

THE MARKET
Cotton, spot 6 to 6 3/4
Cotton Seed, per ton \$15

Rain And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Thursday. Cooler in west tonight and in west and north Thursday.

Rains To Help.

A drizzle which began falling in the Shelby section early today is expected to halt the few scattered forest fires which started in this section. Rain is promised tonight and tomorrow for the entire western section.

Asheville, Nov. 18.—Forest fires continued to rage in Western North Carolina Tuesday while anxious citizens awaited fulfillment of rain predictions which so far have failed to materialize to any appreciable extent. Haywood and Jackson counties, where several fires have been in progress, did report slight drizzles. In McDowell, the flames are gradually eating their way toward Marion, and were reported burning slowly along a road some distance from the town proper. Marion, at the foot of the mountains, is located on a fairly level plain which is not heavily wooded and little fear was felt.

Elias A. Morgan, Age 89, Buried Here Yesterday

Retired Cotton Manufacturer And Father Of Mr. Fred Morgan Dies In Gaffney, S. C.

Elias A. Morgan, father of Fred Morgan, an official at the Eastside Cotton mill of this place, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. E. Morgan, in Gaffney at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and was buried in Shelby Tuesday afternoon in Sunset cemetery.

Mr. Morgan was a retired cotton manufacturer who operated the Double Shoals mill six miles north of Shelby for many years. He and Pink Jackson bought the mill from a Mr. Homesley about 48 years ago and operated it successfully for many years, later under the ownership of Mr. Morgan and his son Fred. Mr. Morgan retired from business in 1919 and has since been making his home with his daughter Mrs. Morgan in Gaffney.

Mr. Morgan was born in Cherokee county, S. C., in 1843. He served throughout the Civil war in Company K from Spartanburg county and was a valiant soldier. In 1871 he was married to Miss Mahala Jackson who survives together with one son, Fred Morgan, of Shelby, one daughter, Mrs. B. E. Morgan, of Gaffney, one brother, Frederick Morgan of Noxapater, Miss., and one sister, Mrs. J. Frank Gaffney, of Shelby.

Deceased was a kind hearted business man with excellent poise and judgment. He lived a long and useful life, contributing to the up-building of the county in many ways. The funeral service was conducted at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Morgan home in Gaffney by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby and Dr. L. P. McGee, pastor of the Buford Street Methodist church. Interment followed here in Sunset cemetery.

Rogers Employees First Charity Donors

Employees of the Rogers Motors made a cash donation this week to the Charity Fund, according to an announcement by J. D. Lineberger, chairman of the charity executive committee. No canvass has been started as yet, but the Rogers Motor employees volunteered to donate and contributions came from 100 percent of the men.

It Rents Homes, It Catches Dogs, It Finds Money

Users of Star want ads report this week that they have rented rooms, caught stray dogs and recovered lost money. One young lady of Route 3 Ellenboro had her purse containing \$5 in cash restored to her this morning through a Star want ad. Don't trot your legs off trying to find a buyer for merchandise, a tenant for your farm, a renter for your room, the finder of your lost article. A 25c want ad. may turn the trick, while you go about your other business.

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Forest Fires Spring Up In This Section

Woods Near Hopper Bridge Afire

Number Of Acres, Some Within City Limits, Burning, No Rain In Months.

The forest fire menace, which has been threatening many sections of the two Carolinas for several weeks, struck this week within the Shelby section, several minor forest fires being reported over the county and two near the Shelby city limits.

The first forest blaze to attract very much local attention started late Monday and was still burning late Tuesday.

In Hull Woods.

The blaze is in the Heywood Hull woods and pasture land north of the city and within the city limits just northeast of the Hopper bridge. The flickering blaze attracted considerable attention in the uptown section early in the evening and more later in the night and early Tuesday morning. Late yesterday afternoon it was still burning in scattered spots.

Smoke Disturbs.

