

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 13 1/2 to 14 1/2
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 25.00

Showers Saturday

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Probably showers tonight and Saturday. Cooler tomorrow.

Get \$50,000

By UNITED PRESS
BUTLER, Penn., Aug. 24.—Bandits in two automobiles today forced to the curb a truck carrying registered mail, raided it, and escaped with three sacks containing \$50,000.

Woman Suspected

By UNITED PRESS
SAINT PAUL, Aug. 24.—One woman is being held today on an open charge in connection with the police slaying yesterday of Homer Van Meter, one of deceased Dillinger's arch lieutenants.

Set For New NRA

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—General Hugh S. Johnson today said the whole question of NRA organization would be settled two weeks from Monday at Hyde Park, New York, after a conference between him and Roosevelt.

Hold 2 Suspects

By UNITED PRESS
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24.—A suspect held here in connection with the \$427,000 Brooklyn armed car hold-up was identified today as Armour Lee Phillips, aged 40, husband of Clara Lee Phillips, notorious Los Angeles hammer slayer.

The March Of Events

Gangster Dies
Homer Van Meter may sound like a Park Avenue name, but it wasn't. It's just the name of another dead gangster.

Prices Double

Prices soared to more than double last year's opening day averages as the world's largest tobacco markets started selling the produce of North Carolina's bright belt.

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A Girl Today, Boy Tomorrow



Clara Schreckengost

Clara Schreckengost, above, 20-year-old dwarf of Dayton, Pa., has agreed to undergo an operation which surgeons believe will change her from a sickly girl to a normal, healthy girl.

Ickes Sees Delay In Picking Route For N. C. Parkway

Secretary Fears Month Will Pass Before He Can Consider Smoky Park National Highway.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Secretary Ickes said today he doubted whether he would be able to hold his proposed hearing on the Great Smoky Mountain parkway route in North Carolina and Tennessee until sometime early in September.

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Wilkins Advocates Training Quarters For Incurrigibles

Says Curfew Law Will Aid Police Force

Police Chief, In Strong Statement, Challenges County to Furnish Camp.

Following closely upon the statement of Baxter J. Hunter, member of the Mecklenburg county board of commissioners, Chief of Police D. D. Wilkins this morning in a statement to The Star voices what he feels is the most imperative need of the hour—a training school for youthful delinquents in Cleveland county.

Chief Wilkins, for years a campaigner for some method of correcting youthful incorrigibles, recently made an attack upon the child labor laws as fostering the great increase in juvenile crime. In this statement he said "When boys are not allowed to work until they 16, there is no hope of ever making good citizens out of them."

Challenge to Board. Mr. Wilkins says that his statement is a challenge to the county board of commissioners to "build a detention camp for delinquents and give them a chance to have educational training."

"The crime situation among North Carolina's youth has spread beyond the state's control, and the present equipment and facilities for correcting the evil are hopelessly inadequate.

"Jackson Training school, the only detention camp operated by the state, is just a drop in the flood. Why, Mecklenburg's delinquents alone would keep that institution filled," Wilkins said.

Many Delinquents. "Here in Shelby we have a large number of boys both white and colored who are continually breaking the law by stealing, breaking into places of business and many other crimes and the police department is powerless to stop it as long as the county will not provide any place of confinement or detention quarters nor any form of punishment allowed by law.

"Some opponents of the measure for building such a camp in this county say that juvenile crime will decrease during the school months when the children are attending their classes. My records show that last term, there was not the slightest drop during the school term, and I believe that this year will also show no decrease.

Urges Curfew Law. "And another law badly needed by Shelby is a curfew law which will require all children under 16 to be off the streets after dark, unless accompanied by their parents or some other elder person.

"The county will have to pay 10 times the amount a camp would cost them in the expenses of keeping these boys out of trouble."

Chief Wilkins further outlined his idea saying that a teacher and matron could be used to give the boys proper educational advantages, just as is done at the state training school.

Make Boys Work. It was urged that the boys who would be sent to the local detention and training school would be enabled to work and gain valuable exercise and knowledge of farming by growing part of the food which they consume.

"The object would not necessarily be to make the detention and training home self sustaining," Mr. Wilkins said, "but the boys held there could in some measure aid in defraying their own board bills."

COLORED PEOPLE TO HAVE BRUSH ARBOR MEET
Adam Hord says the colored people are planning to hold a brush arbor camp meeting for the betterment of the colored race. Time and place will be announced later.

Century Of History Speeds By As Mary Gantt Works On

Keeps Store, Gets Up At 5 O'Clock At 5 A. M.

Blue-eyed, red-headed little Mary Ledford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Ledford of upper Cleveland, was nine years old when the first telegraph line in the United States clicked a message from Baltimore to New York.

She was 25 years old when John Brown raided Harpers Ferry. She was 32 when Abraham Lincoln was killed by Booth.

