

The Markets. Cotton, Shelby 19 1/4 Cotton Seed, bu. 70 1/2

Cloudy And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy, slightly colder in west portion and on the coast tonight. Freezing temperature on the coast. Tuesday fair.

Get Correll Slayed.

Saturday night about midnight South Carolina officers captured Clyde Fowler, alias Tom Williams, negro slayer of Detective Ed Correll, the capture being made near Greer, S. C. The negro, who had been at large since the shooting, was rushed to the North Carolina state prison at Raleigh. He did not deny the killing and will be tried in Charlotte February 25.

File Seventh Suit Here In Tragic Crash

Damages Of \$75,000 Asked For Death Of Miss Ora Eskridge In Suit.

Suits now have been filed in the office of the superior court clerk here asking damages for all seven deaths in the tragic building collapse here last August.

The seventh suit filed with Court A. M. Hamrick asks \$75,000 damages for the death of Miss Ora Eskridge, one of the most important employees of the First National bank and very popular in church and social circles of Shelby at the time of her tragic death. Miss Eskridge was buried in the debris of the collapsed buildings and died just a short time after the crash in the Shelby hospital.

Defendants named in the complaint filed are J. S. McKnight, Tom Webb and Cicero Lutz. The complaint was filed by J. Conley Eskridge, a brother of the late Miss Eskridge who is the administrator of her estate, through his attorney, B. T. Falls.

Eight Suits In All.

Other deaths in the crash in which suits have already been filed were those of Zeb and Carl Blanton, Alex Koyle, Clyde Carpenter, Guy Green, and Onie Thomas, colored. An eighth suit on record at the court house asks damages for an automobile demolished by the falling walls.

P. P. Duncan Buried Today

Substantial Farmer Of Near Lawndale Succumbs To Long Illness. Burial Palm Tree.

Mr. R. P. Duncan, substantial farmer of the Palm Tree section near Lawndale, passed away Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at his home, following a relapse from pneumonia. Mr. Duncan was about 79 years of age and a hardy, robust man, well and favorably known by his host of friends. He was honest in his dealings, a kind neighbor and staunch member of the Methodist church at Hollis.

The funeral was conducted this morning at 11 o'clock by Revs. J. W. Fitzgerald, Carl Swafford and Mr. Hipps, and interment was in the cemetery at Palm Tree. A large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives was present.

Mr. Duncan was married to Sallie Swezey who survives with three daughters, Mrs. Lester Lee, Mrs. Coleman Mauney and Mrs. Miller Grigg and three sons, Sam, Lester, and John Duncan.

Masons Bury Mr. Ep Champion At Union

Mr. Epp Champion, prominent farmer of the Lawndale-Polkville community, who was buried Friday, February 1 at Union Baptist church was accorded Masonic honors, being a faithful member of this fraternity. The funeral was preached at 11 o'clock by Revs. D. G. Washburn and Rush Padgett and a male quartet from Shelby rendered a number of beautiful selections, appropriate to the sad occasion. A large crowd was in attendance and the floral tribute was rich and bountiful.

Mr. Champion leaves his wife, eight children and seventeen grand children. The whole community was deeply grieved because of his passing.

Waynesville Woman Buried At Beaver Dam

Mrs. Magnolia Francis who died Sunday at Waynesville was buried today at Beaver Dam church. She was 36 years of age and the daughter of Jeff Davis, a native of Cleveland county. Her husband and four children, all living at Waynesville, survive. Mrs. Francis was a victim of pneumonia.

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May Vote Here On Bonds For School Debts

Bill Now In Raleigh For Calling Special Election To Take Care Of District.

Within the next few months the citizens of Shelby will likely vote upon a bond issue which would be made to cover the deficit now over the schools of the city, which is Special District No. 33.

A bill calling for the election is now in Raleigh for introduction in legislature by Representative Mull.

The Requirements.

The bill, if and when passed, will authorize the school board to make a careful audit to show the exact financial condition of the school district and the exact amount of the deficit facing the board, or the obligations and debts incurred in operating the schools in the past. Which means that the bond issue will not include any present or future operating or maintenance expense.

When the audit is made the city board of aldermen will be authorized to ascertain the deficit shown by the audit is correct. After which the board is authorized and empowered to issue bonds to cover such a deficit, and to levy a special tax, not exceeding ten cents, to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund for the bonds.

