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Cloudy And Warmer.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and not quite so cold tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy and warmer.

Marion Home Bombed.

Marion, Feb. 17.—Explosion of a home-made bomb beneath its foundation Saturday night wrecked the home here of R. W. Baldwin, president of the Marion Manufacturing company, which was the scene of a bitter-fought textile strike last fall.

Falls Family Is Largest; Given Bible

Squire Falls, Age 84, His Wife And Nine Children Attend In A Body.

It was "family night" at the First Baptist church Sunday night and fully a thousand people were present. Dr. Zeno Wall, the popular pastor, had proposed to give a beautifully bound Bible to the father and mother with the largest number of children present at the service.

Squire Falls is 84 years of age, yet he rarely misses a service. In addition to the nine children, Squire and his wife have 60 grand children and 31 great grandchildren.

Officials Here Get Letter Of Inquiry Of Czecho-Slovakia

A. M. Hamrick, clerk of superior court, has turned over to The Star an interesting card just received from Liberec, Czecho-Slovakia. Written by Heinrich Kumlmel and addressed to the municipal authorities here, the card seeks information about a family from that country which came to America in 1832.

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The Gay Married Man About Town.

And Toots,

His Adorable Little Wife—

A Real Cute Kid who keeps Casper and everybody else head over heels in love with her.

"TOTS AND CASPER," one of the most entertaining comic strips starts in

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today and hereafter will appear in stead of "Gus and Gussie."

YOU'LL ENJOY THE MARRIED LIFE OF TOTS AND CASPER.

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Shelby Bank Opens Offices In Rutherford Today

Officers Jail 18 Men Wad's River, Escap's

Jail Here Filled With Imbibers

Train Men Accidentally Misses Inebriated Man On Cross-tie. Active Week-End.

County and city officers Saturday and Sunday had their most active week-end since the Christmas holidays, jailing 18 people, the majority of the 18 on prohibition charges, and arresting several others who were released under bond until this morning's session of county court.

Although a big percentage of those arrested were charged with violating the dry laws, no great amount of whiskey was captured as most of the arrests were for drunkenness.

A Cold Getaway.

Centering about quite a number of the arrests were interesting cases made by officers. Yesterday afternoon three men were detected in the Weaver bridge section between Shelby and Sharon, with some liquor. Officers gave chase and captured two of the trio, but the third, said to be Clarence Taylor, made his getaway by wading the icy waters of Broad river. Chased by the river bank by Deputy Harvey Arrelton it is said that the fleeing man, ridding himself of his shoes and pants, leaped into the river and waded across. As he struck the chilly water, which at points came up to his armpits, he let out an agonized yell which thoroughly convinced the pursuing deputy that he did not want to take the cold plunge after him.

Train Missed Him.

Another of the 18 arrested living today only by a miracle. When the down Southern reached the station here Saturday evening, the engineer had the sheriff's office called to inform that just as the train had noticed a man sitting on the end of a cross-tie, but did not notice him until the train was upon the man and was not sure that he was not hit. Officers hurried to the scene, to get there before the next up train came along, and found the man still sitting on the cross-tie in a stupor said to have been caused by bad liquor. How the steps of the train or the cowcatcher missed hitting him is not known, unless he rolled off just as the train came along and crawled back upon the tie after it passed. The man himself remembers nothing about the train passing, or anything else that occurred for several hours that evening.

Mr. R. H. Person, manager of Montgomery Ward's spent Friday in Spartanburg, S. C., attending a district managers' meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dilling and Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Dilling, of Kings Mountain, were visitors in Shelby Sunday afternoon.

County Basketball Tourny To Start Here Wednesday; 2 Games

Polville Fallston, Grover and Lattimore Play First Night. On Four Nights.

The annual Cleveland county championship and the Rotary cup will get underway in the tin can here Wednesday night at 7:30, it was announced today by Coach Casey Morris who held a meeting with other coaches and high school officials here Saturday.

Two games will be played on the opening night, two on Thursday night, two on Friday night, and one game Saturday night to decide the championship.

How They Play.

Wednesday night, beginning at 7:30, Polkville will play Fallston in the first game, and Grover will play Lattimore in the second game.

Thursday Shelby will play Kings Mountain in the opening game, and Elwood and Casar will clash in the second game.

Friday night the two winners of the Polkville-Fallston and Grover-Lattimore contests of Wednesday night will meet each other in one game, while the winners of the Shelby-Kings Mountain and Elwood-Casar games will play each other in the second contest. This will be the semi final's play.

On Saturday night the winning

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Deputy's Home Burns While Family Is Out

Home Of John Hord At Waco Destroyed With Contents. Had No Insurance.

Deputy Sheriff John Hord, of Waco, Friday suffered the loss by fire of his two-story home and all of its contents, including all the family's clothing with the exception of what they were wearing.

