

Cotton, per lb. 10 1/4c up
Cotton Seed, per bu 37 1/2c

Fair Thursday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday. Colder in east tonight. Warmer in central and west portions Thursday.

Knute Rockne Dies

Bazaar, Kansas, April 1.—Knute Rockne, famous Notre Dame football coach, was killed along with five other passengers and two pilots near here yesterday when a trans-continental passenger airplane plunged to earth. The death of Rockne, known wherever football is known as "Rock the genius," was a great shock to the entire nation for the internationally known instructor of athletes was the greatest figure ever in the gridiron game.

Quake Kills 1,000

Managua, Nicaragua, April 1.—Fire following a series of 11 earthquakes here yesterday, demolished the business section, spread terror and desolation throughout the entire section, and claimed around 1,000 lives with thousands of others being injured. Many of the victims were Americans, but this evening, while the fire still raged, only three had been definitely identified.

College Gifts Above \$8,000

Nearly \$800 Added During the Week. First Baptist and Double Springs Lead.

In the special effort in behalf of Boiling Springs junior college some of the churches in Cleveland county have revealed a great spirit of generosity. The First Baptist church, Shelby, has given nearly \$1000. Double Springs, the church which has long been known as the best country church in North Carolina, has given nearly \$500. Elizabeth church has given a little over \$200.

In the next list of donations a statement will show the total amount given by Boiling Springs Baptist church which has given \$600 generously during this special effort. Donations for the current week follow:

Table listing donations for Boiling Springs Baptist church, including amounts from various churches like W. W. Washburn, Clarence M. Morrison, etc.

Special Program At Central Church For Good Friday

Different Denominations Will Have A Part In Crucifixion Program.

A program has been completed for a service commemorating the crucifixion of Christ, which will be held Good Friday at Central Methodist church. The service will commence Friday at 12:30 and will continue until 2:30, people being permitted to come and go at half hour intervals.

It has been arranged for the following pastors to take charge of the service: Rev. L. B. Hayes, Rev. J. L. Sills, Episcopal minister of Rutherfordton; Rev. W. R. Jenkins, Rev. J. W. Ingle and Rev. N. D. Yount, Lutheran, minister of Bessemer City. This program will consist of music, prayer and scripture, and everyone will be welcome to attend any part or all of the services.

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Credit Corporation Organized Here To Aid Farmers Buying Fertilizer, Supplies For Crops

Cornwell And Mull Are Officers

Already \$10,000 Paid In. Plan Of Operation Explained. Tom Cornwell And John F. Mull Officials.

To enable farmers to get additional credit facilities to help buy fertilizers and finance their crop making, the Shelby Agricultural Credit Corporation has been organized by a group of farmers and business men.

Purely Local.

The local credit corporation is similar to others organized over the country but this one has no connection with any other organization in Shelby or any other credit corporation. Stockholders in this corporation are only responsible for the acts and obligations of the local organization.

Cornwell-Mull Heads.

Already \$10,000 in stock has been subscribed and a tentative organization has been formed with Tom Cornwell as president, John F. Mull, secretary-treasurer. Five directors have been elected: Tom Cornwell, A. D. Spangler, Wm. Lineberger, J. L. Lackey and Forrest Eskridge. As additional stockholders come into the organization, the number of directors will be increased from the farmers.

Stock can only be taken by people who expect to borrow and use the credit facilities offered, thus making it a sort of mutual proposition. The local corporation has made arrangements to handle farmers notes with the Intermediate Credit Company Bank of Columbia, S. C., which is sponsored by the Farm Loan Board. The credit corporation can only handle through this source, notes of solvent land owners or tenants, with landlords signing a waiver of his interest in the crops until these loans are paid.

The rate of interest on these credit loans runs around six per cent per annum, plus small legal and recording fees. Borrowers are required to be stockholders in the Shelby Agricultural Credit Corporation, but it is not necessary to take additional stock from year to year. Thus, original stock taken in the corporation gives the holders the privilege of securing loans from year to year. These loans will be made to stockholders of the corporation where they are good and solvent, but each note must be secured by a crop lien and chattel mortgage on live stock used in making the crop.

Farm Use Only.

It is pointed out that the Credit Corporation is for the use and good of farmers only and while local bankers have taken the initiative in its organization, they are not doing so for gain or profit, but expect the farmers to manage the same. The bankers will give their assistance at all times toward the successful and economic operation of the corporation.

For several years, or since Cleveland (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN.)

