

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

CLOUDY TUESDAY
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

HEAVY COURT ON
The Cleveland county recorder's court was today busy grinding away in an effort to clear up the many cases that developed during the holidays and over the week-end. The docket started upon this morning was one of the heaviest in weeks, but the majority of the charges were for minor violations, whiskey cases and over-imbibing charges of the Christmas period, but there were several larceny counts.

Cleveland Crop Leads Robeson By 16,758 Bales

This County 25,900 Bales Ahead Of Third County In Ginning To Dec. 13.

The ginning statistics up to Dec. 13 show that Cleveland county, is leading Robeson, North Carolina's second largest cotton county, by 16,758 bales, while Johnston, third county, is over 25,000 bales behind the Cleveland ginning figure.

The ginning of the five leaders to the 13th, this year and last, follow:

| County | 1931 | 1930 |
|-----------|--------|--------|
| Cleveland | 63,570 | 60,683 |
| Robeson | 46,812 | 50,017 |
| Johnston | 36,378 | 37,692 |
| Halifax | 32,055 | 30,684 |
| Sampson | 32,025 | 27,730 |

In counties neighboring Cleveland, Lincoln continues to hold a lead of less than 100 bales over Rutherford. Ginning in neighboring counties to the 13th, both years, follow:

| County | 1931 | 1930 |
|------------|--------|--------|
| Catawba | 15,690 | 15,685 |
| Gaston | 11,738 | 13,368 |
| Lincoln | 21,130 | 18,685 |
| Rutherford | 21,068 | 20,504 |

Mrs. W. T. Roberts Buried Wednesday

Succumbs To Stroke of Paralysis at Age 48—Funeral at Second Baptist Church.

Mrs. T. W. Roberts, 48 years, died Tuesday morning at her home on South Morgan Street at 10:30 following a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Roberts had been in declining health for more than a year, but had just suffered a stroke only a week.

Funeral services were conducted from the Second Baptist church, Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 p. m. by her pastor Rev. L. L. Jessup assisted by her former pastors Rev. W. A. Elam, Rev. Rush Padgett, and Rev. G. P. Abernathy.

She is survived by her husband T. W. Roberts and the following children: Mrs. E. E. Gantt, Irene, Gertrude, Dorothy, Paul, Donald, and Edwin Roberts. Her father Mr. James Wilson of Gaffney and six sisters and three brothers as follows: Mrs. W. E. Davis of Grover, Mrs. Jim Peterson of Blacksburg, S. C., Mrs. John Lester, Mrs. John Roach, and Mrs. Lee Laughlin of Gaffney, S. C., and Mrs. C. C. McCraw of Lowell, Mr. Z. L. Wilson of Shelby, Mr. Lewis Wilson of Kings Mountain, and Mr. R. C. Wilson of Gaffney, S. C.

Also the following step children survive: Mrs. J. E. Perree and Mr. Kilian Roberts of Shelby. Interment was in Sunset Cemetery.

Shelby Plant Gets \$1,743 Tax Refund

Washington, Dec. 28.—Tax refunds aggregating several hundred thousand dollars were granted North Carolina taxpayers last year by the federal government, the bureau of internal revenue revealed yesterday in a voluminous report filed with the house committee on expenditures in the executive departments.

Among those receiving tax refunds up to or more than \$1,000 were: Eastside Manufacturing company, Shelby, \$1,743.65; Cliffside Mills, Cliffside, \$12,998.84.

CHRISTMAS ROSES.
About Shelby and section quite a number of housewives reported they had roses blooming for Christmas. Among them was Mrs. J. O. Reinhardt who gathered a bunch of roses from her garden Christmas evening.

HORNBY'S GIFT
Born Christmas Eve night to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hornby an eight-pound daughter. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

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Near 1,500 People Given Aid In Shelby

Big Problem Jobs For Colored Women

Appeals For Aid On Decline As System Gets Going, City Working Men.

The most interesting place in Shelby now is the charity "store," or headquarters, where over 250 needy families were taken care of during the holidays, and where a distribution system for the winter months is working so smoothly that a decline in appeals is already noted.

A check-up of the activity there of the central charity committee Saturday revealed that 119 white families and 142 colored had been given aid—in the form of food, fuel, clothing and shoes—since the committee started functioning. Since many of the needy families are large, particularly among the colored race, it is believed that between 1,250 and 1,500 people have been helped. The aid in no instance is given in the form of cash. J. D. Lineberger, head of the charity distribution; J. B. Smith, welfare officer, and Mrs. John Wyn Doggett investigate each appeal and in worthy cases give aid in the form of something to eat or wear, or both.

