

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 9 3/4 to 10 1/4
Cotton Seed, per bu. 30c

Fair And Warmer.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Saturday. Somewhat warmer Saturday and in northwest portion tonight.

Pavlova Dead.
The Hague, Jan. 23.—Anna Pavlova, most noted ballerina ever to come out of a Russian school and into the acclaim of the Western world, died last night in her 55th year, at the Hotel Des Indes. The great artist, never in robust health, had contracted a chill recently when she was forced to remain in the open air several hours because of a railroad wreck at Dijon, France. Her condition became rapidly worse after her arrival at the hotel here, and was announced as critical yesterday afternoon. Actual cause of death was given as pleurisy.

Seek Man For Charge Made By Young Daughter
Husband Ella Mae Wiggins Wanted

John Wiggins Wanted At Rutherfordford After Girl Tells Sordid Story.

Rutherfordford, Jan. 22.—John Wiggins, husband of the late Ella Mae Wiggins, the woman killed near Bessemer City in the Spring of 1929 in a Communist riot, is wanted here on a serious charge, attempted rape on his own daughter. Officers have revealed the story here as follows: Lula Wiggins, age 17 daughter of John Wiggins by his first wife, who is now at the Rutherfordford County home, told a sordid story of the activities of her father and how he has tried to rape her time and again, lived a beggar's life and refused to work.

One morning the latter part of last week, Sheriff McFarland had a call to "come at once," about four miles west of town on the Chimney Rock road. He sent Deputy W. L. Walker who found Lula at a home, scared and worried. She had just escaped from her father after spending the night with him in a negro's home. The negroes vouch for the truthfulness of her statements, especially that Wiggins tried to attack his own daughter in their home.

Lula said that she and her father recently visited the mill section here. She says that her mother died when she was six weeks old and her aunt raised her. Her aunt died about two years ago and she was sent to live with her father. Lula further says that her father deserted her step-mother, Ella Mae Wiggins, who was the mother of five children, some time before Ella Mae's death and for the last two years her father has been "dragging" her back and forth between Gastonia and Tenn., begging and refused to work and has made advances to her time and again and talked "dirty" to her. He told folks a hard luck story and used her for effect.

The night they spent last week at a negro's home, Lula says she begged the negro's mother to let her sleep with her (the negroess), but the negro refused, telling her that whites and blacks do not sleep together. Lula set up part of the horrible night and at daybreak ran to a nearby house and begged the lady of the house to let her in and to not let her father in and if he came to tell him (her father) that she was not there. She had not been in the home but a few minutes until he came seeking her. When told she was not there he left and is still at large.

Lula says that she and her father were both born in Bryson City, N. C., and that she is afraid of her father. Sheriff McFarland has notified officers in Gastonia, Charlotte, Asheville, Spartanburg and other places to watch for and arrest John Wiggins, who appears to be around 45 years of age and is slender. It is thought that the girl is telling the truth and she is now being protected by the strong arm of the law.

Joseph L. Towery To Be Buried on Sunday

Mr. Joseph Lee Towery, 52 year old farmer who made his home in the New Prospect community on the Geo. Spurlin plantation, died this morning at 1 o'clock. He had undergone an operation for appendicitis and peritonitis developed. Mr. Towery was married to Miss Mary Etta Larman who survives with three daughter and four sons. Four sisters and two brothers also survive. Mr. Towery will be buried Sunday at 11 o'clock at Zion Hill church in upper Cleveland. The funeral services to be conducted by Rev. E. D. McDonald.

Seed Produced Here In Demand In Cotton Belt

Cleveland Farmers Aid To Coker

Seed Grown Under Coker Direction Sought by Cotton Planters Of South

Cleveland county is rapidly growing famous as a county that produces a superior strain of cotton seed as well as leading North Carolina in cotton production. The Coker Seed Farm, the outstanding experimental station in the South is advertising as its leading seed Coker's Pedigree Cleveland Five, Strain three.

