

THE MARKET
Cotton, Spot 7 1/2
Cotton Seed, per ton in car
Lots, F. O. B. \$12.00

Cloudy Thursday

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Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slowly rising temperatures in extreme west portion.

Wife Plans Hop

London, August 24.—Amy Johnson, wife of the transatlantic flier, Captain James A. Mollison, is planning to duplicate her husband's example by flying the Atlantic alone from east to west next month, the Lon Express said today.

Spindale Textile Workers On Strike For New Overseer

Approximately 350 Employees Of Spencer Mill Want Return Of Old System.

Forest City, August 24.—Approximately 350 employees, about equally divided between men and women, went on strike Tuesday at the Spencer mill at Spindale, one of the three mills of the Spencer Corporation in Rutherford county.

The strikers, it is reported, are asking for a new superintendent and a return to the old system of mill operation. They say they do not want to work under the stretchout system which has been inaugurated within the past six weeks.

A. F. Burgess, of Providence, R. I., who arrived at the mill six weeks ago, is superintendent. He succeeded J. O. Williams, now of Brevard, who served as superintendent for 13 years.

Walkout At 3 O'clock

The initial walkout occurred at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the employees in the weaving room left their work. They were joined by the day and night hands at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.

The strikers held a meeting Tuesday evening in the Spindale Community house and are reported to have voted unanimously to stay out until a new superintendent has been appointed and the old system restored.

The strikers appointed a committee of their own members to represent them in any negotiations. The committee is composed of Harry Kilpatrick, the Rev. Mr. Barnes and Will Hill.

The strikers are expected to hold another meeting Wednesday.

It was first thought that officials of the mill would attend the meeting of the strikers Tuesday night, but they did not do so. Efforts to reach officials of the company for a statement were unsuccessful. It was believed they were holding a conference in Rutherford county. K. S. Tanner, of Rutherford county, is general manager of the mill.

No Disturbances

No disturbances or picketing have been reported since the strike began, Yates Duncan, chief of police, said that the strikers are the quietest crowd he ever saw.

The Spencer corporation has a capital stock of \$1,500,000 and operates 28,600 spindles and 512 looms.

Heavy Docket On For County Court

Recorder Still Hearing Cases This Afternoon, None Of Major Interest.

Today was the big day of the week in Cleveland county recorder's court.

At 1:30 this afternoon the court, which convened at 9:30 this morning, was still in session with Recorder Pat McBrayer attempting to clean up the day's docket before adjourning.

The cases were more or less of a minor nature, but several of them were somewhat long drawn out and court officials were holding on without lunch to complete the grind.

Twin Sons Born To Erwins, One Living

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Erwin, of Great Falls, S. C., announce the birth of twin sons at the Chester, S. C. hospital yesterday, August 23, only one of which lived. The body of the other infant was buried in Sunset cemetery here yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Erwin and the surviving son, which weighs 4 1/2 pounds, are reported today to be getting along well. Mrs. Erwin, before marriage, was Miss Elizabeth Suttle, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Suttle, of Shelby.

Horn Head Of Younger Voters For Democrats

Organization Formed For Cleveland

Nominee For Solicitor To Head Campaign In County, Osborne Secretary.

C. C. (Cobby) Horn was elected president of the Cleveland County Young Democrats for the 1932 campaign at an organization meeting held in Shelby Monday night.

Mr. Horn is the Democratic nominee for county solicitor, receiving the nomination with a complimentary vote in the June primary.

Other county-wide officers elected were J. M. McGinnis, of Kings Mountain, vice president; Wm. Osborne, Shelby, secretary; D. W. Royster, treasurer, and Renn Drum, publicity officer.

Several short talks were made and the meeting, attended by young Democratic voters and workers from practically all sections of the county, appeared enthusiastic about the fall campaign.

Precinct Clubs

It is understood that President Horn plans to form a Young Democratic club in every precinct in the county to do active work during the campaign and on election day. At an early date he will appoint a chairman for each precinct and have them complete their local organizations.

