

THE MARKET. Cotton, per pound 16c Cotton Seed, per bu. 37 1/2c

Cloudy Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Taft Improves. Personal physicians of William Howard Taft, former president who resigned as chief justice recently because of ill health, stated last night in Washington that their distinguished patient's condition was better than it had been any time since he returned to Washington from Asheville.

County Funds In Rutherford Safe, Is Said School Money And Public's O. K.

Chimney Rock Bank Closes, Makes Six In All Bank Examiners At Work.

Forest City, Feb. 6.—State bank examiners arrived in Rutherford Tuesday evening, and Wednesday morning began a check of the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company's books. The officials of that institution have made no official statement, other than that the condition of the bank would probably permit them to pay the obligations of the institution 100 cents on the dollar at an early date.

The funds of the Rutherford county board of education and the funds of Rutherford county, deposited in the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company and the Farmers bank, are safe, according to county officials. Practically all of the county funds were on deposit in these two institutions, but were covered by heavy surety bonds. No county funds will be lost, according to Clyde Erwin, as the surety companies will be responsible for the amounts on deposit.

W. L. Hicks, cashier of the Carolina branch of the Farmers bank stated Wednesday morning that the

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Isaak Walton Group Headed A. P. Beam League Organized Here Last Night To Report Game And Fish Of Section.

An Isaak Walton League, with aim of protecting and conserving fish and game of the section, was organized at the court house here last night following an address by Lt. Col. C. Seymour Bullock, official representative.

Dr. A. Pitt Beam was named temporary president of the club with H. C. Long, county game warden, as temporary secretary. The following were charter members: A. Pitt Beam, Stough Wray, H. C. Long, Byron E. Williams, J. F. Jenkins, Henry T. Stevens, Tom Abernethy, S. P. Smith, Willis McMurry, C. L. Eskridge, R. L. Lowman, O. Turner, J. R. Robinson, J. D. Lineberger, Carl Thompson, Clint Welborn, Dean Duncan, William Andrews, L. C. Bost, D. S. Abernethy.

Major aims of the local club will be rearing and stocking of fish and game, creating game refuge, improving cover and food and giving general protection to wild life; enforcing conservation laws and protecting private property, and encouraging a general appreciation of America's outdoor resources.

The Isaak Walton group hopes to take in other sportsmen and hunters who are interested in protecting and increasing game. Those already in the league say that the membership price of the organization of sportsmen, and increasing game. Those already in the league say that the outdoor magazine furnished by the league is within itself worth the membership price of the organization of sportsmen.

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Presbyterians Of 5 Counties In Session Here

Two New Ministers Enter Presbytery

Thirty-Eight Churches Represented In Called Meeting Held Here Thursday.

Approximately 75 people, ministers, laymen and women of the Presbyterian church attended a called session of the Kings Mountain Presbytery held at the Shelby Methodist church yesterday morning and afternoon.

The presbytery includes thirty-eight churches in five counties in this section and 20 of the 22 ministers in the presbytery were among those attending the meeting. Rev. J. K. Hall, of Belmont, moderator of the presbytery, presided at both sessions.

One of the chief purposes of the special meeting was to study and lay plans for advancement of the great causes of the church, and the afternoon was given over entirely to this item. At the morning business session, however, several important items of business were disposed of.

McElroy In Presbytery.

One of these was the reception of two new ministers by the presbytery. Rev. D. McGeachy was received from the Wilmington Presbytery and will be installed as pastor at Tryon and Columbus early in March. The other minister received was Rev. I. S. McElroy, Jr., a son of Dr. I. S. McElroy of Kings Mountain. Rev. Mr. McElroy, whose wife is the niece of Woodrow Wilson, comes to the Rutherford County Presbytery church from Memphis, Tennessee, Presbytery.

Following the morning session a basket lunch was served the delegates by the ladies of the local church and other churches in the section.

The meeting Thursday afternoon was in two sessions, the members of the Woman's Presbyterian meeting in one group, and the ministers and laymen in another.

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the host church, considers it one of the best attended called sessions of the presbytery in some time, with much interest shown in advancing the general work of the churches represented.