Between 70 and 80 thousand bushels of these pedigreed seed were grown in Cleveland county last year under the direction of the breeding staff of the Coker experiments station at Hartsville S. C.

Go Over Belt. These seed will be shipped out throughout the cotton belt for planting this spring. Already one shipment of 200 bushels has gone to Dalton, Ga. Last spring 4,000 acres of cotton land in Cleveland county were planted by 51 landlords. All during the growing and cultivating season, the cotton was carefully inspected by the breeders and every precaution taken to keep it pure and uncontaminated. The local representative for this firm is O. Z. Morgan, and, at ginning time, the Dover Gin was used exclusively for this particular strain of seed. It is said that this cotton produced forty per cent of lint in spite of very adverse season.

Get Bonus Prices. It is estimated that the 51 landlords who planted this Pedigreed Coker-Cleveland Five, strain 3 received from \$20,000 to \$25,000 more for their seed than the price of seed at the mill. At present several warehouses are used in the storage of this high grade seed now being offered throughout the South by the sales department of the Coker Seed Farm as one of its choicest varieties, growing a staple of an inch to an inch and a sixteenth. It makes a medium large boll, 64 to 66 to the pound a vigorous plant that spread with evenly distributed, well spaced fruiting branches. With Cleveland county ranking first in North Carolina in the production of cotton and near the top in the South in the production of lint per acre, cotton growers throughout the belt are looking with considerable interest to the county's splendid record.

Lutheran Services Here For Sunday

Attention is directed to the announcement of Lutheran services for next Sunday in the Episcopal church. Rev. N. D. Yount, pastor. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; teachers and classes for all. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Luther league at 6 o'clock. A live program for wide-awake young people. Evening worship 7 o'clock. Sermon by the pastor. Our slogan: "Every member on time ever time." Our welcome sincere all the time.

Clothing Dept To Close This Week; 3,855 Garments, Other Aid Dispensed During Winter

All Known To Be Needy Were Helped. \$2,000 Saving To The City And County.

The old clothes depot which has been operating for the past two months in the Weathers-Blanton building under the direction of the county welfare department, will close this week, according to an announcement made by A. E. Cline, county accountant and J. B. Smith, county welfare officer. It is felt that the clothing depot has filled its mission, having collected and distributed as rapidly as possible all of the available second hand clothes so that the needy might be helped during the winter.

3,855 Garments Given. Miss Frances Hendrick who has been in charge of the depot is receiving much praise for her interest and unflinching devotion to the work. Her report shows that the depot has collected and distributed: 3,855 garments.

Children Not for Sale



Mrs. Helen Patrick, with her two sons, Edward (left) and Peyton, over whose custody she is engaged in a court battle with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anness, wealthy New York couple. Mrs. Patrick declared the Annesses offered her \$1,000,000 for the custody of the children, which she refused.

Over \$30,000 Turned Loose Here Weekly

Total Payrolls Of Eight Industrial Plants Here Keep Shelby From Feeling Pinch.

With eight industrial plants in or near the city running better than half time Shelby has not as yet felt the real pinch of economic depression as have towns and cities where industry is practically at a standstill or running only a small portion of the working week.

Shelby Boy Writes Technical Articles

The Enquirer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is publishing three articles by Palmer H. Beam, a Shelby boy who now resides in that city. Mr. Beam is a mechanical engineer, who attended State college, at Raleigh, and later graduated at Louisiana State college. He is connected with Warren, Webster and company, a three million dollar corporation with headquarters at Camden, N. J. An editorial note, accompanying the article, states that Mr. Beam, a son of Mr. D. Augustus Beam, of Shelby, will write two other technical articles, all dealing with humidifiers and radiators.

