

WEATHER

North Carolina: Generally fair tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy, possibly followed by light rains. Official Shelby temperature: High 53, Low 31, Rainfall .103.

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MARKETS

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

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DEATH LIST MOUNTS IN SAN SALVADOR EARTHQUAKE

Pan American Peace Is Nearer

FINAL SESSION OF PEACE MEET OPENING TODAY

37 Measures To Add Strength Before Body

PROGRESS MADE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 21.—(P)—Inter-American Peace Conference delegates met in their final plenary session today to approve 37 measures to strengthen bonds among the American Republics and liberalize trade policies.

They stood silent for one minute in memory of the victims of the earthquake at San Vicente, El Salvador.

Many Proposals

As the historic meeting moved to the close, scheduled for Wednesday, delegates from the 21 participating nations expressed satisfaction over the consultative system set up so that the American Republics could meet and talk over any threat of war on any continent.

There were in all 28 proposals and agreements to be brought before today's session, the last scheduled plenary meeting. Trade resolutions and motions for American solidarity in the event of war threats were to be the highlights.

It declared American nations already have established their own peace systems and that Pan-Americanism is based on principles of "equality, reciprocal respect, autonomy, independence and free development."

Two previous plenary sessions approved 32 projects which set up the consultative system as a safeguard to peace and the principle of non-intervention in the military disputes of others.

CLEVELAND DEBT ON NET BASIS IS LOWEST IN N. C.

Charlotte Investment House Says Ratio Is Remarkable

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 21.—Mecklenburg county's strong financial rating is disclosed in a statistical chart released by R. S. Dickson & Co., Charlotte investment brokers, which gives the ratio of the net debt to the assessed valuation in each of the 100 counties of North Carolina.

Mecklenburg county, with a net debt of 2.3 per cent of the county's assessed valuation, stands tenth in the list of the counties, with only Cleveland, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, and New Hanover, of the larger counties having a lower debt ratio. Cleveland county heads the list, with a net debt ratio of 1.1 per cent, considered a really remarkable record. Carteret is at the bottom; its debt is 39.4 per cent of its assessed valuation.

The Standings

The first 10 counties on the list, and the ratio of their debt to their assessed valuations, are: Cleveland, 1.1; Currituck, 1.3; Scotland, 1.3; Warren, 1.3; Durham, 1.8; Forsyth, 1.8; Camden, 1.9; Gaston, 1.9; New Hanover, 1.9; Mecklenburg, 2.3. Fifty-one counties according to this chart, owe debts less than seven per cent of their assessed valuations. Sixty-five counties have debt ratios to valuations under 10 per cent. The 11 counties with the worst financial standings have ratios running from 17.3 per cent to 39.4 per cent. Of that group, Buncombe is the largest county; its ratio is 39.4 per cent.

From the depression period lows to the present ratings, the bonds of the North Carolina counties have made remarkable gains. Buncombe's bonds, as an example, worth \$18.60 in 1932-1933, have doubled to \$36.20 on December 1 this year. Mecklenburg's bonds during that period dropped to \$80, although the county had never defaulted and although no other county bonds were higher, are now bringing a neat premium, and so are the bonds of many other North Carolina counties.

Pope Worse



QUIET ORDERED FOR POPE PIUS

Catholic Head Is Considered In Serious Condition

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 21.—(P)—Specialists ordered absolute quiet for Pope Pius XI today if the Holy Father is to live. He is 79 years old.

Well informed Vatican circles said the pontiff's physician, a specialist, called in for an urgent consultation had laid down rigorous rules to aid his weakened condition, brought on by the ill of old age and complicated by a high fever and possibly influenza.

Attendants said there is no hope his holiness could go through his usual Christmas ceremonies. He must spend the holiday alone, or at best, in a wheel chair.

The orders for a stricter regimen were put into effect after the Pope suffered a fainting spell as he lay in bed yesterday.

The attack was caused, doctors said, by his irregular heart action, the result of circulatory stagnation. The Holy Father's personal physician, Dr. Amanti Milani, hastened to the Papal apartments early today to examine his patient's fever chart, checking anxiously to see if the epidemic of influenza in Rome had added the Pope to its victims.

Presbytery Gives McDiarmid New Car

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian church, received a new Chevrolet car Saturday, as a Christmas gift from the Kings Mountain Presbytery. For a number of years the Rev. Mr. McDiarmid has served as chairman of the Presbytery's board of home missions, doing a deal of work in connection with the board for which he has received no pay, and has expected none.

