

WEATHER
Cloudy and much colder with a cold wave in west. Rain in East Friday.

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THREE DIE AND 10 ARE HURT IN SHELBY BLAZE

Shelby Counts Cost Of Fire That Reduced Hotel Block to Ashes

Fire Insurance Commissioner Orders Two Men To Make Investigation

FIREMEN FROM OTHER CITIES BROUGHT AID

Two Drug Stores, Two Banks, And Hotel Are Principal Losses in Big Fire

SHELBY, Feb. 23—(AP)—Three men were killed or fatally injured and a dozen or more persons more or less seriously hurt in a fire that today reduced the most important business block in this city to ruins. The loss is estimated at around \$500,000. The blaze for a time threatened to get beyond control and it was only by aid of Charlotte, Gastonia, Kings Mountain and Cherryville firemen that it was subdued after more than 5 hours.

For several hours fighters and employees of the Central Hotel in which all the loss of life occurred believed that the death might be higher, but after a careful search of the smouldering ruins it was fixed at three.

Some twenty or more guests out of the 65 that registered at the hotel last night had not been located. But this was credited at being due to confusion and the fact that some left town at once.

Dr. J. R. Henderson, Charlotte, salesman for a wholesale drug house, was found dead a few feet from a fire escape, and H. H. Chamichael, income tax inspector for the Internal Revenue Bureau with headquarters in Charlotte, was found dead with his shoes on but otherwise unclothed. Henry Kerr, an employee of the hotel died of injuries received in a jump from a third story window after flames had cut his escape.

A. B. Stagg, a Durham hardware salesman was seriously injured in jumping from the third story while W. L. Epps, Jr., of Charlotte was hurt in the same manner, but not badly.

Miss Emma Frick who visited in the hotel, was cut and burned in the hand. B. G. Gregg, a Shelby fireman, was cut about the face and hands when a floor caved in under him.

N. C. Boney, state insurance inspector, ordered two men to the scene at once to investigate.

The entire block was occupied by the Central Hotel, which had a portion of the first floor and all the second and third floors. Part of the first floor was occupied by the First National Bank which had an estimated loss of \$10,000. The Central Hotel Company lost \$100,000 with its fixtures. The Cleveland Drug Company lost \$30,000. Stevenson Drug Company lost \$25,000; Union Trust Co., \$5,000; Key Club, no loss given.

On Trial For Bombing Of Illinois School

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 23—(AP)—Hiram Reed, heard with apparent unconcern today the state outline its case against him at the opening of a charge of bombing the Pleasant Valley school house.

HOOVER IS FOR PROHI MEASURE

Replies to Questionnaire That Amendment Should Be Enforced Strictly

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—(AP)—Herbert Hoover is opposed to repeal of the prohibition amendment and favors "efficient, vigorous, and sincere enforcement of the law." He feels who ever is elected president must under his oath, pursue this course. The commerce secretary outlined his views today in the reply to the questionnaire on prohibition which Senator Borah of Idaho is addressing to all avowed candidates for the Republican presidential nomination.

COTTON SPACING EXPERIMENTS

R. Y. Winters of State College Concludes Interesting Findings

RALEIGH, Feb. 23—(AP)—R. Y. Winters, director of the State College station here operated by State College has concluding some interesting cotton spacing experiments.

He finds that maximum yields of cotton cannot be secured unless there are a sufficient number of plants per acre, evenly distributed in the row and properly spaced.

Before the coming of the boll weevil, the cotton plant had the entire growing season in which to set and mature a crop. Earliness was not so important provided the cotton opened before frost. On heavy soils, one plant every 15 to 24 inches or 6,000 to 9,000 plants per acre, might have produced about as much cotton as closer spacing.

"Under present conditions, it is important to secure early fruiting and also to control the growth," Director Winters says.

Unthinned plants were included in some of the earlier tests and in several cases outyielded all the thinned plants. This is not practical, the director says, however, due to the extra cost of keeping the grass and weeds out of the growing crop.

His summary: Larger yields can be secured from eight to 12-inch spacings than when hills are farther apart.

The closer spacing produces an earlier crop, which is very important under boll weevil conditions.

With the wider spacings, the yield and earliness can be increased to some extent by leaving more plants to the hill, but is not equal to the closer spacings in either yield or earliness.

The wider spacings produce larger plants which shade the middles more, making conditions more favorable for the boll weevil.

