

Late News

THE MARKET
Cotton, spot basis 6c
Cotton seed, ton \$10

Rain And Snow

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy and probably snow in interior tonight and rain and snow in east tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer Saturday.

Winter Arrives

An icy blast of winter swooped down upon the Shelby section last night and today. Between midnight and 1:30 this morning there was a flurry of snow followed by a down-pour of sleet that lasted for several hours. After daylight it began sleet-ing again, and the sleet with some snow was still falling at noon to-day. The local temperature was 37.

Duke Endowment Is Great Help To Humanity: Hoey

Eighty Million Dollar Fund Aids Orphans, Sick, Aged Ministers, Education and Churches.

The good Duke endowment is doing for the three-fold needs of humanity—the physical, spiritual and educational—the subject of an address last night at the Kiwanis meeting by Clyde R. Hoey, "Shelby's most useful citizen." Mr. Hoey spoke in Charlotte Sunday on "Duke, the Man" at an elaborate exercise held on the eighth anniversary of the signing by J. B. Duke of the indenture creating a fund of eighty millions of dollars, known as the Duke endowment—a perpetual fund that administers to the needs of humanity in the two Carolinas.

Mr. Hoey recalled that the Shelby Kiwanis took notice of his benefaction, the most helpful North Carolina has ever had, at the time the first announcement was made, and read a letter from Mr. Duke to the club through its secretary, Chas. A. Burrus, acknowledging the Shelby peoples appreciation of his gift.

The philanthropy of Mr. Duke is the third largest ever known in America, said Mr. Hoey, exceeded only by Carnegie the steel magnate and Rockefeller, the oil king. Mr. Hoey called attention to the humble birth of Mr. Duke in Orange county, this state, how he had succeeded in industry and commerce, in spite of his meagre education and yet never forgot his home state and left the bulk of his fortune to bless mankind here at home.

"Although he was a Methodist, his eighty million dollar endowment, knows no race or creed. It includes all denominations and the orphans as well as the aged ministers. It was pointed out that fraternal order organizations and denominational and hospitals, Catholic and Protestant, share alike in his benefactions when they are not run for profit. He pointed out that the Shelby public hospital received at the annual allotment in May of this year \$5,112 to help defray the expenses of caring for the charity patients who enter the institution. While this is not enough to pay all expense, it goes a long way and all institutions that receive help from this fund have found it their mainstay during this economic crisis where other sources of revenue have been cut.

Not only does Mr. Duke's benefactions help the hospitals and orphanages, but the aged Methodist ministers, and has aided or built 1,200 rural churches in the two Carolinas and four institutions for higher education—Duke university (Methodist); Furman university (Baptist); Davidson college (Presbyterian); Johnson Smith university (colored). Duke university alone received nineteen millions with which to build and equip a plant that excels anything in the south and there practical courses of study are being given to over 2,000 students. The hospital at Duke has 400 beds, ten times as many as the Shelby hospital, with the finest medical and surgical skill the country affords, yet no patient is ever turned away because he hasn't the money with which to pay.

Practically every person present had something to say in favor of continuing the work. One farmer remarked that he would be in favor of cutting off the work if the saving would materially reduce taxes, but it was stated that a one cent levy on the thirty-six million dollar valuation raises \$3,600. "It costs only \$2,000 a year as the county's part to maintain both agents, so the actual cost is just a fraction over one-half of one cent on each \$100 valuation. In other words it costs taxpayers one cent on each \$200 worth of property they have on which to pay taxes," said one.

Fear was expressed by representatives of the poultry and the dairy (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN.)

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Start Movement To Retain Two Agents

Farm Groups Hold Session Here

Various Farm Organizations Desire Farm, Home Agents Continued. Petitions Out.

A movement was started here Wednesday, at a meeting of 45 farm folks, to get the county commissioners to continue the work of the farm and home agents which were ordered discontinued after January 1st. County support of this work was withdrawn by the new board of commissioner at their first meeting when they were sworn in Monday, December 5th.

