

THE MARKET
Cotton, spots 66 and up
Cotton seed, per ton \$12.00

COLDER SATURDAY
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain and somewhat colder tonight. Saturday generally fair and colder.

New Out-Going Mail Begins On 11

Morning Mail Will Help City
Star Mail Route To Kings Mtn. Will Connect With Three Mail Line Trains.

A new out-going mail service will be inaugurated on January 11th when the star mail route now operating between Shelby and Rutherfordford will be extended to Kings Mountain, thus furnishing connection with three main line Southern trains.

This announcement was made yesterday by Mr. J. Talmadge Gardner of the local postoffice who says the schedule will be as follows. The star mail route will leave Rutherfordford each morning at 8:30, arrive at Shelby at 10 o'clock and at Kings Mountain at 11:15 where it will connect with train No. 46 North.

On return this star mail route will leave Kings Mountain at 12:45 and arrive in Shelby at 1:30 p. m. It will remain here until 4 o'clock at which time the carrier will leave for Rutherfordford, arriving there at 5:30.

Mail dispatched from Shelby to the morning in time for dispatch on the star mail route leaving here at 10 o'clock will arrive in Charlotte by noon. First class mail from the North and South will be Crescent Limited at Kings Mountain and be brought to Shelby by 1:30 in the afternoon.

P. S. Gettys Home Burned Thursday; Save Some Contents

The residence of P. S. Gettys, well known citizen of the upper section of the county, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday, Thursday, morning about 10 o'clock.

Neighbors who first noticed the blaze about the chimney aided in saving some of the household contents, but a big portion of the furnishings was also destroyed and some of that removed was damaged by the rain and mud when carried out. Mr. Gettys was sick in bed at the time and his wife and one daughter were in the house when they were called and told of the fire by a neighbor, R. M. Floyd, and a colored man who noticed the fire from a road some distance away.

The fire, it is thought, caught in some manner from the chimney where the roof blaze was first noticed.

Mr. Gettys, who is now in bed at the home of Mr. Floyd, had two \$1,000 insurance policies on the house and \$300 on the contents, it is said.

Rain Damaging To County Grain Crops

Good Stands In All Spring Grains, However Reported Throughout the County.

The continued rains of January and December are doing some damage to the grain crops in Cleveland county, it was said today by R. W. Shoffner, county agent.

Despite the rains Cleveland farmers have good stands of wheat, oats, barley and rye, and with a good season should produce one of the best grain crops in years.

The rain coming at this time is holding back the spread of the grains, all of which are up and appeared to be doing well until the rainy season set in.

Warm Winter Likely To Cut Down Fruit

The warm winter weather, if followed by a late winter or early spring freeze, may do much damage to the 1932 fruit crop in Cleveland county, according to numerous farmers who express their fears about the crop.

Sap is already evident in the fruit trees as it would ordinarily be in early spring, and if the sap has risen enough by the time of the next freeze, the crop would be considerably cut down. Several farmers say that judging by experience of the past, the bumper crop of fruit in 1931 offered an ill omen for 1932.

"It is a good thing," one farmer said, "that a large quantity of fruit was put up last year, for there may not be much crop this year."

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Carrier, PER YEAR, (IN ADVANCE) \$3.00

J. E. Ledbetter Kills Himself Near Buffalo

Shot Son Accidentally In September
Father Brooding Over Tragedy Shot Self Today

Jason Ledbetter, 55 years old, who accidentally shot his son Odus Ledbetter Friday, Sept. 25, took his own life this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the back room of his home near the Buffalo cotton mill village, or Stubbs, in the eastern section of Cleveland county.

The details of the death of Mr. Ledbetter, a highly respected farmer and citizen, could not be secured in full at the time this was written.

Used Shot Gun. A shotgun was found by his side in the back room and all indications were that it was a suicide.

It is known that the accidental killing of his son bore heavily upon him.

He was 55 years of age and is survived by his widow and several children, another son being seriously injured just a few weeks ago in an auto accident on the Cleveland Springs road, just within the Shelby city limits.