Paid In "Scrip."
Some of the regular applicants for help, particularly among the men, have not returned so often since the charity, committee, working in cooperation with the city, established an employment bureau last week. In every case now where male applicants for help are healthy and able-bodied they are sent to report to Ernest Spangler, street supervisor, who gives them work cleaning streets, vacant lots, the cemetery and other needed jobs. They are given 10 cents per hour but not in cash. The workers are paid off at the end of the day with "scrip," which when taken to the charity "store" gets its full value in food, clothing or fuel. It should be said, in fairness, that a number of the men who have been down and out and unable to earn enough to support themselves and families are working faithfully in order to earn what they take home. Between 40 and 50 men were sent to the street department last week and the plan is still being followed this week.

Biggest Problem.
"Our biggest problem," Mr. Lineberger said, "is aiding colored women—washwomen, cooks, maids, etc., who are out of jobs. I suppose we are seeing that 150 are taken care of. Many of them are able to work and are good workers, but are out of jobs. Ladies who have work to do, washing or anything like that, might get in touch with us and help give them work, even part time."

Unusual Place.
The "store" in itself is a remarkable spot. Located in the basement of the Lineberger-Woolworth building, corner LaPayette and Marion streets, it contains almost everything that a department store contains. There are racks and racks of coats, pants and suits, ladies coats and dresses, house dresses, caps, shirts, underwear bed sheets and there are shoes of all sizes and makes. Everything, or practically everything, is second-hand, of

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Colored People Will Observe Freedom

The colored people of this section will gather at the court house in Shelby at 11 o'clock Friday, January 1, to observe their annual Emancipation Day. There will be music by rural choirs and special singers, appropriate papers, and an address. Another program observing the occasion will be held Friday evening at Kings Mountain.

N. C. Local Government Law May Be Adopted By South Carolina Session

Law Which Governor Gardner Writes About In Magazine Attracts Much Attention.

(Special To The Star)
Raleigh, Dec. 28.—The South Carolina Legislature, at its next session will have before it almost an exact copy of the North Carolina Local Government Act, according to A. L. M. Wiggins, prominent Hartsville, S. C., banker and newspaper publisher, who was in Raleigh yesterday on business.

Unemployed May Help To Beautify County Highway

May Clean Up Shoulders Of Highway 20 And Plant Trees Between Kings Mountain, Shelby.

Cleveland county may take care of a portion of her unemployed men and in doing so inaugurate a novel plan of beautifying the county's main stretch of highway, that between Kings Mountain and Shelby.

Last week the central charity committee hit upon the scheme of working the unemployed who are in need in cleaning the city streets and cemetery. They are paid off in "scrip" which can be turned into food, fuel and clothing at charity headquarters.

A. E. Cline, county commission chairman, and others are now debating adopting that plan for the county. Mr. Cline and Mr. J. D. Lineberger, of the charity committee, have discussed the matter but no definite decision has been reached.

For years club women have urged the beautification of roadsides along the State's main highways. The proposed plan, if adopted, is to use all the able-bodied men of the county who are applicants for charity in cleaning off and beautifying the shoulders of the highway between the two principle towns of the county and set out trees at regular intervals along each side of the highway. The beautification movement must, of course, have the approval of the State Highway Commission, but the project is being favorably commented upon.

If the plan is decided upon the workers will be paid off in "scrip," good for food and clothing, as are the city workers, and some service of value will return to the county for the charity expenditure which would ordinarily go to help the needy anyway.

A. M. Martin Dead; Funeral Thursday

Flint Hill Citizen Died Wednesday After A Lengthy Illness.

Funeral services for Andy M. Martin, well known farmer of the Flint Hill section, were held last Thursday afternoon at Flint Hill Baptist church. The services were conducted by Rev. Rush Padgett and Rev. L. L. Jessup.

Mr. Martin, who was 84 years of age, died on December 23 after an illness of a year.

Surviving are the widow, who before marriage was Nancy Harrill, and the following children: Mrs. Hubert Blanton, Vigor Martin, and Mrs. R. H. Champion, of Shelby. Allie Martin, Mrs. L. S. McSwain and Osh Martin, of Boiling Springs; and Lush Martin of Rutherfordton. Three sisters also survive.

