

THE MARKET
Cotton, spots 6c and up
Cotton Seed, ton \$11.00

Cloudy Tuesday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and slightly colder in east portion tonight. Increasing cloudiness Tuesday, possibly followed by rain in afternoon.

300 Chinese Killed.

Mukden, Manchuria, Dec. 7.—Reuters News agency reported yesterday that 300 Chinese had been killed in a bombardment from Japanese airplanes in the vicinity of Kungtaipu, southwest of Mukden. The Japanese army's bombing attack, which also struck at Tienping-tai, near Hsinmintun, the dispatch said, marked a revival of its operations against Chinese bandits in areas adjacent to the south Manchuria railway zone. Another fray was reported to have occurred at Changtu, north of Mukden.

Tokyo, Dec. 7.—A Sino-Japanese clash on a much larger scale than in the past appeared inevitable to informed circles yesterday unless Marshall Chang Hsueh-Liang disregards the Chinese government's rejection of the neutral zone proposal and withdraws his troops from Manchuria. The Japanese army is determined that all semblance of Marshal Chang's authority in the Chinchow area must be eradicated.

Saturday Sees Holiday Buying Rush Open Here

Street Filled With Shopping Crowds

City Police Force Has Difficult Time Keeping Heavy Traffic On Move.

One of the largest shopping crowds Shelby has seen since last winter swarmed the city Saturday as the first really noticeable holiday buying rush got underway.

With only two more shopping Saturdays before Christmas, the city was filled Saturday afternoon and evening with shoppers who were buying and with scores of others who were "looking about" making out their Christmas gift lists.

Such was the jam of motor traffic in the uptown business section late in the afternoon and early in the evening that the city police force had a consistent job of keeping the traffic on the go and eliminating, as much as possible, double-parking on the four main business streets. The sidewalks, too, were filled with actual shoppers and window-shoppers.

Practically all of the Shelby business houses have already arranged their Christmas displays and decorations and those who have not will do so this week. Already the business section at night reflects the cheery Christmas coloring with red and green lighting effects, toys, gift displays, etc.

This week, merchants think, will bring the first Yuletide shopping jam as the early gift-buyers make their selections and Saturday will in all likelihood bring the biggest one-day shopping crowd of 1931.

Fourteen Arrests In County Sunday; Kings Mtn. Leads

Eight Of 14 Jailed Came From Neighboring Town. Majority Are Drunks.

The Yuletide whoopee broke loose in Cleveland county Sunday.

Fourteen persons were arrested and placed in the county jail here yesterday, and a number of others were arrested and released under bond.

Kings Mountain furnished the majority of the prisoners, eight being arrested by officers there.

Drunks and drunken drivers topped the list of charges, with stealing and assaults ranking second and third. A fight between some colored people came very near proving serious as one colored man reached for his gun when officers interfered, but was nabbed before he could use it.

15 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS



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State Putting Layer On Roads In No. 6 Area

Another Coat Goes On Gravel Roads

Another Treatment On Dover Road And County Home Loop. City Work Undecided.

State highway forces are now putting another coat of surfacing on the tar-and-gravel roads built in No. 6 township just before the highway organization in the township was supplanted by the reorganized State department.

The main roads, out of the city limits, surfaced by the No. 6 commissioners and now being given another treatment, are the Dover mill road, linking Highway 20 and the Polkville highway as they lead out of the city west, and the County Home link, which follows the old Kings Mountain road, goes by the County Home and back into Highway 20 at the fairgrounds.

Near Complete. The treatment of one of the links, the County Home Loop, was practically completed last week, it was said.

There is some talk about another treatment for the short stretches of roadway in the city, surfaced at the same time as the others, the work to be done by the State force, but nothing definite has been decided about the matter, city officials state.

Young Negro Robs Keeter's Store At Kings Mtn., Jailed

Pal Friday With Record Of 20 Arrests In Gastonia Is In Shelby Jail.

(By E. R. GAMBLE)

Kings Mountain, Dec. 7.—Pal Friday, twenty-five-year-old Gastonia negro, was brought to Kings Mountain Saturday afternoon after being arrested in Gastonia at the request of local officers. Friday, who has a police record in Gastonia, having been arrested twenty times in the last five years, entered Keeter's department here Saturday afternoon and snatched several pairs of men's hose. He was caught in the theft but made his escape through the back door.

He was taken to Shelby and lodged in the county jail in default of a one hundred and fifty dollar bond.

Aged Ex-Sheriff Of Buncombe Visits

Ex-Sheriff Billy Lee of Buncombe county is spending a while with Dr. W. T. Grigg of Lawndale and visiting other relatives in Cleveland. Mr. Lee is 81 years of age but is as spry as the average man at sixty. He is a native of the Sharon section of this county but has lived for years in Buncombe where he has been influential in politics for many years, holding several important offices.

