

THE MARKET
Cotton, Spot 5 1/2 up
Cotton Seed, ton 88

Fair Tuesday

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

Texas Wet?

Dallas, Texas, July 25.—With tabulation nearly complete in Texas Democratic primary Saturday it appears as if "Ma" Ferguson, former governor of the State, and Ross Sterling, present governor will go into a run-off primary for the nomination. Mrs. Ferguson, whose name is Miriam, has served as governor as has her husband, James E. Ferguson. In returns to date she leads Sterling by 70,000 votes, but there were six other candidates and she did not have a majority. In the same primary Texans appeared to favor a resubmission of the prohibition amendment with the vote tabulated so far showing 170,000 for submitting prohibition to a vote and 70,000 opposed.

Vacation Over Today For Ten Thousand Pupils

All Rural High Schools, Eight Short Term Schools And Colored Schools Resume Work.

The short summer vacation ended today for between nine and ten thousand school boys and girls in Cleveland county.

This morning students of 54 Cleveland county schools returned to their books for a two months session before closing again in the fall to aid in the annual cotton picking.

The schools opening today included all 11 of the standard rural high schools, eight short term schools, and all the colored schools. Meetings of teachers and principals were held in several sections of the county last week, all principals meeting at the court house here Friday, and this morning the school routine began.

Annual Custom The early opening has been an annual custom in the county since Cleveland became one of the leading cotton producers in the State. A number of years ago farmers learned that they needed their children on the farm more in the fall, at harvest time, than in late summer after crops were laid by, and it was then that the idea originated of opening the schools for two months during the lull period on the farm and closing for a month or six weeks, some times longer, in the fall.

Belwood School Faculty Given

H. M. Young is Principal Succeeding C. A. Ledford—Another Teacher Later.

Belwood school opened today along with the other schools of the county in order to give in a few weeks work before the schools generally close for the cotton harvest season.

H. M. Young is the new principal, succeeding C. A. Ledford who has moved with his family to Bowling Springs. The following teachers constitute the faculty:

A. K. Moore teacher of science; Mr. Wilson teacher of history and mathematics, Mary Beth Warlick teacher of home economics; Dewey Divine seventh grade; Lloyd Turner sixth grade; Blanche Lattimore fifth grade; Minnie Mull fourth grade; Lala Martin and Pansy Matthews second grade; Jennie Mae Callahan and Clara Williams first grade; Elizabeth Spangler music.

It is hoped to add an elementary teacher later. Prof. Young, the principal, expresses the hope that all who expect to attend will begin with the first school days.

Club Boys, Girls Return From Camp

4-H Club Members Returned Saturday From Week At Swananoa Camp.

Around 140 Cleveland county boys and girls returned home Saturday from a week's stay at the Swananoa 4-H club camp in the mountains near Asheville.

The young members of the 4-H clubs in the county were accompanied by the two county agents and around a dozen adult club leaders. They enjoyed their encampment, were greatly benefited by the demonstrations and lectures, and all considered it the best encampment in the history of the county clubs.

When their buses rolled back in Shelby Saturday they were parked on East Graham street, and the boys and girls formed a parade around the court square, giving their club yells and songs.

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By Mail, per year, (in advance) — \$2.50
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City Tax Rate Cut 10 Cents By Board

Municipal Budget Now Completed

Rate Of \$1.05 On \$100 Property Valuation Has Been Practically Agreed Upon.

A reduction of ten cents in the city's tax rate for this year has been practically agreed upon by the mayor and board of aldermen. This will bring the tax rate to \$1.05 as compared with \$1.15 last year.

For the past month the city officials have been making up the budget for the fiscal year which began July 1st. An audit firm of Charlotte has been helping the city prepare the budget and audit the books for the past year. This budget and audit will come up for approval at a called meeting of the board to be held one day this week.

At the beginning of the McMurry administration, there was a hanging over the city of \$94,000 according to the present mayor and the tax rate for the first year of his administration was raised to \$1.49. This debt was wiped out the first year because of economy and the increase in revenue because of the higher rate and the following year the rate was \$1.25.