Highs Play Maiden Here Tonight; Lose To Kings Mountain

Good Game Expected. "Red" Brown Stars In Defeat Last Night.

A good basketball game is booked for the tin can here tonight when the Shelby highs play the fast Maiden high school quint.

Maiden has a good record for the season and expects to give the locals a hot contest, and perhaps a licking.

Playing at Kings Mountain last night the locals lost to the Christentown quint by a 34 to 23 score. The Shelby five was at the short end of the score throughout, but "Red" Brown, big Shelby forward, was the individual star of both teams. Brown shot 17 of his team's 23 points to lead both teams in scoring. J. Mauney, Kings Mountain center, was second with 15 points.

Miss Abernethy Said To Be Better Today

Miss Mary Abernethy, of Shelby and Asheville, a daughter of Mr. W. A. Abernethy, was taken to the Shelby hospital Thursday morning after becoming quite ill Wednesday night. It was said today, however, that she appeared better after having rested well last night.

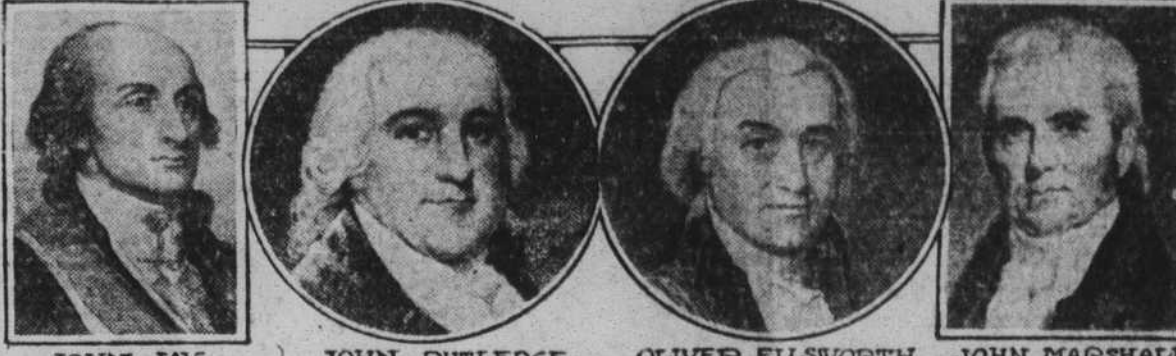
Bulwinkle "Feeling Out" County On His Candidacy For Congress

Gastonia Ex-Serviceman Still Considers Seeking Of Democratic Nomination.

Major A. E. Bulwinkle, Gastonia ex-serviceman and former congressman, is as yet a prospective candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination in the June primary.

This was definitely revealed here this week as friends of the former congressman, who has always carried Cleveland county by a large majority both in primaries and elections, felt about to see how present sentiment is regarding Major Bulwinkle. These friends did not say that Mr. Bulwinkle would be in the

Judicial Leaders of United States



The United States Supreme Court, since its establishment in 1789, has had only ten Chief Justices. Their names and the duration of their terms are: John Jay, six years; John Rutledge, less than a year; Oliver Ellsworth, four years; John Marshall, thirty-four years; Roger B. Taney, twenty-eight years; Salmon P. Chase, nine years; Morrison R. Waite, fourteen years; M. W. Fuller, twenty-two years; E. D. White, eleven years, and William Howard Taft, nine years. Most of the Chief Justices died in office. On the resignation of Chief Justice Taft, the nomination of Charles Evans Hughes was announced by President Hoover.

Rutherford Bank Crash Has No Effect On Local Banks

No Cleveland Banking Or Individual Connection With Closed Rutherford Banks.

"Not a dollar has been withdrawn from any Cleveland county banks because of fear for their safety," said Chas. C. Blanton, president of the First National Bank this morning.

"Our people in Cleveland county are justified in their confidence in all Cleveland county banks for their position is as strong as any banks in North Carolina. Right here in Shelby, the three banks have well over a million and a half dollars in cash and government bonds and not a single bank owes for borrowed money or has any paper re-discounted.

