

WEATHER

North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight, colder Saturday night.
Official Shelby Temperatures: high 57, low 32, rainfall 0.

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Cotton, spot 12 1/2 to 13 1/4
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$31.00
Cotton seed, car, ton \$34.00

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HONOLULU, PRACTICALLY ISOLATED, ASKS U. S. FOR AID

Fascists Plan Blockade

BELIEVE REBELS ARE TO DESTROY BARCELONA PORT

Watch England's Attitude Toward Sea Blockade

FIGHT GOES ON

By The Associated Press

Spanish fascists, intent on cutting off war supplies to the Madrid government, will destroy the port of Barcelona if necessary, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden informed the house of commons today.

Eden disclosed his government had received a communication Nov. 17 from the Burgos Junta threatening such action to halt what it called "the scandalous traffic in arms, munitions, tanks, airplanes and even toxic cases."

The administration of Gen. Francisco Franco charged the "real nationality" of ships bringing the supplies to Barcelona was "Russian or Spanish."

The foreign secretary's declaration followed a British demand to the insurgent provisional government to declare its intentions regarding a threatened fascist blockade of Barcelona.

Informal sources in Paris indicated the French government would follow London's example.

Some quarters in London interpreted the British action as lending "tacit recognition" to the provisional administration at Burgos merely by acknowledging its existence.

Italy and Germany already have recognized the fascist government formally as the real government of Spain.

British British Reaction
How will Britain react to a blockade restricting the freedom of the Mediterranean?

Some sources insisted the government (Continued on Page Ten)

TORONTO WILL IS HELD VALID

Only Question Now Is Who Gets The Money

TOHONTO, Nov. 20.—(Canadian Press).—Justice W. E. Middleton today upheld the validity of the "stork derby" clause of Charles Vance Millar's will.

The clause, providing a bequest of approximately \$500,000 to the mother in Toronto who bore the most children in a ten-year period which ended last Oct. 31, had been attacked by relatives of the wealthy Canadian.

Some 17 mothers competed in the derby, which wound up in a welter of ties, conflicting claims and accusations.

The judgment was preliminary in nature. It ruled against the claims of relatives of the Toronto lawyer who contended the 10-year baby race was against public policy. Later Mr. Justice Middleton will hear evidence on the claims of the leading mothers and direct the executor of the will as to distribution of the \$500,000.

Negro Students In Strike About Food

GREENSBORO, Nov. 20.—(AP)—President F. D. Bluford of the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical college for negroes prepared today to investigate the refusal of students to eat their meals. The students began their "hunger strike" last night by refusing to go to supper. They indicated they would eat no breakfast nor attend classes today.

Students declared they were protesting against poorly prepared food in the college dining hall.

Davis To Moscow

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The appointment of Joseph E. Davies, prominent Washington international lawyer, as American ambassador to Moscow was announced today by the White House.

Cruiser Bearing President Noses Into Caribbean

ABOARD THE U. S. S. CHESTER AT SEA, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The

cruiser Indianapolis, bearing President Roosevelt Buenos Aires for the Inter-American Peace Conference, nosed into the Blue Caribbean Sea today and members of the Presidential party had their first sight of land in two days.

"King Neptune's Loyal Subjects" aboard the Indianapolis and its escort, the Chester, took the entry into tropic waters as the occasion for making initial plans incident to the ceremony next week at the crossing of the equator.

There was much conjecture as to whether the President, who never has crossed the equator, would be subjected to the same practical jokes as other members of his party when the "pusillanimous pollywogs" are purged of dockyard barnacles.

The two cruisers passed the west coast of the Virgin Islands before breakfast and the Presidential party rose early for the land view.

The skies were clear and temperatures were higher as the cruisers continued a southeast course at 25 knots.

Th party will reach Trinidad early tomorrow. There the vessels will be refueled and the crew members will have several hours' shore leave. The next stop after Trinidad will be at Rio De Janeiro probably Nov. 27.

