

THE MARKET
Cotton, spots 6c and up
Cotton seed, per ton \$12.00

More Rain.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain Thursday and in south and west portions tonight. Slightly rising temperature.

G. O. P. To Chicago.
Washington, Dec. 16.—Chicago won an easy victory yesterday in a two city fight for the republican national convention which will nominate a presidential candidate next June. The committee met in a ballroom of the Willard hotel, the delegates seated on gold painted chairs in front of the platform on which Senator Fess presided. A talking picture of Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the committee, opened the afternoon session. Lucas was warm in defense of President Hoover and his policies, including the tariff and farm board. He emphasized the president's closest attention to his job, and a cut-in of Mr. Hoover, seated at a desk in what seemed to be a hotel room, was applauded. Lucas said the democrats, though they criticized the tariff, would not dare to alter it materially.

Dollar Spending Power Increased Over Last Year

Less Money But What There Is Will Go Longer Distance At Christmas.

As you start Christmas shopping, here's something to think about: A ten-dollar bill in your purse will buy as many gifts as many necessities this year as \$17 would have in December, 1929.

That's the estimate made by Shelby merchants and business houses, and they invite their patrons to pause long enough in the Christmas shopping rush to note that the prices in their stores support the estimate.

How It Works.
There are not, generally speaking, as many dollars in circulation this Christmas, but the money that is being spent will take home as approximately as much goods as did the larger amount of money spent in 1929, or even in 1930.

Lumping everything together, the spending power of the Christmas dollar is greater than it has been since before the World war.

Shelby merchants make a general estimate of it in this manner: Clothing is anywhere from 25 to 30 percent less in price than in 1929. A lady's coat, for instance, that cost \$39.50 in 1929 is sold now for \$19.50.

In the white goods department a dollar will buy almost exactly as much as \$2 would in 1929.

In the fruits, nuts, and candies line—a very important line at the Christmas season—one dollar will get as much for the youngsters as \$1.50 or \$1.75 would have in 1930, or as much as \$2.90 or \$2 would have in 1928 and 1929.

In the general gift line, such as displayed in specialty departments, and jewelry stores, a dollar's buying power now is equal to \$1.75 in 1929. In some cases the dollar will do what two dollars would have done two years ago.

General furnishings, musical instrument of certain types, and a multitude of other things are selling for almost half what they did two years ago.

Which is to say that the Cleveland county household which has \$10 to spend this Christmas where it usually spends \$20 will find that the ten will get almost as much.

Report Two Stores Robbed Last Night

Spurling Store And Peeler Store At Belwood Visited By Burglars.

Reports coming to the sheriff's office this morning informed that two country stores were visited by burglars last night. They were the George Spurling store, just above Shelby, and the Peeler store at Belwood.

Just how much and what was taken from the Spurling store had not been learned as an officer was still working on the matter. One report had it that the thieves failed to get in the Belwood store by using a crowbar, but this report has not been verified.

Christmas Lights Burning On Square

The string of vari-colored lights around the Shelby court square were turned on last night, adding much to the Yuletide atmosphere in the uptown business section. Many of the merchants have also erected Christmas trees in front of their business locations and the entire city is much better dressed-up for the holidays than it was just a week ago.

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Farmers Of Cleveland Give Aid To Charity Fund; Drive Still On

Much Want, Suffering In Section Now

Farm Folks Give Food, Fuel, Girl Clerks Help. Many Pathetic Cases.

The real enthusiasm in Shelby and Cleveland county's \$10,000 charity fund drive this week was given by girl clerks in local department stores and sympathetic farm people of the county who this year made an abundance of food and fruit.

Several thousand dollars in money were raised in the opening day and a half of the drive, but the total is far shy of the amount it is believed will be necessary to care for the poor and unemployed for four winter months.

