

THE MARKETS
Cotton spot 9 3/4 to 10 1/2
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 18.00
Cotton seed, ton, carlots 20.00

Rain Tonight
Weather forecast for North Carolina—cloudy today, with rain tonight and possibly in extreme north and west portions. Warm tomorrow with slowly rising temperature.

Studies Merger
By UNITED PRESS
Washington, Dec. 13.—President Roosevelt is today studying recommendations calling for a national merger of communication systems, including telegraph, telephone and radio. It was said at the White House.

Hits At President
Montevideo, Dec. 13.—Ignoring rumors of a conciliatory agreement in the United States toward Cuba, Dr. Angel Giraudo, chief delegate from the Grau government, today launched a bitter attack against President Roosevelt's policies at a meeting of the economics committee of the Pan-American Conference.

Vessel Burns
Monterey, Calif., Dec. 13.—Coast Guard cutters and other ships churned through storm lashed waves on the Pacific in ever-widening circles today seeking traces of a vessel hundreds of persons on shore saw burn to the water's edge. All that could be found of the unidentified vessel was a piece of charred wreckage and three twenty-five gallon drums. The ship is believed to have been an oil tanker.

Club Council Is Formed In Shelby
To Sponsor Wholesome Recreation. Community Sing Scheduled For Holidays.

An Inter-club Council has been formed in Shelby among the social, literary and music clubs to provide at a minimum expense, wholesome recreation for as great a number of people as possible, in the form of lectures, musical entertainment and other elevating and worthwhile forms of entertainment.

Officers for the winter and spring are Miss Ethel Thomas chairman, Miss Bertha Bostic, vice chairman, Mrs. Gene Schenck corresponding secretary, Miss Rosina Pearl, recording secretary, Mrs. George Blanton, treasurer.

The first public presentation by the Inter-Club Council will be a Christmas carol community sing Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 o'clock. Details will appear in Friday's issue of The Star.

Clubs belonging to the Inter-Club Council and their representatives are Mrs. E. Y. Webb, Twentieth Century club; Miss Bertha Bostic, Cecelia Music Club; Mrs. Floyd Smith, Reviewer's club; Mrs. Gene Schenck, Renaissance club; Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft, Ishpenning club; Miss Carole Lever, Community Players; Mrs. George Blanton, Chocora club; Mrs. Earl Honeycutt, Readers club; Miss Rosina Pearl, Bonne Heure club; Mrs. Earl Hamrick, Woman's club; Miss Ethel Thomas, Contemporary club.

Support For Duke Industries Urged By Alumni Speaker

University Endowment Depends Upon Public Good Will, Says Prof. Myers.

Support for Duke Industries was urged by Prof. H. E. Myers, of the Duke University school of religion, and the Cleveland and Rutherford county banquet here Monday night. Professor Myers said the Duke interests deserved the support not only of the alumni but of the entire state because the vast foundations, educational and religious, endowed by the late James B. Duke depend upon these industries for their very existence.

J. R. Davis, attorney, president of the association, presided at the dinner.

New officers elected Monday night were Capt. B. L. Smith, president; Claude Griggs of Kings Mountain, vice-president; Mrs. Troy McKinney, secretary-treasurer. Miss Sarah Kate Ormand of Kings Mountain was named representative of the alumni council. Thirty-eight Duke alumni and two guests attended the dinner.

Entertainer Will Appear Thursday

Muriel Thompson, well known radio broadcaster, will give an entertainment in the court house Thursday evening, Dec. 14th, beginning at 8 o'clock. She is a widely known colored entertainer and whites as well as colored people are invited. Small admission charge.

2,114 Unemployed In County Listed At Frazier's Office

Preference Given To Veterans

Applications Dropping Off Now; Department To Handle CWA Jobs From Now On.

Indications last week that most of Cleveland county's unemployed had been registered were confirmed yesterday at re-employment Director D. R. S. Frazier's office when only 45 persons applied for work. This brings the total registration in that office to 2,114, of which 450 were listed last week. Tenant farmers, feeling the first sharp nip of winter, crowded into Shelby to look for jobs. One hundred and fifty seven men, with preference given to veterans, have been employed to date.

To Place More Men. But more jobs will come from the re-employment office from now on. Cleveland's Relief Administrator, Harry S. Woodson, will this week complete his complement of 440 men on CWA jobs, and the remaining 440 jobs assigned to this county will be filled through Frazier's department. So far, that office has been finding jobs almost exclusively for skilled men, but with CWA jobs to assign, it will soon begin to give the laborer his chance. Nine men were placed Tuesday with private concerns.