Saturday he was asked to come to Gastonia, presumably on some mission connected with his home mission board activities, but when he reached the appointed place the car was presented to him by an appreciative committee representing the entire Presbytery.

HAILE SELLS SILVER

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(P)—Thousands of pieces of silver plate were offered for sale today by Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia.

Only 708 Auto Tags Are Sold For 1937 In Cleveland County

While sales of auto licenses are running about 50 per cent ahead of normal in most parts of the state, sales in Cleveland county are about 20 per cent behind.

According to the Carolina Motor club only 708 tags have been sold to date. Last year in the corresponding period nearly 300 more plates had been sold.

A message this morning from the commissioner of revenue, A. J. Maxwell said, "It is well understood that no extension of time is given for the use of old license plates on streets and highways on or after

Wally Won't See Edward Until Her Divorce Is Final

CANNES, France, Dec. 21.—(P)—Wallis Warfield Simpson cleared away the mystery surrounding her immediate future today with a plain indication she would not see the man who gave up the throne of England for her until her divorce is absolute.

The statement that Mrs. Simpson was remaining at her haven in Cannes for "several months," and "there is absolutely no possibility" she will see Edward of Windsor until spring was made by Herman Rogers, her Riviera host, as Mrs. Simpson held a formal press conference for the first time in her life.

In the end it turned out to be more of a social reception than an interview. Adroitly Mrs. Simpson discussed the beauty of the Riviera, the weather and the dangers of driving over mountain roads.

With a gracious, happy air she joined in the general conversation in the beautiful gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers' Villa Lou Viei yesterday afternoon, but she left it to her host and spokesman to answer the two questions all the world was asking:

When would she see the Duke of Windsor?

When would they be wed?

The answer to the first was not "for several months" and to the second only silence.

Windows To Open Until 8 O'Clock

Russell Laughridge, assistant postmaster announced today that beginning this evening the windows of the local office will remain open until eight o'clock to take care of the extra volume of Christmas mail. They will do so until Christmas Eve.

"The annual rush is on," said Mr. Laughridge. "The stamps and parcel post windows will remain open until eight, and special delivery service will be continued on Christmas Day. The office will be closed Christmas Day."

On Saturday the office will be open as usual.

BURNED WIFE? HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 21.—(P)—E. E. Grover, middle-aged chiropractor, paced a jail cell today and denied officers' charges he burned his wife to death yesterday after a quarrel.

Christmas Party Tickets Tuesday

All applicants for tickets to the Salvation Army and Shelby firemen Christmas eve party must make their applications at Salvation Army headquarters at 1002 South LaFayette street, between 2 and 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, it was announced.

Only children with tickets are to be admitted to the party which is to be held Christmas eve at the American Legion building.

Parents who wish to obtain tickets for their children and children themselves wish to attend the party must be certain to apply because no tickets are to be issued without investigation.

The party is for children who, otherwise, might receive no Christmas presents.

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COTTON CHECKS FOR \$14,000 TO ADD TO HOLIDAY

Farmers Are Asked To Wait Until They Get Card

DIVERSION FUND

Cotton adjustment checks totaling \$14,352.10 to 193 Cleveland county farmers arrived at the office of the county agent this week-end and will appear in the Christmas stockings of as many cotton growers, it was learned today.

Notices Sent

County Agent Wilkins said notices have been sent out to all the growers who will receive checks in this consignment and asks that "each grower wait until he has received his card."

The checks are the payment by the government for the work done in soil conservation, or actually five cents per pound for the cotton which would have grown on the land which was diverted to soil conserving crops.

Approximately \$20,000 was received earlier in the season, but Mr. Wilkins said today the main body of checks are not likely to arrive before about the first of the year. If they do, it will be a Christmas surprise to him.

His office will close Thursday at noon and remain closed for Christmas until Monday, December 28. Persons notified about checks should come before Thursday noon.

BULLETINS

C. R. CODY DEAD

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(P)—Charles Raven Cody, a circus performer who claimed to be the last of three sons of William (Buffalo Bill) Cody, died today in a hospital. He was 78 years old.

TRAIN HITS WAGON

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PUBLISH NAMES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—A policy of opening to public inspection all names and amounts under the federal farm benefit payments was announced today by agricultural adjustment administration leaders.

