

THE MARKETS  
Cotton, spot 10 1/2 to 11 1/2  
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 18.00  
Cotton seed, ton carlots 20.00

## Weather Cloudy

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Probably occasional rain in west on Saturday. Colder in northeast tonight.

## Returns Mills

Havana, Jan. 5.—The Grau San Martin Government yesterday prepared to return to the Cuban American Sugar Company, an American Corporation, the sugar mill properties in the Oriente Provinces it confiscated two weeks ago. A decree commanding the return of the mills was being prepared today.

## Asks Billions

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt has asked Congress to approve the biggest peace time spending program in the history of the United States. He requested an expenditure of \$16,529,895,667 over a period of two years to further his national recovery plans.

## Enrollment Rapid As C. Of C. Drive Gets New Members

Many Shelby Firms Take From Four To Eight Memberships; Canvass Continues.

Enthusiasm on the part of business and professional men of Shelby is being encountered by canvassers for memberships in the Shelby chamber of commerce and merchants association. Not a single firm or individual approached has declined to join. From four to eight memberships are being taken by business firms, in addition to the individual memberships being taken.

The canvass will continue during this week and probably next. Members of the canvassing teams have themselves been busy with personal affairs and have been unable to give any great amount of time to the campaign but are planning to complete the work within the next few days.

**Is Already Active**  
Immediately upon completion organization of the association will be finished and it will be ready to formally begin its activities. In the meantime, however, the association is at work on various projects, such as roads, CWA program for the town and county and various other such enterprises.

**Firm Membership**  
Individuals and firms who have already joined include: Ideal Service station, T. W. Hamrick Co., J. R. McIntire, J. Reid Misenheimer, William Hagley, K. & S. Trucking Co., Henry B. Edwards, Dr. T. B. Gold, Dr. Ben Gold, Clyde R. Hoyle, L. R. Cornevin, Robert U. Woods, Harvey S. White, J. L. Suttle, J. S. Willard, Frank L. and George A. Hoyle, Dr. A. Pitt Beam, C. C. Horn, Peyton McSwain, W. A. Pendleton, D. A. Beam Co., Belk-Stevens Co., Sterchi Bros., O. E. Ford Co.

Shelby Printing Co., Star Publishing Co., Cleveland Hardware Co., Clark Hardware Co., Efford Department Store, U. L. Patterson, Julius A. Suttle, Anthony and Anthony, Cleveland Drug Co., Paul Webb, Kester-Groome Furniture Co., Royster Oil Co., J. C. Penney Co., Carolina Fruit and Produce Co., B. H. Kendall, John P. McKnight, Kendall Medicine Co., McKnight and Co.

## Mrs. Suttle's Father Passes In Atlanta

A. F. Pierson, Former Railway Engineer Dies At 80. Father Of Mrs. John W. Suttle.

A. F. Pierson, father of Mrs. John W. Suttle, died Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock in Atlanta, Ga., following an illness of two weeks. Rev. and Mrs. Suttle left Wednesday for Atlanta to attend the funeral which was held there Thursday afternoon. They expect to return home tonight.

Mr. Pierson formerly lived at Blacksburg, S. C., where he was an engineer on the Southern running on the division between Marion and Rock Hill. He is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters. One son is dead. Mr. Pierson was well known in railroad circles and loved by a wide circle of friends in several states.

## Progress Rapidly On City Directory

Rapid progress on the new Shelby directory being compiled by the Lions club with the assistance of CWA workers is being made, officers of the club said yesterday. The book will be issued between the first and tenth of February.



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## U. S. ORDERS UNEMPLOYED TO RE-REGISTER

## Nine Historical Spots Of County Designated For Granite Markers

Civic Clubs Will Ask CWA Aid; Need Fund Of \$500.

Seven of Nine Places Bear on Revolutionary War. Others Where First Court Was Held.

Nine of the outstanding historical spots of the county are suggested for granite markers, seven of the nine sites having historical interest bearing on the Revolutionary war while the other two would mark the place where the first court was held in the county and the other would mark the birthplace of Thomas Dixon, playwright, author, lecturer.