If You Need A Cook. Incidentally, here's a note of interest to housewives: there are scores of good houseworkers, cleaning women, washerwomen and cooks listed at Mr. Frazier's office. Just telephone number 3.

Bridge Trouble Delays New Road In Cleveland Co.

Question As To New Bridge Or Moving One From No. 20, Says Mr. Jeffress.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN
Raleigh, Dec. 13.—Trouble has arisen over a bridge on the Shelby-Bolling Springs road which apparently is preventing its being included in letting of contract so far, and has caused it to be shunted aside in Washington for the time being, Chairman E. B. Jeffress, of the State commission, said today.

Efforts are being made to work out the trouble, Mr. Jeffress said. There has been suggestion that a bridge be taken from Route 20 and placed on this road, or that a new one be built to take the place of the one causing the trouble, apparently because it is not considered satisfactory.

Chairman Jeffress said that the Shelby-Polkville and Polkville-Fallston roads, contracts for which have already been let, probably will not be built until spring, expressing the belief that it will probably be better if the work is not done until spring. Meanwhile, he said, the contractors are required to keep these stretches of road in good condition until the work is done.

Cotton Unchanged From Yesterday

Cotton at 2 o'clock on New York exchange was unchanged from yesterday, Jan. selling at 9.93, May at 10.24 and July at 10.38.

General Johnson Must Decide Cost Of Pressing U. S. Pants

And Shelby Dry Cleaners Keep Eye Peeled For News As Comrades Debate.

Proprietors of Shelby's six dry cleaning establishments—not to mention all those affluent wretches who get their clothes pressed regularly—looked to Washington this week for news on revised schedules of minimum prices under NRA as hearings on charges of anti-code price cutting proceeded.

Four of the local pressers charge 85c, the state code minimum, for cleaning and pressing a suit. The two others are 25c under. NRA is making its first attempt at mass examination of persons charged with violating a code, and Washington is chock full of pants pressers today. Alternately, they hooded and cheered General Hugh S. Johnson.

Some of the complaints were against establishments who operated on a cash-and-carry and in-the-barrel-while-we-press your

In Royal "Dirty Linen" Case



London court and society circles are considerably stirred by the case of Clarence Guy Gordon-Haddon, 43-year-old engineer, who was recently arrested and held without bail charged with "demanding money from King George with menaces and without probable cause." Gordon-Haddon claims he is a nephew of the king, asserting he is the illegitimate son of the Duke of Clarence, elder brother of King George, who died in 1892. Had the Duke lived he would have occupied the throne. In his letters to the king, Gordon-Haddon, who served with distinction in the World War, is said to have threatened that he would wash the dirty linen of the royal family in public if he were not given enough money to open a board-

With A Smile Doris Duke Shoulders Responsibility Of Huge Trust Funds

Carolina Quint Will Play Here On December 23

An outstanding sports event for Shelby fans was announced this morning by Jim Harris and Paul Weathers, who have promoted a game here between the University of North Carolina's basketball team and the Stone Cutter Mill team, said to be one of the fastest semi-pro teams in the south.

The game, which will be played in the tin can on the evening of December 23, was arranged through Cricket Weathers of Shelby, member of the Chapel Hill team. The Carolina boys will play the Charlotte Y.M.C.A. team in Charlotte Friday night, and will come over to Shelby for the game on Saturday.

Woodson And Staff Called To Raleigh

Harry ("General Johnson") Woodson, with Mrs. T. W. Hamrick, Miss Alice Goode King and Robert Hord, members of his relief administration staff, went to Raleigh yesterday to confer with Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state civil works administrator. They are expected to return this afternoon.

They made the trip on the telegraphic request of Mrs. O'Berry. Court house officials said today they didn't know why they were called, but thought it might have something to do with plans to establish Cleveland county's relief offices in the building in the rear of the post office. The court house quarters are overcrowded daily.

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Wearing a brown fur coat and a hat of the same color, Miss Duke stepped from her special car at the railway station shortly after noon. A motorcycle police escort roared ahead of her automobile to the hotel and accompanied her on the visit to the hospital.

She remarked casually to a member of her party that it was the first time outside of New York she had had a police escort. Shortly after her arrival, she attended a luncheon in honor of the endowment trustees. She planned to visit other hospitals and institutions sharing in the endowment tomorrow and leave during the afternoon on the return trip to New York.

Mac Wilkins Hurt In Elevator Fall

Mac Wilkins, son of Chief of Police D. D. Wilkins, suffered a broken arm last Friday when he fell down an elevator shaft in the P. & M. Warehouse in Greenville, S. C. He stepped into the shaft in the dark, falling from the first floor. The fall was a distance of about 12 feet.