Must Vote On It.

But before the bonds are issued the bill reads that the aldermen must order a special election to be held in the district upon the question of issuing the bonds. Proper polling places and election officials are also to be named by the board and the notice of the election be given proper publicity, with a new registration of qualified voters.

If a majority of the qualified voters, the bill reads, vote in favor of the bonds then the board shall continue with the issuance of the bonds. After which the proceeds derived from the sale of the bonds are to be turned over to the treasurer of the special district to be used for no other purpose or purposes than set out in the election proposal, that of taking care of a deficit now existing in the special school district.

Other portions of the bill deal with the necessary legal statements and facts concerning the calling of such election and the technicalities of a bond issue.

Clerk Hamrick Has Stampede For Funds

Non Residents And Minors, However Need Not Call For Their Money Yet.

Clerk of the Court A. M. Hamrick has been virtually 'stampeded' by callers for funds in his office, since a two page advertisement ran in The Star, advertising the names and amounts of non-resident funds, minors' funds and court fees left there for hundreds of people. The Star has been in great demand by those who were searching for their names and Mr. Hamrick and his clerk have been busy writing checks.

Something like \$12,800 is in the hands of the clerk and this amount was carried in the advertisement, together with the names of the parties to whom it belonged.

Court fees are being paid out, but funds belonging to minors and non-residents are not available now, says Mr. Hamrick and he wants the public to understand this so they will not call in vain. Those who have funds in these two classes, that of minors or non-residents, will therefore take notice that such funds are not to be paid out now.

E. M. Auten's Mother Dead At Winston

Grandmother Also Of Mrs. Roy Tiddy Of Shelby—Was 78 Years Old.

Mrs. Annie E. Auten, aged 78, of Huntersville, died yesterday afternoon at Winston-Salem at the home of her son, E. M. Auten, according to word received here last night.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Huntersville Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Grier. Burial will be at Huntersville.

Besides Mr. Auten, Mrs. Auten is survived by a brother, George S. Cathey of Paw Creek; and five grandchildren, Annie Hyatt Holbrook of Charlotte, Adron Holbrook of Monroe, Mrs. Roy Tiddy of Shelby, Junius Auten of Baltimore, Mr. and Francis Auten, of Winston-Salem.

A Cleveland Cotton Champ



Aston Adams, the 14-year-old youth shown above beside his agricultural teacher, Prof. V. C. Taylor, at the Lattimore high school, is one of the big reasons why Cleveland county is the leading cotton producing county in North Carolina, and the leading per acre cotton producer in the South. Young Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Adams, made 2,508 pounds of lint, or five 500-pound bales last year on two and one-half acres of land. A group of farmers about young Adams and his father made 403 bales on 374 acres. The youth produced his five bales of cotton at a cost of 2.9 cents per lint pound and sold it for 19 1-4 cents per pound.

Will Leave Solicitor's Fee At \$3.50 With Proviso; Mull Explains Prohi Arrest Fee

Tells About \$5 Fee For Prohibition Arrests. No Fee Burden On County. Private Drunk Is No Violation Of Law, Mull Says.

The solicitor of the county court will remain upon a fee basis with a fee of \$3.50, but in cases where the defendants do not or cannot pay the cost the law regarding the solicitor's pay will be so changed that the county will not have to pay the solicitor his fee.

In other words, where there are convictions and the defendant is unable, due to a road or jail term, to pay the costs, which include the fee, the solicitor will not receive a fee.

No Law On Drunks.

The other portion of Mr. Mull's letter explains his proposed law for a \$5 bonus fee for officers when defendants are arrested charged with violating the prohibition law. The bill, he says, will include a proviso that in cases where the defendants do not pay the costs the county will be liable to pay only \$2.50 of the fee for the officer. This, his explanation continued, would bring no big expense to the county as he clarifies what he means by prohibition law violation by stating that arrests for ordinary, private drunks would not entitle the officer to his \$5 fee, but only arrests in connection with the manufacture, sale, transportation and possession of liquor. "It is not a violation of any law to be drunk unless one is in a public place and a nuisance," he explained.

Mull's Letter.

