

The Markets. Cotton Shelby 19 1/2c Cotton Seed, bu. 70 1/2c

Snow Or Rain. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy followed by light rain and snow in west portion late tonight or Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

Secret Ballot Sure. Raleigh dispatches today stated that the Australian ballot for North Carolina, advocated and fought for by Governor Gardner, would likely be passed by the legislature when the bill, which created much controversy and a big political fight, comes up Tuesday.

Vacancies In Senate Filled By O. Max Now

Legislators Restore Appointive Power To Governor. Withdrawn 2 Years Back.

Raleigh—The governor of North Carolina hereafter will, by appointment, fill vacancies in the United States senate, under a bill passed by the house of representatives of the state legislature last week. The power to fill vacancies was vested in the governor. The act in the present state laws requires such vacancies to be filled by special election.

The governor of North Carolina has no veto power.

By vote of 77 to 33 the house passed the bill requiring candidates in the state primary to pledge support to the nominees. Only one Democrat, Representative Boren, of Guilford, voted against the bill. Representative Hamlin, of Transylvania, floor leader of the house, followed Boren with a speech against the bill. He said he believed in party government but that party nominees as well as voters have a higher duty to state and nation than that should let them support whom they pleased.

Forest City Woman Killed

Train Of Conductor W. B. Dempsey, Of Shelby, Severs Head Of Woman.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 2.—Mrs. Ada Dean, 43, met instant death at Forest City today when she was crossing the track of the Southern railroad and was struck by the cab of a freight train which knocked her down.

The cab passed over her body. Her head struck the rail and was severed from her body. It was freight train No. 68 with W. B. Dempsey, conductor, and was enroute from Blacksburg, S. C. to Marion.

The line of cars was standing on the track. The engine had been shifting and came in to couple up with the cars. When the engine struck the cars, the cab rebounded several feet.

Mrs. Dean happened to be behind the cab when the engine struck them.

Mr. Dempsey conductor of the train is a Shelby man.

MR. ESLEY CABANISS IS SERIOUSLY ILL TODAY

Mr. Esley Cabaniss, a most substantial farmer of the Zion community is reported to be seriously ill at his home in the Cabaniss community this morning. Mr. Cabaniss was taken ill Saturday from a trouble with which he has been complaining for some time.

Gee! How They "Carry On" In Washington

Wouldn't you like to know the real "low-down" on the big folks up in Washington—Coolidge, Hoover, Mellon, and the others?

If so, turn to an inside page today and let Gee McGee, the South Carolina humorist, tell it to you—and how! If there isn't a chuckle in every paragraph of Gee's writing, then there isn't a single boll weevil in the South Carolina cotton fields. Try it and see—faw down—go boom! Beginning today Gee McGee's column, "Nobody's Business," will be published in The Star every other day. Read it and forget what you were worrying about. Faw down—go boom!

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Poultry Sales Good Here For Start Of Year

Third Carload Shipped Last Week. Hardin Sees Big Year Ahead.

Poultry prospects for 1929 in Cleveland county seem very bright as Alvin Hardin, county farm agent, looks at it. With only one month of the year gone three cars of poultry have already been loaded in Shelby and the prospects and prices for future sales look good.

\$13,000 In Sales. So far this year the county agent estimates that farmers of this county have received between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for the poultry they sold in carload shipments not to mention other small sales. Twenty-two thousand pounds was loaded on one car, 18,000 on another car, and 17,000 pounds on the third car, all of which brought in \$13,000 cash to the farmers. This total is increased by the fact that many farmers living in the eastern section of the county load their poultry at Cherryville instead of Shelby, while farmers in the extreme west load their poultry at Ellenboro. Totalling the money received by the farmers at Ellenboro and Cherryville together with the three cars loaded here the county agent believes that farmers of the county received about \$20,000 for their poultry in January.

Last year poultry sales in the county ran around \$60,000 and the \$20,000 sales so far indicate an even better year this year.

Prices Hold Up. "At prices prevailing now, and they promise to hold up, the farmers of the county say that they can see a profit in their poultry for the year," said the county agent. "Hens are now bringing from 24 to 25 cents and there was quite a bit of profit in the car of 18,000 pounds we loaded here last Wednesday."

