

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

Fair And Colder.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair and colder preceded by rain on the northeast coast tonight. Tuesday fair and colder.

Better Banking.
New York, Jan. 4.—Rome C. Stephenson, president of the American Bankers association, said in a statement today that "we will have the strongest banking situation we have ever enjoyed and one worthy of the highest confidence of all our people" as a result of the elimination of "undeniable weaknesses" in the country's banking structure in 1920. Mr. Stephenson asserted that most of the closed banks will pay in full or large part so that the amount lost would be reduced to a minimum. "Despite the prominence in the news of banking difficulties only a small fraction of the total banking figures are affected."

Patrolmen Get Tagless Autos
License Plate Sales Here Considerably Under That Of Last Year.

If you haven't your new auto license tags—and scores of autos in this section are still carrying 1930 tags—better watch for the highway patrolmen. Friday of last week patrolmen working this section began picking up motorists who had not secured their new license plates. Those apprehended last week were not fined, but were given 48 hours in which to secure their tags. It is likely, it is believed here, that those apprehended early this week will be given a similar period of time in which to secure their tags, but within a day or so owners of cars still using old tags may be taken into court. Patrol officials are not saying just when they will clamp down.

Sales Low Here.
The existing business depression is showing up in the sale of tags at the local bureau at the Esquire garage, according to Charles R. Esquire, manager. So far only about 3,500 tags have been sold here. To the same date last year more than 5,000 tags had been purchased.

Costner Heads S. S. Work In Association
Succeeds G. G. Page As Superintendent. Group Leaders Named On Sunday.

At the monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Baptist Sunday school association held with the Second Baptist church yesterday, J. W. Costner, of Double Shoals, was elected superintendent, succeeding G. G. Page, of Kings Mountain. Mr. Costner has been serving faithfully and effectively as assistant to Mr. Page and has now been advanced to the leadership. L. H. Ledford of Shelby is associate superintendent, W. G. Whitworth of Shelby, secretary and treasurer. Group superintendents were elected as follows: Group one B. P. Jenkins of Lattimore, group two G. T. Cabanis of Shelby route 5, group three C. G. McSwain of R-2, group four G. D. F. Ford of Kings Mountain, group five E. A. Hoyle of Fallston, group six A. A. Richards of Casar, group seven O. P. Hamrick of Boiling Springs and group eight Marshal Freeman of Shelby.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Ross Grove church on February 1, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

Much Trading Now Over This Section
Large Number Of Deeds Being Recorded With Register At Court House.

Quite a bit of early year real estate trading has been going on in Cleveland county, according to Register of Deeds Andy E. Newton. In the last week or so a large number of deeds have been recorded as well as mortgages and other records.

"We're doing right much of a rushing business in everything except marriage license," the register said.

Decision In King Case Up Tomorrow

Rafe King, Shelby man now in the South Carolina prison, may know tomorrow just when and where he will be given his second trial on the charge of killing his wife. Court opened today at Chester and the motion of King's lawyers for a change in venue is expected to come up Tuesday. If the judge refuses to move the second trial from Chester where it is alleged that the Shelby man will not have an even break, the date for the trial at Chester will likely be set.

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Consumption Of Water Decreases Here Last Year

4 Million Gallons Under 1929

Mill Curtailment, Empty Houses Cited As Cause. June Was Biggest Month.

Due to a curtailed schedule in the textile plants and an increasing number of empty houses, Shelby consumed less water in 1930 than in 1929, according to figures compiled by Mr. R. V. Toms, superintendent of the city water department.

In 1930 a total of 188,741,000 gallons were used in the city, while 192,914,000 gallons were consumed in 1929—a decrease over last year of 4,173,000 gallons.

"This decrease is due, we believe, to the curtailed schedule of the mills," Supt. Toms said. "Another thing is that in 1929 it was a difficult matter to find an empty residence in Shelby, but last year, particularly the latter part of the year, there were scores of empty houses. The 1930 water consumption, however, was 7,562,000 gallons more than 171,179 gallons used in 1928.

Many Gallons.
With 183 million gallons consumed during the year that means that each of the 10,700 Shelby citizens should have used, 17,840 gallons of water during the year, but many thousands of gallons were used by industrial plants, for fire-fighting, watering lawns, and other usages.

