

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

Cloudy And Rain.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Occasional rain tonight and Tuesday. Rising temperature Tuesday and in west and central portions tonight.

Tar Heel Vote.

Washington, Dec. 21.—North Carolina Democrats divided eight to two on the president's moratorium bill. Messrs. Warren, Pou, Hancock, Clark, Lambeth, Bulwinkle, Doughton and Weaver were for it, and Kerr and Abernethy against it. Representative Weaver was in the state, attending the funeral of his sister, and could not be here to vote. The House Democrats eagerly supported the land bank bill, providing \$100,000,000 for the system to enable it to be more liberal with farmers who want to buy lands or hold what they have.

Gardner Writes About Carolina In Big Magazine

Wine Bricks Secure Good Free Ad

State Gets National Attention. Kitchen On State Highway Board.

M. R. DUNNAGAN
Star News Bureau.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Governor Gardner has turned literary and broken into The Saturday Evening Post with an article that will appear in the January 2 issue, on sale December 30. Governor Gardner wrote on "New Wine in Old Bottles" holding that new conditions demand new remedies. Editor Lorimer has written him that the article is so timely, dealing with the reorganization of state government, that he has changed the title to "Ozic"

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Key Men Of Shelby Mill Hear Dr. Wall At Annual Banquet

Using For His Theme "The Hands of Jesus" He Praises Men Who Work.

Using for his theme "The Hands of Jesus," Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church glorified the laboring man Saturday night when he spoke to 75 key men of the Shelby Cotton mill in an annual banquet, served in the community club building.

Mr. R. T. LeGrand, secretary-treasurer of the mill was toastmaster and introduced the speaker. A delicious turkey dinner was served, under the direction of Mrs. John McClard, assisted by members of the sewing club, together with cigars and souvenirs in the form of pearl handled knives to every guest present. Mr. C. C. Blanton, president of the mill was also there and Dr. Wall praised Blanton and LeGrand for taking time in their busy lives to encourage the depressed and the despondent and to administer unto the suffering and to encourage those who need encouragement.

Dr. Wall went to the Cliffside mill as a weaver 25 years ago and beside the loom as he worked. He dreamed of a greater service to humanity. He congratulated the fine body of men to whom he was speaking for having a part in the largest industrial plant of the county, for their dependability and their responsibility and for the fact that there is no undercurrent of bolshevism, radicalism of communism on the hill, but a spirit of common interest for each other.

Speaking of the laboring hand of Jesus, Dr. Wall said the Master whose birthday we are about to celebrate, loved and sympathized with laboring men because he was a laborer at the carpenter's bench himself. Then Jesus had a helping hand. In his short life he helped more people in a shorter space of time than any other man in the world's history. By his laboring and helping hands he taught mankind to labor and to help which typify the Christian spirit.

ONLY 3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TIL CHRISTMAS. AND A FIREENGINE AND A ELECTRIC TRAIN.

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Cleveland Has Second Lowest Tax In N. C.

Currituck Below By One Cent

General County-Wide Rate Here 50 Cents, Same As In Forsyth County.

Cleveland county citizens, as they pay their 1931 taxes, have cause to be pleasantly surprised by the decrease in their taxes. Only one of the 100 counties in North Carolina has a lower county-wide tax rate than Cleveland.

That one county is Currituck, which reduced taxes from \$1.29 to 49 cents.

Half Dollar Here.

Prior to the last legislature one county, Forsyth, had a lower county-wide rate than Cleveland. Several measures enacted by the legislature enabled county commissioners to cut taxes still more and the Cleveland general rate was slashed from 73 cents to 50 cents. Forsyth's was cut from 60 to 50 cents. With Cleveland and Forsyth, the big industrial county, tying for the second lowest county-wide rate in the State, Rowan is next with a 54-cent rate. Mecklenburg is next with a 58-cent levy.

The levy for the average county in the State is \$1.06 or 56 cents more on the \$100 valuation than in Cleveland.

