

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

Colder Saturday.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably light rain tonight and in extreme south Saturday. Colder Saturday and in west and central portions tonight.

Tornado Kills Seven.
Trenton, Tenn., Jan. 15.—Seven persons were killed and at least five injured by a tornado which struck Eaton and Lex, small towns near here at 5:30 o'clock last night. The dead: Mrs. P. W. Rice; Opal Rice, 17; Hazel Rice, 14; Edith Rice, 9; Horace Rice, 10; a six months old baby; Elsie McDaniel, 3, grand daughter of Mrs. Rice.

More Rain Here In January Than In Four Months
4.70 Inches Rainfall In 13 Days

Streams Still High In Section. Total May Equal 12 Inches In December.

More rain fell in the Shelby section during six of the first 13 days of January than during four consecutive months in 1931, according to the rainfall record kept at the Shelby postoffice.

Through Wednesday the January rainfall totalled 4.70 inches, which was over an inch more than the combined rainfall for August, September, October and November in 1931. The total rainfall for the four months was 3.63 inches, the major portion of it, 2.10 inches, coming in August.

The heaviest rainfall this month was 1.52 inches on last Friday, the 13th. The rainfall for the other days of the month was recorded as follows: Jan. 1—32 of an inch; Jan. 6—67 of an inch; Jan. 7—96 of an inch; Jan. 9—57 of an inch; Jan. 13—46 of an inch.

No New Ku Klux Organized Here

Efforts To Revive Old Klan, Or Similar Body, Not Made Here Yet.

So far as could be learned here today no attempts have as yet been made to reorganize the old Ku Klux Klan, or any similar organization based upon the Klan idea.

From New York this week came the word that three different attempts are being made throughout the country to reorganize the old Klan or two other organizations based upon the K. K. K. principles. A Klan chapter has flourished to a certain extent in Shelby at three different intervals—the original Klan, when an organization near 10 years ago in which were several members of the original Klan, and in more recent years a continuation of the second chapter. As far as is publicly known the last chapter finally quit meeting because of decreasing interest. The three new organizations, which are being attempted, are listed as follows: The Klan, the White Band, Inc., and the Eskaye, the latter two welcoming Jews and Catholics. Dr. H. W. Evans, imperial wizard of the Klan, was reported making efforts to revive that organization. The other two named were: William Joseph Simmons, one time imperial wizard of the Klan, who seeks to promote the White Band, Inc., as an antidote to communism. E. Y. Clarke, former promoter for the Klan and later Kleagle, who opened a membership drive today for the Eskaye. The societies debut in the nation's life will begin with an "American problems conference" in Cleveland on February 1.

Some of the officials of the last Klan group here say they have heard nothing of the new organization and appear to show little interest. Shelby's biggest Klan demonstration, since reconstruction days was about six or seven years ago when the white-robed of two or three adjoining counties united with Shelby klansmen for a big public parade in Shelby.

Gardner To Speak Before Lambs Club

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Governor Gardner has accepted an invitation to attend the annual dinner of the Lambs Club in New York City. He will be an honor guest and speak Sunday evening, January 17.

Mrs. J. F. Dodd, employee of E. I. du Pont's Department store, was carried to the hospital yesterday for treatment.

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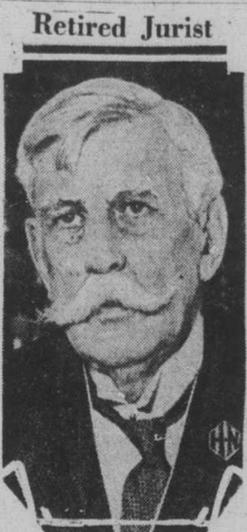
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Million Dollars In Dividends, And Earnings Paid In Shelby In 1931



Retired Jurist
This is the most recent picture of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, grand old man of American jurisprudence, who has resigned from the United States Supreme Court at the great age of ninety. Justice Holmes was born in Boston, the son of the poet, wit and philosopher of the same name. He soldiered through the Civil War and was wounded at Ball's Bluff, Antietam and Fredericksburg. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by the late President Roosevelt thirty years ago.

