

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 5 1/2c
Cotton Seed, hundred 30c

Fair And Warmer.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and continued cool to night. Tuesday with slowly rising temperature in west.

Greyhounds Here.

There will be greyhound races as well as horse and foxhound racing at the Cleveland County Fair this week. Six long-limbed, speedy greyhounds arrived in Shelby Saturday and have already been through the paces of preliminary test around the half-mile fair track.

J. W. Patterson Funeral Sunday

Prominent New House Citizen Died In Rutherford Hospital Friday Night.

Funeral services for Mr. James William Patterson, 38, prominent citizen of the New House section, were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sulphur Springs Methodist church and were attended by a crowd far larger than could get in the church.

Mr. Patterson, who was a native of the Patterson Springs section and widely connected in the county, died in the Rutherford hospital Friday night, a day or two after an operation for cancer of the stomach.

He is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Hester Elliott, and three young children—Effie, 10; Betty, six, and Evelyn, five months. His father, Mr. John Patterson, also survives along with the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Mathe Kirkendol, Mrs. Will Grayson, Mrs. Spencer Elliott and Messrs. George, Joe, Noah and Finnel Patterson.

Former Agent Here Takes His Own Life

J. R. Morris Takes His Own Life At His Old Home In Harnett County.

J. R. Morris, former agent at the Seaboard Air Line depot here, took his own life Thursday evening near his old home at Angier in Harnett county, this state. Mr. Morris had been in bad health, following a nervous breakdown and went to a hardware store where he bought a shot gun. He had the merchant wrap the gun like it would be shipped away.

Mr. Morris was agent here for over four years. He went to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., after leaving Shelby and was agent there for a number of years. Upon the failure of his health he came back to his former home in Harnett county. He is survived by his wife and one or two children. One child died while he lived in Shelby.

Will Investigate Failure Of First National, Charlotte

Federal District Attorney Assures Depositors That Investigation Will Be Made.

A depositor of the defunct First National Bank of Charlotte went before the Federal Grand jury here this morning and asked that an investigation be made into the affairs of the First National of Charlotte which closed last fall. The depositor did not make any specific charges of irregularities but stated that he had reason to believe some existed and as a matter of justice to the depositors whom he represented, he wanted the grand jury to order the investigation.

It was pointed out that the demand on the part of the depositors had been made to Congressman Chas. A. Jones, who in turn recommended an investigation to the department of justice in August. Since that time nothing had been heard of any investigation being made, so the grand jury was asked today to order an investigation into the bank's affairs. After the matter was presented, it was that the assistant district attorney stated assured that an investigation, had already been ordered.

Church Fair Booth

The women of the Shelby Presbyterian church will operate the food booth again in the manufacturers' building at the Cleveland county fair this year. The booth proceeds of which go to church work, is one of the most popular eating places on the fair tract and the regular meal prices have been reduced from those of last year.

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Big Cleveland County Fair Opens Here Tuesday Morning

County Youth Accidentally Killed By Father At Buffalo Friday

Shot Meant For Another Strikes Odis Ledbetter

Family Trouble Is Tragedy Cause

Tragic Killing Takes Place Near Buffalo, Russ Family In It.

Odis Ledbetter, 20, was fatally shot by his father, Jason E. Ledbetter, early Friday night, just beyond the Buffalo mill village in eastern Cleveland county, when the father fired at three members of a neighboring family who, he contended, were after his boy.

Several of the shot intended for the alleged assailants of the Ledbetter youth struck the boy in the heart and killed him within a few minutes.

Sought Marriage.

The others participating in the tragic affair in the Ledbetter yard were Cyrus Russ and two sons, Irvin and W. A.

According to information given officers by members of both families, the elder Russ and his sons came to the Ledbetter home with the intention of taking young Ledbetter with them to marry a daughter of the elder Russ, a sister of the two younger men.

