

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

Thursday Cloudy.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and slightly warmer in west portion tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thursday.

Raid Big Clubs.
New York, Dec. 23.—Three score prohibition agents raided five supper and night clubs last night in a sweeping pre-holiday drive. They said the aggregate value of seized furnishings and equipment would run into several hundred thousand dollars. Thirty persons were arrested in each of the two establishments raided. Agents said the total arrests would approximate 100. The raiders were proceeding under the supreme court decision of November 23 in which that tribunal held the furnishings and fittings of a speakeasy subject to confiscation.

Moratorium Wins.
Washington, Dec. 23.—The senate last night after two days of bitter debate, approved President Hoover's proposal for a one-year suspension of \$252,000,000 in war debts to the United States. The vote was 69 to 12. The house of representatives already has approved the suspension, so the measure goes to the White House for the president's formal approval.

Law Gets After Bootleg Racket Of Firecrackers

Things Start Popping In Fireworks Sale In Shelby And Over County.

An undercover drive was yesterday inaugurated against the bootlegging of firecrackers in Shelby and Cleveland county and today things were popping with a new vim in the fire works line.

It is against the law to sell firecrackers of any type within the city limits of Shelby and to sell them anywhere in the county without paying a \$100 county license and a \$100 State license. But ever since the holiday season started firecrackers have been booming and crackling all about Shelby and the county.

But this week some official, county or State, became curious. There was so many firecrackers in evidence about Shelby that it was positive they had to come from somewhere. An investigation of the tax books revealed that not a single firm or person had bought the \$200 license required to sell fireworks.

Where were the firecrackers coming from?

Yesterday, although no official report has been made and the master is still being kept mum in order that other sellers may be rounded up, some undercover work got underway. Almost a dozen persons were found, it is said, to be selling firecrackers in small or large amounts. Among them were several young boys who had found that they could make a profit on their personal buy.

Costly Racket.
Some of the sales were being made, it was said, inside Shelby where firecrackers cannot be legally sold even with two sets of license. Just what will be done about it is not known as yet. The sellers nabbed in the undercover work may be forced to put out \$200, a hundred each to the county and State, for license and also pay the costs and a fine for not having license or for selling where the law forbids. One rumor about the court house was that each person found to have been dealing in fireworks would be forced to purchase license and not be fined.

One officer, however, said: "That'll be up to the judge. The law says that every firecracker agent must have license and not a single license has been issued here. To sell without license is a violation of the law, so there's nothing to do but let it go to court."

All of which may mean that by Christmas day it will be somewhat difficult to purchase fireworks in this section. There is not enough profit in the racket to run the risk of being forced to pay a \$200 license and perhaps a court fine and cost.

No Issue Of The Star On Friday

Following our usual custom, The Star will omit its issue on Friday (Christmas) day in order to give the employees a short vacation to spend with their families and friends. Our next issue will appear on Monday and regularly thereafter. Only one issue of The Star and that during Christmas week, is omitted each year.

We take this opportunity of wishing every Star reader a Merry Christmas season, health, happiness and just such as the Savior brought when He came to earth and still brings to those who acknowledge and love HIM.

The Manager.

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Yule Spirit Pervades Entire Shelby Section

County Nears Cotton Record

Funeral Of Hamrick Held At Home Today

Death Claims Leading Shelby Man

Veteran Business Man Succumbs After A Lengthy Illness.



T. W. Hamrick (above), prominent Shelby business man and for many years an alderman and mayor pro tem of Shelby, died at his home here yesterday after a long illness.

Death Claims W. Capers Lee, Vet Of Confederacy

Was 86 Years Old. Funeral at LaFayette Street Methodist Church Today.

Death claimed W. Capers Lee, 86 year-old Confederate veteran at the Shelby hospital yesterday morning at 2 o'clock where he had been a patient for three months, following a stroke of paralysis.

Long An Alderman.

He was a thorough student of government and for about 14 years was a member of the Shelby board of aldermen, serving two or three times as mayor pro tem. In those capacities he served unusually well and was perhaps better acquainted with the inside details of city government than any other.

It was in his contacts with his fellowmen, however, that he was best known. Successful in business, he was a man in whom everyone had the utmost confidence and his success was built more upon honesty and dependability than upon anything else. At the time of his death there were very few citizens of the entire section who did not know and admire him. About one year ago he spent some time in California, in an attempt to regain

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CAR IS STOLEN TODAY NOON FROM MR. GARDNER

A Chevrolet 1928 coupe was stolen today in Trade alley shortly after noon, according to a report by Squire Sylvanus Gardner, owner. Mr. Gardner says his car was parked in the alley to the rear of Best Bakery when it was missed. It has a dark blue body with light blue stripes.