Final Preparation Made To Open Congress Today; Name Party Heads

Democrats Nominate Gardner For Speakership And Rainey As Floor Leader.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With an eye on a fast start, party groups and blocs in congress over the week-end speeded final preparations for today's opening of a momentous session.

The house Democrats, confident of seizing the control held by Republicans since 1918, gathered to nominate John N. Garner, of Texas, for speaker and Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, for floor leader, and to formulate party procedure on the issues which leadership has thrust upon them.

Prepare Program. They began preparing also with their senate colleagues a broad legislative program, which they hope to make a pre-convention platform, laying before the people of the country the party's ideas for economic betterment. A more immediate purpose was to head off, if possible, a disorganized chase after legislation which cannot pass.

The senate Republicans, organized without aid of their independent element, were confident of con-

Dry Cleaning Plants Here Open Another Price-Cutting War Today

Price For Suits Tumbles From 90 And 65 Cents To 50 And 35 Cents.

The dry cleaning plants and pressing clubs of Shelby inaugurated a new price-cutting war today.

Only a few weeks ago a truce was declared in a price-slashing drive which was opened by a cash-and-carry plant and all the firms agreed upon a scale of cash-and-carry and delivery prices.

Opens Again. Saturday night the word got out that one of the local cash-and-carry plant would this morning cut the cash-and-carry price for dry cleaning and pressing suits and dresses from 65 cents to 50 cents. By Sunday the other plants, delivery and cash-and-carry, had taken up the challenge and pressing club trucks were already decorated Sunday with glaring signs informing that suits this week would be cleaned and pressed for 50 cents, called for and delivered.

One of the plants announced a two-way cut. Suits, this firm announces in The Star today, will be called for, cleaned and pressed and delivered for 50 cents, or will be cleaned and pressed on the cash-and-carry basis for 35 cents.

Just how long the battle will continue cannot be forecast, but it is expected that scores and scores of Shelby citizens will take advantage of the price-slashing, to prepare their supply of clothing for the holiday season.

Sheriff Will Help Needy With 'Lasses

Sheriff Irvin M. Allen, who farms on the side and is as successful as a farmer as an officer of the law, is going to do his part to help feed the hungry and unemployed this winter.

This year the sheriff went in for the live-at-home program and one of his main items was molasses. Now he has plenty of molasses and on the week before Christmas, he announced today, he will give away 50 gallons of molasses to needy families. "I'll have to know they are really in need," he said, "and that's all it will take to get the molasses. I will have down at the jail."

Miss Funderburke Passes State Board

Miss Madge Alice Funderburke was successful in her examination before the state board of examiners and has become a registered nurse. Miss Funderburke who is a native of Anson county, was recently graduated from the Shelby hospital school of nursing. The examination was held October 27 when 310 nurses went up before the board. Of this number 241 were licensed.

War Auxiliary To Name Offices Here

Mrs. H. L. Toms, president of the Spanish-American war auxiliary calls a meeting of the members tonight at the home of Mrs. H. A. Logan to elect officers for the ensuing year. The meeting will convene at 7:30 o'clock and it is urged that all members be present.

Mrs. Bow Bell Now



Secretly married to Rex Bell, movie cowboy, at Las Vegas, Nevada, Clara Bow, famous red-head "It Girl" of the screen, is shown above in an affectionate pose with the man who is now her husband. Photo was made while the "It Girl" was recuperating at Bell's ranch from the nervous breakdown which followed the De Voe trial.

Property Feels Tax Relief But Business Loaded

Governor Gardner Says Landowners Now Realize 1931 Relief. Franchise Taxes.

Star News Bureau.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Property owners in North Carolina are just now beginning to realize to what extent the 1931 General Assembly relieves them of their tax payments, although they have not yet discovered to what extent the tax burdens have been shifted to those most able to pay. Governor O. Max Gardner said, referring to his recent statement on State tax collections.

Governor Gardner pointed out in that statement that while taxes have been cut \$12,000,000 on land and property, taxes on incomes and franchises of corporations and business were increased an average of 40 to 50 per cent and represent the biggest increase and the highest rates ever levied in this State. Franchise rates on power companies were increased 150 per cent, on railroads 87 1-2 per cent, on telephone companies 43 per cent, on ordinary business corporations 25 per cent and income rates on corporations 22 per cent, through action of the 1931 General Assembly, he points out.