Mr. Ledbetter's story to officers was that the three members of the Russ family came to his home early in the evening, called out his son, Odis, and told him that he had to marry the Russ girl. His son, it was said, objected to being taken away and it was then, the elder Ledbetter said, that Russ and his sons grabbed hold of the Ledbetter youth and attempted to force him to enter the Russ car. The elder Ledbetter claimed one of the Russ boys had a knife and that he went in the house, got his shot-gun, came back to the porch and fired at the Russ trio as they scuffled with his son. Some of the shot struck Irvin Russ on the cheek and neck and one or two hit the elder Russ. The remainder of the load carried on and hit Ledbetter's son. The Russes then left, entered their car and drove to Shelby to swear out a warrant for the elder Ledbetter, not knowing until they returned that some of the shot from the father's gun struck young Ledbetter in the heart and killed him.

Young Ledbetter, it is said, took several steps in the yard before he fell dead.

The version given by the elder Russ was somewhat similar to the Ledbetter version except that he stated he and his sons started to leave just after they arrived when they noticed that the elder Ledbetter had entered the house for a gun. The warrant sworn out for the elder Ledbetter charged him with assault with deadly weapon, with intent to kill, upon Irvin Russ. After a preliminary hearing Friday night Ledbetter was released under a \$500 bond until October 6. After officers returned to the Ledbetter home, found young Ledbetter dead and heard the Ledbetter version of the tragedy, warrants were sworn out for the three Russes and Saturday.

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Federal Court Trials Delayed To Oct. 19; Judge Parker Here Today

Grand Jury Will Pass On Bills, Judge Webb At Asheville, No Trials Now.

A term of United States district court convened here this morning but adjourned until October 19 with the exception of the grand jury which will remain in session until all bills of indictment are passed upon.

Federal Judge E. Yates Webb is still in Asheville on the Wallace Davis banking case and could not be here for the term. Judge John J. Parker, of Charlotte, a member of the circuit court of appeals, came up to open the court and to charge the grand jury and put it to work. He returned to Charlotte after charging the jury, but will return to Shelby Tuesday or Wednesday to discharge the jury after it com-

Teaches 15 Years



JOHN P. MULL

For fifteen years Mr. Mull has been a teacher in the First Baptist church Sunday school. He was re-elected yesterday as teacher of the Men's Bible class. Mr. Mull is one of the outstanding Bible students in this section and he presents the lessons in a clear and forceful manner.

Other officers of the Men's Bible class are: J. R. Dover, associate teacher; Lee B. Weathers, president; Fred Morgan, first vice president; Paul Webb, second vice president; S. A. McMurry, associate second vice president; H. D. Wilson, third vice president; W. S. Walker, secretary; A. F. Newton and P. M. Washburn, associate secretaries.

Cotton Ginning Below That Last Year In County

100 Bales Less Ginned To Sept. 16, This Year. Many Holding Cotton Back.

Although the cotton crop this year in Cleveland county, North Carolina's largest cotton county, was ahead of that last year less cotton had been ginned up to Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Ginning figures given The Star today by Miles H. Ware, agent, show that 2,369 bales had been ginned to Sept. 16, this year, as compared with 2,450 to the same date last year.

More Picked. Considerably more cotton had been picked to that date this year but many farmers are storing their seed cotton at home because of the low price. A trip over the county reveals that much cotton is stored away in warehouses, on porches and elsewhere. Likewise, a big percentage of that being ginned is being carried back home and stored or placed in warehouses. The first week or so of the ginning season most of the cotton ginned was sold immediately by farmers who were in need of cash. Since that time only a small percentage has been sold.

Bales stacked along gin platforms and in warehouses indicate, too, that no great amount of cotton bagging is being used.

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DePriest Flays Hoover Tactics And Prohibition

May Make Race For Congress Seat

Cleveland Republican Says His Party Handicapped By Hoover. Need A Leader.

President Hoover's policies and prohibition came in for scathing criticism today in a statement issued by George W. DePriest, former Shelby postmaster and at one time chairman of the Republican party in Cleveland county.

The statement of the local G. O. P. leader, informing that he has not decided whether he will run for Congress, follows:

"I am not, as yet, a candidate for the Republican nomination to congress. My published comments on national situation seem to have struck a popular chord among people of both political parties, and a number of political leaders and others have urged me to become a candidate.

