

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

Cloudy Saturday.

Today's North Carolina Weather
Report: Cloudy tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Aid Confederates

Washington, Dec. 18.—Extension of hospital and home facilities to veterans of the Confederate army and navy yesterday was approved by the house military affairs committee. Representative Hill, democrat, Alabama, chairman of the subcommittee which drafted the legislation pointed out that the bill is exactly the same as one favorably reported to the last congress which failed to reach the calendar in time for consideration. "A gracious gesture," was the way the report characterized the bill, "signifying to all the world that all differences and dissensions of the war of 1861 to 1865 are forgotten."

Patrol Officer Gets Chance To Go Back On Job

Some Criticism Heard Of Move

Lieut. Beck, Who Had Trouble In Rutherford, To Regain Job.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—The North Carolina highway commission Wednesday authorized Captain Charles D. Farmer of the state road patrol to reinstate R. H. Beck of Marion, suspended lieutenant, if Beck could be restored to duty without injuring the morale of the patrol or affecting the public's attitude toward it.

An appeal for Beck's reinstatement was presented by W. W. Neale of Marion, a member of the commission. The patrol lieutenant was relieved of active duty following his arrest in Rutherford for infractions of the law committed there Armistice day.

The commission was inclined to feel charitably in his case. Highway Chairman E. B. Jeffers said. He explained there was much public sentiment in the lieutenant's favor and it was consensus of opinion Beck had been punished sufficiently.

Beck, who was in charge of the highway patrol in 20 Western North Carolina counties, paid fines for assaulting an officer and violating a traffic regulation, and apologized for his conduct.

Sentiment Here.

Opinion and sentiment in this section appears to be divided over the decision about the patrol officer by the highway commission. Some have expressed the opinion that the officer should be given another chance in that he apologized for his conduct in Rutherford and expressed regret for losing his temper. Others have stated that if returned he should not be in charge of all the other patrolmen but should be demoted because the way in which his temper was displayed indicated that he may not have the composure and coolness to supervise the patrol work in 20 counties. Still others are critical of the fact of his return to the patrol in any capacity. In Rutherford county, according to reports here, feeling is strong in the matter and views are sharply divergent.

Christmas Play By Seniors On Tonight

Annual Production Of High School Inaugurates Yuletide Program Here.

One of the first entertainment features of the Yuletide season in Shelby will be staged tonight when the senior class at Central high school puts on its annual play at the school auditorium. The performance begins at 8 o'clock.

The play is very appropriate to the season, being the interesting story of a little girl born on Christmas day, and it contains both comedy and tragedy, and a timely hint of the spirit of helping the needy during the joyous season. The title of the play is "The Birds' Christmas Carol."

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY



Lawson A. Gettys Discoverer Of Monazite In This Section, Dies Here; Funeral This Afternoon

Thos. Edison Visited Him Here

Prominent Churchman, Business Man And Authority On Minerals, Died Thursday.

Lawson A. Gettys, discoverer of monazite which in years gone by brought millions of dollars to farmers and miners in Western Carolina, died Thursday shortly after the noon hour at his home on S. Washington street, following an attack of 12 hours with angina pectoris.

Mr. Gettys was uptown on Wednesday and felt fairly well, but was taken suddenly ill during the night and his condition was critical until the end came. Some years ago he suffered a slight stroke of paralysis and virtually retired from active business.

Discovers Monazite.

His unexpected passing was a great shock to his host of friends throughout Western Carolina. Mr. Gettys was born in Rutherford county 65 years ago April 4th, near old Britain Presbyterian church. As a young man he found what he thought to be gold in a bed of a creek. Sending a sample to Philadelphia, it was discovered to be monazite, therefore unknown to exist in this section. He was sent for a visit to Philadelphia and there associated himself with Welsbach Co., as their agent in this territory in the development of this new industry. Until the tariff duty was removed, the industry thrived for many years. Monazite was used in the manufacture of gauze gas mantles.

Edison Visits Him.

