

The Markets. Shelby, spot cotton 20c Cotton Seed, per bu. 65c

Rain Likely Tuesday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight. Tuesday mostly cloudy, probably showers and cooler in west and north central portions.

Three Die In Plane Crash At Charlotte

Charlotte, March 24.—Two men and a woman burned to death in a flaming airplane at the municipal airport here late this afternoon while hundreds of Sunday excursionists milled helplessly about their funeral pyre.

The dead: Mrs. J. G. Galloway, 22, Charlotte; Fred Kendrick, 36, a student pilot, Charlotte; George L. Vickery, pilot, Highlands.

The plane went into a spin at an altitude of about 150 feet and crashed to the earth in flames about 300 yards from the airport. Airport attaches were unable to explain the cause of the crash but they believed the plane, a light Waco, had given out of gasoline and that Vickery, at the controls, was too close to the ground to right it when he discovered the supply was gone.

The bodies of all three were burned to crisps and identification was difficult.

Chas. P. Wilkins Is Buried Today, Died On Sunday

Real Estate And Insurance Man Succumbs At Home Of Sister, Mrs. Lee Dover.

Chas. Preer Wilkins, prominent insurance and realty man of Brevard and native of Cleveland county, died Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lee Dover in the southeastern portion of Shelby where he had been for the past eleven weeks. He was the son of John J. and Alice Wilkins, his mother preceding him to the grave several years ago.

Mr. Wilkins had been in declining health for some time and last summer was a patient in Hendersonville and Blitmore hospitals. The best medical skill could not agree as to the cause of his trouble and he constantly declined in health, coming to the home of his sister, Mrs. Dover on January 8 where he was bedfast until death. Mrs. Willie Turner a sister, gave him the best of a nurse's care.

He was born June 8, 1883 and would have been 46 years of age in June of this year. In early life he joined Central Methodist church but at the time of his death held his membership at Brevard.

Masonic Honors. Mr. Wilkins was married to Miss Midge Osborne, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Osborne, December, 1908, and to this union were born two children, Charles Ruffin and Mary Osborne, both of whom survive, with their mother. Also surviving are his father, John J. Wilkins and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Bertha Dover, Mrs. Corrie Dover, Mrs. Willie Turner, Miss Nannie Holland, all of Shelby, Frank, of Panama, Canal Zone, Pittsburgh, of Asheville and two half brothers, John, Jr. and Lane.

Deceased was a Woodman and 32nd degree Mason and the funeral was conducted this afternoon from the Dover home at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. T. B. Johnson of LaFayette Street Methodist church and interment was in Sunset cemetery with his Masonic brothers paying their fraternal honors. At the time of his death he was district agent for the Security Life Insurance Co.

A beautiful array of flowers attested the high esteem in which he was held.

Glee Club Program Is On Here Tonight

A concert program is to be given this evening at 8 o'clock in the Central high school auditorium by the Queens college glee club and orchestra, the program being sponsored by the Contemporary Book club. The program will include classical and popular numbers and is expected to be very entertaining.

Airmarker Placed On Oil Plant Here

Workmen today completed the painting of an air marker on the Standard Oil distributing plant on North Washington street near the Seaboard station.

The marker reads "Shelby, N. C." and has an arrow pointing to the airport east of the city at Cleveland Springs. The letters are 10 feet high and light feet across.

Gardner Names County Native To Big Office

Col. J. W. Harrelson Commissioner Department Of Conservation, From Lawndale.

Raleigh.—Governor Gardner has announced that Col. J. C. Harrelson of State college, would become director of the department of conservation and development April 1, succeeding Major Wade H. Phillips, who was not a candidate for reappointment. Col. Harrelson has been connected with State college for 25 years in the department of mathematics.

Born In Cleveland. John William Harrelson is another Cleveland county native who has risen to commanding positions in his chosen profession. Born on June 28, 1886 at Lawndale, son of J. H. Harrelson, farmer, attended Piedmont high school, was graduated with high scholarship honors at North Carolina State college of agriculture and engineering, earned his master's degree in mechanical engineering, and joined the college faculty. He taught mathematics until he enlisted in the army in the summer of 1917 but returned in 1919 to the college work.