"It is possible that I may do so, but I hardly think I shall decide one way or the other until next year.

"Our party appears definitely handicapped by President Hoover, whose unpopularity seems steadily increasing.

"His apparent impotency as a leader in this national and international crisis is a matter of regret. He seems to endorse the 'status quo' on all questions affecting our country, and this is an unpopular attitude in the opinion of most thoughtful persons.

"If only he were a real leader of men, inspiring confidence in both the officials and the people, pointing some way, even a wrong way, out of this financial 'dark forest' in which we as a people are fear-bound it would do wonders toward restoration.

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Mrs. Carroll To Speak Oct. 7th

Native Of County And Daughter Of Rev. Tom Dixon To Speak At Unveiling.

(Special To The Star.) Kings Mountain, Sept. 28.—At the celebration of the 151st anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain October 7th, the Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, D. A. R. of Kings Mountain will unveil a monument on the battlefield marking the spot where Col. Frederick Hambricht, a hero of the battle, was wounded.

The bronze marker is set in a large boulder which rests on a foundation built of stones taken from a chimney in Col. Hambricht's home which stood about two miles from the battlefield.

The exercises are to be held at 2:30 in the afternoon at which time Dr. Della Dixon Carroll, of Raleigh, a lineal descendant, will be the principal speaker. Special invitations have been issued to all officers and members of the D. A. R. in the state, to all descendants of Col. Frederick Hambricht and to the Kings Mountain chapter D. A. R. of York, S. C.

The York chapter and the local chapter are cooperating in arranging an attractive program for the occasion. A marker for Col. Coward will be unveiled by the York chapter.

Auto Tag Prices To Be Cheaper Oct. 1st

The price of state automobile license tags will be cut to one-fourth the original price, beginning Thursday morning October 1st, according to an announcement made today by Chas. Eskridge in charge of the local auto license bureau. The \$20 tags will be of course \$5 and the \$12.50 plates will be reduced to \$3.13 for use during the last quarter of the year.

The last general assembly provided that auto owners buying licenses for the first time during a year, can purchase for the remainder of the year on a quarterly basis

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201 Gas Stations In Cleveland Now

(Special to The Star.) Raleigh, Sept. 28.—Cleveland county had 201 of the 12,269 service stations and automobile accessory dealers paying a license tax to do business in North Carolina for the last tax year, ended May 31, the report of Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell shows. These are in addition to 740 motor vehicles dealers, 168 wholesale equipment dealers and 15 motorcycle dealers. The four groups paid the state \$267,703.50 in taxes last year.

Guilford led with 566 service stations, Mecklenburg had 451, Forsyth 411, Wake 372, Buncombe 284, Rowan 274, Gaston 260, Davidson 251, Graham had 15, Clay 20, Tyrrell 24 and Dare 25.

Three Acres In Burley This year Mr. Elliott had nearly three acres in Burley. He began in 1929 with an acre, and has added an acre each year as his experience broadens. Burley is one tobacco which does not require a fire to cure. The entire stalk is cut when the leaves begin to blister. They are hung on sticks in a house and then allowed to cure, away from the sunlight until the leaves get to be a golden brown. Each stalk has from five to seven grades of tobacco on it. The grading is not undertaken until freezing weather. Handling would be impossible when the leaves are brittle. Cold, damp weather enables one to handle and grade it with no difficulty, provided he knows how. Mr. Lattimore has a negro experienced in tobacco culture and grading who does the work. Of course this "hand" follows other work on the farm so the labor cost is kept to a minimum.

Big Show Train Reaches Shelby For Fair Program

Model Shows Is Largest Ever Seen Here. Played Exposition In Canada.

Coming from Greensboro the special train bringing the Model Shows of America pulled into Shelby Sunday evening, and soon an army of men, with tractors, horses, caterpillars and trucks were busily engaged transporting the 123 wagon to the unloading platform to the fair grounds.

When the gates open everything will be in readiness on the big midway, and from all advance information visitors and patrons will have the surprise of their lives when they see for themselves the vast collection of shows and rides brought here by the Model Shows of America.