On Friday evening, Sept. 25, a neighbor to the Ledbetters and his sons visited the Ledbetter home it was alleged with the view of requesting or making young Odus Ledbetter marry a girl in the family. An argument developed and Mr. Ledbetter it was brought out at the hearing ran in the house for his shotgun. Returning he said he thought the visitors were trying to take his son off and he fired. Some of the shot struck one or two of the other men but a portion of the load tore into the body of his own son and killed him within a few minutes. The death was one of the most tragic in the history of the county and particularly upset the Ledbetter family. At a hearing here the father was acquitted in a case, in which there were charges against the others, that was termed by the county judge as very deplorable, and one that every one should forget.

It is presumed that Mr. Ledbetter had been brooding over the death and other worries since that time. Just after the news of his death reached The Star a call was made to Mrs. Spencer, wife of the mill superintendent at Buffalo. She informed that Mr. Ledbetter was dead and that members of the family were in hysterics. She then made an effort to get in communication with a physician and have him visit the home.

RITCHIE GETS IN
Baltimore, Jan. 8.—Governor Albert C. Ritchie, for many years spoken of as a possible Democratic Presidential nominee, last night for the first time openly spoke of himself as a candidate. Delivering denunciation of what he called the "Republican evasion, inaction and blundering in Washington," he declared he "would be proud" to carry the banner of Democracy to victory in the elections next November.

Bailey To Wage War On Alleged Sale Of Federal Jobs In N. C.

Charges That G. O. P. Is "Selling" Postmasterhips. May Bring Battle.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Charging republican organization leaders of the state with levying a toll on federal patronage appointees, Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina this week announced his purpose to maintain a close scrutiny of all North Carolina postmasterhip nominations sent to the senate by the White House.

As a member of the senate post office committee, having jurisdiction over all postmaster appointments, he will carefully examine all nominations coming up from the state before recommending confirmation.

Aroused by the recent indictment of W. H. Foster, secretary of the republican state committee, and the statement of a party leader that the republican organization of the state has been soliciting funds from federal office holders for years

Says Cotton Will Reach Ten Cents About Mid March

Will cotton be selling for nine and ten cents by the middle of March? That's the prediction made by George Magness, well known Cleveland farmer and barber, as he is being quoted on the streets here. Mr. Magness has quite a reputation as a prophet on cotton prices and in his many predictions of the past has often hit the price two or three months ahead to the identical cent.

County Farmers Organize Unit Exchange Group

Officers And Directors Of Farm Marketing Group Named At Meeting Here.

Around 50 Cleveland county farmers meeting at the court house here yesterday, Thursday afternoon organized and incorporated the Cleveland Farmers Mutual Exchange for the purpose of marketing Cleveland county farm products in a cooperative manner.

Sixteen members were signed up at the initial meeting and it is hoped that the membership will be greatly increased by spring. All farmers who wish to join the exchange, which will handle the marketing of farm products in wholesale lots to secure better prices, should get in touch with some officer or director or with R. W. Shoffner, county farm agent.

Slater Speaks
L. C. Slater, associated State marketing specialist, attended the meeting, made a talk on the work and incorporated the group. Officers named were: B. Austell, president; O. P. Hamrick, vice president; R. W. Wilson, secretary and treasurer. Directors are Messrs. Austell, Hamrick and Wilson and G. F. Wolfe, G. L. Hamrick, and J. P. McSwain.

Eskridges Buy Sinclair Station

Herman and Chas. Eskridge have bought from R. Hope Brison the wholesale distributing plant of the Sinclair Oil Co. and for the present maintain headquarters in the Beam building on N. Washington street. In the meantime the Eskridge boys have given up the automobile license bureau and have turned the same over to Hopper Bros. who are selling license plates at the Carolina Motor Inn on East Warren street.

Fifteen Months Old Hog Weighs 650 Lbs.

A fifteen month old hog was killed by P. P. Heafner on Route 1, Shelby a few days ago that netted 650 pounds after being dressed. It was a Poland-China.

New Treasurer



John Stedman (above), 37-year-old Raleigh banker, was yesterday named State treasurer by Governor Gardner to succeed the late Capt. Nathan O'Berry. Mr. Stedman, a World War veteran and American Legion official, was a college mate of D. W. Royster, of Shelby, at Carolina.