The President, dined last night with Capt. Henry K. Hewitt and officers of the Indianapolis after attending movies on a breezy deck.

Shelby Gets \$3,200 Grant From WPA

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(AP)—State WPA administrator George W. Coan, Jr., announced today approval of \$2 relief projects involving federal and sponsors' funds of near \$750,000.

The list of projects was one of the largest yet approved in a single day by the state WPA. Shelby was granted \$3,220 to clean and renovate public buildings.

Hoey Believes State To Share In Social Plan

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey expressed the opinion here today that congress would amend the social security law "so as to allow all states to participate in the social security program without any losses."

Here attending meetings of the advisory budget commission, Hoey pointed to recent recommendations of the annual governors' conference for amendments to allow states to participate without losing any taxes paid by businesses for this year.

"I don't see how any other course can be taken," Hoey said. "Only 17 states have qualified under the present laws and I am confident congress will not let present statutes stand." It is estimated by Major A. L. Fletcher, state labor commissioner, that North Carolina firms are paying \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in social security taxes this year. This state has not qualified to share in the program.

Police Hunt Bandits Who Ran Wild Through The State

ASHEVILLE, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Of ficers hunted some trace today of three armed men who held up a wine shop here and escaped with a wrist watch and more than \$100 from employees and patrons.

The robbers bound up the three employees in the shop and four other persons who were there at the time. Among the latter was Hazel West, a 16 year old cripple who sells pencils.

The girl said one of the men hit her in the face after she refused

LESS HASTE IN CRITICISM ASKED OF BUSINESS MEN

Leaders Seek Lessen Bitterness Of Campaign

SIBLEY'S WISH

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Leaders of business sought today to wipe out the bitterness of pre-election days and attain more harmonious relation with the New Deal.

Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S., representing a total membership of about 700,000 business men, gathered for their first meeting since the election, with President Harper Sibley pulling for friendlier relations and "less haste" by the Chamber in criticizing Roosevelt policy.

Expect Conciliation

Chamber pronouncements were expected to be more conciliatory than in the past, though its officials said its principles would not be scrapped, and it was indicated that a committee report recommending economies to balance the budget without further taxes would be one of the chief documents under study at the current meeting.

Another report to the directors was said authoritatively to recommend continuance of the works progress administration only until the "employables" now out of work have been absorbed into private industry.

It contains data showing "that there will always be a relief load of some sort," one source said, because there is a certain group which is unable to work. Recommendations for a permanent program to provide for this class were expected.

Two Are Killed In Gas Chamber Today

RALEIGH, Nov. 20.—(AP)—North Carolina set a new record for legal executions in one year today by executing Willie Tate of Pitt county and Evans Macklin of Halifax for murder.

The deaths brought to 22 the number of men executed this year, compared with a previous high mark of 20 in 1934. Tate, 28, and Macklin, 20, both negroes, died by gas, the 11th and 12th victims of that method since it was first used in January, and 10 men were electrocuted this year. Two others are under sentence to die next month.

A. P. Moore, Jr., of Scotland Neck, 19 year old son of the Chief of Police of that place for whose murder Macklin was convicted, and R. W. Moore of Fountain, a brother of the dead chief, witnessed the execution and said they believed justice had been done.

Concord Dog Leads In Field Trials

ROCKY MOUNT, Nov. 20.—(AP)—The second cast in the all-age field trials of the North Carolina Fox Hunters Association drew a large field today.

Alexander, owned by C. R. Rich of Concord, took the lead in the first cast yesterday. Bill Lee, owned by William Wingate of Columbia, S. C. was second.

Rocket, entered by S. D. Bradshaw, of Kernersville, took third place, and Beauty, entered by C. S. Bunn of Rocky Mount, fourth.

