

THE MARKET Cotton 5 1/2 to 6 1/2c Cotton Seed, hundred 30c

Fair Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Saturday.

Big Court Today. County recorder's court today was beginning its annual task of catching up with the county fair after-math. Arrests have been less numerous at the fair this year than heretofore, yet the court session this morning was grinding away on an unusually heavy docket, the majority of the charges being minor infractions, however.

Local Cotton Grades Good

Good Grade And Long Staple. Said To Be The Best In North Carolina.

Cleveland cotton, except where it was ginned too green, is of good grade and long staple this year, according to L. L. McLaughlin, cotton classifier in charge of the interior classing office of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative association, opened in the Planters and Merchants warehouse here this season for the first time.

The cooperative opened the classing office here as an additional service to Cleveland farmers, who lead the state in both quality and quantity production of cotton. With the office here, members can draw their full advance, along with grade and staple premiums, upon delivery of their cotton. Heretofore they got only a part of the advance upon delivery, the full advance being completed after the cotton had been classed in Raleigh.

To render service to as many farmers in this section as possible, the schedule of the classer has been changed and now instead of being in Shelby every day, the classer spends two days out of each week in Lincoln and Cherryville. According to the new schedule, he is in Shelby on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays; in Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon and in Cherryville on Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons.

The office is rendering an excellent service, according to local farmers who are very complimentary to the courtesy of the classer and the draft clerk. They say they are well satisfied with the grades they are getting and to date the office has not had a single complaint. Under the cooperative plan farmers draw almost as much as they could obtain by outright sale, and still retain their equity in their cotton. Should the market go up later, as many expect it to do, they will share in the better prices.

B. Y. P. U. Quarterly Meeting On Tuesday

Meeting To Be Held At Dover Church Embraces 10 Churches In Section.

On Tuesday evening, October 6th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. the following program will be given by district No. 2 of the Kings Mountain B. Y. P. U. at Dover Baptist church:

7:30—Song service. 7:45—Devotional exercises, conducted by Miss Orma Lee White of Dover.

7:55—Business session; roll call; announcements; time and place of next meeting.

8:15—Solo by Miss Madge Spurling of Ross Grove.

8:20—Three five minute talks, main topic, "B. Y. P. U. Training As An Aid to Christian Living," discussed by 1. "Provides the Influence of Christian Associates," by Miss Tessie Lall, Eastside; 2. "Enlists in Christian Work," by Mr. Walter Davis of Double Springs; 3. "Instructs in the Way of Christ," by Miss Ruth Brown of South Shelby.

8:40—Duet, by Misses Margaret Liles and Mary Lewis Wilson of the First Baptist church of Shelby.

8:45—Address by Mr. Horace Eason, educational director of First Baptist church.

The meeting will be presided over by Attorney Bynum E. Weathers, president of district No. 2. There will be elected a chorister, pianist and secretary at this meeting.

The following churches comprise this group and representatives from each are urged to attend: Double Springs, Dover, Eastside, Shelby First, Shelby Second, Ross Grove, Elizabeth, Mulls Chapel, Zion and Wallace Grove.

High Grid Game On In Afternoon

The Shelby high-forest City football game is being played this afternoon at Forest City instead of tonight as was first planned.

Some arrangements could not be made about securing the electrical lights for the game and the game was moved up to this afternoon.

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Expect Record Crowd For Final Day Of Big Cleveland Fair

Veteran Mail Carrier Quits After 29 Years

Geo. Elam Travelled 249,284 Miles

Man Who Travelled Distance Equal To 10 Times Around World Is Retired.

A new mail carrier on Thursday delivered mail for nearly 2,000 people along Shelby route one. It was the first time in almost three decades that the "mail man" to 348 families on that route was not George Elam, of Shelby.

At Wednesday noon, Mr. Elam drove his automobile into the Shelby post office driveway, alighted with his sacks and checked in for the last time. After 29 years and one month of serving the people along route one he was retired by the postal department.

Some Travelling.

It was on the morning of September 1, 1902, that Mr. Elam, then a young man, left by horse and buggy for his first trip around his route. Since that time, with a few exceptions caused by ill health in the last year, he hasn't missed a day. At 196 mail boxes, strung out from Shelby to Buffalo, to Waco, to Stony Point and back to Blanton's store on Highway 18, the daily visits of Mr. Elam were anticipated with the same degree of certainty as the rising sun each morning.

At the time he was retired the length of his route was 30.8 miles. Through the 29 years the average length of the route was about 28 miles. Counting out Sundays and holidays, Mr. Elam travelled the route approximately 307 days every year for 29 years. Which is to say that during his career as a mail carrier Mr. Elam travelled approximately 249,284 miles—which is 10 times around the world.