As a student on the West Raleigh campus, Col. Harrelson was called "J. W." and "Cap." by his classmates. He served as vice president of his class in its junior year, 1907-1908; made the scholarship roll in 1908-07-09, and engaged in class football. The 1909 Agromech, class annual, said of Col. Harrelson, in part, that he had a never flagging interest in a certain young Raleigh woman but lacked the nerve at that time to pursue farther his intentions.

Army Service. Entering the army on July 25, 1917, Colonel Harrelson rose steadily in rank from captain to major and then to Lieut.-Colonel after beginning as a captain in the Raleigh company of the coast artillery corps. He was at first assigned to coast defense at Cape Fear, Fort Caswell; promoted to a captain in the regular service; to major on August 9, 1918, and to Lieut.-Colonel of the reserve corps, coast artillery, during the following year. He commanded companies at Raleigh, Fort Caswell before joining the anti-aircraft artillery school at Fort Monroe, Va., and then was sent back to Caswell to take charge of the gunnery school. From there he was jumped to the training and instruction branch, general staff, Washington, August 1919 found him handling the personnel branch and writing discharges for officers. He even had to write his own discharge, after which he returned to the State college faculty. In December '20, Col. Harrelson was transferred to the field artillery corps of organized reserves, composed of North Carolinians and commanded by General Albert L. Cox of Raleigh.

Recent years have found Col. Harrelson devoting his efforts in building up State college. His hobby, however, has been a constant study of military affairs and he is regarded as an expert on the subject. He possesses a winning personality and associates—students alike regard him as a brilliant man. He served as manager of athletics at State college in 1921, interesting himself in student affairs as well as the college's advancement.

Woman's Boast Of Bossing House Gets Her Into Situation

Gaffney.—Being the head of the house is not always a good position if the experiences of a young Gaffney woman are taken into consideration. Recently officers raided her home and found a supply of whiskey hidden about the place. They asked the wife of the man who occupied the residence who was the "head of the house" and when she replied that she was, they indicated her along with her husband on a charge of violating the prohibition laws.

When the case came up before Judge M. M. Mann in criminal court here the judge decided that the young wife must be mistaken about her position in the household, so he struck her name off the indictment and charged the jury to return a verdict as to the man only. The husband was convicted.

Revival Meeting By Dr. Bowers Now On

Dr. Fred A. Bowers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Gastonia began at Bolling Springs today, a revival meeting which will continue for ten days. He is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins of the Bolling Springs church.

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Four Apartments With Four Rooms Each And Modernly Equipped. Cost \$16,000.

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King George Recuperates Slowly



Slowly recovering his strength at Bognor, England, the photo shows King George V of England in a wheelchair with Queen Mary at his side, during one of the frequent strolls which the King enjoys now that he is throwing off the terrible effects of the sickness which almost took his life.

First Week Drive To Keep Schools Open Brings \$800

Parent-Teachers And Students To Renew Appeal To Students This Week. The first week's drive to keep the Shelby high school open for the ninth month by the subscription plan brought in only \$800 in pledges from parents of school children, wherein it is estimated that it will take \$4,000 or \$4,200 to keep the high school open for the extra month not covered by taxes.

Members of the citizens' committee, attempting to keep the school open, stated that on Friday another appeal was made to the student body and that this week the Parent-Teachers organization would give more time to the movement with the hope that the subscription fund would grow more rapidly.

Good Time To Sell Poultry In Opinion The County Agent

Market Likely At Its Peak Now, Hardin States, Car Here On Wednesday. "Poultry has apparently reached the top of the market now and in my opinion it would be a good plan for the poultry farmers of Cleveland to get rid of right away," declared County Agent Alvin Hardin to The Star today.

"Poultry is bringing 27 cents per pound now, a new high price for several years, and with the end of the Jewish holidays there will likely be a price reaction on the poultry market. Yes, I expect this is about the best time for our farmers to sell," he concluded. A poultry car, incidentally, is to be loaded with Cleveland county poultry at the Seaboard station here Wednesday.