Deadly Fire Imperils Many



At least two persons were known to have perished, 10 others were injured and damage estimated at \$200,000 was caused in a stubborn fire that swept the five-story Cable Piano company building in Atlanta, Ga. Among the numerous heroic rescues was that of Mrs. H. W. Talmadge (arrow) who is shown as firemen helped her down a ladder to safety. (Associated Press Photo)

Telephone Office Has Busy Voices, Flashing Lights, Buzzing Wires

Most Of Equipment Entirely Automatic; No Cache Of Wrong Numbers In Evidence; 1300 Phones

A hum of busy voices and buzzing reveal the hiding place of the wires, mixed with the clicking of electrical apparatus, the flashing of vari-colored lights, and numerous other details prove to the casual visitor that a telephone office is certainly no playhouse.

A visit to the local office reveals the fact that the pretty girls with the pleasant "number please" and courteous "thank you" are not only among the busiest persons in town, but among the most important.

A thorough search of the complicated plant over the Union bank, the converging plant for the thousands of wires in the city, failed to

SOPHS LEADING ON HONOR ROLL AT HIGH SCHOOL

Those dauntless sophomores not only boast of their smartness, but prove it—according to the second month honor roll just released by school authorities.

The sophomores led the other classes with 17 per cent making honor grades and department standards. The juniors who tied them last month were just a shade behind with 16.5 per cent.

Seniors were next with 13 per cent and freshmen with 12 per cent, a school average of 15 per cent. Due to the fact that it would be almost mechanically impossible to run the names of all elementary honor roll students in the city and county each month, The Star will run only high school honor lists. Those for the second month are:

Eighth grade: Clara Lee Fitch, Dorothy Crapps, Frances Jones, Margaret Jones, Marie Justice, Helen Mauney, Roy Sue Turner, June Wilson, Herman Crook, Bobby Frazier, Warren Graham, Ben Gold, Christine Crawford, Mary L. Doggett, Bettie Ellis, Virginia Falls, Marjorie Lail, Frances Martin, Mary Annie McBrayer, Jessie Lou Collins, Eula Mae Hicks, Phyllis McWhirter.

Ninth grade: Ned Fowler, Russel Craig, Max Gardner, Alfred Green, Walter Laughridge, Gene LeGrand, Billie Richbourg, Billy Webb, Mary E. Apple, Ina L. Forney, Sara Mull, Sara Newton, Betsy H. Roberts, Elva A. Thompson, Phyllis Yates.

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OCEAN SERVICE BY DIRIGIBLES NOW FORECAST

To Carry Passengers And Freight Over Atlantic

U. S. SUBSIDIZED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—(AP)—American dirigibles will soon be carrying passengers and freight across the Atlantic with the aid of government subsidies if plans now coming to a head here are finally approved.

Representatives of the commerce department, the navy and private business will meet next Tuesday to formulate recommendations for such a subsidized service.

Study Subsidy Plans

The meeting will make a report to the maritime commission, which, in turn, will submit its findings to congress.

Called by J. Monroe Johnson, assistant to Secretary Roper in charge of the commerce department's transportation activities, the meeting will be attended by Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, who has been prominently identified with the navy's lighter-than-air activities; Commander Garland Fulton, another navy expert; Robert G. Elbert of New York and Samuel P. Wetmore of Philadelphia, both members of the business advisory council, and Gill Rob Wilson of Trenton, N. J., an aviation authority.

Johnson said today the conferees would study subsidy plans which would place American operators of a transatlantic service "on a parity" with operators in other countries.

He said some subsidy system closely resembling that provided for the merchant marine might be worked out. The latter provides direct construction and operating subsidies, based upon difference between American and foreign costs.

The business advisory council, a group of business men who advise with the commerce department, suggested a subsidized dirigible program several months ago and Secretary Roper approved.

General Electric Plans Dividend

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A \$14,000,000 extra dividend by the General Electric Co. and added compensation for workers under its profit-sharing plan topped another shower of dolars from industry today.

Some 41,000 General Electric workers were counted into the hundreds of thousands sharing the year end dollar windfall through wage increases and special payments. The company, in line with a recent policy for adjusting compensation to living cost changes, added 2 per cent to the year end profit-sharing disbursement, estimated at 6 per cent of employee earnings.