HUSBAND HELD

KENANSVILLE, Dec. 21.—(P)—A. James Wilson, 22-year-old farmer, was held in the Duplin county jail here today while officers investigate the death of his wife from a pistol wound at their home near Magnolia early Saturday night.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Wallace said Wilson declared his 20-year-old wife, Adele, committed suicide with a small automatic after the two had quarreled.

High School Lad Dies of Pneumonia

L. D. Nanny, 17 year old popular high school boy died early today at the Shelby hospital following a week's illness of pneumonia. He became ill with a cold and fever last Sunday and was taken to the hospital later in the week. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Nanny of South Shelby.

Funeral rites will be held Tuesday at 3 o'clock at the Second Baptist church with Rev. C. V. Martin, pastor, in charge. Interment will be at Zoar.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Alfred Nanny and a sister, Miss Ruby Joyce Nanny.

Fire Department To Have Banquet At 8

Annual banquet of the Shelby Fire department will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the American Legion building. An interesting program has been arranged for members of the department, their wives and friends. J. L. McDowell, chief, will preside.

Santa Early For Sick Boys



True to his traditional benevolence, Santa Claus advanced the date of Christmas nearly two weeks for the special benefit of two small boys lest they die of incurable diseases before his regular visit. Slowly dying of bone cancer in a hospital at Omaha, Neb., Johnny Hernandez (left), 3, happily played with his toys while Nurse Rose Burnstein told him the Christmas story. And at Mercy hospital in Kansas City, Charles Mendenhall (right), 5, merrily pedaled his new Christmas tricycle. Of course doctors haven't the heart to tell him he is a victim of dread Pemphigus, a fatal disease that gradually covers the body with burn-like blisters. (Associated Press Photos)

Duelist's Wife Has A Daughter

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 21.—(P)—Frau Franz Sarga, wife of the diminutive "Me Against Nine" duelist, gave birth to a daughter today at St. John's hospital.

Sarga, whose successive affairs of honor was the talk of Budapest for weeks, was momentarily crestfallen.

"I had hoped for another duelist," he said.

His 20-year old blond wife, however, was jubilant.

"One duelist in the family is more than enough," she said.

HUNT SPREADS FOR 2 PLANES

Nine Missing In One, Two In The Second Lost Airliner

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 21.—(P)—The wintry west locked the fate of nine missing persons in its cold and snow today as officials, posting a \$1,000 reward, announced a search "on our own" for one of two planes seven days after it disappeared.

Admitting "every clue exhausted," Western Air Express officials offered the reward, effective until noon January 4, for discovery of the Los Angeles-Salt Lake transport lost with five men and two women since Tuesday.

The ship, last reported over Milford, in southwestern Utah, is sought in that vicinity and northward and East Central Nevada.

Hunt Second Ship

Five hundred miles northwest, Ranger M. T. Olmstead turned the hunt to a new sector in north Idaho for Pilot Joe Livermore, co-pilot A. A. Haid and their Northwest Airlines Transport, missing since Friday.

Livermore made his last radio report over Elk River, Idaho. The search had centered between there and Spokane. Olmstead said, however, the transport flew low over the forest service station at Calder, 40 miles north of Elk River, Friday, then turned west toward Spokane.

One thousand CCC enrollees, army officers and enlisted men were assigned to comb mountainous sections of Utah over which S. J. Samson may have piloted the Western Air Express plane. They were part of 8,200 men placed at disposal of airline officials by Brigadier General Walter C. Sweeney, commander of Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City.

A dozen planes continued an aerial search.

EMBARGO UPHELD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—The 134 arms embargo act which authorized President Roosevelt to forbid the sale of munitions in this country for use in the recent Chaco War between Bolivia and Uruguay was held constitutional today by the Supreme court.

Study Board Proposes County Liquor Control

SURPRISE RAIDS NET 26 GALLONS

Cleveland and Arcade Hotels Searched; Still Cut Down

Surprise raids by county and city officers in at least three spots this week-end interrupted forcibly the Christmas liquor trade. Two cases were aired in recorder's court today and one was taken into the federal court.

A raid early Saturday night on the Cleveland hotel by eight county and city officers and a state patrolman netted 26 gallons of liquor, most of which was tax paid, with some of the "white corn" variety.

Another small raid led by Sheriff Raymond Cline called for a search warrant on the Arcade hotel where a quantity of booze was found and Solon Deal was tried this morning and fined \$10 and the costs.