Shelby Man Shot To Death In Car On A Hobo Trip

Ivey Haynes, Who Had Court Record Here, Killed By Railroad Agent In Alabama.

The career of Ivey Haynes, 21-year-old Shelby man who had quite a record in court here, was ended Tuesday night by a bullet from the gun of a special railroad agent near Millstead, Alabama. Haynes and five companions—some of whom was "Bill" Turner, also of Shelby—were on a hobo trip, Haynes being en route, it was said, to Fort Deposit, Ala., to visit an uncle, Sidney White.

Caught In Car
Near Millstead, some distance from Montgomery, Ala., according to the press dispatches, L. E. McCovey, special agent for the West Point railroad, entered the freight car in which the six were hobbing. The five companions of Haynes told officers that after some argument the special agent shot Haynes "without cause."

Wednesday the name of the special agent was not made public, but yesterday McCovey was arrested at Tuskegee, Ala., and charged with murder. The five companions of the Shelby youth were taken to Tuskegee to attend the preliminary hearing. McCovey when arrested said that he shot Haynes after the six youths jumped on him in the box car. After Haynes was shot the five others were locked in the car and taken to Montgomery until removed to Tuskegee for a hearing. They gave their names as James W. Turner, of Charlotte, Jack G. Montgomery, of Solway, Ky., Jeff Gilbert, of Camp Hill, Ala., Edward Atkins, of Camp Hill, and Hoke Walker, of Macon, Ga.

Police Chief McBride Poston, who was called by Alabama officers, says that the youth giving his name as James W. Turner was really "Bill" Turner of Shelby who has in time past been in considerable trouble here and has served several sentences on the chain gang.

The message of Chief Poston said that the body of Haynes would be sent back here if relatives would pay the expenses. Haynes was a cousin of Raymond and Elsie Grigg, young men of east Shelby, who have frequently been in the courts here, and their mother was called about the matter. She is an aunt of Haynes but said she did not have the money to pay the expense of bringing the body back here. She told Chief Poston, however, that she would attempt to get in touch with a sister of Haynes at Morganton and see if she could pay the expense. The police chief has heard nothing more about it since, and he is of the opinion that unless the sister raises the necessary \$75 to bring the body home Haynes may be buried in Alabama.

Haynes had been off the Cleveland county chain gang only about one month at the time he was killed. Early in October the court records show, was given a two months sentence on a drunk and disorderly charge and with time off for good behavior was probably released about December 7. Turner, officers say, had just finished a gang term a short time back. Both Haynes and Turner were well known here, particularly in the Eastside section. Neither, officers say, had worked to amount to anything in the mills while living here and in time past both had been in court on charges including drinking bootlegging, larceny, etc.

Superior Court Session To Open Here Monday

Judge McElroy Will Preside

One Week's Criminal Docket Is Fairly Light. Auto Death Case Up.

A week's term of Superior court for the disposal of the criminal docket will convene in Shelby Monday morning with Judge P. A. McElroy presiding and Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling prosecuting the docket.

A total of 65 cases are listed for trial, which is a fairly light docket, and quite a number of the 65 are good behavior cases and other minor violations which can be disposed of rapidly.

Set For Thursday
The killing charge against Paul Wilkinson, young South Carolina white man, in connection with an automobile fatality several years ago, is expected to come up during the week after having been continued for around a half dozen terms. The charge against Wilkinson followed the fatal injuries received by Tom Wright, well known and aged Mooresboro citizen. The case is tentatively placed on the docket for trial Thursday.

Another killing case is that in which Wilkes Osborne, colored, is charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of another colored boy in the Double Springs section some months ago. The colored youths had been out hunting and were playing cowboy, according to Osborne, when the other negro was fatally shot.

There are quite a number of breaking and entering and larceny cases on the docket and one charge of an attempted rape against a negro over an alleged assault on a white woman.

Clark Buys Out Hardware Store

Mount Holly Man Takes Over Management Of Farmers And Planters Store.