Unfortunate There. "It was unfortunate that the banks in Rutherford county failed, but those who know the situation, know that their failure was due primarily to the collapse of the Lake Lure development. It has been known for a year or two that the banks were in hard straits because of the Lake Lure project, for many of the wealthiest men of Rutherford were connected with Lake Lure and with the two parent banks that failed at Forest City and Rutherfordton.

No Connection Here.

"Fortunately, there is not a man in Cleveland county connected with the Lake Lure project and not over one man in Cleveland county was an officer or director in either of the six banks that failed. "Furthermore," said Mr. Blanton, "not a single bank in Cleveland county was connected with either one of the Rutherford banks.

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Small Pendleton Boy Seriously Injured When Struck By Auto

Otis Pendleton, Jr., four and one-half year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Pendleton, is in the Shelby hospital with a broken left thigh bone and a fractured skull as the result of being struck by automobile Wednesday afternoon.

Unavoidable, Said. The youngster was hit while crossing or on the edge of the highway in front of the Pendleton home on the Cleveland Springs road. The automobile which struck

him was driven by a Mr. Johnson, of Gastonia. General reports have it that it was an unavoidable accident. Anyway, the father of the injured boy said today that from what he could learn about it that it appeared as if it could not have been helped. At the hospital today it was said that the youngster last night came out of a semi-conscious stupor and appeared to be better this morning.

Many Appeals For Help Before Board In Regular Meeting

Unemployment Increases Charity Problems. Six Enter County Home.

The county commissioners in their regular monthly meeting this week had more appeals for help from charity cases, unemployed, and sick families than ever before. It was stated today by A. E. Cline, commission chairman.

The applicants, making their appeals through the county welfare department, came from no one class of people, it was said, but were generally scattered among several classes where odd jobs are usually depended upon for a livelihood. A number of the appeals, however, came from families wherein the wage earners are ill and unable to work. Others declared, it was said, that they could get no work.

As a result of the numerous appeals for help six people were taken to the county home for the aged and infirm this week, while others were helped through disposition of welfare funds.

Thompsons Boosting Class Attendance

Last Sunday near 300 people attended the Hoey Bible class at Central Methodist church as a result of an attendance campaign staged by the D. A. Beam family. This Sunday the attendance campaign is in charge of the Thompson family with Rush Thompson as the group leader.

The Thompsons, as did the Beams, are getting out a letter to each member of the big class, and the letter urges, "When you wake up Sunday morning, instead of turning over, get up, get out and attend Sunday school."

Federal Officers Arrest Man Here On Obscene Charge

Charged With Advertising Obscene Literature Through Government Mail.

R. E. Bridges, white, of the Mooresboro section, was placed under a \$1,000 bond here this week by United States Commissioner John P. Mull after he waived a preliminary hearing on a charge, preferred by Federal authorities, of mailing advertising of obscene literature through the United States mails.

Bridges was brought before Commissioner Mull here by Deputy Marshal F. B. Hamrick, of Bolling Springs, after postal inspectors had investigated reports made to them. It is understood that third-class advertising letters mailed at the Shelby postoffice last fall resulted in an investigation, the letters containing, it is alleged, slips advertising where certain literature might be secured, in Mexico and perhaps other points, on sex matters.

The case will likely be disposed of at the next term of Federal court here. Bridges gave the required \$1,000 bond.

Shelby Represented At Charlotte Meet

Approximately Score Of Local Merchants Attend Meeting Held There.

Approximately a score of Shelby merchants and business men, it is understood, attended the anti-chain store meeting in Charlotte Wednesday night.

The meeting was addressed by Chas. G. McCall, attorney-general of Alabama, and was attended by a big crowd. McCall's speech and the program was broadcasted over the Charlotte station WBT.

Men Freed As Girl Declines To Tell Story

Kings Mountain Case Hits The Rocks

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Refuses To Testify Against Two Men Charged.

Two Kings Mountain white men, one said to be married, who were charged with carrying a 14-year-old Kings Mountain girl away from her home and having intimate relations with her, walked from the court room as free men at Kings Mountain yesterday when the young girl refused to give any evidence against them.

