

Within four days. Sunshine, rain, sleet and snow, frost—and sunshine again.

Representative B. T. Falls' Australian ballot bill comes up for a vote in legislature Wednesday.

Mortgages on the farms of North Carolina are going to hurt the state more than the temporary slump in cotton, says Max Gardner in a speech at Statesville.

Do you know what "fontanel" means? Why not get a dictionary and look it up?

Senator Tom Fulton, of Kings Mountain, is the only undertaker in the North Carolina senate.

Several fine basketball games are scheduled for the local gymnasium this week, according to a sports article.

Nothing about that primary-talk county manager for Cleveland has leaked in to Raleigh, says Representative Falls.

A new form of coop cotton contract is now out, says a news item in this paper.

Shelby will at an early date have a very modern abattoir and incinerator, the purchase being announced in The Star today.

A car stolen in South Carolina was recovered here last week and the thieves returned to that state yesterday.

So far this month license have been issued for the marriage of 16 couples.

Weather report for the week (judging by the week-end): Maybe, and maybe not.

LOCAL OFFICERS CATCH S. C. MEN WITH STOLEN CAR

Three Men From Ware Shoals Confess After Being Arrested on Suspicion Here.

Two deputies from Greenville county, South Carolina, came to Shelby yesterday after three alleged auto bandits were arrested by local officers Friday.

The three men were Charlie Lowry, Paul Norwood, and Clyde Hanna. It is said. One of the trio claimed that he had nothing to do with taking the car they drove here and the other supported his statements.

Friday afternoon policeman Poston and Officer Kendrick became suspicious of the actions of the trio who were attempting to sell auto accessories in South Shelby and acting upon the suspicions the three men were arrested. Shortly after being taken in to custody, it is said, that they readily admitted that the new Ford in which they were riding had been stolen from Ware Shoals, S. C., having been taken from the warehouse of the auto agency there. The sheriff's office here communicated with the auto agency there and learned that the new car had not been missed until then.

Big Dictionary Offer Going Fine

On Saturday, the first day after The Star's big dictionary offer a number of subscribers came in and took advantage of it. The Star is offering a 1,200 page dictionary for a year's subscription to the paper and 70 cents. Publishers price on the dictionary is \$3.50, but The Star managed to pick up 100 at a big bargain and is passing them along. Parents who have children in school declare it to be a remarkable offer. The dictionary is absolutely a new edition with all radio and wireless terms, auto and radio words with 60,000 words in the general vocabulary, 12,000 synonyms and antonyms as well as the constitution of the United States, weights and measures, interest rates and calculations, presidents of the United States, abbreviations for words, population of all towns over 3,000 population in the United States. Renew or subscribe for a year and add 70 cents to your remittance and one of these 1,200 page dictionaries will be mailed to your address or delivered to you at The Star office.

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City To Install Modern Abattoir For Slaughter

Slaughter Of All Cattle And Hogs Sold In Town To Be Handled In Sanitary Manner Say Aldermen

The board of aldermen and mayor of Shelby upon the recommendation of Dr. J. S. Dorton, city meat and milk inspector, last week purchased machinery for a modern abattoir, or sanitary slaughter equipment, for Shelby. The machinery is now being shipped from Chicago and will probably be installed and ready for use in three weeks or a month.

Along with the abattoir will be an incinerator for the sanitary disposal of all trash and rubbish of the town which is now dumped about in various places. The abattoir and incinerator will be located at the old pump station site, which is suitably fitted for it and will save additional expense.

The abattoir will be conducted by the latest sanitary methods and it will be required that all cattle and hogs slaughtered in the town be slaughtered there with the requirement that all meat sold in the town come under the abattoir inspection. The abattoir, to be one

of the most modern and valuable in the state, will properly dispose of all the offal and usually offensive parts of the slaughterhouse. The offal from the slaughter will go into a mammoth rendering vat under steam and be disposed of without odors. In the end this offal is so treated that it is sold as grease, tallow, etc., with a high market value as ingredients for poultry and other feeds.

The complete plan will contain many sanitary and modern machines for slaughter use, including a dehairing machine that will dehair a hog per minute. The old steam boiler of the old water plant site will be renovated into an incinerator for the disposal of trash and garbage. With the site and equipment of the old water station to begin and the addition of the purchased machinery it is said that the local abattoir and incinerator will rank as one of the best plants in the state at a very low cost considering the value in dollars and from the standpoint of health.

SIXTEEN COUPLES MARRY IN MONTH

License Issued Here For That Many Couples Within Nineteen Days Time.

