

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

More Rain, Colder. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy with rain tonight, and possibly on coast Thursday morning.

Takes Wellmon Store. Mr. Basil Goode who, until the collapse of the McKnight building last August, was in the retail grocery business in that establishment, has taken over the Paul Wellmon retail grocery store, and will henceforth be the proprietor of the business.

Daniels Hcps Gardner Stand About Budget. Editorial Backhand Slap At McLean Draws Rapping From Governor Gardner. Raleigh, Feb. 5.—The latest recommendations of Governor O. Max Gardner with regard to the budget have drawn fire from Josephus Daniels and The News and Observer.

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Exception is also taken by Governor Gardner to the statement contained in the editorial that the employes of the budget bureau are the only employes in the state that do not come under the jurisdiction of the salary and wage commission, and in another portion of the same editorial that the employes of the highway and agricultural departments are not under the salary and wage body.

These statements are incorrect, for the employes of all these departments are under the salary and wage commission, and their salaries have all been approved by it. Governor Gardner said today, when asked concerning this point. Objection was made in the editorial to having the department of agriculture included under the budget, apparently on the assumption that Henry Burke, an accountant in the budget bureau, is the director of the budget, and

Kiwanians To Have Program on Churches. Dr. H. G. Hardin of Gastonia Methodist Church To Be Principal Speaker.

"The Relationship of the Kiwanis club to the Churches of the Community" is the subject of the program of the Kiwanis club meeting to be held Thursday night at Cleveland Springs hotel. Dr. H. G. Hardin, pastor of Main street Methodist church, Gastonia, will be the principal speaker and Horace Eason will lead in some old time gospel singing.

On last Thursday night Tim Crews, governor of the Carolinas district was up from Spartanburg and gave a very inspiring talk on the objectives of Kiwanis for the coming year. Rodger Allen, president of the Spartanburg club rendered a number of beautiful vocal selections to the delight of the members present.

Scout Meetings Postponed. The meeting of men interested in the Boy Scout movement which was called for tonight in the court house after prayer meeting services, has been postponed until next Monday night, on account of the weather, according to an announcement made today by R. M. Schiele, scout executive and Lee B. Westers, vice president for Cleveland county. Those who received notices to attend this meeting will please be present at the court house next Monday evening.

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Solicitor Fee May Not Be Decreased In County After All

Mull In Letter To Cline Suggests That Defendants Pay All Fees.

The proposed legislative bill to place the solicitor of the Cleveland county recorder's court on a salary basis or decrease his fees from the present \$3.50 per conviction basis is still being footballed about between Shelby and Raleigh.

There are some indications now that no change whatsoever may be made in the plan of remuneration for the court solicitor, due, perhaps, to a bit of political maneuvering. Mull's Suggestion. The Star has received a copy of a letter written this week to A. E. Cline, county business manager, by Representative Odus M. Mull, in which Mr. Mull suggests to Mr. Cline that the fee might remain at the present rate but that a proviso be inserted in the law relieving the county, which is indirectly the taxpayers, from the liability of having to pay the solicitor's fees out of the treasury when there is a conviction and the defendant gets a road term instead of paying the costs.

According to the present system of the county court if a defendant is convicted and sentenced to jail or the chain gang the law reads that the solicitor's fees must be paid by the county. If the solicitor is not placed upon a salary basis Mr. Mull suggests that the fees remain at \$3.50 but that the law be so altered as to give the solicitor his conviction fees only when the defendant is fined and pay the fine and costs, or is taxed with the costs and pay the costs, thus making it so that the county taxpayers will pay no part of the solicitor's salary by making it necessary for the court to finance its own operation.

This change in the law, it is pointed out, would remove the liability of the county treasury being responsible for the fees when the costs were not paid by the defendant, but some of the citizens supporting the movement to place the solicitor on a salary basis say that they favored the change with the view of lowering court costs and that a defendant in court taxed with the costs would have just as large a court costs bill to pay by the change suggested by Mr. Mull as heretofore.