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Johnson Leases Curtis Hotel On Graham Street

Ben Curtis Completes New 17 Room Hotel On Graham St. Will Open April 1.

Ben Curtis, contractor and builder, has completed his new two story brick hotel on Graham street facing Victor hotel and has leased the same to George Johnson, proprietor of the Victor who will open the institution to the public about April 1. Mr. Johnson is now buying the furniture and equipment. Just what name the hotel will operate under has not been announced. Mr. Curtis is giving consideration to the name "Isaac Shelby Hotel," honoring the hero of the battle of Kings Mountain for whom the city of Shelby was named.

The new hotel has 17 rooms, all equipped with private bath and steam heat and telephone. In the building also are large and convenient rooms to serve as lobby, dining room and kitchen. The building was erected with a view of adding additional stories when the demand arises.

Mr. Curtis is the builder and he estimates the cost to be approximately \$35,000.

Light Committee To Meet This Thursday

Meeting With City Council, However, Will Be Held Later. Seek More Facts.

"Another meeting of the merchant's committee in the movement to lower the city light and power rates in Shelby will be held Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Woman's club room, it is announced.

A meeting of the committee was held last week but at the time it was found that certain facts needed to prepare an appeal to the aldermen had not been secured, therefore another meeting this week.

It was the opinion of the committee, after securing what facts they would not ask the board to abandon the new method of figuring the light bills for the old one, but would, instead, ask that the scale be lowered. Just what scale will be asked is to be determined at Thursday's meeting of the committee appointed to handle the appeal.

Friday Storm Felt Over This County; Damages At Ear

Portion Of Old Store Building There Blown Down, Halted Several Places.

The violent wind and rain storm which struck the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama late Friday afternoon and evening did quite a bit of damage in this county.

In the Earl section there was considerable wind, rain and hail about 6 o'clock in the afternoon and a portion of an old store building adjoining the home of Mrs. Trent was blown down. Hall fell in the Kings Mountain and Grover sections.

The storm period in this section came about the same time as did the tornado which did considerable damage and killed one person in the Charlotte and Dixie sections of Mecklenburg county.

Allen To Name His Deputies This Week

Moved Into Jail Last Friday, Logan To Residence On Morgan Street.

Sheriff-elect Irvin M. Allen, who takes office today week, will name his staff of deputy sheriffs on Tuesday or Wednesday, he has announced. It has been previously announced by him that Mr. Ed Dixon, former deputy and court officer and now Shelby policeman, will be his chief deputy.

Sheriff-elect Allen moved Friday of last week into the jail building on East Warren street and Sheriff Hugh A. Logan and his family moved into the former Fred Wagner residence on North Morgan street, which was purchased some years ago by the sheriff.

Parent-Teachers To Meet Tuesday Eve

A meeting of the Parent-Teachers association of the Marion street school will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 at the Marion school building. All parents who have children in the Marion school are urged to attend.

Al Smith Given Job By Gardner

Governor Gardner is a fearless office-holder it seems. During the campaign last fall he came in for criticism by both the Smithites and the anti-Smiths in the North Carolina Democracy. Regardless of which he on Friday of last week appointed Alfred E. Smith to an office—that of being a member of the State Prison board, which is headed by Mr. O. M. Mull, of Shelby.

As it happens this particular Alfred E. Smith is a millionaire furniture manufacturer of Mt. Airy, and not the former New York governor who sought to be president on the Democratic ticket.

Mrs. Downs Has Best Estimate County Cotton

Casar Woman Gets \$5 From Star. Misses Just 782 Bales. Crowder Second.

Mrs. R. B. Downs, of Casar, is the winner of the \$5 offered by The Cleveland Star for the best estimate on the 1928 Cleveland county cotton crop.

According to the final ginning report, issued last week, 53,634 bales were ginned in the county, and Mrs. Downs estimated that 52,823 bales would be ginned, missing the exact crop by only 782 bales.

