

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 12 1/4 to 13 1/4
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 43.00

Generally Fair

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Rain Wednesday; Thursday generally fair and slightly colder.

Japs Break Treaty

The Japanese privy council highest consultative body in Japan, yesterday told the emperor to break the Washington treaty of 1922.

Seek Steel Peace

President Roosevelt yesterday was seeking to pacify embattled capital and labor in the steel industry, urging them to try a six months peace plan.

Billion For Homes

An effort to put more money in the hands of the Home Owners Loan corporation advanced yesterday to the stage of drafting a bill for another billion dollars.

No Cotton Deal

A projected cotton deal between the United States and Germany involving between six and thirty million dollars, was reported yesterday to be faced with collapse.

Cherchez la Femme

The old French theory of "Cherchez la femme" was invoked yesterday by Berry V. Stoll in the nationwide hunt for the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll.

Car Tag Sales Reported Low

Despite the fact that the Federal government has poured thousands of dollars into the pockets of Cleveland county auto owners, the sale of license tags for 1935 is abnormally low for this time of the year.

Due To Date

Carlos Hopper, who handles this matter for the state around at the Carolina Motor Inn says the probable reason for this falling off is due to the fact that last year owners began putting on the new tags December 1 and had to wait this year until the 15th.

Large Crowd Attend Reunion Of Roysters

A large crowd attended the reunion of the Royster families and their connections at Falkton Baptist church Sunday where a bounteous picnic dinner was served.

INFLUENZA REPORTED TO BE INCREASING

Local physicians say quite a few cases of influenza in mild form are prevalent in Cleveland county.

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HATCHER WEBB GIVES \$10,000 TO HOSPITAL

Shelby Will Save \$2,775 Per Year By 'Phone Slash

City Estimate Is Made By Commerce Body

\$100 Will Be Saved In Business District, \$131 A Year In Residential Area.

Figures tabulated by the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association show an approximate saving of \$2775 per year to Shelby residents as a result of new telephone rates ordered into effect January 1.

While these figures are approximate they are believed to be fairly indicative of actual savings to telephone users. The figures were obtained by a check of the local telephone directory with resultant figuring of old and new rates by classifications.

Comparison Of Rates.

Rates for various types of service, both old and new rates, with resultant savings for users of the 1050 phones in Shelby monthly are:

One hundred seventy five business phones; old rate, \$4; new rate, \$3.50, savings \$100.

Three hundred twenty five one-party residential phones, old rate, \$3.50, new rate, \$3.25; savings \$87.50.

Two hundred and fifty residential two-party lines, rate, \$2; no change, no savings.

One hundred and fifty residential 4-party lines, old rate \$1.75; new rate \$1.50, savings \$43.75.

This makes a monthly total of \$231.25 or an annual saving of \$2775. These figures are based on estimate of number of phones of different classifications in the city. While there may be some changes in number listed for each classification it is not believed the changes would affect the total to any appreciable extent, and any change would show larger savings.

Governor Paroles Chic Edgerton In 1 Year Sentence

Chic Edgerton, convicted here in July in the Records Court on charges of breaking and entering and sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads, has been paroled by Governor Ehringhaus.

The Governor made the following statement: "The trial judge, Mr. Joseph M. Wright, has written a letter in this prisoner's behalf and states among other things:

"In view of the fact that the evidence showed that this prisoner was under the influence of some intoxicant to the extent that he was practically non compos mentis when he committed the alleged crime, I hereby recommend that he be given an immediate parole. I believe that he has served enough time to meet the ends of justice."

"The trial Solicitor, Mr. C. C. Horn, has written concurring in the above recommendation.

"Acting upon the recommendations in this prisoner's behalf and the facts set forth therein, I am this day granting him a parole for the remainder of his term, under the supervision of the Superintendent of Public Welfare of the county in which he intends residing upon his release from prison and upon condition he be of good behavior and engage in gainful employment."