Pall bearers were W. H. Champion, Boyd Hill, Don Lewis, Restus Lewis, George Holt and Austin Anthony.

Cleveland Man Gets Parole For Christmas

Among those who received paroles as Christmas gifts from Governor Gardner was one Cleveland county man. The parole was granted to Roland Emory, upon the recommendation of Judge M. R. Weathers and Solicitor W. S. Beam of the Cleveland county recorder's court. Emory was given a six-months sentence in October on the charge of operating a bawdy house.

York Checker Team Meets Shelby Again

York, S. C., Dec. 28.—Another battle across the squares to settle the matter of checker supremacy between York and Shelby will be held here Tuesday when a team match will be staged. York was victorious in a team match held in Shelby two weeks ago and won two similar matches staged some months earlier. The Tar Heel exponents of the thinking game, however, are undismayed and, undaunted and will exert themselves to the utmost in the approaching battle to put across a victory.

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Sister Of Shelby Man One Of 9 Who Died In Collision

Auto-Train Crash In Charlotte Saturday Killed An Entire Family.

Mrs. Susie (T. H.) Horton, one of the nine killed in the auto-train tragedy at Charlotte Saturday, was a sister of W. M. (Bill) Childers, of the Cleveland cloth mill village, Shelby. Mrs. Horton, her husband and two young children were killed.

Charlotte, Dec. 28.—The bodies of nine persons, victims of a Dowd road automobile-train crash Saturday morning—one of the most gruesome tragedies ever to occur in this section—were buried Sunday in three graveyards in Mecklenburg county.

At Independence Hill Baptist church a half-mile above Croft, nine miles out from Charlotte on the Statesville highway, a huge grave 13 feet by seven feet seven inches, received the bodies of Thomas H. Horton, his wife and two children and his younger brother, William V. Horton.

John L. Love, Dorie E. Cox and Miss Loma Cox were buried at Paw Creek Presbyterian church and Raymond Sharpe at Moore's chapel in the Thrift section.

Car Carried Two Blocks.
The nine, eight of whom were killed instantly, were struck by the Southern railway's Birmingham special at the old Dowd road crossing on the western edge of the city, and the light coach was picked up by the locomotive and carried two blocks along the track.

Thomas Hugh Horton, 29, employee of Kendall mills at Paw Creek.

Mrs. Susie Horton, 22, his wife, Hugh Wilbur Horton, five and Marion Maxine Horton, 2, their children.

William Vaughn Horton, 24 brother of Thomas H. Horton, mechanic, Paw Creek.

John L. Love, 42, operator of a filling station near Paw Creek.

Dorie E. Cox, 57, farmer of Paw Creek.

Miss Loma Cox, about 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Cox, of York, S. C., route No. 7, and niece of Dorie E. Cox.

Raymond Sharpe, 19, textile worker, Paw Creek, son of Albert L. Sharpe, retired rural mail carrier of Paw Creek.

The Thomas H. Horton family was wiped out by the tragedy. The party was returning from York, S. C., where the nine had been visiting at the home of Frank Cox, father of Miss Loma Cox, and the rapid moving train was coming into Charlotte from the south. As far as could be learned by the authorities, there were no witnesses of the collision. The engineer of the passenger train, C. R. Nesbit, one of the veteran employees of the railroad, was reported by Southern railway officials to have said that he did not see the car until it drove directly on the track as the train reached the crossing.

Shelby Woman Has Both Limbs Broken In S. C. Car Crash

Mrs. Cora Sosbee, said to be from Shelby, had both legs broken and received other injuries in a head-on automobile collision near Anderson, S. C., Christmas Eve.

Nineteen people were hurt there, six seriously, in the two collisions. Mrs. Audrie Fisher, the most seriously hurt, had her nose torn from her face in the second accident and suffered internal injuries.

Others seriously hurt in this accident, all residents of this section, were Clyde Fisher, driver of one of the cars, broken jaw and severe lacerations; Thelma Fisher, face cut and leg broken; Hazel Coley, lacerations and three fractured ribs and Andrew Cooley, face cut and arm broken.

Set Dates For Hoey And Webb Annual Contest

Webb Contest Comes On March 4

Hoey Declaration Contest To Be Held Week Later, Essay Contest Limit Feb. 26.