The following year 1931 the rate was reduced to \$1.15 and by strict economy another reduction of ten cents has been agreed upon for 1932, bringing the rate to \$1.05. It is understood that most of this reduction comes from the operation of the city schools. The strictest economy has been practiced, says those close to the administration and it will be difficult to live with the budget during the present fiscal year because of the falling off in revenue from the light department.

School Opens At Mooresboro

J. A. Kiser Continues As Principal. Miss Lewis Succeeds Miss Royster.

(Special to The Star) Mooresboro, July 25.—A number of girls and boys are back in school here today, as the local school began activity this morning with only one change in the faculty. This one change being necessary to fill the vacancy left by Miss Roberta Royster, who became Mrs. W. J. Wortman shortly after the close of last term.

The faculty follows: High school, Mr. J. A. Kiser, principal; Mr. J. D. Huggins, math and English, Miss Janet Falls, French and history. Elementary department: Mr. S. W. Greene, sixth and seventh grades and high school coach; Miss Lucy (new member) fourth and fifth grades; Miss Louise Roberts, second grade; Mrs. Joe McSwain, first grade.

School Allotments

State allotments for the school districts in Cleveland county for the extended term next spring follow: Grover, \$376.02; Bowling Springs, \$12.18; Waco, \$589.54; No. 3 Township, \$2,065.43; Lattimore, \$983.26; Mooresboro, \$970.73; No. 8 Town ship, \$1,730.64; Park-Grace, none; Piedmont, none; Fall-spring, \$1,269.84; Belwood, \$2,282.69; Casar, \$1,854.61; Moriah, \$648.77; Kings Mountain, \$660.96; Shelby, \$769.72.

Roosevelt Will Open Campaign For White House In New Jersey Aug. 27

Reported That Smith May Attend Meeting And He And Roosevelt May Make Peace.

New York, July 25.—In New Jersey, heart of the eastern industrial section, one of "Al" Smith's strongholds, Governor Roosevelt on August 27 will launch his personal campaign for the presidency.

Democracy's standard bearer will begin 10 weeks of intensive traveling, speech-making and vote-seeking when he goes to Sea Girt, N. J., on that day to address a rally.

If the expectations of Jersey leaders hold true, 100,000 democrats will greet their nominee on that occasion.

Hoover will have opened his own campaign with his speech of acceptance.

The Roosevelt announcement came from Mayor Frank Hague of

Local Scouts Will Tramp Linville Gorge 22 Miles

Troop No. 7 Headed By Ed Morehead On Expedition For Several Days.

Twenty three boys from the South Shelby Boy Scout troop left Saturday night at 10 o'clock for Linville Falls in command of Scout Master Ed Morehead to spend several days exploring the gorge.

They will start at the fall and follow the meanderings of the Linville River to Lake James, a distance of twenty two miles. Each boy is equipped with scout paraphernalia and while secluded on their journey will do their own cooking and sleep on blankets on the ground. It is expected that it will take from two to three days to explore the gorge and follow the river from the Falls to the Lake.

This is one of the most difficult scouting parties ever formed in Cleveland county by members of the scout troops and the boys were highly elated over the prospects of the trip before they left.

Two Acres Supply Family With Flour

Bob Bridges Gets 54 Bushels On Two Acres. Urged For All Farmers.

Two acres in wheat for every family in Cleveland county would take care of the bread angle of the food supply. That is the advanced belief of several men who advocate the plan. One of them speaking of the plan said:

"If every landowner in the county would see to it that each tenant gets two acres in wheat, there would be no hunger in this county next year. Likewise, if some method could be arranged whereby that acreage could be set aside for the unemployed families in the city, the flour supply in Shelby could be taken care of next year at a very low cost."

There is no connection between the proposed plan and the wheat production of R. H. (Bob) Bridges, of the Union section, but the wheat made by Mr. Bridges this year on two acres offers support to the idea. Mr. Bridges put around two acres in wheat, he said Saturday, and the entire cost of the crop, not including labor, ran between \$6 and \$8, according to an estimate. From the plot he made 54 bushels. That is enough wheat, as he figures it, to supply flour for his family for 16 or 18 months.