The Mull Letter. Mr. Mull's letter to Mr. Cline follows: "I have your letter in which you advise that you have agreed upon a compromise of the solicitor's salary bill by which the fee now paid of \$3.50 per case is to be reduced to \$2.50 per case. I presume that you are interested in saving the county expense and with that in view call to your attention that chapter 435, public local laws, 1921, section 4, provides as follows: 'Fees for County Solicitor \$3.50. Said fee to be taxed against the defendant and when collected shall be paid to the county solicitor provided however that in all cases where the defendant is convicted or pleads guilty and is sentenced to be confined in jail or to work on the public roads, or for any other reason the defendant fails or being unable to pay the costs, then the county shall pay the county solicitor his full fee of \$3.50 in said case.'"

"If you have definitely decided not to place the solicitor on a salary basis it seems to me that it would be better to leave the fee at \$3.50 when it is paid by the defendant but change the proviso so that in such cases as the county loses the costs that no fee shall be charged against the county so that the county tax-payers will not have to pay any part of the salary of county solicitor. Write me at once relative to this."

Local People Rank High In Paying Taxes

Only Three Counties In State Advertise Less Property For Unpaid Taxes.

In addition to having one of the lowest county-wide tax rates in the state with an unusually low cost of tax collection, Cleveland county citizens are ranked by the University News Letter as among the best tax-paying citizens in the state.

In fact, in 1928 only three counties in North Carolina's one hundred advertised less property for sale due to unpaid taxes than did Cleveland county. Below One Percent. Taxes advertised during the year in the county totaled only \$5,282 or just ninety-eight one-hundredths of one per cent of the total tax levy in the county.

The four counties in the state advertising less than one per cent were Northampton, Camden, Chowan, and Cleveland. In Burke 6.49 per cent of the tax levy is advertised; in Lincoln 6.2 per cent; in Mecklenburg 7.60 per cent; in Catawba 12.54 per cent and in Rutherford 12.57 per cent. Although only four counties advertised less than one per cent of the total tax levy there were 3 counties which advertised more than ten per cent of their tax levies, while five counties advertised in excess of 25 per cent of the total tax levies.

Mayor Wants Lady To Be More Specific

Mayor Dorsey receives many letters, some commending him for his efforts to enforce law and others offering criticism of one nature and another. Some of these letters are unsigned.

One letter in particular, signed "A Friend Indeed" and received a few days ago suggests that the police department be set to work to correct a certain evil which the lady contends exists. Mayor Dorsey says the lady writes a most intelligent letter and seems to know what she is talking about, but the clue is not sufficient and he proposes that if she will give her name to him, together with sufficient information to set the wheels of justice to work on the case, the matter will be promptly attended to and that the lady's name will be withheld even from the police department.

Will Operate Two Pool Halls Here

Long and Robinson To Maintain Old Stand And New Hotel Parlor.

In stead of moving their cigar store and billiard parlor from its present location, corner Sumner and South LaFayette streets, to the new Hotel Charles building, Messrs. H. C. Long and J. R. Robinson announce that they will operate a billiard parlor at both locations.

Two Half Sister And Half Brother Survive

The Star was misinformed as to the survivors of Mrs. Amanda McBrayer Logan, widow of R. B. McBrayer who was buried here Sunday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. N. Dorsey, when it stated in Monday's issue that she was the last of the John R. Logan family. She leaves one half brother, Sheriff Hugh Logan and two half sisters, Mrs. J. A. Ellis and Mrs. Jim Irvin. The Star regrets that its information was incorrect in this particular.

Hords Donate Books For Boiling Springs

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hord and daughters, of Waco, yesterday contributed 25 books to the Boiling Springs library through The Star. Day by day more books continue to come in as a result of the drive and it is hoped to have the required quota of 2,000 by the end of the spring term.

Honors For Natives Of Cleveland County

Dr. Della Dixon Carroll Heads Academy Of Medicine. Harrelson Talked.

One Cleveland county native has been honored recently in Raleigh, in the person of Dr. Della Dixon Carroll, daughter of the late Rev. Tom Dixon, saintly pioneer minister of this section, and another county native may be honored in Col. J. W. Harrelson, who came from the Lawndale section.

Notice To Taxpayers In City Of Shelby

In an advertisement in today's Star the City of Shelby warns local taxpayers that those who have street and sidewalk assessments due and past due must pay the city within a short time or their property will be legally advertised.