Banks, Building And Loan Groups, And Industry Show Good Year. Quarter Million More To Be Paid By March. Bank And B. & L. Resources Total \$7,700,000. Over 3 1/2 Million On Deposit In Banks.

A survey shows that over a million dollars was paid in Shelby during the past year in building and loan maturities, industrial dividends and bank dividends and interest of certificates and savings accounts, with fully a quarter of a million dollars to be paid in building and loan maturities and corporate dividends between now and March 1st.

With only a few corporations as yet holding their annual meetings, it is revealed in the survey that since Jan. 1st \$125,000 has been paid in dividends. Several of the largest industrial corporations are yet to hold their annual meetings which are scheduled around the first to the middle of March when it is expected that fully \$125,000 more will be distributed to shareholders.

Strong Resources.
The combined resources of the two banks and the three building and loan associations is seven million, seven hundred thousand dollars, the banks showing over three and a half million dollars on deposit, according to their last published statement as of Jan. 1st. Not only are the banks but the building and loan associations in strong financial condition, maintaining the utmost faith and confidence of their patrons.

During the year just closed, the two banks paid in July and January dividends totalling \$31,500, while during the year over \$100,000 was paid by the banks for interest on savings and time deposits. This was distributed through the year and added greatly to the income of the thrifty.

B. & L. Maturities.
Building and loan associations which hold a strong place in the hearts of the people paid out in cash and cancelled papers in series maturing during the year the enormous sum \$755,700. This will be added to when two building and loan associations mature series in February and one in March, the total distributing amounting to \$141,700 within the next 45 days.

A conservative estimate of the total amount paid in corporate dividends, bank dividends, bank interest on savings and deposits and matured building and loan stock for the past twelve months therefore runs in excess of a million dollars.

As pointed out above, fully a half million dollars will be paid out by building and loan and industrial enterprises within the next 45 days when annual meetings are held by the industrial enterprises and the building and loan associations mature heavy stock series. Each building and loan has the money on hand to pay out the necessary cash included in the \$141,700 maturing, the bulk of the series being in matured stock, while the remainder is in cancelled mortgages.

Mills More Hopeful.
Business men feel there is a turn for the better. Textile men say they are getting more inquiries for goods and indications are that the mills will all be running on full time. Several of the textile plants are now running day and night, but have had to accept orders at reduced prices and adjust their costs to conditions.

Inventory time is over with the merchants and they are hopeful of a better year. They feel that prices are more steady and that there will be no further occasion for stockpiling because of a declining market.

Cleveland Roads In Fair Condition Now
Rains Have Retarded Work Somewhat To Occupy New Camp About March 1.

Cleveland county highways and roads are in fair condition, if not better, despite the heavy rains of December and January, according to W. A. Broadway, highway engineer for this territory. During the summer and early fall dry weather handicapped the road workers considerably, but the major portion of the roads in Cleveland were maintained in good condition. About the time the first of December rains speeded up the work a regular rainy spell set in and offered a new handicap. Yet road officials gradually adjusting the new system have carried on in such a manner as to be praised by county citizens.

Work is speeding up on the new state convict camp, just north of highway 20 near the county fair grounds, but it isn't likely that the camp can be occupied long before the first of March.

Annual Bank Meet In Kings Mountain
Kings Mountain, Jan. 15.—Stockholders of the First National bank of Kings Mountain held their 31st annual meeting this week. Directors and officers were elected during the day. The bank was reported to be in a sound condition.

