

The Markets.
Cotton, Shelby 19½c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 67½c

Showers Saturday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Showers tonight and Saturday. Warmer tonight. Colder Saturday afternoon in west and north central portions. Colder Saturday night.

DEMOCRATS HERE AID AL'S FUND

Local People Order Books Made Up Of Smith Speeches To Erase Debt.

Al Smith's speech over the radio Wednesday night for the rank and file of the Democratic party to chip in and pay the deficit of the Democratic party met with good results in Shelby yesterday and today.

Numerous Democrats of the town filed orders for the books, giving from \$2 up to \$10 and more for the books.

The former presidential candidate declared that with a million and one-half deficit facing the party it would be best for all to chip in so that a few wealthy men would not pay it and thus have the party under obligation to a few. He stated that instead of making money from the sale of his speeches published in book form he would permit the Democratic committee to sell the books to Democrats at \$2 each and up with the money, which he might have made, going to the party.

The largest offer recorded for a book yet came from George W. Alvany, of New York, who offered \$20,000 for 10,000 copies.

John F. Schenck, Sr. Made Golf Club Head

Chas. L. Eskridge Resigns After Serving Faithful For Number Of Years.

John F. Schenck, sr. of Lawndale was elected president of the Cleveland Springs Golf club at the annual meeting held last night in the Woman's club room at the Masonic temple after retiring President J. S. Dorton had made a report of the Kiwanis year's work for 1928.

Chas. L. Eskridge who had served as president of the golf club for a number of years and was instrumental in making it what it is today, resigned because of pressing business matters. J. Frank Jenkins was elected vice president and the following were placed on the board of directors: George Blanton, O. M. Mull, Jack Dover, Chas. L. Eskridge and Earl Hamrick.

Another Suit In Building Collapse

Louie Jennings, Colored Presser Files Suit In Mecklenburg County.

Still another suit has been filed in Shelby's disastrous building crash of August 28, 1928.

The last suit filed by Louie Jennings, colored man who worked for William Hagley's tailor shop, and the suit was filed in Mecklenburg county.

Defendants named in the suit are Hagley, John S. McKnight, owner of the building in which the club was located, and Tom Webb and Cleo Lutz, who operated the contracting firm of Webb & Lutz which was excavating at the time of the collapse.

The bill of complaint sets out that Jennings was working at the pressing machine when the building fell, that he was pinned under the heavy machine and that the steam from the presser scalded his back in addition to bruises, lacerations and other injuries he sustained.

Abolish Chain Gang Here For Economy, O. M. Mull Advises

Method Is "Rank Extravagance," Says State To Take Roads Over.

With a general demand for reduction of property taxes in North Carolina, Representative O. M. Mull, of this county, believes that the tax burden may be lightened by the present legislature through an increase in the gasoline tax for roads with the state taking over more county roads and lessening county expense for roads.

And in view of this belief Mr. Mull, writing The Star from Raleigh, urges the No. 6 highway commission to immediately abolish the chain gang system employed now.

Lessens Taxes Here.

Declaring that the chain gang method "is rank extravagance and should not be continued," Representative Mull urges that road officials see that there is a corresponding reduction in local road taxes levied for the additional roads taken over for maintenance by the state, "otherwise such action as may be taken will not produce the results desired."

Would Aid County.

In his letter the county representative says "If there is any other local legislation desired by the people of the county it should be given attention during the early part of the session and before statewide measures begin to monopolize the time . . . I am anxious to render any service to the people of Cleveland county that would be helpful or serve some public need."

On Road Taxes.

Arent road taxes, taxation in general and abolishment of the No. 6 gang Representative Mull writes as follows:

"I am mindful of the existence of the general demand throughout the state that property taxes be reduced if such can be done without hampering the state in its continued growth and development.

The large part or possibly eighty percent of the property taxes now being collected are for two objects, the public schools and the county roads.

If any tax relief is to be obtained it must therefore deal with the revenue of these two subjects.

The vital necessity of each is such that it is not practical sharing the burden of the public schools and the public roads with the counties.

The only feasible way to reduce the county taxes is to put a larger share of the burden of maintaining the schools and roads on the state. I believe this can be done by the present general assembly without seriously hampering the state. I am, therefore, hopeful that a practical method can be devised by which a large part of the public roads now being maintained by local taxation can be taken over and maintained by the state highway commission. In order to be able to do this it is likely that the gasoline tax, which is 4 cents, will be increased to 5 cents per gallon.

As the state takes over additional roads for maintenance there should be a corresponding reduction in the road tax now being levied in Cleveland county. I urge the road of-

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Bill Would Give Legalized Liquor In North Carolina

Senator Person Introduces Bill For Prescription Whiskey By Doctors.

