

Cotton, per lb. 10 1/2 up
Cotton Seed, per bu 37 1/2

More Rain.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness followed by rain in southwest portion. Sunday rain. Not much change in temperature.

Gaffney Charges.

Rock Hill, S. C., March 20.—Dr. C. A. Jeffries of Gaffney, director in the closed First National bank and the American State bank of Gaffney, testified yesterday in the trial of C. N. Alexander and Stanhope Sifford, former mill executives, that he saw no evidences of check kiting between the two banks until after the death of Maynard Smith, president of the First National bank. The defendants are charged with aiding and abetting Maynard Smith in appropriating approximately \$140,000 of the First National bank's money to fraudulent use of themselves.

County Farmers Get Hail Loans

Farm Agent Notified That Cleveland Is Eligible For Drought Relief.

It was announced today by County Agent A. W. Shoffner that Cleveland county farmers are eligible to receive loans from the government drought relief fund.

It is pointed out, however, that the loans to the farmers of this county will not be based on drought damage. The drought hurt the farmers of Cleveland considerably but not enough in the opinion of the relief committee to entitle farmers to secure loans from the fund on that basis.

The only loans in this county will be based upon hail damage, that item coming under the division of the drought fund devoted to storm-stricken areas.

No special quota has been set for the county and Agent Shoffner urges that farmers who wish to borrow from the fund on the hail damage basis make their applications at once before the two million dollar quota for the two Carolinas, Georgia and Florida is exhausted. The interest rate will be five percent and the government will require a first lien on the crop. Applications may be secured from Mr. Shoffner, from Wm. Lineberger at the Union Trust company, from George Blanton at the First National bank, or from Tom Cornwell or C. O. Dixon. Messrs. Blanton, Cornwell and Dixon compose the loan committee for the county.

The loans are available only for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, feed and fuel. The maximum basis is approximately \$2 per acre for seed and \$5 per acre for fertilizer.

The farm agent has also been notified by the seed loan division of the department of agriculture at Columbia that farmers cannot secure loans for the 1931 crops until they pay what they already owe the seed loan office.

Rutherfordman Discovers Gold

Send Samples To Raleigh. Believes Large Deposits Are Now Available.

Rutherfordton, Mar. 20.—It has long been known that considerable gold deposits exist in Western North Carolina and some of these deposits have been worked with great profit. Prospecting is now being carried on by a number of experienced gold miners in this and adjoining counties and some gold is being located from time to time.

Monroe McDonald, well known farmer who lives three miles south of here discovered gold on his farm this week and plans to have it carefully examined by an expert. Two experienced gold miners looked over the rocks, from which he found a large vein and pronounced it an excellent prospect for gold. Specimens of the mineral thought to contain gold are being sent to the state geologist at Raleigh this week. If gold is found in large quantities Mr. McDonald has a fortune for he says there is a large vein of it near his home.

In Bankruptcy.

Attorney Horace Kennedy this week filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy for the P. D. Herndon company, wholesale grocery firm of Kings Mountain. Mr. Herndon, head of the company, is a former mayor of Kings Mountain.

Ellenboro Robbery.

Police Chief McBride Poston was notified this morning that a store at Ellenboro was entered and robbed some time last night. A quantity of cigarettes, shirts and bloomers were taken, according to Officer Garret Edwards who sent the message.

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163 Criminal Cases On Docket For Superior Court Term Here Next Week; Warlick To Preside

Only Murder Cases Are Those Carried Over From Former Terms. Y. L. McCardwell Banking Charge May Come Up.

The spring term of Superior court will convene here Monday morning with two of the youngest court officials in the State, Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, and Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling, of Lenoir, in charge. At the office of Court Clerk A. M. Hamrick it was stated today that 163 criminal cases are booked for trial the first week.

The second week of the term is scheduled to be given over to the civil calendar which is very congested.

No New Big Cases.

No new cases of major importance are among the 163 hearings booked on the criminal docket, perhaps the most important being the false entry charges against Lem Patterson, former employe of the Ella Mill, a branch of the Consolidated Textile corporation.

Two or three killing cases, however, are on the docket, being continued at the last term. These will likely include the charges against a white man of the Earl section in connection with the shooting in a cornfield of a negro man, and the trial of a Gaffney young man charged with striking with his auto and fatally injuring an aged Mooresboro man many months ago.

Banking Case.