It is also hoped to hold in Shelby early in the fall a big Democratic rally, to which will be invited young Democratic voters from all counties neighboring Cleveland. Clyde R. Hoey or some other prominent Democratic campaigner will be secured for the main address.

Endorse Ticket

A feature of the meeting was that the organization gathering endorsed by acclamation the Democratic county, State and national tickets.

Bury Mr. Reid In Shelby This P. M.

Body Brought To Home Of His Sister, Masons Have Charge Of Funeral.

The body of Mr. Harry Reid was brought to Shelby last night in a funeral car from Baltimore, Md., where he died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Johns Hopkins hospital where he had been under treatment. His remains were carried to the home of his sister, Mrs. P. L. Hennessy on West Marion street and the burial took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock with Masons from Lincoln and Shelby paying him tribute.

Mr. Reid, it will be recalled, travelled for a Charlotte wholesale hardware firm for many years and later was in the retail hardware business for 15 years for himself at Lincoln. He was also a high official in the Masonic fraternity.

Mrs. E. B. Latimore is a sister of Mrs. Reid. Many friends will attend the burial services at Sunset cemetery this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Libby Knits For Expected Baby To Be Named For Father, Awaits Trial

Will Name Child For Smith Reynolds, Trial Of Singer May Start Sept. 12.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 24.—Plans were going forward here today for the trial of Mrs. Libby Holman Reynolds and Albert Walker, charged with the murder of her husband, Smith Reynolds. And meanwhile, Winston-Salem wondered where Smith's brother, R. J. Reynolds, Jr., is.

Since announcement of his arrival at Miami by plane, no word has been received of the elder brother, member of the millionaire tobacco family. He was presumed to be either en route here or conferring with relatives or his attorney. He was abroad when Smith was shot.

Solicitor Carlisle Higgins, who will prosecute the Broadway favorite and nineteen-year-old Walker, is expected here this week to confer with defense attorneys as to when the two defendants will be arraigned.

Libby Reynolds will have to appear in person for the arraignment. The formality may take place at a special term of court to begin here September 12. Mrs. Reynolds is now in seclusion at Oakington, Md. Cincinnati, Aug. 24.—Mrs. Libby

As Roosevelt Fired First Broadside



A general view of the baseball park in Columbus, Ohio, showing part of the throng that gathered to hear Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt make the first speech outside his home State in his campaign for the Presidency. Inset is a fine close-up of the Democratic nominee as he delivered a fiery attack on the Hoover Administration and promised many reforms if elected President.

County Cotton Crop With Acreage Cut 7,000 Acres May Hit 50,000

Less Fertilization, Bad Season Will Cut Crop Down More Than Acreage Decrease. Many Expect Price Of Eight, Nine Cents.

Cleveland farmers differ in their opinions and predictions, but the average farmer, judging by talk in Shelby this week, believes the county will make around 45 to 50 thousand bales of cotton this year and that the average price will be between eight and nine cents.

Local Farmers To Attend Meet At State College

More Than Score Of Farmers And Wives To Attend Annual Short Course.

More than a score of Cleveland county farmers and farm women will leave Shelby Monday for Raleigh to attend the annual short course week at State college.

One group of the party has already made arrangements for the trip, according to R. W. Shoffner, county farm agent, and will leave at 7 o'clock Monday morning. They will go by bus and will assemble in front of Central Methodist church on Washington street. This party includes 20.

Others are planning to go, it is said, but since the first bus will be filled they are advised to get together and arrange their automobiles for transportation.

Those who have attended in the past have found the short course very valuable and educational. The cost is small. Meals are served at 25 cents each and lodgings are furnished free at the college dormitories.

The acreage in cotton this year as shown by the tax report figures this week, is 7,215 acres less than the 74,362 acres last year. The crop of last year was 64,000 bales, a record figure for the county.

But this year it is estimated that the production will be cut—perhaps to the extent of displacing the county as the state's biggest cotton producer—more by a decrease in fertilization and unfavorable weather than by acreage cut.