"The most important function of the office of Governor in these times is that of serving as general manager of the great corporation of the State of North Carolina whose stockholders are the three millions of citizens of this State," Governor Gardner said. Taken with his former observations that the next Governor will have to be prepared to "take punishment" from the time he is sworn in until he vacates the Blount street mansion, Governor Gardner is evidently of the belief that not just any man will be able to keep the ship of state to an even keel during the next few years.

"One of the most pressing and delicate problems facing the administration every day of every month in this trying period—and one which because of its nature does not readily lend itself to explanation or general understanding—is the fiscal control problem, the problem of trying to keep the scales balanced so that outgo and income may not get too far out of line with one another," Governor Gardner pointed out.

More Cotton Bolls. J. M. Wiley, colored farmer of the county, was in The Star office Saturday, Dec. 5, exhibiting bolls and bolls of the year's second cotton crop.

Daniels Backing MacLean, Said; News Of Raleigh

Jeffress Is Behind Road Program

Urges Banks Not To Pay Dividends. Pay Of Teachers And Public Officials.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Star News Bureau

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Politicians are somewhat mystified at the information going the rounds that many letters are being written to people over the State purporting to seek support for Angus Dhu MacLean, Beaufort county legislator, as candidate for Governor. Mr. MacLean, some weeks ago, disclaimed interest in the race and friends asserted that it would not be probable he could be forced into such a contest. However, since he issued his nine-point program a month ago, letters are said to have poured in to him urging him to run, and he may not be able to continue to thrust the honor from him, even though, unlike Caesar, he may not be so ambitious.

Some profess to see in this latest activity the fine hand of Joseph Daniels, who, they say, is not likely, can hardly afford, to become a candidate himself, but who is not at all satisfied with the present lineup. Mr. MacLean is probably nearer the Daniels mould than any prominent Democrat who would have a fighting chance at the Governorship, since the decision of Attorney General D. G. Brummitt not to enter the race, even though Mr. MacLean was an opponent of the special session, for which Mr. Daniels fit, blew and cried.

However, many still contend Mr. MacLean nor Mr. Daniels will run and that voters will have to select from those now in the field, Richard T. Fountain, Allen J. Maxwell or J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

Road Controversy. A "bill of particulars" is being asked for by Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the State Highway Commission, in response to the reported charges of Lieutenant-Gov. R. T. Fountain that the county highway systems in the 100 counties, or many of them, are going down and are not being kept up since they have been taken over by the State, as well as under county building and maintenance. The charges, if made, are presumably to discredit the new system, proposed and fought through the general assembly by Governor Gardner.

Chairman Jeffress makes the assertion that the county systems are in much better shape now than they have ever been and will be in excellent condition for the winter rains and snows, especially on school bus and rural mail routes. No complaint about road conditions rests more than 24 hours, being sent at once to the district men for necessary action, sometimes by telephone, Mr. Jeffress stated, saying Mr. Fountain's complaints will have attention at once.

Should Not Pay. North Carolina State banks should not pay dividends this year, Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood suggests, advising that the usual dividends be held as cash reserve for reducing investments from inflated to their real values, thus

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Rabbit In Bucket. Deputy Corin Powell had a rabbit story to relate today that excels the catching of three rabbits by Sheriff Allen last week in a 40-foot well. Deputy Powell's uncle, Ben Powell, last week found a rabbit hiding in a gallon bucket near his home in No. 8 township.

Chicken Roost Of Judge Raided Last Night; 9 Hens Gone

Daring Thieves Rob Recorder Weathers, Enter Chicken House Behind Home.

County Judge Maurice R. Weathers never has had very much use for chicken thieves, and today he has even less than he had last week.

Some time last night during thieves entered the recorder's chicken house, just a few steps behind his home on highway 28, east of the Cleveland Springs golf club, and made a thorough clean-up, taking every one of the judge's nine hens.

Chicken thieves unfortunate enough to be caught in the next few weeks may learn just how he feels about it.

Doesn't Fib—Believe-It-Or-Not



Weary of being challenged as the world's modern Ananias, Robert L. Ripley, famed for his remarkable "Believe It Or Not" series of strange facts, is shown undergoing a test before the lie detector machine at Long Island University, N. Y. Dr. William Marston is conducting the fateful experiment, in which students took a keen interest. P. S. — Believe-It-Or-Not Rip's veracity stood the strain.

Get A North Carolina Gift List And Give Articles Made In State

(Special to The Star) Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Holiday gift lists of North Carolina-made goods, as suggestions, are being distributed by the Department of Conservation and Development to merchants of the State as part of the program to encourage the distribution of State products. Bryan W. Sipe, statistician, said in a radio talk today.