Mr. Gettys was also a mineralogist and had one of the largest and most valued private collections of native minerals in the Carolinas. When the late Thomas A. Edison was looking for cobalt in this section in 1906, Mr. Edison and his party visited the home of Mr. Gettys and talked with him about his minerals and deposits in Western Carolina.

During the war, Mr. Gettys gathered quartz for the government, the quartz being used in making periscopes for submarines. Also he was a secret service man under the department of justice at a salary of \$1 a year to report any dissatisfaction that might be found during that crisis with the nation.

Church Elder 30 Years.

Mr. Gettys was a quiet, conscientious man and a fine Christian gentleman who bore the esteem and confidence of all who knew him. For thirty years he was an official in the Presbyterian church, serving as an elder here at the time of his death. He was a director in the First National Bank and a director in the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan association.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Mamie Brice of Fairfield county, S. C., who survives with two daughters, Misses Alpha and Burton Gettys. One sister, Mrs. Sara Wood survives at Chesnee, S. C. He and Dr. W. F. Mitchell were married in a double ceremony to sisters and both lived near each other on S. Washington street. Singularly, his brother-in-law, Dr. Mitchell, died from the same heart trouble six weeks ago.

The funeral service was conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Gettys home by Rev. H. N. McIlwain, pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian church and interment was in Sunset cemetery. A large crowd and a beautiful display of flowers attested the esteem in which he was held. Serving as pall bearers were: J. F. Jenkins, R. T. LeGrand, Wm. McCord, P. O. Gee, John McCrory and Forrest Eskridge. Honorary pall bearers were John P. Mull, an officer in the building and loan in which Mr. Gettys was a director, the directors of the First National Bank and the deacons and elders of the Presbyterian church.

Pheasant Hunting Proves Bit Costly

Pheasant hunting out of season is a rather expensive pastime. In county court here recently a defendant, Ralph Beam, an out-of-county man, was fined \$10 and the costs when convicted of hunting pheasants out of season. The fine and costs totaled \$28 and the defendant was also ordered to replace a dozen pheasants.

H. C. Long, county game warden, is making an effort to enforce all the game laws so as to preserve the game in Cleveland and says that in his work he is being given loyal cooperation by deputy wardens, sportsmen, farmers, and others.

Joe S. Wray, Of Gastonia, Dead; Native Of City

Prominent Educator Succumbs In Charlotte Hospital. Bury In Gastonia.

Prof. Joe S. Wray, one of the most prominent educators in the Western part of the state, died this morning at 11 o'clock in a Charlotte hospital where he had been suffering with peritonitis since Saturday night. Mr. Wray was a native of Shelby and a brother of A. V. Wray and Stough Wray of this place, Cheveus Wray, of Charlotte and Mrs. Carl Thompson of Shelby. He was married to Miss Orlan Barnett of Shelby who survives with three children, Carolyn, Edmund and Joe, all of Gastonia.

Mr. Wray was 58 years of age. He established the graded school system in Gastonia 24 years ago and for 20 years was superintendent of the fine school system he created. For two years he was secretary of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce but at the time of his death was superintendent of the city schools at Bessemer City.

Mr. Wray was prominent in the social, religious and civic life of Gastonia and it is understood the funeral will be held in Gastonia. At one o'clock today it was not announced whether the funeral would be Saturday or Sunday.

City Fills With Throngs Holiday Buyers Of Gifts

Final Saturday Before Christmas To See Big Shopping Rush Here.

This is the big week-end of the year for Shelby, from the standpoint of trading activity.

With the last week-end before Christmas already here the city was filling up this afternoon with the usual large crowd of Christmas shoppers who always make their biggest rush on the final Friday and Saturday before the holiday of holidays.

Although the shopping crowds today were as large as the customary Saturday crowds of recent weeks, the peak of the trading and gift buying will come Saturday. The rush, of course, will continue all next week through Christmas Eve, with the stores open nights to accommodate those who work during the day, but the Saturday before Christmas is the big Saturday of the year.

Shelby business houses have unusually attractive Christmas goods on display and with lower prices prevailing than in years a latent shopping power is making itself evident.

Son Preaches The Funeral Of Mother

Mrs. Cora S. Grigg Passes At Lawndale At The Age Of 77 Years.