Borders Reunion To Be Held August 16

Descendants Of Major Hugh Borders To Gather At Antioch Church.

The annual reunion of the descendants of Major Hugh Borders and wife, Lucicy Sepahug Borders, their relatives and friends, will be held at Antioch church, three miles east of Grover, N. C. on Tuesday, August 16th, 1932, beginning at 10 o'clock, A. M. An interesting program will be prepared and a picnic served on the grounds. Needless to say that well-filled baskets will be appreciated. You are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Short, 92, Died Last Night

Aged County Lady Dead. Funeral Service This Afternoon At Lattimore Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth Millna Short, aged 92, died last night at the home of son-in-law, Ben Cooper, on Gardner street. She was the widow of Bill Short who died in 1911.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Lattimore Baptist church, where Mrs. Short has been a loyal member for many years. Conducting the service were Rev. I. D. Harrill and Rev. D. G. Washburn.

Mrs. Short was born and reared in the Lattimore section, but had made her home in Shelby for two years. She was one of the oldest and best known women in the county.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. S. B. Cooper, 20 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Infant's Funeral Held This Morning

Funeral services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bub Walker were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at Clover Hill. The infant died Sunday morning.

Hope To Build Shelby, Marion Road From Fund

Would Bring Many Jobs To Section

Federal bill Provides For Construction. Project Promised By Commission.

This immediate section may be one of the first to feel the encouraging effect of the new Federal building program to relieve the unemployment situation as it is now hoped that the Shelby-Marion highway will be one of the building projects first let out of North Carolina's more than two million dollar share of the construction fund.

The proposed highway link to join the county seats of McDowell and Cleveland has been under consideration for months. Last year engineers were sent here to survey the route and the State highway commission stated the road would be built at an early date. Just after the survey work started the State building fund decreased to the point that all construction work had to be halted. At that time announcement was made that the highway would be built just as soon as funds were available. Remembering that announcement has caused people and highway officials in this section to be optimistic now that funds are available.

No News et.

W. A. Broadway, road engineer in this district, stated today that he has as yet heard nothing definite about the prospects. "Nevertheless I am hoping that this will be one of the first roads built," he said. "Everything was in readiness to begin construction work when the road-building program in the State was halted. Now that the State has been allotted its quota of the Federal fund and it is all to go in road building and road improvement, it is only natural to believe that the road will be constructed."

Give Many Work. If, as is hoped, work on the road is started at an early date, employment would be given to quite a number of people in the section. The requirements of the Federal bill rule that free or convict labor cannot be used in building work from the Federal fund and that the work must be given to people now unemployed.

E. B. Jeffress, chairman of the highway commission, was quoted in a dispatch from Raleigh as saying that he estimated \$2 daily would be a fair minimum wage for laborers in view of the fact that laborers will be allowed to work only 30 hours per week. The board, he said, would set a minimum for skilled and unskilled labor, the wages to be included in calls for bids according to provisions of the bill. The Federal bill is considered liberal in that it permits treatment of surface on either new or old roads.

May Know Tuesday. The highway commission meets in Raleigh tomorrow and it is possible, it is said, that a few projects for early letting will be approved at that time. There is some hope here that the Shelby-Marion link will be among that number. Anyway, the definite date of August 10 has been set for the day on which contracts will be let.

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Fishing Lesson for Speaker



Speaker's seems, in some mysterious way, to be connected with fishing. Maybe that is why Speaker John Nance Garner of Texas, Democratic nominee for the Vice-Presidency, is the latest statesman to succumb to the lure of rod and line. The Speaker is shown as he received some valuable advice on the art from Ross Brunfield, whom Garner characterizes as "the best fisherman in Texas." They met at the Speaker's home town, Uvalde, Tex. At left is Garner's granddaughter, Genevieve Garner.

Looking For A Cool Place? See The Sheriff About A 'Cooler' Berth

When some wit started a new bit of slang by calling a jail or hoosegow "the cooler" he likely did not know that the coolest place in Shelby is "the cooler"—the county jail.