Get Still

Township officers led by F. X. Golden, federal investigator yesterday cut down a 100-gallon moonshine still in operation near Kings Mountain and took three men, Walter Agnew, Sam Lindsey and Fred Gist. They were given a hearing by Commissioner John P. Mull and placed under bonds of \$500 which

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Hearing Waived In Poison Case

WILMINGTON, Dec. 21.—(P)—Edgar Lee Smoak waived a preliminary hearing in recorder's court here today and was ordered held without bail on a charge of murdering his 15-year-old daughter, Annie Thelma, by poison.

A murder charge against his housekeeper, Mrs. Genevieve Harker, was dropped but she was placed under \$1,000 bond as a material witness.

Over \$20,000 To Be Paid Out This Week By Shelby Firms

Dividend and interest checks totaling \$20,200 will go out this week from the three building and loan associations and the M. and J. Finance company, the quarterly payments expected to be a boost to Christmas trading.

Captain J. F. Roberts said the Shelby Building and Loan will pay out \$7,200 on full paid stock.

Officials at the M. and J. Finance company said its dividend checks will total \$2,000 and interest checks \$4,500.

Joe L. Suttle of the Cleveland Building and Loan said his company's payments will be \$3,500.

According to John P. Mull secretary of the Shelby and Cleveland association payments there for about 100 checks will be approximately \$3,000.

CAPT. BROADWAY ILL IN RUTHERFORD HOSPITAL

Captain W. A. Broadway, road supervisor for Cleveland county, was taken suddenly ill this morning and entered the Rutherford Hospital. The nature of his illness was not learned.

RESCUERS FIND MORE DEAD AS RUINS SEARCHED

Molten Lava From Volcano Flows Over Wrecked City

FEAR EPIDEMIC

By The Associated Press

SAN SALVADOR, Salvador, Dec. 21.—Officials expressed fears today of a mounting death toll in the devastating earthquake which razed almost all San Vicente and killed at least 200 persons over the week-end.

Persons arriving in San Salvador from the stricken provincial capital told stories of wholesale ruin, of shattered buildings and homes, and of rescuers digging out some 200 bodies in the first few hours after the quake.

Ruins Relief
How high the deaths would reach no one would estimate, but government officials dispatched all relief available to the area.

Accurate reports were made increasingly difficult to obtain because of the disrupted communications between the quake area and San Salvador.

Telephone and telegraph lines were ripped down by the quakes and information could be had only from those who fled inland from the scene.

The quake, which first struck the sleeping city of San Vicente Saturday night, crashed buildings and shook the earth in villages nearby, eye witnesses said.

Refugees Flee
Refugees, with their families and household belongings fled along rural roads trying to reach safety from the ever-menacing volcano Santa Rita, southeast of San Vicente which some refugees said was erupting.

Adding to the fears of molten lava pouring from the volcano over the wrecked city was the specter of epidemics. Much of San Vicente's supply of drinking water was poisoned by sulphur apparently exuding from the smoking volcano after

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FIVE KILLED IN AUTO WRECKS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Six Deaths Occur In S. C. Over Week-End; The List

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 21.—(P)—Five persons were killed in week-end traffic accidents over North Carolina, a check-up showed today.

Miss Inez Phillips was killed at High Point when a car hit a telephone pole.

Preston Cone, 32, was found dead on the Raleigh-Wilson highway, a hit-run victim. Luther Hyde, 19, died in a Tarboro wreck in which five others were injured.

Henry Laws, negro, was struck and killed by a car at Durham. Will Roberts, Gastonia negro, was killed in a wagon-auto collision.

FOUR PEDESTRIANS ARE KILLED ON HIGHWAYS

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 21.—(P)—Automobiles killed four pedestrians in South Carolina over the week-end and highway wrecks accounted for two other deaths.

William Davidson, 55, was killed in north Charleston by a hit-run driver. Henry T. Crisp, 45, was a hit-run victim at Union. Arthur R. Campbell, 48, was struck and killed at Spartanburg.

A car hit Arthur Edwards, 25, near Woodruff and killed him.

Ernest M. Kelly, 33, of Seneca, died at Anderson of injuries, and Ralph Bennett, 65-year-old negro, was killed in an accident at Sumter.

Rotary Ladies To Entertain Tonight

Annual ladies party for Shelby Rotarians will be held at the Hotel Charles at 7:30 o'clock tonight. These parties are always looked forward to with a certain amount of fear and trembling on the part of Rotarians since the greater part of the program is each year taken up with alleged facts from the early life of members of the club with wifely interpretations.