Rates for counties neighboring Cleveland follow: Catawba 95 cents, Lincoln 96 cents, and Rutherford \$1.13.

The highest tax rate in the State, \$2, is in Brunswick county, but several counties have rates between \$1 and \$2.

Mercury Strikes A New High For Christmas Here

Sunday was the hottest December day Shelby and section has experienced in 42 years, and perhaps longer than that.

Mercury in the Ebeltoft thermometer climbed to 69 during the day, while other thermometers registered even higher, going up in the 70's. Old timers say that there hasn't been such warm weather here since 1889, or 42 years ago, when there was an unusually warm winter. Others say that it wasn't as warm then as it was yesterday and Saturday. But there are no official records to show just what the temperature was then.

The younger generation however, has never known the weather to be so warm within less than a week of Christmas.

The Charlotte weather bureau reported that the mercury there climbed to 79 degree above the record of 79 degree above the record of December 26, 1889.

Rebel's ex-Wife



Married in 1924, against the wishes of her family, to General Jose Gonzalo Escobar, former Mexican Army chief and revolutionary leader, Mrs. Concepcion Goelder de Escobar has resumed her maiden name and returned to El Paso, Texas, to live with her parents following the annulment of her marriage to the rebel leader. The Escobars have one son, Fernando, aged five.

Holiday Buyers Gave Shelby Big Rush Saturday

Heavy Trade Evident Again Today

Late Christmas Shoppers Fill Shelby Stores. Much Activity This Week.

Hundreds of Christmas shoppers filled Shelby streets and stores Saturday as they opened their final drive of gift-buying and a heavy trade was still on today despite the rainy weather.

The belated Christmas shopping rush, which was delayed because the weather was such as to make Christmas seem a long way off, turned loose in full force Saturday. From all sections of Cleveland county and adjoining counties shoppers piled into the city Saturday and gave local stores, the majority of whom had extra clerks on duty, their biggest activity of the year.

By mid-afternoon all convenient parking space in the main business section was filled and the police force had its hands full preventing double-parking along the principal business streets. The crowds remained until the evening and at 8 and 9 o'clock the streets were still teeming with hundreds of people and auto traffic was heavy within four blocks of the business square.

Many others, realizing how crowded conditions would be Saturday delayed their major shopping until this week, and today the business activity was good although there was a steady rain. Merchants anticipate a continued rush Tuesday and Wednesday with the last drive on the bargain and gift counters culminating in the customary Christmas eve jam Thursday.

Gifts And Music At Churches Here Usher In Yuletide

Story Of Christ Told In Beautiful Music, White Gifts And Money Received.

The spirit of the Yuletide season was manifest Sunday at the three up-town churches in special music telling of the arrival of the Savior of the World in the little town of Bethlehem, 1931 years ago.

Special Christmas sermons were preached by all the pastors and records in attendance were established at Sunday school and churches. At the First Baptist, 1021 were at the Sunday school to observe the "White Christmas." This is a record and a goal for which the pastor and his co-workers have long been striving.

They Go To Give. It was known that gifts would be received on Sunday, but this did not seem to diminish the crowds. Instead, the crowds increased and giving spirit seemed to hold sway. They went to give. At the First Baptist church, fully 1,000 packages of food wrapped in white paper, were offered for the relief of the poor of the community. The two or three truck loads of food will be stocked in the church pantry for distribution during the winter, to cases deemed worthy and deserving.

Cash Offerings. An offering for the poor was received at the Central Methodist church and at the Presbyterian vesper service held at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, a free will cash offering was received for the relief of aged ministers. Both offerings were liberal.

Christmas Music. A choir of twenty five well trained voices under the direction of Mr. Dale Kalter presented the Christmas part of Handel's great oratio "The Messiah," including a number of selections from the well known "Hallelujah Chorus." A large congregation enjoyed this rendition.

