

# WEATHER

North Carolina: Mostly cloudy, possibly rain on coast, slightly warmer in central and northwest portions. Official Shelby temperature yesterday: high 53, low 40, rainfall .087.

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# MARKETS

Cotton, spot ..... 12 1/2 to 13 1/2  
Cotton seed, wagon, ton .... \$35.00  
Cotton seed, car lot, ton .... \$38.00

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# RUMORS RIFE BUT ENGLISH QUESTION IS UNSETTLED

## 12,407,000 Bales Cotton Estimate

**FORECAST TODAY ONLY 7,000 OVER OCTOBER REPORT**  
Acre Yield Given As Only 197.6 Pounds WAS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Cotton production this year was estimated today at 12,407,000 equivalent 500-pound bales by the department of agriculture in its December report.

A month ago 1,400,000 bales were forecast. Last year's production was 10,638,000 bales and the average for the five years, 1928-32, was 14,667,000 bales.

Acre-yield this year is placed at 197.6 pounds, compared with 199.7 forecast a month ago, 188.3 produced last year, and 169.9, the 1928-32 average.

The acreage for harvest this year was 30,054,000, and the abandonment after July 1 was 2.8 per cent of the 30,932,000 acres in cultivation July 1. The acreage picked last year was 27,335,000 and that in cultivation July 1 was 27,888,000, while two years ago it was 26,866,000 and 27,690,000.

Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to December 1 was reported by the census bureau to have totaled 11,494,170 running bales, compared with 9,356,921 for 1935 and 9,019,834 for 1934.

**COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSE ONE WEEK, CITY'S FOR TWO**  
County Schools Want Over Early In The Spring

Decision to close the rural schools of Cleveland county on December 23 for Christmas holidays was announced today following a meeting yesterday afternoon of the county board of education.

The schools will resume work again on Monday, December 28, taking hardly a week for holiday. Reason suggested for the short period was to prevent having to run so long in the spring to get in the full eight months.

Shelby, Kings Mountain. The announcement was made by County Superintendent J. H. Grigg who said all school except Shelby and Kings Mountain will be affected.

Walter E. Abernethy, Shelby superintendent and B. N. Barnes, Kings Mountain head of schools said holidays for the city units will be two full weeks, beginning Friday, December 18 and lasting until Monday, January 4.

One reason for the longer holidays in the city schools is the fact that many of the high school pupils work during the closed season. Supt. Abernethy said 30 percent or more will do extra work.

**Relief For Negro Schools Is Seen In New Buildings**  
Promise for partial relief from the cramped and overcrowded conditions of colored schools in Cleveland county was made today as it was learned that four new school buildings are assured in cooperation with the WPA.

The county board of education in session yesterday was informed that final plans have been approved and work is expected to be authorized to begin almost immediately on \$7,000 worth of buildings.

## Champions King



King Edward gained a powerful ally in his dispute with the British cabinet over his intentions to marry Mrs. Wallis Simpson when Winston Churchill (above) threw the force of his far-reaching influence in support of the monarch and his romance. He may become prime minister if Stanley Baldwin resigns. (Associated Press Photo)

## 139 Cars Stolen During November, 81 Are Recovered

RALEIGH, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The motor vehicle bureau announced today that 139 cars were reported to it as stolen in North Carolina during November, the largest number of thefts in a month this year so far.

Eighty-one cars stolen during the month were recovered, the bureau said, and 25 stolen in previous months also were returned to owners during November.

## Fire Sweeps Negro Tabernacle, 1 Dead

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fire swept a wooden Tabernacle during negro revival services here early today, killing one and spreading panic among more than 5,000 others.

Flames broke out in the basement. Members of the congregation, assembled for a 24 hour ritual, rushed for the exits.

The building, termed the God Universal Tabernacle, was erected two weeks ago.

Watchers estimated the loss at "several thousand dollars." Fire department headquarters said it had no official report on the extent of the damage.

## BIG PROFIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Resuming its investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. the federal communication commission heard testimony today that Western Electric made a \$2,112,000 profit out of the organization of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc.

## Shelby Retail Sales Jump Over Million In Two Years

Sales in Shelby stores increased more than \$1,000,000 from 1933 to 1935 and total payroll for the 129 proprietors and the 512 full time and part time employees jumped from \$242,000 to \$382,000 per year, it was learned today.

The information came in a report compiled by the bureau of census in connection with the department of commerce at Washington. Shelby was included in cities from 10,000 to 50,000 population.

## Lose Entire Railroad But Regain It Without Putting Up One Nickel

### Frenzied Railroad Finance Disclosed At The Senate Hearing—May Recall Morgan To Witness Stand Again

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Senate investigators heard today that the late Van Sweringen Brothers lost their \$3,000,000,000 rail and industrial system on September 30, 1935—and "regained control the same day without putting up a five cent piece."