The list includes a variety of articles, many of which are not familiar to the public as being made in North Carolina. Mr. Sipe pointed out, naming among other things, wearing apparel and accessories, things for the home, toys, books and other articles.

A statement accompanying the list points out that Christmas shoppers are going to buy useful things this year and that "North Carolina-made goods" being large of this type, will make a strong appeal to the buyers, Mr. Sipe said. "All the home-made goods bought by our home merchants will give manufacturing plants additional working time, create more wages and more buying power. This will give everybody a more cheerful outlook and serve to loosen up the purse strings all the more.

"North Carolinians should make it a point to buy as many of these home-made things as possible, both for the use of themselves and family and for gifts to friends within the State, and I believe our people will take a pride in doing this if goods are called to their attention.

"Money spent for things in North Carolina keeps factory wheels turning, it pays more wages and there-

Seaboard Road Pays Cleveland \$13,300 Taxes

Commissioners Take Offer Made

Waive Penalty Which Court Said Could Not Be Collected. Nearly All In.

The biggest unpaid item on the Cleveland county tax list for 1930 was marked off the books at the court house here Saturday when a \$13,000 check was received from receivers of the Seaboard Air Line.

Some time ago the Seaboard receivers informed the commissioners of Cleveland, as well as commissioners of eight other North Carolina counties, that they would pay the railroad's 1930 taxes if the penalty for late payment and interest were waived. Commissioners here, as in other counties, were not inclined to accept the offer as penalties on individual tax-payers for late payments had not been waived. Attorneys, however, informed that federal courts had already ruled one time that a receivership could not be held responsible for delated payment.

With little, if any, chance of ever collecting the penalty and with a continued fight likely to keep the Seaboard tax check out of the county treasury for another year or so it was decided to accept the proposition so that the county might use the money and the 1930 tax books be straightened out.

Little Left.

The payment of the \$13,000 brought the 1930 unpaid taxes down to approximately \$20,000, which is practically the same amount of the \$400,000 levy which is regarded every year as uncollectable. The fact that close to twenty-four twenty-fifths of the total levy for 1930 has been collected with conditions as they are is considered an unusually good job. Very few counties of municipalities in the state have collected a larger portion of their 1930 taxes.

Paying On 1931.

Not only has the major portion of the 1930 taxes been collected, but payments have been good this fall, with times somewhat hard, on the 1931 taxes. At Sheriff Allen's office this morning it was stated that close to \$100,000 of the 1931 levy, or between a fourth and a fifth had already been collected.

Charity Appeals.

The county commissioners—G. F. Lattimore, R. L. Weathers, and A. E. Cline—were holding the regular monthly session today at the court house. No major items of business were transacted before noon, the morning being given over to routine work such as a check over county bills and expenses and the hearing of many charity appeals from the unemployed and needy.

Four Inches Of Rain Fell Here From 1st To 5th

First Week Of December Brings Most Rainfall In Four Months.

There was more rainfall in Shelby and section last week—the first week in December—than in any one month in more than four months.

The breaking of the drought last week brought the heaviest rainfall in one week than in over six months.

Records at the U. S. post office show that the rainfall last week totaled 4.02 inches. The first rain came on the first day, Tuesday, totalling .04 of an inch. The next rain was on Thursday, the third, the rainfall up to 6 o'clock in the afternoon, the regular reading hours being 1.32 of an inch. The easiest downpour, however, came Thursday night, and the reading for Friday, covering the period from 6 Thursday evening until 6 Friday evening, was 2.70 inches.

No Accidents Here.

Another week-end passed in Shelby and Cleveland county without any serious accident or mishaps. At the Shelby hospital today it was stated that not a single accident patient had been entered for treatment Saturday or Sunday. Highway accidents have decreased over the week-ends in this section in the last two months than in several years.

Frank Grist Confident He Will Win Senate Race From Morrison, Others

Efforts Made To Get Him Out Of Race Taken As Good Omen By Candidate.

Star News Bureau.

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor and candidate for the Democratic nomination for the primary in June, is more than ever confident that he is going to win the nomination, largely because of the efforts being made to get him out of the race, he said here. There are three other candidates for the nomination, Senator Cameron Morrison, at present serving under appointment until the next regular election in November, 1932; Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville, running on a prohibition modification ticket, and former Judge Tam C. Bowie of West Jefferson, Ashe county.

"If my opponents have not been taking my candidacy seriously in the past, I know they are beginning to know and that they are going to take it seriously from now on," Grist said. "Within the past few days a man, whose name I shall not give at this time, came to me and

assured me that if I would withdraw from the present campaign he would assure me that I might have almost any appointment I desired if the next administration is Democratic—as seems likely.