S. Shelby School Publishes A Paper

One of the worthy enterprises of the junior high school in South Shelby is the publication of a school newspaper, "The South Shelby Tattler," in mimeograph form. The paper carries grade news, general school news and athletic news, the students handling all of the writing. The school paper also has advertisements from South Shelby merchants and business firms. Ralph Green is the editor-in-chief of the paper and the faculty advisers are Miss Selma Webb, Mrs. Ben Hendrick and Miss Louise Gill.

City Has \$42,000 In Bonds To Meet

Mayor McMurry is pressing the collection of all accounts due the city to enable the treasury to meet the payment of \$42,000 in bonds and interest that become due February 20th. The city has been able to meet all bond and interest payments when due and Mayor McMurry is confident that the February obligations will be paid off if the citizens who owe the city meet their payments.

MIKE BORDERS TO FARM CLEVELAND SPRINGS LAND

Mr. Mike L. Borders has rented for the year and will farm the lands of the Cleveland Springs Estates. W. O. W. Dance. The W. O. W. dance will be held next Saturday night at 8 o'clock in the W. O. W. hall. There will be both round and square dancing.

Re-Districting Plan Would Aid In 9th District

Remove 3 Counties, Add One

Mecklenburg, Avery And Mitchell Taken To 8th, McDowell Added Ninth.

State Democratic Chairman Odus M. Mull's plan of re-districting the congressional districts of North Carolina, to take care of 11 congressmen instead of 10, would, on the basis of past voting, make matters easier for Democratic candidates in this, the ninth, district.

The new census entitles North Carolina to 11 congressmen instead of the 10 now allotted the State. One plan is to have the eleventh as a congressman-at-large, while the other, favored by Chairman Mull and other leaders, would be to work the state into 11 districts.

Mull's Plan. Mr. Mull's re-districting plan, as it effects the Ninth district, would take three counties—Avery, Mecklenburg and Mitchell—from the district and place them in the eighth district. He would then take McDowell county from the Tenth district and add it to this district. This division would place eight counties in the Ninth district instead of 10 as it is comprised now.

On the basis of the 1930 vote the Democratic majority in the district should be larger. Of the three counties taken from this district only one, Mecklenburg, classes as a Democratic county. Mecklenburg's Democratic majority for Congressman Bulwinkle was only 2,798 votes. The Republican majorities, totalled, in Avery and Mitchell counties for Congressman Jonas offset and surpassed Bulwinkle's lead in Mecklenburg.

On the other hand, McDowell voted Democratic in 1930 by around 1,500 votes. 9th District Counties. Counties in the Ninth district by the Mull plan would be Burke, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and McDowell counties ranking as Democratic with Madison and Yancey ranking as Republican and Lincoln swaying between the two.

In 1930 the counties as named above, according to Tom Bost, Raleigh writer, recorded 40,802 Democratic votes and 29,387 Republican votes—a Democratic majority of 11,415. In the Ninth district as it is now Mr. Bulwinkle won by about 6,800 majority.

Whether or not the State will be re-districted will be decided by the present session of legislature. There is some opposition to the re-districting, especially in districts where the present Democratic majorities would be lowered. Chairman Mull, however, believes the Democrats by his district plan would be assured of at least 10 of the 11 congressmen.

Giles Webb Child Pneumonia Victim

James Thomas Webb, eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Webb, died at the home of his parents here Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock of double pneumonia. The child had been sick several days with a severe cold which developed into pneumonia, carrying it away rather suddenly. It was a fine, healthy child, bright and attractive, and its passing is a source of grief to the parents and friends.

Surviving are the parents and one five year old brother, Edgar Webb. Funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the residence, services in charge of Revs. Zeno Wall and L. B. Hayes. Interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

Recover Car Stolen At Negro Fair Here

County officers this week recovered a Ford car stolen at the county fair here last fall. The car, the property of a colored man by the name of McDonald, was located in No. 9 township in the possession of James O'Neill, colored. In county court today O'Neill was bound over to superior court on a larceny charge. He denied that he stole the car, contending that he purchased it at the fair.