June Leads Way.
June was the month in which more water was consumed than any other—19,256,000 gallons. July ranked second with August a close third. Less water was consumed in February and November than in any other months.

Miss Toney Lands As First Baby Of 1931

To little Miss Margaret Toney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blain Toney, of Lawndale, goes the honor of being Cleveland county's first New Year's baby, or "Miss 1931." Miss Toney was born 30 minutes after the arrival of the new year and is entitled to the numerous gifts offered by Shelby business firms and The Star.

Dies When He Stops At Neighbor's House

Aaron Wells, prominent farmer living in the Kings Mountain battleground section died suddenly Saturday at the home of a neighbor, Mr. Blalock. Mr. Wells had been to Kings Mountain, shopping on Saturday and took sick while he was returning home. He stopped in at Mr. Blalock's home along the road and died shortly thereafter.

LITTLE GIRL FRACTURES HER ARM WHILE SKATING

The skating fad which is again popular with Shelby youngsters resulted in one accident last week. Little Miss Juanita Isler, 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. C. E. Isler, broke her left arm when she fell skating.

Masons Take Hold In Helping Those In Need In The County; Public Conscience Awakened

Already 1,074 People Helped By The County Welfare Department. Need Still Urgent.

Masons, their wives and members of the Order of the Eastern Star, numbering 150 gathered Friday night at the Masonic Temple to renew interest in the needy for the distribution of charity hereabout. The meeting was presided over by J. D. Lineberger who gave a review of the situation, having spent several weeks in making personal investigations and assisting the welfare department, especially the clothing depot in dispensing wearing apparel.

Situation Alarming.
In the midst of severe winter weather, all agreed that the situation is alarming and the cooperation of the charitably inclined people is very urgent at this time. Mr. Lineberger expressed the opinion that there are truck loads of out-grown and cast off clothing in the homes of Shelby and Cleveland county people which could well be spared and at the same time be received with the deepest sort of gratitude by the unemployed. He cited a number of pathetic cases and announced that

Joffre, Hero of Marne, Dead



Marshal Joseph Jacques Cesaire Joffre, hero of the Marne and Commander-in-Chief of the French Army during the first two years of the World War, died at the clinic of St. Jean de Dieu after a long and lingering battle with death. For days the famous French soldier had fought his last fight with that staunch indomitable spirit of his that the world will long remember.

Clements Presides Over Term Of Court Convening Here Today; Big Cases Booked For Trial

D. J. Keeter Foreman Of Grand Jury. Clean Up Jail Cases First.

A week's term of superior court, on the docket of which are several important cases, convened here this morning with Judge J. H. Clements, of Winston-Salem, presiding.

The session this morning was devoted to Judge Clements' charge to the grand jury, the swearing-in of officials and the disposal of several submission cases.

Mr. D. J. Keeter, of Grover, is foreman of the grand jury with Deputy John Wilkins as the officer in charge. Deputy Jerry Runyans is acting court officer and Deputy M. A. Jolley is in charge of the prisoners.

The criminal docket with more than 200 cases is the largest ever. Urgent jail cases will be disposed of it is said before others on the docket will be taken up. In court today it was unofficially reported that the J. J. Lattimore case would be taken up Wednesday.

The killing charge against Hugh Brittain, young Casar man, is listed for trial during the term, but it is not definitely known if the case will be reached. Young Brittain is charged with fatally injuring Deputy Sanford Prueit by backing over the officer after the deputy and other officers had halted the Brittain car believing it to carry whisky.

Crowd In Town.
Due to public interest in many of the cases scheduled to be taken up and because the county commissioners are meeting; and other first Monday activities are on Shelby was filled with what appeared to be a record crowd this morning. Such was the size of the visiting crowds that parking space in the uptown business section was as scarce today as it is on a big trading Saturday.

Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling, re-elected in November, is handling his usual duties as prosecutor.

Boost Gardner For President

Big Farm Leader Says Gardner Type of Man Needed

Wilmington, Jan. 5.—Governor O. Max Gardner, of North Carolina, was proposed as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination here by Earl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture under President Wilson.

Works For Farmers.

"In a country built up on its agriculture," Mr. Vrooman said, addressing the Wilmington board of trade, "Governor Gardner is one of the few governors exerting every effort toward aiding the farmer. I would like to see him a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president."