Big Hearted Spirit.
Many instances of a big-hearted spirit developed during the opening days of the drive. A group of girl clerks in one department store walked into charity headquarters with a \$16 contribution. A quantity of food and wood came in from farmers, several sections having committees named to help secure needed articles. The potatoes, beans, peas, wood, etc., made up some of the best contributions of the opening days of the drive. One example as to how business organizations and employees are coming through to do their part: The Eagle roller mill is now giving a sack of mill with each sack of flour purchased for charity purposes. In addition to this all the employees are giving a cash amount each month for four months as is the firm.

Many In Dire Need.
The average person, according to J. D. Lineberger, has no idea how many people are in real need and are suffering from a lack of nourishment. A typical example was that of yesterday afternoon late when a young mother came in with three children. She didn't want anything to be given her but "could please lend me something." Asked what she needed most her mouth began to quiver, she patted one of the youngsters on the head and said, "They haven't had a thing to eat since supper last night—and not much then. As for me it does not matter." Think of it, three normal youngsters and not a bite in almost 24 hours, and not a prospect of anything later unless someone lends a helping hand.

In another case a 22-months-old child was taken to the hospital because of a lack of food. The child's mother said she had no money to buy food and that she had no one to help her. The child was taken to the hospital and is now recovering.

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International Peace Studied By Teachers

The Christmas spirit, international peace and good-will between nations furnished the theme of the general teachers meeting of the Shelby school system held at the Graham school this week. The principal speaker was Mrs. Roy W. Morris, who gave an interesting review of existing peace conditions between the nations of the world.

Eastern Star Meet.
A called communication of the local Eastern Star chapter will be held Thursday evening at 7:30.

Russian Reds Said To Be Working On Ignorant Negroes In York Area

Communists Do Little Good Among Colored People of Neighboring S. C. County.

York, S. C., Dec. 16.—Even before Harry M. Arthur, head of the American Legion, said that communists were working in Yorkville and a half dozen other cities in South Carolina, evidence of their activities among the negroes here in Yorkville appeared.

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Shelby Lions Club To Play Santa Claus To Twenty Needy Children

Will Completely Outfit 10 Girls And 10 Boys And Give All A Meal.

On the morning of Wednesday, December 23, do not try to tell 20 happy young Shelby children that there is no Santa Claus. If plans now being made by the Shelby Lions club work out, a score of youngsters will know for a fact that there is a Santa.

Although the Lions club has said nothing about it, the charity committee officials yesterday announced that the club will on the even of the 23rd bring 10 young boys and 10 young girls uptown and completely outfit them with clothes. After the dressing-up party the youngsters will be taken to the Lions club banquet and given a real feed.

To Be Picked.
The 20 needy youngsters will be selected by the charity workers from the more unfortunate homes of the city. In each case the youngster picked will be in actual want and without comfortable or sufficient clothing. Brought from homes where there is no income and the working members of the family are unemployed, the children will be given coats, underwear, and other clothing, including shoes where needed.

Several other organizations in the city, including a number of Sunday school classes, are planning similar treats for other children.

\$432 Raised In Boy Scout Drive

When Campaign Is Finished This Week, It Is Expected Sum Will Reach \$500.

The sum of \$432.50 had been raised by the canvassing committee for the Boy Scouts up until noon Wednesday, according to John McKnight, chairman of the finance committee. "It is expected that the campaign when completed will bring in around \$500," said Mr. McKnight. Two or three of the canvassing committee had not seen all of their prospects when the first report was made yesterday, so it is felt that the sum already reported will be increased somewhat by later solicitations.

The county's 1931 quota, outside of Kings Mountain was \$1,000 to support the council headquarters at Gastonia and the scout camp at Tryon. The year is drawing to a close and nothing had been paid on the county's quota until the campaign was launched for funds last Friday. It has not been decided what course to pursue in the event the quota is not reached.

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Every School Child And Teacher Gives To Charity Appeal

Shelby Schools Turn In 100 Percent. Red Cross Helps With Medicine.

The biggest boost of all for the Shelby drive for a \$10,000 charity fund came today when the canvassing committee working the city schools system reported that the schools contributed 100 percent.