Goes To Hospital

Mr. Matt Moore, well known farmer and dairyman of the Patterson Grove section was taken to the State hospital yesterday by Officers Jerry Runyan and Harvey Harrellson. Mr. Moore is suffering from a breakdown thought to have been brought on by worry over financial matters.

Only Woman Member of N. Carolina State House



Mrs. B. Frank Mebane, of Spray, N. C., holds seat Number 1 in the North Carolina State Legislature this session, in addition to being the only woman member of the House. She enjoys the distinction of heading the highly important House Committee on Charity and Welfare Agencies.

Otto Wood Paid Debt To A Shelby Man After Escape

Sent Dr. Joe Osborne, Prison Dentist, A Check From Kansas Before Being Killed.

Otto Wood, the colorful North Carolina criminal killed recently in a gun battle with Police Chief Rankin at Salisbury, was an honest man insofar as Dr. Joe Osborne, Shelby native and State prison dentist, is concerned.

Otto paid a debt of \$25 to Dr. Osborne after he escaped prison the last time and before he was killed at Salisbury.

Sent Money Back

The day Otto escaped from the state prison Dr. Osborne sent a \$25 check down to the little prison store Otto operated to have it cashed. Dr. Osborne never saw Otto again, but, of course, he saw the check when it came back from the bank where it had been cashed with Otto's signature on the back. The Shelby man did not worry about it and told relatives here that he believed Otto would eventually pay him.

Two weeks after Otto escaped Dr. Osborne received a letter from Kansas City in which was enclosed a check for \$25 on a Raleigh bank. The prison dentist carried it to the bank and found that it was good. Otto had squared his account.

The honesty of the late bandit and killer in that instance is credited to his friendship with Dr. Osborne. The latter had worked several times on Otto's teeth in the prison dental office, and also had given Otto a prescription for an ailment which troubled his mother. Along with the check on him which Otto had cashed Dr. Osborne has an autographed photo of the noted will-o-wisp. Both are now in the possession of Dr. Osborne's father, Dr. J. R. Osborne, here.

Masonic Notice

Cleveland lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. will meet in regular communication tonight at 7:30 p. m. Members are urged to attend, visiting brethren cordially invited.

Bill To Consolidate 3 County Offices Is Up

McSwain Would Consolidate Offices Of The County Accountant, Tax Supervisor And Tax Auditor In One Job As County Auditor. Would Appoint Cline If Bill Passes—To Be Elective Office Thereafter.

A bill has been introduced in the State Senate by Senator Peyton McSwain, of this county, which would provide for the consolidation in Cleveland county of the offices of county accountant, tax auditor, and tax supervisor into one office to be known as county auditor.

Make It Lawful To Seine Here Would Permit Use of Seines And Trot Lines In County.

It will be lawful to use seines and trot lines in fishing in this county hereafter, provided a bill introduced this week in the State Senate by Senator Peyton McSwain passes.

The McSwain measure would make it lawful to use "hook and lines, set hooks, throw lines, trot lines, or seines" in any county stream.

The only provision is that trot lines and seining not be permitted in streams stocked by the State or Federal government with any kind of game fish. Such fishing would also not apply to private lakes or ponds which owners desire to post against public fishing.

It became unlawful to use trot lines and seines in this county when the new game regulations came in a couple of years ago.

Miss Cabaniss Buried At Zion This Afternoon

Miss Fray Cabaniss, Daughter Of Mr. And Mrs. Frank Cabaniss Passes, Age 31.

Miss Fray Cabaniss, 31-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cabaniss of the Cabaniss community north of Shelby, died Thursday morning at 8 o'clock following a protracted illness with tuberculosis. She had been confined to her bed for two months and in a serious condition, so her death was expected by members of the family and close friends.

Miss Cabaniss had been a member of Zion church since girlhood and was a fine Christian character, known for her fidelity and radiant spirit. For a number of years she clerked in local stores, the last time with Campbell Department store where she made many warm friends by her courteous and efficient service.

