

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 6 to 7c
Seed, (wagon) ton \$10.00
Seed, car lot del. \$12.25

Fair Thursday
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and cooler on coast tonight. Light frost in interior. Thursday fair with slowly rising temperature.

Respite Granted Woman Killer
By UNITED PRESS
Florence, Ariz., April 12.—An eleventh hour respite for Winnie Ruth Judd was granted today by Warden A. G. Walker, of the state prison. The respite ordered a sanity hearing for the frail blonde tigress sentenced to hang on April 21 for the murder of Miss Agnes Ann Le-rol. If she is found insane she will be confined to the state hospital at Phoenix.

Money Exchange Gets Blame For Farmers' Plight
Get As Much For Cotton In Foreign Countries Now But Lose In Exchange.
The exchange value of the American dollar with foreign countries is doing more to bankrupt the American farmer, especially the cotton farmer, than any other one thing in the opinion of Odus M. Mull, Shelby business man and cotton farmer.

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Youth Charged With Attack On Small Girl

J. P. Hambright, 17, Under \$5,000 Bond For Attempted Rape Of 3-Year Old Child

J. P. Hambright, 17-year-old Grover youth, was placed under a \$5,000 bond to Superior court here today after a preliminary hearing in county recorders court on the charge of attempted rape of a three-year-old white girl of Grover.

Hambright did not enter a plea and offered no evidence in his behalf except to tell Recorder Joseph M. Wright that "I can't tell you any more than they told you."

The alleged assault is said to have taken place at Hambright's home, nearby the little girl's home, Monday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock. An hour or two later Hambright was arrested by Deputy Charlie Sheppard, brought to Shelby and placed in jail.

Spectators Barred. All spectators were barred from the court room here this morning by Judge Wright while the little girl shyly whispered her account of the attack, being accompanied in the court by her father and mother.

The evidence was to the general effect that the 17-year-old youth attempted to assault her on a cot on the porch at his home. First knowledge of the attempt came when blood was noticed on the little girl's clothing. She then told, when questioned, what had happened. In the

meantime Hambright had gone to his work at a Grover manufacturing plant. Found there and questioned he at first denied making the attempt. Later blood was noticed on his clothing and after further questioning he is said to have admitted the attempt which did not succeed. Both the little girl and Hambright were examined by Dr. George Oates, who was a witness in court here this morning. Dr. Oates stated that he found blood on the girl's thighs and clothing but that she had not been bleeding herself.

There had been no penetration, the physician testified, and the attempt was not accomplished. The blood on the clothing of both the defendant and prosecuting witness came. Dr. Oates said, from a laceration upon the youth inflicted probably in the attempt. The youth was said to have claimed, according to Dr. Oates and J. B. Ellis, who also questioned him Monday night, that he injured himself upon a wire on the cot and that the bleeding resulted from that injury. This might have been possible, it was said.

Nothing To Say. Deputy Sheppard stated that while bringing Hambright to jail here he asked the youth why he had done

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Fear Cotton Acreage Increase In County This Year; Corn Planting Now Underway, Start Cotton Soon

Cotton-Planting Season Opens Next Week. Look For Increased Corn Acreage.

The fear was expressed by farm observers here this week that cotton acreage may be increased in Cleveland county this year despite an organized program for reduced acreage.

Many farmers are securing crop loans from the government loan office and those who do so must sign up to cut their 1932 cotton acreage by 30 percent. Farmers securing loans will be held to this agreement, loan officials state, and all are urged to abide by their agreement rather than encounter trouble later when the government checks up on the acreage.

Some farmers, however, who are not getting loans, are planning, it is reported, to boost their acreage in cotton. Agricultural leaders advise against this step in view of market conditions and the prevailing price. Last year the county had approximately 69,000 acres in cotton, according to R. W. Shoffner, former farm agent, and produced a little more than 45,000 bales. It was hoped to reduce that figure this year, but present indications are that the acreage will reach or surpass 69,000.

