

WEATHER

North Carolina—Cloudy, probably scattered showers tonight and Tuesday; slightly colder tonight.

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MARKETS

Cotton, spot 13 to 13 1/2
Cotton, seed, wagon ton \$39.00
Cotton seed, car lot ton \$42.00

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EUROPEAN PEACE IS APPARENTLY IN HANDS OF HITLER

Ickes Approves Grant

NEW SCHOOL FOR SHELBY, GYM AT KINGS MOUNTAIN

Repairs To Kings Mt. School, Abandon Power Project

Public works administration in Washington today approved a grant of \$95,727 for a new high school building in Shelby, repairs to the Kings Mountain school and a new gymnasium there, according to the following telegram received at one o'clock today from Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Lee B. Weathers, Shelby, N. C. "Public works today granted Cleveland county ninety-five thousand seven hundred twenty-seven dollars, docket ten nine eight."

"A. L. Bulwinkle, Member of Congress."

It will be recalled that this application was filed by the county at the time a school building enlargement program was filed for the rural schools. The rural school program involving eleven schools was granted right-away for first approval and all projects have been completed. This project No. 1098 involving the Shelby high school and a new gymnasium at Kings Mountain, and repairs to the buildings there has been held in abeyance for a year or longer.

Cancel Power Project On October 10th, Secretary Ickes approved a project for a grant of \$122,000 for an electric power generating plant for the city of Shelby on an application that was filed in the early stages of the PWA and forgotten by local authorities. Mayor Harry Woodson and Lee B. Weathers made a trip to Washington to inform authorities there that the city preferred the school project to the power project and asked that the school building program be given right-of-way. Today's Dow-Jones report says that the power project has

HOEY ENDS OVER FIFTEEN YEARS TEACHING CLASS

Horace Grigg Named Bible Class Teacher

Beginning next Sunday Governor-elect Clyde R. Hoey will be a listener and not a teacher in a Sunday School class.

Mr. Hoey yesterday taught his last lesson before going to Raleigh to his large Men's Bible Class here. The lesson concluded nearly 16 years of successive teaching during which time only a few Sundays have been missed. Mr. Hoey taught his first lesson to the class on his return from Congress in 1921.

Before going to Congress, however, Mr. Hoey taught a class, of both men and women, and has been teaching since he was a young man.

His successor as teacher of the Bible Class will be J. H. Grigg, superintendent of public instruction in Cleveland county schools, a steward and one of the most popular members of the Central Methodist church.

No decision has been announced as to who will teach Mrs. Hoey's class of young women.

Two divisions of Mr. Hoey's class which have had a contest for several weeks will give a farewell banquet to Mr. Hoey on Wednesday night.

MRS. SPILLMAN NOW OFF THE COMMITTEE

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—(P)—Mrs. J. E. Spillman of Greenville, recently appointed to the state unemployment compensation commission, has resigned as vice chairman of the state Democratic executive committee.

Brisbane Dead



Stricken with a heart attack, Arthur Brisbane (above), famous editor and columnist, died in his sleep in his New York apartment. He was America's highest paid newspaper writer, drawing an annual salary of \$260,000. (Associated Press Photo—copyright by Bachrach)

HOLIDAY TRADE IS BEST EVER IN SHELBY SECTION

Merchants Report A Complete Sell-out Holiday Goods

Holiday sales were the largest ever recorded in this area. A check-up of merchants revealed on Saturday. Weather was ideal during the four days prior to Christmas day and the stores and streets were jam-packed with shoppers. Christmas eve was not the "best day" in sales with some merchants. They had bigger Christmas eve sales before the depression, but a new pre-Christmas sale record was established by earlier shopping than usual. This year, the shoppers did not delay until the last day. They went at it early, the peak days being the four sunny days before Christmas.

Some merchants report a complete sellout of holiday goods and winter wearing apparel. Fill-in winter merchandise is being ordered out for the sale during the winter days ahead, while new spring goods is being ordered earlier than usual and will be on display before the New Year.

All of the local stores as well as the banks remained open on Saturday. The streets and stores were packed with people, some exchanging gifts for sizes that will fit. However, buying continued brisker than usual on the day after Christmas.

Hunting Rabbits, Gets Seven Possoms, Witnesses Listed

It is an old county custom to go hunting on Christmas Day—and catch a possum. John Williams took it on himself to go hunting on that day and catch seven possums—all from the same tree and weighing a total of 19 and a half pounds. The smallest grinning musupials weighed two pounds. Witnesses of the catch were Harley and Tilden Queen, Willie Williams, J. D. Harmon and Frank Briggs. Incidentally the whole party was

MORE THAN 750 VIOLENT DEATHS DURING HOLIDAYS

Traffic Accidents Account For 555, California Leads 26 IN STATE

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 28.—(P)—Belated reports of Christmas accidents swelled today the total of violent deaths in North Carolina to 26.

Ed Bridges, 50, was instantly killed when an automobile hit him on a highway near Gastonia last night, bringing the traffic death toll to 14.