The inclement weather predicted and struck on certain days, by the groundhog has not held marriage plans of Cleveland county youth.

Through Saturday, February 19, Register Andy Newton had issued license to 16 county couples, his record books reveal. This, it might be added, is exceptionally good business on the marriage mart for February. In fact many months known as better marrying months seldom have more than 16 marriage records and this month has a week to go over the 16.

During the past week licenses were issued for four couples, three white and one colored. The white couples were: Lester Everett Willis and Lela Alvortine Ross; Pink Horton and Dessie Newton; Sumner Augustus Grayson and Carrie Alice McSwain.

Three Big Games On At Local Gym Here During Week

Big Crowd Expected To Witness Lattimore-Shelby Game Tuesday Night. Two Others

The Shelby Highs have their hardest week of basketball on beginning Tuesday night with Lattimore playing the locals in the Tin Can here. On the following night, Wednesday, the fast Cherryville team just now eliminated from the state race will play Morris' boys, and on Friday night the remarkable quint from the deaf school at Morganton will play here.

The three games are expected to draw the largest crowds of the season. The Lattimore-Shelby game Tuesday night should be the top-notch as the Lattimore five is considered about the cream of basketball teams in this section, but despite this Shelby plans to carry Coach Falls' boys to the limit before losing and a large number of supporters are expected to pack the sidelines in the local gymnasium. The Cherryville game should be an almost equal attraction, while the crowds should increase for the game Friday with the deaf team, members of which cannot hear the referee's whistle, starting and stopping the play.

Starts Manufacture Of Novelty Furniture

Loy Thompson, son of Z. J. Thompson was here for the week-end from Brevard where he operates a lumber plant and does general mill shop. He announces that beginning right away the Brevard plant will manufacture novelty furniture such as fancy tables, chairs, etc., which will be turned out without the paint finish so the purchasers who buy from the dealers handling his line can apply whatever finish is desired. Dick Hennessa, well known Shelby boy, has gone to Brevard to accept a position with the new furniture plant which Mr. Thompson is starting.

MRS. ROBERTS DIES HERE FROM BURNS

Blacksburg Woman Succumbs to Burns at the Shelby Hospital. Burial in Alabama

Mrs. Vic Roberts, wife of Dr. Vic Roberts of Blacksburg, S. C., died at the Shelby hospital Monday morning from burns received two weeks ago when gasoline which she was pouring in a stove to make a fire, exploded and set her clothing aflame. Mrs. Roberts was 37 years of age and before marriage was Mrs. Arline Taylor of Alabama. Besides her husband who is a prominent physician of Blacksburg, one daughter 18 years old survives. Her body was taken this afternoon to her home in Blacksburg, S. C., and at 11 o'clock it will be taken on a southbound train to Montgomery, Ala., where the interment will take place.

It will be recalled that Mrs. Roberts had picked up a can which she thought to contain kerosene to make a fire in the kitchen stove. The can contained gasoline and when it poured on the hot coals, an explosion took place and her clothing caught fire. Dr. Roberts rushed to her aid and carried her into the yard where he tried to extinguish the flames with sand and in his rescue efforts, his hands were severely burned. She was rushed to the Shelby hospital where her condition was serious for a fortnight until death relieved her suffering.

Cleveland Girls With Opera Star

Three-year-old Gloria Cornwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Cornwell, of Kings Mountain, may relate in after years of the unusual experience of having "her picture made" with Madame Schumann-Heink, famous opera star. Madame Schumann-Heink, gave a concert in Charlotte Friday night made tours of the city Thursday and during the day she was photographed with the Kings Mountain girl and another small child.

Later in the day numerous young singers appeared before her for an appraisal of their voice and one of her highest compliments was to the sister of the small girl with whom she was photographed. After hearing Miss Lorene Cornwell sing the famous singer said: "You are of the Italian school of singing," and commented upon the peculiarity of that type of vocal culture.

King Boris Gives Medal

By International News Service Sofia.—King Boris has awarded Dr. E. B. Halkell, one of the oldest American missionaries in the Balkans, a medal for meritorious service on the occasion of Dr. Haskell's thirty-fifth anniversary of his coming to Bulgaria. A noted preacher and educator Dr. Haskell is shortly leaving for the United States, where, owing to his great age, he plans to make his permanent home.

We fail to see where popular government needs any defender.

Luck Changes



Former Congressman Albee Robertson of Muskogee, Okla., has suffered much at the hands of fate the last few years. Reduced from a comfortable position to poverty, now she is prosperous again. A million-foot gas well was brought in on the site of the burned ruins of her former home.