State Must Preserve Credit At All Cost, Governor Gardner Says

Officials Approve His Slash In Budget To Maintain North Carolina Finances.
(Special to The Star.)
Raleigh, Jan. 15.—"Whatever is necessary to protect the credit of the State—no matter what it involves—will be done. Everything I say here today is subject to this amendment: I would resort to the full power of this office to do anything and everything that is necessary to prevent this State from defaulting in its debt obligations. And I take this occasion to say that no such calamity shall befall North Carolina. The character and credit of this state shall be preserved at all hazards."
Governor O. Max Gardner included these statements in a talk made to the heads of the State's departments Thursday, and again in a radio talk last night, to show the officials and the people of the State that the cut of 70 per cent, made by his as director of the budget and approved and endorsed yesterday by the full advisory budget commission, was necessary and required. "After we have accomplished all these economies," Governor Gardner said, after pointing the way to further economy, "and after we have ascertained the maximum of revenue to be collected, it will then be time enough to give thought to the question of whether the preservation of the State's credit demands the calling of a special session of the general assembly," for the purpose of balancing the budget. Also Governor Gardner made it plain that the State could not continue to fail to balance its budget, to run "in the red," by his statements.

Aldermen Make No Decision On Sale City Plant

Report About Meeting Is Erroneous
No Meeting Held Yet, And No Date Set. Vote Reported Likely.

Shelby aldermen have not as yet reached any decision about the sale of the municipal light plant to the Southern Public Utilities for a million and one hundred thousand dollars.

Reports about the city late Wednesday had it that a special meeting of the council was planned for Wednesday night to make a formal election. Thursday the Wednesday report had gained headway to the extent that it was reported that the meeting had been held and a decision made to leave the matter to a vote of the citizens. An official check at the city hall revealed that the reports were without foundation. No meeting was held Wednesday night and no date for the S. P. U. decision has been set.

Opinion seems to be increasing about the city that the offer will be referred to the citizens at a special election. This opinion, however, is not based upon any statement, official or unofficial, by the aldermen or mayor, for they are sawing wood, studying the situation and saying nothing. If either of the five officials has publicly expressed his intentions it is not generally known.

The belief that the aldermen will permit tax-payers to answer the offer themselves is based, according to those of the belief, upon the reasoning that it may be the most satisfactory manner of settling the city-wide controversy. Some favor the sale and others do not. If, it is pointed out, the aldermen refuse to call an election and permit a vote, those favoring the sale will say that they have not been given a chance to express their opinion and show their strength. If it is put to a vote, it is added, the opponents of the sale can readily and plainly register their opposition by defeating it. Thus both sides, it is argued, would have the satisfaction of knowing how the majority of tax-payers and light patrons feel about it. The prevailing opinion appears to be that a majority would vote "no" on selling, but that, of course, cannot be definitely known until put to the test. Neither is it sure that the matter will go to a vote. The silence of the city officials as they study the offer, rates, etc., makes one guess about as good as another until there is formal action.

S. Shelby P. T. A. In January Session

Interesting Program Conducted Last Night. Miss Blanton's Room Winner.

The January meeting of the South Shelby P. T. A. was held in the school auditorium last night, and those present enjoyed a splendid program which was in charge of the social committee.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. R. Jenkins, pastor of the LaFayette Methodist church, after which matters of a business nature were taken up. The president, Rev. L. L. Jessup presided as chairman. Music was furnished by the young ladies quartet of the LaFayette M. E. church, Mrs. Ben Suttle, and Miss Faria Hyder. Miss Carrie Bell Lever delighted the audience with several reading selections. A splendid program of folk dancing was presented by children from the second, third and fifth grades.

The prize for the room having the largest number of parents present was won by Miss Winnie Blanton's room. The prize was presented by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Benov. A large crowd of parents and friends which nearly filled the large auditorium attended this meeting. As the people came in they were served with punch and cakes. At the close of the meeting Capt. B. L. Smith brought a short message of greeting.

Baptist Pastors Meet
The Baptist pastors of the Kings Mountain association will meet in conference at the First Baptist church next Monday at 2 p. m. The program will be in charge of Rev. L. L. Jessup, pastor of the Second Baptist church.

Episcopal Services
There will be an evening service at the Episcopal church in Shelby, Sunday at 7:30. Choir practice at 7:30 Friday evening.