The annual declamation and recitation contests that for years have been the big event for high school students of Cleveland county will be held the first and second weeks of March.

The Selma Webb recitation contest, it was announced today by J. H. Grigg, county school superintendent, will be held on Friday night, March 4, at Central high school auditorium here. One girl from each high school will be permitted to enter this contest.

The Clyde R. Hoey declamation contest will be held a week later, on Friday night, March 11. One boy from each high school may enter this contest.

Three students from each high school, selecting their own subjects will be permitted to enter the Selma Webb essay contest. All essays must be in the office of the county superintendent by February 26.

Out-of-county judges will be used in the contests and the usual county-wide interest is anticipated for the events.

Mr. Hendrick Dies In Gaston; Bury In County

Native Of Cleveland And Register Of Deeds In Gaston To Be Buried Tuesday.

Mr. "Lumie" Hendrick, native of Cleveland county and for 12 years register of deeds of Gaston county, died at 11 o'clock today in Gastonia following a decline in health extending over several months. Mr. Hendrick had been suffering with Bright's disease and became unconscious Saturday, never rallying.

Mr. Hendrick, a brother of ex-Alderman Rochel L. Hendrick, of Shelby, was 56 years of age. He was married to Miss Cloe Harrelson, daughter of Dan Harrelson, who survives with ten children. Three brothers, Rochel and Solon Hendrick, of Cleveland county, and Andrew Hendrick of Northbrook township, Lincoln county, two sisters, Mrs. James Abernethy, of Cherryville, and Mrs. A. P. Smith, of Hickory.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul Methodist church several miles north of Waco on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Vestal, pastor of the Dallas Methodist church of which he was a member. Mr. Hendrick was one of Gaston county's most popular men who was elected for four terms as register of deeds. He was a Mason and a staunch churchman with many friends and relatives in his native county of Cleveland.

James Gardner Hurt When His Auto Hits One Driven by Officer

Cars Of Bob Kendrick And Governor's Son Collide Christmas Night.

James W. Gardner was reported as resting better at the Shelby hospital today where he was taken Christmas night after being injured in an auto collision.

The Gardner car and the automobile of Deputy Bob Kendrick collided at the curving intersection of East Warren street and Jones Place near midnight Friday. Young Gardner was driving west, en route home, and the officer was going east to his home on the East Warren extension when their cars crashed at the triangle corner near the jail. Both drivers were more or less injured in the crash and their cars considerably damaged. The officer took Gardner in custody for alleged reckless driving just after the crash, but he was later taken to the Shelby hospital where it was found that several teeth were knocked loose and his chest bruised in the impact. He will be in the hospital several more days it was said today, but his injuries are not considered serious unless pneumonia develops. Deputy Kendrick was also shaken up, bruised and slightly lacerated, but has been able to be out since.

Tar Heel Heiress' Next



CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR. MORREY GRACCHI

When Ann Cannon Reynolds, of the Concord, N. C., Cannons, went to Reno to get her divorce from Smith Reynolds, of the Winston-Salem Reynolds and a son of the late R. J. Reynolds, did she find a new husband? Walter Winchell, gossip New York columnist, Sunday said that Morrey Gracchi (in lower inset in above photo) was "Battle Creek, Mich., bound to go down the middle aisle with Ann Cannon Reynolds." The North Carolina heiress was flown to Reno by her husband to secure her divorce. While there she put up at the dude ranch of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., of which Gracchi is manager. The Vanderbilt ranch is the latest in business novelties. There one seeking a divorce may stay for six weeks with all entertainment and board furnished for \$500 while the ranch management attends to all the legal details of severing the tie that binds.

Big Amount Canned Food In Cleveland

Three Hundred Home Demonstration Club Women Put Up Over 100,000 Cans Of Fruit And Vegetables. Hundreds Of Pantries Filled. Much Food To Needy.

The activity this year of a small group of Cleveland county farm women has made it clear that a farming section can live at home and board in very excellent style despite the prevailing price of agricultural cash crops.

Figures were announced today which show that 300 members of the 16 home demonstration clubs in Cleveland county this year have canned 135,893 cans of fruit and vegetables. Since the 300 club members are only a small portion of the total number of farm women in Cleveland county it is easy to imagine how pantries and cellars are bulging this winter with plenty of food. But considerable credit must go to the club members, the club officials and Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, demonstration agent, for the impetus given by them to the live-at-home program in Cleveland county.