For years the daily trip was made by horse and buggy, but of more recent years it has been made by automobile. The route has been lengthened since Mr. Elam was first appointed in 1902 but due to modern roads and motor travel he made his last trip before noon where in the old days it was a full day's job for any man and his outfit.

Four Years Over.

Mr. Elam could have retired four years ago at the age of 65, but by special permission of the government he served two additional terms of two years each. He is now retired on an annuity which is ample enough for him to live on in comfort for the remainder of his life. His first annual salary was \$900. As the years passed by this was gradually increased and at the time of his retirement he was receiving \$2,100.

Old Friends Gather.

Wednesday night, the night of his retirement, Mr. Elam invited all of his old service friends to his home on North Washington street. Among those present to wish him all manner of happiness in his deserved vacation were all members of the Shelby post office force and brother carriers who had served with him during the three decades.

The Elam route Thursday was carried by another Elam—Roland B. son of the retired carrier, who has for years been his father substitute. The son will continue the route as temporary carrier until other changes, if any, are made.

There is some talk that route one and route 8 will be combined, but this consolidation is not definite as yet. Postmaster J. H. Quinn stated today, Mr. Forrest Lutz is the carrier on route eight.

McLean Not Taking Sides In Race For Governor; Not Daniels Backer

Editor Differed With Him Too Much During His Administration In Office.

(Special to The Star.) Raleigh, Oct. 2.—"They are all my friends—all supported me, and I could not afford to take an active part in behalf of either of them," said former Governor A. W. McLean, in Raleigh today, in reply to a query as to what part he is taking in the present gubernatorial campaign. The former governor said he was not studying politics now, except possibly incidentally, but was devoting practically his entire time to business.

It's Cotton Currency Here



This lanky cotton-grower of "six miles northwest of Lost Mountain" doesn't give a hang how many countries abandon the gold standard. His standard is fresh-ginned cotton. The grower's "cotton currency," in the form of three bales of cotton hauled to Atlanta, Ga., by an ox-cart, was brought to the city in answer to a department store's offer to accept the fluffy commodity in exchange for merchandise. The cotton-grower, J. L. Ellison (right), is shown negotiating with Walter Rich (left).

Get Escaped Convict After Second Robbery

Ralph Foust, Sent Up For 10 Years, Escapes, Comes Back Here To Break In The Same Garage He Robbed Last May. Is Caught.

Ralph Foust, young white man, back in the Cleveland county jail which he left early in September for a 10 years stay in the State prison, certainly has his nerve.

Bowie On Visit Here; Cheerful About Contest

Judge Tam C. Bowie, of West Jefferson, a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the United States senate, was a visitor in Shelby two days this week. He was accompanied by Mr. George Doggett, Shelby native. Judge Bowie, one of the state's best known political leaders, has quite a number of close friends here and in conversation with them expressed the opinion that he believed his chances to be good for winning the nomination for the seat now held by Senator Cameron Morrison.

Epworth League To Meet At Gastonia

"The Epworth leagues of the Gastonia district will hold their quarterly meeting on Friday night, October 2nd, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Young People's building of Main Street M. E. church, Gastonia. At this time plans for organizing the district according to the New Unified program of Christian education in the local church, will be worked out and discussed.

All pastors and a large representation of young people from each chapter in the district are urged to be present.

Four White Women In Thursday Catch

Officers Had Busier Day Yesterday With Fair Crowds Than On Any Other Day.

Less arrests had been made among the fair crowds this year than any previous year—up until yesterday.

But Thursday and Thursday night business began to pick up as alcoholic spirits were more in evidence.

During the day an even dozen people were jailed for being drunk or operating autos while intoxicated. Four of the arrests were made by highway patrolmen.

Four of those jailed were white women charged with imbibing too freely.

September Record Month For Cupid With 12 Weddings

More Marriage Licenses Issued Here Last Month Than In Any Month In Two Years.

Dan Cupid, who has been floundering around in a business depression along with others, staged a real comeback last month.

In the month of September, according to the records of Register Andy F. Newton, more marriage licenses were issued at the Cleveland county court house than in any month in a two-year period.

Eleven White.

Eleven of the twelve couples securing licenses during the month were white.

One of the licenses, issued this week, is a "secret" affair and it was not known today whether or not the marriage has already taken place.

Fine Picture Exhibit Here

150 Works Of Art Will Be On Display At High School Auditorium Tuesday.

B. L. Smith, superintendent of the city schools announces that an exhibit of 150 of the finest reproductions of recognized masterpieces of art has been engaged to be placed on display to local students and the general public beginning Tuesday in the high school building.

A small admission charge will be made and the fund thus raised, will be used to purchase pictures for the city schools.