This means that every school child in Shelby, and there are over 3,000, made some type of contribution and so did every teacher. Many gave money—what they could afford—while others are contributing clothing, shoes, food, and other articles needed in unfortunate homes.

Just behind the school report came a message from the local Red Cross chapter saying that chapter was contributing \$100 for medical purposes. Red Cross funds cannot be used for anything except medicine and the \$100 will help purchase medicine for the scores of sick people in the section who have no money.

Mrs. A. R. Putnam Dies This Morning

Was 77 Years of Age And Will Be Buried Thursday Afternoon At 2 O'Clock.

A long and useful life was ended this morning at 5 o'clock when Mrs. Eliza Putnam died after an illness of several weeks. She passed away at her home on S. LaFayette street where she had resided since moving to Shelby about 30 years ago. She resided with her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Stroup.

Mrs. Putnam was born on January 17, 1853, and was the daughter of the late William and Jennie McIntyre, and a member of one of the pioneer families of this section. She was married to A. R. Putnam on December 15, 1870, and was the mother of five children, Mrs. Ada Stroup, Mrs. J. W. Spangler, Everett Putnam, all of this city, and Mrs. W. M. Hamrick of Asheville. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jane Hughes and Mrs. E. A. Street of Shelby, and one brother, J. P. McIntyre, of Asheville. She leaves 22 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. At her own request her grandsons are to be her pall bearers and her granddaughters are to act as the flower girls.

Fine Bible Student.
At an early age Mrs. Putnam trusted in her Lord as Saviour, and united with the Zoar Baptist church. Sometime after the organization of the Second Baptist church in South Shelby, she united with that church where she has since been a useful and faithful member. Her life has always been marked by a tender devotion to her Lord. She loved the study of God's word, and at the age of 65 she had the distinction of receiving a certificate from the Moody Bible Institute. She had a charitable disposition, was slow to take offense, and was always slow to believe any evil reports in circulation.

Lover of Nature.
Mrs. Putnam was a great lover of nature, especially flowers, and since girlhood always wore a flower in her hair. She always tried to make her home life one of peace and contentment, and at all times she set a Christian example before her children.

Funeral services will be held from the home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the following ministers officiating: Revs. L. L. Jessup, Rush Padgett, W. A. Elam and John W. Suttle.

Bury Kester Infant In Shelby Today

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. John Kester of High Point was buried here this afternoon, the funeral taking place at the Palmer funeral home at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Kester before marriages was Miss Sedahla Propst of Shelby.

Enrollment In Shelby Schools Is Above 3,000

Largest Enrollment In School History

New Attendance Record Last Month With Entire System Averaging 95.2.

The Shelby public schools show a large enrollment and excellent attendance at the end of the third month. There are now enrolled in the city schools 3,237 pupils and for the first time in the history of the school the membership has gone beyond 3,000, being at present 3,023. The percentage of attendance for the third month for the entire school system was 95.2 per cent.

The present enrollment is 386 more than it was the third month last year. The percentage of attendance for the third month last year was only 92.4 per cent. There were 272 more pupils in average daily attendance during November than for the corresponding period last year.

The schools listed according to rank on percentage of attendance together with the enrollment are given below:

Table with 3 columns: Rank, School, Enroll. Pct.
Shelby Public Schools Third Month
1 South Shelby 511 96.4
2 Marion 393 96.4
3 Lafayette 264 95.9
4 High School 507 95.9
5 Graham 316 95.4
6 Jefferson 373 94.7
7 Washington 240 94.4
Colored Schools
1 High School 123 98.0
2 Zoar 64 94.3
3 Elementary 446 92.0
Total 3,237 95.2

Eleven Couples From County Wed At Gaffney, S. C.

Nearly All Couples Married There Over Week-End Were From This Section.

Lovely young Cleveland county couples are doing their part, and maybe more, to make it a big Christmas season for the marriage mart at Gaffney, South Carolina, the favorite Gretna Green for this section.

