over to the county welfare department so as to avoid duplication.

"We are co-ordinating the relief work as much as possible," says Dr. Wall, "yet the situation is such that there is plenty of service for all. No needy will be surfeited with charity, even if all churches, clubs and organizations throughout the county carry on the good work."

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