Photo Of Late Mrs. Rafe King



Mysterious and so-called baffling elements in the death of Mrs. King, pictured above, at Sharon, S. C., a week ago Friday, considered a suicide at the time, caused South Carolina officials to arrest her husband.

Much Building Will Complete On Over Shelby In Two Months

Permits For \$66,000 Worth Of Building In December And January.

Despite the ordinary slack in building during the winter months permits were issued by E. A. Rudasill, building inspector, for \$66,240 worth of building in December and January. A total of 25 permits for construction and remodeling was issued, there being very few large buildings, the permits for the most part being for residences and altering of buildings already up.

Among the larger building for which permits were granted for the two months were the \$25,000 brick garage being erected on East Warren street by Attorney D. Z. Newton, a warehouse being erected on South Morgan by the Southern Cotton oil firm, a big warehouse on Seaboard avenue by the O. E. Ford company, and the remodeling of the handsome George Blanton residence on West Marion street.

Among the residential permits were the following: E. E. Scott, brick residence, East Marion street; Carl Thompson, frame dwelling, Thompson street; W. R. Newton, frame dwelling, Graham street; Alex Bell, frame dwelling, Pinkney street; Paul Bridges, frame dwelling, Highway 18; N. B. Gladden, two frame dwellings, Hudson street; Joe Cook Washburn, composition dwellings, Mint street; J. D. Poston, frame dwelling; Carl Thompson, frame dwelling, corner Warren street.

Carnes, Church Embezzler, Gets 5 To 7-Year Sentence

Pleads Guilty Of Embezzling Charge. "Off Light" Declares Judge.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 6.—Clinton S. Carnes, former treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, whose disappearance late last summer led to the discovery of an alleged shortage of nearly a million dollars in his accounts and his subsequent arrest in Canada, pleaded guilty in superior court here yesterday to embezzlement.

His plea was to one indictment charging theft of \$60,000 and he was sentenced immediately to serve not less than five nor more than seven years imprisonment. Twenty indictments in all had been returned against him. Solicitor-General John A. Boykin told the court that he had decided to accept the recommendation of the Baptist Home Mission Board that Carnes be permitted to plead guilty. He agreed to this, he said, only on the condition that the other indictments against him be attached in the form of memoranda and that if he attempts to seek a pardon before the minimum sentence is served, prosecution will be started on the other bills.

Falls Sees Nothing Pointing To Foul Play In King Case

No Lysol Odor About Bottle Near Her Body. Ball Hearing Tomorrow Morn Opinion Here Is That Of Suicide.

More Detailed Testimony About Mrs. Rafe King's Death In York Paper.

One of the bits of testimony in the Mrs. Rafe King inquest at Sharon Monday that seemed a bit mysterious is related in the Yorkville Enquirer's account of the inquest—being the testimony of one witness that the empty bottle found near the body of Mrs. King in the outhouse did not have the odor of lysol although physicians declared that in their autopsy the odor of lysol was detected about her.

The complete testimony of Rafe King on the stand, as reported by James D. Grist in the Yorkville Enquirer, follows: Rafe B. King, sworn, said: That morning I was sick. We did not get up until about 8 o'clock. Mr. S. T. Ferguson's little girl called. She got up, and I tried to but was sick. She prepared a cup of coffee and an egg for me. I didn't feel like eating it. I had eaten a can of salmon the night before.

She told me I was going to stay in bed. She gave me two capsules and one aspirin tablet between 9 and 10 o'clock. After she gave me the tablets she kissed me and said: "I won't be here to wake you up." I told her I should take only one; but she said, "Two won't hurt you." She started off to Mrs. S. T. Ferguson's for milk. I waked up around 2 o'clock. My bull dog was barking. I saw little Alex Bigham. He put some wood on the fire. I was suffering. Alex said he would call Dr. Burruss. It wasn't long before the doctor came. He gave me medicine in a glass and stayed with me an hour or an hour and a half.

I got up about dark when my wife didn't come. I thought she ought to be there. It wasn't long before Rossie B. Ferguson came in and asked for "Miss Faye." It was about first dark when I started searching for her. I was in my underclothes. I called for Uncle Bob Wilson, a colored man; but he didn't answer.