Crowder Close. Mr. C. P. Crowder, of Lawndale route 3, took second place with an estimate of 54,542 bales, or just 908 bales more than the county produced. Mr. A. G. Putnam, of Blacksburg route 1, was third with 52,000 bales, or 1,634 bales less than produced.

Many Too Low. Of the scores and scores of Cleveland county people making estimates only 24 people estimated as high as 50,000 bales or higher, the others going under 50,000 with the average for all estimates running between 46,000 and 47,000 bales.

The 24 up to or above 50,000 bales were: Mrs. B. C. Houser, Shelby, 50,000 bales; C. I. Downs, Casar, 56,000; Mrs. R. B. Downs, Casar, 52,852; Wade Hoey, Shelby, 50,123; Mrs. Walter M. Chapman, Belwood, 61,557; Maggie Myr Chapman, Belwood, 56,672; Sam C. Lattimore, Shelby, 50,875; L. M. Lattimore, Shelby, 50,987; Earl Thomas Belwood, route 1, 50,000; Bob Hord, Shelby, 51,245; A. G. Putnam, Blacksburg, route 1, 52,000; Grover McSwain, Blacksburg, route 1, 51,000; Mrs. V. S. Webber, Shelby, route 7, 58,000; Mrs. Lee Melton, Shelby, route 7, 59,000; W. E. Vickery, Shelby, 50,981; Mrs. Alice Bridges, Lawndale, route 3, 50,000; Mrs. John Bridges, Lawndale, route 3, 58,000; Sam Ellis, Shelby, 50,555; Mrs. Sam Ellis, Shelby, 50,250; Mrs. N. J. Wright, Fallston, 50,207; Mrs. Chas. W. Washburn, Shelby, 51,326; Virginia Washburn, Shelby, 50,050; Mrs. C. P. Crowder, Lawndale, route 3, 54,542.

Two Baseball Games For Highs This Week

Kings Mountain To Play Here Friday, Highs In Charlotte Tuesday.

The Shelby high baseball team, winners of the only game played by them this season, have two games on the schedule for this week. The first game comes Tuesday with the strong Charlotte high in Charlotte, then on Friday the Kings Mountain team, old rivals of Shelby, comes here for the first home game.

The game scheduled here for last Friday with the Cherryville team was rained out.

Dewitt Quinn May Be Board Candidate

Mr. Dewitt Quinn, well known local druggist, may be a candidate for the city council in the coming election, it is learned.

"I haven't definitely fixed my fives yet," he stated Saturday, "but if I do run I am not planning to make any campaign or to ask for a single vote."

Mr. Quinn lives in Ward Two, where Mr. Rochel Hendrick is now alderman but will not seek reelection. Mr. Ab Jackson, groceryman, has already announced as a candidate from the ward.

One Dead, 2 Wounded In Negro Shootings

Angry Lover Shoots Woman As She Is In Bed With Her Child

Officers Chase Odell McPherson, Colored, Across County Sunday Afternoon.

Beulah Davis, colored woman of the Freedman village also known as Beulah Haney, apparently did something Saturday night that angered her lover, Odell McPherson, colored employee of a local dry cleaning plant.

Anyway, about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, according to the Davis woman, she saw McPherson climbing in the window of the room in which she was sleeping with her child. He pointed a gun at her, she says, and she yelled at him not to shoot as he might hit the child.

"No, I'm not going to shoot the baby. I'm going to kill you," he answered, she told officers.

Then McPherson entered the room, sat down on the side of the bed, threatened her again, after which he walked to the door looked out into the hall, returned to the bedside and began pumping lead into her body.

Two of the bullets entered the side of her chest and passed through a portion of her body.

Recovering. At the hospital today it was stated that the wounded woman had recovered sufficiently to return to her home, but officers learned later in the day that she was not getting along very well.