Christmas anthem and other Yuletide music bearing on the Birth of Christ featured the musical program at the Presbyterian church vesper service at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The choir was under the direction of Mrs. Wm. McCord. An attractive setting of evergreens made up the setting.

Many people had to be turned away Sunday night at the First Baptist church at the presentation of a pageant "The Star of Hope" in which 150 characters took part. Every available seat and all standing room in the mammoth auditorium were taken. The story of the birth of the Christ child was vividly told in song and story, the most realistic Christmas story presentation ever presented here. Mrs. Flay Hoey played the part of Mary, the Madonna. The electrical effect and costuming of the characters added greatly to the solemnity and beauty of the pageant.

Have New Daughter. Born Sunday to Ex-Senator and Mrs. D. Z. Newton at the Shelby hospital, a daughter, Mrs. Newton before marriage was Miss Elma Gaffney of Shelby.

Negro Under \$1,000 Bond Over Alleged Attempt In County

Sent To Superior Court, On Charge Of Making Remarks To White Girl.

In county court Saturday Emory Maddox, 19-year-old negro farm hand, was bound over to Superior court under a \$1,000 bond for an alleged attempted assault on a 16-year-old white girl who lives a few miles west of Shelby.

The alleged incident took place last Tuesday morning while the girl was at a spring, in the Beaver Dam church section, washing. The negro is charged with making some remarks to her and placing his hand on her arm. He denies that he made any attempt at anything serious and was insulting in any manner.

Curb Market Will Open Wednesday To Handle Yule Trade

County Women To Sell Table Linens For Christmas Feeds In Shelby.

On account of Christmas day coming the day before the regular curb market, it has been decided that the market will be open on Wednesday instead of Saturday this week.

The following articles will be on sale at the market: Canned goods, preserves, pickles and relishes, eggs, chickens, dressed poultry, greens, turnips, liver, mush, buttermilk, potatoes, holly, mistletoe and other Christmas evergreens. Of course there will be some home made cakes of all varieties, and fresh country butter.

The hours are from 9:00 to 11:00 A. M.

Young Man Injured In City Yesterday

Has Shoulder Fractured, Ledbetter Hurt In Wreck Last Week. Improved Now.

Paul Carpenter, young Shelby man, was treated at the Shelby hospital yesterday for a fractured shoulder, but was able to return to his home after receiving treatment.

Henry Ledbetter, young man of the Buffalo section, who was injured last night a week ago in an auto wreck, is improving at the Shelby hospital and is now able to be up. He had several ribs fractured and his collarbone broken when his car plunged off the embankment on highway 20, just east of Shelby, at the bridge near the service station best known as King's place.

Colored Schools Helped By State

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—The State Board of Equalization, at its meeting last week, allotted \$155,078.18 to three items in connection with the operation of the public schools, including \$62,883 for additional transportation, \$54,870 as part of salary and expenses of school attendance officers, and \$37,325.18 to aid in rural supervision. Secretary LeRoy Martin announces.

Cleveland county, under the new allotment, gets \$330.00 additional for transporting pupils; \$750 for salary and \$150 for travel expenses of the attendance officer, and \$533.33 for rural supervision, all for colored schools. Secretary Martin's records show.

Higher Pay For Wage Earners Hope Of Progressives For Better Times

Increased Purchasing Power, Stabilization of Price Levels Sought.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Increased and steadied purchasing power on the part of the great masses of wage earners was offered last week as the heart of a progressive program for industrial stabilization.

Fruit of the committee work growing out of the conference of progressives held here last spring the report was taken before a separate committee by Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin.

The independent Republican was chairman of the conference's unemployment and industrial stabilization committee. He is chairman also of the senate manufacturers subcommittee before which the progressive paper was laid for study. Establishment of an economic coun-

cil is under consideration. Planning General Scheme. National planning for regularized growth has the general scheme of the LaFollette report, in control distinction to stabilization at any given fixed level. As more specific goals it named:

"Increasing the proportion of income going to the majority in the lower income ranges, who will spend more of it for the products of mass production.