Less fertilization was used to make this year's crop than in many years. Then the season was not so good. The weed this year is poor although cotton is fruited well.

Some estimate that with the acreage reduction plus the fertilizer decrease and bad season the crop will not go over 40,000 bales, or 24,000 less than last year's record crop. The majority, however, say the final ginning figures will show a crop between 45 and 50 thousand bales.

Money Return

Last year's record crop, figured at the average of six and one-half cents brought in, not including seed cents brought in, just a little over two million dollars, or approximately \$2,080,000. If this year's production runs to 47,000 bales and sells at 8 1/2 cents the monetary return would not be quite as much, or approximately \$1,997,500. The cost of producing the crop, however, will be considerably less, leaving, perhaps, more profit than last year's crop. If any, a crop of 50,000 bales selling this year at between eight and nine cents would bring in around \$2,125,000 for the cotton alone, and with a crop of that size selling at that price the farmers, it is believed, would be considerably better off.

With the county cotton maturing early, it will not be long until picking time and then some idea of the harvest season price may be had. It is figured now that much picking will be done by this time next month.

Campbell Finds Outlook Brighter

Says Stock Market, However, Cannot Hold. Factories and Jobbers Pleased.

Returning from a 10 days business trip to New York markets, R. E. Campbell, Shelby merchant, says there is a much better feeling in New York over the outlook. Manufacturers and jobbers are busy and enjoying the best trade they have had in several years and many prices are advanced from the lows which seem to have been reached early this year.

Mr. Campbell says the feeling in New York, however, is that the stock market cannot hold its rapid rise made during the past two or three weeks. He looks for a break because there is not the business yet to justify the upturn. There is a much better feeling and when people get back to work and the products of the farmer bring a fair price, he looks for improved retail trade and a stronger stock market.

Number Citizens Already Paying 1932 County Tax

In fat years and in lean years there are a number of Cleveland county citizens who make it a habit to pay their taxes in mid-summer or early fall, and the habit is not being broken this year.

Although the new tax books are not ready to be turned over to the sheriff for collecting, quite a number of county tax-payers have already been in to pay their taxes and to secure the discount granted by the last legislature for early payment.

Just when the new tax books will be totalled and completed is not known as yet.

Flying Family On A Hop Over Ocean

Hutchinsons Make First Leg Of Flight, Landing At St. John. Others Missing.

Harbor Grace, N. F., Aug. 24.—One of three flying expeditions, bent on crossing the Atlantic, had completed its first jump last night while the other two, planning to make Harbor Grace their first stop, were awaited anxiously here as darkness set in.

Lieutenant Colonel George Hutchinson and his "flying family" of seven arrived at the plane base at St. John N. B., at 4:05 p. m. eastern standard time, after a five hour and 58 minute flight from Floyd Bennett field, New York.

At 6:35 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, darkness had enshrouded the airport at Harbor Grace with no sign of the two other ships—one with Thor Solberg and Carl Peterson from New York, the other, carrying Clyde Lee and John Bochkon from Berlin, Vt.

Solberg and his companion left Floyd Bennett field at 4:41 a. m., Eastern Standard Time and were reported passing over Hermitage on the southeastern Newfoundland coast at 5:26 p. m. Eastern Standard Time.

Officials at the airport here, lighted flares when darkness set in and numerous automobiles, carrying persons who came to greet the two ships, turned on their headlights. It was raining heavily and the wind was east northeast. The latest report of a plane flying in this direction came from Belleoram, 120 miles distant, shortly before midnight.

Hutchinson, who plans to fly to London by easy stages, was sighted circling above the municipal airport at St. John for 30 minutes before he dropped to the water at the seaplane base. He and his party, which includes his wife, their two young daughters and a crew of three, planned to spend the night in a hotel and leave for Labrador tomorrow morning if weather conditions were propitious. From there they will proceed to England by way of Greenland and Iceland, the trip to take about five days.