Commerce Body To Be Operating By January First

Organization Rapidly Moving Forward

E. A. Houser Is Employed By Board As Secretary; Membership Drive This Week.

Organization plans for the Shelby chamber of commerce and merchants association are fast materializing. J. D. Lineberger, chairman, said today, and every indication is that it will be functioning by January 1, if not sooner. E. A. Houser, Jr., has been employed as secretary by the board of directors and temporary offices have been opened in room 24, Lineberger building.

Canvass of the city for members will probably be made this week, directors planning to meet probably this afternoon to work out details of classifications and other matters of similar nature.

While the terms "chamber of commerce" is being used, directors point out that one of the most important matters to which attention will be given is merchants' problems, the office to be really a combined merchants bureau and chamber of commerce. While, naturally, efforts will be made to interest possible new lines of industry that might be logically located in Shelby the prime effort of the body is to develop the town by the efforts of its own citizens rather than to spend time and money in an effort to attract outside interest.

Every effort will be made to make of the chamber of commerce a clearing house of information of value to every business and professional man of the city, practically every line of endeavor being represented on the board of directors. It is believed that it will be possible to get active participation in community affairs by business men generally through the organization.

Board Of Directors. Directors, in addition to Mr. Lineberger, include R. E. Campbell, O. M. Mull, Lee B. Weathers, J. S. Dorton, J. F. Schenck, Jr., J. R. Dover, Max Washburn, John P. McKnight, G. W. Neely, Harvey White, Dr. S. S. Royster and Thad C. Ford.

Junior College Champs Honored

B. S. Football Squad Banqueted Because of Their Victorious Season on Gridiron.

Bolling Springs, Dec. 12.—A banquet sponsored by a number of football fans of Bolling Springs and Shelby was given in the college dining hall Thursday evening honoring the college football squad who have recently won the Jr. College championship of North Carolina.

Elaborate banquet plates were served to sixty-three which included the members of the football team their girl friends, the sponsors of the banquet and their wives. The president of the college, Rev. J. L. Jenkins was toast master. Mr. Zeno Wall, toasted Mr. Paul Hutchins, the coach. Mrs. J. L. Jenkins gave a toast to the team to which Mr. George Mauney responded.

After the banquet supper the members of the squad were introduced to the guests. The college community, county and state are justly proud of these boys who have worked so faithfully this season with their coach Mr. Hutchins. They have made an enviable record not only in winning the championship but also in good sportsmanship.

Hospital Receives Generous Gifts

The Shelby hospital has received generous gifts recently from several individuals and clubs in the county. Mrs. William Crowder and other women of the Lattimore Community club have given a quantity of canned fruit and vegetables; and the Chicora and 20th Century literary clubs of the city have presented gifts of money.

Officials of the hospital are very grateful for this assistance and similar gifts from other organizations of the city and county will be received with appreciation.

HOLIDAY DANCE AT UNION HALL SATURDAY

There will be a holiday dance at the Union Hall, Thompson building on West Warren street, Saturday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The dance is sponsored by the textile union. Music will be furnished by the Shelby Hawaiian Serenaders. Admission playing stringed instruments.

Headed for Separate Goals



DOUG and MARY

"After divorce—what?" Hollywood gossips are asking, referring to the suit filed against Douglas Fairbanks in Los Angeles by Mary Pickford. Pickfair will probably be sold and it is believed Mary may seek forgetfulness in a return to the screen in an attempt to win back the place she once held as "America's Sweetheart." Doug, it is said, may become a permanent resident of England, it being rumored that he may even become Sir Douglas Fairbanks. The American D'Artagnan has been organizing a \$5,000,000 film company in the English capital since last August. In London, Doug is something of a social lion, his friendship with the Prince of Wales being his passport to the most exclusive drawing-rooms in the land.

North Carolina Home Owner's Loan Amounts To Almost Four Millions

Man Loses \$500 Unknown Friend Brings It Back

Suppose you found \$500. Would you look for the owner? Or would you keep the money and say nothing? Somebody in Shelby had that temptation this week and overcame it—more than that, wouldn't even reveal his name. It happened like this:

S. F. Lee, Lawndale merchant, dropped a leather wallet containing \$500 in the Webb theatre on Monday night. He didn't discover the loss until his return home. At 1 a. m. he telephoned Floyd Willis, projection room operator, got him out of bed, and the two searched the theatre thoroughly. No pocket-book.

But when Bill Webb, theatre owner, came down yesterday morning, the wallet had been thrust through the window in the ticket office. It was intact.

Children Must Not Skate In Streets

A warning to parents that children will not be allowed to skate in the streets was issued by Chief of Police D. D. Wilkins today. Children are allowed to skate on sidewalks in residential districts only.