There is a possibility, too, it is said that charges against Y. L. McCardwell, former cashier of the Mooresboro bank, in connection with business transactions of the closed bank may also come up at this term.

The total of 163 cases on the criminal docket represent a decrease from the more than 200 cases docketed at the last term. The decrease is due in part, it is said, to a smaller number of appeals from sentences in recorder's court.

It will be Judge Warlick's first term in Shelby since he was elected last fall, and among court observers here it is believed likely that the presiding judge and solicitor are the youngest judge and solicitor in the state.

John Owens Is Being Buried Here

At One Time Printer At The Star Office. Dies in Charlotte At Age 53.

The remains of John Owens, former citizen of Shelby, are being brought to Shelby for interment this afternoon in Sunset cemetery, the services to be conducted at the grave by Dr. Zeno Wall. He died in Charlotte last night at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Owens was a native of Shelby and for many years was employed as a printer at The Star office in the days of "hand set" type. He was married to Miss Minnie Durham of this place who survives with one child. Mr. Owens moved to Charlotte about twenty years ago. He is a brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Moses, Taub in West Shelby.

Solicitor Newton Back On Job Today

County Solicitor J. Clint Newton was back on the job as prosecutor in county court today for the first time in a month. Mr. Newton has been seriously ill for some time and the improvement of his condition so that he might be out again is cheering news to his many friends.

Hoover To Be Candidate Says Cox, Local Republican Leader

Close Friend of National Committeeman Thinks Hoover Sure Bet.

Widespread discussion of "Hoover prosperity" and recent declaration by Republican progressives that Hoover is not the man to lead their party will not prevent President Hoover from being the party's candidate in 1932. So thinks H. Clay Cox, of Shelby, Republican chairman for Cleveland county.

Mr. Cox, who not only thinks that but expresses it as a positive belief, should know right much of the inside of what he is talking about for he is a close friend and associate of District Attorney Chas. A. Jonas, national committeeman for this state and former congressman in this district.

"Mr. Hoover," he says, "will be the man. These Progressive Republicans may do a lot of talking now but wait until 1932. The Democrats, you see, are great winners in off-years when they seem to be united, but

Held Two Men For Burglary

White Men Charged With Robbing Home Of Boiling Springs Widow.

Joe Moore and C. L. McAfee, both white, were tried in county court this morning and held without bond for Superior court on a charge of entering and robbing the home of Mrs. Kate Bridges near Jollying Springs Wednesday night.

Judge Maurice Weathers did not fix a bond because the evidence, he said, tended to show second degree burglary. Mrs. Bridges was not at home when the house was entered.

The flour, coffee, sugar and other articles stolen were found yesterday. It is said, in the house where the men lived by Deputies Ben Cooper, Bob Kendrick, and Gus Jolley.

High School Girl Is Critically Ill

Miss Margaret Lee, ninth grade pupil in the Shelby high school, is critically ill today at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Everett Lee on Gardner street. The young girl has been ill with diphtheria and last night contracted scarlet fever, the two diseases combining to lessen her chance of recovery.

Brother Of James C. Elliott Passes

James C. Elliott of Route 1, Lattimore, received a telegram this week notifying him of the death of his brother Thomas W. Elliott who passed away March 17th at his home in Walnut Springs, Texas. He was in his 74th year and leaves his widow, four sons and four daughters. Mr. Elliott was born and reared in Cleveland county but had lived in Texas for 45 years where he was a school teacher most of the time. He was a member of the Methodist church and a Mason. The following brothers survive: James, of this county; William D., of Lyons, Ga.; A. B. of Gastonia and one sister, Mrs. M. L. White of this county.

Mrs. Harry's Brother Passes In Gaffney

Benjamin Alonzo Holmes, age 65, retired mill superintendent and brother of Mrs. C. F. Harry of Crover, died at his home in Gaffney, S. C., Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Holmes had been connected with the Irene mills at Gaffney for a number of years. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon from his late residence, the services being conducted by Rev. L. F. McGee, pastor of Buford Street Methodist church of which he was a member.

Theatre Hit By A \$1,500 Blaze

Manager Beam Injured In Jump At Fire In Lyric Theatre Last Night.

A damage estimated at \$1,500 was done by a blaze in the projection room of the Lyric theatre, South LaFayette street, last night and Enos L. Beam, theatre manager, is in bed today with a sprained leg caused by his jump from the window of the room.