Mrs. Hord was visiting a neighbor and Mr. Hord with other members of the family were attending a fiddlers' convention being held that evening at Waco. As a result the blaze was not noticed until the house was enveloped in flames, and the fire had advanced to the stage where saving the building or carrying out any of the contents was a hopeless task.

According to reports here Mr. Hord did not have any insurance on the dwelling or its contents.

The blaze occurred around 10 o'clock at night, and the origin of the fire is not known in that the entire structure was ablaze when first seen.

Summie Spangler Sick At Hospital

Summie Spangler is seriously ill at the Shelby hospital with what the doctors fear is blood poison.

While working at the Farmers and Planters Hardware Co., he scratched his arm. The skin abrasion was so slight, little attention was paid to it but on Saturday the pain became intense and he has been suffering great agony. He was some better this morning.

Rutherfordton Bank Sued By American Trust

Closed Institution Facing A Suit

Charlotte Bank Brings Action To Secure Amounts Due On Two Notes.

Charlotte, Feb. 17.—Directors of the recently closed Rutherfordton County Bank and Trust Co., of Rutherfordton were sued for slightly more than \$65,000 by the American Trust company of Charlotte in Mecklenburg superior court yesterday.

Demand was made for payment in full of a \$50,000 note issued by the bank and for \$16,320.51 due on a \$20,000 note floated by it, together with interest.

Guaranteed Against Loss.

It was claimed that the directors had executed a written instrument to the Charlotte bank guaranteeing it against loss on any sum borrowed from it by the Rutherfordton institution up to the extent of \$205,000.

Named as directors and defendants are G. E. Ervin, T. Frank Oates, W. B. Walker, K. S. Tanner, S. E. Elmore, J. L. Robinson, J. O. Ledbetter, C. F. Cline, C. W. Keetley, W. C. Twitty, J. W. Beason, W. A. Harrill, W. L. Long, W. W. Hicks, R. H. Crawford, C. E. Justice, J. F. Flack, J. L. Taylor and M. O. Dickerson, all of Rutherfordton, and W. G. Wilson of Buncome county.

The Rutherfordton Bank and Trust company and its two branches at

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Mr. Jones Dies At Lattimore

Prominent Farmer Passed After Short Illness With Pneumonia. Near 81 Years.

Mr. J. H. Jones one of the leading citizens of the Lattimore community was buried at the Lattimore Baptist church last Wednesday, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Lynch, the pastor, assisted by Revs. Z. D. and I. D. Harrill and Zeno Wall. A large crowd was present to pay a tribute of respect to this noble citizen and a bounty of flowers was heaped upon his grave.

Mr. Jones would have been 81 years of age had he lived until February 15. He lived on the same plantation all of his life and was married to Miss Susan Green over fifty years ago. She survives, together with two sons, F. Y. Jones and Joe Jones, jr., prominent citizens of this county and one daughter, Mrs. J. M. Heafner of Crouse. Twenty-two grand children and one sister, Mrs. M. S. Hamrick also survive.

Mr. Jones was a deacon in the Lattimore Baptist church, an upright citizen and greatly loved and respected by a wide circle of friends.

Shelby Highs Out Of Class B Series

Locals Eliminated Friday Night By Fast Henrietta-Caroleen Quint.

The Henrietta-Caroleen basketball quint, offering a stubborn defense and at times a flashy offense, eliminated the Shelby highs from the class B title race here Friday night, 20-12.

The elimination of Shelby Friday night and of Lattimore Thursday night by the Forest City five, leaves Fallston as the only Cleveland county quint still in the title race.

Friday night Fallston will play the winner of the Forest City-Henrietta-Caroleen game.

Deputies Capture An Odd Still In Coun'y

Deputies Bob Kendrick and Jerry Runyans Saturday captured a freak looking still in the section between Shelby and Bolling Springs. The still, a flat conical affair, was of a type never heretofore seen in this section, officers say. The whiskey plant was not in operation when the officers arrived and there was no whiskey or beer about.

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Clark Matheny Grows 4,280 Pounds On 5 Acres; Leads State

By growing 4,280 pounds of lint cotton on five acres, Clark Matheny won first place in the state in the cotton growing contest conducted for agricultural students by the division of vocational agriculture. Young Matheny is a member of the agricultural class of the Forest City, school, Rutherford county, and grew his cotton as his field practice work, under the supervision of D. H. Sutton, agricultural teacher.

The cost account record shows a profit of \$531.13 or \$106.22 per acre. Cost items include \$10.00 per acre rent; \$10.00 per acre for managerial services; \$1.50 per acre for depreciation of tools; man labor at 20 cents per hour; horse labor at 15 cents per hour; picking, ginning, fertilizer and other expenses at actual cost.

Clark used Ocker No. 5 seed and received a liberal premium for his lint. He fertilized with 600 pounds per acre of 12-4-4 at planting and 200 pounds of nitrate of soda at chopping time, following the Tar Heel method of fertilization.