Courts made on the three plants to the hill plants have shown that in 50 percent of the hills having three plants that at least one failed to develop. The other plants got a quicker start and crowded out.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT AHEAD

RALEIGH, Feb. 23—(AP)—The Raleigh tennis club stars want a swing at Tilden, Hunter and Hennessey, slated to appear in the North-South annual tournament soon.

Hugh Lefler, president, Bob Winston, M. W. Green, Bob Strong, Bill Schroeder, ranking local members, may go to Pinehurst as a team with others to be selected, to see if they can do any good.

Winston has donated more than an acre of ground for new courts here where the state tennis meet will be held in May.

Thomson Has Nothing To Say About Political Reports

"I can't imagine how that story got in the press," said J. Faison Thomson, local attorney, yesterday when question concerning a report printed in the News and Observer from its Washington bureau that Mr. Thomson, together with Larry Moore of New Bern were being groomed as Al Smith delegates from the third district to the approaching Democratic convention in Houston. Mr. Thomson went on to add that he had not reached a definite decision one way or the other about the Democratic presidential nomination possibilities.

WOULD REQUIRE ENABLING ACT

State Authority Would Be Necessary to Create Federal Forest in This Section

A enabling act from the General Assembly will probably be necessary before any National Forest are established in Eastern North Carolina, should the McNary-Woodruff bill now pending in Congress, which it is believed would provide funds for this purpose, be enacted into law. It was indicated by Maj. Wade H. Phillips, director of the Department of Conservation and Development.

This probability was brought out Thursday after the receipt of a letter from Evan W. Kelly, national district forester, Washington, by J. S. Holmes, State Forester, and head of the department's Division of Forestry, in which Mr. Kelly sent word of the adoption of a policy of National Forest purchases by the National Forest Reservation Commission.

The action of the commission pending the final outcome of the McNary-Woodruff bill, sets up 2,500,000 acres of land as a master plan of acquisition in the pine lands of the South and Northern lake states, part of which it is believed would be acquired in North Carolina.

The commission also set 4,000,000 acres as the approximate area to be acquired in the consolidation of federal ownership within National forest units previously approved. These areas are on the headwaters of navigable streams and according to interpretation by State officials, will signify purchase of additional areas in North Carolina.

An additional area of 2,000,000 acres has been set up for acquisition in additional units in National forest units for the protection of headwaters against floods. It is also thought likely that North Carolina may also get a share of this proposed National forest lands.

The State enabling act under which lands have previously been purchased by National forests, Director Phillips explained, authorized the federal government only to purchase lands for the protection of headwaters of navigable streams. Purchase of eastern pine lands to aid in timber production and to demonstrate forestry practice will probably result in the federal government asking for a special act that will authorize acquisition for these purposes.

LOCKHART HIT RAIN SQUALL

Accident in Race at Daytona Beach Not Caused By Faulty Machinery

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Feb. 23—(AP)—Frank Lockhart gave his Dutch Blackhawk racer, all it would take when he streaked into a rain squall at 225 miles an hour and saw nothing until he stopped rightside up in the sea, he declared from a hospital bed today.

"Nothing went wrong with the car," he said, "I simply could not see where I was and had to keep going."

DETAILS ABOUT COURT HEARING

Raleigh Times Says Supreme Court "Interested" in Exceptions To Jury Charge

The Supreme court manifest interest in exceptions taken to Judge Grady's charge in the Larry Newsome case, according to a story in the Raleigh Times of last night outlining the hearing of the appeal of the case in Raleigh. It will probably be two weeks before the court hands down a decision in the matter, it is believed. Mr. Loftin returned yesterday from Raleigh where he argued the case.

The afternoon paper carried the following account of the argument before the Supreme court.

Fighting a lone fight, M. B. Loftin, young Goldsboro attorney, appeared before the State Supreme court Wednesday afternoon and asked that a trial be given to Larry Newsome, convicted negro slayer of a white girl, a new trial.

In his plea for a new trial for Newsome, Mr. Loftin, took issue with Judge Henry A. Grady, trial judge in a finding of fact by the jury. In the uproar that occurred in Wayne Superior Court on Sunday, December 13, when Newsome was tried, Judge Grady attached a memorandum to the official record in which he set out that, during the confusion that resulted when relatives of the murdered girl attempted to seize Newsome, the jurors remained in their seats.

Mr. Loftin, one of the two lawyers appointed by the court to defend Newsome took direct issue with this finding, declaring that some of the jurors got up, left their seats and mingled with the milling throngs in the court room when the crowd attempted to "get" Newsome.