Planting Begins. The corn planting season in the county is in full swing now, many acres being planted this week with the planting season expected to be at its peak in another week, weather permitting. Reports are that the county, continuing its live-at-home program, will increase corn acreage this year as was done last.

Cotton planting in the county will get underway next week with much land already in shape for planting.

Brother Of Shelby Woman Died Sunday

Landrum E. Wood Died In S. C. Following Complications From Carbuncle.

Gaffney, April 12.—Complications following a severe carbuncle which developed on his neck-four years ago caused the death of Landrum Ellison Wood, 65, prominent farmer, about 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning at his home in the Grassy Pond community on route 2. Mr. Wood had recovered from the carbuncle, but was never able to overcome the after effects.

Mr. Wood was a brother of Mrs. J. S. Harris, of Shelby, a native of Rutherford county, North Carolina. Mr. Wood had lived practically all of his life in the Grassy Pond section. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World. He had spent his entire life in farming.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Grassy Pond church by the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Boone, of State Line.

Nobody Murdered, Just Family Fuss

A report spread about the city yesterday that a colored man in the Freedman colored residential section had murdered his wife, but police officials today stated that the report was untrue. The rumor originated, according to officers, from a "family fuss" in which a colored man by the name of Hamrick administered a beating to his wife.

Commencement At Bethlehem School

On Wednesday night, April 12, the lower grades of Bethlehem school will give a program. The recitation and declamation contests will also be held at this time. On Thursday night the grammar grades will present four one act plays, full of fun and action. The public is cordially invited to attend these programs. A small admission will be charged Thursday night.

Curb Market Here Open On Saturday

The Star curb market, operated by the home demonstration club women of Cleveland county on North Washington street, will be open Saturday. In addition to the general spring season products the market is this week featuring carrots, cookies and walnuts.

Hope Brison Now In Mayor's Race; Gives His Views

Former Oil Dealer Is Fourth Candidate

Believes Time Right For Business Man In City Hall. With No Political Faction.

ROYSTER ANNOUNCES TODAY FOR COUNCIL

D. W. Royster, present member of the city council from ward two, announced this morning, that he would be a candidate to succeed himself as alderman in his ward.

So far Mr. Royster, well known business man, is the only candidate to announce in that ward. He has been a popular member of the board for some time and his many friends will be pleased to hear that he is a candidate again. With two or more council candidates announced in other wards, contests are assured in each ward except the one in which Mr. Royster announces today and one or more candidates may enter from that ward.

Backed by no political ring or financial faction and associated with no interests to be favored, R. Hope Brison, well known Shelby business man, announces today as a candidate for mayor in the municipal election May 2.

Mr. Brison's entry runs the total number of candidates for mayor to four. The others are S. A. McMurtry, the present mayor; Z. J. Thompson, alderman and mayor pro tem; and W. N. Dorsey, former mayor.

First Office. In his platform, outlined in today's Star, Mr. Brison states that he is not a politician, has never held public office, and has never to grind in seeking office. His candidacy is based upon a business administration with a square deal to all, and a reduction in light, water and tax rates to the extent possible without injury to the city's credit. He likewise advocates a reduction in city salaries, from the mayor down.

Mr. Brison states that he believes the city of Shelby is desirous of a "New Deal" on the basis of an economical business administration, and points out that in addition to his general business experience he is a trained accountant and can keep an eye on the records as well as general administration problems. One plank in his platform is that he thinks all dealers should have the opportunity to make bids for city purchases and that the purchase should go to the low bidder, quality considered.

The latest entry in the race has for number of years been an oil distributor in Shelby and is well known throughout the city as a whole as well as in business circles.

Limit Loan Days To Three A Week

After This Week Farm Loan Office Will Be Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

After this week, or beginning Monday, April 17, the crop loan office in the Cleveland county court house will be open for applications only three days each week until the end of the loan period.

In making the announcement, F. T. Wagoner, field representative, said that the three days each week will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and farmers desiring loans are asked to apply those days.