Letter Of Cleveland Woman To Her Husband Found On Civil War Field By Justice Holmes' Father

Was Letter Of "E. Wright" To Husband, "J. Wright," Written By "W. L. Vaughn."

In the battle of Antietam, Md., fought September 16 and 17, 1862, Associate Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, whose retirement from the supreme court of the United States at the age of 91 is chronicled in this morning's press, was severely wounded by a shot that passed through his neck. The young soldier, who had just attained his majority, a few months before, was the captain of a Massachusetts company. In response to a telegram received in the dead of night the young captain's father, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, set out from Boston at once to find his wounded son. The story of his search as related by Dr. Holmes under the title of "My Hunt After the Captain," may be found in the Atlantic Monthly of December, 1862. It is one of the finest and most humane things this gifted man ever wrote.

In the long search for his son, Dr. Holmes had occasion to go over the great battlefield. Among the mementos he picked up was a letter from Cleveland county, N. C., its seal still unbroken. It is to this incident that all the foregoing is introductory. What the finder wrote about the incident, now nearly 65 years ago, has a degree of local interest that impels me to copy it here. Here it is:

"N. C., Cleveland county. E. Wright to J. Wright." On the other side, "A few lines from W. L. Vaughn," who has just been writing for the wife for her husband, and continues on his own account. The postscript, "tell John that Nancy's folks are all well and has a very good little crop of corn a growing." I wonder, if by one of those strange chances of which I have seen so many, this number on this leaf of "The Atlantic," will not sooner or later find its way to Cleveland county, North Carolina, and E. Wright, widow of John Wright, and Nancy's folks get from these sentences the last glimpse of husband and friend as he threw up his arms and fell in the bloody conflict of Antietam? I will keep this stained letter for them until peace comes.

Mrs. Fortune Dies At Asheville Home

Former Shelby Girl, Daughter Of Minister, Died Thursday.

Friends in Shelby of Mrs. W. G. Fortune, of Asheville, have been notified that she died there yesterday.

Mrs. Fortune was the daughter of the late Dr. J. R. Scruggs, at one time pastor of Central Methodist church here. He was also presiding elder of the Gastonia district when the district parsonage was located here. Living here for a number of years Mrs. Fortune was well known to many Shelby people who will regret to hear of her death. During the recent Western North Carolina Methodist conference some of the Shelby delegates visited her in Asheville and as she was in good health they were shocked by the news of her death yesterday.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at Asheville. In her immediate family Mrs. Fortune is survived by her husband, three children and three grandchildren.

Shelby Quartet Sings. (Special to The Star.)

Kings Mountain, Jan. 15.—At the Second Baptist church in Kings Mountain next Sunday at the morning services a quartet of mixed voices from Shelby will have charge of the music. The quartet is composed of George Borders, Miss Borders, Mr. King and Mr. Ivey Shepherd with Mr. George Horne as accompanist. The sermon will be delivered by the pastor Rev. Robert L. Chaney.

January Tomatoes.
Policeman Burgin Putnam's garden quit thumbing its nose at old man winter this week. All through Christmas and the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Putnam had home-grown tomatoes on their table, but the supply ran out this week.

Shelby Man And Woman Arrested In Virginia; New Orleans Angle

Oscar B. Hayes And Edna Johnson Nabbed At Hotel There. Pal Writes.

Richmond, Jan. 15.—Oscar B. Hayes, 30, of Shelby, N. C., and Edna Johnson, 25, of Norfolk, were arrested here Wednesday and held as fugitives from New Orleans. They were located at a hotel where they were registered as man and wife. They admitted later, police said, that they were not married. They were traced here through a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Hayes, Norfolk, Va., which was delivered to another couple of that name at a Virginia avenue, that city. Realizing upon opening the missive that it was not intended for them they turned it over to the postal authorities who learned that the couple for whom it was intended had come to Richmond and so they asked the Richmond police to make a search for the pair.