H. G. Clark of Mount Holly has purchased the Farmers and Planters Hardware Store which operates in the Royster building on S. LaFayette street. Mr. Clark bought the stock from Mr. Charles Nuckols of Charlotte who bought the stock from Mr. Henry Massey and associates about ten days ago. Mr. Clark was formerly with the Massey-Clark Hardware Co. at Mount Holly and has had considerable experience in this line of business. He is a very enthusiastic and aggressive man who will quickly identify himself with the business life of the town and county. Mr. Clark will continue to operate the store in Shelby and it is understood he has secured a lease on the building now occupied in the Royster building.

Mrs. Susan Jones Of Lattimore Dead

Widow Of J. H. Jones Passes At Age 74—Funeral At Lattimore Today.

Mrs. Susan Jones, age 74, died yesterday at the home of her son Joe Jones at Lattimore and the funeral service was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Revs. Rush Padgett and I. D. Harrill.

Mrs. Jones before marriage was Susan F. Green and she was born Sept. 21st, 1876. Her husband died Feb. 11th, 1930 and since then she has been making her home with her son. Mrs. Jones was a kind and affectionate mother and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. Surviving are the following children, F. J. and Joe H. Jones of near Lattimore, one daughter Mrs. J. M. Heafner of Crouse. Four sisters also survive Mrs. C. G. Lee of Ellenboro, Mrs. W. B. Wells of Hendersonville, Misses Ira and Bettie Green of Ellenboro. Twenty two grand-children also survive.

KANSAS CITY OFFER

Kansas City, Jan. 8.—An offer of \$100,000 in cash to the democratic national committee and \$50,000 to be used for expenses of the 1932 national convention, was authorized by chamber of commerce officials late today, after they were informed such an offer probably would assure the meeting for Kansas City.

As Gandhi Came Home; to Jail



Absorbed in spinning threads for homespun garments, Mahatma Gandhi, famous Indian leader, is shown on the deck of the S.S. Pilana as the ship neared Bombay. The frail prophet of Mother India was greeted by a riot between his supporters and opponents, in which 25 people were injured. Shortly after his arrival Gandhi was imprisoned once more in Poona Jail, from which place he is directing a new campaign of civil disobedience, which the British are putting down with stringent methods.

John Stedman Named Treasurer Of State To Succeed Nathan O'Berry; Is Vet Of World War And Only 37

Young Raleigh Banker Gets Post. O'Berry Funeral Is Held At Goldsboro.

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—John P. Stedman, 37-year-old Raleigh banker and American Legion member, yesterday was named state treasurer of North Carolina to succeed Capt. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, who died Wednesday.

Mr. Stedman is believed to be the youngest man ever to become treasurer of the state, and he succeeds a man who was more than twice as old as himself. Captain O'Berry was 73 years old when he became

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Large-Size Bills Get In Circulation Over This Section

Quite A Number Used During Holiday Shopping, Many Taken In For Taxes.

More of the old-sized greenback has been in circulation in Shelby during the last month than at any time since the smaller currency replaced the old size.

During the Christmas shopping rush Shelby merchants said they took in a number of the old-size bills, which were apparently brought from the hiding places of two or three years and put into circulation. Since the holidays, and even before, Sheriff Irvin M. Allen and his assistants have taken in a quantity of the bills in collecting county taxes. Among them were quite a number of \$20 gold certificates of the old size which had been held back by their owners awaiting a rainy-day occasion.

Tar Heel Apple Brings Together N. C. Brothers After Many Years

Had Not Seen Each Other For 30 Years. Apple Brings Reunion In Oklahoma.

(Special To The Star)

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—The aroma of a North Carolina in distant Oklahoma was the agency in bringing together two brothers who had not seen each other for 30 years.

Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, received a report of the chance meeting in a communication from Capt. Garrett B. Drummond, of Stillwater, Okla., formerly stationed at Fort Bragg, who checked up on its accuracy and related it about as follows:

Two men were sitting on a bench in front of a railway station at Guthrie, Okla., waiting for a train. One was from Stillwater. The other was returning to North Carolina. They had not spoken. Finally the Tar Heel pulled an apple from a bag and began eating it.