New Pastor Begins At Kings Mountain

Rev. Thomas L. Justice has moved with his family from Grier, S. C., to Kings Mountain where he becomes pastor of the First Baptist church of Kings Mountain succeeding Rev. W. H. Hartsell who recently resigned to accept a pastorate at West Durham.

Special Committee May Be Necessary To Solve Tax Row, Says Edwards

County Representative Thinks Senate Will Stop New Tax Measure.

"If the legislature hopes to adjourn before mid-summer, I believe the sales tax and luxury tax controversies will eventually have to be settled by a special committee named for that purpose," stated Henry B. Edwards, Cleveland county representative, before returning to Raleigh after the week end at home.

Monday night the revenue bill, which includes the general sales tax item, passed the third and final reading. Representative Edwards holds the same opinion, however, as do numerous others at Raleigh, and that is that the senate will kill the sales tax portion of the revenue bill.

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Terms Of Sheriff And Deputies End With This Week

Sheriff Allen To Be Sworn In For New Term On Next Monday.

The terms of office as Sheriff Irvin M. Allen and his force of deputies will end Sunday night at midnight, and on Monday Sheriff Allen, who was re-elected, will be sworn in again by the county commissioners.

All other county officers elected in the last election have already been sworn in and have taken office, but in Cleveland county the sheriff's term has for years extended to April 1 to enable the sheriff in office to wind up his tax collection for the previous year.

The change takes place Monday instead of today because it is the first Monday and the first meeting of the commissioners.

"The terms of all my deputies in office now will end this week when my old term closes," Sheriff Allen announced today. "The terms of deputies now on the force will draw to a close and they will no longer be deputies unless re-appointed and sworn-in. Those deputies, however, who are also township constables will continue to serve as officers of the law in the role of constable even if not re-appointed as deputies."

No statement was made as to just when the list of new or re-appointed deputies will be made public.

Triangular Debate Going In Schools

County Schools Debate Friday. Shelby Debates Tuesday Night.

The annual state-wide triangular debates will get underway in the high schools of Cleveland county this week.

It is understood that nine Cleveland county schools will enter the contest. These are Belwood, Grover, Lattimore, Mooresboro, Casar, No. 3, Shelby, Kings Mountain and Waco. All the county schools in the contest will stage their debates Friday night of this week with exception of the Shelby teams which will not debate until Tuesday night, April 7. Shelby is in a triangle with Gastonia and Lincolnton.

So far The Star has been unable to get the debating arrangements of only four teams. On Friday night the Henretta-Garolee negative will meet the Lattimore affirmative at Lattimore, and the Lattimore negative will go to Cliffside. The Belwood negative will meet the No. 3 affirmative at Earl, and the No. 3 negative will go to Harris to meet the affirmative team there.

The Harris negative will meet the Belwood affirmative at Belwood. On next Tuesday night the Gastonia negative team will meet the Shelby affirmative team in Shelby, and the Shelby negative will meet the Lincolnton affirmative at Lincolnton.

The Shelby teams are affirmative—Matilda Jenks and Sarah Louise Falls; negative—Sara Thompson and William Ingram.

(Note to teachers: The Star would like to publish in Friday's issue the teams each Cleveland school will meet and the names of the debaters on each Cleveland county team. Those in charge of the debates are also urged to send in the results Saturday for publication Monday.)

Winchester Gets \$500 Verdict Here

Lester Winchester, auto salesman got a compromise verdict against the Standard Oil Co., of N. J., yesterday in the Superior court here for burns he received at a Standard filling station at Kings Mountain. Winchester picked up a can of gasoline and water at the Kings Mountain station some months ago and poured the contents on his hot motor. A fire started and Winchester badly burned. Ham Jones of Charlotte represented the Standard Oil Co., and C. R. Hoey represented Winchester in the court action.

Dr. Anderson Dies At Home Of Son

Dr. William Anderson, 84, of Blacksburg but a former native of Rutherford county, died last night at the home of his son, W. D. Anderson, at Gastonia. Dr. Anderson, a Confederate veteran and one of the best known citizens in this section of the two Carolinas, had been critically ill for two weeks. A daughter, Mrs. Floyd Rogers, of Columbia and the son at whose home he died survive.

Patterson Gets Six Months On Larceny Charge

To Work At County Home, Hospital

Six Months Suspended Sentence On Second Indictment After Submission.