Highway accidents accounted for more than half of the fatalities. Five persons were burned to death, including two in an explosion that wrecked a fireworks store at Asheville Christmas eve night.

Six persons died from accidental shotgun wounds while hunting. A negro woman at Kinston tripped while shooting firecrackers and fatally injured herself.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(P)—More than 750 persons died violent deaths in the nation during the Christmas holiday and week end.

Traffic accidents brought death to at least 555 persons. A variety of other causes swelled the total to 761.

Thirteen died in shootings and stabbings in Kentucky. Other fatalities causes included burning homes, fireworks, falls, drownings, plane and train accidents, and suicides.

The holiday period was unblighted by violent deaths in only three states—Delaware, Vermont and New Hampshire.

S. C. VIOLENT DEATH TOLL REACHES 13

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 28.—(P)—Week-end automobile mishaps

Anthony's Son Dies In Crash

Graham Anthony, Jr., 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Anthony of Hartford, Conn., was fatally injured Christmas morning in a car crash in Hartford, it was learned here during the holidays.

Young Anthony was returning from a party alone in his car when it was sideswiped by another vehicle. His car was demolished and he was injured to such an extent that he died about 14 hours later. He was a popular youth in the Hartford high school and captain of the football team. He had received his driver's license only a few months ago.

Surviving are the parents and one brother in Hartford. Young Anthony was a nephew of Oliver and John Anthony, Mrs. Everett Houser, Mrs. Harry Woodson and Miss Margaret Anthony of Shelby. Funeral and burial took place in Hartford.

HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN RALEIGH

RALEIGH, Dec. 28.—(P)—The annual Tri-State meeting of the Hospital associations of the Carolinas and Virginia will be held here April 22-24.

INDICT MORRISON

MARION, Dec. 28.—(P)—Lee Morrison, of Cleveland county, was indicted by the McDowell county grand jury today on a charge of murdering his mother, Mrs. Minnie Morrison. Mrs. Morrison was drowned when an automobile rolled into Lake Tahoma near here October 2. Morrison, who said he was driving the car, reported that he was unable to rescue his mother after making his own way out of the submerged machine.

Dancers Meet

HIGH POINT, Dec. 28.—(P)—The Dancing Masters of North Carolina opened their annual convention here today.

Six Die In Texas Plane Crash



The tragic crash of a Braniff Air Lines plane carried six men to death in flames during a test flight at Dallas, Tex. All were officials or employees of the line. This unusual picture shows the pilot (arrow) trapped in the wreckage. A few moments later flames enveloped his body. (Associated Press Photo)

SHIPOWNERS ASK FEDERAL ACTION

Union Leaders Protest New Law Affecting All Seamen

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—(P)—Protests of union leaders against a new federal law affecting seamen threatened today to complicate the 60 day Pacific coast maritime strike.

The shipowners' committee here, interpreting at least one of the protests as a defiance of federal authority, suggested in telegrams to President Roosevelt and other officials that the government take action. C. H. Jordan of the San Pedro Strike committee was quoted in the telegram as declaring no settlement was possible if the seamen are required to return to work under the Copeland bill.

Passed by the last session of Congress, it would require seamen to carry "discharge books" showing complete records of their employment after January 20.

Interpreting opposition to the legislation as evidence of "intention to fight constituted authority," the shipowners' committee said in a telegram to the president: "The time has come for our government to realistically deal with the imperial vision of certain Pacific coast maritime union leaders x x x."

Harry Bridges, coast longshoremen's president, who obtained his release on a habeas corpus writ after his automobile accidentally struck and killed a boy bicyclist Saturday, upheld the strikers cause in a public debate at Los Angeles last night.

Firemen Have Fire In The City Hall

The firemen had a fire! City firemen answered a call to their own quarters in the city hall on Saturday and except for their quick work part of the police department and perhaps the whole city hall would have been in flames. The fire was discovered by Mayor Harry Woodson who had gone up stairs in the city hall and saw smoke billowing out of the room adjoining the police quarters.

A quantity of trash, a window sill and frame and a large box of old city records were damaged. The origin was undetermined.

Barnwell Driver Is Killed In Va.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Dec. 28.—(P)—Howard Andrews, trapped in the cab of a huge silk-laden truck that overturned here, was killed when a gasoline explosion cut short his frantic cries for help and repulsed a would-be rescuer. Andrews, from Graham, was driving a valuable cargo for Barnwell Brothers of Burlington, when he failed to negotiate a curve on "Dead Man's Corner" one mile south of here at noon.

One Plane Found, Hunt For 2 More Continues

Winston Man Is Monkey Victim

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 28.—(P)—William Williams, of Winston-Salem, N. C., went sight-seeing in Hampton Park.

Someone had left the door to a cage of monkeys opened, and fifteen of the Simians ganged the visitor.

One of the monkeys bit Williams on the leg. While running away, he fell and dislocated a shoulder.

He is a patient at a Charleston hospital.