The blaze broke out about 10 o'clock and the alarm was promptly answered by the city fire truck. There was no stampede or rush from the theatre and no one was injured other than Mr. Beam.

Open Next Week.

The theatre will be open again some time next week, the opening depending upon the investigation of the insurance adjuster.

The building was only slightly damaged on the ceiling and in the projection room. A film valued at \$150 was destroyed and the projection machinery damaged.

Ball Champs Of Shelby Feted

Victors of Class A Basketball In North Carolina Honored By Kiwanis Club.

Casey Morris' championship squad of basketball cagers in class A in North Carolina, were honor guests last evening at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis club. Supt. B. L. Smith was master of ceremonies and displayed the state trophy in the form of a large silver basketball which the school keeps for a year and the silver loving cup which has been added to the permanent collection of trophies won by the school in a number of its endeavors.

In the 26 games played during the season by the local boys, 17 games were won and only 9 lost. Gradually they worked themselves up to the finals in Raleigh where they nosed out victorious. Tilden Falls reviewed the season and Coach Morris pointed out that athletics develops character, loyalty, determination and good fellowship. A broader system of physical education was urged by Coach Morris whereby all students can avail themselves of systematic training.

In speaking as principal of the school, Mr. Abernethy said athletics develops a desirable attitude toward the school, inoculates good sportsmanship and teaches the players to lose gracefully and win modestly. C. L. Austell, Capt. McSwain, and John Corbett spoke for the team. Ovid Lewis, director of music rendered a violin solo. "The Old Refrain," accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Plaster at the piano.

Baseball Season Opens Today; Carr Fights On Monday

Cherryville Playing Shelby Champs Here, Shelby Boxer To S. C.

The first baseball game of the season is on tap at the city park this afternoon. Shelby High's 1930 champions are meeting Cherryville in the debut game for 1931.

Tuesday Shelby meets Charlotte in Charlotte.

To Darlington. Monday night Babe Carr, Shelby lightweight, will go to Darlington where he will appear in the main bout of one of the first boxing programs in that State since prize fighting was recently legalized by the South Carolina legislature.

J. J. McMurry Has "Flu" In Florida

Relatives here last night were informed that Mr. J. J. McMurry, veteran Shelby business man, has the influenza at St. Petersburg, Florida, where he has been spending the winter. Mayor S. A. McMurry, his son, is leaving Shelby this evening to be with him. Mrs. Tom Moore, a granddaughter, has been spending the winter there with him. The message informed that he had been in bed a week and was running a temperature.

Gin Report Shows Cotton Crop Shorter

Last year's cotton crop in the entire belt amounted to 13,733,830 bales according to the ginners report issued at noon today. This final report on the part of the ginners show the 1930 crop to be under the last government estimate by about a half million bales, yet it had very little effect on the price of cotton today.

Cleveland Men Not Convicted In U. S. Court

Burke Tops List In Federal Court

Total of 44 Prisoners In County Jail Here During Term Of Court.

Although 44 prisoners were in county jail here this week to await trial in the term of federal court not a one of those returned to jail to begin prison sentences elsewhere was a Cleveland county man.

The 31 defendants given prison or reformatory sentences and the numerous others fined during the court session ending Wednesday afternoon were from other counties of the district.

How Divided.

Total sentences imposed during the term ran over 20 years. Thirteen of the 31 prisoners sentenced were sent back to the Burke county jail to serve. Eleven prisoners were sent to Chillicothe, Ohio, four to the Atlanta prison, two to the Washington training school, and one to Rutherford county.

All were men and 29 of the 31 were white men.

Trying Burke Boy On Killing Charge

Younger Brother Freed. Trial Of Mrs. Benton In Husband's Death Is Continued.

Morganton, March 20.—Evidence in the Sutton Abernethy case was concluded about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and when court adjourned later two arguments had been heard. It is expected to go to the jury by noon today.

Just after the conclusion of the evidence Judge Warlick instructed the jury to return a verdict of non-suit as to Frankie Abernethy, 14-year-old brother of the young defendant.

During recent weeks the younger boy charged with being an accessory in the slaying of Shorty Talient, tenant on the Abernethy farm near Hildebran, had been included in the murder indictment.

The state is now centering its efforts toward the conviction of Sutton Abernethy, 16-year-old, of either second degree murder or manslaughter. The boy admits killing Talient but claims that he did it in self defense.