"The chicks hatched this year are living fine and the hatcheries are making capacity runs and for those reasons with good prices I believe farmers of the county are going to realize a neat sum from their poultry this year. And, too, the farmers are showing more and more interest in poultry."

Rotaryans Guests At Rotary Program

Dr. Frazier, Of Charlotte, Guest Speaker For Ladies Night Of Shelby Club.

The Rotaryans of Shelby were the guests of their husbands Friday night at an entertaining "Ladies Night" program in the Masonic temple, the program being in charge of Rotarian Durham Moore with the Woman's club serving the meal.

Dr. Frazier, president of Queens college, Charlotte, was the principal speaker, illustrating the worthlessness of a non-worker in a service club by the activity of the bees who slaughter their drones when they refuse to remain active. As usual Dr. Frazier's renowned wit sparkled throughout his talk, the humorous portions bringing in the negro dialect of which the college president is an expert proponent.

Other entertainers on the program included the Misses Coleman, of the high school faculty, in instrumental and vocal selections, and Miss Brown, also of the high school faculty, with readings. Special prizes were presented several of the Rotaryans present while each Rotaryan was presented with a gift box of candy.

Shelby Band At Piedmont.

W. T. Sinclair, director of the Shelby high school band will take his musicians to Piedmont Friday night for a concert. Proceeds for the benefit of Piedmont athletic association.

Vet Going To Charlotte For Reunion, Burned To Death

Oklahoma Veteran, Driving Mule-Team, Started To Get To Reunion "In Time."

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb.—A 90-year-old Confederate veteran who had left his home in Oklahoma months ago to reach Charlotte, N. C., "in plenty time" for the reunion next May, won't get there. He was fatally burned near here last night. Traveling in a wagon pulled by two mules, the aged man, R. A. Golden, had pitched camp for the night. He was sitting by his campfire when he dozed off. He was awakened to find his clothing in flames.

Tough Weather Sure, Groundhog Would Have It

And it won't be Springtime until along about the middle of March. A prophecy something like that was what the groundhog left here Saturday when he came from his hole and cast his eyes about in the warm sunlight until he saw his shadow.

To those who follow the groundhog legend—and there are many such—it will be six more weeks before the winter or bad weather season is at end, for without doubt Sir Groundhog saw his shadow Saturday.

Mrs. McBrayer Buried Sunday

Funeral Here At Home Of Daughter—Died At Forest City At Age Of Seventy Years

A large crowd attended the funeral Sunday afternoon at two o'clock of Mrs. Amanda Logan McBrayer, widow of Robert B. McBrayer, who died Friday night at 11:15 at the home of her daughter at Forest City. Services were conducted from the home of Mayor and Mrs. W. N. Dorsey on N. Lafayette street by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby of which she was a member, assisted by Rev. Mr. Moore, Methodist minister of Forest City who visited the sick bedside often during her last illness.

Mrs. McBrayer was seventy years of age June 2 of last year. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Logan and a member of one of the most prominent and substantial families in this section, her ancestors fighting in the battle of Kings Mountain. Practically all of her life was spent in Cleveland county and she was noted for her fine motherly traits and her beautiful, beaming countenance. Seventeen years ago her beloved husband died and her body was interred beside his in Sunset cemetery under a mound of floral designs.

Five Daughters Survive.

She was the mother of eight children, six daughters and two sons. One daughter, Mrs. D. O. Davis and the two sons, Logan McBrayer of Shelby and Robert McBrayer of St. Louis preceded her to the grave. Surviving are the five daughters, Mrs. W. N. Dorsey of Shelby, Mrs. Wm. Lowery of Patterson Springs, Mrs. Grover King of Forest City, Mrs. M. D. Honeycutt of Monroe, Mrs. H. A. Dozier of Charlotte. Twenty-eight grandchildren to whom she was tied with true mother love, also survive.

Mrs. McBrayer is the last of the J. R. Logan family although her connection is wide and her friends are legion.

A number of beautiful selections were sung by Messrs. Tom Lattimore, Mal Spangler, Horace Eason and Rush Hamrick, while Mrs. Nell Padgett Norris of Forest City sang "Some Day We'll Understand."

Pall bearers were Messrs. C. E. Young, Roy Sisk, John R. Dover, H. Fields Young, Jesse Lowery and J. L. Suttle.