Between midnight and 3 o'clock Tuesday morning scores of Shelby people were frightened from their beds by the smell of smoke. Many men searched about their homes looking for fire as the odor was similar to that of a smoldering fire in a closet. About 3 in the morning the air seemed filled with smoke, but the majority of the aroused residents did not know where the fire was until Tuesday morning after, of course, they assured themselves that it was not in their homes.

A blaze swept over a tract of timber and undergrowth in the city water plant section several days ago, but did not attract as much attention as the fire near Hopper bridge.

Lack Of Rain.

The two fires near the city and several small ones reported in the county resulted, as did the scattered blazes all over the State, from the long drought. Cigarette butts or matches in many cases have been dropped in the dry grass and parched undergrowth to start a blaze.

Urge Precaution.

Until this week Shelby's interest in the forest fire headlines was that of sympathy with other sections, the nearest serious fires being in McDowell county, but now that several blazes have sprung up in this section extra precaution is urged. Possum hunters, sportsmen and others who may be in the woods are asked to take every precaution not to start a fire. Early in the week Governor Gardner asked that all hunters throughout the State give up hunting until there is rain and less danger of disastrous fires.

It has been more than three months with one exception since there has been a good rain in this section and it has been several years before this area has experienced such an extreme dry spell.

Mr. Schiele To Show Scout Camp Pictures

R. M. Schiele, scout executive of the Piedmont council, will be the principal speaker at the Kiwanis club weekly luncheon to be held this Thursday night in the Woman's club room of the Masonic temple building. Mr. Schiele will show pictures taken at the scout camp at Lake Lanier and present the summer's activities. There will be no Kiwanis meeting next week on account of Thanksgiving.

Roosevelt Favorite Among Small Business Men For 1932 President

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Only Inch Of Rainfall Here Since August

Just a little more than one inch of rain has fallen in Shelby in two and one-half months, according to the weather record maintained at the federal building here.

In fact, the total rainfall has been barely above an inch for a period of practically three months. There has not been any rain to speak of since mid-August.

In August the rainfall here was 2.1 inches, the major portion of it in the first part of the month. In September the rainfall was .35 of an inch and in October .77 of an inch. There has not been enough rainfall in 18 days of November for an entry to be made on the record. Which means that since mid-August the rainfall in Shelby and section totals only 1.12 inches.

Spread Of Forest Fires Not Halted By Rain Over N. C.

Predicted Rain Does Not Arrive And Wood Blazes Rage On.

Charlotte, Nov. 18.—Forest fires continued to rage through thousands of acres of timber lands in eastern and western North Carolina last night while an anxious populace awaited fulfillment of rain predictions which so far had failed to materialize.

Haywood and Jackson counties, among the hardest hit in the mountain section, did report slight drizzles which failed, in the main, to check the blazes. Reports from Asheville and a number of the smaller fires had burned themselves out, but that others were continuing their path of destruction through the vast timber lands, tinder dry from weeks of drought.

Flames Near Marion

At Marion the flames were gradually eating their way toward the town, and were reported burning slowly along South Main street some distance from the city proper. Marion, at the foot of the western North Carolina mountains and surrounded by them, is located on a fairly level plain which is not heavily wooded and little fear was felt. In the Linville section to the north, however, the flames burned unchecked.

Graham county was added to the fire list yesterday, a comparatively small fire being reported between Topton and Robbinsville. Serious blazes were still burning in Madison county and near East Lenoire in Jackson county.

Officials in Asheville voiced the belief that many of the mountain fires were started by unemployed men who desired the 20 cents an hour they would get for fire fighting, and bloodhounds were taken to the scenes in an effort to trace some of them, but no arrests were reported.

Give Play To Help Build Burned Gym

A play will be given at the Lattimore school auditorium Friday evening of this week by members of the Lattimore school faculty, the proceeds to be used in re-building the gymnasium which was recently burned. The title of the play is "Daddy Longlegs." The public is invited.