Rev. Zeb Grigg preached the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Cora S. Grigg at the Lawndale Tabernacle church last Sunday and her body was buried at Palm Tree Methodist church beside her husband Ferdinand Grigg who was one of the first patients to die in the Shelby hospital after it was opened.

Mrs. Grigg was born July 31, 1854 and was 77 years, four months and 12 days old when she died on December 13th at Lawndale at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillie Beatty. Surviving are four sons, Herman, Zeb, Sam and Foster Grigg, three daughters, Mrs. Tom Mauney, Mrs. Lillie Beatty and Mrs. Geneva Lindsay. One brother Solon Ford of Kannapolis also survives.

Teacher Training.

Among the 32 students at the Western Carolina Teachers college, at Cullowhee, who are doing practice teaching in the training school is Helen Roberts, of Shelby.

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China's Pilots, Old and New



Above are two recent photos of the old and the new Presidents of China. General Chiang Kai-Shek (left), whose resignation as head of the Nanking Government was recently forced after a series of country-wide demonstrations, presents a sharp contrast to his successor, President Lin Sen, at right. General Kai-Shek affected Occidental customs and dress, while Lin Sen sticks to the manners and habits of old China. It is expected that the new President's first job will be an attempt to iron out the Manchurian tangle.

Shelby Pays \$44,000 On Bonds, Interest

Tax Payments Urged So City May Meet Other Payments Next Month.

The bonded indebtedness of the city of Shelby is gradually being reduced it is shown by a statement from the city hall today. The statement informs that the city has paid a total of \$44,165 on bonds and interest from July 1 to December 1.

More Coming Due.

Two other payments on bonds and interest come due the first of January and the first of February. The January payment will be \$14,550, and the February payment \$26,860.

Need Tax Money.

Because of these payments city officials are urging all citizens to pay their 1931 taxes right away so that the tax money will be on hand to meet the payments in January and February.

Up until the last few weeks tax collections have been good at the city hall, but have fallen off more recently. If a goodly portion of taxpayers who have not yet paid will do so in the next week or two it will be possible, it is said, to meet the two payments out of the treasury.

Another Clary Of Gaffney Honored

Gaffney, Dec. 18.—Wilburn Clary, star Gaffney halfback, was one of the four South Carolina high school football players selected for a composite all-Southern high school team from 11 Southern states. Wilburn was the main cog and rendered valiant service in carrying the Cherokee Indians through an undefeated 11-game season. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jud C. Clary, of the Macedonia community.

Wilburn, who is 19 years old, will graduate at the next commencement. He is planning to stand examination for entrance to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Maxwell Derides Hoover 'Economy', Raising Taxes To Boost Spending

Cannot Attain Prosperity By Such Methods, Suggests Cut Government Expenses.

Burlington, Dec. 18.—"The President talks of 'drastic economy' while the government is spending more money in this year of prostration than in any peace-time year in its history," A. J. Maxwell, state commissioner of revenue, and gubernatorial candidate, told a joint meeting of the civic clubs of Burlington this week, supplementing his insistence upon a readjustment of cost of state, county and city governments, with a discussion of the national situation, as disclosed in the official messages to congress.

"The American people are asked, in this time of prostration, to again submit themselves to the schedules of taxation which they bore in war and prosperity, and to support extravagant expenditures that will exceed a billion dollars a year the revenue that can be raised by these drastic additional tax measures," Mr. Maxwell said.

The president's 'drastic economy' budget submitted to congress for the next fiscal year "represent a reduction from this high peak of about one percent, while dollars have been cut in half and profits obliterated. He does propose that the federal farm board shall use a hundred million dollars less next year than this year, and if we eliminate this 'saving' of a hundred million dollars the Hoover-Mellon budget submitted to congress as a measure of 'drastic economy' represents an actual increase in the total spending of the federal government next year.

To Take Action On S. P. U. Offer First Of Year

To Make Statement First Of Year

City Officials Giving Serious Study To Rate Scales Before Deciding.

The offer of a million and one hundred thousand dollars for Shelby's municipal light plant, made by the Southern Public Utilities, is still hanging fire.

