

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 8 1/2 to 9 1/4
Cotton Seed, per bu. 30c

Cloudy Tuesday.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

Derides Third Party.
Washington, Dec. 28.—Talk of a third party was belittled today by Senator Borah, of Idaho, a leader of the senate independents, but he spoke significantly of realignments, particularly in legislative matters. Senator Borah said he saw no possibility of a single new party or group of leaders satisfying the constituency on such issues as power, prohibition and farm relief.

No Farm Agent In County Now

Shoffner In Florida Because Of Health. Board Leaves Post Open.

Cleveland county no longer has a farm demonstrator, it was learned by The Star today. Mr. R. W. Shoffner who had been agent for some time became ill several months ago and was confined for many weeks. Last week, hoping to recover his health, Mr. Shoffner went to Miami, Florida, leaving the office vacant. Just how long he will be forced to remain there in recuperating is not known. When he departed the state extension department conferred with County Manager Cline and the county commissioner, offering to send a new agent here until Shoffner was able to return or some other move made. The offer was refused by the commissioners, Mr. Cline stated today. "We told them that they need not send another agent just now and that we would get along for the time being without one," he said.

Cleveland Tops Cotton Counties

Robeson 19,950 Bales Behind. Johnston, In Third Place, 23,275 Behind.
As the final ginning figures show Cleveland county nearing her record cotton crop of 1922, the county continues to hold first place among other Tar Heel counties in cotton production. Robeson, the second county, with 50,017, is almost 11,000 bales—10950 to be exact—behind this county in cotton ginned prior to December 13. Johnston county with 37,992 bales, takes third place—23,275 bales behind Cleveland.
Neighboring Counties.
To December 13 Catawba county had ginned 15,685 bales, Gaston 13,368, Lincoln 18,685 and Rutherford 20,504.

Mrs. Hamrick, Age 78, Dies Sunday

Widow of Tommie Hamrick And Mother of Eight Living Children. Buried at Zoar.
Mrs. Christina Hamrick, widow of Tommie Hamrick, died Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bob Grayson on South DeKalb street at the age of 78 years and 11 months. Mrs. Hamrick had been in bad health for six or eight months. Before coming to Shelby to live with her daughter, Mrs. Grayson, she had been living near Patterson Springs with another daughter, Mrs. Hazel Turner. Her husband preceded her to the grave 19 years ago. Mrs. Hamrick was a fine Christian woman, a devoted mother and kind neighbor. She joined Sharon Methodist church in early life and later moved her membership to Zoar Baptist church, where she was buried this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, funeral services being conducted by Revs. D. G. Washburn and John W. Suttle. Surviving are the following children: Demus, Bynum, Posey, Vick, Gidney Hamrick, Mrs. Winfred Weaver, Mrs. R. N. Grayson and Mrs. Hazel Turner.

Jaw Fractured By Fist: Woman Hurt In Crash Better

Somewhere in east Shelby there is a man who packs a punch of the Jack Dempsey type. Max Devine, of the East Shelby section, and a patient at the Shelby hospital has the proof of that—a fractured jaw. The jaw, it is said, was fractured in a fist fight last week. Mrs. Herschel Moore, who received a fractured skull last week when the automobile occupied by her and her husband skidded and plunged off a 50-foot embankment west of Shelby near the river bridge, was reported today at the hospital as getting along fine.

D. B. F. Suttle, 88 Year Old Vet Buried Saturday

Confederate Veteran Buried Saturday
One Of Oldest Citizens Of Shelby Succumbs To Long Illness. Two Sons Survive

Mr. D. B. F. Suttle, 88 year old veteran of the Civil War, died quietly at his home on N. Lafayette street Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock following a decline in health three years or more. Mr. Suttle had lived an active, out-door life and was strong and hardy until a few years ago. No organic trouble ever developed so he lived to a ripe age, passing his 88th mile stone in life in November of this year. Served In Schenck's Company Mr. Suttle was born near Caroleen in Rutherford county. When he married Sara Elizabeth Gold he moved to a farm near Double Shoals where he lived until he came to Shelby 56 years ago and erected the home where he reared his family and spent the majority of his life. He was a heroic member of company F 55th North Carolina Volunteers, going into service in 1862 under Capt. H. F. Schenck who organized the last company of volunteers to leave Cleveland county. Dr. V. J. Palmer was first lieutenant of this company.

First Lady in Santa Role



Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the President, helping in the distribution of toys and candy to the children of Washington at the special benefit for the Central Union Mission in the nation's capital.