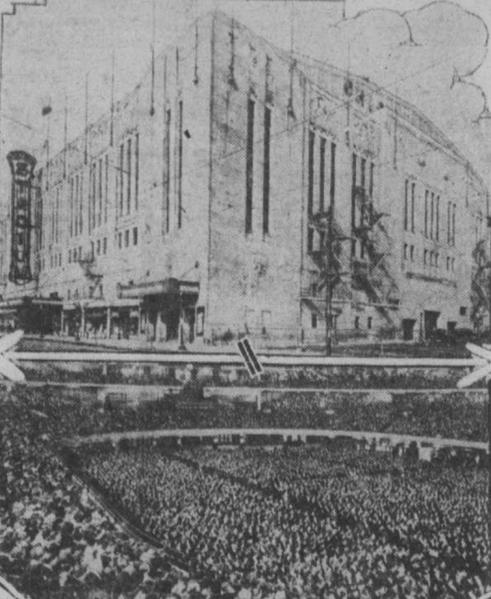
"Raising the lowest wage rates, which are inadequate to sustain a demand for the requisition of comfortable and hygienic existence.

"Making purchasing power more stable than the business activities from which it is derived, by the use of reserves or insurance against unemployment.

"Stabilization of price levels so

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History May Be Made Here



Here is the Chicago Stadium where the Republican National Convention will be held on June 14, having been chosen by a vote of the G. O. P. National Committee 86 to 14. The stadium will seat 21,000 and is artificially cooled. Lower panel is an interior view of the huge auditorium, giving a good idea of its enormous capacity. Although the building is practically new, by the end of 1932 it may have assumed an historical significance; for the next president of the United States may be nominated there.

Holidays Start Tomorrow For Shelby Pupils; County Schools To Close Wednesday Afternoon

The Christmas holiday season for around 3,000 Shelby school children will formally open tomorrow afternoon when school closes.

No definite hour has been set for the holidays to begin tomorrow afternoon as the various schools have different hours for their annual Christmas programs. The Yule exercises at Central high school will be held during the regular assembly hour tomorrow morning. During the day the various schools about the city, particularly the lower grades, will have their Christmas trees and gift swapping.

The city schools will resume work on Monday, January 4.

The county schools will shut down at the end of the school day Wednesday, Dec. 23. Practically all of them held special Christmas projects last week or will hold them during the three school days this week. Work will be resumed in the county schools on Thursday, Dec. 31.

No Issue Of Star Friday

Following out usual custom to omit one issue of The Star during the Christmas holidays there will be no issue on Friday (Christmas Day) of this week. This is done in order to give our force an opportunity to spend the Christmas day with their families.

The Star will be issued on Wednesday of this week as usual and re-appear as usual on Monday and regularly thereafter. Advertising copy for Wednesday of this week should be in early.

McAdoo Would Not Be Surprised To See Both Parties Go On Rocks

Unrest May Forecast General Political Upheaval In America In 1932.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—William Gibbs McAdoo said last week on his return from a visit to New York and Washington, that he found "evidence of an amazing amount of unrest and discontent under the crust."

He added: "I do not think it is at all unlikely that a political revolution may occur next year, that may sweep both the old parties to one side, because there is a deep feeling among the people that each of the major parties are dominated by interests that are opposed to the welfare of the masses, and that it is time for the masses themselves to take the remedy in their own hands by putting somebody in the

Girl Known Here Kills Large Deer

Miss Elizabeth Hall, Ebeltoft's Grand daughter, Brings Down Big Buck.

The following news item from Hickory will be of interest here because Miss Hall is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ebeltoft and the niece of Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft.

"Not all full-fledged mammals are of the masculine sex.

"In fact, it is doubtful if many men who enjoy an occasional hunting trip, could equal the record which has recently been established by a well known young woman of Hickory, who is sojourning in Texas.