Charlotte, Dec. 23.—Automobile and other accidents took 12 lives in North Carolina over last week-end. Twenty-five were injured.

Five people were arrested, three of them negroes, and held following investigations in three of the automobile crashes.

New Books Go On Next Fall At Lower Prices Than Formerly Paid.

Raleigh, Dec. 23.—The state board of education made the first elementary textbook adoption since 1928 this week, obtaining new low prices on arithmetics, drawing and writing books, which school men estimate, will bring a saving of at least \$20,000 to patrons next year in the purchase of new books.

The books adopted will go on the list with the term beginning next fall and remain there for five years. They represent, with the exception of one of the writing books, a complete change from the texts now in use in the subjects, and which have been in use for 10 years.

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The new adoption in the field of arithmetic is "The New Day Arithmetic," published by Charles E. Merrill company. This is a five-book series selling for 31 cents a copy for the books for use in the third through the six grades, and 37 cents a copy for the seventh grade book. For the next five years.

63,570 Bales Ginned Up To 13th Of Month

717 Bales Behind 1929 Record

Ginning In County To Dec. 13 Already Past 1930 Total, Should Pass Mark.

A total of 63,570 bales of cotton had been ginned in Cleveland county up to December 13, according to the official figures given The Star today by Miles H. Ware, ginning agent.

Although the ginning since the first of the month has not been heavy it is probable that Cleveland county will produce more cotton this year than ever before and in so doing pass the 62,287 bale mark of 1929.

Leading By 3,000.

The ginning to the 13th, this year, is 2,707 bales of the ginning to the same date last year. In fact, the ginning to the 13th this year is almost 1,000 bales more than the total crop of 1930.

If 717 bales of cotton are ginned in the county after the 13th, more than a week ago, the 1929 record will be reached. Cotton men say that the mark will be passed, the most conservative estimating that at least 1,000 bales were yet to be ginned on the 23rd.

A total of 823 bales were ginned from the first of the month to the 13th, and if the same amount is ginned during the latter half of December the new record will have been reached by the first of the year.

Acres in the county was reduced this year and less fertilizer sold, but an ideal cotton-growing season, a summer that lingered into winter, brought about a mammoth crop and a record to-the-acre production.

Musical Operetta By Children Here Thrills Good Crowd

"Toy Shop," Presented By Marion School Pupils. Unusually Good Performance.

"The Toy Shop," an operetta, presented at the Central school auditorium last night by 155 youngsters from the Marion school, under the direction of Mr. O. B. Lewis, proved highly entertaining to a crowd that filled the lower floor of the auditorium.

The youngsters from the leading roles on through the minor parts displayed considerable ability and talent. The story was that of Tina, a little waif, and her dolls, desires, fears and fantasies at Christmas time.

Nancy Lineberger, cast in the leading role, sang and acted with unusual ability and charm, her performance being the highlight of the evening. Eleanor Hoey, as Mrs. Grumbly, was also unusually good in her role, as were Rush Hamrick, Jr., as Jack-in-the-Box; Emma Jae Beam as Kewpie Doll; Bill LeGrand in his Wooden Soldier song, and Katherine Bailey as the Oldest Doll. These were all leading parts.

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Christmas Greetings



The Spirit Of Christmas Time

(The following editorial on the spirit of the season was written years ago in The Charlotte Observer by the late J. F. Caldwell, one of the South's most gifted editors.)

We are entering once again upon the Christmas season—spiritually and socially the most significant festival of the year. Let us for once put aside selfishness and enter in-

to the spirit of this occasion with the wholeheartedness that the consequence of the great festival merits. Let us put away the cares and worries of business; the vexatious problems that go to harass and annoy us the year round, and in remembering others, forget self and be happy. This glorious Yuletide comes but once a year, it is but a little journey to the Other Side;

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Cleveland Family May Share In Huge Oil Well Fortune In West

William Humphries, Who Left Here 100 Years Ago, Died In Texas Without Children. Mammoth Estate Never Probated. Scores Of Relatives Seek Fortune.

A movement has been started, The Star learned today, to determine of scores of members of the Humphries family of Cleveland and neighboring counties are not entitled to share in a vast oil estate in Texas which was left by William Humphries.