One daughter, Mrs. Wm. Lowery was unable to attend the funeral services because of her serious illness. Many out-of-town friends were here from Blacksburg, Spartanburg, Forest City, Grover and elsewhere.

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Arti Smiths Invited Into G. O. P. Ranks

Virginia Republicans And "Hoover Democrats" May Unite Following A Conference.

Richmond.—The political situation in Virginia is today projected on a clear cut basis with the announcement of R. H. Angell, Republican state chairman, that his party would entertain consolidation with the so-called "Hoover-Democrats," of this state. At the same time the announcement came from Charles S. Smith, Hoover-Democrat leader of the Virginia Tidewater section that the faction he represented would likewise entertain consolidation with the Republicans in the forthcoming state campaign.

The issues are expected to be definitely threshed out at a conference of "Anti-Smith Democrats," to be held in Lynchburg, Va., next Tuesday. Until the announcements the objectives of the conference at Lynchburg have been somewhat vague, the formal announcement was that the meeting was called for the purpose of "determining what action of the Anti-Smith faction shall take with respect to future activities."

Would Oust Raskob.

A. J. Dunning, jr., chairman of the second Virginia district delegation to the Lynchburg conference said that an effort "would probably be made at the conference to demand the resignation of John J. Raskob, Democratic national chairman, and the repudiation of Raskob's leadership by Democratic leaders in Virginia. This was indicated in a telegram, Mr. Dunning said he had sent to Mr. Raskob asking if he would resign the national chairmanship as his "contribution to reconciliation and harmony in the Democratic party in the South; to Governor Harry Flood Byrd of Virginia, asking if he, as head of the party in Virginia, would 'countenance the continuance of the Democratic party under the Smith-Raskob-Tammamy policies and leadership.'" Mr. Dunning said he sent a third telegram to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, inquiring if he "was responsible for and subscribed to statements reported to have been made by you with reference to Governor Smith having been cheated out of the presidency by ignorance, bigotry and religious fanatics."

Mr. Dunning explained that he sent these telegrams on his own initiative and that he could not say what the action of the Lynchburg conference would be, but that in all probability there would be an attempt to carry out what the telegrams suggested.

Close on the heels of the announcement from Mr. Dunning, Charles S. Smith of Newport News, arriving in Richmond gave out an interview in which he declared that the acknowledged Republican party in Virginia is ready to offer the Lynchburg conference candidates and a platform "perfectly satisfactory to the independent group."

Mr. Smith explained that he had been in conference with Chairman Angel of the state Republican committee, at the suggestion of Virginia Tidewater Republicans and

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Benny Mack Kills Man Over A Dog

Lightweight Boxer Known In Shelby, Having Fought Here, Is Held.

Charlotte, Feb. 3.—Benny Mack, lightweight boxer, who has fought throughout North Carolina and Virginia, shot and killed W. H. Moore, landscape artist, here this afternoon. The killing is said to have followed a dispute over a dog. Mack made no effort to escape after the shooting, telephoning Chief of Police Alex West that he had shot a man and would be right "down" as soon as he took his wife home.

Detective immediately went to the scene of the difficulty where they found Moore dead. Then they went to the home of Mack, reaching there before he arrived with his wife. He was placed under arrest on a charge of murder and was in the city jail tonight.

Mack, according to Chief West, said that he drew his pistol and fired on Moore after the man had first drawn his gun. Dillard Price, a brother-in-law of Moore, who was with him when he was shot, told police the dead man had a gun but "that it dropped from his pocket after he was shot and that he did not draw it."

Neighborly Folks About Beams Mill

Neighbors apparently are neighbors in every sense of the word up in the Beams mill section north of Shelby. Saturday night one week ago the barn and four mules of Mr. Josh Wright were burned entailing a heavy loss to him.

Mr. Wright operates a sawing outfit, and Tuesday morning of last week his neighbors, many of them, began felling trees and hauling logs to him. Mr. Wright began sawing, and other neighbors began building with the timber as fast as it was sawed. Before Mr. Wright got altogether through with sawing the logs brought by Wednesday evening late he looked over near the spot where the old barn was burned and saw a new barn, complete in every detail.

And so it was that the neighborliness of the farm section—a spirit known in cities and business circles as "cooperation"—built a barn in two days in tending a helping hand to one struck by misfortune.