"Incidentally the young lady in question comes by her skill naturally, for her father has always enjoyed hunting and fishing. She is the daughter of George W. Hall, well known furniture manufacturer.

"In a letter to her father Miss Elizabeth Hall tells of killing a fine 150-pound buck at 60 yards with an automatic rifle. The buck had 13 points on his antlers and was described as a beautiful specimen. Miss Hall was so fortunate as to have struck a vital spot, the bullet killing the big deer instantly in his tracks.

"The deer hunt was on the ranch where Miss Hall is teaching, about 30 miles from Sonora, Texas. Miss Hall has been killing considerable game this fall and is receiving a good deal of publicity in the news papers in Texas."

Little Hope Of Securing Larger Fund For Shelby

Post Office Amount Is \$85,000

Senators And Bulwinkle See Slight Chance Of Getting Appropriation Boost.

The appropriation for enlarging the Shelby postoffice, to be passed upon this week by the present session of congress, will in all probability be held to \$85,000, the original allotment.

This was learned late last week when Shelby business leaders received communications from Senators Cameron Morrison and Jostial W. Bailey and Congressman Bulwinkle. These gentlemen stated that in view of the treasury deficit there was little, if any, chance of getting the appropriation increased as post office officials and citizens here had hoped.

Amount Is Fixed. Just before the last session of congress adjourned a temporary list of allotments for enlarging post offices over the country was presented. This list called for \$85,000 for the Shelby office. At that time the fund was considered sufficient to add a third story, to be used as a federal court room and offices, and to increase the working space in the main mail department. But later an architect or inspector visited the city and found that to make the required addition it would be necessary to take in some of the ground at the rear covered by the Hoey building. This meant that the original \$85,000 appropriation would not be enough to purchase a part of the Hoey property and make the addition to the building. It was then that Shelby leaders, including officials of the Kiwanis club, wrote their representatives in congress about the matter.

Three replies coming to Forrest Eskridge, incoming Kiwanis president, inform that the prospect is not bright for enlarging the sum. Congressman Bulwinkle explains in his letter that the size of the appropriation is no longer fixed on the floor of congress. Instead it is handled by a committee working under the treasury department and the postmaster general. This committee checks up on the amount of mail handled in the office, the recommendations of the postmaster and fixes the amount. The \$85,000 appropriation for the Shelby office was fixed at the last session by this committee and Mr. Bulwinkle says that due to the treasury deficit the committee refuses to increase the sum.

Bill Up This Week. The recommendation of the committee for appropriations is scheduled to leave the committee room and go before congress this week, Bulwinkle said. If the list of appropriations is approved the \$85,000 for Shelby will be sent along in due course of time.

Senators Bailey and Morrison made similar replies. Senator Bailey wrote that he, too, had visited the committee and that "we fear very much that under the strained financial circumstances the appropriation will not exceed \$85,000."

Mrs. Mattie Champion Petty Died There Saturday. Funeral Service On Sunday.

Mrs. Mattie Champion Petty, 75, wife of Tom C. Petty and a native of Cleveland county, died Saturday in the hospital at Gaffney after an illness of approximately two months.

Mrs. Petty, a native of Cleveland county, had made her home in Gaffney for many years, was a member of the First Baptist church there, popular and highly respected by the citizens of her adopted town.

Funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Dr. McFarland, pastor of the First Baptist church, in charge.

In her immediate family she is survived only by her husband. A half brother, Mr. J. P. Austell, lives in Shelby.

Mrs. Petty was the daughter of the late David Champion and Jane McBrayer Champion. She was a sister of the late Dr. Champion of Mooresboro.

Mr. C. D. Forney of Lawndale was a visitor in the city Saturday.

White House who will see that they get justice and a fair deal.

"I don't know how widespread this feeling is, but I got evidences of it in quarters where it was least to be expected."