Officers In Chase. McPherson, who is now in jail, left town soon after the shooting, but yesterday afternoon word came to police headquarters that he was hiding at a negro home east of Shelby in the Buffalo section. Immediately thereafter Police Chief Poston, Fire Chief Gordon, Sheriff-elect Irvin Allen, and Policeman Dixon started in search. McPherson was found at the house where it was said he was hiding but he ran when the officers approached and they chased him for a mile or more to Buffalo creek. Several times during the race, the officers say, the negro attempted to pull his gun upon Sheriff-elect Allen, who was close on his heels, but did not have time to turn around because Allen was too close. Reaching the creek the negro jumped in, waded across and kept going, but Police Chief Poston returned to his car and headed him off on the other side of the creek, where the officers and several residents of the section found McPherson hid in a brush pile. His gun was gone and he told officers that he lost it while wading the creek.

McPherson is now in jail awaiting trial on charges of assaulting and entering a home and breaking with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Cotton Office Will Be In New Building

Out Brokerage And Dry Cleaners To Occupy New Woodson Building.

The Wm. L. Outz Cotton company, brokerage managed here by Mr. E. L. Galloway, and the Beck & Pratt pressing club will occupy the new business building being erected on South Washington street by Messrs. Harry and Charlie Woodson, it is learned. When the construction of the building, which is now nearing completion, was started the Woodson brothers were planning to operate a drycleaning plant there, but since that time have made other plans.

Crippled Evangelist To Preach On Easter

The Rev. David B. Roberts, the well known little crippled boy evangelist, will preach at St. Peter's Methodist church Easter Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Roberts is well known throughout North Carolina and the adjoining states, having held many meetings and had many converts. Although he is very small and crippled, he is filled with his subject and preaches with power and conviction. All will be benefited by hearing him and are cordially invited.

Mr. Roberts at present is a student at Wake Forest college.

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Woman Bystander At Gun Battle Is Killed Instantly

Emma Jackson Dead, Killer In Jail With Legs Fall Of Shot.

Emma Jackson, negro woman, is dead, Wylie Servin, a negro, is in the county jail charged with killing her, and Booker T. Lattimore, another negro, is being sought for filling Servin's legs full of shot as the result of a gun battle among the negroes early Sunday morning about two miles from Lattimore.

According to the story related by officers, Servin and Lattimore met at the home of the Jackson woman after midnight and started a row over the Jackson woman's daughter, who is the wife of Luke Schenck, a prisoner at the county jail.

Shotgun And Pistol

After some words both negroes flashed guns, Lattimore using a shotgun and Servin a pistol. Firing at Servin the Lattimore negro filled the lower portion of Servin's body with shot. Servin returned fire with his pistol and the bullet ploughed its way into the left breast of the Jackson woman, who, it is said, was attempting to stop the gun battle.

Arrested several hours later by Deputy Bob Kendrick Servin declared that he did not know that he had hit the woman as he had shot at Lattimore and not at the woman who was killed.

Lattimore made his getaway immediately after the shooting and had not been apprehended early today. Servin was located at a home not far from where the shooting took place.

Many New Homes Being Built Here

Home Building Program Underway. Approximately 25 Houses Being Built.

In the spring building program, now underway in Shelby, approximately 25 homes are now under construction in various parts of the city with prospects of more being started within the next few weeks.

Everett Houser is placing material for a seven room brick veneered home in the Cleveland Springs Estate. This new home is located opposite John W. Doggett's residence.

Register of Deeds Andy Newton is having erected a pretty bungalow home on the Fallston road in the northern section of Shelby in the pretty grove, a part of the Julius Smith land.

Ab Poston has placed material and begun the erection of a two story brick home on S. Washington street between Frank Hoey and L. A. Gettys.

E. E. Scott of the J. C. Penney company is erecting a pretty bungalow on East Marion street next to Dr. R. M. Gidney.

Huss Cline is completing four brick bungalows and laying this week the foundation for the sixth on Cline street just off of East Marion street.

Roy Newman is building two or three brick bungalow homes on East Warren street.

J. Hamp Brackett has finished one residence and will build several more on West Graham street.

Carlos Griggs is building two houses on Lee street.

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One Couple Secures Marriage License

Marriage license were issued here Friday to Calvin P. Newton, of Cleveland county, and Mary Jane Pritchard, of Burke county.