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—In observance of prohibition's birthday, Senator W. M. Person, Democrat, of Franklin, Wednesday introduced an act to permit druggists to fill prescriptions containing alcohol under the provisions of the Volstead act. The measure was referred to the committee on propositions and grievances, of which Senator Person is chairman.

Senator Person stated that his bill was designed to confer on the people of North Carolina, "the benefits of the Volstead act." His bill, if enacted, will enable druggists to sell whiskey under a physician's order, as is now done in many other states, including Virginia.

Such was one call made upon the Star recently. The "penny column ads" will sell or find most anything. Each week these little ads sell potatoes, horses, stoves, autos, and rent and sell houses, farms, find money and lost packages.

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TRY A WANT AD—

Phone 11

"Take It Out—"

"I wish you'd take that penny column ad or mine out of The Star. I didn't have but one range to sell and I could have sold a dozen. Everybody must read those ads!"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ALDERMEN ARE NOT READY YET, REPORT

Board Members Have Not Said
They Would Not Run. May
Announce.

What Gas Tax Would Aid Here

Australian Ballot Up Today. Other
Legislative Items
Up.

The increasing of the state gasoline tax one cent—from four to five cents on the gallon—would mean that Cleveland county would get from the road fund \$29,520. The state highway commission endorsed the increase provided county road taxes be reduced as the state fund increased.

The Australian ballot law, fostered by Governor Max Gardner and women voters of North Carolina, is scheduled to be introduced today in the general assembly at Raleigh by Senator J. M. Broughton of Wake.

In order to provide a fund for equalized school taxation, Representative Lawrence of Hertford, has introduced a bill requiring three percent consumer's tax on electric current and gas, and a tax on long distance telephone calls, cables, telegrams and radio messages.

Alex S. Haynes, highway commissioner of Winston-Salem, has been selected by the highway commissioners and Governor Gardner as temporary highway commissioner of the state, succeeding Frank Page until a permanent commissioner is named by the governor.

In a dispatch to his paper, the Greensboro News, Tom Bost, Raleigh correspondent, says that there is quite a bit of talk in Raleigh of Representative Odus Mull, of Cleveland county, as Page's permanent successor heading the road body.

Blackwell Killed When Hit By Auto

Rutherford Man Struck By Auto
Driven By Boys Hunting
Doctor.

Rutherfordton, Jan. 17.—Troy Blackwell, age 22, who lived near the state line in the lower end of Rutherford county, was struck and instantly killed night before last by a car occupied by two Horton boys who were returning from Chesnee, S. C., to get a physician. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock. Blackwell was walking alone along the road and did not see the car, it is supposed, nor did the driver see him. He was dragged 14 feet. His neck was broken and he died instantly.

When the Horton brothers arrived at home, which was about a mile from the scene of the accident and a half mile from Blackwell's home, they stated to their family that they struck something and would go back to investigate, as they were in a rush to get the physician for sick member of the family. They met a brother of Blackwell's who informed them that his brother was dead.

Funeral services were held in New Prospect Baptist church yesterday afternoon with Rev. T. M. Hester, pastor of Spindale, in charge assisted by Rev. M. M. Huntley near Spindale.

Max Lends Helping Hand To This Lady

Stranger Who Stopped To Do Errand For Aged Lady Was Governor.

Raleigh, Jan. 18.—A lady in distress was relieved Wednesday without knowing to whom she was indebted.

Pedestrians passing the Capitol Square noticed an automobile parked at the Christ church corner with the horn blowing violently. Pedestrians noticed but they had business of their own and kept walking.

Presently the heire came along a man who was not too busy to lift his hat and inquire if he could be of service. He was told by the elderly lady at the wheel that she had been trying vainly to get the attention of a friend who was standing on the Y. M. C. corner.

The governor of North Carolina, who was strolling back to his office after lunch, crossed diagonally across the street, conveyed the message and returned to report that the lady would be "right over."

That closed an incident, which to a passer-by who happened to know Governor Gardner, seemed typical of the man.

INTRODUCE BILL TO PUT SOLICITOR ON SALARY BASIS HERE

If Passed Will Take Effect Next
Term. Eliminates Fee
System.

Members of the present city aldermanic board have failed to say as yet whether or not they will be candidates for reelection along with Mayor W. N. Dorsey, who has already announced himself.

Before announcing Mayor Dorsey stated that he was not desirous of running again unless his board also sought reelection and when the mayor announced himself a few days later certain circles anticipated that announcements from the aldermen would soon follow.

At an unofficial meeting of the board this week the members declared themselves not ready as yet to announce, confining themselves to the statement: "At least we're not saying that we will not run."