This testimony was given the Senate Interstate Commerce committee at the same time as the probability grew that J. P. Morgan would be summoned to a capitol witness stand, for the third time in

four years, to answer questions as to his reasons for relinquishing control of the nation's largest transportation set-up.

**Stock Control**  
Evidence that their whole system—including 249 companies—was controlled through \$8,250 worth of stock opened the second day of hearings in the Senate's railway financing investigation.

George A. Ball, soft-spoken Indiana glass-maker, testified he purchased

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## Flood After Cyclone Is Feared To Have Caused Many Philippine Deaths

MANILA, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The peaceful farming valley of Cagayan was a devastated graveyard of untold dead today.

Flood waters of the mighty Cagayan river, largest in the Philippines, swept thousands to their death, official Philippine army advisers said, and left other thousands missing.

Officials, marshalling the commonwealth's relief agencies, expressed fear the full extent of what they termed "the greatest disaster the Philippines has experienced," would never be known.

Population of entire Barrios—suburban clusters of native huts—were wiped out. The river, swelled by the northern Luzon island's heaviest rainfall, swept down the populous valley at 4 a. m. last Friday, trapping most of the victims as they slept.

Entire families were caught by the unexpected torrents, aftermath of a typhoon. They were carried, screaming, toward the sea. The unprecedented floor covered more than 100 miles of rich tobacco and rice farming lands northeast of Manila.

Fifty four villages were known to be inundated. A large part of the area, most populous rural section of Luzon island, had not been heard from.

## Not Guilty Plea Entered By Bailey

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Reese Bailey, 30, described by Federal agents as a dangerous gunman, pleaded innocent today to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon in arraignment before Federal Judge Mell G. Underwood.

Bailey's trial was set for Thursday. He was wounded three times in a gun battle with Federal agents and captured Sept. 13 on his poultry farm nine miles northwest of Jackson. He escaped from the Raleigh, N. C. State prison two years ago.

Federal authorities also want Bailey for the slaying of a Rosalia, Wash., marshal during a bank robbery and for violation of the national theft act at Asheville, N. C.

## Nine Deaths Due To Cold Weather Through Country

By The Associated Press  
Moderating weather today marked the apparent end of winter's first sub zero thrust into the middle west. At least nine deaths were attributed to the cold.

Temperatures 10 to 20 above zero were the outlook in the Dakotas and Minnesota, where the frigid wave was held accountable for six deaths. A light snow covered most of the northwest. Low for that area last night was 11 below at Dickinson, N. D.

In Illinois the mercury rose gradually from yesterday's lows, ranging down to 13 below at Freeport. Three cold-induced deaths were counted in the Chicago area.

A break in the sub zero temperatures reached Nebraska and readings ranged up to 48 in Sidney. Roads were slippery with snow and ice.

The weather bureau predicted temperatures down to 25 at Philadelphia, 20 at Washington, 8 in Ohio and 15 in New Jersey.

The fishing tug Dorothy Irene with a crew of two was missing on Lake Erie, roughened by a 40-mile gale. Coast guard vessels from Cleveland searched vainly for the boat.

Five steel motorships, blocked by heavy ice on Oneida Lake, sought to run through to Sylvia Beach, N. Y., last night.

Snow up to 16 inches in depth at Havre covered Montana. A snowstorm swept mountain highways in northern Klamath county, Ore.

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## Off-Season Tornadoes Injure Many



Numerous persons were injured and heavy property damage was done by a series of off-season tornadoes that struck scattered sections of Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas. This wreckage, literally wrapped around trees, was the home of Herbert Griffin at Mount Olive, Ala., before the storm struck. His family escaped serious injury by fleeing to the woods and hanging on to trees until the wind subsided. (Associated Press Photo)

## Norwegian Boat Is Shelled, One Dies At Seville

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Norwegian Foreign office was informed today the 1,196-ton Norwegian steamer *Guines* had been bombed by insurgent Spanish airplanes while entering Seville Harbor, and that one seaman had been killed.

The shipowner said the vessel was empty and under way from Oporto to Seville to collect a cargo of ore. She never has carried contraband, he added.

The foreign office is conducting a vigorous investigation.

## BULLETINS

**HOLD SHIP**  
TOKYO, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Japanese authorities held up the 2,500-ton Soviet freighter *Tovarich* Krasin today on a charge of invading the waters of the fortified zone near the western entrance of Tsugaru Straits.

**FLINT FOLKS WALK**  
DETROIT, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Approximately 325 motorbus drivers of the Eastern Michigan system and the Flint Trolley Coach, Inc., struck this morning, leaving thousands of Flint residents and other hundreds of commuters without their accustomed means of transportation.

**FIVE BURNED**  
MCGREGOR, Ia., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Jay Anderson, 48, a WPA worker, his wife, 37, and three of their six children burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed their two room home. A fourth child was so seriously burned, physicians said she had little chance to survive. The others were less seriously injured.