The sites are declared by P. C. Gardner, authority on genealogy and Cleveland county history, to be the most outstanding points of historical interest in the county. With aid from the CWA, it is felt that large granite boulders with bronze tablets could be erected at the nine points if \$500 were raised locally by the government. An effort will be made to enlist the support of civic clubs, the DAR and other organizations in marking these spots.

The nine points of historical interest and the proposed wording on the tablets are as follows:

**Colony of Carolina.**

No. 1 To be erected at three corners on State highway 18, between Shelby and Morganton. This stone marks:

First: The northern boundary of that part of the colony of Carolina conveyed by seven of the eight Lord Proprietors to the British crown in 1729, and the southern boundary of that part of the colony of Carolina retained by Lord Granville, one of the eight Lord Proprietors, which share was laid off to him in 1743, and known as the Lord Granville line.

Second: The northern boundary of Tryon county created in 1768 and abolished in 1779.

Third: The western boundary of Lincoln county and the eastern boundary of Rutherford county from 1779 to 1841.

Fourth: The three county corner of Cleveland, Lincoln and Burke since 1841.

**Army of Sumter.**

No. 2 To be erected at Fallston, intersection of old Lincolnton-Rutherford stage coach with state highway 18.

First: The Lincolnton-Rutherford stage coach.

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## Lion's Conference Here On Tuesday

Delegates from all Lions clubs in North Carolina west of Raleigh will meet here for their regional conference at the Hotel Charles Tuesday evening. John Barclay Wilson, district governor, will be the guest of honor and principal speaker.

More than 100 out-of-town Lions are expected, and many of them will bring their wives.

Preceding the banquet at seven o'clock, the state directors will hold a meeting.

## First 1934 Baby Born In County Is Black Boy From No. 4 Township

Second Baby Is Born To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Guinn Of Bonnie Mill, Kings Mtn.

The first 1934 baby born in Cleveland county is not the white child of Mr. and Mrs. Roland C. Tate of Grover as announced in Wednesday's issue of The Star, but a black boy born in the Roy Bell family in No. 4 township between Grover and Kings Mountain. The mistake in making the announcement that the Tate child was the first child born in Cleveland in 1934 was due to a misunderstanding over the long distance telephone.

Dr. George Oates of Grover has sent in a birth certificate for the Tate child and instead of being born at 2:30 a. m. on Jan. 1st, it was born on Jan. 2nd. The boy baby was born to the Roy Bell colored parents at 3:30 Monday morning, January 1st, hence the press offering by the Shelby merchants will go to this child.

## Operatic Prodigy



After several years' absence from the footlights, Marion Talley, once more appears in the role of "Gilda," in the opera "Rigoletto," as she returned to the stage. She is shown enjoying a light snack in her dressing room during her comeback performance with the Chicago Grand Opera Company.

## President O. K.'s Loan Of \$11,000 For Negro School

Money Will Be Spent For 6 Classrooms And Fire Escape; Expect Funds For Central Hl.

A loan of \$11,000 was approved by the President yesterday for improvements on the Shelby colored schools, Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle announced this morning in a telegram to The Star. The money will be spent, Superintendent of Schools Smith said, for six additional classrooms, a stair-tower fire escape, and improved toilet facilities.

Another application for funds has been made, Superintendent Smith said, for funds to construct an arcade connecting the Central High school building with the annex. This loan is expected to be approved soon.

## Mrs. Ida Robbins Dies Of Pneumonia

Mrs. Ida Wood Robbins died in the Shelby hospital this morning of pneumonia. She was 52 years old.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at the Camp Creek church, with the Rev. Mr. Walker of Bolling Springs officiating.

Mrs. Robbins is survived by her husband, Elijah Robbins, seven children and twelve grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Jane Emory, and a brother, Peck Wood.

## J. J. McMurry Dies Today At Age 84; Funeral Sunday

Prominent In Cotton Circles Here

One Of County's Most Prominent Citizens Succumbs, Father Of City's Mayor.

Jesse J. McMurry died at 12:30 this afternoon at his home on West Marion street where he had been sick and confined to his bed for several months. His death was expected for he was 84 years of age last May and had been in declining health for a year or two.

**Burial At Sunset Cemetery**  
Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the First Baptist church of which he was a devoted member and interment will take place in Sunset cemetery. Services will be in charge of Dr. Zeno Wall, his pastor.