Mr. Vrooman, owner of extensive farm lands in Iowa and Illinois, is here writing a book on agriculture.

Horn President Of Shelby Lions

Elected To Succeed Chas. Dover, Arthur Benoy Named Vice President.

Mr. Charlie C. (Cobby) Horn is the newly elected president of the Shelby Lions Club, succeeding Mr. Chas. R. Dover.

President Horn and the other new officers will be installed at a meeting Tuesday night week.

The other officers are: Arthur W. Benoy and Glenn White vice presidents; Dr. Robert Wilson secretary; William Osborne, Lion tamer; Loy Thompson, tall twister. Additional directors are Chas. Dover and Dr. D. F. Moore.

Steals Shoes Of Sheriff's Son At County Jail Here

Took Shoes While Guest In 'Bums' Room At Jail. Also Stole Prize Dog.

A new version of ingratitude was related in county court here today. Last Friday night a 17-year-old youth, Ernest Royster, asked to spend the night in the county jail. Sheriff Irvin Allen let the boy in and lodged him in an apartment where bums and other unfortunates are permitted to sleep. Saturday Royster departed, and shortly after he left, Sheriff Allen was informed that the boy was wanted for stealing the B. Cabanis foxhound which won the prize at the Cleveland county fair. Sunday officers located Royster in Rutherfordton.

It was then Sheriff Allen learned how ungrateful Royster was for his free lodging. On the youth's feet were the shoes of the sheriff's son, Heywood. Royster, the sheriff says, stole them at the jail.

The two charges were enough to cause the county court to bind Royster over to superior court.

Industry, Labor Stand By Act Of Compensation

Both Classes Show Their Favor

Workmen, Manufacturers, Others Speak For Workmen's Compensation Act.

(M. E. DUNNAGAN, Star News Bureau.)
Raleigh, Jan. 5.—Industry, as well as labor, is almost, if not entirely unanimous in its support of the N. C. Workmen's compensation act as now effective and administered, according to messages from officials of the North Carolina Industrial Council, representing all types of industry in the state.

The Industrial commission, which operates the act, had been advised by some seeking to either abolish or radically change the act, that industry was not favorable toward the law and sought change. Yesterday a day letter was sent to the officials of the council and before night all but two or three had answered, and in no uncertain terms. Labor, through the N. C. State federation of labor, had already gone on record as heartily supporting the law.

The attitude of the commission is, according to Chairman Matt H. Allen and Commissioners J. Dewey Dorsett and T. A. Wilson, that the general assembly turned over the law to them and they are striving to administer it as written. They will not propose changes. If efforts are made to change the law and their views, after administering it for 18 or 20 months, are sought, they will make suggestions for clarifying certain obscure parts of it, but will not propose or suggest radical or basic changes.

The officers of the N. C. Industrial council are Norman A. Coker, Charlotte, attorney for the Southern Power Co., chairman; E. L. McKee, Sylva, lumber and tannic acid manufacturer, and P. Frank Hanes, attorney. R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., in Winston-Salem, vice chairman; Hunter Marshall, jr., Charlotte, secretary-treasurer of the N. C. Manufacturers association, secretary treasurer; compensation committee: R. W. Griffith, Champion Fibre Co., Canton, chairman; A. E. Tate, High Point furniture manufacturer; James E. Walker, P. Frank Hanes, A. M. Dixon, Gastonia textile manufacturer; Frank S. Sprull, Rocky Mount, banker and manufacturer.

Seaboard Train Off On January 12

Will Operate As A Mixed Train Between Shelby And Rutherfordton.

Ellenboro, Jan. 3.—According to official announcement from from Seaboard offices at Hamlet, the Seaboard passenger trains 21 and 22 between Monroe and Rutherfordton will be discontinued as a regular passenger train, but will be operated between Shelby and Rutherfordton daily as a mixed train. This change will go into effect January 12. The schedule of this train will be about the same. This change of schedule will discontinue the present service on the Caroleen branch of the Seaboard road; but train 22 returning from Rutherfordton will do the work on that branch. Due to this change, the entire crew of the Caroleen branch will be discontinued.

World War Vets Meet.
A meeting of the Warren Hoyle Post of the American Legion is to be held Tuesday night at the court house. Dale R. Yates, vice commander, is to preside, and all World War vets are asked to attend.