His letter together with the bill he will introduce about the solicitor's pay follows: "As several articles have appeared in the press in which criticism has been offered to that part of the prohibition bill which fixes a fee of \$5.00 for the arrest of violators of the prohibition law, please give publicity to the following concerning same.

"I think the criticism resulted from two causes: First, a misconception of the law; and second, the failure to investigate and obtain the facts. Some seem to think that being drunk is a violation of the prohibition law and have erroneously estimated the expense which would result from this act or section to aggregate \$10,000 in one year. It is not a violation of the prohibition law to be drunk. It is a violation of the law to be drunk or to be drunk and disorderly in a public place. As long as you are drunk at home or in a private place it is not a crime but when you are drunk in a public place you are a nuisance and it is a crime in the nature of a public nuisance. The prohibition laws only deal with the manufacture, sale, transportation and possession of liquor.

"I have had the court records searched and it is reported to me that approximately 395 cases of this character were prosecuted last year. More than two-thirds of this number were punished by the imposition of fines, costs and the like and no part of the cost was paid by the county. This leaves approximately 131 cases of this character in which the county didn't lose the

What This County Would Get Out Of New Highway Fund

Cleveland's Share In New Gas Tax For Roads Would Be \$35,430.

The passage of the new gas tax bill, providing for state maintenance of county roads and a reduction of county property tax for roads, by the use of representatives mean that Cleveland county will get \$35,430 as its share of the three million dollar fund.

The bill provides for a tax of five cents on each gallon of gasoline instead of four cents as prevails now. The extra cent is to be used in taking over county highways, with the money being divided among the counties according to area and population, only when counties reduce their property tax the same amount as comes to the county from the fund. In other words the passage of the bill will mean that \$35,430 in property taxes for roads will be taken off the taxpayers of this county.

Shares neighboring counties will have in the fund follow: Catawba, \$32,400; Gaston, \$41,220; Lincoln, \$19,680; Rutherford, \$35,160; Burke, \$30,090.

Thousands See Jump In Air; Wilson Is Hurt

Parachute Jump At Airport Here Draws Record Crowd. Jumper Gets Injured.

Shelby and Cleveland county took to aviation with more interest over the recent week-end and yesterday than ever before, one of the largest crowds in the history of the town assembling Sunday afternoon at the Shelby airport for a 3,000-foot parachute jump by Pilot Roy Ahearn and his assistants.

More than 2,000 automobiles jammed the fields and highways near the airport to see the leap, and with the exception of opening day county fair crowds it was considered the largest on record here. Due, however, to an early Sunday morning accident the thrilling jump was not made by Norman Wilson, the regular parachute jumper, but by Teak Presnell his youthful substitute.

Hit By Propeller.

Early Sunday morning Wilson was at the front of the plane, which had been taking passengers up for an airing, when he was struck by the whirling propeller of the plane and knocked to the ground. At first it appeared as if he were very severely, and probably fatally injured, but at the Shelby hospital today it was stated that his only major injury was a compound fracture of the left arm above the elbow.

The young substitute jumper gave the crowd all the thrill it was looking for. Business was good in carrying up passengers and hundreds began to murmur when the jump did not come off promptly at 3:30—some saying: "Aw, I knew nobody was going to do a fool thing like that." (It was the first parachute jump from an airplane at such a height ever staged in Shelby.)

However, about four o'clock the kid jumper packed his folded parachute on his back and climbed into the plane with Pilot Ahearn. Up and up the plane circled, and the gasps of amazement increased among the crowd. At an altitude of about 3,000 feet, the crowd below, estimated by some at more than 5,000 people, saw the jumper, a mere boy, glisten in the sunlight as he walked out upon a wing of the plane. At the distance he looked more like a small black speck than a man. He tumbled over, and over, his body and his chute flashing in the sun. He fell many feet before he pulled his string for the parachute to open, and many of those gazing at him from far below, turned their eyes to the ground—they didn't think it was going to open, and they couldn't bear to see him fall. Then he pulled his string, the big chute opened quickly, giving jerk to his falling body. And down he floated, barely missing the old Cleveland Springs water tank, but settling to the ground not so many yards from the spot where his plane took off.

Parachute jumping is not a new thrill, generally speaking, but here it was, and the Presnell kid sure gave his crowd a kick, and he brought out a larger crowd than any one person has done in this town heretofore.