Preacher Murphy Dances In Court As Speerit Celebrates Dismissal

When the speerit hits Preacher Sampson Murphy, 60-year-old pastor of Shelby's colored House of Prayer, an affiliate of the Holy Roller sect, the preacher shouts with joy, and "hits a lick or two." But when evil speerits get after him, the preacher "squinces and melts down" and prays for the Lord to remove the stumbluck blocks in his path.

The good speerits were with him Sunday morning, but not for long. When the preacher returned from a joyful session at the House of Prayer he found himself under the influence of evil speerits and worse than that, in the hands of the law.

Cash Register Jingles Joyful News Of Bigger Business For Shelby Stores

While the square little forest around the court house gleams this week with magic strings of red, green and lemon-colored light flung from the facade of the white building through the dark tree branches, the rectangle of stores and shops around it sparkles back with the bright reflection of Christmas things and echoes with the crisp rattle of wrapping paper and the gratifying jingle of cash registers.

Which is to say that the central marts for Cleveland's 52,000 population are doing a whale of a Christmas business, far ahead of last year's record at this time. After a slowish start last week, business began to speed up to a pace which encouraged many shop-keepers to send in hurry-up re-orders for holiday merchandise.

Extra clerks have been hired in scores of stores, recruited, many of them, from the high school student body, which was dismissed early for that very purpose. Crowds teem and push through the streets daily. The people are spending the money.

No accurate estimate in percentage can be made as to how much more they are spending this year than before, but a merchant stressing a holidays goods can hardly be found to deny that business is better than any time for four years. It ought to be — it was expected to be — and it is.

The most encouraging reports come from dry-goods, furniture and notions departments. Furniture makes a handsome Christmas gift, and it is being sold. Clothing does too, and there are smart new models in every shop. Drug stores, hardware stores and all department stores are heavily stocked, and are selling out.

Last year, a survey by The Star showed the trend was for practical things. Cleveland has not lost that touch of common-sense in a mad maelstrom of spending, but this week saw more money going for goods in the luxury class — and for gadgets. Gadgets are those bright and cheerful things like chrome plated cocktail shakers that no one, of course, has

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Farmers' Income Highest In 30 Years, Report Shows

Smallest Crops, But Total Values Are Up, Not Even Counting The Millions In Benefit Payments

The paradoxical totals of the smallest crop in years and the largest income were as true for the rest of the nation as they were for Cleveland county. The department of agriculture yesterday issued a report showing how the farmers had profited this year although growing less.

Gets Six Months For Ill Famed House In No. 10

Six months in jail and work on the state highways was the sentence passed on Perry Haynes in recorder's court this morning after he had been charged and convicted with conducting a disorderly house in connection with his filling station on the Belwood-Casar road.

Judge Wright ordered him to pay \$10 and the costs in addition to keeping his filling station closed on Sunday, after some 25 citizens of No. 10 township had testified as to the character of his place and had asked for a court action.

Haynes asked for a trial but is expected to go ahead and pay the fine and serve the sentence.

An additional part of the judgment was to the effect that persons stopping at the Haynes place on Sundays will be arrested by officers in that township.

Two negroes, Jim Eskridge (Rippy) of Shelby and J. C. Jimison of Hendersonville were given four and three months each for stealing flour from the Eagle Roller mill warehouse last night. They were apprehended by Policeman Jim Hester.

Farm Couple Lose \$200 Somewhere

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bell who live over in the Oak Grove community will have their Christmas blighted by the loss of \$200 in cash this week. The money was lost in Mrs. Bell's purse and just when and how it got away she does not know. She thinks it was left in some store while she was shopping, although it was not missed until they returned to their home. This loss occurred shortly after noon Monday and was reported to police who are on the lookout.

Faculty Members Married Sept. 1st In Knoxville, Tenn

Of interest to friends here is the announcement made today of the marriage of Miss Ethel Thomas and Walter E. Abernethy which took place on September 1 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Abernethy, a native of Lenora, has made her home for the last five years with her sister, Mrs. S. P. Dries, and Mr. Dries in Jersey City. She has been instructor of English in the Shelby high school for several years.