In making the announcement, Supt. Smith said, "It has been the privilege of students and the general public to enjoy the masterpieces of music and literature for generations; but an enjoyment of the masterpieces of art has, until very recently, been restricted to those who were wealthy enough to travel throughout the world, visiting the museums in which the original paintings hang.

"Recent improvements in color photography and printing now make it possible to bring the art of the world to even our smaller towns and villages through the medium of faithful reproductions. These reproductions are true to the originals in all respects, with the possible exception of size. Even the most exact variations in color are maintained. In most instances the brush strokes in the original picture are clearly discernible."

Mrs. Harry Hudson has charge of arrangements. Miss Thomas is general chairman, Miss Minnie Edkins Roberts is publicity chairman and Miss Kate Wilson has charge of tickets.

Turn Tax Books Over On Monday

Saturday is the end of the legal grace period for 1930 delinquent taxpayers in Cleveland county, it was announced today.

Monday morning the sheriff's office will turn the 1930 tax books over to the county commissioners. After the transfer the commissioner will begin preparing the delinquent list for publication in the newspaper next week. Those who have not paid may do so this week and have their names removed before the list is transferred. Other names may be removed by paying before publication day next week.

14-Foot Snake, Discarded For Dead At Greensboro, Turns Up At Winston.

Imagine walking upon a 14-foot snake coiled by the side of the road?

That's what happened to a colored man just out of Winston-Salem yesterday morning, and the odd angle is that the mysterious python which so aroused Winston people yesterday has a connection with Shelby Today, after an investigation, it appears as if the big snake found there by a colored man, the discovery causing a semi-riot was

one of the snakes in the python collection of Col. Walter Welliver who is with the Model Shows at the Cleveland County Fair.

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Outstanding Booths Take Fair Ribbons

Dixons Carry Off Ribbons In Individual Booths, Sharon Best Home Booth.

All the booth entries at the Cleveland county fair this year were considerably ahead of those last year in presentation on their subjects. The booth department of the agricultural building proved a big drawing card Wednesday and Thursday as the crowds took a full on the midway to give the exhibits the once-over.

The No. 8 community booth won first honors in the community booth class. This booth, presenting an agricultural survey of the section, based its theme upon a general live-at-home plan.

Lattimore Second.

The Lattimore booth took second honors in the community class with the Bess Chapel booth, from Lincoln county, copying third honors.

Show Real Farming.

A demonstration of successful farming was ably shown in the individual farm booths. The exhibit of B. P. Dixon, of the Bethlehem section, won first prize, and running it a close race was the exhibit of R. B. Dixon, of the same section, which took second honors. The D. M. Beam booth from the Waco section ranked third prize. So outstanding were the Dixon booths that the judges had a hard time making a decision between them.

The two Dixons are among the county's most successful farmers and their booths paragoning food and feed crops, building of soil and rotation of crops made it clear that the live-at-home style of farming is nothing new to them.

Demonstration Booths.

The booths of the competing home demonstration clubs were also well prepared and did much to put over the systematic method of carrying on the farm activities.

The Sharon club both, based on beautification of home and yard, took first honors. The Earl booth, which presented a perfect budget for canned food for the entire year, took second place. The El Bethel booth won third honors by illustrating how the housewife can save steps, labor and worry by a systematic arrangement of her working quarters and a systematic method of carrying on household and farm work.

Draw Attention.

Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, home demonstration agent, stated that the crowds in the exhibit buildings Wednesday and yesterday were the best Wednesday and Thursday crowds to visit the exhibit section in any fair.

Showman Breaks His Leg At Fair Ground

George Watkins, who is connected with the Model Shows playing the Cleveland county fair, is in the Shelby hospital with both bones in his right leg broken. Watkins was hurt Tuesday when something fell upon him while, it is said, he was helping to erect some of the show stands.

Ned Gidney, negro, shot in the stomach during a brawl in the county last Saturday night, was said today to be improving.

Willie Strickland, negro, who was shot in the stomach in a shooting affair in "Little Harlem" some weeks ago in which another young colored man was killed, has improved considerably and is now about able to leave the hospital.

Thongs See Attractions Thursday

Big Event To Culminate With Colorful Program Arranged For Saturday.

A surprising mid-week attendance Thursday afternoon and night, ranging from 18 to 20 thousand, led Cleveland County Fair officials to believe that all attendance records of the fair would be smashed tomorrow, Saturday afternoon and night. Such was the jam of humanity and motor cars at the fair tract last night that hundreds of cars parked along roadsides near the fairgrounds in order to see the fireworks program.

A definite check-up of the attendance figures was not available this morning, but several fair officials expressed the belief that the crowd last night was the largest to ever see the fair here except on opening and closing nights.