Good Game Here On Wednesday As Highs And Lattimore Clash

Will Be Nip-And-Tuck Struggle In Tin Can. State Series Soon.

One of the hardest fought and naturally one of the most interesting basketball games of the year to those on the sidelines will be staged in the "tin can" here Wednesday night with Lattimore and Shelby facing each other. It is the last home game of the season before the state race games get underway.

Playing at Lattimore last week the Lads coached by Morris and Falls barely nosed out the swift-Lattimore team by two points. Wednesday night, with scores of supporting fans, will be down here to even up the count, and the Shelby quint, of course, will go in to the game with the ambition to make it two straight. The two quints are among the best in this section of the state and an above the ordinary game might be expected even if both outfits were not dead set on winning.

The highs are playing Forest City there tonight.

O. E. S. Meeting.

Regular meeting of O. E. S. will meet at Masonic Temple tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. All officers and members are urged to be present.

Pays With His Life



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Change Method Of Figuring City Water, Lights

Scale Rates Are Used Instead Of Flat Rates—Revenue Is Thus Increased.

Light and water rates made by the city have not been changed, but a few months ago, the method of figuring was modified, thus increasing these sources of revenue to the city. Just how much the city's revenue will be increased by thus changing the method of calculation from a flat basis to a scale basis, has not been learned, but the change is interesting nevertheless, because it effects all consumers of lights and power beyond the 150 kilowatt limit, says Fred Culbreth, city clerk.

In other words the scale rate of from 12 1-2 per k. w. down to 5 cents per k. w. is now used on lights consumed instead of the one flat rate used heretofore. The power rate is figured also on the sale of from 2 1-2 cents minimum to 6 cents maximum instead of a flat rate. The flat rate was used last year and the scale rate adopted in the late fall.

This new method of figuring increases the cost of 300 k. w. to the customer from \$21.00 under the flat rate to \$22.20 under the scale rate. Under the flat rate method of figuring 300 k. w. of power the cost was \$12 at 4 cents per k. w. Now this same power costs the consumer \$15—or an increase of \$3.

On patrons who use over 2,000 k. w. the increased cost is \$18 to \$20 monthly.

The same rates apply, but the scale method of figuring is as follows:

Table with columns for Light Rates and Power Rates, listing various kilowatt (k.w.) ranges and their corresponding costs.

Masonic Meeting.

Second degree work will be put on Friday night by the Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. in called communication. Four candidates will be taken through and all members are urged to be present.

Fight On To Restore Monazite Industry Over This Section

Natural Wealth Of Section May Be Brought Back Into Play. Meet Again Saturday To Organize The Movement.

The industry, monazite mining, which first placed Cleveland county and this section on its feet may be restored to bring on added wealth to the county and section if the aims and hopes of an interesting meeting held here Saturday are realized.

At the meeting held at the court house, attended by scores interested in monazite mining, once the chief income hereabouts, it was definitely determined that a strong fight would be made to place a tariff on monazite and monazite products now coming in from other countries so that the people of this and adjoining counties might mine monazite again at a profit.

General Meeting.

The first move in this fight will be made here next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 in the court house when not only those in this county but from all adjoining counties interested in monazite will be invited to attend, with the hope that the growing sentiment for the placing of dues upon foreign monazite will demand action by the next session of congress. Not only are those who own monazite land or are directly interested in monazite mining invited but a general invitation is extended to business men, bankers, and others who would give the county an income equal or surpassing that of the cotton crop.

The meeting was called by Mr. F. B. Hamrick, of Boiling Springs, and congressman-elect Chas. A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, who pledged himself to do all in his power to put over the monazite problem, was the chief speaker. However, the majority of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of what the monazite industry meant to the section, and to a discussion of preliminary plans of how the industry might get going again.

Mr. J. H. Quinn presided at the meeting and others beside Mr. Jonas who made talks included Dr. S. S. Royster, Messrs. Cullen Mull, George Peeler, Lon Royster, Lander McBrayer, O. C. Sarratt and others.

Name Officers.