Final Week Before Tax Penalty Added

Sheriff Raymond Cline today reminds county taxpayers that this is the final week in which to pay 1932 county taxes without the three per cent delinquent penalty being added. The commissioners extended the period of grace through Saturday and taxes paid by Saturday afternoon will not have the additional penalty, but the full penalty will go on Monday.

Dover Dog Wins In Charlotte Tuesday

Only one Shelby dog won honors in the Piedmont Kennel club A. K. C. dog show held in Charlotte yesterday. Charles Dover's Irish setter took honors in the local dog class of the setter department.

Union Trust Plans For Opening Soon

Getting Approval In Raleigh For Charter Change To Permit R. F. C. Preferred Stock

Events leading toward the re-opening of the Union Trust Co. are now moving along with more speed. Headway is being made in getting depositors to leave fifty percent of their deposits over \$200 in bank and accept as collateral for the loan the assigned stock of the stockholders. Some stockholders are paying in the amount of their stock valued at \$100 per share and when the \$130,000 is raised from the depositors and stockholders, preferred stock amounting to \$150,000 will be issued to the Reconstruction Finance corporation for new money so the bank can re-open without restrictions.

Mr. William Lineberger and Attorney D. Z. Newton are now in Raleigh to get the approval of the plan by Gurney P. Hood, state banking commissioner and application has been made to the Reconstruction Finance corporation to take \$150,000 in preferred stock in the bank.

Several details are being ironed out. A meeting of the stockholders may be called to get their approval to issue \$150,000 in preferred stock to the R. F. C. An amendment to the bank's charter may have to be made in order to permit the issuance of preferred stock and while in Raleigh Messrs. Newton and Lineberger are looking into this detail.

Teachers Behind On Pay In County, City

Received 70 Percent Of Six Month's Pay This Week. Other Salaries Tied Up.

Shelby and Cleveland county school teachers are more than a month behind in their pay, but due to the fact that they realize general conditions and have not complained little has been said about it.

This week the teachers received 70 percent of their sixth month's checks from the state, 30 percent of the checks being held back. These checks came practically a month late, the seventh school month having been completed. Just when the remaining 30 percent of their sixth month's pay will be sent out by the state is not known.

After the sixth school month the teachers are paid from city and county school funds, only six months being paid by the state.

The money with which to pay for the seventh month is tied up due to the banking situation, but may be available, it was said today, within a week or two. The school money is properly bonded and could be secured, if urgent, by the sale of the bonds, but this action has been deferred in anticipation of a clearing up of banking conditions which would not necessitate that course.

School officials say that they believe the money to pay the teachers for the seventh and eighth months can be had soon, but if for some reason it cannot then the bonds will be sold in order to pay off the teachers.

A number of the six months schools in the county have already closed and others will close this week and next. Among those closing two weeks ago or last week were Sharon, Flint Hill, Trinity, Prospect, Zion, Mt. Pleasant, Hicks, and Philbeck. Closing dates for the short-term schools are irregular this spring due to the fact that the school year was interrupted during the Christmas season by inclement weather and the influenza epidemic. The eight months schools in the county will begin closing around May 5-10.

Choral Club To Sing

The Cleveland Choral club, an organization made up of young Shelby colored men, will give a song program in Winston-Salem Sunday afternoon.

N. C. Merchants Denounce Sales Tax As Last Resort, Badge Of Despotism

Says Legislators Not Keeping Faith With People If Tax Is Imposed.

Raleigh, April 12.—More than 75 leading North Carolina merchants, including the board of directors of the state merchants' association, met here this week, and issued a statement saying, "The present legislature will not keep faith with the voters of this state if they enact a sales tax."

The statement, issued under the names of David Owens of Charlotte, R. W. Lehman of Durham, and W. Sellers of Burlington, also expressed "very definite and pronounced disappointment over the stand taken by Governor Ehringhaus in relation to economy and the sales tax."