Bury Mrs. Grigg Here Tuesday

Widow Of Late Millard A. Grigg, Furniture Dealer, Dies At Home Of David Beam.

Mrs. Nancy Grigg, widow of Millard A. Grigg, furniture dealer and undertaker in Shelby, for many years, died about midnight last night at the home of her only brother David A. Beam in the Double Shoals community. Mrs. Grigg had been in declining health for a year or more and was a patient for several weeks in the Shelby hospital last year. She made her home on N. Morgan street where she spent most of her time alone after the death of her husband.

Funeral To Widows and Orphans.

The funeral will be held from the Palmer funeral home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services to be conducted by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of which she was a member. Members of Cleveland lodge No. 202 will accord her funeral honors as her husband was one of the oldest and most faithful members of the Masonic lodge, the proceeds of which are to be used as a fund for widows and orphans. The estate consists of a brick store room on West Marion street, two houses and lot on N. Morgan street and a 100 acre farm in the country. Mrs. Grigg had the use of the property during her life time and now upon her death it goes to this Masonic fund, there being no children born to this couple.

Mrs. Grigg was Nancy Beam before marriage. She was a fine Christian character, thrifty, sprightly and kindly affectionated to her friends. She was a good Bible student, honest in her dealings and sympathetic in her manner.

One brother, Mr. David A. Beam survive. Another brother Rev. J. A. Beam of Person county and one sister, Mrs. Jerome Cline preceded her to the grave.

Grandmother And Granddaughter Die In Shiloh Section

Rutherfordton.—A grandmother and her granddaughter died within 36 hours last week in the Shiloh section, about six miles south of here.

Mrs. W. Jason Cole died Sunday night of pneumonia after a week's illness. She was buried at Kistler's Chapel Monday afternoon with Revs. B. M. Hamrick (P. H. Pike, D. J. Hunt, M. M. Huntley and T. A. Jones in charge of the funeral services. The deceased was 69 years of age and leaves a husband, four sons and three daughters.

Miss Avie Tate, daughter of C. Landrum Tate and granddaughter of Mrs. W. J. Cole, of the same section, died Tuesday morning of pneumonia, after three weeks' illness and was buried Wednesday afternoon at Kistler's Chapel, by the side of her grandmother. Miss Tate was eighteen years of age and leaves a father, four brothers and three sisters, all of the Shiloh section. The church was filled to overflowing for the funeral services.

Plan Cotton Contest For This County

May Have County-Wide Cotton Production Contest On Five-Acre Plots, Said.

Cleveland county farmers, who last year outstripped any county in the state in producing cotton and likely set up a per acre production record for the South, may this year compete with each other to see just which enterprising farmer can produce the most cotton on five acres.

Agricultural leaders here are planning such a contest now, and if the plans materialize the rules for the contest and the prizes to be awarded will be announced soon.

According to the preliminary talk any cotton farmer in the county would be eligible to enter the contest, designating a particular five acres as his contest plot, with the prize, or prizes, going to the farmer with the best production, or to the farmers leading others in the contest.

If the contest is definitely decided upon it will no doubt create considerable interest throughout the county to see which farmer proves the best on the five acres, and also to determine which section of the county will win the prize, or prizes.

Those discussing the contest state that a definite announcement concerning it, will likely be made in a week or so.

Lincolnton Man Is Killed In Accident

Woman Who Was Driving Car When It Turned Over At Charlotte Being Held.

Charlotte, Feb. 3.—Zim Zigle, 25, said to be a mill employe of Lincolnton, was killed when the automobile coupe in which he was riding turned over at the city limits of Charlotte early today.

Miss Margaret Buchanan, of Charlotte, who was driving the machine when it swerved over while turning a curve, was held in the city jail today in connection with the death after she was discharged from a hospital where she was rushed following the accident.

The other men in the machine, J. A. Mauney and Lawson Reynolds both of Lincolnton, according to the police report, escaped with minor cuts and bruises and were held in jail until today when they were released.

Mauney, shortly after the accident, said that he had never seen Miss Buchanan before last night, when shortly before midnight, Zigle asked to bring himself and the woman to Charlotte. Mauney declared he was owner of the car and that he and Reynolds had decided to make the trip before seeing the other two. Mauney said that on the way he was persuaded by Zigle, who professed the woman to be a capable driver, to let her drive the car.