Veteran Banker Of Shelby Considered As N. C. Treasurer

Raleigh Writer Said C. C. Blanton And O. M. Mull Were Among Those Given Thought.

Charles C. Blanton, veteran Shelby banker and head of one of the strongest financial organizations in North Carolina, was among those considered for State treasurer to succeed Capt. Nathan O'Berry before John Stedman, of Raleigh was appointed.

A Raleigh dispatch by Tom Boat to the Greensboro News yesterday, prior to the Stedman appointment by Governor Gardner, stated that two Shelby men—Blanton and State Chairman O. M. Mull—were among the seven or eight prospects being considered.

The dispatch created some interest here due to Mr. Blanton's popularity, although he has never cared for public office, and also because of the remembrance that at the banquet given Governor Gardner just after his election the Governor stated that two Shelby men—Chas. Blanton and J. J. McMurtry—had done more for him than any others. There was no likelihood, however, that Mr. Blanton would have considered the appointment had he been named, because of his desire to remain at the head of his banking and business interests here.

Episcopal Service
Regular services will be held at the Episcopal church in Shelby at 7:30 Sunday evening. It was announced today. The service will be conducted by Father Maek of Rutherfordford.

Not Satisfied
After the body was taken to the Barrett home, near Waco, members of the family decided that they were not exactly satisfied about the matter. They called the undertaker here and informed him that the burial would not be held at Prospect church until another examination. A call was then made for Dr. L. A. Crowell at Lincoln-ton. He was out of town at the time and then the father of Barrett made a trip to Charlotte, it is said, to consult a specialist. Just what he learned there is not known, but today came the message informing of the x-ray test to be made this afternoon at Lincoln-ton.

At the post mortem examination made here Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Self and Moore made a thorough examination of the body and all vital organs. Other than a bruise on the hip and the black lung, caused by congestion, they could find nothing to indicate that the youth had been injured in any manner. This was the statement made by Dr. Self, the family physician, after the examination. Acute pulmonary edema is unusual he said, but the lung congestion was attributed to that.

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Hold Body Waco Boy For Second Probe In Death

Father Seeks Further Light On Death

Head And Neck At Lincoln-ton This Afternoon.

Max Barrett, 10-year-old Waco schoolboy, who died in the Shelby hospital early Wednesday after being brought to jail here and later taken to the hospital following a drinking spree Tuesday afternoon, was not buried Thursday afternoon as planned. Members of his family were not entirely satisfied as to what caused his death and decided to hold another post mortem examination before burying him.

Lutz and Jackson, Shelby undertakers who prepared the body for burial, were called at noon today by the boy's father, L. W. Barrett, and told to come to the home and carry the body to Lincoln-ton.

X-Ray Photos Taken
At the Crowell hospital in Lincoln-ton, it was said, x-ray photographs would be made of the head and neck to definitely determine if the youth's neck had been broken or if he had received some other injury that could have proved fatal. The second post mortem at Lincoln-ton was set for 3:30 this afternoon.

The burial was originally set for 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon after the Barrett family physician, Dr. L. L. Self, and Dr. D. F. Moore, Cleveland county board of health physician, had conducted a post mortem examination at the undertaking parlor here. Their verdict was that the young man died of an acute pulmonary edema, or congestion of the lung, probably caused by the inability of the young man to eject contents from his stomach when sick, some of the contents seeping back into his lung and bringing on the sudden congestion later.

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Clerk Has \$6,698 Funds On Hand To Be Paid Out Soon

Annual Report Of Clerk Of Court Shows Trust Funds, Witness Fees, Etc.

In this issue of The Star, the annual report of the Clerk of the Court A. M. Hamrick appears, showing that he has on hand \$6,698.06 in trust funds due non-residents and minors and witnesses in criminal and civil cases.

All of this money is ready to be paid to the proper claimants, except that due minors which cannot be paid until such minors become of age. The annual report is published as required by law and is interesting reading for those who have money due them from the clerk's office. Readers who have been a witness in civil and criminal cases and are entitled to fees which they have not drawn, will find this money available when they call. However, a great many of the people who have fees coming to them, are dead.