

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

Fair and Warmer

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair, slightly warmer in west portion Friday; Saturday partly cloudy.

Betty Gow Gone

Betty Gow, nurse of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, is mysteriously missing from her home in Scotland, press cables reported this morning. She was last seen in Glasgow on Saturday, and had been planning to sail for the United States this week.

To Show Salaries

The securities commission yesterday ruled that America's big business must reveal all its secret data, including the salaries paid to high officials. This will affect 2,350 of the greatest corporations. All statements must be filed by June 30, 1935, although there may be exceptions.

Stalin Acts

Gregory Zinoviev, an outstanding Bolshevik leader, has been arrested and placed in jail by Joseph Stalin as part of the purge of the Communist party after the assassination of Kirov. The news is interpreted to mean that Stalin is determined to eradicate every shred of opposition to his regime.

Liners Crippled

Great liners of the Atlantic were delayed last night and this morning and others were crippled in towering seas of the North coast. The Boston freighter Severance with 41 aboard is limping toward New York under her own power, and a fishing trawler 100 miles off Boston is wireless for help.

Hits Competition

A strong plea was made yesterday for federal co-ordination of all the railroad lines in the nation. Joseph B. Eastman, federal co-ordinator made the request, declaring there was nothing in history which indicated we must revert to free-for-all competition.

Shows More Profit

World war profits of more than a quarter of a billion dollars by the Du Pont Powder company, after expenses and taxes had been deducted, were detailed yesterday before the senate munitions investigating committee. The Du Ponts sought to show that their gains were offset by much larger losses in other companies.

Against Japan

Japan must accept the 5-5-3 naval ratio, which gives her the small end of the bargain, or stand by and see the United States and England join in a bi-lateral treaty. This was the opinion of American spokesmen in London today as the refusal of Japan to abide by the Washington treaty of 1922 was widely discussed.

Four Persons Able To Leave Hospital

Four persons were able to leave the Shelby hospital yesterday and today and will spend the holidays at their respective homes. They are Mapes Newman of Shelby; Willie London, of Hollis who had a fractured leg; Mrs. Hubert Jones and a new son born recently, and A. D. Callahan of the Beaver Dam section. Wreck victims of a few weeks ago are reported to be recovering nicely.

Tarlton Speaks On Children's Welfare

J. J. Tarlton, superintendent of schools of Rutherford county, succeeding Clyde Erwin, recently appointed State Supt. of Schools, spoke last night to the Kiwanis club meeting at the Shelby Hotel. The program was in charge of the boys and girls committee and Mr. Tarlton's address was very appropriate to the subject. He urged health, honesty, courtesy and spirituality for youth and emphasized how these qualities should be inculcated by precept and example on the part of parents and adults.

Beautiful Weather Stimulus To Trade

Beautiful weather, cold enough to make one feel good and with clear skies and moonlight nights, Christmas shoppers are crowding the stores of the county, making their last minute selections. Extra sales help has been put on at all stores and Christmas trade is brisker than it has been for years. Stores are open evenings until 9 o'clock and will continue this schedule through Christmas eve.

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Tax Plan Wins



Governor George White
In the closing days of his administration, Governor George White, two-term governor of Ohio and defeated candidate for the U. S. senate, realized a surprising "lame duck" legislative victory by securing the passage of a sales tax program which is expected to bring a revenue of approximately \$56,500,000.

Postoffice Shows \$70 Increase In Daily Revenues

Postal Savings Also Show Big Figure; Trade Beats All Records.
Three days before Christmas finds the Shelby post office doing a volume of Christmas business unparalleled by business of any other year which is indicated by the fact that there has been a jump of \$70 per day income over any previous Christmas.

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Contractor Ready To Start Workers On P. O. Additions

Will Begin Soon On Federal Building

Morrison-Falls Await O. K. From Washington; FERA Office In Lineberger Bldg.

Wrecking axes are poised for demolition of the Hoey building on West Warren street, behind the post office, preparatory to erection of the new federal building, and enlargement of the post office will also begin as soon as bond offered by the Morrison-Falls company of Shelby is approved in Washington.

The Morrison-Falls company also begins with the new year construction of the arcade between the two high school buildings and erection of tower stairs. This project, which has public works support will cost about \$5,000.

Work On Two Schools
Barber Brothers of Mooresville have the contract for the negro school at approximately \$10,000, and have already begun work on the new Dover school, which is financed by public works money, city and a gift from the Dover mill. This will cost about \$24,000.

Local Mills Start Holiday Tonight

Practically all of the textile plants in Cleveland county will suspend operations tonight for the holiday season and resume work on Wednesday after Christmas.

It is understood that no order specifying the duration of the Christmas holiday period for the industry as a whole, has been issued by the code authority so each mill management is at liberty to make his own decision.

Loy Quits Law To Direct Sales For Clothing Co.

Milton Loy, young Shelby attorney, announced yesterday that he was giving up his practice here to become sales manager for North and South Carolina for the P. H. Davis Tailoring company, of Cincinnati.

