

THE MARKET
Cotton, spot 6 to 6 1/2c
Cotton Seed, per ton \$15

Cloudy And Warmer.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably occasional showers in west and north portions. Slightly warmer tonight.

Outlaw Alfonso.
Madrid, Nov. 20.—Former King Alfonso of Spain, was outlawed by the Spanish national assembly early today. The vote was by acclamation and it was understood that the Count of Romanones, lone monarchist deputy in the assembly, who had defended his king against a charge of treason, did not vote.

Salvation Army Band Will Play Here Tomorrow

Officials Of Organization Will Be With Band. Public Invited Out.
The largest Salvation Army concert ever given in Shelby is scheduled for the court square tomorrow, Saturday, morning at 10 o'clock.

The 25-piece band which will give the concert comes from Atlanta and will stop over here while en route to Durham where it goes to participate in the dedication of the new \$30,000 Salvation Army hospital there. The band is made up of some of the best musicians in the South and will be accompanied by some of the leading Salvation Army officials in the Southern area, according to Ensign W. H. Stanley, of Gastonia, who was here yesterday making advance arrangements.

Among the officials will be Commissioner Alexander M. Danson, who is in charge of the work in the Southern territory. He is expected to make a brief talk. He has been in the organization for 40 years, since the age of 17, is an excellent speaker, a veteran social worker, and has been honored with the doctor of divinity degree.

The band in the concert will be directed by Ensign Albert E. Baldwin, who was born in the Salvation Army and has been in the service 25 years. At the age of 18 he was the director of Queen Victoria's Seaman's Institute band in London, and he served with the Canadian forces during the World war.

Junior Stunt Night To Be Held Tonight

High School Students Put On Snappy Take-offs, Skits, And Songs This Evening.

The Junior class of the Shelby high school will sponsor their annual evening of fun at the high school auditorium tonight at eight o'clock.

The stunt night program was inaugurated in the high school last year as an annual event and is already one of the highlights of the school year for parents and patrons of the school as well as for the students.

All classes and organizations are cooperating with the Juniors in making this entertainment a success. There will be snappy songs and dances, and clever skits and "take-offs."

The program for the evening is as follows: 1—Sophomores. Mass meeting of the comic sheet. 2—Juniors—Wedding of Augustus Peabean and Perlina Eggplant. 3—Freshmen. The Leg of Nations. 4—Seniors. At the broadcasting station. 5—Debaters. An Alphabetical Romance. 6—Athletics. The clown minstrel. 7—Dramatic club. Saved or Love's Dilemma. 8—Faculty. The Animated Newspaper.

Mrs. Black Dies; Carried To Tenn.

Wife of W. K. Black of Waco Section Victim of Nephritis. Buried in Tennessee.

The body of Mrs. Hortense Fanning Black, wife of W. K. Black who died in the Shelby hospital Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock was carried yesterday morning to her former home in Morristown, Tenn., for interment today. Mrs. Black had been sick since August, suffering with chronic nephritis. She entered the hospital last Friday. She was 45 years of age and was married to Mr. Black 14 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, six step-children, her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Fanning and a brother, Austin Fanning, the latter two living in Morristown where the body will be buried today.

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Bank Robbery Attempt Fails At Mooresboro

Yeggs Burn Way Into Vault There

Daring Attempt Made To Crack Union Trust Safe There Wednesday Night.

Rob Uncle Sam.
The big loser in the bank robbery early Thursday morning at Mooresboro was the postal department. The safe crackers failed to get in the main safe of the bank but took approximately \$315 in stamps and silver from the vault. The stamps belonged to the Mooresboro post office, which is near the bank, and were kept there for safety. Officers today had no new clues to help them in their search for the yeggs.

A daring attempt was made to crack the safe and rob the Union Trust Company's branch bank at Mooresboro, this county, some time Thursday morning before day-break.

The yeggs burned their way into the bank vault but were not able to get into the safe before they were frightened away or became afraid to crack the safe due to the heat caused by the acetylene torches used in burning through the vault.

Shrewd Effort.
It is the belief of Sheriff Irvin Allen and officers that the attempted bank robbery was staged by professionals or directed by an expert yegg.

Entrance into the bank building was made by the rear door. After entering the yeggs used a large acetylene tank and torches to burrow through the heavy vault to reach the safe. An attempt was then made to burn into the vault. This falling it seems as if it was planned to use nitroglycerine to blow open the safe.

Was Too Hot.
Apparently the heat from the acetylene torches was so intense that it was dangerous to use the nitroglycerine and also too hot in the building to be comfortable. The Mooresboro Creamery had been broken into and three cream cans taken therefrom for the purpose of carrying water to pour on the hot vault and safe.