But some definite action will likely be taken in the matter about the first of the year, it was indicated today at the city hall.

"The board will have a statement to make to the citizens of Shelby around the first," Mayor S. A. McMurry said today. Just what that statement will be he did not hint. Neither did he say it would be a definite decision to put the offer before the people in a special election or refuse it outright. "It is probable, however, that the statement will say that one of the two courses will be followed.

Since the offer was made the mayor and members of the board have visited three towns where the light plants are owned and operated by the S. P. U. They were Mooresville, Wilkesboro and Hickory. While there they investigated the rates and other matters, comparing the existing rates with those before the plants were taken over by the S. P. U. The board members plan to visit three other towns before making their public statement. In the meantime, at leisure intervals, they are applying the S. P. U. rate scale to individual bills in Shelby last month to see what difference there might be between the two.

Firemen Of Kings Mountain, Shelby In Banquet Here

Firefighters Of Two Towns Hold Joint Meeting, 33 Attend.

Members of the fire departments of Shelby and Kings Mountain held a joint banquet last night at the Isaac Shelby hotel here.

Thirty-three members of the regular and volunteer fire departments of the two Cleveland towns attended, nine coming from Kings Mountain where a new department has just been organized under Chief King. Other than the social get-together feature the only program was a musical one rendered by a negro quartet.

Gardner Chauffeur Given Citizenship

Robert Separk, of Raleigh, Governor Gardner's chauffeur, who was convicted of the murder of "Mighty" Forsyth at Smithfield in 1926, was represented in court there this week by N. C. Shepard for the purpose of having his citizenship restored.

Carl Williamson, Deputy Sheriff Mangum, Policeman Lowe, of Raleigh, and a number of prominent Smithfield citizens were placed on the stand and as a result of their testimony, Separk's citizenship was restored.

Young Separk is well known in Shelby and on his several trips here in recent years has made numerous friends by his courteous manner. g7.b Ca riWillailei

Mr. W. E. Frost of West Palm Beach, Fla., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Lackey. Mr. Frost was married to Miss Ruby Cline, a relative of Mrs. Lackey's.

Churches Plan Music And Gifts For Sunday

Each Of Three Up-Town Churches Have Christmas Musical Programs And Special Sermons By Pastors.

Christmas music telling the story of the birth of the Christ child will feature programs at the three up-town churches on Sunday, the beginning of Christmas week.

Firemen Appeal For Toys To Be Given Children

Some Already Gathered And Re-paired. Many More Should Be Secured.

"There are hundreds of discarded and broken toys in Shelby homes that could be assembled, repaired and bring a lot of happiness to poor children about Shelby," J. R. Robinson, city fire chief said today.

Some time ago the fire department announced that firemen would be glad to repair and touch up all old and discarded toys brought them and then distribute the toys among children in unfortunate homes. A number of toys came in after the appeal, but the firemen think there are many others in homes where children have outgrown them. All the firemen ask is that mothers who have such toys in their homes get them together, telephone 369, the police telephone, and firemen will call for them. It is asked that the fire telephone not be used.

Charity Drive Given Pledges

Third Of Teams Report Contributions Totalling Near \$2,500. Need Food.

Today with only a third of the canvassing teams reporting \$2,407 in money had been pledged in Shelby's annual charity drive.

In addition to the cash pledges a total of 3,800 articles, including clothing and packages of food, had been contributed.

One of the smaller schools, which had already pledged 100 percent, came in again today with another sizeable contribution.

There is still a big demand for food and farmers of the county are doing much to help out in this line by contributing potatoes, molasses, etc.

In many instances charity work is being duplicated, as people in private homes give to needy who are already being helped by the relief distribution workers. It is pointed out that it is best to make all the contributions through the central agency in order that there can be no doubling up and the contributions will aid more people.

No Overhead Cost With Charity Fund

All Connected With The Charity Bureau Giving Their Services Free.