Mr. Abernethy, principal of the local high school, is a son of Jones F. Abernethy of Hickory.

They will spend the Christmas holidays with the bride groom's father in Hickory and will return to Shelby the first of the year to continue their work in the high school.

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Delegation Goes To Raleigh Asking Action On Road

To Request Money for Shelby-Grover Link

County Representatives To Lay Plea Before Commission; Cash Is The Question.

GROVER ROAD PROMISED

A telegram received at two o'clock today from Hon. Ernest Gardner and the county delegation which appeared before the state highway commission says, "Grover road promised."

Further details were not learned, but it is thought that road funds which will be saved in the mountains where the Smoky Mountain park road will be built by the federal government, make the necessary money available for the Shelby-Grover project.

A delegation from Cleveland county, headed by chairman of the board of county commissioners, J. L. Herndon, left this morning for Raleigh to appear before the board of highway commissioners with an urgent request for improvements on the Shelby-Grover road, which touches Patterson Springs and Earl.

The county delegates were invited to present this request to the whole board by Ross Sigmon, district highway commissioner, when he spoke here at Patterson Springs December 7.

Represent County Besides Mr. Herndon, Carl Thompson, senator-elect from this district, Dr. J. S. Dorton, P. Cleveland Gardner, O. F. Austell of Earl, Lawton Blanton, O. M. Mull, J. B. Lowery are making the trip.

Commissioner Sigmon explained to a mass meeting at Patterson Springs that the state has \$50,000 which had been set aside for grading, but that no work could be started until the money is in sight to start surfacing the road. The road has been located, no objection has been raised to its routing, and if the commission can find the money, it may be approved for early letting.

Commissioner Sigmon explained in his Patterson Springs address that the delay in building the promised road was due to a restriction placed on the use of federal funds by Washington authorities and pointed out that the last general assembly forced the use of state funds for the past two years.

No Christmas Delivery While star routes will operate as scheduled and mail to and from such routes is to be handled as on other days, there will be no city delivery, rural delivery, or window service in post office on Christmas day.

Many parcels intended as Christmas gifts are not delivered before Christmas day, due to extreme weather conditions, delayed trains, and other circumstances which the mailer cannot control. To the recipient, especially the young boy or girl, it may mean the cherished hopes of months blasted, disappointment and sorrow pervading a young life at Christmas time.

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Post Office Adds Additional Carriers

One additional clerk and three additional carriers were added to the staff of the Shelby postoffice yesterday, Postmaster Quinn announced. More help will be added as the Christmas rush increases, he said.

Judge Alley Will Hold Court Here

Judge Felix Eugene Alley, of Cashier's Valley fame, will preside over the criminal term of court here Jan. 7, according to a computation made this morning by Bill Osborne, deputy clerk of the court. Mr. Osborne reasons that Judge Phillips, who holds court in Rockingham on that date, had swapped with Judge Alley.

Nolan Brothers Erect New Filling Station

Ed and Lee Nolan are having a new filling station erected on the vacant lot owned by Miss Selma Webb and Mrs. Paul Webb on East Warren street opposite the Chevrolet place. The station will have a lobby, rest rooms and other conveniences. Independent gasoline will be handled.

All Choirs in Shelby to Join in Carol Singing In Community Gathering on Eve of Christmas

Voices of all the choirs in the city will be lifted in the traditional Christmas carols on Christmas Eve, first in a huge gathering in the court house, and then, in smaller groups, throughout Shelby at the homes of the sick, the aged, and the infirm.

This plan, unique in Shelby, was announced this morning by Mrs. Everett Houser, president of the Inter Club council, which represents all the women's clubs in the city, numbering 22. Elaborate preparations are being made, with court square already sparkling with brilliant decorations, and the court room to be made gay with holly and Christmas colors.

The community sing will be held inside at 8:30, under the direction of H. C. Seefeldt, director of music at the First Baptist church. All the choirs in the city, including Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian, will take part.

After this, the choirs will break up into small groups and sing through the streets and at various homes in the four sections of Shelby.