THIEVES ENTER STORE AND TAKE LADIES' FINERY

Silk Dresses, Hose, Bloomers and Cosmetics Missing. Urge for New Spring Clothes

With the balmy spring weather of last week it is presumed that somebody just could not resist the desire for new spring finery. Anyway the ladies clothing establishment operated in South Shelby by Miss Azelia Roberts was broken into last Friday night and between \$150 and \$200 worth of finery stolen.

Police officials have been working on the case since and several searching raids for the missing clothes may be made at an early date, it is hinted by the police department.

On the same night, it is said, an entrance was made into Quinn's South Shelby Pharmacy by a back window, but as the window only opened to a rear office the thieves were unable to get in the main section of the store. The entrance into the clothing store establishment was also by way of a rear window.

Police officers say that the missing clothing from Miss Roberts' store included silk and satin dresses, silk hosiery, bloomers, face powders, cosmetics and other things.

Getting New Coffin Plant In Readiness

Will F. Wright Arrived Sunday To Become General Superintendent Of The Plant.

Will F. Wright arrived Sunday from Fort Smith, Ark., to become general superintendent of the new coffin and casket factory which is being started here by Z. J. Thompson and Rochel Hendrick. The starting of this new industry for Shelby was delayed somewhat because Mr. Wright could not leave the coffin factory at Fort Smith until his successor came upon the job. Now that he is here, the machinery will be set in motion and men started to work in turning out coffins and caskets. Mr. Wright is a native of Cleveland county, the son of Mr. Amos Wright. He has had long practical experience in the manufacture of coffins and caskets and Messrs. Hendrick and Thompson consider themselves fortunate in securing his services.

At present the three who hold an interest in this new industry are Messrs. Thompson, Hendrick and Wright. Whether other stockholders will be taken in or not, remains to be decided later. The coffin and casket factory will operate at the Thompson lumber shop on North Washington street.

Mrs. Jesse Hawkins Dies On Grover St.

Mrs. Jesse Hawkins died at 2 o'clock, at her home on Grover street, adjacent the hospital. Mrs. Hawkins had been ill for a long time, bed-ridden for several months with an intestinal trouble. Surviving are her husband, Jesse Hawkins, two sons, Paul and Dewey Hawkins, local automobile dealers and two daughter, Mrs. J. N. Barnett of Hickory and Miss Edna Hawkins of Shelby. Funeral will be conducted from the residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Zeno Wall and Rev. J. W. Suttle. Interment will be at Sunset cemetery.

SHELBY WEATHER HERE AND THERE LIKE OTTO WOOD

Cold Rain, Sleet, Snow and Frost Follows February Sunshine, But It Returns.

Otto Wood is back in North Carolina. So's the springtime sunshine of February, and hereafter such varying groundhog weather might right be labelled Otto Wood weather. On occasions it is here and on other occasions it is not.

Last Friday this section was enjoying a phenomenally early spring with the thermometer at 66 and the peach trees blooming. Twenty-four hours later the thermometer had dropped just 24 degrees and the steady rain of Saturday was replaced by an equally steady sleet. The result was that shirt-sleeved Shelby of Friday journeyed home in overcoats Saturday, pulled the heavy blankets out of the pre-spring seclusion and dropped off to sleep believing the groundhog to be one of the outstanding prophets after all. Sunday morning the belief of the night before was reinforced by a flurry of snow that lasted for only a brief period.

Monday morning a medium frost and biting cold shot the thermometer down to 32, a drop of 34 degrees since Friday but during the forenoon the sunshine of the past week began to stage a come-back and the mercury was climbing on to 40 and above with the general belief that fairly warm weather is in the offing.

Opinion expressed about Shelby today was that the fruit crop was not injured despite the series of changes including sleet, snow and frost and that if no colder weather sets in the crop will not be ruined. But it is hard today to get a laugh on followers of the groundhog legend.

Rav And Fay Now Have A Home In Shelby; The Twins

Motherless Twins Said To Be All Smiles as They Go to Their New Abode.

Ray and Fay are in a home of their own today after four motherless months in the hospital. What's more they have a proud mother and father by adoption and hereafter never a gurgle and coo will be missed. It will be remembered that a few days back The Star made mention of the fact that twins were left at the Shelby hospital, their mother dying at their birth. For four months they remained there the father finding it inconvenient to care for them at home and then Welfare Officer J. B. Smith asked The Star to ascertain if there was not a home somewhere in the county where such healthy chaps might find a permanent abode. There was and numerous applications came in to home the motherless tots.