The principal witnesses for the defense on the stand were Frankie Abernethy, appearing in his own and his brother's behalf, and Mrs. Nell Abernethy, mother of the boys. Both corroborated in almost every detail the story told on the stand yesterday by Sutton Abernethy.

Mrs. Abernethy said that when the boys came home Sutton was crying hysterically, told her he had shot and killed "Shorty" but he had to do it to protect himself, and his brother.

Because this case has consumed more time than had been expected, the Benton case in which Mrs. John Benton is charged with the murder of her husband, has been continued until the next term of court.

Charlotte Man Is Found Dead In N. Y.

Relatives in Charlotte were notified yesterday of the death in New York city of Joseph A. C. Wadsworth, prominent Charlotte business man. He was found dead in a hotel room there with a bullet wound in his head and a gun lying nearby. Mr. Wadsworth married Miss Mary Henkel, of Statesville, a niece of Mrs. S. Ernest Hoey, of Shelby. Funeral services will be held at Charlotte Saturday morning.

Special Sermons On Belwood Circuit

Special subjects have been announced for three of the churches of the Belwood circuit next Sunday. The pastor will preach at St. Peter's at 11 a. m. and Kadesh at 3 p. m. on the subject "In the Spirit and Power of Elijah." At Fallston Sunday night at 7:30 the subject will be "God Will Forgive Your Sin but Nature Will Not."

There will be no preaching services on the Belwood circuit the 5th Sunday in Charlotte with Mrs. Snow who is a patient in the Charlotte sanatorium. While there he will preach at Brevard St. Methodist church for Rev. N. C. Williams, who has been ill for several weeks.

A Real Bone Dry



What is probably the oldest "dry" in the world is shown above with Benjamin Shreve, of Harvard University. It is the skeleton of a Stenomyia, declared to be 20,000,000 years old, a gazelle-like camel that roamed the surface of the earth when Noah built the first ferry-boat. The skeleton is on exhibition at the Harvard museum at Cambridge, Mass.

Revivals Begin Sunday At Two Shelby Churches; Daily Services

Presiding Elder At Central Church

Presiding Elder Courtney And Rev. J. R. Church To Assist Pastor L. B. Hayes.

A two weeks revival will begin Sunday morning at Central Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. L. B. Hayes, in the pulpit at the Sunday morning and Sunday night services. Preparations are being made for a spiritual feast during the services when three different ministers will be heard. Rev. Mr. Hayes, the pastor, Rev. R. M. Courtney, the presiding elder of this district, and Rev. J. R. Church, of Kings Mountain.

Rev. Hayes has been away this week visiting churches in the Western North Carolina conference with Bishop Mouzon. He is expected to return to the city tonight or tomorrow in order to have everything in readiness for the launching of the series of meetings Sunday morning.

During the first week, Rev. R. M. Courtney the presiding elder will preach at the morning service to begin at 9 o'clock and last one hour. The pastor, Mr. Hayes, will preach during the first week at the evening service which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

No morning services will be held during the second week of the revival and the evening service will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Church of Kings Mountain. Mr. Hayes will not preach, therefore, during the second week of the meeting which closes on Easter Sunday.

General Revival. It is understood that a series of revival meetings are being conducted during these two weeks throughout the Western North Carolina conference. Last week there was a spiritual life conference held in Charlotte to prepare the pastors and laymen for the general revival in Western North Carolina and indications are that these meetings will result in great spiritual good to the various communities in which they are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kalter who did (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

Wall Preaches At First Baptist

The Pastor, Dr. Wall Will Preach. 115 Prayer Services Held Preliminary To Meeting.

A two weeks revival will begin Sunday at the First Baptist church with Dr. Zeno Wall, the popular pastor doing the preaching at the services to be held twice daily. Assisting him in the meeting will be Mr. Horace Eason, director of music and young peoples work. Messrs. Wall and Eason constitute a fine team and indications are that great spiritual good will result to the community.

Sunday Subjects. Dr. Wall is one of the most popular and effective pastors the First Baptist church has ever had and it was the wish of the congregation that he do the preaching for the revival. He is a great evangelist with long experience in this kind of work, so the revival services will begin Sunday morning with the sermon subject "They Did Nothing." The morning service will be held at the usual hour, 11 o'clock, when special music will be rendered by the church choir of 35 voices. Haydn's "The Heavens Are Telling" is the leading musical number for the morning service. At the evening hour, Dr. Wall will preach on the subject, "Preventing Destruction."