Last week-end 13 couples were married in Gaffney, or secured licenses there, and 11 of the 13 were from the Cleveland county section. Names Given.

Those listed as securing license from Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup at Gaffney were:

Gus Hardin and Elizabeth Anthony, Shelby.
Garfield Howard and Myra Pittman, Kings Mountain.
Audie Toney and Mattie Allen, Bostic R-2.

William Smart and Blanche Hill, Mooresboro.

Floyd Patterson and Irene Spake, Shelby.

Vance Cline and Gussie Ledford, Shelby.

Hugh D. Johnson and Blanche Peeler, Vale.

Clarence Ledford and Lona Hunt, Casar.

Elsha McSwain and Eva Evelyn Wright, Earl.

Everett Leonard and Blanche Sain, Vale.

Claude King and Polly Black, Vale R-3.

Pension Checks Are Delivered Rapidly

Pension checks totalling \$10,000 are being delivered to the 101 pensioners in Cleveland county, announced A. M. Hamrick, clerk of the court yesterday. The pension checks arrived this week and were immediately delivered to the soldiers and widows in time for them to buy their Christmas and winter needs.

As noted in Monday's issue of The Star there are only 29 Confederate veterans on the list now, most of them having died since the war closed 66 years ago. They receive the largest amount, \$182.50, semi-annually. There are 53 class B, widows on the pension list who receive \$50 semi-annually and 19 class A widows, together with one negro servant who accompanied his master in military service and is receiving this week \$100 from the state pension fund.

No Bum Steer, He's Champion



Adjudged the international champion steer at the International Live Stock Exposition, at Chicago, "Briarcliff Thicket," 1,140 pounds of July beef, is shown above with his owner, Oakleigh Thorne (left), New York capitalist. The bovine is a full-blooded Aberdeen Angus and is a product of Briarcliff Farms, Pine Plain, N. Y. Can you imagine the amount of mushrooms since it would take to cover him.

New Auto And Truck Tags Now On Sale In Shelby; Must Be On All Cars By 1st, State Patrol States

The new North Carolina license plates for 1932—black figures on a yellow background—were in evidence here today, the Carolina motor club bureau, beginning the sale of the tags yesterday.

The bureau office, managed by Charles R. Eskridge, is located in the Eskridge garage on North Washington street, in what is known as the Beam block.

The new tags may be placed on cars and trucks right away, but all must be on by the first day of January, says an announcement from Raleigh informing that the highway patrolmen will be on the alert after New Year's for cars with old tags.

On Weight Basis.
All plates are being sold this year on the basis of the weight of the cars and not on horsepower as heretofore. The tag price is reduced for some cars and boosted for others. A scale of the prices on the weight basis was published in The Star some time ago.

The bureau here has 6,500 auto tags and 810 truck tags on hand. The office will be closed for Christmas on the 25th and 26th, and it is reminded that checks will not be accepted for license plates.

North Carolinians Get Good Posts On Important Congress Committees

Morrison Remains On Appropriation Group, Bulwinkle Gets Place On Interstate Body.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Representation on a score or more of the most important committees in the house and senate was assured North Carolina when Democratic leaders in congress announced their committee slate.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh, in keeping with an earlier announcement made by his colleagues, was assigned to a place on the important commerce committee, having jurisdiction over all rivers and harbors legislation. He was also given a place on the postoffice and post roads committee and the committee on claims.

No change was made in the assignments given Senator Cameron Morrison of Charlotte at the last session. He continues on appropriations and the banking and currency body, two committees that exercise tremendous influence in legislation relating to banking, the federal reserve system and government expenditures.

The house slate announced by Democratic leaders revealed that North Carolina has been given four chairmanships of committees there, including the all-powerful rules committee, which will be headed by Representative Edward W. Poup, of Smithfield.

Representative A. L. Bulwinkle of

Record Snowfall In Shelby—Just Year Ago Today

A year ago this evening, remember what happened in Shelby and Cleveland county?