A juvenile court action was held Friday and the necessary legal matters adjusted and today the twins—named Ray and Fay by their father—were taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Canipe, on Lineberger street, where hereafter it will be the home of Ray and Fay. Mr. Canipe is a well to do carpenter and Mr. Smith feels that he has been fortunate in placing the twins in such a fine home.

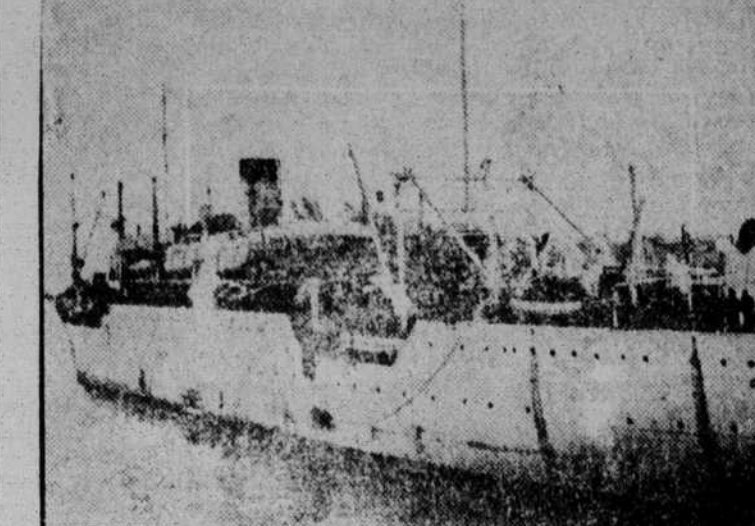
"Supers" To Attend Educational Meet

County Superintendent J. Horace Grigg and City Superintendent I. C. Griffin expect to leave the last of this week for Dallas, Texas, to attend the superintendents conference of the National Education Association which convenes there for a five day session. Some of the most prominent educators of the country are on the program for addresses. While the program calls for a five day session, Messrs. Grigg and Griffin will be there for only four days, but their absence from Shelby will extend over a period of a week.

Higgins Sells Chrysler Agency

B. B. Higgins has sold his Chrysler agency to Decatur Elmore and Mr. Elmore took charge of the place on S. Washington street this morning. Mr. Elmore and his son will continue to sell Chrysler cars which are very popular on the local market. Mr. Higgins will remain with Mr. Elmore for awhile until he gets better acquainted with the business.

Carrying Soldiers to China



The United States transport Chaumont, which recently left San Diego, Calif., bound for Honolulu and points in troubled China, pictured here. The ship carried 1200 marines.

Gardner Says Mortgages On Farms More Serious Than Price Of Cotton

Warns Against Waste And Extravagance. Too Many Loans Being Made. Can Be Damaging

Statesville.—"We may just as well make up our minds that Mr. McNary, Mr. Haugen and Mr. Coolidge can do little for us by law until we first amend the statutes of self-indulgence and come to the realization that the wages of waste and extravagance is bankruptcy, and that the way of the man who spends more than he makes is always hard and ultimately leads to ruin," declared O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, in an address at a farmers' program here in which he warned of the menace of debt in North Carolina.

Picturing farm mortgage indebtedness as something very akin to an ogre hovering over the state's prosperity, and classing the McNary-Haugen bill as "sired by debt and damned by mortgage," he said, "My friends, let us hope that North Carolina may never be called upon to drink of the cup of wormwood and bitterness that is now the lot of Iowa," a state held up by him as typical of what farm debt will do for a people.

"What is our status in North Carolina? It is positively alarming to witness the increasing bondage of economic slavery gathering around the homesteads and country sides of North Carolina, as the multitude of farm mortgages are securely—and I fear in many instances permanently—plastered upon the lands of this state. A few years ago it was the exception to find the average farm in North Carolina under mortgage. Twenty years ago the farmer felt a measure of disgrace, and he was the talk of the community, if he placed a lien on his land.

"Revival needed. What has taken place in North Carolina has caused us to be on such intimate and friendly terms with debt? I think we need a revival of the old-fashioned doctrine of the fear of debt, and I am beginning to believe that this revival ought to take place, not alone on the farms of the state, but in cities, counties and commonwealths of the whole nation.

"Thoughtful men are daily realizing that a debt can easily become a danger and a something to be handled with caution. Credit is always costly in its finality, but it is today regarded so cheap that we mortgage our cherished possessions to pay not only the debts of today, but to meet the extravagancies of other days and to acquire so many things which we could easily do without.