Court square was decorated under the direction of Mrs. Clyde R.

Memorial To Mother In Form Of Modern Maternity Ward Here

Patient For Six Weeks, He Learned Practical Christianity, He Says; Duke Money May Match Donation

As a memorial to his mother, Mrs. Eliza Alexander Webb, mother of eleven children, seven of whom are living, A. Hatcher Webb has announced a gift of \$10,000 to the Shelby Hospital to establish a maternity ward.

Gives \$10,000



A. Hatcher Webb who gives \$10,000 toward building a maternity addition to the Shelby hospital as a memorial to his mother.

"The money is available at once. It has no strings tied to it or any conditions or reservations whatsoever. I simply want to memorialize my mother my real "buddy" who had faith in me and was such a beautiful, patient mother herself," said Mr. Webb, who is now a patient in the hospital and has been here for six weeks, not sick, but just lolling around and resting from an injury he received in a fall.

"See "Practical Christianity." "No one pressed or urged me to make this gift. I have been thinking of some way I could pay a deserved tribute to my mother and since being a patient in the hospital, I have seen what practical Christianity is, how the sick are being healed and cared for and decided that here is the place it is needed," said Mr. Webb as he lay on his hospital bed and chatted freely with the editor of The Star about the matter.

The money will be used for an addition to the hospital, to make mothers of new-borns comfortable in the hour of their travail. Mr. Webb wants an adequate delivery room, comfortable private rooms and a ward far enough removed from the baby room so that the mothers will not be disturbed by moans and cries of the suffering.

Hope For Duke Help On Friday night of this week the trustees of the hospital will hold a meeting, formally accept Mr. Webb's gift and take steps to obtain an equal amount from the Duke Foundation Building fund. Some years ago, the Duke Hospitalization fund set aside \$25,000 with which to enlarge the Shelby hospital in the event the amount was matched. No way was found to match that offer. Whether it is still available, will be determined later.

Need Negro Wards Mr. Webb spoke of the need of enlarged accommodations for the negroes and expressed the hope that some one would make money available for this race at the hospital. The colored department has only four rooms at present and is often crowded.

Hatcher seemed to get great joy out of his gift and spoke freely of his mother who will be memorial-

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\$101,000 Payment On Parity Is Due In Cleveland Now

But There's No Certainty, Says James, That It Will Be Here For Christmas.

That \$101,000 parity payment due Cleveland county cotton growers from the Agricultural Administration is due any day from now on, but Assistant County Agent James said today that he hardly dared hope it would arrive before Christmas.

County Agent Shoffner has received word from Washington that the checks were being sent to Raleigh, but that is no certain indication that they will arrive here immediately.

There is the possibility, though, that Mr. Shoffner, who left for Washington Sunday, may be able to speed up payment of these checks. It's an outside chance, for the government can't be rushed, and what Mr. Shoffner is really there for is to arrange payment to 300 farmers of the second rental payment due to them.

This payment, would amount, at a conservative estimate, to \$15,000 — a tidy sum just before Christmas. There is a strong possibility that Mr. Shoffner may return with these checks. If he does, the checks will not be distributed until farmers have been notified to call for them.

Textile Union I New Quarters Now

Lawrance and McAbee to Speak At Opening on Saturday Night December 22nd.

Local No. 1901, United Textile Workers of America has secured a new location and is moving from the Thompson building on West Warren street to the second floor of the Arey building on S. Washington street.

The interior of the building has been remodeled, is well heated and comfortable. Saturday December 22 has been set for the opening night and a program will begin at 7 o'clock at which R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation of Labor and C. W. McAbee (Walking Charlie), member of the executive council will be the principal guest speakers.

Clerk Of Court Remains Critical

Clerk of Superior court A. M. Hamrick who was stricken at the first of the week with a pleurisy attack was reported to be holding his own at his home today.

It was learned that Mr. Hamrick did not have a very restful night, but his general condition was thought to be more hopeful, although he remains gravely ill.

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