Mr. Lem Patterson, one of the best known residents of the South Shelby section and a former overseer of the Ella Textile mill, was given a six months sentence in superior court here yesterday afternoon. A jury had returned a verdict of guilty in one count against him and in order to clear up a half dozen other counts, contained in the same indictment and a second indictment, his attorneys submitted him in the other cases.

The order of the court was that Patterson is to serve six months and at the discretion of the county commissioners may be employed at the county home or hospital. On the second indictment he was given a suspended sentence of six months.

Over Cotton Sale.

The charges arose, according to the contentions of the prosecution, from manipulated sales of cotton to the mill which employed him. In one indictment four charges were preferred against Patterson in connection with cotton sold the mill through Griff Borders. It was on one of these counts that a jury returned a verdict of guilty. In the second indictment there were two or three counts in connection with an alleged sale through Jim Camp, the state contending that there was no such cotton as the checks were said to have been written for. Defense attorneys submitted on the other counts just before Judge Wilson Warlick passed sentence yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock so that no charges might be held over the defendant with one sentence covering all the connecting charges.

Good Reputation.

Before sentence was passed quite a number of well known citizens took the stand and testified to the good character and stability of the defendant, giving him an unusually good name for integrity. All together the case has taken up practically two full days of the court grind and was stubbornly fought all the way. Judge B. T. Falls aided Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling in the prosecution and Patterson was represented by Attorneys D. Z. Newton and W. S. Beam.

Two Killing Cases, Rape Case Over To Court In July

May Continue On Criminal Docket Until Tomorrow. Hoey Out Of Town.

Although three of the more important criminal cases were continued in superior court here yesterday it is not likely that the court session will get to work on the civil calendar before tomorrow, Thursday.

Yesterday morning the three cases referred to were continued because of the absence from the city of Attorney Clyde R. Hoey, defense counsel in the three cases.

The three cases continued were the killing charges against James Rippy and O. W. Ellis, an automobile killing charge against E. L. Liles, and a rape charge against J. Y. Green, colored.

Rippy and Ellis are held in connection with the shooting of Sam Jimerson, colored, when he was found in a corn field in the southern section of the county on Sept. 13, 1930.

Liles is the alleged driver of the automobile which struck and fatally injured Carme Dixon, farmer, on highway 18, near Fallston, on the day after last Christmas. Liles left after the tragedy but within a few weeks returned and gave himself up. At the preliminary hearing his remorse was evident as he took the stand and declared that he did not know his car had hit anyone when he drove on.

J. Y. Green, colored, is charged with assaulting a small negro girl a short time ago in the Boiling Springs section.

Traveling Men Elect Officers

Because so few members of the Travelers Protective association attended the called meeting scheduled to be held last Saturday in the office of the Riviere Oil Co., there was no election officers. Another meeting will be called at a later date at which time it is hoped to have enough members present to transact business.

They Can Afford to Smile



One little \$2.50 ticket purchased by Clayton C. Woods brought him and his two brothers, Kenneth (left) and Elmer, and their wives, who are shown above, \$886,350 when Gregalach ran second in the Grand National Steeplechase. Woods sold a fifty-cent share to his four relatives, who share alike in his fortune.

Gas Price Up 1 Cent

Extra Cent For Roads Added To Retail Price Today. All Stations Advance Here.

No April fooling about this—the retail price of gasoline in Shelby and Cleveland county today is one cent higher than it was yesterday.

Five Divorces Granted Here Within 2 Days

More divorces were granted in the last two days of March in Cleveland county than there were marriages during the entire month.

In superior court Monday and Tuesday five divorces were granted, while downstairs in the office of register of deeds A. F. Newton four marriage licenses were sold during the month.

The charge in three of the divorce suits was adultery, and separation of five years or more was the basis of the action in the two others.

Women Lead.

In two of the three actions based on adultery the wife was the alleged violator of the matrimonial code, and in the other the husband was shown to have been unfaithful. In the two suits based on separation the wife was the deserted one in one case and the husband in the other.

Twin Walker Child Pneumonia Victim

Ruby Walker, five year old daughter of Mr. Kirk Walker who lives on the Dr. Peeler place three miles southeast of Shelby, will be buried at Friendship church, Fallston, Thursday afternoon at two o'clock. The child was a victim of pneumonia following influenza. Five other children in the Walker family are sick with influenza, one with pneumonia. Their mother died a few years ago. Ruby Walker is a twin and her twin sister is one of the five children sick now with influenza.

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Withdrawals Turn City Politics Topsy-Turvy. Lon Hamrick Gets \$25,000.