While no exception to this appears in the record, Mr. Loftin told the Supreme Court that he mentioned the matter at the time and was told that any exceptions he had to make would be allowed in the record. The exceptions, however, he said, were omitted by Judge Grady.

The court manifested interest in the exception taken to Judge Grady's charge that only two verdicts could be returned, murder in the first degree or not guilty. The questions of the court turned largely on the question of whether the jury should have been permitted to consider a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Arguing for the State, Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash asked the judgment of the lower court be sustained.

Newsome was convicted of the murder of the 15 year old Beulah Tedder, whom he is alleged to have attacked and then murdered in a clump of bushes near the little girl's home. The negro was arrested the next day and rushed to State's Prison for safe keeping. The killing occurred on December 10, and Newsome was arraigned and tried in Wayne Superior Court on December 13, which fell on Sunday. The trial was one of the most sensational in the court annals of North Carolina.

HE'S FOR ALFRED

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 23—(AP)—U. S. Senator Dan Steck of Iowa today predicted that Iowa Democrats would support Governor Al Smith of New York at Houston.

GEN. BOWLEY TRANSFERRED

Army Men Surprised At Sending Fort Bragg Commandant To For Sam Houston

RALEIGH, Feb. 23—(AP)—Major C. E. Early Commandant of R. O. T. C., State College, expressed interest in the transfer of Brigadier Albert J. Bowley, commander of Fort Bragg to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, by Secretary of War Davis.

Officers at Fort Bragg, as much surprised as army men ever are at notices of change, said they had no idea of who would succeed General Bowley.

LINDY AND FORD IN A CONFERENCE

Officials, However, Deny Plans For Huge New Kind of Plane

DETROIT, Feb. 23—(AP)—Lindbergh and his friend, Major Thomas Lamphier of Selfridge Field, met with a slight mishap today when fog forced them to land in a field 10 miles from the Ford airport.

Accompanied by four St. Louis business men in three other planes the party took off from Selfridge field shortly before noon to fly to the airport. The purpose of Col. Lindbergh's visit remained as much a mystery today as when he landed from St. Louis. The party went into conference with Edsel Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company and Wm. D. Mayo, chief engineer of the company.

A report that plans are underway for the construction of a plane carrying specifications furnished by Col. Lindbergh and Mr. Lamphier and that the meeting concerned such construction was emphatically denied by Ford officials.

MRS. GATLIN IS BACK AT HOME

"Guess So" She Says When Insurance Co. Compliments Her on Acquittal

WENTWORTH, Feb. 23—(AP)—This country village, the scene of the first trial involving an alleged confession to a minister in the history of North Carolina courts was deserted today in comparison with the hectic figure of ten days ago.

At Reidsville, 8 miles away, Mrs. Alma Petty Gatlin, cleared by a jury last night of the axe murder of her father resumed her life as the bride of Eugene Gatlin, after more than 6 months spent in the jail here.

Meanwhile today, Rev. Mr. Pardue declined to comment to newspapermen. "I have no statement to make," he said in response to numerous questions. Mrs. Gatlin received many telegrams and telephone calls of congratulations today. Among them was one from an insurance company by which she was insured.

"I know they meant that too," she declared.

GET TRACK OF MORE OF BONDS

Find That Missing Witness Blackmer Profited By \$750,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—(AP)—While the Teapot Dome committee was getting track today of another big batch of Continental Trading Co. bonds the Senate won its first skirmish in the courts over its authority to punish Robert W. Stewart oil magnate for refusal to answer committee questions regarding the securities.

The committee at a hearing established that H. M. Blackmer, missing witness in the Fall Sinclair criminal conspiracy action, got \$750,000 of the \$3,000,000 profits made by the Continental Trading Co.

Eastern Carolina Poultry Raisers Gather Here Today

Poultry raisers of Eastern North Carolina will gather here this morning for the second annual poultry short course for Eastern Carolina. Tentative reports on enrollment reaching those in charge of arrangements yesterday were that about 150 leading poultry raisers from 10 to 15 counties of the state would be in attendance for the course to be offered by eight State college experts, department of agriculture workers, and extension service representatives.

A similar short course for poultry raisers of Western North Carolina was recently held in Hickory and a more extensive course for the state as a whole was conducted at State College, Wayne's progressivism in sponsoring poultry club work was spoken of as being one of the factors instrumental in bringing the course for Eastern North Carolina to Goldsboro.