Those who are contributing to the charity fund will be pleased to know that all contributions go direct to the relief of the needy, since the headquarters has no expense whatever. The heated room under the Woolworth store where an office is maintained is given free, the telephone company furnishes a phone (No. 826) the city furnishes only giving his time for four months the lights. Mr. Lineberger is not but contributing his own money, while every other committee chairman is serving freely and willingly. It is the intention of Mr. Lineberger and others connected with the administration of charity to administer the fund with little or no expense whatever so that all that is given will go for relief.

Mr. Mike W. Hamrick, a prominent business man of Asheville, but formerly of Cleveland county, was here today. Mr. Hamrick had accompanied his wife down to attend the funeral and burial of Mrs. Hamrick's mother, Mrs. A. R. Putnam. Mrs. Hamrick remained over to spend a few days in the home of her sister, Mrs. J. L. Stroup.

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"The Star of Hope" is the title of a musical pageant with 150 characters at the First Baptist church Sunday night and White Christmas contributions will be received at the Sunday school, while at the Central Methodist church Mandel's great oratorio "The Messiah" and selections from the Hallelujah Chorus will be rendered Sunday evening under the direction of Mr. Dale Kalter. Vesper services will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock with anthems and special music by the choir.

Central Music.
The choir of Central Methodist church consisting of twenty-five voices will present the Christmas part of Handel's great oratorio, "The Messiah," Sunday evening, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock in the main auditorium of the church.

A number of inspiring selections will be rendered, including the well known "Hallelujah Chorus." The soloists for this program will include: Mrs. John Loveless, Mrs. J. E. Fowler, Miss Esta Tyner, Mrs. D. L. Kalter, Mr. Clyde Brown and Mr. Dale Kalter.

The Sunday morning service will be of a Christmas nature with Dr. E. K. McLarty using as his text, "And There Was No Room for Them in the Inn."

Sunday will be a full day at the First Baptist church. The Sunday school will open the day at the church promptly at 9:30 o'clock. Last Sunday the attendance was near 900 and the leaders say that an increase is expected next Sunday. At 10:10 o'clock, White Christmas will be observed in the church auditorium.

The various departments are asked to bring the following gifts for the needy of our community: Cradles, Roll and nursery, candy and toys, beginners, canned peas; primary, canned soup and cereals; junior A, sugar; junior B, canned corn and tomatoes; intermediate A, coffee; intermediate B, dried beans, white or pinto; young business men's Bible class, clothing and meat; Mr. Hamrick's class, clothing and canned peaches; Mr. Weathers' class, clothing and canned syrup; Mr. J. R. Mull's class, clothing and canned milk; Mrs. Camnitz' class, clothing and women's and children's hose; Mrs. Falls' class, clothing and rice; Miss Ebeltoft's class, clothing and canned peaches; Mrs. Farmer's class, clothing and salt; Mrs. Davidson's class, clothing and pepper; Miss Garrick's class, clothing and soap; Judge Mull's class, clothing and flour; Newton Bible class, clothing, meal and flour; Mr. Eskridge's class, clothing and molasses; Mr. Webb's class, clothing and lard; Mrs. Doggett's class, clothing and canned krait; Mrs. Roberts' class, clothing, coffee and sugar; Mrs. Stroup's class, clothing and preserves; adult officers of officers, lard; general officers of Sunday school, lard. All will take their gifts to the class rooms where they will be assembled by the respective classes.

"A Day in Nazareth" will be the

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This County Receives Portion School Coin
Total of \$37,725 Ordered Sent To Counties To Pay Costs Supervision Rural Instruction.
Raleigh, Dec. 18.—An allotment of another large slice of state money was made to 45 counties yesterday when the state board of equalization approved the allowance of \$37,725.18 for participation in the cost of supervision in the rural schools in these counties. Every cent of this \$37,725.18 will go to pay one-third the cost of rural school supervision in the 45 counties that employ supervisors.
This is the third year in which the state has been assisting the counties pay the cost of their rural supervision, in the belief that better supervision of teachers means better instructional service to the children and hence better taught and better prepared children, according to Leroy Martin, executive secretary of the board of equalization. Prior to 1929 the counties that had rural supervision paid the entire cost themselves.
Cleveland county's allotment was \$33.33.