Larry Hogan will come here Saturday and speak to the textile workers Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Thompson hall and at noon, will make a special address to the seamless hosiery workers.

3,000 Farmers Hear Plan To Cut '34 Cotton Crop; Parity Price 15c

There Was Some Fudging This Year On Plow-Up. Cut Out 15 Million Acres.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 12.—Three thousand cotton farmers from five states gathered here today for an explanation of the government's 1934 cotton acreage reduction program by Oscar Johnson, finance administrator of the agricultural adjustment administration. Farmers filled the seats, the balcony, the aisles, as Johnson, himself a southern cotton grower, spoke for two hours.

County farm agents lined the platform as Johnson discussed the 10,300,000 acre plow-up campaign this year and the 15,000,000-acre cotton reduction plan of next year. He urged farmers to sign the new contracts within the next 30 days.

Parity Price 15 Cents. The parity price of cotton next year, based on the costs of production, will be 15 cents. Johnson said that it was the aim of the administration to

Salsbury, Dec. 12.—Approved loans of the Home Owners' Loan corporation in North Carolina reached a grand total of 1,750 with a value of \$3,997,688.15 at the close of the week which ended December 8, it was announced tonight by Alan S. O'Neal, state manager of the corporation with headquarters here. During the week included in the report to Washington, 300 approvals were added with a value of \$423,839.04.

O'Neal reported that 155 bond loans without reduction of the mortgage principal totaling \$216,732.45; 34 bond loans with reduction of mortgage principal totaling \$141,269.98 and 52 cash loans without reduction of the principal cash sum totalling \$65,836.61 were approved. The saving to the home owners through reduction in mortgage principal, which was effected with the co-operation of mortgage holders, was \$63,070.05, he said.

During the week, O'Neal reported \$141,323.80 in cash and bonds was

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Taxi-Truck Drivers Form A Union Here

A chauffeur and teamsters union has been organized in Shelby, with all taxi drivers and a number of truck drivers reported to have joined. The organization was perfected Saturday night at the union hall, West Warren street.

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Members of the post and of the auxiliary will appreciate your contribution.

Farmers Organize New Credit Body; Serves 3 Counties

To Replace All Other Loan Agencies

Cherryville Association Formed By Men From Cleveland, Lincoln and Gaston.

More than thirty farmers, representing Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln counties, and their county farm agents, met at Cherryville on Monday night to organize the Cherryville Production Credit association.

This new credit association will after January 1, replace all other farm credit bodies, operating under the Commodity Credit corporation. J. W. Johansen, representative of the corporation, was present to help effect the local organization.

County Directory. The following directors were elected:

For Cleveland county, T. C. Beam of Waco, Yates Spurling of Cherryville, R-2, and Wayne L. Ware of Kings Mountain. For Gaston county, R. E. Eaker and L. A. Barbee. For Lincoln county, T. A. Wallack and G. T. Wise.

These directors will elect a tri-county secretary. Later on, each county will establish its own office and name a committee to pass on loans.

County Agents. The county agents present were R. W. Shoffner for Cleveland, L. E. Altman for Gaston and J. G. Morrison for Lincoln.

The new credit body will replace agencies which disbursed \$160,000 to Cleveland county alone during 1932.

Junior Red Cross Sends 1,000 Cards

Local Chapter Furnishes Christmas Cards To Veterans At Oteen Hospital.

More than 1,000 Christmas cards were sent by parcel post yesterday, to United States veterans at Oteen near Asheville. It will be remembered that recently the Junior Red Cross in the six elementary schools here adopted 100 of these U. S. veterans. Adoption of United States government hospitals is one of the most popular national services of the American Junior Red Cross. The South Shelby school and the Marion school led the other schools in the number of Christmas cards sent in.

Miss Selma Webb, chairman of the Junior Red Cross appreciates very highly the cooperation of principals and juniors in the splendid response which they made to this request for Christmas cards for veterans. The veterans at Oteen will send these cards back home Christmas to friends and loved ones.

Thompson Takes On Chrysler-Plymouth

Rush Thompson Takes Agency For Two Makes To Sell At His Warren St. Place.

Rush C. Thompson has secured the agency for the Chrysler and Plymouth automobiles which he will handle at his place of business at the corner of McBrayer and Warren streets. Mr. Thompson says the new models for 1934 will be on the market shortly after the first of the year.

Walter P. Chrysler now makes the Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth cars. The Dodge and Plymouth is handled by the Keefer Motor Co., and the Chrysler-Plymouth by Mr. Thompson, thus giving two dealers for the Plymouth in Shelby.

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Shopping Days till Christmas