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The additional one cent was added to retail gas prices today to take care of the extra one-cent gasoline tax put on by the present session of the legislature for upkeep of highways.

Heads of all gas distributing firms here informed today that the new retail price of 20 1-2 cents would prevail at all service stations in the county.

Was Five Cents.

Heretofore the tax on gasoline for highways in North Carolina was five cents, but the present general assembly, still in session in Raleigh, boosted the tax to six cents after the state took over all county highways.

Other Change July 1.

Although the new highway tax on gasoline takes effect today, the new highways system, whereby the state takes over and maintains all county highways, does not go into effect until July 1. Township road commissions in Cleveland county will continue in office until that date, which also means that the No. 6 chain gang will continue operation until that time.

Miss Jenks Wins In Piano Recital Contest

Will Represent Shelby High In District Contest Here April 18.

Miss Tillie Jenks, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Jenks, S. LaFayette street won first place in the piano contest among the pupils of Misses Bertha Bostic, Mary Heien Lattimore and Mary Adelaide Roberts this week and will represent the Shelby High school in the district contest to be held here April 18th. While Miss Jenks was practicing for the contest she carried on her work in the glee club, orchestra, band, senior play and triangular debate, all of which are other school activities in which she was engaged in addition to her class work.

Miss May Lattimore won second place and Miss Esther Ann Quinn third place in the contest.

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Off Year For Politics, City Election 'Mum'

Interest Decreases As Date Nears

General Depression Termed Cause Of Apathy. Beam Talked For Alderman.

It is not only an "off year" as far as national politics is concerned but it is, also, very much of an "off year" in Shelby's municipal politics.

A month ago with two announced candidates for mayor and four candidates for the municipal board the lack of interest shown was explained by predictions that the campaign would warm up and begin to sizzle within another month.

Such hasn't been the case. Instead of warming up there is less interest evident now, with only a month before voting day on May 5, than there was a month ago, when there was some curiosity as to who would announce while the announcing epidemic was in full pitch.

Other Interests.

Few explanations have been advanced for Shelby's refusal to get stirred up over the approaching election. All admit that it is unusual for every two years for many years the city has boiled and bubbled more over city elections than over presidential elections. Perhaps the best explanation is that the general depression has given the people other, and perhaps more important, things to think about. Just who may be mayor and alderman doesn't seem to be worrying many people if they can solve the problem of making ends meet until "times get better."

In Hickory this week a municipal primary was held and only 44 votes were cast. Hickory will stage a regular city election, after the primary, next week and then it is expected that considerably more than 44 votes will be tossed in the ballot boxes. But unless something peeps up the campaign here it is a safe bet now that fewer votes will be cast here next month than at any time since Shelby swelled up into the city class.

Undecided.

Since three members of the present city board announced for reelection and Wyeth Royster announced for the fourth place there has been little talk of additional candidates. This week, however, there were reports around town that John Beam, who has taken a more or less active part in politics for several years, might be a candidate for alderman in Ward Two. Queried about it Mr. Beam stated that he had not given the matter any thought and would not commit himself either way until he had done so. There is some talk still in the air that M. A. McSwain may yet become a candidate from Ward Two.

No School Board.

So far there hasn't been a single announcement for the city school board. The present board may be drafted into service again and it may not. If a school board contest develops it may center about H. Clay Cox, county Republican chairman, the only Republican member of the board. A number of citizens did not relish a statement made in a campaign speech here last fall by former Congressman Chas. A. Jones, whose campaign was managed by Mr. Cox, in which Jones declared that Democrat so controlled things a Republican had no chance to get on the school boards or anywhere else and that such a condition worked against teachers who might be of Republican faith. Mr. Cox, who was with him on the platform at the time, was named to the Shelby board a year before without opposition or reference to party lines. However, there are those who remind that the statement was a Jones blunder and not the fault of the Republican member of the school board.

The announced candidates are: for mayor—S. A. McMurry, present mayor, and W. N. Dorsey, former mayor; for aldermen—P. M. Washburn, Ward One; Wyeth Royster, Ward Two; John Schenck, Jr., Ward Three; and Z. J. Thompson, Ward Four.

Shelby Man Named On College Board

Clyde R. Hoey, Jr., of Canton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, was this week named one of the 30 trustees of the North Carolina state university. This board will be in charge of the University of North Carolina, State college, and N. C. C. W. until the three institutions are formally consolidated under one board as outlined by the legislature.

Attorney Clyde R. Hoey attended the funeral of Eugene Morrison, in Statesville Monday.