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Second Woman Senator



Mrs. Rebecca Felton



The Late Mrs. Rebecca Felton

The Late Senator Caraway

In the loss of her husband, Senator Thaddeus H. Caraway, of Arkansas, Mrs. Caraway has gained an honor never before experienced by any American woman in the full sense that it is enjoyed by this country's 54-year-old astute feminine politician of Jonesboro, Ark. Appointed as temporary successor to her husband in the U. S. Senate, Mrs. Caraway will take her seat when Congress convenes on December 7 and hold the honor at least until January 12. On that date a special election will be held in Arkansas to determine who will complete Senator Caraway's unfinished term, which runs until March, 1933. With Governor Harvey Farnell, of Arkansas, who appointed Mrs. Caraway to her temporary post, enthusiastically supporting her for election, it is at least probable that this close adviser of her late husband will soon be a full-fledged, duly elected senator. Mrs. Caraway was preceded in the senate by only one woman, the late Mrs. Rebecca Latimer Felton, of Georgia, who held her honorary seat for only a few hours after taking office. Thus, Mrs. Caraway actually will be the first woman to serve in the Senate, taking a vital part in its deliberations.

Patrol Head Probes Action Of Lieut. Beck At Rutherfordton; Officer Off Patrol For Present

Capt. Farmer Apologizes To Rutherford Officials For Conduct Of Patrol.

Rutherfordton, Nov. 18.—Investigation of the activities of Lieutenant R. H. Beck and two state highway patrolmen in a dispute here Armistice day and the day afterward was made last night by Captain Charles D. Farmer of the highway patrol.

Captain Farmer, who held a hearing at the city hall that lasted two hours, was accompanied by Lieutenant Fisher of the Charlotte district, a stenographer, State Senator Bennett of Bryson City, and Will Neal, jr., of Marion.

As a result of the incident Armistice day three warrants were sworn out against Beck, who at that time was in command of division E, state highway patrol, embracing 22 western North Carolina cities. He has since been removed of his command.

One warrant charged him with cursing and using boisterous language on the streets here and was signed by C. Lee Biggerstaff, fire chief and secretary-treasurer of Rutherfordton, while two other warrants charged the lieutenant with parking within three feet of a fire plug and assault on affiant, who was acting as special policeman. He is a fireman.

Trouble Starts. The trouble started when Beck parked his car near a fire plug and Hodge asked him to move it. Beck is alleged to have cursed Hodge. Followed him up on the street and struck him.

Next morning Beck was quoted as telling Chief of Police S. E. Waldrop that he would lick the whole fire department. He is then alleged to have gone to the city hall, accompanied by two patrolmen and engaged in a fight with Fire Chief Biggerstaff.

The town council met in special session that afternoon and asked that the state highway commission and Governor Gardner make a full investigation. Hearing of the case last night was held in the presence of Mayor R. R. Flack, the town council and witnesses, who testified as to various phases of the incident.

Reprimand Given. Captain Farmer, in an interview after the investigation, stated that he hoped to attend the trial of

Postpone Irick Wreck Hearing

Lincolnton, Nov. 18.—The preliminary hearing for Cornelius Irick, Shelby filling station operator, who is out under bond of \$3,500 charged with manslaughter in the death of Connie Eaker, Lincoln county school teacher last Thursday, was postponed Monday until Monday, November 30.

Cotton Blooms Show Up In November

There is a rush on the part of farmers around July 1st to see who can produce the first cotton blooms of the season. Q. J. Devenny of near Hollis did not get in the scramble to be first, but he plucked blooms this week from his field which are no doubt the last of the season. He brought two blooms to Shelby yesterday, one a pink and one a white.

Sister Of Shelby Man Killed In Wreck

The funeral of Miss Lucy Simpson, age 27, and formerly of Charlotte, was held at Duncan Memorial Methodist church Charlotte this morning at 10:30 o'clock. Miss Simpson was killed in an automobile accident in Lynchburg, Va. early this week. She is a sister of R. B. Simpson of Shelby. Six sisters and three other brothers, besides her mother, Mrs. N. E. Simpson who lives in Charlotte, survive.

Gasoline Advances Half Cent Gallon

Gasoline was advanced here this morning a half cent per gallon, making the plain gas retail for 20.2 cents. The advance was announced yesterday by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey throughout its territory and was promptly met by all other refiners.