The hearing, or what was to have been a hearing, was held before County Recorder Horace Kennedy. The recorder before opening the case sent all spectators from the court room due to the age of the girl who was booked as chief witness for the prosecution.

Lied First Time.

The case blew up, however, when the girl took the stand and was asked to tell her story of her experience with the two men. "This she refused to do, declaring that they had not wronged her. She was then confronted with the information that she had told her father about the affair, and also, her lawyer just 10 or 15 minutes before court opened. Her answer was that she had lied to them in telling of her experience with the defendants, but was swearing on the stand and was telling the truth.

Before the case had proceeded to that stage the charge had been dropped against one of the defendants as his alleged experience with the girl took place in Gaston county and, therefore, was beyond the jurisdiction of the Cleveland court.

In refusing to testify against the other defendant she declared that she loved him, and had related a false story in her previous statements as to what they had done to her. Faced by her refusal to testify, the court dismissed the charge against the other defendant.

An attempt will be made, Judge Kennedy said yesterday after returning from Kings Mountain, will have the girl entered at Samar-cand, or so he understood before leaving there.

Indecent Exposure Sends Man To Jail

White Man Arrested Here To Undergo Mental Examination. Gets Sentence.

In county court this morning Rastus Sisk, a white man of South Shelby, was given a hearing on the charge of indecent exposure of his body in the section where he lives.

He was given a 30-day sentence by Recorder Horace Kennedy, who ordered, however, that Sisk be examined by the county physician to determine if he is entirely right mentally, there being indications of an irregular mind.

Several women, it is said, reported to their husbands that Sisk had made indecent exposures of himself before them, while other men testified that they had seen such. Sisk was jailed last night after reports of his actions were given of-ficers.

Birth Announced.

The following birth announcement from Lynchburg, Va., was received this week in Shelby: Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hammond announce the birth, on February 5, of a son, Philip Edwards, Jr. Mrs. Hammond prior to her marriage was Miss Margaret Edmunds, of Halifax, Virginia, and a former teacher in the Shelby city schools.

Gardner Not "Taking Sides" In Simmons - Bailey Contest

Favoring Of One Candidate Would Be "Improper." Meets Simmons.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Gov. O. Max Gardner of North Carolina yesterday issued a pronouncement long awaited by the state in placing himself squarely on record as taking no sides whatever regarding candidates in the forthcoming Democratic primary in North Carolina.

Besieged with inquiries for weeks to announce his position in the fight between Senator F. M. Simmons and Josiah William Bailey for the senatorial nomination, Governor Gardner finally capitulated to the renewed requests made upon him today by correspondents for North Carolina newspapers.

Hoover May Attend Kings Mountain Event

Hord Buys Ranson Interest In Firm

Young Shelby Business Man Will Now Operate Business Here By Himself.

It was announced today that the business firm heretofore known as Hord and Ranson would hereafter be Robert C. Hord, the latter having purchased the interests of Mr. L. H. Ranson in the firm.

The firm has been in business here for two years handling General Electric Refrigerators and Hot Point ranges. The two agencies will be maintained by Mr. Hord at his place on South Washington street just below the Masonic temple.

English Author On Visit Here Proves A "Folksy" Fellow

Hugh Walpole Charms His Callers By Pleasant Conversational Assets.

Shelby this week was honored by a visit from Hugh Walpole, noted English novelist, student and critic of literature, who was the guest of his friend Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the First National bank.

Until his visit here Mr. Walpole was more or less an imaginary personage to local folks—an international figure in the realm of literature far removed, by distance and fame, from local circles. But visited by literary admirers and friends of Mr. Eskridge while he was a guest in the Eskridge home, he proved himself what the South would term, in more modern Southern slang, "a regular fellow," folksy, and a pleasant—even more than that, a very interesting—conversationist. To use another localism, he made himself at home with all callers and admirers and chatted freely and entertainingly with them without a trace of the hauteur and coldness one would ordinarily expect in a famous writer coming from a people generally known for their coldness.