No Exact Figure.
Of the 362 club members only about three out of four reported on canning. But this number reported the 135,893 jars. It is likely that all the club members canned over 150,000 cans.

The principal foods canned, according to the reports sent Mrs. Wallace, were peaches and string beans.

Helped Others.
An interesting feature of the annual report of the demonstration

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Odd Christmas Weather Prevailed In Country; No Snow, No Icicles

Santa Failed To Have Ice-Blanketed Whiskers As He Made His Calls Friday

Washington, Dec. 28.—The weather as predicted declined to display the Christmas spirit Friday.

From Alaska to Key West scarcely a thermometer read low enough to sprout an icicle on Santa's whiskers.

Some of the unseasonable pantries and violets that had started life anew in this holly time did

Cleveland Farm Land Ranks 7th In Value In N. C.

Land Worth \$76.28 Per Acre

Nineteen Counties Have Higher Per Farm Value, New Hanover Is Higher.

The average value of Cleveland county farm land is \$76.28 per acre and only six of the 100 counties in North Carolina have a higher per acre land value, according to the statistics of the 1930 agricultural census.

Although just six counties have a better per acre value, 19 counties in the state have a higher per farm value.

Four Ahead.

The six counties having higher per acre value are New Hanover, \$129.31; Forsyth, \$98.29; Mecklenburg, \$87.17; Buncombe, \$88.06; Wilson, \$86.04, and Pitt \$77.78.

The average per farm value in Cleveland county is \$3,576, which means that the average farm in Cleveland is worth \$500 more than the average North Carolina farm, which is valued at \$3,018. The average per acre value for the entire state is \$46.75, or \$30 per acre less than Cleveland county farm land. Farm land value per acre in counties neighboring Cleveland are listed as follows: Gaston \$73.02, Catawba \$49.61, Lincoln \$53.68, Burke \$39.67, and Rutherford \$44.82.

Of the farm land values in the state the University News Letter says:

New Hanover farmers upon an average have the most valuable farms in the state, the farms having an average value of nearly seven thousand dollars. New Hanover also leads in value of farm land and buildings when reduced to a per acre basis, the average being nearly one hundred and thirty dollars per acre.

Brunswick county farmers average the poorest in the state, their farm land and buildings averaging less than sixteen hundred dollars per farm, and barely over eighteen dollars per acre.

While the tendency is for counties to rank on a per acre basis somewhat as they do on a per farm basis, there are marked exceptions, due to the differences in the size of farms. Thus farms in the cotton and tobacco belt have relatively high per acre values, but usually rank lower in per farm values due to the small size of farms. A farm is the unit operated by a family, and not a holding. Each tenant operates a farm.

During the last census decade farm land and buildings have declined in value nearly two hundred and thirty million dollars, or from approximately four thousand dollars per farm to approximately three thousand dollars. However, this is offset to a large degree by the increased purchasing power of the dollar. Undoubtedly there has been a further reduction in farm values during the last year and a half.

East Declines Most.

Just as during the World war values rose most rapidly in the east, or cotton and tobacco counties, so during the last decade farm property has declined most rapidly in the same counties. In several counties farm value have declined more than fifty percent during the decade. The following counties illustrate the trend in value of land and buildings in the cash crop belt.

| County | Value per farm 1920 | Value per farm 1930 |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Edgecombe | \$3,250 | \$6,283 |
| Greene | 2,942 | 6,814 |
| Lenoir | 3,329 | 6,867 |
| Nash | 2,649 | 6,665 |
| Pitt | 3,246 | 6,821 |
| Robeson | 2,724 | 5,187 |
| Scotland | 3,635 | 7,102 |
| Wilson | 3,294 | 6,284 |

The greatest declines have been in the cash crop counties. A partial explanation is the increase in tenant farms—that is, the practice of dividing holdings into smaller tenant-operated tracts, the smaller farm tending to be less valuable.

Complete First Tax Round In Cleveland

Sheriff Irvin Allen and Chief Deputy Ed Dixon completed their first tax-collecting round Wednesday of last week. Collections were fairly good, it was said, but not unusually heavy. The final day of the round was spent in No. 10 and No. 11 townships. The best one-day collection was \$700. Many times that amount, however, have been collected in the office here since the 1931 tax books were turned over to the sheriff.

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