City Will Not Conduct Effort For Funds With Which Secure Pineland

SCHOOL BOOKS ARE REDUCED

State Board of Education Signs New Contracts Getting Better Prices

RALEIGH, Feb. 23—(AP)—The State Board of Education late today announced a list of 57 books adopted by it at reduced prices for school children of the state. The books will be used for from one to five year period. All but eight may be bought at a cheaper contract retail price than that of August 1925.

One new feature in all the contracts for distribution of elementary books is the provision that the county and city board of education may purchase the books directly from the purchasers at wholesale prices.

A. T. Allen, superintendent of public instruction, said the prices obtained are as low as the prices in any other state except in cases where boards of education have absorbed the local distribution charges.

Automotive Body Is Meeting In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 23—(AP)—The prediction that there never would be a real price war in the automobile industry was made here today by Fred Himes, chairman of Dodge Brothers board of directors, a speaker at the convention of the N. C. automotive trade association. The industry is one of the most necessary in existence and it will not be wrecked by a price war, he said.

WAKE FLOGGING TRIAL STARTS

Chatham County Jury Seated Yesterday To Hear Charges

RALEIGH, Feb. 23—(AP)—Twelve Chatham county farmers tonight were selected as jurors from a venire of 150 men to hear charges of assault against a dozen Wake county men in connection with the flogging 14 months ago of E. A. Jones, county merchant and his negro helper.

Selection of the jury got underway in Superior court this afternoon with the first man called accepted by both state and defense but nearly five hours elapsed before the 12th juror was chosen. Trial of the defendants will be arraigned jointly will get underway tomorrow the state announcing it has 39 witnesses it is planning to put on the stand. In three previous trials, one resulted in a mistrial, and the others in acquittals. The state made much of the Klan membership issue. The defense on the other hand however, attempted alibi.

Captain O'Berry Submits Report Gathered by Builders And Architects

ERECTOR OF PLANT WOULD COST \$200,000

Thanks Expressed to Committee And To Co-Presidents of Institution

Goldsboro will not conduct a drive for funds with which to locate Pineland Junior College, a Sampson county educational institution, in the city. Fifteen representative business men responded yesterday afternoon to the call issued by Captain Nathan O'Berry for a meeting to hear the report of a committee of architects and builders who had gathered accurate data as to the cost of building in Goldsboro a plant of equal student capacity at the present plant at Salisbury. Captain O'Berry called on George S. Dewey to preside at the meeting and submitted the report, signed by John D. Gullett, T. F. Jones, W. P. Ross, and E. F. Taylor.

This report showed that a plant of student capacity equal to the present plant at Salisbury, built according to modern standards as required by the state would cost \$200,000. The report, which had been gathered upon the suggestion of Captain O'Berry provided the first actual information as to the cost of locating the school here available at any meeting for the discussion of the problem.

It was the general sentiment of change of opinion showed, that to raise \$200,000 for the location of an educational institution in the city would be difficult at this time.

A vote of thanks was given the committee which had prepared the report, submitted, and instructions were issued that Mr. and Mrs. Jones co-presidents of Pineland, be extended the thanks of the city for the courtesy and interest shown in investigations by Goldsboro groups concerning the re-location of the college here.

CUT WILBUR'S NAVY PROGRAM

Committee Approves Act To Build 16 Ships Instead of 72 Asked For

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23—(AP)—Shipping Secretary Wilbur's recommendations for 72 new warships the House naval committee decided today to authorize the construction of 16 ships, one of them an aircraft carrier and the remainder cruisers of the 10,000 ton class. It turned thumbs down on new submarines.

Wilbur had urged the committee to approve a building program of 25 cruisers, 5 aircraft carriers, 3 destroyer leaders and 22 submarines, representing the program as having the backing of President Coolidge.

Chairman Butler estimated the committee's program would cost \$274,000,000 as compared with \$740,000,000 for the administration plan.

NAMES HORSE AFTER MAYOR

And Now Walker Is Wondering If Animal Is A Good One

ATLANTA, Feb. 23—(AP)—Jimmy Walker will run next year but not for mayor of New York. On his way home from a visit to the New Orleans Mardi Gras has advised Edward McLean, Washington publisher that he has no objections to having a horse in the McLean stable named for him. "I hope he's good and fast," said the mayor; "if he is not he will cost me money, for I will have to be patriotic and support the same."