Farm Organizations

Fully 100 petitions were distributed Wednesday and it is understood these petitions are being freely signed by farm people, asking the commissioners to reconsider their action and continue the work. In the meeting held in the director's room of the First National bank, representatives were present from the dairy association, poultry association, ten of the seventeen women's clubs of the county, the board of agriculture, the directors of the mutual farmers exchange, two Granges, a number of the 14 4-H clubs, the curb market, a number of school superintendents and others interested in reinstating the work.

No Criticism Of Board

The meeting was presided over by Tom Cornwell, president of the county board of agriculture, who expressed sympathy for the board in their efforts to reduce governmental expenses. "I have no criticism for them. They are sincere and honest in their intentions, but right now is the most important time of all for us to have leadership in the diversification of crops. We cannot continue as we have but must resort to other crops and we need leadership on the farm and in the farm home to aid us."

Cost Is Small

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Miss Molly Eddins Buried On Friday

Had Been Ill For 18 Months. Two Sisters And One Brother Survive.

Miss Molly Eddins, well known 35 year old lady of near Shelby died Wednesday night at her home following an illness of 18 months. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Ross Grove Baptist church with Rev. H. E. Waldrop officiating.

In early life she joined Ross Grove church and was a faithful worker. Surviving are the following sisters and brothers: Ruth Eddings, Bessie Eddings and E. V. Eddings.

Some Christmas Cards Can Be Mailed For 1 1-2 Cents; Others Cost 3 Cents

Printed Cards Sent In Unsealed Envelopes Go Third Class. Others First Class.

As Shelby and Cleveland county people begin to mail their annual Yuletide greeting cards, it is learned that there is some confusion as to the postage rate of the various classifications of cards. In order to save trouble and inconvenience both for patrons and postal clerks, Postmaster J. H. Quinn makes the following explanation of the rates: "Printed greeting cards mailed under cover of unsealed envelopes are chargeable with postage at the third-class rate of 1 1-2 cents for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces, regardless of whether addressed for delivery through post-office boxes or general delivery, or by city or rural carrier; the 1-cent drop letter rate applies."

Lutherans Plan Formal Opening Of New Church

Dr. Schaeffer, College President and Other Prominent Leaders Will Be Here Sunday.

Dr. H. Brent Schaeffer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne college, will be the speaker at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. At the close of the service the corner-stone will be set in its place in the building with appropriate ceremony.

At 3 p. m. there will be a popular service with greetings and brief messages from representatives of the various Synodical organizations and from the former pastor, Rev. N. D. Yount, Dr. J. L. Morgan of Salisbury will represent the state synodical body; Mr. Roy S. Saffrit of Salisbury will speak for the state brotherhood; Mrs. J. A. Moretz for the Women's missionary society and Joe Moretz of Hickory for the Lutheran league.

At 6:30 p. m. there will be a special meeting for young people with Joe Moretz of Hickory and Miss Mildred Propst of Concord as the speakers.

At 7:30 p. m. the women's missionary society of St. Matthew's church, Kings Mountain, will render the pageant, entitled "The Gift Perfect." Beautiful lighting effects will be used and an impressive message will be given.

The public is most cordially invited to all these services.

Monday Community Night. "Community Night" will be observed on Monday night at 8 p. m. Members and friends of the various churches of Shelby and vicinity are invited to assemble in the main church auditorium where appropriate music will be rendered and addresses will be given by the pastors of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches of Shelby. Greetings will also be brought by Mayor McMurry and representatives of the various civic and other organizations of the city.

At the close of the service, an informal social hour will be held in the basement of the church. This will be in charge of the women's society of the congregation, Mr. Cephi Blanton, pres. Light refreshments will be served and an opportunity will be given for a silver offering for the building fund.

C. S. Young Injured In An Auto Crash

Shelby Man Brought Home From Albemarle Hospital Thursday Night.

Charles S. Young, prominent Shelby business man and a member of the state board of agriculture, was painfully injured in an automobile accident near Albemarle Wednesday night. Mr. Young had been to Raleigh to attend a meeting of the state board and was en route home when his auto and another collided. Mr. Young's turning over in the crash. He sustained several fractured ribs and a cut on the head, and occupants of the other car were painfully but not seriously injured. Yesterday relatives went to Albemarle and yesterday evening brought Mr. Young home from the hospital there.