As she celebrates her 100th birthday this week, so much of crowded history has passed before her eyes that current events hold little interest for her.

You've known her for years, probably all your life, as Mrs. Mary Gantt, who runs the little grocery store on South Morgan street. More than 200 relatives and friends have been invited to her birthday party on Sunday, when she will cut a fifty-pound cake lighted by 100 candles.

Today, her eyes are still blue and her hair is still red and thick, though. Time has frosted it slightly. Plump and hearty, with good appetite ("She eats as much as I



do," says her 54-year-old youngest son), Mrs. Gantt manages her accounts, and does her own buying and trading. In answer to the stock question, "What's the secret of living to be 100 years old," she said: "Why, I guess it's just hard work. I always worked hard, every day. (Continued on page eight.)

Three Cleveland Mills Get "A" Rating In State

Labor Department Inspection In 17 Counties Reveals Envious Law Observance Record During July

Three Cleveland county mills were given an "A" rating by the North Carolina Department of Labor following inspection of industries in 17 counties during the month of July. The Cleveland mills were the Cleveland Cloth, at Shelby, Neisler Mills, Inc., and Park Yarn Mill, both at Kings Mountain.

Toy Webb Was First Ginner Of 1933 Lint

The fact that the cotton crop is so much later this year than it was in 1932 and 1933 is clearly revealed by turning back through the files of The Star to August 23, 1933.

On that date, Toy Webb, well-known farmer, picked and ginned the first bale which weighed 600 pounds. It was auctioned off at the court house on August 24 and was purchased by Mason Carroll at 10.35 cents per pound.

The grade was middling and the staple 1-1/2. While the Webb bale was being auctioned off, a bale was picked and ginned on August 24 on the farm of E. F. McKinney, prominent Shelby business man and farmer.

McKinney's bale weighed 504 pounds and was sold to Mose Brothers at 10.40 cents per pound. The first bale in 1933 was the earliest in 11 years. This year crop will fall far behind, since farmers are just now bringing in examples of their first open boll.

Eason's Father At Smithfield Dies

James H. Eason Passes At Advanced Age. Funeral There On Saturday.

James H. Eason, ninety-one year old father of Horace Eason, educational and musical director of the First Baptist church of Shelby, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. G. Gray at Smithfield near Raleigh Thursday afternoon at 4:30 and will be buried there Saturday afternoon, the funeral to be conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock by Rev. H. N. Massey, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. T. H. King, former pastor.

Mr. Eason's condition has been critical for some time and his son Horace of Shelby has been going back and forth to his bedside for several weeks. The deceased was born seven miles from Smithfield in Johnston county and moved to Smithfield thirty-three years ago to engage in business. He was one of the most prominent men of that county. Surviving are the following children: Horace Eason of Shelby; Delma Eason of High Point; Mrs. D. M. Hall of Clayton; Mrs. Lizzie Medlin and Mrs. H. G. Gray of Smithfield.

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Kendrick, Stamey Get Four Gallons Of Carolina Corn

Raid Made On Colored House Yesterday Afternoon; Liquor Hidden In Ground.

Constable Bob Kendrick and Policeman Paul Stamey yesterday afternoon raided the home of Mose Allen, colored, on Hopper Hill below the Washington street school, and discovered four and one-half gallons of Carolina corn liquor.

The raid was made after a tip had been handed to the officers. The place had been under suspicion for some time. Mose himself is an invalid, but the officers arrested his wife, Mary, on liquor charges. Kendrick said she had been in court on similar charges before.

Doyle Ernest Auto Wrecked On Warren

Ernest Himself Only Slightly Injured, But Car Is Damaged Badly.

Doyle Ernest this morning wrecked a Chevrolet sedan he was driving and injured himself slightly in front of the home of Charlie Young on West Warren street. It was said that Ernest was coming toward town at a supposedly high rate of speed. He lost control of the car and smashed into a telephone post in front of Young's residence, clipping it off. Then the hurtling car bounded up the cement steps and stopped in the front yard, but not before it had smashed into a tree.

Ernest was rushed to the Shelby hospital, but it was found that he suffered only a minor laceration on his right temple, and he was released as soon as he was given first aid treatment. The sedan was almost a total wreck, and the damage has been estimated at approximately \$300.

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Threat Of Strike Not Much Concern To Many Mill Men

Union Workers, Having No Major Complaints, Hope For A Settlement Soon.

There is not much concern here about the threatened nation-wide strike of textile workers who are demanding shorter work hours and a stoppage to the abuse of the so-called stretch-out. Local mill employees have no major complaint against their working conditions and are in the main very well satisfied. The mills in this section have been more fortunate than the mills in many other textile centers and have been operating on the summer schedule which calls for a 25 per cent reduction. A union official stated a few days ago that the workers are in the main satisfied, except for a few minor matters, and hopes that the threatened strike can reach a settlement. If it is called, he predicts that the workers would obey orders.