"Cotton Not Blamed. Let us be absolutely candid and fair in this matter. The financial troubles of the cotton farmer today are not solely or primarily the result of 11 cents cotton for the 1926 crop. It goes back further and touches a more vital problem. For the past five years preceding 1926 the average price for upland middling cotton was 25 cents a pound. We now think that was a fine price, and yet it was the accumulations of unnecessary debt during these five years of prosperity of 25 cent cotton that caused so many farmers to find themselves in the mire of pending bankruptcy in 1926. "It would take 35 cents cotton to balance the budget of the average cotton farmer on his present basis of spending.

"Did you ever stop to think, Mr. Farmer, that mighty few men or groups of people whom we are pleased to call a county, state or nation, ever sank under the burden of today? It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today and to that of yesterday, that the burden becomes too heavy for a people to bear. "As an example of this tragic fact, let us look into Iowa, the incubator of farm relief. The state of Iowa is naturally conservative, with less illiteracy and inflated ignorance than any other state in the

Blind Man Given A Road Sentence

Jess Green, who has only one eye and is said to be blind in it, was given a sentence of 60 days on a liquor charge in Judge John Mull's county court here today. Green, Ambrose Lail, Forrest McSwain and J. J. Williams were in court over charges developed by Officers Hester and Poston Friday night. Green and Lail received sentences of 60 days each over the alleged selling; McSwain received a similar sentence for receiving and drinking, it is said, and Williams paid the costs.

Australian Bill Reaches Assembly Action Wednesday

Raleigh. (INS.)—The house will have a big number on its calendar for consideration next Wednesday. That's the day that the Falls-Broughton Australian ballot will come up for passage or rejection. The bill has been made a special order for Wednesday.

COUNTY MANAGER DUD OF PRIMARY IT APPEARS NOW

No Such Move Has Reached Representative Falls For Legislative Action

All the talk over Cleveland county during the recent primary and election bustle concerning a county manager for Cleveland county seems to have been nothing but talk.

At the time it was reported that rumors that legislature would be asked to pass a law permitting a county manager here was only for the sake of certal neandidacies, or rather for the sake of putting a halter on other candidacies. Still the rumor persisted until the regular voting period ended, but Representative B. T. Falls, home for the week-end, states that so far he has not been approached concerning such legislation. Neither has he received any communication concerning it so that now he is of the opinion that no such move is on the boards.

Local Legislation

Queried as to the prospect for any legislative matters touching the county during the remainder of the term Mr. Falls stated that no further local legislation seemed likely other than the Lawndale road commission petition now under consideration as mentioned in the last issue of The Star.

Fighting For Bill

The Cleveland representative is making a strong fight to carry his Australian ballot bill through the voting of next Wednesday when it comes up for action, and he expressed the hope that he may be victorious. Many legislators opposing the secret voting plan at the last session are now for it and added to this strength he has the full support of the women voters of the state and their organizations.

Mr. Falls together with Senator Tom Fulton came from Raleigh Friday night with Deputy Mike Austell.

NEW FORM COTTON GROWERS CONTRACT

Members May Designate The Month or the Day They Wish Their Cotton To Be Sold.

According to Mr. Hilton, district agent for the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association, contract No. 3 which is a new contract for members to sign has several special features which appeal to members and on Friday afternoon he secured 17 members: J. A. Horn, J. C. McSwain, J. E. Hoyle, L. G. Bower, L. S. Hamrick, L. J. Blanton, B. Harris, Burwell H. Blanton, Cha P. Weir, A. Y. McMurry, J. G. Lattimore, F. Harrill, C. S. Lee, Edney Willis, R. W. Wison, J. Everett Whisnant, L. Yelton, Calma Earl, that is found in the new, is that Champion.

One change from the old contract, the contract signs members up for a term of ten years, but they can withdraw after any one crop has been delivered to the association. The option is also given for the members to name the month or name the day on which he wishes his cotton sold. Instead of the fees being \$10 to join, this fee remains the same but is payable \$4 the first year and \$3 for each of the next two following years. Those who have signed contract No. 2 have the right to change and sign under contract No. 3 which embodies a number of other features which seem to suit the farmers better.

Embalmer Senator From Cleveland Asks For A Tax

Senator Tom Fulton Would Place Tax On Profession. Only Undertaker At Raleigh.

Raleigh.—With other lawmakers introducing bills relating to tax on barbers, plumbers and other things too numerous to mention, Senator Horatio Thomas Fulton, of Cleveland, comes along and offers a bill to require all funeral directors and embalmers to be taxed after they have first been licensed. The Cleveland Senator, incidentally, is the only undertaker in the Senate. He can officiate, if necessary, in the embalming of pieces of legislation. He is at present president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors' association. The batteries today: McAdoo and Smith; Borah and Butler.