Vale Girl Gets Extortion Note

Newton, Dec. 16.—Catawba county officers revealed yesterday that they have been investigating an extortion attempt upon a Catawba county girl this week.

The officers reported that Miss Vergie Mull, of the Vale section near the Cleveland county line had received an anonymous note demanding \$20. Miss Mull said she discovered the note on her doorstep Monday morning.

The message read: "Miss Vergie Mull, meet me tonight at the Crow place with \$20. If I am not there, leave with a light. If not, it will be worse than a kidnapping case. I am warning you of danger."

Officers waited at the appointed place, but no one appeared, they said.

Non-Suit Damage Action In Crash Of Bank Building

Judge Non-Suits \$20,000 Damage Suit Of Clyde Mauney In Court.

The feature case in the civil session of Superior court here yesterday was the non-suiting of the Clyde Mauney \$20,000 damage suit against the First National bank in connection with the tragic building crash in Shelby in August 1928.

Mauney was at that time a bank clerk and was injured when the temporary building caved in on West Warren street.

At the end of the plaintiff's evidence Judge Frank S. Hill non-suit the action before it reached the jury because of lack of evidence. A report today had it that the plaintiff might appeal the decision to supreme court, but this could not be determined today.

Evidence introduced which was said to have favored the defendant was that Mauney's hospital bill and his salary had been paid by the bank during the time he was out with injuries and his job offered him back when he recovered. It was also shown that he had received \$1,000 from McKnight, owner of building, and Webb and Lutz, contractors, who were engaged in excavating work beneath the building at the time.

\$10 For Dog. In the bird dog suit, Charlie Randall, the plaintiff, was awarded \$10 and the costs against Ernest McMurry. The contention was that McMurry shot and killed a bird dog, valued at \$150, which belonged to Randall.

There will be no session of court Saturday, it is said, but the court will resume its work next week, beginning the second week of a special two-weeks term called to clear up the civil calendar.

Former Official Taking Vacation

A. E. Cline Undecided Yet As To Future. Has Several Proposals Ahead.

A. E. Cline, for years chairman of the Cleveland county board of commissioners and for a number of years county manager after inaugurating the new county government system here, has been taking a vacation since resigning as county accountant December 1.

Mr. Cline was a visitor in Shelby yesterday, from his Kings Mountain home, and when queried by friends stated that he planned to take it easy for some weeks yet because it is his first vacation of any length in years. He has had several business propositions made him and is considering several other possibilities, it is understood, but will not make a definite decision for some time yet. Due to his experience and knowledge of tax matters and other general governmental problems, several of his friends have discussed the possibility that the new state administration, taking office in January, might seek his services in some capacity as Raleigh officials gave him credit for many of the new ideas in the set-up of a business-like system in county government which is now in operation in a major portion of North Carolina counties. Mr. Cline was not inclined, however, to discuss this prospect.

Try Answering These

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

- 1. Of what state is Olympia the capital.
2. What order of monks did Saint Bruno found?
3. Who is Kate Smith?
4. What was the German name of the present White Star Liner Mastic?
5. In what year was the first federal census taken?
6. Over what country does King Prajadhipok reign?
7. What is arson?
8. Where is Fort Benning?
9. What is the square root of one?
10. What body grants city charters?
11. What is the French spelling of the name Brussels?
12. Which president appointed the Wickersham commission to investigate crime?
13. Name Brutus' wife?
14. Who was Woodrow Wilson's first secretary of state?
15. What is "yellow discharge" from the army?
16. Near which large city is Bryn Mawr college?
17. Is Wales a part of England?
18. What is the derivation of the word "buccaneer"?
19. What is a monogram?
20. What is "Harpo" Marx's real name?

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Carol Program Sunday Eve By School Pupils

Candle-Light Service At First Baptist

Around 200 Shelby School Children To Participate In Colorful Program.

One of the most colorful and appropriate events on the Yule season in Shelby promises to be the candle-light Christmas carol service at the First Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 in which around 200 Shelby school children will participate.