Mr. Walpole is on a lecture tour of America and found it convenient to drop by Shelby for a short visit with his banker friend and literary admirer, whom he met several years ago. Mr. Eskridge yesterday accompanied his guest to Asheville for a visit there, Mr. Walpole planning to return to England in March, after his series of lectures in this country, to be present at the first 12- hearsals of his first play soon to be produced in London.

Col. Bullock Talks To Kiwanis Club

Col. Seymour Bullock of Indiana was the principal speaker here last night to the Kiwanis club at its weekly meeting at the Hotel Charles.

Col. Bullock is a very eloquent speaker and has been heard here before when he delivered a patriotic address following the Gastonia strike. He emphasized the importance of conservation of trees, soil, birds and fish, declaring "we raise too much cotton and neglect other profitable crops. An acre of locust trees set out as sprouts will grow in 16 years where they are worth more than 16 years of consecutive cotton planting.

Presbyterian Men Will Meet Tonight

A meeting of the men of the Presbyterian church will be held this evening at the church at 7:30 o'clock. All men of the church are urged to be present as the annual election of officers will be held.

Eaker Cut In Fight Along County Line

Clarence Eaker, white man of the Kings Mountain-Grover section was able to leave the Shelby hospital yesterday after having been treated there for several days for cuts about the face received in a fight near the North and South Carolina line and the Gaston-Cleveland line.

A fight between Eaker and a man by the name of Heavner started, it is said, on the Gaston county side along the Kings Mountain-York road. It was resumed on the Cleveland side where Eaker was severely cut about the head and face, but Heavner was indicted and placed under bond by Gaston of-ficers. It is said, as the fight is alleged to have started in that county.

Colored People To Hold Mass Meeting

There will be a mass meeting of colored people at the E. P. club hall Sunday afternoon for the purpose of appointing a committee to look after cleaning off the graveyard and locating another cemetery for the use of colored people, according to John Byers.

Will Attend Event On October 7

Tells Delegations From Two Carolinas That He Hopes To Be At Celebration.

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Hoover will attend the Kings Mountain battle celebration on October 7 and act as principal speaker, unless "national matters of vital importance" intervene.

The chief executive gave this assurance yesterday in a 20-minute audience with delegations from both North and South Carolina, and which numbered many notables and representative citizens of both states.

The call on the president, in private executive offices was made at noon sharp to precede another momentous event at 2:30 o'clock in the office of Secretary of Interior Ray Lyman Wilbur.

There, the North Carolina delegation, headed by Gov. O. Max Gardner and a delegation from Tennessee, headed by Gov. Henry H. Horton, formally tendered to Secretary Wilbur on behalf of the federal government deeds to lands in the two states aggregating more than 150,000 acres as the first gift in what, ultimately, will constitute Great Smoky Mountain National park.

The declaration of President Hoover, however, came as the high light of what be regarded as Carolina day here.

"Glad To Come."

"I am very impressed with your kind invitation," declared the president. "The event, the Battle of Kings Mountain, is one that appeals to us all. I would be delighted to go and to do what I can. Unless, matters of vital importance come up, I would be delighted to come. Furthermore, if nothing intervenes that disturbs public interest, I will be glad to come."

Governor Gardner, who had been a central figure in the activities of the day, during the brief talk in which he joined in an invitation to the president to attend

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"Billboard Blight" Is Topic Of Mrs. Lawton

Lecture On Roadside Beauty Made Here Under Auspices Of Local Woman's Club.

Speaking to a gathering in the Woman's club rooms here last night Mrs. W. T. Lawton, of the National Council for the Protection of Roadside beauty, declared that the "Billboard Blight" is marring the scenery along North Carolina's beautiful highways, urging her hearers to make a fight upon highway advertising of such a nature.

Mrs. Lawton, whose work in North Carolina and Texas is under the direction of the Federation of Woman's clubs, spoke here under the auspices of the Shelby Woman's club. She pointed out how highways could be made more attractive with shrubbery, grass, etc., but particularly deplored the tendency in this state to mar the landscape along the highways with unsightly advertising. Illustrated slides were shown in depicting the bad effects of billboards on the roadside scenery, while others revealed beautiful scenes not marred by boards and signs.

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