County Board Wants Revaluation Carried Over; Save Thousands

Representative Edwards To Introduce Bill To Postpone Property Revaluation Until 1934. Would Save Almost \$10,000.
The sizeable task of making a revaluation of all the property in Cleveland county, as required by State law, and a task that would cost the county eight or ten thousand dollars, possibly more, will be postponed four years if the county commissioners and Representative Henry Edwards have their way about it. At the request of the commissioner Representative Edwards will introduce a bill when legislature meets next week to give the commissioners the right to use their discretion about making the revaluation now or waiting until better times. Board Wants It. At an informal meeting of the county board, Chairman A. E. Cline, Tax Supervisor R. L. Weathers and Commissioner George Lattimore all favored postponing the work. Mr. Weathers had already been appointed tax supervisor and in turn had appointed his revaluation assessors for each township. The state law says that the quadrennial revaluation work is to start next week. Studying the situation the commissioners realized that the job would cost the county eight to ten thousand dollars a least, and it was their belief that not enough good would result from the revaluation to justify the expense considering the existing business conditions. Representative Edwards, when informed of the wishes of the commissioners, readily took the same view, and will do what he can during the first week of the assembly to have the bill passed. Officials of several other counties, including Guilford and Rowan, have taken a similar attitude and will ask that the revaluation there be postponed. It is hoped that the representatives of those counties and other counties will join with the Cleveland representative in forming a joint bill. This bill would not specify postponing the work in any particular county but would ask the power to permit commissioners of all counties to carry on the work now or postpone it until a later date. "It seems to us," County Manager Cline and Tax Supervisor Weathers said today, "that it is the only wise thing to do. If we are permitted to postpone it, we will merely pass up the revaluation job until the next regular date for it, which would be four years from now. The change in taxation values brought about by the revaluation would not, we believe, justify the expense the work would be to the county at this time." Meantime, should the movement prove successful, the revaluation organization here has already been completed and instructed as how to handle the work when it it put on.

Santa Good To Shelby's Mayor

No matter how skeptical he has been heretofore, the combined persuasive powers of Clyde Hoey and Clarence Darrow could not convince Mayor Sim A. McMurry that there isn't a Kris Kringle. He knows there is. Christmas morning he awoke to find a spank-fired new Buick eight parked at the curb in front of his home. On it was a Christmas greeting card informing that the new car, the gift of the city, was for use of the lord mayor and future lord mayors. And on the day after Christmas the old car used by two mayors, begins its duties transporting meter readers about their work. Kills Sweetheart? Port Arthur, Texas, Dec. 29.—Robert L. Williams, 18, University of Texas sophomore and son of an Austin Methodist minister, faced a preliminary hearing today in the slaying Saturday of his estranged sweetheart, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, 16.

Holiday Accidents Claim Many Lives In Nation; More Than Score Of Fatalities Mar Events In N. C.

Fires, Hunting, Auto Crashes, Poison Booze Take A Dreadful Toll.
New York, Dec. 29.—Between two and three hundred deaths marred Christmas joy in America as accidents took heavy toll from coast to coast. Fires, drownings, hunting tragedies and poisonous alcohol cost lives, but automobiles were the greatest agent of destruction, causing more than two-thirds of the deaths. In the middle west about 80 of the fatalities were recorded. Filmed tapper lodgers in a rooming house at Whiting, Ind., and seven men died. Gun fights claimed lives in the south. One victim was a woman. Poison liquor claimed between five and ten lives in New York. In California three were believed to have drowned when a launch capsized. In Missouri two died when a bridge collapsed. Two children were fatally burned in Montgomery, Pa., when their father poured gasoline on the kitchen fire. A man froze to death in Indiana and another in Pennsylvania. Hundreds were injured in accidents. In This State. Charlotte, Dec. 29.—More than two dozen dead and scores of injured and wounded spread a trail of mourning through the Carolinas in the wake of holiday festivities. Eighteen were killed by automobiles, three were accidentally shot, and one was burned to death when he mistook a pail of gasoline for water. Eight were killed in South Carolina and 14 in North Carolina. Many of the injured were reported.

Celebration Of Yule Sends 13 To County Jail

Only 5 Locked Up Christmas Day
Grover, Contributed Four. Quietest Christmas Yet, City, County Officers Say.