The program will consist of Christmas carols and anthems, some of them dating back into the centuries, and the school children have been training for weeks under the direction of O. B. Lewis, music instructor. Assisting Mr. Lewis in training the large chorus are: Mrs. Sherrill Parker and Miss Augusta Alexander at the Jefferson school, Miss Minnie Eddins Roberts at Marion school, Mrs. Hugh Plaster at LaFayette school, Mrs. Ben Suttle at South Shelby, Mrs. Joe Nash at Washington and Mrs. Harry Hudson at Graham school. The various carols and anthems will be rendered by entire groups of high school and grammar grade children, and the event promises to be one of the most comprehensive Christmas carol productions ever presented in Shelby.

The opening session of the program will find the grammar grade glee clubs rendering the following numbers:

- Silent Night—Franz Gruber.
Now the Rarest Day—Arranged by Jaroslav Kricka.
Gloria in Excelsis—Arranged by Jaroslav Kricka.
The second portion will feature a high school quartet, composed of Frances Auten, Mary Lewis Wilson, Joe Beckham and Mal Spangler Jr., in "Babe in Bethlehem."

The following will be by the high school glee club:

- The Coventry Carol—Arranged by H. B. Gaul.
Gloria Tibi, Domine—Arranged by H. B. Gaul.
The Three Ships—Arranged by H. B. Gaul.
Blessed Babe of Bethlehem—

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Bunyan Sheppard Killed In Virginia

News from Grover says that Bunyan Sheppard was killed Saturday night in Mocksville, Va., where he was a deputy sheriff. Mr. Sheppard was a nephew of Bun Price of Grover and Mr. Price left Sunday to attend the funeral. No details of the tragedy have been learned.

Lattimore Program For Monday Night

Miss Graham and Miss Bertha Boetic will present their piano pupils and glee club in a Christmas program at 7:30 Monday evening in the Lattimore school auditorium. There will be no charge.

Food and Toys . . . Or Beer?



With a dramatic gesture, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the New York W. C. T. U., is shown as she displayed some Christmas dolls, milk and candles before the astonished eyes of the House Committee during her testimony at the beer hearing in the capital. Mrs. Colvin said that "if father has his Christmas beer, baby will not have these," meaning the toys. Other witnesses, mostly women, predicted that if beer is legalized the nation will be in worse straits than it is now.

Says Farmer Would Not Benefit By Plan

Two Per Cent Sales Tax Would Cost Him More Than 15-Cent Land Tax.

Will or will not the farmer benefit by the removal of the 15-cent property tax with it replaced by a sales tax?

That question is being widely discussed in Cleveland county, as elsewhere, as the opening date of the next general assembly nears. There is a strong movement on foot to remove the remaining land tax. If that is done it is said that a sales tax will be the only means left of raising necessary revenue. Writing to The Gastonia Gazette, The Charlotte News and other papers of which he is Raleigh correspondent, J. C. Baskerville says:

The principal argument being advanced for the removal of the 15 cents state property tax for schools is that it will help the farmers. Yet according to the latest figures available and based upon findings in the forthcoming report of the state tax commission, the abolition of the 15 cents property tax and the substitution of a 2 per cent general sales tax in its place, will cost the farmers and their families almost \$2,000,000 more a year than the present 15 cents tax is costing them. For it is now pretty generally conceded that a 2 percent general sales tax will have to be imposed if the 15 cents property tax is removed.

According to calculations based on the 1930 census in North Carolina and on other data, the forthcoming tax commission report will show that only about 9 per cent of all the property taxes in the state are paid by farm property. It is understood. It is generally conceded that corporate property and land for other than agricultural purposes pays about 50 per cent of the property taxes, leaving the other 41 per cent to be paid by non-corporate city and town property.

The 15 cents state property tax, which is the only tax levied by the state on real property, was estimated to yield \$4,500,000 by the 1931 general assembly, which imposed it. On the basis of the figures contained in the new tax commission report (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN.)

Electric Current Off Here Sunday

Electric current will be off in Shelby on Sunday from 2 to 2:30 o'clock to permit the Duke Power Co. to do some repair work on the local sub-station. Patrons will bear this in mind.