When Sheriff Allen was called there about 8 o'clock yesterday morning the vault and safe were still hot from the acetylene process. This indicated that the attempted safe-cracking took place not long before daylight.

In making their getaway the yeggs left a big acetylene tank in the building. A cap and other articles were also abandoned in the hurried getaway, which was made, it is believed, when someone came by and frightened the thieves.

The trip to and from the bank had been made in an automobile, but when officers were called the tracks were not clear enough to give any beneficial clue.

One presumption is that at least one of the party must have known something of "the lay of the land" as shown by the stealing of the creamery cans for carrying water to cool off the heated safe.

More Than 2 People Killed Each Day In North Carolina In October

Almost 500 Were Injured During Month Of Reckless, Splendid Driving.

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—Speed, recklessness and carelessness killed 83 persons and injured 496 more during October, according to the figures on automobile accidents released by L. S. Harris, chief of the theft and license bureau of the department of revenue. So far, for the first ten months of 1931, a total of 599 persons have been killed in battle in the entire Spanish-American war, in which 282 American soldiers were killed in action. In September 77 were killed and 519 injured. In October, 1930, only 70 were killed and 417 injured in automobile accidents.

Since July 1, 1927, a total of 3,089 have been killed and 30,726 injured in automobile accidents in North Carolina. The law requiring the automobile license division to keep statistics on automobile accidents went into effect July 1, 1927, and

New Minister



Meet the new pastor of Central Methodist church. Dr. E. K. McLarty (above) former presiding elder of the Charlotte district, is expected to move to Shelby Thursday of next week to assume his pastorate succeeding Rev. L. B. Hayes.

Dr. McLarty Will Arrive In Shelby Thanksgiving Day

Rev. Mr. Hayes Preaches Farewell Sermon At Central Church Sunday.

Rev. L. B. Hayes, for two years pastor of Central Methodist church, will preach his farewell sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

A large congregation is expected to hear the popular minister in his final appearance as pastor in the Central church pulpit. There will be no services Sunday evening.

To Waynesville
Rev. Mr. Hayes was sent to the Waynesville district as presiding elder by the recent Methodist conference. He and his family will likely leave Shelby Wednesday for their new home.

Dr. E. K. McLarty, formerly presiding elder of the Charlotte district, will move to Shelby, it is understood, Thursday of next week, which is Thanksgiving day. His first sermon here will likely be preached a week from Sunday morning.

The new Central pastor will be accompanied by his wife. He has two sons, one of whom is a minister and the other is a student at Oxford university.

See Gaffney Win

A number of Shelby people were in Gaffney yesterday afternoon to see the annual high school football classic of upper South Carolina between the Gaffney and Spartanburg high school elevens. Gaffney won by the score of 7 to 0 with a crowd estimated at 3,000 people looking on.

Boy Scout Camp Life Is Shown In Pictures

Scout Executive Shows How Scouts Engage Themselves In Helpful Pursuits.

Colored pictures were shown last night by R. M. Schiele, Piedmont council scout executive before the Kiwanis club in the Masonic Temple building, portraying the activities of the boys who visit the scout camp at Lake Lanier each summer.

Nothing has impressed the Kiwanis club so favorably and forcibly with the scout cause as the pictures showing how the boys devote their time in character building and better citizenship. The pictures showed how the boys are taught to swim, row, make baskets, learn wood-working, blacksmithing, archery, study botany, animals birds, etc. Mr. Schiele graphically described each picture to the club members. In many of the pictures were boys from the Shelby troops.

Over Half Of County People Rural Dwellers

57% Population Is On Farms

31 Percent Of 51,914 Population Lives In Towns And Cities. Rural State.

More than half of the people in Cleveland county live on the farm. Statistics assembled by the University News Letter show that 57.10 percent of the 51,914 people in the county are farm dwellers.

Divided.
The urban residents are 31.63 percent of the total, a little more than one-third, the majority of whom live in Shelby. There is another class in which 11.27 percent of the total population are rural dwellers but do not farm.

Neighbors.
Lincoln is the only one of the neighboring counties with a larger percentage farm population. Of Lincoln's 22,872 people 64.49 percent live on the farm, 16.45 percent are rural dwellers who do not farm. In Gaston it swings the other way. Only 19.70 percent of the total population lives on the farm, 35.68 percent live in town and cities, but 44.72 percent live in the rural section but does not farm. In Burke 44.45 percent of the 29,014 population lives on the farm, 20.40 percent in town, and 35.14 in the rural section but without farming. In Rutherford 51.18 percent of the 40,452 people live on the farm, 17.63 in the city, and 31.19 in the rural sections without farming.

Over The State.
Discussing the ratio in the entire State, the University News Letter says:

North Carolina is dominantly and predominantly rural. She always has been one of America's most rural states, and remains so. She is rural in the aggregate, and rural on a ratio basis.