The Christmas spirit, thoroughly enveloped Shelby and section from Wednesday until the week-end, but less Christmas spirit were in evidence than ever before. That's what city and county officers say, and since it is their business, they should know. From Wednesday, Christmas Eve until Saturday only 13 people were placed in the county jail, Sheriff Irvin Allen said. That number included arrests made both by county deputies and city policemen. Often in the past many more than 13 have been jailed herein one joyous week-end. Of the 13 placed in jail during the Yuletide only five were jailed on Christmas day. Four of the five, incidentally, were brought into the Allen Inn by Deputy Charlie Shepard. They were all white men and decided to scrap it out after engaging in a controversy. Very Quiet Here. "It was the quietest in Shelby of any Christmas I recall," Police Chief McBride Poston said, "and there was less drinking than ever." Members of his force agreed. Many Sunday afternoons in the past the city patrolmen had had more activity than they did Christmas. As a result of Shelby's unusually good behavior in staging a quiet Christmas the officers spent the time between walking of their beats in eating nuts and fruits at the police headquarters. Several reasons have been advanced for the lack of exuberant celebrations and drinkings. The snow played a big role in keeping things quiet. A lack of money with which to indulge in whiskey is also credited with having something to do with it as has the low quality of modern rum. Anyway, it was a quiet Yuletide. Only 13 new guests at the hoose-gow and the failure of anyone to see a single inebriate in an uptown gutter offer ample proof.

Wright's Store At Beam's Mill, Burns

New Brick Store And Stock Go Up In Flames. Origin Of Blaze Unknown.
The Josh Wright store—the new brick building by the side of highway 18 at Beams Mill—was destroyed by fire between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning. Very little was left of the stock of goods and building. Just how the very damaging blaze originated is not known. The first was not discovered until the building was a mass of flames. This morning efforts were still being made to determine just how the fire started. One conjecture was that the store might have been robbed and then set afire by the thieves. Mrs. Putnam Dies In Oak Grove Section
Mrs. Clearay Jane Putnam, age 79 years died Friday night in the Oak Grove community in No. 4 town ship and was buried Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Patterson Grove church, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy. Mrs. Putnam and her son W. D. Putnam had been living together since the death of her husband 19 years ago. She was a fine Christian woman and greatly loved in the community. Surviving are three sons, W. D. W. H. and Benton Putnam and one daughter Mrs. J. W. Lovelace.

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Mills Give Treats To Their Employees

Hundreds Of Youngsters Get Cheer In Shelby Mill Village.
Old Santa made the rounds of every home in the several mill villages in and about Shelby. His sack contained many things of good cheer, ranging from hams and dollars to candies, nuts and fruits. The Shelby Cotton Mills, the Belmont, Ella, Dover, and Ora and Eastside gave treat packages over 1,000 each packages being distributed to employees at the Shelby mill alone. At the Cleveland Cloth mill each child in the village received one dollar each, while the 135 families at the Lily mill received one ham each.

Students Speak At First Baptist Here

"Student Night" was observed Sunday evening at the First Baptist church and Rev. R. C. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist church at Lubbock, Texas, filled the pulpit at the Sunday morning service. Mr. Campbell and his wife are on a visit to his parents for the Christmas holidays. He was pastor of the Second Baptist church for a number of years, going to Texas from Canton. His Lubbock church has a membership of 2,700 and he is regarded as one of the outstanding ministers in the Lone Star state. Students and teachers were recognized at the Sunday night service and the following students spoke, representing their schools: George Blanton, Jr., McCallie school at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Troy McKinney, Duke University, Durham; Lillian Crow, Mars Hill college; Kathleen Young, Meredith college, Raleigh; Ruth Waldrop, Boiling Springs junior college.

Farmer Killed By Hit-Run Driver, Another Badly Hurt; 3 Men Jailed

Mooresboro Man Being Sought
Ed Good's Uncle Has Died Leaving \$28,000. Aged Mother Anxious.

Newton, Dec. 29.—Search is being made for Ed Goode, formerly of Mooresboro, whose bachelor uncle, L. L. Goode has died leaving \$28,000 cash and valuable real estate and other property. Goode is about five feet tall and weighs about 200 pounds with light hair and blue eyes. He wears glasses and is 40 years old. He was last heard from in Newton two years ago. A pitiful letter from his old mother to Newton police says in part: "I am 65 years of age, I need my son so very much. I am praying that you will find my son and show him this letter. We want him as early as possible." Goode is married, and has several children in Mooresboro.

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Passing Car, Containing Booze, Strikes Mr. Carme Dixon, Who Was Holding Lantern To Help Occupants Of Another Car To Fix Puncture. Tragedy Occurred Near Fallston. Owner And Driver Of Death Car Still At Large.