Perusal of the Norfolk letter which was signed "Bettie" and came from Greenville, S. C., disclosed that the author was taking Hayes and the Johnson woman to task accusing them of skipping out of New Orleans and leaving a friend there to take the rap for a woman without rendering him any assistance. Another letter seized by the police when they arrested the pair here was signed "George W. Howard" and came from New Orleans. He indicated that he was in prison there and that he thought more of a yellow dog than he did of people who would run away and leave a friend in the lurch. This letter was addressed to Mrs. James A. Johnson and had been received by the Johnson woman at general delivery window at the postoffice.

Killing Cases Tried; Superior Court Ends Here

Civil Settlement In Wright Death

Colored Boy Gets Year In Man-slaughter, Rum Makers Get Heavy Terms.

The week's term of Superior court presided over by Judge P. A. McElroy, adjourned here today after clearing the criminal docket of practically all the important and urgent cases.

A number of cases were disposed of and several sentences passed yesterday. The unexpected speedy disposal of two death cases Thursday enabled the court to clear up the docket earlier than had been expected. One was the charge against Paul Wilkinson, young South Carolina man, in connection with the fatal injury two years ago of Tom Wright, aged Mooresboro citizen, in an automobile fatality. The other was the manslaughter charge against Wilkes Osborne, colored, who was charged with killing Frank Hickman, also colored, while, according to Osborne, they were playing cowboy.

Settled.
The charge against Wilkinson was changed to assault with deadly weapon and prayer continued for 12 months in which time Wilkinson is to pay D. C. Wright, son of the deceased, damages around \$300 and the court costs. The elder Wright was killed near Mooresboro about two years ago when two cars side-swiped and one struck him as he was walking along the highway.

Osborne, the colored boy, was given 12 months in the cowboy playing which resulted in the death of his pal. The killing took place in the Double Shoals section.

Speedy Justice.
Two colored men got a taste of speedy justice, being tried in county court Wednesday night and again in Superior court yesterday. Monday night Sheriff Irvin Allen and nine deputies surrounded an alleged whiskey plant just across Buffalo on Potts creek. After some reconnoitering the officers closed in on the still while it was in full blast. The two negroes operating the plant attempted to make their getaway but in a scrambling chase about the creek swamps Tom Marsh was caught. His partner, J. D. (Jaybird) Tate, was nabbed the next day, the scratches he received in running through the swamp thickets giving him away. In recorder's court Wednesday night Marsh was given a sentence of 12 months and Tate a sentence of 10 months. They appealed and were tried again in superior court the following day. There they were given the same sentences. The still was around 80 gallons in capacity and a run was nearing completion when the covey of officers swamped down.

Barrett Affair.
The charges growing out of the death of Boyd Barrett, Waco high school boy, last week were continued.

Grand Jury Gives County Home Boost

Compliments Mrs. Borders And Live-At-Home Program At Home.

The report of the superior court grand jury, as filed with Judge P. A. McElroy yesterday, is very complimentary to the management of the county home for the aged and infirm.

The main sections of the report, signed by Norman Lee, foreman, follow:

"We have examined all witnesses coming before us, and investigated all matters requiring our attention that we know of.

"We have found the court house in fair shape.

"The county home is in excellent condition, the grand jury wishes to especially compliment Mrs. Borders for her very efficient work in keeping the home ideal. All matters pertaining to the farm seem to be in good shape. We find the home carrying out the slogan of 'living a home.' Mr. Borders reports that he has about 30 acres of wheat sown, has plenty of home grown meat to do, some left from last year. Family without rendering him any assistance. Another letter seized by the police when they arrested the pair here was signed 'George W. Howard' and came from New Orleans. He indicated that he was in prison there and that he thought more of a yellow dog than he did of people who would run away and leave a friend in the lurch. This letter was addressed to Mrs. James A. Johnson and had been received by the Johnson woman at general delivery window at the postoffice.

"On investigation we find the prisoners are getting three substantial meals a day.

"The grand jury further recommends that the court look into the will of Priscilla Lucinda Harrell to see if it is being carried out subject to the will and the laws of the state, this will be recorded in book of wills No. 4, page 102."