**BOSTON FIRE**  
BOSTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A five alarm fire which raged for hours today destroyed the Boston Plate and Window Glass Co., near the South Station, and caused damage estimated by Fire Chief Samuel Pope at \$150,000. Several firemen suffered injuries in falls from icy ladders, roofs and from falling in the ice coated streets.

**DEATH ENDS SUIT**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(AP)—David Freedman, whose \$250,000 bequest of contract suit against Eddie Cantor, stage, screen and radio comedian opened yesterday in supreme court, died during the night in his sleep at his home on the upper West Side. Freedman was the first witness in the trial yesterday and spent several minutes on the stand testifying to his early association with Cantor.

**THESE CATS MEET AND OBSERVE TRAFFIC RULES**  
DURHAM, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Police-man John Wilson, daring unbelievers to come with him and watch, says two cats meet on a corner on his beat every evening at 7 p. m., wait for the green light, cross the street and go on about their business. "And they don't cross on any red lights, either," Wilson says.

**Former Sheriff Dies**  
SANFORD, Dec. 8.—(AP)—George Ernest White, 44, former Lee county sheriff, died yesterday after a few weeks' illness.

## Hoey Is Proudly Wearing Tenderfoot Boy Scout Pin

Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey was proudly exhibiting a tenderfoot boy scout pin today and was being registered at National headquarters as a bona fide member of Troop No. 5 of the Central Methodist church here.

Mr. Hoey was made an honorary member of the boys organization at ceremonies here last night attended by several hundred scouts, their leaders and parents from over Cleveland county.

R. M. Schiele, Piedmont Council scout executive, presented Mr. Hoey with a regulation handbook which Tenderfoot Hoey promised to study

carefully, at least until he has learned to tie all the knots and mastered the oath and laws. The copy was the five millionth book issued by the Boy Scouts of America and had Mr. Hoey's name engraved in gold on the cover.

Avery McMurry, high ranking scout of Troop No. 2, presented Mr. Hoey his badge along with a number of other tenderfoot scouts.

Mr. Hoey addressed the court of honor and parents briefly and paid tribute to the character-forming elements of Scouting and said that as governor he will do his "good

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## MAD RUSHING TO AND FRO MARKS ROYAL ROMANCE

### Mysterious Flight To France, Duke On Icy Roads

### WALLIE SPEAKS

By FRANK H. KING  
LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin reached Fort Belvedere this evening—summoned by his king—presumably to receive the final decision of Edward VIII on renunciation of either his throne or Wallis Warfield Simpson.

The premier hastened over the icy roads from London in an hour and 15 minutes to enter the gates of the royal lodge in the gathering darkness, while suspense hung heavy over London, England and the empire.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A chartered airliner carried two home office officials and a physician on a mysterious mission to France today while King Edward, still facing his great decision at ice-glazed Ford Belvedere, met brothers and advisers.

The airliner, which informed persons said had an undoubtedly significant role in King Edward's unique and intense struggle with self and government, heart and throne, took off from Croydon airbase enroute to Cannes, where Mrs. Wallis Simpson is secluded. Treacherous flying weather, however, stopped the plane at Le Bourget, France, Croydon officials said.

No explanation was immediately forthcoming of the nature of the aerial mission or the intentions of its passengers, who were identified only by occupation at the airfield. Beneath the fluttering flag of the

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## MERCHANTS OPEN EVENINGS AS AID TO LOCAL BUYERS

### Prizes For Decorations; Name Cohen, Baird, Suttle

Merchants this morning elected Harry A. Cohen president for 1937, decided to remain open evenings until 9 o'clock beginning Thursday evening, December 17, and offered three prizes amounting to \$25 for the best decorated homes and yards in the city during the Christmas season.

In addition to Mr. Cohen's election, F. L. Baird was named vice president and Albert Suttle secretary.

Prizes offered for best decorated homes or yards will be \$15 first prize, \$10 for second and \$5 for third. A secret merchants committee will make the award.

Opening until 9 o'clock, which begins Thursday of next week, will continue through Christmas Eve.

Proposal to close stores on Saturday after Christmas, giving employees a three-day holiday, was voted down.

## 4H Clubs Planning Achievement Day

Achievements of the 444 boys and girls enrolled in the 4H clubs of the county will be reviewed here Saturday afternoon and evening in an elaborate Achievement Day program, it was announced today by Miss Frances MacGregor.

Miss MacGregor said the program will begin at 3 o'clock at the county community building. The first part of the afternoon youngsters will hear a talk by Miss Ruth Current, district agent and will receive annual awards for work of the clubs. County officials and educational leaders will be guests.

A picnic supper will be followed by a period of fun and recreation in the community building. Music, games, and contests will mark the occasion.

## CHILD FATALLY BURNED AS GASOLINE EXPLODES

THOMASVILLE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Nineteen-months-old Shirley Jean Spivey was fatally burned when a gasoline can exploded at her home.

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