Two sons survive, Mayor S. A. McMurry and Avery W. McMurry, both prominent in the business, official and social life of the city. One daughter, Mrs. Hannah McMurry Washburn died a number of years ago. One brother Pink B. McMurry and one sister, Mrs. D. D. Wilkins, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren survive.

**Wed Governor's Sister**  
Mr. McMurry was born a few miles west of Shelby, the son of John W. and Elizabeth McMurry. He was married to Margaret Hamrick by which union the three children were born. She died in 1885 and the later married Hattie Gardner, a sister of former Governor O. Max Gardner. She died six years ago.

No more highly esteemed and influential citizen lived in the county than Mr. McMurry. He was an authority both as a farmer and as a textile manufacturer. For 22 years he was in the mercantile business here and dealt largely in cotton. In more recent years he and his sons were cotton brokers and had large farming interests. His acquaintance extended into many states and all who knew him loved him for his kind, gentle manner, his sound judgment and his generous spirit. He was devoted to his church, his county and to his friends and was always generous and considerate of the poor and unfortunate.

**Cotton Mill President**

Mr. McMurry was not only a large land owner and authority on farming, especially cotton, but he was interested in textile manufacturing and was president of the Belmont Cotton mill and vice-president of the Shelby Cotton mill. He always gave his support to movements which made for the larger town and county and for a happier and more contented people.

During his illness, the two sons and his granddaughter, Mrs. Tom Moore and Mrs. Moore who lived with him in his last days, showed the love, patient attention and devotion that always marked the family.

## Trip From Texas In Covered Wagon Takes 3 Months

Rutherford couple Make 1,000 Mile Trek, Returning Home After Absence Of 12 Years.

A covered wagon drawn by two weary mules crept into Forest City last week, ending a dusty trek of 1,800 miles from San Antonio, Texas. Three months was required to make the journey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nall drove the wagon, and they came to visit Mrs. Nall's parents of the Tanner Grove community. They were returning to their old home after an absence of twelve years.

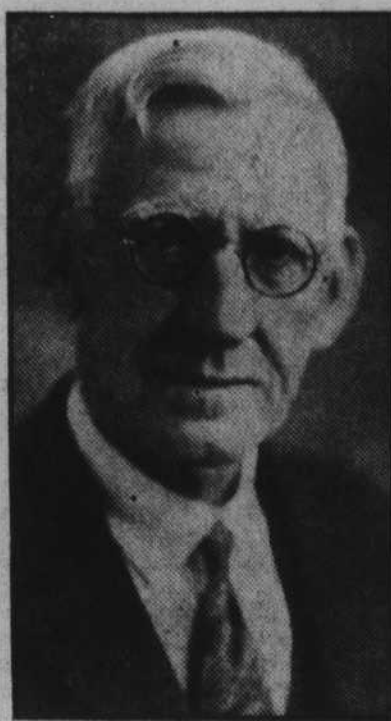
Their wagon was equipped with stove, cooking utensils and beds, and was followed by their two dogs. At night, Mr. and Mrs. Nall slept in the wagon. They prepared their meals at camp fires.

The trip was uneventful, Mr. Nall said. The only trouble they had was when the mules misbehaved when they saw railroad trains for the first time.

## 420 Cotton Farmers Borrow On Options

A total of 742 cotton farmers have called for their options at County Agent Shoffner's office in the court house. Three hundred and twenty-two have sold out and 420 have borrowed. It was announced this morning.

## Passes Today



Jesse J. McMurry, prominent 84-year-old Shelby citizen who died at 12:30 o'clock today. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock.

## Seaboard Officials Formulating Plans To Better Service

Rutherford-Charlotte Road Being Considered, Shelby Chamber Is Informed.

Possibility of better passenger and express service for Shelby over the Seaboard railroad is seen in the attitude of Seaboard officials in a letter to the Shelby chamber of commerce and merchants association in answer to a request that additional service be established.

While nothing definite is promised, C. H. Gattis, general passenger agent says that the road from Rutherford to Charlotte is under consideration.

**Gas Electric Experiment**

While the railroad is not now considering use of a gas-electric train as suggested by the local organization, Mr. Gattis states that the road is experimenting between Lumberton and Charlotte and Norfolk and Portsmouth with additional trains to see if these trains with frequent local service will attract sufficient business to justify making them permanent on the greatly reduced fare schedule of one and one-half cents per mile.