Dr. Plaster Talks On Life Saving

Dr. H. L. Plaster, instructor in life saving for the local chapter of the American Red Cross, gave a demonstration before the Kiwanis club on how to revive one who has been overcome in water. "Swimming is one of the most popular summer time sports," said Dr. Plaster and as there is a certain danger attached to swimming, the Red Cross has been waging a nationwide campaign which has reduced the annual death toll.

Subjects who have been overcome in the water should be placed on the ground, face down, rubbed rhythmically with the palms of the hands at the rate of about fourteen strokes a minute. He suggested the "buddy" system of swimming where two swimmers go together, has little faith in the pulmotor in restoring one overcome in water and says bodies do not go down three times before drowning. No one should bathe or swim for an hour after eating, he said.

Many Firms Have Yen For Shelby, But It's A Racket, Houser Shows

Firms indicating they are interested in moving their plants provided towns and cities are willing to offer inducements are, to a certain extent, indulging in a racketeering enterprise, says Everett Houser, secretary of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and Merchants association.

Mr. Houser says he has received during the past several months a number of enquiries from firms indicating their interest in providing certain financial aid could be secured.

In each case he has promptly asked for a financial statement of the firm in question. In most instances the matter dies there immediately because false statements sent through the mails are calculated to cause people trouble. Several firms, however, have sent their statements and in each of these instances they were, to say the very least, in bad financial condition.

A list of firms who had enquired (Continued on page eight)

County Gets \$585,269 Federal Farm Loans, Could Get Lots More

Snake In Pulpit Had No Fangs

Applications Called Comparatively Slow

Other Counties Ask And Obtain More, Says Edwards; \$85,000 In Home Loans Made.

More livestock, building improvements, and a breathing spell from working off the mortgages are some of the benefits that Cleveland farmers have been slow to obtain from the Federal Land bank.

One of the reasons why applications have been slow here, is, of course, that times have never been so hard as in some other communities.

Half Million Here. Even so, the amount of money loaned here since 1929, arrived as by The Star from records in the register of deeds office, adds up to a startling figure—\$555,269. It breaks down like this: In 1929, \$19,500; in 1930, \$66,000; in 1931, \$24,800; in 1932, \$54,700; in 1933, \$450,469. There were no loans in 1932.

Interest Rate Low. Henry Edwards of Shelby and J. R. Davis of Kings Mountain are attorneys and correspondents for the Land Bank. This organization is not one of the New Deal creations, but has been in work for more than 15 years. It is, however, supplemented by a New Dealer, the Land Bank commissioners, who are allowed, when they think wise, to add a 25 per cent loan to the fifty per cent the bank can make. In other words, if you get a land bank loan up to one-half the value of your farm, and need more, the commissioners are allowed to go another 25 per cent, if after appraisal, they think it wise. You can't borrow this money to purchase lands, but you can get it for any other farm purpose, including refinancing.

Land Bank loans cost 4-1/2 per cent for the first five years; four more years of that to go; and 5 per cent after that. With private loans ranging up to 8 per cent, this means a vast saving to farmers who take these loans.

400 New Applications. Although applications have been unusually slow in Cleveland, compared with the rush for federal money in eastern counties, and in South Carolina, Mr. Edwards said that "business was picking up now. I've had about 400 applications this year."

Applications should be made to the attorneys, with a surveyor's plat and a legal description of the property offered.

\$85,000 Home Loans. The other federal money source in Cleveland, Home Loans, for which C. B. McBrayer is attorney and Oliver Anthony appraiser, took a sharp upswing in the past month. Records in the register of deeds office show that loans aggregating \$85,091 have been made.

This, of course, is far from a final total, for there are several hundred applications on file that will in all likelihood be allowed.

County Buys Bonds Before Maturity

Buys \$13,000 Today, making A Total Of \$20,000 Bought Since July 1st.

Cleveland county's strong financial position enables it to retire un-matured bonds and since July 1st, \$20,000 has been bought in to stop interest. Thirteen thousand worth of No. 7 township, No. 2 township and No. 9 (Lawndale district) bonds all bearing six per cent interest were purchased today through a firm of security dealers.

When any particular fund has sufficient money on hand to retire un-matured bonds, it is the policy of the county to buy these bonds in when they are available. Not often, however, are Cleveland county bonds floating around for sale. They are quoted at par and above. Troy McKinney says he was fortunate in buying the \$13,000 lot at par.

New Film Teaches Buying At Home

The Shelby Merchants association is publicly acknowledging its thanks to the management of the Webb and Carolina theaters for running an attractive and interesting short "talkie" feature which shows the advantages of people doing their buying in their own communities.