Million Dollar Offer For Electric Plant Is Being Studied By Board

Cordell Trial To Be Up Here Next Tuesday

Date Definitely Set For 24th. Jury Day. Not To Be Transferred.

The charges against Charlie Cordell, former Shelby citizen and now a suspended member of the Charlotte police force, will be aired again in county court in Shelby.

Cordell was given a hearing here Friday night of last week on the charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey. The charge was preferred by Kings Mountain officers where Cordell was arrested. The jury did not get the case until midnight and when it failed to reach a verdict at almost 2 o'clock in the morning a mistrial was ordered.

It was stated Saturday that the tentative date of Tuesday, November 24, had been fixed for a second trial. Later a rumor had it that the trial might be transferred to Kings Mountain where the arrest was made and where the recorder holds court each week. The only jury day of the week with the county court, however, is on Tuesday in Shelby, and it was stated today that the case will be taken up again then.

The prosecution is reported to be strengthening its case against the officer, while the defense is working with the hope of clearing him. Cordell, who had been on the Charlotte force for some time, was suspended until the matter is cleared up. He was well known when he lived here and the first trial attracted a large crowd of court spectators as the second hearing will likely do.

Debate At Boiling Springs On Friday

Anniversary Debate Of Athenian Society To Be Held Friday Evening.

The Athenian literary society of Boiling Springs junior college will celebrate the anniversary of its organization Friday night with a debate program which begins at 7:30. In addition to the debate feature there will be a number by a quartet and a reading.

Debate Cotton

The debate topic is one of general interest at this time in North Carolina. It is: "Resolved that North Carolina should adopt a cotton holiday, providing states embracing two-thirds of the cotton area adopt a similar law."

L. E. Snipes and L. R. Pitts will uphold the affirmative, and Bruney Honeycutt and Jesse Cooley make up the negative team.

No Civil Service For Star Routes

When bids are received on January 19 for star mail routes in Cleveland county they will not be under civil service examination.

In Monday's Star it was stated that the star route contracts would be under civil service examination and procedure, but Postmaster J. H. Quinn says this was an error. The rural delivery route operate under the civil service, but not the star routes. Information as to the list of the routes, bonds, etc. may be secured from the Shelby postmaster.

Making Every Use Of Wheat At Low Price To Show Low Living Cost.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—The belief that it is possible to feed an average family for several weeks, perhaps a month, with an expenditure of 62 cents, has been expressed by Dr. Lloyd Arnold.

Dr. Arnold, who is professor of bacteriology and preventive medicine at the University of Illinois and bacteriologist for the State department of public health, is experimenting with wheat with the idea of finding a cheap one-food balanced diet for the unemployed. Although he said that he was not yet

Authorize Mayor To Study S. P. U. Rates In Other Cities Before Deciding Upon Sale Election. Board Non-Committal. Opposition To Sale Seems Strong Among Divided Sentiment.

A definite proposition to buy the city's light plant for the sum of one million, one hundred thousand dollars was made to Mayor McMurry and Alderman Z. J. Thompson, Maynard Washburn, John Schenk, jr., and D. W. Royster last night by the Southern Public Utilities Company of Charlotte, a subsidiary of the Duke Power Company.

Queried in Deaths



Mrs. Lola Pendleton Pickett, who is being held in Lexington, N. C., following autopsies on the bodies of her daughters, Elizabeth and Virginia. Virginia died May 3rd and Elizabeth Sept. 16. Large quantities of arsenic were found in the children's stomachs. Mrs. Pickett, although admitting she kept rat poison in her house, denied any knowledge of the cause of her children's deaths.

Two Magistrates Indicted Before Judge Moore

Judge Walter E. Moore, who warned a grand jury in Shelby two weeks ago of the danger of misuse of the office of justice of peace, had a jury return true bills in such indictments before him in court this week at Greensboro.