"After this has been demonstrated we of course are going to consider additional service between various points of the system and of course local service between Rutherford and Charlotte in the morning and back in the afternoon will be given consideration."

**Lack Motor Equipment**  
"Just at this time we have not the motor equipment to provide such service but you may feel assured we will keep the matter before us with the hope we can see our way clear to later on try out a train between Rutherford and Charlotte."

## Morrison Speaks Tonight In Place Of R. W. Shoffner

Cleveland County Agent Sick In Bed. Acreage Reduction Plans To Be Discussed.

Graham Morrison, county agent for Lincoln, will speak to the farmers in the court house tonight at 7 o'clock, explaining to the Cleveland county farmers the 1934 cotton acreage reduction program.

R. W. Shoffner, agent for this county is confined to his bed with laryngitis and is unable to meet his engagement. However, rather than call the meeting off or postpone it until a later date, he has secured the services of Mr. Morrison from the adjoining county of Lincoln. Mr. Morrison is well known in Cleveland, having married a daughter of Mrs. J. T. Gardner. He is one of the most wide-awake agents in the State and is himself a large grain and cattle raiser.

Loan blanks and acreage reduction plans have been received by the legal department of the office and are now ready for distribution.

## Prohibition Cases Dominate Docket For January Term

Three Will Be Tried For Killings

Superior Court Opens Here Tuesday, With Judge Oglesby Presiding.

Prohibition cases dominate the docket for the January superior court term which begins here Tuesday with Judge John Oglesby of Concord presiding and L. S. Spurling of Lenoir as solicitor. There are 91 cases all told, all of them criminal.

Three murder cases, in which first degree charges will probably not be pressed, will come up for trial. Zed Hamrick, colored, is charged with killing a negro identified only by the name "Snowball" last summer. "Snowball" was traveling with a medicine show which stopped in Shelby and got the worst of a knife fight with Hamrick. "Self-defense will be the defendant's plea."

**Held In Child Death**  
E. A. Martin will appear on charges of killing a child on the Fallston road last autumn. His automobile struck a truck in which the child was riding.

Dave Wilson, colored, is charged with having killed another negro with a mattock last November.

There are several cases of larceny and more than a dozen divorce cases. Uncontested divorce cases will be heard on Friday, Jan. 12.

## Negro's Contempt Of Court Earns 30 Days In Jail

Refuses To Answer In Liquor Trial. First Instance Of Kind In Two Years.

A sentence for contempt of court was imposed by Judge Joe Wright in recorder's court here Wednesday for the first time in more than two years.

Jim Hamrick, negro, of No. 7 township, on trial for drunkenness and assault, refused to obey the order of the court to answer a question asked by the prosecuting attorney. The question was, "Where did you get the liquor?"

Hamrick insolently answered that he wouldn't tell anybody where he got it. Judge Wright gave him 30 days in jail. He was given 90 days on the assault charge and appealed the sentence.

"The court, and officers of the court," Judge Wright said after the trial, "welcome visitors at all times, but we do expect proper conduct at all times both from witnesses and visitors. It is not my intention to be severe, but I must remind the people that failure to observe the proper respect for the court will be punished to the limit."

## Negroes Sentenced On Gambling Charge

Nine negroes arrested on gambling charges in the Delight community last week were given suspended sentences of two months and costs on payment of \$15 each by Judge Joe Wright in recorder's court here on Wednesday.

## Ante-Bellum Days Recalled By Faded Book Of Accounts

Old Cart Sold For 12 1/2¢ In 1855, Wheat Was \$8.50 A Bushel, Negro Brought \$4.400.

Faded pages, inscribed with the firmly-shaded flourishes of S. Williams, probably Cleveland's first clerk of the superior court, were examined with interest in the clerk's office this week when painting and repairs by CWA workers necessitated changes which brought old documents and books to light.

Back, with quick fingers, you turn the pages of time to the eighteenth century, when Jentry Lind was in the height of her operatic glory in New York, when Henry Clay's fugitive slave law was passed by congress, when gold was discovered in Australia, and a World's Fair opened in the Crystal Palace, New York, and Commodore Perry made Japan open her doors to the world, and the Civil War ended, and toward the end of the area, John

## 2,000 Jobless Here To Be Re-Classified At Frazier's Office

Census Supervisor



Renn Drum, former news editor of The Star who has been appointed census supervisor for fifteen counties in the Charlotte territory.