Armour Has Tailor Shop At Ebeltoft's

R. L. Armour, well known to the retail trade of the Shelby territory, is now displaying his tailor line of clothes for men in the former Ebeltoft store stand. Located also in the same building are the B. C. Houser news agency and Hill's plumbing shop.

Interest Shown In Grange Meet Thursday Night

Farmers To Hear Scott Speak

Cleveland Farmers More Interested In Organization Now Than In Years.

Indications are that Cleveland county's first county-wide Grange meeting at the court house here tomorrow, Thursday night, at 8 o'clock will be well attended.

The speaker will be W. Kerr Scott, master of the Grange in North Carolina, and he is expected to tell some of the details about the organization, what it means to farmers and how it will be of value to farm communities.

The Grange is a secret organization to which all members of farm families may belong. It is not merely a cooperative selling organization for farmers, but an organization devoted to the general upbuilding of farm interests in the home and otherwise. It is a very strong organization in the west and north-eastern section and is spreading in the south. Numerous local Granges have been organized in North Carolina in recent months, one being in the El Bethel section of Cleveland county. It is planned to be organized in this county following the meeting here Thursday night.

The first national convention of the Grange ever to be held in the south will meet in Winston-Salem this fall.

That local farmers are interested is shown by the following comment by a county farmer: "We farmers are realizing now more than ever before that if we are to be saved we must save ourselves. Heretofore we have depended upon promises and political and legislative relief, but we see now that it is up to us to work out our own salvation. We can do this only by organizing ourselves and sticking together as do people in other callings of life. I do not know yet all that I would like to know about the Grange, but I am told that it is the only nation-wide farm organization that has stood up and gained in strength through the years, and naturally the more members and organizations it has the stronger and more beneficial it will be."

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10,000 Bales Of Cotton Absorbed; Market Advances

Ten thousand bales of cotton were sold on the New York exchange this morning by the Federal Farm Board and the market absorbed the offering without a ripple. It was offered around eight cents and immediately after it was taken, the price advanced. This morning it crossed eight cents for October for the first time in many months. At 1:30 o'clock today the market continued to advance and was 38 points above yesterday close in spite of the 10,000 bales dumped on the market by the farm board.

Cotton seed also made a big advance today. At 2 o'clock the local market advanced the price to \$12 a ton in car lots, FOB.

A regular communication of Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. will be held Friday night at eight o'clock in the Masonic temple. Members are urged to attend and visiting brethren will be cordially welcomed.

Car Crashes Claimed 54 Lives In State In July; Over 300 Injured

Total 344 Injured In Accidents, Slight Decrease In Fatalities From Same Period 1931.

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Automobiles killed 54 persons in North Carolina in July and injured 344 more in accidents, according to figures released by L. S. Harris, chief of the automobile license division of the department of revenue. This brings the total number of automobile casualties in the state so far this year to 334 killed and 2,548 injured. In the same period last year, up to August 1, 373 persons were killed and 2,593 injured.

In July of last year, 68 persons were killed and 462 injured in 301 accidents, thus showing a decrease of fourteen in the number of killed and to 118 in the number of injured in July of this year as compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the seven-month period there is a decrease of 39 killed and 45 injured this year as compared with last year.

This decrease in the number of killed and injured is ascribed by Harris partly to the decrease in the number of cars on the highways

Five Are Injured Here In Ambulance Crash

Cost Of School Audit In County Is Cut Over Half

County Paid \$500 Last Year As Compared With \$1,250 In Previous Year.

(Star News Bureau.)

Raleigh, Aug. 24.—Costs of auditing the accounts of boards of education of the 100 counties of the state last year were less than half the cost five years ago and were \$10,000 lower last year than the year before. Charles M. Johnson, director of local government, shows in figures announced today.

In This County

Cleveland county has paid for county school audits for the past five years as follows: 1927-28, \$1,271.00; 1928-29, \$965.00; 1929-30, \$600.00; 1930-31, \$1,250.00; 1931-32, \$500.00.