Sheriff Irvin Allen read last week, during that sizzling heat wave, about the northern man who approached officers and asked to be put in "the cooler" because he was just burning up, and then the local sheriff endorsed the yarn.

"Some people may not know it," he said, "but I'm positive that the coolest place in Shelby is the third floor of the jail. It's high up where all the breeze can hit it without being held back by surrounding buildings or wind-breakers, and during the summer all the windows on each side are open and a breeze is blowing through all the time.

Closed County Mills Now Operating Again

Ella Mill of Shelby And Phoenix of Kings Mountain Resume After Long Stand-Still

Two textile Mills of the county, the Ella Division of the Consolidated Textile Corporation of Shelby and the Phoenix Mill of Kings Mountain resumed operation this morning.

This was glad news to the operative and to the public generally for the Ella had been idle for six weeks and the Phoenix has run only three days in thirteen weeks.

There is no appreciable improvement in the mill business, but textile officials returned from markets in the North feel that by early fall, there will be brightening skies which will warrant operation on a full or curtailed basis.

Mr. Miller of the Ella stated this morning that the Ella would run on a 55 hour basis this week to reduce inventories and that he confidently hoped the situation would be greatly improved by September 1st.

Mr. Earl A. Hamrick, receiver for the Phoenix Mill at Kings Mountain states that the Phoenix started on a full 120 hour basis. This mill has run only three days in thirteen weeks. Just how long operation would continue, Mr. Hamrick was unable to say.

It is understood that the other local textile plants are running several days each week and that the officials feel a little encouraged that in the near future their business will warrant fuller time.

Knox Hardin Put On City Police Force

Knox Hardin has been added to the city's police force, according to an announcement by Mayor S. A. McMurry today. There has been so much petty thievery, it has been decided to add another policeman. When the mayor was asked if Mr. Hardin would be on day or night duty, he stated that that would be in the discretion of Chief McBride Poston.

Since Policeman Marshal Moore had his hip broken some weeks ago when struck by an automobile, the police force has been short one man. Mr. Hardin has already entered up on his duties.

Board Of Equalization Announces Allotment Of \$989,000. Finances Two Months.

Raleigh, July 25.—The state board of equalization last week announced allotment of \$989,000 for extended school term aid to 92 of the state's 100 counties.

The allotment, \$510,138.30 less than the legislative appropriation for the two months extended school term, is about \$450,000 less than the allotment of the last school year, which was \$1,430,000.

Board Cuts County Tax Rate 7 Cents

Superior Court Convened Today

Judge Schenk Presiding. Criminal Docket May End On Thursday.

A two weeks term of Superior court convened in Shelby this morning with Judge Michael Schenk presiding.

This week will be given over to the criminal docket which may be completed Thursday or Friday. The latter part of the week and next week will be taken up with the heavy civil calendar. Two killing cases are among the feature trials scheduled for the criminal session.

Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling is prosecutor; Frank L. Hoyle, former clerk of court, is foreman of the grand jury; Jerry Runyan is court officer and Henry McKinney is officer in charge of the jury. The good behavior docket and the judge's charge were completed this morning and this afternoon the court began its active grind on the docket.

Oil Companies Get Back On Profit Basis

New York, July 25.—Reports of some of the larger oil companies for the first half of the year tend to bear out the claims made in oil quarters some time ago that this industry had "turned the corner." Under the program of restriction of crude production and cooperative action in marketing practices, many of the producing and distributing companies have converted losses into profits.

Try Answering These

- 1. Name the lightest wood?
2. Who is Adolph Hitler?
3. What is a Canuck?
4. Has the U. S. a diplomatic representative in Soviet Russia?
5. How many kinds of 33rd degree Masons are there?
6. Which President was buried at Springfield, Illinois?
7. What is the difference in standard time between New York and San Francisco?
8. Name the last appointee to the U. S. Supreme Court?
9. Which Chinese city was the scene of fighting between Japanese and Chinese troops recently?
10. What time in English history did the "Barons" parliament sit?
11. When did China adopt the Gregorian Calendar?
12. Name the straits separating Europe from Africa?
13. Which Macedonian king was a world conqueror?
14. What is another name for a sea mile?
15. What is the name of the most recently discovered planet?
16. Who was the author of "Gulliver's Travels"?
17. What is Speaker John N. Garner's middle name?
18. Who was chairman of the Resolution Committee of the last Republican convention?
19. How many persons comprise a grand jury?
20. Which state has political subdivisions called parishes?