At the conclusion of the talks and informal conversation Mr. F. B. Hamrick was named chairman of the movement to make the fight and Dr. S. S. Royster, closely in touch with the industry in bygone years, was named secretary. During next week and following the meeting of next Saturday it is hoped to get a board of directors to represent all the adjoining counties such as Rutherford, Lincoln, Gaston, Burke, Cherokee, and many others, so that all may make a combined effort in sending delegations and briefs to congress and the Way and Means committee asking for the placing of a duty upon foreign monazite. The planning of a strong organization was followed up by a decision to urge all Kiwanis and Rotary clubs in this section to appoint committees to attend the meeting here next Saturday.

Several of the speakers pointed out what monazite mining meant to this county and section in early years when the industry almost single-handed brought the county from the rim of poverty to comfortable conditions. Scores and scores of children, it was said, were educated through the money coming into this county from monazite who would not have otherwise had a chance at an education, and the return of the industry will be just another such economical boon. One speaker, Lander McBrayer, declared that the first dollar bill he ever saw in his life came into this county for monazite. Still others told of making \$10 and \$12 per day and \$100 per week at hand mining. At one time, Dr. Royster declared, approximately 50 tons of monazite was shipped out of Shelby daily, "and we had just begun to scratch the top of it," he added in stating that there are thousands and thousands of dollars worth of monazite in the hills and in the streams of this section. The monazite belt he pointed out extends over a big area at the foot of the Blue Ridge mountain chain, running to the lowlands where the rock formation begins to give away to the limestone formation. This is the only belt of any size in America where monazite may be found.

Jonas Talks.

In his talk Mr. Jonas pledged his aid to the movement and moved on

to say that he had already been working upon it, having made several trips to Washington to confer with the Ways and Means committee of congress which is now planning a new tariff schedule. His appearances there have already resulted in seemingly favorable action for counties to the west which have mica and asbestos deposits. The big fight in the movement, he stated would come from the manufacturing interests who handle the monazite products in this section, due to the fact that they get Brazilian monazite cheap because of cheap labor, who would protest at a duty on the

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Test Mrs. King's Stomach Is A Slow Process, No Report

May Take 10 Days To Decide About Poison, Many Visit Home.

York, S. C., Feb. 10.—Analytical tests to be made of the stomach of Mrs. Faye King, whose husband, Rafe King, is charged with her murder, will not be completed before a week or 10 days, it was learned today.

The analysis being made by Richard Brackett, chief chemist of Clemson college, is to determine whether there are traces of poison in the tissues.

At the first autopsy, findings of the physicians as to poison were inconclusive because of the presence of an embalming fluid by the undertaker.

Mrs. Clyde Reagen of Charlotte and Mrs. Lois Benson of Cary, N. C., sisters of Mrs. King, and Mr. Reagen, were in York last night en route to Charlotte after a conference with Solicitor J. Lyles Glenn of Chester.

Hundreds of people from York and other counties flocked to Sharon today to view the King house and premises. Many of the cars parked around the home were from Charlotte, Shelby and other points more distant. A center of interest was the small out house where the body was found. Some of the visitors entered the home.

Gets Patent On Loom Thread Cutter

W. F. Davis, boss of the weavers room at the Shelby Cotton mill has gotten a patent on a thread cutting device for looms in cotton mills and those who have seen the device in operation declare that it is a great improvement on the thread cutters now in use, in that it works automatically and has a number of blades or teeth for cutting. A great feature in that the up-keep is nothing compared to the up-keep and repairs on the present cutting devices.

The patent number is 1699448 and is issued in the name of Ray Nix and W. F. Davis. Mr. Davis has since bought out the interest of Mr. Nix, however. A number of these machines have been running on looms for a year or more with perfect success.

B. Y. P. U. Program New Hope Tuesday

The program for the district B. Y. P. U. meeting at New Hope church, Tuesday, February 12, at 7:15 in the evening, follows:

Devotional, Rev. G. F. Abernathy; song service, all unions; song, minutes of last meeting; secretary's reports from unions; song, inspirational address, Dr. Zepo Wall; special music, Horace Eason; report and awarding of banner, business, song—adjourn.

Dr. Goddard Speaks At Central Church

Dr. O. E. Goddard of Nashville, Tenn., former secretary of the general mission board of the Southern Methodist church will speak tonight at Central Methodist church, according to an announcement by Dr. Hugh E. Boyer, pastor. Dr. Goddard will speak on evangelism and the public is invited, for it is felt that his subject will be of general interest.