## Renn Drum Heads Emergency Census For 15 Counties

Opens Offices In Charlotte, Will Use 72 Enumerators In Making Daily Reports.

Renn Drum, former news editor of The Star has been appointed district supervisor of the federal emergency business census to be conducted in 15 North Carolina counties and has opened offices in the Mecklenburg hotel in Charlotte.

**72 Enumerators**  
Mr. Drum has entered upon his duties and work will go forward at once looking toward the naming of the 72 enumerators for the 15 counties. These will be selected from the existing rolls of persons registered in the respective counties for employment on CWA projects. These names will be drawn at the government offices in the various counties. Mr. Drum's territory does not include Cleveland but does include Mecklenburg, Gaston, Iredell, Rowan, Catawba, Alexander, Davidson, Stanly, Montgomery, Union, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Lincoln and Cabarrus.

**Not Over \$43 Weekly**  
The CWA rates of pay will prevail, also, Mr. Drum explained. This scale provides a minimum of \$2.70 a week and a maximum of \$43 a week. Specific rate for the census work will be based on a unit pay of 18 cents per schedule completed. No enumerator can draw more than \$43 a week, however, no matter how many firms he sees in a week. The minimum wage per day projected was \$1.25.

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## Must Sign Up Again If They Want To Obtain Work.

Sudden Re-Checking Asked By Federal Authority In Order To Secure Accurate Census.

Every person in Cleveland county who has registered at the Re-employment Bureau on West Warren street in the hope of getting a job must come in and re-register or no jobs will be forthcoming. D. R. S. Frazier, director of the bureau, announced today. Mr. Frazier is acting on orders received yesterday from the National Re-employment Service in Washington.

More than 2,000 persons in this county are affected by the order, Mr. Frazier said, 250 of them women.

**To Show True Picture**  
This sudden demand, which places a severe burden on the Cleveland county staff and inconveniences so many jobless persons, was promulgated because the government wants an accurate, up-to-the-minute census of the unemployed. Mr. Frazier explained that hundreds of persons who registered this winter have been placed or have found jobs, and that many others may have moved away. The re-registration will show a true picture of the number of unemployed now.

In the re-registration, the applicants will be classified according to a new system, being listed under industrial heading as well as occupational.

**440 Now Placed.**  
The Re-employment office, Mr. Frazier said, has placed its full quota of 440 persons.

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## Cleveland Drivers Flout Tag Ruling; No Arrests Made

But The Only Reason Seems To Be That The One Patrolman Was Busy Elsewhere.

Nobody was afraid of the big, bad motorcycle patrolman in Cleveland this week, and tardy license buyers continued to ride with 1933 tags on their cars. Nobody was arrested, so far as could be learned this morning.

This wasn't because the law was being lenient, or that it had backed down on its threat to arrest all drivers who did not have '34 tags. It was simply because Cleveland has only one state patrolman and he was too busy collecting revenues and attending to truck licenses to go out and nab violators in private cars. He was in Marion all day yesterday. No arrests were made, either, by city or county officers.

**4,181 Tags Purchased**  
Four thousand one hundred and eighty-one tags have been bought so far, Carlos Hopper of the Carolina Motor Inn said this morning. Seven thousand tags were purchased through him in 1932.

Bitter complaints came from all over the state this week as other counties did arrest their offenders. In Charlotte, motorists were so incensed because an extension was not granted that they called a mass meeting, to be held next week, to exorcise the high tax on gasoline and Governor Ehringhaus.

## Grigg Is Installed As Kiwanis Head

Last Three Presidents Of Kiwanis Have Lived In Same Block On West Marion.

West Marion street is "presidential avenue" as far as the local Kiwanis club is concerned. The last three presidents have been selected from the same block on the street. Forrest Eskridge was president in 1932, Henry Edwards in 1933 and last night the club installed its new president for 1934 when the gavel was turned over to Horace Grigg.

A resume of the year's work as prepared by Chas. A. Burrus, secretary was read by the retiring president, Henry Edwards, after which President Grigg appointed the committees for the ensuing year.