Inside political opinion inclines to the belief that the present board, or several members thereof, will seek reelection as it is understood that Mayor Dorsey talked the matter over with them before announcing himself, and might have reached some understanding during the conversation.

Members of the board are Messrs. A. V. Hamrick, R. L. Hendrick, J. F. Ledford, and John Schenck, Jr.

Up To Board.

The bill regarding the salary of the solicitor even if passed by the legislature will have no effect upon Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner, who now occupies the office, as the bill provides that the change in the local law not take effect until the next term so that those who offer again may know in advance just what the office pays. Furthermore, the bill provides that the solicitor's salary be fixed by the county commissioners as they see fit.

It was explained that in February 1921 a bill passed the legislature placing all Cleveland county officers upon the salary basis instead of the former fee system. However, in the following month of March the bill providing a county court solicitor was introduced and passed by Representative Peyton McSwain. The solicitor's bill, as customary, provided for the fee basis but no doubt with the understanding that the office would come under the bill requiring a fixed salary for all county officers here. But there was some question as to whether the February law about salaries would apply to the solicitor's office as the office was not created until nearly a month later. Therefore, the bill introduced now would make it legal for the commissioners to put the solicitor

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MISS LEONA SIDNEY PASSES HERE TODAY

Daughter Of Late Capt. J. W. Gidney Succumbs To Linger-
ing Illness.

Miss Leona Gidney, daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Gidney, died on East Marion street at 12:45 today at the home of her sister-in-law Mrs. Lamar C. Gidney with whom she had been making her home for many years. Miss Gidney had been in declining health for sometime and took a sudden turn for the worse a few days ago from which she never rallied.

Miss Gidney was a member of one of Shelby's oldest and most beloved families. She was a woman of unusual culture and refinement and loved by all who knew her. When her health permitted she was a faithful attendant at the Central Methodist church where she held her membership.

Funeral services will be conducted from the residence Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by her pastor, Dr. Hugh K. Boyer and interment will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Surviving are four brothers, all professional men. Dr. Robert M. Gidney of Shelby, Attorney S. E. Gidney of Muskogee, Okla., Drs. Will and Charlie Gidney of Texas.

The bill, entitled "An act to make Chapter 42, Public Laws of 1927, applicable to Cleveland County, requests that Section Two of Chapter 42 be amended by inserting between the words "Chowan" and "Craven" in line three of Section Two, the word "Cleveland."

Likewise with its passage the bill would automatically repeal all laws in conflict to the new one, which would go in force upon ratification.

A prehistoric skeleton has been found, its legs wrapped around its neck. This would seem to indicate that the rumble seat is older than we had supposed. — Greenville Piedmont.

Drive Against Extracts On Here 50 Subpoenaed For Examination

Holds "Court Of Inquiry"



Court Of Inquiry Open To Others
Who Wish To
Testify.

Shelby's drive upon the sale of intoxicating extracts, bay rum, and other whiskey substitutes got formally underway with a bang yesterday, but will probably not reach its peak until next week, Wednesday, January 23, when a public hearing and court of inquiry will be held at the court house here.

Yesterday in the offices of County Recorder Horace Kennedy and Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner subpoenas were issued for 50 Shelby people summoning them to appear before the court of inquiry on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at which time the 50 will be questioned as to their knowledge of where extracts or liquor are sold and what they may know of prohibition violations in the city.

Must Tell Court.

Following a North Carolina statute Solicitor Gardner says that the witnesses are being subpoenaed under ad testificandum proceedings and can be made to tell where they have secured intoxicating drinks or what they may know about such. The law says that witnesses compelled to give such information before a court of inquiry cannot be prosecuted themselves as the law declares any person "immune" who testifies against himself or anything that would make him guilty. The plan, therefore, is to secure what information possible from the 50 witnesses and others in planning an organized drive against whiskey and extract traffic.

SI Are White.

Of the 50 subpoenaed to appear before the court, where they will be asked to tell what they know, some are alleged purchasers and users of intoxicating drinks while others are not. And of the 50, 31 are white and 19 colored.

Citizens Asked In.

"Back in the primary campaign," declared Solicitor Gardner, "there was quite a bit of talk about law enforcement and the curbing of the liquor traffic. Now we're going to give citizens who are getting tired of continued violation of the liquor laws a chance to support us."

With this in view Judge Kennedy and Solicitor Gardner announced that on the day following court of inquiry, or ad testificandum procedure, a public court of inquiry will be held at 1 o'clock at which time citizens from any section of the county, who are troubled with liquor conditions, are urged to come before the court and officers and give what information they may know concerning bootleg traffic and the sale and drinking of extracts.

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