No Accidents Here.
No news, so it is said, is good news. This, therefore, is news: Not a single accident case was entered at the Shelby hospital over the week end.

County Man Hits Oil On Christmas

B. D. Jolley, former Cleveland county man, now living near Rush Springs, Oklahoma, believes in Santa Claus and he has ample reason for doing so.

On Christmas evening a big gas well was brought in on his farm there. Since that time, according to reports received here, the well has been turning out over twenty million cubic feet of gas daily and is said to be one of the largest in that section. Mr. Jolley is a brother of Mrs. J. N. Dellinger, of Shelby.

New Solicitor Takes Office



J. Clint Newton (above) was sworn in today as solicitor of the county court succeeding Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner (below).



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Leaves Bed To Take Up Duties

J. Clint Newton Sworn In As Solicitor. Prosecuted Docket Today.

The Cleveland county recorder's court ground through its Monday morning docket today with new officials in charge of the court machinery.

Judge Maurice Weathers, sworn in last week, presided, and Solicitor J. Clint Newton served for the first time as prosecutor.

Still Weak.
Mr. Newton has been ill for weeks and last week it was believed that it would be necessary to swear him in at his home today with a substitute prosecuting for him. This morning, however, Mr. Newton came up town, was sworn in by Court Clerk A. M. Hamrick, and prosecuted the docket of week-end cases. The new solicitor is still weak from his illness but hopes to be able to handle his court duties.

Wailing Of Mr. Jonas Cause Of Merriment In Raleigh; Licked By Same Method As He Won By

Political Circles Consider Fraud Charge Poor Sportsmanship Breaklag Out.

Raleigh, Jan. 5.—The hue and cry being raised by former Congressman Charles A. Jonas, Republican, of the ninth district concerning the crookedness of this last election and of election officials generally over the state is causing more amusement than otherwise here in Raleigh, where it is being interpreted as little more than exhibition of poor sportsmanship on his part.

For almost exactly the same election officials presided over the polls and counted the ballots on November 4 this past year when Major A. L. Bulwinkle the Democratic candidate, defeated Jonas as when Jonas defeated Bulwinkle in 1928. It is pointed out. Yet Bulwinkle did not go up and down the land and to Washington complaining of crooked elections and crooked election officials. Neither did Jonas have anything to say about election method and procedure when he was elected. It is also pointed out that there was much more opportunity for irregularities to have occurred in 1928 under the old ballot system than in 1930 under the Australian ballot plan. It is also pointed out that hundreds of thousands of Republican ballots were sent out by mail by the Republican campaign managers in 1928 and that thousands of these ballots, printed to look exactly like the official ballots were voted instead of the official ballots. Yet Jonas raised no protest at that time, since he was the victor then.

"Another consideration that enters into these charges by Jonas is that if any party is going to attempt to purloin any votes in any election, it is generally the party against which the election is going," said a state official in discussing the Jonas charges here. "Thus if the Democrats ever had any cause to use any irregular methods it was in 1928, when things were going against them, rather in 1930, when the trend was overwhelmingly in their favor."

"Thus the charges being made by Jonas are unwarranted and unfounded right on the face of things, especially when the same set of election officials counted the votes that elected him in 1928. It would appear that Jonas has not yet learned how to accept defeat gracefully."

Beattie, Malone Fail In Damages Asked

Chicken Thieves Are Caught Here

Men With Criminal Records Caught Selling Rutherford County Chickens.

Shelby had almost as much excitement Saturday over a quartet of chicken thieves as the old West did over cattle thieves.

Four white men were in town peddling chickens. Police Chief Poston and Sheriff Irvin Allen got a peep at the men, did not like their looks, and began to check up.

Shortly later the four were placed under arrest and early in the afternoon the four men had been taken back to Rutherford county by Sheriff McFarland. The chickens, it is alleged, were stolen there.

The men had about 20 chicken in all and had already sold some at Palmer's grocery store.

All Had Records.
After the arrests were made of officers learned, they said, that two or three had criminal records. Two of the men, Lee Sisk and Brock Sisk, brothers, had served time on the roads here. Crawford Whiteman, another in the party, had served a prison sentence. It was said, while the fourth, John McGinnis is a brother of one of the men who figured in the Aderholt strike affair at Gastonia.