Only two states, Pennsylvania and Texas, have more rural people than North Carolina.

Only one state, Texas, has more farm dwellers than North Carolina. Only six states have higher rural population ratios.

Urban, as used by the census bureau, refers to incorporated places with 2,500 inhabitants or more. Rural refers to all others. Rural-farm refers to all people who live on farms. Rural-nonfarm refers to those who live in incorporated or unincorporated places below 2,500 inhabitants, and all others except farm dwellers.

North Carolina in 1930 had 3,170,276 inhabitants. The urban dwellers numbered 809,847, or 25.5 percent. Rural dwellers numbered 2,360,429, distributed as follows: rural-farm dwellers 1,597,220; rural-nonfarm dwellers 763,209. Also there were 2,698 people living on farms inside incorporated places, classes as urban dwellers.

New Hanover, Caswell.
New Hanover county has the smallest farm population ratio in the state with 3.8 percent farm dwellers. At the other extreme is Caswell with nearly ninety-two out of every hundred living on farms.

Durham county, however, is slightly more urban than New Hanover which has a larger rural-nonfarm ratio.

Dare is interesting in that nearly ninety-five percent of her people are rural-nonfarm dwellers, living mainly off the water resources of the county.

Roosevelt And Smith Meet, Eat But Keep Their Conversation Mum

Public Left To Wonder If Former Democratic Leaders Patched Troubles.

New York, Nov. 20.—While reporters waited outside on the sidewalks of New York, two famous political old cronies had lunch together Wednesday, and smiling and inscrutable went their separate ways.

Royal Pair Seeking Divorce



Former King George of Greece and his queen, the former Princess Elizabeth of Rumania, sister of King Carol, who, it is reported, have taken steps to obtain a divorce. The cause of their separation is believed to be the result of the intense strife that has split the Hohenzollern family.

Red Cross Roll Call Monday And Tuesday Coming

Mrs. E. Y. Webb Chairman And Has Twelve Team Captains To Wind Up Drive.

Monday and Tuesday of next week is annual Red Cross roll call days in Shelby and Mrs. E. Y. Webb has kindly consented to act as chairman for the drive which will be finished up in two days time.

Shelby's quota is 800 members and it is felt that with Mrs. Webb and her fine organization of ladies, conducting the campaign, that the full quota will be reached in the drive. A smooth working organization is being gotten together and the work systematized so that the drive can be completed within the least possible time.

This is the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American Red Cross in rendering service to humanity throughout the world. Membership is from \$1 up and practically all of the money raised locally remains here for use in extreme need. On \$1 memberships, 50c is sent to national headquarters and 50c retained by the local Red Cross chapter. On \$25 memberships, 50c goes to national headquarters and \$24.50 remains here.

Last year Shelby exceeded her quota in a well conducted drive and with this great organization standing in such favor here, it is felt that the people will again respond generously and freely when called upon Monday and Tuesday.

Blanton And Piggy Continue To Operate Under Receivership

Receivership Made Permanent At Meeting Of Creditors On Yesterday.

The temporary receivership was made permanent yesterday for the A. Blanton Grocery Co. and the Western N. C. Piggly Wiggly Co. at a meeting of the creditors yesterday at Rutherfordton. On October 30, a temporary receivership was taken with J. D. Blanton and R. L. Morris appointed receivers and Nov. 19 was the date set for a meeting of the creditors to determine whether the receivership would be made permanent or the business of the two firms should be liquidated.

It is understood the largest creditors of the two firms were present and readily agreed that a temporary receivership would be to the best interests of all parties concerned, so J. D. Blanton and R. L. Morris of Marion were made permanent receivers. All of the Piggly Wiggly stores and the two wholesale houses of A. Blanton Grocery Co. will continue to operate under receivership in the hope that they might work out of their financial difficulties.

Goode To Conduct Revival At B. Spps.

Rev. W. E. Goode, of Scotland Neck, will begin a series of revival services at Bolling Springs Baptist church Thanksgiving night. The meeting will last one week. Mr. Goode is a native of Bolling Springs section and a graduate of Wake Forest college. He has held some large pastorates and is a preacher of wonderful ability.

Spring Again As June Bugs Show Up In Section



Only a month and five days until Christmas yet it is springtime hereabouts.

What better proof that cotton blooms and June bugs in late November.

The extended warm weather has attracted considerable attention throughout the entire country, even sections in the far north and northwest reporting flowers bloom at this season of the year for the first time ever.

Earlier in the week Q. J. Devenney of the Hollis section with fall cotton blooms. But George Abernathy, former radio technician in the U. S. Navy, topped off the November springtime stories yesterday when he found a young June bug flying about while working in his father's garden.

Patrol Officer Off Duty Until Trial On Tuesday

Beck Formally Suspended Until Assault Verdict Is Received.