Think hard and as you look out the window imagine a 14-inch snow on the ground! A year ago this evening and tonight this section was visited by a record snowstorm, the snowfall being 14 inches in level spots and much deeper in drifts. A year ago in the morning the high school gymnasium (the tin can) tumbled in from the weight of snow on the roof, and a portion of a storage room behind the Hawkins garage, on South LaFayette street, also collapsed. Traffic was at a standstill for almost a day in Shelby on December 17, 1930.

Mr. Ben Rippy, former Shelby High athlete, who has been in the U. S. Marines for several years and has more recently been employed in Washington, is now visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Jane Rippy.

The date for the preliminary hearing of the charge in county court has been set for Saturday, it was said today.

Officers say that insofar as they could learn the negro made no improper proposals other than that when he said, according to the girl, something about going with him.

Seniors Give Annual Play Friday Night

"The Bird's Christmas Carol," Comedy and Tragedy, Offers Two Shows.

The senior class of Shelby high school is presenting its annual play on Friday night, Dec. 18 at 8 p. m. The selection this year is "The Bird's Christmas Carol," a play especially appropriate to the season yet having in it both comedy and tragedy.

Since it is of such particular appeal to children, many of whom hear the book from which the play was dramatized, read and re-read each holiday season, the play will be presented on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 as a matinee for grammar grade students, at a reduced admission price.

The story is of a little girl born on Christmas day and named Carol Bird, since Christmas carols were being sung at this time. It is her desire to make one family of poor children happy on Christmas. How she does this makes up the action of the play.

Those taking part in the play are: prologue, Isabel Armour; Carol Bird, Elizabeth Campbell; Mr. Bird, Wallace McGinty; Mrs. Bird, Edwina Gidney; Jack Bird, James Byers; Elrida Clifford, Emma Ervin; Mrs. Ruggles, Sara Louise Falls; Sarah Masid Ruggles, Maizie Sue Propst; Peter Ruggles, Howard Rollins; Peoria Ruggles, Amanda Harris; Kitty Ruggles, Mabel Anthony; Clement Ruggles, Ethel White; Cornelius Ruggles, Ynez Ruggles; Yates Wall, Larry Ruggles; Bill McMurry, the other; Evgene County.

Negro Held On Charge Insult To White Girl

Farmhand Denies He Made Attempt

16-Year-Old Girl Says Young Black Asked Her To Go With Him.

Emory Maddox, 19-year-old negro farmhand who works on the Jarvis Hamrick place, was arrested and placed in jail here yesterday on the charge of an attempted assault on a white girl. The negro denies the charge.

The alleged attempt was made Tuesday morning, officers say near the home of L. A. Thomas, a mile south of Highway 20, west, near Beaver Dam church.

The first report reaching Shelby had it that there had been an attack and a number of officers, headed by Sheriff Allen and Police Chief Poston, hurried to the Beaver Dam section. Within 30 minutes they were back in the city with the young negro and information that there had been no actual attack.

Had Been Hunting.

The alleged attempt, according to information given officers, was made at a spring near the house where the 16-year-old girl was washing. The negro, who rabbit-hunting, came by, the girl said, and asked for a drink of water. After securing the water she says that he approached her, laid his hand on her arm and said something about "going with me" or "going with me to Arkansas." The frightened girl then ran to the house, she said, to get her mother. The negro, it was said, told them he meant no harm and they could ask his employer and learn that he had intended nothing wrong. After his employer arrived the father of the girl, it was said, came home, secured a gun and took a shot at the negro as the latter fled.

The negro, when picked up by a short time later by officers denied attempting an assault, said he had been hunting and just stopped to get a drink of water. He told officers that he told the girl and her mother that he intended no harm and they were needlessly frightened. He remained about, he said, and did not try to run away until he ran to keep from being shot.

A report in Shelby today had it that he threatened the girl's mother with his gun, but officers had no official information to this effect.

Trial Saturday.

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