From Canada.

This is the same identical show that appeared this year, for the fourth consecutive time, at the world famous Canadian National exhibition at Toronto—and is by far the largest midway that was ever operated in Shelby.

Among the outstanding features are the Royal Russian midgets, a troupe of six tiny men and women. It is the first family of Russian midgets ever to come to the United States. They are not only unique and interesting on account of their size, but each one is an entertainer of rare ability. The Van Droyens Sisters, known as the "Human Skyscrapers," are another big feature. They are the world's tallest women. Elsa, stands 8 ft. 2 inches tall, while her sister Hilda is 7 ft. 6 inches.

Lovers of real old time minstrelsy will have a treat when they visit the tent housing "Happy Day Minstrelsy." Thirty clever colored comedians, singers and dancers with a red hot jazz orchestra provide plenty of fun and amusement. Alpine, the Florida fat girl, who tips the scales at 732 pounds is sure to become a popular favorite, as also is Johnny Eck, the living half boy.

A big Wild West, rodeo and stampee, with bucking bronchos, steers and buffalo offers a rip roaring panorama of the old time Wild West. A circus side show filled with freaks and strange people and performance is another stellar attraction. The big laugh is furnished in the Monkey Circus, where an entire performance is staged by these funny little animals.

The thrill of the midway is provided by Miss Dot Reed, who drives her big racing car up and around the perpendicular wall at 70 miles an hour.

There are many fun houses and rides, including the new \$100,000 Waltzer.

Shelby Driver Hits Local Man With Car

Walter Savage of the Charlotte fire department and Ross Sanders of Shelby, while talking at Fourth and Davidson streets, Charlotte, on Saturday, were hit by an automobile, driven by Pink Green of Shelby. Sanders was taken to the Presbyterian hospital for treatment, but was soon released, as his injuries were not serious.

Makes Successful Test Growing Burley Tobacco In Cleveland

Andrew J. Elliott Finds Burley A Profitable Substitute For Cotton In This County.

For three years now, Andrew J. Lattimore has been experimenting with the growing of Burley tobacco in Cleveland, to satisfy his own mind whether it is a profitable money crop. He is the only Burley tobacco grower on a commercial basis in Cleveland county and the editor of The Star accompanied George Blanton and two of his tenants, Harry Hester and O. Z. Morgan, to Mr. Elliott's home near Polkville a few days ago to investigate what success Mr. Elliott is having. Mr. Blanton is considering an experiment in a small way on the Blanton farm next year.

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Considerable space is necessary for curing barns as the stalks are hung on sticks, tier above tier. The old residence of Dr. Cabaniss in the rear of the Elliott home is filled and a plank-up shed to the side cares for an acre or more, while other barn lofts and outbuildings are used.

Fertilizer Cost Mr. Elliott used 500 pounds of fertilizer to the acre. The analysis is 5-7-3. Worms appear and poison is used about twice during the growing season, but the cost for the poison is only 25c per acre. Then the Burley has to be suckered about twice, but he considers this no job of great dread.

Seed are furnished by the warehousemen in Cleveland, Tenn. where the tobacco is marketed the latter part of November. Cleveland is a considerable size Burley tobacco market and while it is quite a long haul from Cleveland county, a truck can carry around 2,000 pounds or more. The grading for market is a particular business, and it is impossible to give the per pound price as each of the seven grades brings its own price. The cheapest are the lugs at two cents per pound.

\$50 Per Acre. Mr. Elliott estimates that his Burley tobacco this year will bring in around \$50 per acre. Tobacco, you know is down in price like cotton. Asked whether he thought tobacco would be a substitute money crop for cotton, he said it pays equally as well or better than cotton, but does not expect to abandon cotton entirely. Burley tobacco simply gives

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It does not last but a few minutes, but more thrills are crowded into the short time than were ever furnished on a midway before. Tumultuous applause greets the daring girl after she greets the daring girl after she "The Wall of Death" is one of the many new and novel exhibitions that will be found on the street of "Lights, Laughter and Noise" this year, and visitors will see the same identical midway that this year for the fourth consecutive time furnished the amusements at the world renowned Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto.