Remodeling Begun For New Milk Plant

Remodeling of the Hamrick building on North LaFayette street will start next week for the offices and plant of the Carolina Milk Products Co. operated by A. S. Browning Jr. and Dr. S. B. Till, of Hendersonville. The Morrison-Falls company has the contract. Later in the year, another store-room in the same building will be used for the manufacture of ice cream.

City Fire Loss \$15,640 In '34, Vamps Report At Annual Banquet

A composite report of the work of the city fire department for the year was one of the features of the program at a banquet given last night for more than two dozen members of the department. The meeting was an annual affair and was presided over by Everett Houser, secretary of the chamber of commerce and merchants association. Mayor S. A. McMurry, the board of aldermen, Chief of Police D. D. Wilkins, Dr. E. K. McLarty and Dr. Zeno Wall were guests of honor. Dr. Wall gave the annual address.

She's Prettiest At Ohio



Mildred Bowers
Kent State college, Kent, O., presents pretty Mildred Bowers, above, as its model co-ed. Miss Bowers, 19-year-old sophomore, was selected the best model in a style show conducted on the campus under the sponsorship of the school's annual.

Joyful Christmas Music Planned By Shelby Choirs

Churches To Hold Yuletide Services On Sunday, With Cantatas, Pageants, And Children's Programs

All churches in Shelby are planning their Christmas services for Sunday, many with elaborate preparations for special choral music, cantatas, pageants, Christmas trees and programs for children.

Duke Endowment Gift To Hospital Doubted By Hoey

Trustees To Ask Sum To Match Webbs Donation; But May Not Get It, Says Chairman.

Trustees of the Shelby hospital will meet tonight formally to accept the \$10,000 gift for a new maternity ward offered this week by A. Hatcher Webb as a memorial to his mother.

The trustees will also draft an application to the Duke Endowment asking that this sum be matched, but Clyde R. Hoey, chairman, said this morning that the power situation is today so unsettled that a donation from the endowment now is highly uncertain.

Mrs. Mary Baker Dies In Catawba

Sister Of Dr. J. E. Osborne Of Shelby Passes At The Age Of 83 Years.
Mary Elizabeth Osborne Baker, wife of Pinkney Baker, died Thursday morning at her home in Bandy township, Catawba county, at the age of 83 years.

Frank Page, Builder Of Highways, Dead

RALEIGH, Dec. 20.—Frank Page, 59 years old, executive vice president in charge of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company and former chairman of the state highway commission, died at 6:25 o'clock this afternoon in Rex hospital here. Mr. Page had suffered from heart disease for some time, but his condition did not become acute until last Saturday, Dr. N. H. McLeod, his physician, said tonight. When Mr. Page's condition became critical, he was removed to the hospital Monday. The banker worked at his desk through last Friday and the announcement of his death late today came as a shock to his family, business associates and friends.

Sigmon Helps On Grover Project; Gardner Speaks

To Use Money Saved By New Highway

County Delegation Brings Favorable Report on Proposed New Road in Cleveland.

District Commissioner Ross Sigmon of Salisbury told the state highway commissioner in meeting Wednesday that the Shelby-Grover road is the one he would recommend for priority above all others in view of its importance and the fact that it has been promised for years.

As a result of Mr. Sigmon's emphasis on this road, the commission told the Cleveland county delegation that the road would be built as soon as the surfacing money is available. Already \$50,000 has been set aside for grading and Mr. Sigmon told the board that the money that will be saved on the Loco Gap road to be built by the Federal government in connection with the Park-to-Park highway, would be used on the Grover, Patterson Springs and Earl project.

Ernest Gardner was spokesman for the Cleveland county delegation which appeared Wednesday before the highway commission in session in Raleigh. Attending this meeting from Cleveland were J. S. Dorton, Senator Carl Thompson, J. Lester Herndon, Lawton Blanton, B. Austell, Will Bettis, José Lowery, J. A. Earl, John Ab Borders and Rush Padgett.

While no definite time has been set for the letting of the grading contract, it is thought that the letting will be advertised early after the first of the year. The road has been surveyed and located.

Big Christmas Tree For Children Tonight

More than 500 children at whose homes only a lean and hungry Santa Claus will call this year, will be guests of the Salvation Army this evening at a huge Christmas tree party in the army headquarters on West Graham street. The party starts at 7:30.

The Salvation army has provided a huge Christmas tree, and will have toys and candy for every child. Most of these things have been donated through the generosity of Shelby residents.

Post Office Open Till Nine O'Clock

Beginning tonight the local post office will be open until 9 o'clock for the convenience of persons wishing to mail or receive Christmas packages and letters.

This will be followed in like order Saturday and Monday. It is likely the office will set a precedent and deliver packages on Sunday to relieve the pressure at the first of the week.