In his charge to the grand jury here Judge Moore made the remark that in some sections "some magistrates are making more money than Superior court justices." He then pointed out that the law required a justice of the peace to report every case tried before him to Superior court, showing in the report the type of misdemeanor, the fine or costs imposed, etc. He reminded that in bygone days a magistrate was a highly respected and esteemed personage in his community, but because some men who hold the office use it to make money the dignity and respect of the office decreased. He told the jury that it was its business and that of the Superior court and its officials to see that these reports are made and made correctly.

His emphasis of the possible misuse of public office in his talk here caused numerous local citizens to note the fact that a jury in Greensboro, where he is now presiding, returned two bills against magistrates. It brought the total number of indictments and charges against justices in Guilford county to 15.

Family May Live For Weeks On 63 Cents, Specialist Tries To Prove

ready to announce his complete findings he expressed the opinion that a bushel of wheat would keep a family for several weeks. Wheat is selling at 63 cents a bushel.

Mrs. Arnold, who is helping him, plans to invite friends to join her in a wheat meal. There'll be wheat soup, wheat muffins, wheat croquettes, wheat salad dressing, wheat pie and wheat pudding. And if the guests stay for breakfast they will have wheat porridge.

The proposition was made by E. C. Marshall, president; R. L. Peterman and J. Paul Lucas, vice presidents. A number of interested citizens crowded the city hall office to hear the proposition presented. Mr. Marshall acted as spokesman and read the proposition offering the above sum for the plant and a sixty year franchise, the proposition to be ratified by a vote of the people in a special election if the city officials decide to submit the matter.

Will Deliberate.

Upon the retirement from the meeting of the S. P. U. officials, the city officials discussed the proposition but took no action other than to authorize the mayor to investigate in other cities where the S. P. U. company has purchased light plants to determine whether or not the citizens there are satisfied with the change in service and to determine what the plants in other cities go on the tax books for taxable purposes.

No Rate Comparisons

There was no attempt on the part of President Marshall to compare electric rates now charged by Shelby under municipal ownership with the rates charged by the Southern Public Utility Co. A rate sheet was submitted, however, showing the established rates for the S. P. U. company authorized by the state corporation commission and charged in all of the 175 towns and cities in which the light plants are owned by the S. P. U. company. Reference to any of these cities was given by Mr. Marshall for Shelby to find out if the service in those cities is satisfactory.

Of course, in the event of a sale of the city's plant to the S. P. U. company, the city will have to buy power from the new owners which will light the streets and operate the pump station motors. Mr. Marshall pointed out that his company has no "free" service for any individual, churches or schools even the officials of his company paying for their service.

Investigate Bond Retirement

In answer to the question of Alderman John Schenk as to whether the city's outstanding bonds could be paid off before they are due, Mr. Marshall said that was a matter entirely up to the city and the bond holders. He would not commit his company to assuming responsibility for the payment of the city's bonds when due, but said he would be glad to discuss the matter with the city officials if the deal should reach that point. He stated that the S. P. U. proposition to buy was for cash and that it is

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Two People Hurt In Auto Collision

O. C. Newton, of Dover, Velday, Has Ribs Broken In Tuesday Crash.

Two people were painfully injured and another bruised up in an automobile collision shortly after 6 o'clock Tuesday evening at the intersection of highway 20 west of Shelby and the Dover Mill road. The cars colliding were those driven by O. C. Newton, of the Dover village, who was coming into the highway from the Dover road, and Yates Green who was going west on the highway.

Mr. Newton had two ribs broken and was still in the Shelby hospital today. Miss Eshe Higgs, who was riding with Newton and his wife, had her wrist lacerated and Mrs. Newton was bruised.

Honor Shelby Boy.

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—The N. C. State college chapter of Kappa Phi Kappa, national honorary education fraternity, has elected nine new members who will be initiated tonight, November 18.

New members are A. D. Williams, Reidsville; H. C. Colvard, Reddies River; Westley Wallace, Raleigh; M. C. Freeman, Hamlet; R. R. Smithwick, Apex; J. E. Wilson, Shelby; C. H. Drye, Oakboro; J. B. Crumpler, Fayetteville; R. J. Lyday, Brevard.