"Mr. Ehringhaus," it said, "was supported in his campaign for the gubernatorial nomination last year

Depositors And Stockholders To Help In Opening

R. F. C. And Blanton To Lend Aid

Stockholders To Pay 40 Percent Of Stock. Depositors To Waive 20 Percent On Deposit.

A plan for reopening the First National bank on an unrestricted basis to resume banking business in a normal way, was suggested by representatives of the United States government and approved by the officers and directors on Monday evening after a four day investigation and appraisal of the assets and liabilities of the institution.

Rebald Amest. The examiner decided that there are approximately \$375,000 of notes and assets of the bank that are unacceptable and the government will require that this amount be taken out of the bank and replaced with cash. When this is done, however, the bank will then have a capital of \$250,000, a surplus of \$250,000 and a contingent fund of \$18,000, all sound, clear and unimpaired.

Plan Outlined. The plan for re-opening the bank provides: (1st) All stockholders will be asked to pay into the bank forty percent of the amount of stock held by each.

(2nd) All depositors will be asked to waive twenty percent of the amount of their deposit, whether on deposit subject to check or on time certificate. This would make the remaining eighty percent of their deposits available at any time desired by the depositors. The depositors would receive a participating certificate for the twenty per cent so left, giving them the right to share pro rata in whatever amounts may be collected from the unacceptable notes taken out of the bank. This provision as to waiving the right to twenty percent of deposits does not apply to the trust deposits, that is deposits for minors, estates, etc.

(3rd) The plan calls for the organization of a corporation by Charles C. Blanton, George Blanton and Forrest Ekridge who will subscribe to sufficient capital to enable this corporation to purchase from the First National bank all of the real estate and collateral stocks held by the bank, which have been appraised at \$30,000.

(4th) The plan also calls for an issue of \$250,000 of preferred stock to be subscribed by the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Meeting Called. A meeting of depositors and stockholders has been called to be held in the First National bank building on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of passing upon the proposition as submitted. It requires a two-third vote of the stockholders to approve this plan and if so approved

Rotary Speaking Contest Tuesday

Six Or More Schools To Have Entrants In Unique Oratorical Contest.

The date of the Rotary extemporaneous speaking contest for high school boys of Cleveland county has been postponed until next Tuesday night, April 18, and will be held in the Central high school auditorium here.

Six or more schools will have entrants in the contest, it was said today by J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of schools. The six schools certain to have entrants are Shelby, Kings Mountain, Boiling Springs, Lattimore, No. 3, and Piedmont. Mooresboro and Waxo also may enter. In this contest the Shelby Rotary club offers a prize to the high school boy who can make the best extemporaneous talk upon a topic given him just a few minutes before he rises to speak. It is considered one of the best training contests for public speaking ever held here and much interest centers in the event Tuesday night.

Central Methodist Continues Revival

Services at Central Methodist church will continue each night this week, except Saturday, at 7:45 o'clock.

The service Thursday morning at 8 o'clock will conclude the morning services for this week. At the evening hour Thursday the Lord's Supper will be commemorated.

Friday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock there will be a special Good Friday service held.

Try Answering These

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

- 1. Does an American who marries a foreigner lose American citizenship?
2. Name the battleship commanded by Robley D. Evans at the Battle of Santiago.
3. What causes wind?
4. How many hours is the difference in time between Berlin and New York City?
5. Name the governor of Virginia.
6. What does the name Esther mean?
7. What members of the Barrymore family are now on the stage?
8. Who was Margaret of Valois?
9. Name the first governor of Tennessee.
10. Who was Geoffrey Chaucer?
11. What year did Victor Herbert die?
12. On what island is the popular English watering place, Margate?
13. What river is the largest tributary of the Ohio?
14. What is chauvinism?
15. What is the state flower of Wisconsin?
16. Where does Annie Besant live?
17. How long a residence is required in Nevada to obtain a divorce?
18. In equine measurement, how many inches is a hand?
19. Name the second wife of the Emperor Napoleon I.
20. Who was the most representative English poet of Queen Victoria's reign?