The cost last year was \$28,867.50, as compared with \$58,043.28 for the fiscal year 1927-28. The reduction from five years ago has kept step with the legislative restrictions on such costs and the increasing supervision by Mr. Johnson's office. From 1927-28 to the next year the cost dropped nearly \$8,000, to \$50,808.82, that period marking the beginning of the work, entirely advisory, of the county government advisory commission. The next year showed a drop of \$12,000, to \$38,804.29, the cost for the next year remaining about the same, \$38,847.90 for the next year, 1930-31, while the advisory commission continued, and Mr. Johnson was authorized to approve the expense and per diem charge of auditors, with no limit to time used.

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Stockholders Of Alexander To Meet

Notices have been sent out calling a meeting of the common and preferred stockholders of the Alexander Manufacturing Co., at Forest City on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The plant is said to be confronted with financial troubles and the condition of the mill will be reported at this meeting and an effort made to save it from threatened bankruptcy.

Masonic Notice

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Cicero Patterson Is Seriously Hurt

Ambulance Crashes Into Two Autos On West Warren Street, Two In Hospital.

Five people were injured, two seriously, here early Monday night when an ambulance, making a hurried call, crashed into two automobiles on West Warren street and badly demolished both cars and the ambulance.

The most seriously injured of the five was Cicero Patterson, popular Shelby travelling salesman and his chauffeur, Lonnie Ross, colored boy.

Others injured were: Chas. Roberts, driver of one of the two cars hit by the ambulance; Matt O'Shields, jr., driver of the ambulance and Craig Runyans, who was riding in the ambulance with O'Shields.

Show Improvement

Such was the terrific manner in which the three automobiles were bashed into a head of wreckage that it seems almost miraculous that any of the occupants escaped death. This morning, however, indications were that no fatalities would result, although Mr. Patterson was still considered in a critical condition. At the Shelby hospital this morning it was said that the popular salesman was "doing fairly well," but that he was not out of danger. Ross, the colored boy, was believed to be out of danger, and the others, Roberts, O'Shields and Runyans, were able to return home after receiving first-aid treatment.

What Happened

Information given The Star tells in the following manner what happened: At the Ora mill North Newton, valued employe, came in contact with an electric current and was shocked. A call for an ambulance was sent to the Palmer funeral home. The ambulance there was on another trip and after a consultation, Craig Runyans, of that firm, called the Lutz and Jackson undertakers to ask for the services of their ambulance to hurry Newton to the hospital. In the meantime, it is understood, a call had been sent to Lutz and Austell, another undertaking firm, and their ambulance made the trip to the mill for the shocked man. The other ambulance, that of the Lutz and Jackson firm, was driven, however, around to the

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Try Answering These

Can you answer 14 of these test questions? Turn to page two for the answers.

- 1. What is a cougar?
2. Which of the gems is most valuable?
3. From where does the name Castle soap come?
4. What is the flying time between New York and Chicago?
5. Who wrote "Kings Solomon's Mines"?
6. What is the title of the ruler of Luxemburg?
7. What name is the disposal of a body by burning called?
8. What fruit has more than 92 per cent of water?
9. Is the pope the head of the Greek Orthodox church?
10. About how many females in the U. S. are engaged in gainful occupations?
11. When did Nora Bayes die?
12. What does "scram" mean?
13. Which big league baseball team is nicknamed the Cardinals?
14. In which state is Lake of the Woods?
15. Whom did Irving Thalberg marry?
16. Of what great American historical document is Thomas Jefferson the author?
17. On what island is Bar Harbor, Maine?
18. What state does U. S. Senator Carter Glass represent?
19. In which country is the city of Quito?
20. What is the hardest known mineral substance?

Many Get Up To See Eastern Star

A large number of Shelby and Cleveland county people have been getting up around 3 o'clock in the morning this week to see the Star of Bethlehem appear in the eastern skies. The star, visible to any extent only once in 100 years, was at its brightest Monday night shortly after 3 in the morning, but still can be seen at that hour. Those who have arisen to see it describe it as one of the most beautiful sights they have ever witnessed.