Cleveland Will Get \$14,000 From State For Extended School Terms

time, are made to only include those schools which actually operated extended terms last school year. In previous years allotments have been made to include all institutions which county superintendents estimated would run the extra two months beyond the state standard.

Allotments are made upon a need and ability basis. The need is the calculated cost for the two months term and the ability is the amount of revenue a county will be able to get from a uniform tax rate upon a determined valuation. In other words, a county with a valuation of \$1,000,000 and a 17 cent tax rate would raise \$1,700. If the school costs would be \$2,000 the state aid is the difference, \$1,300.

Cleveland county's allotment was \$14,184.39. Allotments for neighboring counties were as follows: Burke, \$4,961.81; Catawba, \$20,603.42; Gaston, \$6,189.87; Lincoln, \$11,752.74; Rutherford, \$16,768.84.

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Rate Now 43 Cents; 14% Lower

General Rate Lowered From 25 To 18 Cents. Township Road Tax Also Reduced.

The board of county commissioners holding a special session here today approved the budget for the year and announced a county-wide tax reduction of seven cents.

The commissioners, all of whom go out of office this year, in announcing the cut gave the average tax-payer a pleasant surprise in that it was generally believed that it would be impossible to cut the tax rate more than five cents, if that much.

The new total rate is 43 cents as compared with the previous rate of 50 cents, and unless other sizable reductions are made it is likely that Cleveland will have the lowest county-wide rate of the 100 counties in North Carolina.

All Off County The entire reduction comes off the general or so-called county-wide levy and the school rate remains the same. The county budget is divided in two major heads—the county-wide unit and the school unit. Last year the county-wide rate was 25 cents and the school rate was also 25 cents. The new levy is 18 cents for county-wide and the same 25 cents for schools, making a total of 43 cents.

The reduction from the percentage standpoint is 14 percent.

Other Cuts Made From a general standpoint, however, the tax levy reduction is really around 12 cents instead of seven cents. Only seven cents is removed from the county-wide levy for all tax-payers, but varying reductions were made in the road tax levy in the various townships. These township reductions ranged from two to 10 cents for an average of five cents. This levy by townships is for debt service and not for road construction in that county roads are now maintained by the State.

The new 46-cent levy is itemized as follows by Chairman A. E. Cline and Commissioner George Lattimore and R. L. Weathers:

Table with 3 columns: Unit, New Rate, Old Rate. Rows include General Fund, Poor Fund, Debt Service, Total, Schools, Full Total.

Township Rates The township levy for road bonds and interest is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Township, New, Old. Rows include No. 1 through No. 11, Hospital.

Figured In Dollars The budget set-up for the year calls for \$62,300 for operating expense for everything. Of this amount \$117,800 is secured from sources other than taxation, leaving an amount of \$40,225 to be raised by taxation. This is approximately \$5,000 less than the \$45,000 that had to be raised last year.

Valuation Drops The reduction in the tax levy is considered even more unusual when it is noted by the budget figures that personal property valuation at the last listing fell off around one million dollars. It required cutting expenses at every corner, presumably, to reduce the tax rate seven cents despite the loss of a million in valuation for taxation. The total valuation for real and personal property in the county was estimated at \$35,500,000.

The budget, which will be published in full in the next issue of The Star, as required by law, will show just how the various reductions were made in order to cut the rate. Salary cuts and expense for supplies were among the leading items. The county paid salaries of the welfare officers and two agents were reduced from \$3,250 to \$2,800 a slash of \$450. In the new budget the welfare officer receives \$800 per year from the county, the farm agent \$1,000 and the home agent \$1,000.

Auditor W. A. Richards, of Charlotte, is now completing his audit of all county books for last year, and the audit figures will show, he says, a comfortable balance in both the county-wide and school funds.