SEVERAL HURT DURING HOLIDAYS

Fireworks and celebrations took their toll in numerous but not serious accidents to Shelby people and others who were visiting here.

Among those who received treatment at the local hospital for injuries received from fireworks were Allen Kyles of Statesville, Russell Ropp, Roy Newman, Lee Goforth, Buddy Benton and Miss Lunette Dayberry.

Miss Irene Messick and Miss Lucille Warren took treatment for slight injuries received in an auto accident Christmas night. Miss Hortense Graham and Mrs. E. E. Cobb were treated for cuts and bruises in an auto accident.

Odell Cunningham, colored CCC boy was admitted with rather serious injuries following a knife throwing melee. George Washburn and Moses Combs, also colored were treated for cuts.

Mrs. Johnson Dies, Is Buried Today

BURBANK, Calif., Dec. 28.—(P)—A possible clue to a missing United Air Lines plane and its 12 occupants—one of three large transports to vanish in the west this month—sent an automobile searching party speeding to the Simi Valley.

Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock at the Zion Baptist church for Mrs. Martha Ann Johnson, 69 year old resident of Stubbs.

Mrs. Johnson died late Saturday afternoon at the home of her son-in-law, Claude Harris of Stubbs. She had been ill a year and her husband died about three years ago. She is survived by several children, all at home.

Too Warm To Get Drunk, Too Pretty To Get Mad

It was too warm to get drunk and too pretty to get mad, officers and court attaches said here today as they quickly dispatched the few cases which had accumulated during the Christmas holidays.

Only about 18 violations of any nature were reported since last Thursday when court was last held, and in each case the violation was of the prohibition statute. City and county officers reported the fewest arrests and the smallest amount of violence during Christmas in a number of years. In court today Angelo Miller was

POPE IS WEAKER AFTER BAD NIGHT

Two Doctors Are Constantly At His Bedside

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28.—(P)—Dr. Amanti Milani, chief physician to Pope Pius XI, made a thorough check of the Holy Father's condition today after a night of what attendants described as excruciating pain.

Dr. Milani kept close watch on the Pope throughout the restless night, visiting the sickroom several times after reliable reports said the partial paralysis had spread from the legs along the left side and arm.

Two doctors and a hospital attendant were constantly at the Holy Father's side. The left leg was said to be particularly painful yesterday and was swollen to a marked degree.

At morning masses, prayers for the alleviation of the pain suffered by his Holiness mingled with the usual devout pleadings that his life be continued.

Even during the spasms of suffering, reports said, the aged Pontiff showed staunch good cheer, and between the intervals of pain drifted into sound sleep.

The fact the 79 year old Pope was able to take only slight nourishment added to his extreme weakness.

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FRANCE, BRITAIN BRING PRESSURE TO EASE TENSION

But Spaniards Refuse To Release Captured German Ship

GROWING HOPES

LONDON.—Great Britain, held growing hopes Spanish refusal to free Nazi steamer Falco would be settled through diplomatic channels.

PARIS.—Basque Nationalists, through Spanish embassy, held firm in refusal to release Falco, accused as carrying war contraband, from Bilbao harbor.

BERLIN.—Germany gave Spanish Socialist government until tonight to free the Falco before taking action. Warships were reported in Spanish waters.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—(P)—Germany will avoid war measures against Socialist Spain but probably will permit volunteer fighters to continue to sail for the battlefield, and may convoy German vessels with warships, persons in authority said today.

HITLER'S POSITION These persons, insisting the actual decision is up to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, nevertheless outlined the most likely course for the third Reich to follow in the near future, as:

1. In her dealings with Spain, the Reich will act as closely as possible along the edge of war, without actually getting into war.

2. Without specifically admitting it, Germany will continue quietly to permit or even encourage, the sailing of volunteers for Spain. She will send no whole divisions of the German army there, however, for that would mean war.

3. Germany will avoid an actual armed rescue of the seized freighter Falco, now held by the Spanish government at Bilbao as a contraband carrier, but most likely will station a formidable part of the Reich's fleet at San Sebastian, or some other Fascist-held port, to meet and

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BOY KIDNAPPED BY AN UNMASKED MAN AT TACOMA

Leaves Note Asking Ransom; Children Describe Him

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(P)—A masked, shabbily dressed man—the first major kidnaper of 1936—hid from a swiftly massed array of searchers today after abducting the 10-year-old son of a wealthy physician from his home and leaving a crude ransom note.

The note, variously reported to demand 18,000 or 20,000, and apparently turned out on a child's printing press, was the major clue in the seizure of brown-eyed Charles Mattson from the living room of his palatial home last night. Three other terrified youngsters were menaced by the bearded invader's pistol in the absence of the parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Mattson.

Department of Justice agents refused to divulge the full contents of the note but a reliable source said a Seattle rendezvous was named for payment of the money.

The masked intruder broke into the living room, searched the children for money, found none, then snatching the boy, cried:

"This is something better than money."

He threw the note to the floor, lifted the boy into his arm and fled toward the waterfront through the

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