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—Lieutenant R. H. Beck, in charge of the North Carolina highway patrol in 20 western counties, was suspended from active duty by the state highway commission Wednesday until his trial in Rutherfordton next Tuesday on charges of assault, resisting arrest, and cursing.

Captain Charles D. Farmer, director of the patrol, went to Rutherfordton to investigate charges preferred against Lieutenant Beck and reported to the commission meeting, Chairman E. B. Jeffress announced the lieutenant had been temporarily relieved by active duty and indicated that no further action would be taken by the commission until after the trial.

Jeffress was authorized to secure additional sites for prison camps and to begin the construction of camps in Granville and Richmond counties. Work is going forward on the erection of 10 prison camps in the state at present.

Family May Save Burke Man's Life

Daughters And Parents Get Appeal For Mull, Doomed To Death In Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Nov. 20.—Funds supplied by the family he deserted months ago may save Everett T. Mull, alias John Hall, former Morganton contractor from death in Nevada's lethal gas chamber.

Attorneys for Mull announced here Thursday that an appeal has been taken to the Nevada supreme court and that Mull's execution for murder automatically will be delayed until the special meeting following the next week.

A number of citizens, for and against the sale, attended the meeting at which the power firm officials made their offer. Since that time the light plant controversy has been "the talk of the town." Everywhere two or three people get together the discussion comes up. "How do you feel about the light plant sale?" one will ask and a debate is on. Nine times out of ten an argument develops, for the city seems pretty evenly divided on the matter. If there is a predominating sentiment it appears to be in opposition to the sale, but the opponents may be doing the most talking.

Anyway the matter may culminate it is assured that Shelby will know more about her lighting and power system than ever before. Citizens who heretofore never gave the matter any thought are now talking kilowatts, horsepower rates, possible tax reduction, future indebtedness, etc.

The aldermen are approaching their decision in a similar serious fashion. Decide what they may, they seem determined not to go off half-cocked. They are hearing what the people have to say, are studying light rates, tax rates and finances of other cities. Cities where the S. P. U. operates are being queried as to rates and agreements. When the board meeting is held next week it is expected that all the cards will be put on the table and the proposal thoroughly taken up.

It would be impossible to present the views and opinions of those who favor or oppose the sale. Those on each side can cite from 10 to 100 reasons why the plant should be sold or should not be sold. Some talk with knowledge of actual figures and others from a theoretical standpoint.

No Early Decision On Offer For Light Plant

Local Man Bids Million And Half For Light Plant

Raises Bid Of Southern Public Utility And Says He Is In Earnest.

A local man last night raised the bid for the city's electric light plant to a million and a half dollars and declared he was in earnest about it. He was talking to Alderman Z. J. Thompson who is mayor pro-tem at the time the offer of a million and a half was made and called witnesses to his statement that he would pay the city a million and a half dollars for the plant if it desired to sell.

The local man making the offer is probably not able to finance a deal of this magnitude on his own account, but he is one of the city's most successful business men with associates and connections that make it possible for him to handle a million and a half dollar proposition. He says he would buy the plant on the same terms offered by the Southern Public Utility, that is take over the plant as it stands with a sixty year franchise and charge the rates for service as set by the state corporation commission.

The bid of the S. P. U. Co., submitted on Tuesday night was \$1,100,000 cash for the plant.

The fact that we may meet them does not necessarily mean that we will reach a definite decision," the mayor said, "but we will talk over the proposition, hear reports of an expert we have studying the rates, etc., and express our opinions. We intend going into the matter thoroughly and I am sure the members of the board will consider the best interest of the city before reaching a decision."

City Board To Meet Next Week

Million Dollar Offer To Be Studied From Every Angle By Council.

The members of the Shelby city council are this week doing the same thing that the majority of the city's population is doing—debating from every angle the million dollar offer of the Southern Public Utilities for the municipal light plant.

The offer of \$1,100,000 for the light plant was formally presented to the city board and Mayor S. A. McMurry at a special meeting of the council Tuesday night.

At that time the board informed the visiting officials of the power firm that they would take the matter under consideration and announce their decision later. It is up to the board to say whether or not the offer will be submitted to a vote of the people. Before the plant can be sold the sale must be endorsed by a majority of the votes in a special election.

It isn't likely, The Star learned today, that any decision will be reached before some time next week. Mayor S. A. McMurry said this morning that another meeting of the board will be held next week, probably Tuesday night.

There is a probability, however, that the board may call an election at the meeting next week or turn thumbs down upon the offer.

The action taken will be of much interest to the entire city, and the announcement of what the board will do will perhaps be the biggest news of the year to Shelby.

The offer of the S. P. U. has been the chief topic of conversation here since The Star published a news article Monday informing that it would be made at the special meeting following the next week.

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