Extensive Preparations. Extensive preparations have been made for the revival. One hundred and fifteen prayer services have been held in the homes of members during the week and it is estimated that an average of 15 people attended these prayer services. Some 2,000 people have therefore been reached during the week and already there have been 15 additions of the church. Also a large number have indicated that they will unite with the church next Sunday morning.

Music A Feature. Music will be a feature at each service during the meeting. Mr. Eason has had the church choir of 35 voices and the young peoples choir of 125 voices in training for (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

Business Now Showing Gain Leaders State

Optimistic Spirit Prevails Here

Various Business Leaders Report Steady Increase. Banker Sees Trend.

Business is on the upgrade and is steadily recovering from the period of depression that has been evident for many months.

So say a general group of Shelby business men, and business men it is known do not say business is good unless it is.

Steady Gain. Statements made to The Star today by Shelby merchants and bankers all reflect a new spirit of optimism brought about by increased trading and general business activity. Some say the activity is not up to that of last year, but others declare their business to be better. All, however, agree that the steady gain is reassuring in that it is not the least spasmodic.

Several Reasons. A number of basic reasons are cited for the new activity. The bonus money being received by World war veterans is one explanation. The cash dividends being paid out by local building and loan associations is another, while the customary spring activity with more people at work and inclined to a more optimistic outlook is the most general explanation.

More Trading. "It is not in proportions to a prosperity boom," says William Lineberger, of the Union Trust company, "but here and there in nearly every business there is ample evidence that things are picking up. From the banking angle this pick-up has been evident for two or three weeks and the gain appears to be steady and consistent. The outlook of the people is largely responsible. They got near rock bottom, adjusted their modes and methods of living, have realized that after all the business life of the community is basically sound, and they have gone back to buying and trading, not recklessly but wisely."

J. C. McNeely, proprietor of the McNeely company, says: "A steady gain is evident in my business as spring arrives. In my opinion business is not up to that of last year as yet but the weekly increase inclines one to believe that ere long it will be."

John M. Best, furniture dealer: (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWELVE)

Junior College Fund Growing

Drive Brings In \$6,868 to Date. Over \$300 During Current Week.

Since last week \$306.65 has been added to the Bowling Springs Junior college subscription fund to help maintain the school as a junior college institution. This brings the total to date up to \$6,868.60, according to Dr. Bolton who is here working the several Baptist associations in the interest of the school: Previously reported \$6,562.95 Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Walker.

Sandy Plains 60.00 Lattimore Baptist church 31.65 Sandy Run association 110.00 Byron Wilson, Bowling Spg. 14.00 C. Rush Hamrick, Shelby 20.00 Hon. C. R. Hoey, Shelby 50.00 Miss Leila Morris, Spindale 10.00 S. F. Carpenter, Belwood 5.00 The Cleveland Star 15.00

Total to date \$6868.60

Nash Store Opens Here On Tuesday

The Nash store, a new ladies ready-to-wear mercantile establishment, will open Tuesday of next week in the Lineberger building in the store room formerly occupied by Young's Jewelry store. Mr. Joe E. Nash who has lived in Shelby for the past ten years or more and been connected with the Fanning company and the Paragon stores. Mr. Nash spent a part of last week in the New York markets buying spring merchandise for the opening. Mrs. Harry Woodson has accepted a position as saleslady for the new store and beautiful new fixtures are being installed this week.

Teacher Improves. Miss Mary Hardy, South Shelby school teacher, injured in an auto collision several days ago, was reported to be improving today. It will be a week or so, however, before she will be able to leave the hospital.

What Do You Know About Shelby?

How much do you know about the city in which you live? How many retail business firms are there in Shelby? How many people are employed in those firms? What is the annual payroll of these employees? What is the total net sales of all retail business firms in Shelby per year? How much is total annual sales of all the general merchandise firms? What are the total yearly sales of the automotive group, the grocery stores, the lumber and building firms, the furniture stores, the wearing apparel stores, the restaurants and eating houses? Do Shelby retail firms do a yearly business in excess of or under five million dollars? Get the answers to all those questions in MONDAY'S STAR. The answers are not guess work but actual statistics assembled and compiled by the Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau. It will be the first comprehensive and complete picture of Shelby's retail business ever published here.