Surviving are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cabaniss, two sisters, Mrs. Hershah Whisman, Miss Alma Cabaniss and three brothers, Athel, George and James Cabaniss. Funeral services took place this afternoon at 1 o'clock with Rev. D. G. Washburn, her pastor in charge. Interment was at Zion church cemetery.

Over 3,000 Students Enrolled In Shelby Schools Now; Seniors Lead High School In Honor Roll

Eighty-Two High School Pupils Make 4th Month Roll Attendance Figures Given.

The Shelby schools showed a gain in enrollment at the end of the fourth month of more than one hundred pupils over that for the corresponding date last year.

A list of schools arranged according to the rank in percentage of attendance and showing total enrollment is given below:

Table with columns for School Name, White, and Colored. Includes Jefferson, Marion, Washington, South Shelby, High School, Graham, Lafayette, Total, High School, and Elementary.

The provisions of the bill are that the proposed county auditor do the work now done by the three offices named above at a salary of \$3,000 per year, and that this officer be elected by the voters. If the bill passes Mr. McSwain proposes that Mr. A. E. Cline, present county manager, be named county auditor, to serve until the first Monday in December, 1932, when the auditor duly elected by the voters shall take the office. The Cline appointment would be conditioned upon his resigning from the county board of commissioners of which he is chairman.

Bill Detailed. The first section of the McSwain bill would create or establish the office of "County Auditor." The second section provides for the regular election of this official for a term of two years. The third section provides that the county auditor perform the duties now handled by the county accountant, the county supervisor of taxation, and the tax auditor.

Provide Helpers. The sixth section of the bill sets the salary of the proposed new office at \$3,000 per year with the board of commissioners having the privilege of allowing the auditor such clerical assistance and helpers as they deem necessary in making out the tax books and handling the other clerical work of the consolidated office.

The seventh section provides that Mr. Cline be appointed to the office effective March 1, 1931 to serve until the first Monday in December of 1932 when the office will be filled by popular vote.

Appointment. The seventh section provides also for a method of taking care of any vacancy that might come up in the office. Should the office become vacant the bill says that an auditor should be appointed at a joint session of the commissioners and board of education.

The provision regarding the appointment of Mr. Cline, should the bill become a law, reads: "provided Mr. Cline will resign from the board of commissioners to accept this appointment."

Veteran Sweezy Is Dead In Missouri

Well Known Citizen In Rutherford And Cleveland Meets Tragic Death.

Mrs. L. B. Withrow of Hollis has received a letter from her cousins in Carthage, Missouri, telling of the fatal injuries to Mr. Elijah Sweezy, who was killed near Miami, Missouri, the day before New Years when the car in which he was riding with his son W. A. Sweezy was struck by a drunken driver. Mr. Sweezy was a veteran of the Civil war and left North Carolina in 1869 to live in Missouri. He has many friends and relatives back in Rutherford and Cleveland counties. The man who drove the truck which struck the Sweezy car was arrested. It is claimed that he was on the wrong side of the road.

Mr. Sweezy was buried January 4th at Miami A daughter, Mrs. Melva Stucky arrived from Fors Murray, N. J. to attend the funeral service.

Local Musicians Render Fine Program

Some of Shelby's premier talent in vocal and instrumental music furnished the program at the Kiwanis club's weekly luncheon last night. The attendance was the fullest it has been in a month or more and the members were in high spirits enjoying the renditions of master composers as interpreted by Miss Mary Helen Lattimore, who gave two very difficult piano solos. Mr. Lewis, supervisor of music in the city schools, who gave a masterful violin solo Mrs. Grady Lovelace, Horace Essom and Mr. Gold sang to the accompaniment of Mrs. Hugh Piaster. Dr. Piaster with Mrs. Piaster accompanying, rendered a delightful violin solo.