Everything is operated and conducted to conform to the show's motto, which is "Bring your families—the show was made for them."

The big thrill of the midway, when the Model Shows of America come to the Cleveland county fair this year, will be provided by a trail young lady who risks her life a score of times daily to provide unusual and exciting entertainment for the crowds.

After dare devil motorcyclists have performed seemingly impossible feats in the "Wall of Death," Miss Reed steps into her automobile and starts the car around the bottom of the pit, quickly picking up speed she drives the huge machine up on to the perpendicular wall, and racing madly at 60 miles an hour, circles the straight up and down track, while spectators hold their breath. It is true that

School Day Tuesday To Open Event

Admit Children Free First Day

Foxhound Racing, Horse Racing Spectacular Fireworks To Feature Daily Program.

Everything was in readiness this afternoon for the formal opening tomorrow, Tuesday morning of the eighth annual Cleveland County Fair, North Carolina's greatest county exposition.

All along Highway 20 from Shelby east to the fair grounds, and on the big fair tract itself there was a bustle of activity this afternoon as last preparations were made for the red letter event of this section.

School Day. The first day of the program of five full days and nights is to be school day. Tomorrow all school children of Cleveland and adjoining counties will be admitted free. Indications are that thousands of youngsters from Piedmont and Western North Carolina will swarm in the fair gates in the morning for the big educational event. A feature added primarily for the amusement of the school children is a high school track meet to be held before the racing grandstand Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. For the remainder of the day the children will be permitted to amuse themselves by taking in the other attractions in the exhibit halls and elsewhere. The booths and displays, giving a cross-section of rural life in Cleveland county should be of great educational value to them as it is the most comprehensive assemblage ever brought together of Cleveland county products.

Live-At-Home Idea. Every inch of space in the agricultural building was filled with displays and exhibits today and all paramount the live-at-home idea. With record corn and grain crops made this year the agricultural exposition promises to be the greatest in the history of the fair. The dog show will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and the entries in the livestock and poultry shows set a new record for the county as this year the livestock show was limited to the county.

Mrs. George Martin Is Buried At Zion

Died Sunday At Her Home In The Zion Community, Was Invalid For Six Years.

Funeral services for Mrs. George Martin who died at her home six miles north of Shelby Sunday morning 10:30 o'clock were conducted at Zion church this afternoon at 2 o'clock with her pastor, Rev. D. G. Washburn officiating.

Mrs. Martin who before her marriage 50 years ago was Miss Helen Parker joined Zion church in early girlhood and was a faithful Christian wife and mother. She was 77 years of age and has been an invalid for the last six years, but has borne her suffering patiently.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, M. W. and Bennett Martin and two sisters, Miss Ina and Mrs. Evalena Parker. Another son, Otis, preceded her to the grave only two weeks ago.

Two Men Arrested On Charges Sunday

One Charged With Writing Big Check To McKnight Firm, Embezzlement For Other.

J. E. Lanier was brought back to the county jail here yesterday from Gastonia by Deputies Bob Kendrick and Ben Cooper. The charge preferred against Lanier is that of writing a \$164 worthless check to the McKnight wholesale company here for goods. The Cleveland officers had quite a jaunt before locating Lanier. He is as yet unable to raise a \$1,000 bond.

T. P. Lucas was arrested here on an embezzlement charge preferred by Sam A. Ellis, local monument dealer. The charge made is that he sold tombstones in the county, collected for them, did not turn in the money or deliver the tombstones.

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Girl Racing Driver To Risk Life In Giving Fair Crowds Big Thrill

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DAILY PROGRAM

Tuesday, Sept. 29, School day; all school children admitted free. High school track meet Tuesday morning, 10 o'clock. Dog Show Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock. 7 a. m.—Fair gates open each day. 2 p. m.—Horse races and free acts each afternoon. 7:30 p. m.—Fireworks each evening. 4 p. m. and 8 p. m.—Foxhound racing each afternoon and night.