She had several times made threats to kill herself. She had said that she would die before she moved to the farm. She said it killed my mother and father and will kill us. I had fixed up the house on the farm before Christmas. We had talked about moving back to Shelby also. I had told Mr. Sam Pratt I didn't know what to do—that my wife said she would die before she moved to the farm.

I put on my clothes and went to Mrs. Ferguson's first. I went through the kitchen to get my overcoat. I paid no attention to anything. I went right out the back.

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Dogs Easy Found In Cleveland Now

Rewards Bring In More Dogs Than Were Lost. Change From Old Days.

Thanks to Cleveland Star advertising or a change in viewpoint among the people, lost dogs are far easier to recover in Cleveland county now than in the old days.

Of recent months, since the opening of the hunting season, many lost and strayed, and occasionally stolen dogs have been recovered through "penny column ads" in The Star. This week and last week a couple of dog owners stated that their notices of reward in The Star brought in more dogs than they needed, and not their own dogs at that. One man who has lost his dog was notified this week that his dog was at three different places, but neither of the three dogs proved to be that particular lost bird dog.

Limestone College Blaze Frightens

Gaffney, S. C., Feb. 5.—Limestone college was quickly emptied of girls late yesterday afternoon when an alarm of fire sounded. A blaze on the roof brought two trucks from the city fire department, and within less than ten minutes the danger was over. A few rooms in the dormitory underneath the threatened spot were swept by water.

Ball Hearing Tomorrow Morn Opinion Here Is That Of Suicide.

Judge B. T. Falls, Shelby attorney, who has been employed as one of the counsel for Rafe King, has seen nothing to indicate foul play in the death of Mrs. Rafe King at Sharon, South Carolina, Friday week ago.

Mr. Falls spent yesterday in York in conference with Mr. Thomas F. McDow, York criminal lawyer who has also been employed by King and in consultation with their client.

Many Rumors. "There is nothing in the testimony given at the inquest, which we reviewed, that would point to foul play as I can see," the Shelby attorney stated in his office here today after his visit to York and his conference with King in the McDow law office. There are many rumors of this and that about the Sharon section, the attorney pointed out, but rumors and the actual testimony of the inquest are two altogether different matters.

Hearing Thursday. Judge Watts, incidentally, is the man for whom the state of South Carolina cast one of its presidential votes in the Democratic convention at Houston. Mr. McDow, King's counsel at York, is a brother-in-law of Judge Heriot Clarkson of the North Carolina supreme court, and is ranked as one of South Carolina's most able barristers.

It was agreed by Solicitor J. Lyle Glenn, of Chester, representing the state of South Carolina, and King's counsel, Mr. Falls said, that the application for bail before Judge Watts would be made upon the written testimony taken at the inquest. In placing the date of the hearing for Thursday Solicitor Glenn also agreed to waive notice of application for a hearing, a move whereby he could have legally delayed the bail hearing for 10 days.

Anticipates Success. The Shelby attorney stated "I can see no reason why Judge Watts should refuse bail after he hears the inquest testimony. And no particular trouble is anticipated in raising the bond for Rafe if it is granted."

Local Opinion. The statement that bond money could be reproduced makes it worthy of mention that in and around Shelby where King is well known the vast majority of the people do not believe for a moment that he killed his wife, Shelby people, although admitting that there are certain mysterious circumstances surrounding the present general knowledge of Mrs. King's death, take no stock whatsoever in the many rumors afloat in that section as to foul play whereby her husband is connected.

One legal problem which might develop may prove some hindrance to securing bail. It would only be natural that the defendant would want to return to the home of his relatives here if bail is granted, but such, some point out, would mean that he would have to cross the state line moving from one state to another, and that might prove a legal barrier.

"I'm Innocent" King Tells Newspapermen

Probable Statement About Burglar In Home Brought Up During Inquest.

(Charlotte Observer.) York, S. C., Feb. 5.—Belief that a robber killed his wife, Rafe King, is held by Rafe King, imprisoned in York county jail charged with her murder. It was learned today from authentic sources that King expressed that opinion yesterday in a private statement to the York county coroner's jury investigating the death of the Sharon high school teacher whose body was found in an outbuilding near her home on January 25. Before going to the jury with his confidential statement, King had testified publicly that he believed his wife committed suicide. After all testimony had been given and the jury had retired, (Continued on page eight.)