Carme Dixon, farmer of the Fallston section, was fatally injured and Charlie Davis, who lives below Shelby in South Carolina, is seriously injured as the result of being struck early Friday night by a hit-and-run driver who was piloting a booze-laden car. The tragic crash occurred about one-half mile north of Fallston on Highway 18. Dixon when hit by the speeding car was playing a Good Samaritan role, having carried a lantern to the roadside to aid Davis and his two companions in fixing a puncture. Three men, said to be occupants of the death-dealing automobile, are in the county jail here, and officers are still seeking the man said to be the owner and driver of the car. An unconfirmed rumor has it that there were women as well as booze in the car with the four men. How It Happened. The story of the fatality as pieced together by officers, who have turned in some speedy work in the matter, is as follows: About 8 o'clock Friday night an automobile driven by Bryan Deven, of the South Shelby section, and occupied by his father Charlie Deven and Charlie Davis, the man who was seriously injured, had a puncture just above Fallston. They stopped their car near the R. A. Lackey farm and called Dixon, who lived there, to aid them. Dixon brought a lantern and was holding it while the others worked on the puncture. While there the other car, headed south towards Shelby, came along and crashed into the parked automobile, hitting Dixon and Davis. The car, it was said, hesitated for a moment, due to the impact, and then sped on south. Badly Mangled. An ambulance rushed Dixon and Davis to the Shelby hospital, where Dixon died about 11:30 that night. Both thighs were fractured, his right leg and left arm broken in addition to internal injuries. He was semi-conscious when brought in and no hope was entertained for him. Davis about 42 years of age, had his right thigh and leg broken and was otherwise injured. His condition today was described as serious. Find Other Car. When the news of the hit-and-run tragedy spread, officers located the hit-and-run automobile about two miles from the place of the crash, the car being abandoned because the radiator had burst causing the motor to become too hot to run. CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.

Mrs. Smith, 90 Years Old, Dead

Wife Of Rev. Landrum Smith Who Represented Cleveland In Legislature At One Time
On Christmas day, Mrs. Nancy Smith, widow of Rev. Landrum L. Smith, at one time a representative of Cleveland county in the State General Assembly, died at the home of her son Eure Smith in the Sharon community. Mrs. Smith was nearing her 91st birthday. She suffered a broken hip in a fall several years ago and had been bedridden since. Before marriage she was Miss Nancy Hamrick. She had a wide family connection in the county and was a saintly woman of the Old South, greatly honored and beloved by her host of friends. Her husband died about 14 years ago. A large crowd attended the funeral which was conducted Friday by Rev. R. L. Forbis. Interment was in the cemetery at Sharon Methodist church. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. W. T. Grigg of Lawndale; Mrs. P. P. Hawkins, of Sharon; Mrs. Will Tidale, of Georgia; and one son, Eure Smith, of Sharon. Also surviving are 34 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and eight great great grandchildren.

Mr. Newton At Home But Not So Well Now

Attorney J. Clint Newton who was seriously ill from a kidney trouble in a Charlotte hospital during the holidays, improved considerably and was able to be brought home Saturday. He suffered two more hemorrhages, however, one Saturday night and another Sunday and is not so well now. His condition is still serious with nothing much that can be done to give him permanent relief. Friends are much encouraged over his slight improvement and hope now that he will be able to get up again in a short while.

Hardware Store Has \$20 In Cash Stolen

When Manager Henry Massey opened his store for business this morning he found that some thief or thieves had entered the Farmers Hardware Store from a rear window and stole \$20 in cash. Mr. Massey had not missed any merchandise from his stock, but says the cash was taken from a drawer when the store was entered either Saturday night or Sunday night by a burglar who broke a glass in a rear window to gain an entrance.

Six Thousand Pounds Poultry Loaded Here

Six thousand pounds of poultry was loaded in Shelby on Christmas eve in a car operated by the Seaboard Poultry Exchange, this being the last car to be operated this year. Mr. B. Austell, president of the exchange says \$1,100 was paid to the farmers for this shipment. A car was operated two weeks ago when \$350 worth was purchased to be shipped to northern markets. Only two cars have been loaded here this fall.

Body Of McEntire Brought To County

The remains of Summie McEntire who was found dead in bed at his at McCormick, S. C. on Christmas morning, were brought to this county for interment. He was buried at Norman's Grove church in upper Cleveland at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Mr. McEntire was 37 years of age and leaves a wife and four children two brothers and three sisters. Many relatives lived in Cleveland county.

Steward Child Dies Membranous Croup

Howard Thomas Stewart, five year old son of Charlie Stewart who lives on Live Oak avenue in West Shelby, died at the Shelby hospital yesterday where he had been taken for an examination. It is understood his trouble was membranous croup. He is being buried this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Sunset cemetery.