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Mr. Gardner has been in communication with an attorney at Beaumont, Texas, in the county of Jefferson, and also with other branches of the Humphries family in other States. The story as gathered to date by him is something like this:

The ancestor of all the Humphries fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain, as is shown by the

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Governor To Get Thrill In Ringing Out The Year 1931

Never Expect To See Another One As Bad. Coming Home For Christmas.

Governor O. Max Gardner, who will arrive here tomorrow to spend Christmas and a week with his family, will be glad to help usher in a New Year.

He was quoted in yesterday's News and Observer as saying:

"When midnight of December 31, 1931 rolls around, I shall want to do something that I have not done since I was a small boy, get a bell and ring it."

"I am making no predictions as to what 1932 will bring, but I know that I shall welcome the passing of 1931 as I have never welcomed the turn of any year that I have ever known. I believe that it is by far the worse that I have ever known, or will ever know."

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On Visit Home.

Miss Selma Warlick, a member of the Brooklyn Eagle staff, arrived last night to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Warlick of the Lawndale section. Miss Warlick, a graduate of Duke and formerly with the newspaper in Durham, has been with the Brooklyn paper for more than a year.

"Although the American cotton manufacturers, at great expense, have pioneered in the development

of new uses during the past five years," he said, "the results of their studies in this country are available to consumers of cotton in Europe, South America, Canada and the Far East. The quest of new uses has developed into a world-wide movement with an increasingly helpful influence to be anticipated therewith."

The progress made in styling and designing American cotton fabrics resulted, he said, in the acceptance recently by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London of a group of "Weeble," the colored delivery boy, which gave the 19 tons plenty of thrills.

Business, Industry Will Close

Textile Mills Close Several Days

Charity Workers Lead Movement To Make It A Joyful Christmas Here.

The spirit of Christmas was evident at every turn in Shelby and Cleveland county today. Although the big holiday of the year was two days off, the Yule atmosphere has already permeated the entire section.

Shelby city schools closed yesterday and 3,000 students joined with their college brothers and sisters in getting ready for Christmas, while thousands of other school children, those in the rural schools, began their holidays this afternoon.

Shopping Jams.

Every indication today was that tomorrow, Thursday, would bring a record throng of Christmas bargain hunters to the city, but the big rush was not delayed until the last day. Shelby streets were filled this morning with scores and scores of hurrying shoppers and by mid-afternoon the crowds had increased. Stores with extra clerical help were having a very active trade today and by afternoon all they could handle as the fair weather added to the size of the shopping throngs. On every hand there was bustle and activity as last-minute gifts were purchased, wrapped, mailed or hidden.

Taking Holidays.

Friday, Christmas day, the many employees of the Shelby business section will get a breathing spell from their Christmas eve rush as all stores and business houses will be closed for the day. The banks of the city will also be closed for only one day as will the post office windows. Some of the building and loan offices will be closed both Friday and Saturday, but the majority only Friday.

Out in the industrial section textile mill workers will be given holidays ranging from two to four days. The Ora, Dover and Eastside plants will close Thursday morning and not resume work until Tuesday morn-

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Lions Put Over Real Christmas Party For Tots

Nineteen Youngsters Fed And Clothed By Shelby Club At Party Last Night.

Members of the Shelby Lions club, the majority of them young business and professional men, played Santa Claus last night in a manner that took joy and happiness into the lives of a score of Shelby youngsters.

At the regular meeting of the club, held at Hotel Charles, the Lions put on a Christmas party with seven girls and 12 boys, all coming from poor homes, as their guests. The 19 guests were selected by the central charity committee as youngsters deserving aid. They came from homes where the parents are sick or without work, homes where there has not been ample funds to provide proper clothing and in some cases food. And the Lions did more than put on an entertaining program for the grateful youngsters. To each of the seven girls they gave a dress, shoes, stockings and underwear, and to each of the 12 boys they gave a pair of overalls, a shirt, underwear, shoes and stockings. One little girl selected to be a guest at the party was sick and unable to come, and to her the Lions sent two pairs of pajamas, bed sheets and a pillow case. That one of the little boys really needed his shoes was shown by the fact that he attended the party in his bare feet—and what a time he had.

The address of welcome, or the act of making the youngsters feel at home, was made by Attorney Ernest Gardner. Thereafter the program was informal and devoted to fun for the youngsters. This entertainment included the playing of games, with the Lions participating, and some fancy buck dancing by "Weeble," the colored delivery boy, which gave the 19 tons plenty of thrills.