In addition to the regular staff of postmaster, assistant postmaster and six regular clerks, the office now has two substitutes, four extra substitutes, three city and five rural carriers delivering mail. Also, there are star routes twice each day to Lawndale and Fallston, one from Rutherfordton to Kings Mountain, one from Kings Mountain to Shelby, and one from Shelby to Gastonia.

Uncle Sam's Survey Will Reveal Is There's Gold In Them Hills

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Revival of the gold mining industry in North Carolina was given impetus today by a \$15,000 public works allotment to the geological survey to continue its study of mineral resources in the south.

The allotment announced today is to finance a detailed examination of mines, prospects and mappings of the geology to complete work that already has been done in the southern gold-bearing area.

During the height of gold-mining in North Carolina, a government mint was established in Charlotte. The mining of coins was never resumed after abandonment shortly before the War Between the States.

The old Mint building, however, stood for years and was a landmark of Charlotte until it was demolished to make way for an extension to the city's postoffice.

Mrs. Stroup Buys Up Town Business Site For An Eagle Store

Property Facing Court Square 35x100 Brings Approximately \$20,000 In The Deal. She Will Build In Spring

Mrs. Rush Stroup has purchased for approximately \$20,000, a part of the Miller Block on Warren Street, facing the Court Square and plans to erect a two-story brick building to house a retail unit of the Eagle 5, 10 and 25c Stores, the home offices and stock room for this chain store system.

The deal has just been consummated whereby Mrs. Stroup buys from C. C. and Geo. Blanton and Forrest Eskridge, trading as the Shelby Realty Co. a valuable piece of business property, fronting 35 feet on Warren street and extending to a depth of 100 feet, including the Austell Barber shop and the Shelby and Cleveland County B. and L. office, Geo. A. and Frank L. Hoyle and Ellis studio are located on the second floor of the present building.

Quits Kingfish



Peacemakers have been busy attempting to patch up a row between Senator Huey P. Long and Capt. Lawrence (Biff) Jones, above, coach of the Louisiana State university football team, which brought a threat from the latter to resign unless Huey ceased meddling with the team. The row occurred when the senator attempted to give Jones' team a pep talk.

It is understood that Mrs. Stroup plans to tear the present buildings away and erect a new structure, two stories high with basement, the first floor to be used as a retail outlet for the Eagle 5, 10 and 25 cents stores, the second floor to have the home offices of the company and a stock room.

New Building By Spring
Mrs. Stroup says the building will be ready for occupancy early in the spring. Tenants in the present building have been notified to vacate by February 1st when construction work will begin.

System Of Nine Stores
The Eagle system of stores was started by Mrs. Stroup's husband who served as treasurer of Cleveland county for many years and was an attorney by profession. After his death she carried on the business and extended the chain. Stores are now maintained at Kings Mountain, Morganton, Lincolnton, Belmont, Newton, Canton, Waynesville and Forest City. The Shelby store will be the 10th in the system. A short time ago a unit at York, S. C. was closed.

This marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Eagle system of stores in the Piedmont section. Mrs. Stroup is an exceptionally good business woman and while an Eagle store has never operated in Shelby, it has never plans for several years to open one in her home town.

The sale of this part of the Miller Block property is the first up-town business real estate that has changed hands in many months.

AAA Now Mailing Checks On Parity At 50,000 Daily

Hundreds of Agricultural Administration clerks are toiling daily on the task of mailing between 80 and 60 thousand parity payment checks daily to cotton growers throughout the United States, and Cleveland's quota of \$101,000 may arrive any day.

This was the report of county agent R. W. Shoffner, who returned from Washington yesterday. "It's a gigantic task," he said, "to get that money out. Each check is passed on twelve different times before it is mailed, to eliminate error. It would be almost impossible for a check to get out of there with an error in it. And that's why it takes so much time."

He also investigated the delay in mailing some 300 second rental checks to farmers here, and said that Cleveland was the third county in the United States on the list to receive these. These are checks withheld from the last payment because of overproduction or for other reasons.

PWA Inspector Recalls Shooting Of Stanford White

Thomas Kennedy, PWA building inspector, arrived here this week to supervise construction of the Dover, high school and negro school building plans.

Mr. Kennedy was an associate of Stanford White, noted architect who built Madison Square Garden, and who was killed in 1906 by Harry K. Thaw. He recalls many interesting figures of that era, and is a mine of information and anecdotes about the famous people of the era twenty-five year ago.

Negro Steals Bed And The Springs Too

Will Rameur, colored, picked up his bed and the springs, too, and walked away with it. But the bed wasn't exactly his. It belonged to S. S. Furniture company, so Bob Rameur arrested Will this morning.

Rotary To Give Present To Poor

Members of the Rotary club will distribute toys, oranges, and clothing to 48 children in 12 destitute families on Christmas Eve. A special collection was taken at the meeting today for the clothing fund. Other funds were raised by a football game, and from proceeds of a film at the Carolina theatre, through the generosity of Rotarian Jim Reynolds.