Ab Little Sees Unfortunate Day

Ab Little, colored man of Lawndale saw life hard yesterday.

In the first place he had a wreck in the only car he owned. After the wreck flames burst out in the engine and was about to destroy it.

On top of that he looked in the back seat and found that most of the jars which had contained 12 to 15 gallons of corn liquor were smashed.

His heart was broken when Deputy E. J. Cordell came along. He ran, but was captured and is now under a \$200 bond to face charges in recorder's court. Cordell put out the fire.

Thousand Drown As Water Sweeps Over Nippon Town

OSARUSAWA, AKITA PREFECTURE, Japan, Nov. 20.—(AP)—A rushing avalanche of water from a burst mine reservoir swept away this little Japanese town today, drowning more than 1,000 residents and destroying 500 homes.

The torrent raced down upon the village from one of the largest copper mines in the empire. Sleeping inhabitants were trapped in their beds. Their homes were caught up by the released flood and dashed against the rocky banks of a

Hawaii Fears Panic Among People, Food Is Becoming Scarce

Strike Causing Fear Of Early Shortage In Island

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—(AP)—Hawaii, which imports about 80 per cent of its foods, urged the federal government to prevent a possible "panic among our people" by a rush shipment of supplies at the three-weeks-old maritime strike held 213 ships in Pacific ports today.

No American ships have carried food to the islands since the strike was declared; foreign ships have deposited only small cargoes; and the situation in partially isolated Honolulu has been aggravated by the presence of 700 stranded passengers and 1,000 striking seamen.

Meanwhile the picture of other widespread labor trouble was brightened by settlement of a milk workers' dispute. It had caused the city governments of Oakland and Berkeley, with a combined population of 400,000 to take over distribution.

The trouble, which started Saturday over union picketing of an Oakland plant, was cleared up at a conference which announced the men involved would be re-employed and that employers would not oppose unionization of milkers.

The milk dispute, along with others affecting textile workers and warehousemen, was not connected with the maritime strike.

You'll excuse Mrs. L. B. Scheerer of Modoc county, Calif., if she's smiling a bit boastfully, because the 275-pound deer she's standing by fell at her own hands. It's the largest deer shot in that county this year.

CLEVELAND GAINS HALF MILLION IN TAXABLE VALUES

Is Highest Valuation Since Bad Year Of 1932

A tax valuation gain of \$507,244 for taxable property in Cleveland county was revealed today as final figures were tabulated in the tax office. The gain runs the total valuation to \$29,016,066, the highest valuation since the depression year of 1932.

Last year's valuation was \$28,703,049.

The new valuation was reached despite the new ruling created by the last legislature which allows livestock to be included in the \$300 personal exemption.

A loss in valuation of \$194,227 by this route was recorded.

Figures indicate that of the \$215,000 levy for this year corporations in the county will pay approximately one third the amount. Corporations alone are assessed at nearly nine and a half million dollars.

Colored persons pay tax on \$425. 166 worth of property and whites pay on \$19,143,317.

The various taxes are divided into exactly 50 different funds, including 26 road funds, 15 special school funds, the general, poor, debt service, school, school maintenance, and hospital funds.

The county wide rate is 40 cents and the average rate is 80 cents on a \$100 valuation.

Hard Ice Grets Early Risers Here

Hard ice, the hardest of the season thus far, greeted early risers in the county today as the thermometers dropped to around 22 degrees above just before daylight this morning.

Promise of warmer weather was made by the weather man as the west coast and central part of the nation are being released from the freezing grip of winter's first real onslaught.

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Court Was Ready, But Had No Cases

A record was set today in the court annals of the county.

All officials of the recorder's court were ready for work, but there were no prisoners. More than that, Sheriff Raymond Cline is ready for real action now. He has just returned from a district school or conference for sheriffs, held at Gastonia. There the chief county officers were given important pointers on crime, arrests and court procedure.