Just A Few Oranges And Apples Will Make It More Like Christmas

Shelby People Asked To Give Fruits For Children In Poor Homes Of City.

About Shelby Christmas morning there will be scores of little boys and girls without a single orange, apple or stick of candy to make them think that there really is a Santa Claus.

Today Mayor S. A. McMurry and Shelby business men are asking all citizens to cooperate with them in seeing that these youngsters are not entirely disappointed and heart-broken.

The relief fund is providing food and clothing for these unfortunates and their families but regulations prohibit the expenditure of a single cent of the relief money for anything other than necessities. (A score of homes in Shelby (CONTINUED ON PAGE TEN.)

Body Of Moore Returned Today; Termed Suicide

Cleveland Farmer Is Found In Hotel

J. Matt Moore Found Shot To Death In Jacksonville, Florida, Hotel.

The body of J. Matt Moore, well known Cleveland county farmer of the Patterson Grove section, believed to have committed suicide in a Jacksonville, Florida, hotel, was returned to this county this morning.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the Patterson Grove church and interment will be in the cemetery there.

Mr. Moore disappeared from his home last Sunday evening and his family heard no more from him until a telegram came Wednesday morning informing that he had been found shot to death in a Jacksonville, Florida, hotel room.

At the time there was some mystery about his disappearance and death, but this, it was said today, has been cleared up and the death recorded as suicide. Wednesday Martin Wingate, of the Fulton funeral home at Kings Mountain, and C. L. Putnam, a close friend of the Moore family, went after the body. They got back to Kings Mountain this morning about 4 o'clock.

Gun Was Stolen

They said the mysterious angle of the death was cleared up by Jacksonville officers. When Moore's body was found, shot through the head, about midnight Tuesday night no gun was found in the room. A holster was there and later a negro said he found the gun hid under a mattress in an adjoining room. This made it appear not to be a suicide. Still later, it was learned today, a negro confessed to having stolen the gun.

Mr. Moore for a number of years lived just southwest of Shelby on the Webb farm and was well known here and over the county. A year or more ago he became somewhat unbalanced mentally it is said but had apparently recovered. Some weeks ago he is said to have remarked that he was going to spend a month or two in Florida this winter but stated nothing more definitely. Sunday he left home with the statement that he was going to see a neighbor. From then on until Wednesday his family knew nothing of his whereabouts although a check was made to see if he left Kings Mountain by train or bus.

A Jacksonville dispatch informed that a note was found in his pockets and apparently had been written on the train between Greenville, S. C. and Jacksonville. It was reported as saying that when he reached Jacksonville he would "either die or go back home" and that he "had about decided upon the latter." Mr. Wingate, one of the men who went after the body, said today that one or two other notes were found but their contents were not available at that time.

The deceased is survived by his wife and four children. A popular man, Mr. Moore's death was a shock to his many friends in the Patterson Grove section and also in the Shelby section.

Deputy Nabs Car With 12 Gallons

Capture Made North Of Shelby About Daylight This Morning.

Deputy Tom Sweezy early this morning took charge of a quantity of spirits presumably bound for holiday consumption in Shelby.

On Highway 18, north of Shelby, about daylight, Deputy Sweezy and Hulo Sweezy captured a Ford roadster and 12 gallons of corn whiskey. When the officer arrived on the scene the broken down whiskey car was being pushed, he said, by another automobile, but about that time the other car ran out of gas. The officer is aware, he says, of the identity of the man in the other car but has not as yet learned definitely who was driving the Ford. The whiskey, stored in two cases of 24 half-gallon fruit jars, and the captured car were brought to town by the officer.

Brother Of Shelby Man Died Thursday

J. Fred Smith, Charlotte barber-shop proprietor, died yesterday after an illness of six months. He was a brother of Cole Smith of Shelby and a native of Saluda. S. C. Funeral services are being held this afternoon at Pritchard Memorial Baptist church in Charlotte.



Just Seven More Shopping Days

The vari-colored Yule lights are now glowing each night around the Shelby court square, and beginning tonight and continuing through Saturday night, Dec. 24, Shelby stores will be open at night for the convenience of Christmas shoppers.