Miss Buchanan today claimed that she was asked by the men to drive the machine, charging they were not in condition to drive.

Boys, "Having Some Fun," Kill Man And Upset An Entire City

(The following news story reproduced from a public service journal is with the aim of pointing out the danger shooting or throwing stones at power line wires or insulators, something that may cause the loss of life and property.—Only recently numerous high-powered lights being broken out by stones in Shelby and rewards being offered for those who did the throwing.)

Just before dusk one wild March evening (and this is a true story) two boys, each with a 22 rifle, came to a place on the highway where the high-voltage power line crossed. This line carried a 50,000-volt current and supplied a nearby town with electricity for all domestic and commercial purposes.

The boys' eyes lit with delight. "Come on, Jimmie, let's beat it," urged the smaller youth. "Now," said Jimmie, contentedly, "I want to stay and watch the fun. Gee! Lookit!"

Rafe King On Stand At Sharon Inquest; No Action As Yet

Five Witnesses Heard Up To 2 O'Clock This Afternoon. Wife Had Threatened Suicide, He Stated. Presence Of Blood Explained. Continues Late Today.

(Special To The Star.)

High School Auditorium, Sharon, S. C., Feb. 4.—The inquest here today to determine how Mrs. Rafe King, whose body was found in an out-house near her home last week, was still going on at 2 this afternoon and will likely continue through the afternoon. Up to 2 o'clock five witnesses, including the husband of the dead woman, had taken the stand, but no new evidence, or anything of a sensational nature to indicate other than suicide.

Crowd Jams Room. The inquest began at 10:30 this morning with a crowd of 300 or more people jamming the school auditorium to hear the witnesses, as the Sharon section has been talking of the sensations of the community. Paul G. McCorkle, York's blind coroner, is presiding, and Solicitor J. Lyles Glenn, of Chester, is conducting the examination of witnesses at the request of Governor John Richards and Sheriff Quinn.

Witnesses Heard. The witnesses heard so far were: Dr. C. O. Burrus and Dr. J. H. Saye of Sharon who performed the autopsy on the body; Rafe King, husband of the dead woman; Mrs. S. T. Ferguson, who with two children, found the body; and Rev. Paul McCully, who talked with King while the search was going on.

King's Testimony. Mr. King, second witness on the stand, appeared calm and composed and gave testimony in a steady voice. He stated that he was feeling so lousy on the morning of his wife's death that he did not get up and prepared his breakfast and served it to him in bed, telling him that "You're going to keep going until you die." She then made a fire gave him two sedative tablets to help him sleep, and kissed him before going out of the room so that he might sleep, he declared.

He awoke, he continued, about 2 o'clock, and was suffering so that he called a small boy who was passing and sent for a doctor. When Mrs. King failed to come in from school at the usual hour he was not alarmed he said because she frequently stopped by with friends. However, when dark came and she was not there he raised an alarm and the search was made which eventually found her body in the out-house.

"Can you give any explanation of the wound on her head?" Solicitor Glenn queried.

"No," replied King. "They would not let me see the body."

Chickens In Room. The solicitor then asked if he could explain the blood stains found in one of the rooms.

"We kept some small chickens in a box there and the rats killed some of them, and perhaps that caused it," was the reply.

Continuing the witness said that his wife had repeatedly threatened to drink lysol but was afraid it would turn her black.

A Suicide Pact? She had once suggested, King said, that they both drink lysol. He was emphatic in his statement that they were happy and did not quarrel.

Feared Childbirth. King in his testimony also said that his wife realized, about two months ago that she would likely become a mother and dreaded childbirth because of a kidney affliction, which she thought might kill her.

Less than a year ago Mrs. King had taken out a \$5,000 insurance policy after he (King) had failed to pass the insurance examination. She had laughingly said several times he continued that he could have a big time on the insurance money.

Had Two Worries. Her two worries he said were the fear of childbirth and the fact that she did not want to move to his farm three miles from Sharon, declaring that she would rather die than go to the farm as the farm had killed her people and would kill her.

Poison In Stomach. Dr. Burrus, on the stand, declared that when the stomach was opened at the autopsy he detected an

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