Attractions Galore.

"We hardly expected that many people back so soon after that big opening day crowd," Secretary J. S. Dorton said of the Thursday night attendance, "but one thing about it—we are assured that we're going to have more people than we can hardly handle tonight, and Saturday afternoon and night. But if even more people come through the gates Saturday than did for the big opening Tuesday we intend to entertain them as they haven't been entertained. It will be the last day, the grand finale, and we mean to shoot the works. What is left in the fireworks array will be flashed for the evening performance, and in all the races, horses and hounds, everything will be out to win and it should be the biggest amusement day of all."

One of the attractions this afternoon will be the parading before the grandstand, at 1:30, of all the blue ribbon winners in the livestock show.

Saturday Program.

The program for Saturday, the final day, will vary very little from the set programs of the other days. One Saturday feature has been added, however, for the afternoon. At 4:15 the annual pony race with local boys and local ponies competing will be held. This event is expected to bring out every youngster in the section as well as the grown-ups on hand for the horse and hound races. The other races and free attractions will be held at the usual hour, and hundreds of people from neighboring counties who haven't as yet seen the foxhound show.

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Midway Fun Gets Praise Of Crowds; Saturday Big Day

Biggest Show Ever To Play Fair Here Measures Up To Advance Reputation.

The midway at the Cleveland County Fair brought here by the Model Shows of America has been the mecca for thousands of amusement seekers during the week, and all indications point to the largest crowds being on hand tonight and Saturday.

The magnitude and general meritorious character of the midway shows this year has elicited much favorable comment—in fact the advance stories did not exaggerate when the announcement was made that a "Veritable world's fair" would be brought here. The Model Shows of America are providing fun and amusement for the whole family.

The Royal Russian midgits; the Wild West and Rodeo; the Giant sisters; the colored minstrels; the circus side show; Alpine, the Florida fat girl; Goliath, the Sandusky sea monster; Fun on the farm; the bug house; "Paris; the "Wall of Death;" the monkey hippodrome and circus; the Crazy Quilt; Dam-Fina, and many other novelties, as well as the big and small rides have created endless entertainment during the fair.

One particular exhibit called the "Naked Truth" should be seen by every adult. It is one of the most educational demonstrations that has ever in all probability been seen on a midway. No children are admitted to this attraction.

All shows and rides will be in operation continuously until midnight Saturday, when stakes will be pulled and early Sunday morning the special train will pull out for Winston-Salem, where the Model Shows of America furnish the midway features next week at the fair.

Young Shelby Girl Gets Prize Check

Theresa Paysour, 5th Grade Student Here, Wins An Eighty-Five Dollar Cash Prize.

Theresa Paysour, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Paysour, of Shelby, is a happy little girl today, and a bit proud—and justified as being so.

This morning she received an \$85 check from the Andrews music firm at Charlotte for offering the best solution to the "27" puzzle contest conducted by the firm. Theresa is in the fifth grade at the Marion school.

Mrs. Wootton Under Serious Operation

Mrs. Paul Wootton is undergoing a very serious operation this morning in the University Hospital in Philadelphia. She has been suffering with a tumor on the brain which Dr. Frazier, one of the ablest surgeons in America is undertaking to remove. Mrs. Wootton was formerly Miss Mae Blanton of Shelby. Her husband who is manager of the Montgomery Ward store at Hickory and her sister, Mrs. Mal Spangler of Shelby, are in Philadelphia at her bedside.

Good Racing Staged At Cleveland Fair

Raleigh Horse Sets Record In Run-Off Heat. All Races Are Fast.

The horse races at the Cleveland County Fair this year are better than usual and are giving plenty of thrills to the packed grandstand each afternoon. Tomorrow owners and drivers of the racing horses plan "to shoot the works" with the hope of picking up extra prize money on Saturday, the closing day.

Winners in Tuesday's racing events follow:

2:14 trot—"Jack Ashey," owned and driven by J. A. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.; "Sayzoff," owned and driven by Louis Huber, Cincinnati.

2:20 pace—"Clara Tango," winner in three straight heats, owned and driven by L. Huber, Cincinnati; "Dixie Symbol," owned by W. R. Rutherford, Bristol, Va., and driven by Tate.

Wednesday events:

2:17 trot—"Arion Booken," owned by D. H. Pope, Raleigh, and driven by Brit, clipping off the fourth heat quarter in a 31 second record. "Duchess," owned by Penny Brothers, Greensboro, and driven by Kelly, placed second.

2:14 pace—"Symbo Peris," owned by D. H. Pope, Raleigh, and driven by Hatchell, won in three straight heats.

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Big Python, Missing From Show Here, Believed To Be Located Near Winston

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