Wm. E. McSwain To Be Buried Today

Was Graduated At Wake Forest College In 1899. Interment At Beaver Dam.

William E. McSwain of the Beaver Dam community died Saturday night about midnight at the age of 60 years. He had been sick about ten days with a complication of troubles. Mr. McSwain was graduated at Wake Forest college in 1899 and was a man of culture and learning. He was twice married, the first time to Lula Dowdle and the second time to Margaret Gettys. Both of his companions preceded him to the grave. No children survive.

Mr. McSwain is survived by a full brother Elijah McSwain, a full sister Miss Pantha McSwain, two half brothers, B. B. and L. A. McSwain and a half sister, Alpha Weaver. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon by Rev. D. F. Futnam and interment will take place at Beaver Dam church cemetery.

Percy Malone, employed by the Standard Oil Co., at Shelby, did not convince Commissioner Dorsett that he suffered a hernia on November 21, 1930, while carrying an iron beam weighing about 500 pounds, which meets the five requirements in the compensation act. Medical evidence was that the hernia was of long standing and, although about \$200 was spent in an operation, it was not held to be the result of an accident. Compensation was denied.

Hernia Case.

Some Improvement.
Dr. T. J. Ramseur, veteran Blackburg, S. C., physician, who has been right seriously ill, now shows considerable improvement, according to reports here.

Motor Express Shelby To N. Y.

Service Inaugurated From Shelby To New York With Shelby As Southern Terminal.

A motor express service has been inaugurated between Shelby and New York City, operating for the present on a three day schedule leaving Shelby carrying mostly textiles to Philadelphia and New York and returning with silk, rayon and other high class merchandise. Shelby will be made the Southern terminal for this motor express route which started the first truck last week, taking a test shipment from the Cleveland Cloth mill. It is understood the rates will meet those obtaining for freight, yet giving shippers the speed and promptness of express shipments.

The motor express will operate on a schedule of about 34 hours from Shelby, making up shipments from local manufacturing plants and plants along the route in North Carolina. Returning the motor express will bring shipments from New York and Philadelphia.

It is understood that one man-moth truck with double wheels and having a capacity of ten tons was put in service last week for the initial trip. Other trucks will be added as business develops. The promoters of the service are from Graham, this state and the company is known as the K. and S. Trucking Co., with Mr. Steward as manager.

Spanish-American War Vets To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the local camp of Spanish-American war veterans will be held at the court house here tonight at 7:30. It is announced by Commander Hugh A. Logan. Hereafter all regular meetings will be held on the first Monday night after the 4th.

Industrial Commission Hears Complaints

Former Contended Blood Vessel Burst In Scuffle Caused His Paralysis.

(M. E. DUNNAGAN, Star News Bureau.)
Raleigh, Jan. 5.—H. E. Beattie, totally disabled as a result of a stroke of paralysis which he claims came from a burst blood vessel caused by a friendly scuffle with "Dummy" Howard while both were employed by the Shelby Cotton Mills on November 8, 1929, has not convinced Industrial Commissioner J. Dewey Dorsett that the injury arose "out of and in the course of his employment," so compensation has been denied.

The hearing, along with several others, was held in Shelby in December.

Beattie and Howard, as was their custom, engaged in a friendly tussle Beattie claiming that on the date named Howard grabbed him around the waist, resulting in the breaking of a blood vessel. As a result, he claims, he had a stroke of paralysis at night, and that he has been able to work only four months since the stroke, more than a year ago.

"We do not believe that by any stretch of the imagination, can it be found that the disability complained of as the result of the stroke of paralysis was in any manner connected with the scuffle engaged in by the plaintiff and one "Dummy" Howard," Commissioner Dorsett writes, adding: "The medical testimony in the record is certainly not to the effect that such is the case."

Gets Compensation.
W. L. Cloniger, injured while employed by the Neisler Mills, Cleveland county, will receive compensation for four additional weeks at the rate of \$14.40 a week. Commissioner Dorsett having found that the insurance carrier for the mill stopped payment four weeks too soon. Cloniger received \$14.40 a week from the date of his injury, November 15, 1929, until May 18, 1930, but the commissioner found he was not fully recovered at the latter date and allowed him compensation for four additional weeks.

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