This splendid yield gave him first place in his district and in the state contest. Hubron Drye of Stanfield, Stanly county, won second district and state prizes with a yield of 833 pounds per acre and John Cook of Cornelius, Mecklenburg county, won third district and state prizes with a yield of 819 pounds of lint per acre. The Chilean Nitrate of Soda educational bureau presented these young men with \$40.00 for first; \$25.00 for second and \$15.00 for third prize because of their splendid records.

Mr. Noah Hamrick, Aged Citizen, Dies At Boiling Springs

Was 82 Years Of Age And A Deacon Of The Church For Half A Century.

At the age of 82 years, Mr. Noah Hamrick, one of the oldest and most beloved men in the Boiling Springs community, died Sunday evening at 6 o'clock and is being buried there this Monday, afternoon at 3 o'clock, the services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins.

Mr. Hamrick was a farmer all his life, and a good one, making the necessities of life on his own farm. He was a sturdy, hard-working, upright citizen and a most faithful and loyal Christian churchman. He was married to Miss Mary Hamrick with whom he lived happily for sixty years. She survives with two sons, Carvis M., and Jasper Y. Hamrick, and two daughters, Mrs. J. T. Jilly, of Boiling Springs and Mrs. W. E. Goode of Scotland Neck, this state. Also surviving are one sister, Nancy C. Hamrick and two brothers, Wiley and E. W. Hamrick.

Three Tots Looking For Home In County

Two small, yet healthy Cleveland county boys and their little sister, all attractive youngsters are looking for a home. Their father is gone and their mother is unable to provide them with food and clothing, and as a result J. B. Smith, county welfare officer is looking for a home for them. The oldest boy is 13, the other is four and the girl is six.

To Boy Who Robbed Opens Door Again Him Of Almost \$100

J. J. Powell Takes Orphan Boy Back In His Home, Foiled By Gold Tooth.

J. J. Powell, farmer of the Polkville section, has proven his faith in humanity along with the charity of his own heart.

Wednesday morning of last week, George Willis, 15-year-old orphan boy who lived in the Powell home, arose early to start the fires. Before Mr. Powell arose Willis had disappeared and gone, too, was \$98 Mr. Powell had left in his trousers' pocket when he retired Tuesday night. Wednesday evening the Willis boy was back in jail here with what remained of the money. The remainder of the money had been spent for a new suit of clothes and a new gold tooth here before he caught a bus to make his getaway. His new clothes and his gold tooth made it easier for officers to catch him.

Saturday, Willis along with a negro boy, who was given a portion of the money, were given a hearing before A. M. Hamrick, juvenile judge. Mr. Hamrick sentenced both of the boys to the reformatory, provided homes could not be found for them. Mr. Powell heard the sentence and informed the court that he would take the orphan back and give him a home. And he did despite the protests of friends.

"I'm willing to give him another chance, and I suppose it's my business," the benefactor of the repentant lad said, in meaning, as he returned home with the youth charged with robbing him.

Building Men Here Form Association

Contractors And Material Men Organize And Hold Initial Banquet.

Last Friday night the contractors and material men of Shelby held their initial banquet in the private dining room of the Wayside Inn. After the banquet an informal meeting was in order.

The meeting was addressed by Loy Thompson and the need for a building organization was stressed. After some discussion it was decided best to elect a board of directors for the purpose of perfecting plans for an organization. Those elected were: Lee Tomman, Z. J. Thompson, H. J. Costner, Carl Thompson and L. U. Arrowood. These men will call another meeting and submit their plan to a vote of the members in a short time.

There were present the following: Will M. Roberts, Charlie Mintz, Gus Evans, Bill McCord, Max Warburn, Louis Gardner, J. H. Harmon, Earl Lowman, Lee Lowman, Carl Thompson, Zoll Thompson, Preston Glascoe, J. G. Dudley, Jr., W. E. Vickery, Ham Costner, Hugh Arrowood, Claude Thompson and Roy Thompson.

Mrs. Annie Dilling of Kings Mountain, was a Shelby visitor Sunday.

Blanton Supervises Opening Two Banks

Closed Rutherford Banks Not Being Taken Over, But Union Trust Opens New Banks At Forest City And Rutherfordton. Carry Shelby Employees Along, To Get Others There.

Branches of the Union Trust Company were opened this morning at Forest City and Rutherfordton under the plan of expansion announced here Friday whereby the Union Trust Co. combined with the Cleveland Bank and Trust Co. of this place and decided to add two branch offices in Rutherford county where six banks have failed.

Davis Resigns Callge Head

President J. B. Davis, who has been the head of Bolling Springs Junior college for the past two years, has tendered his resignation to the board of trustees, through the board's chairman, Mr. J. H. Quinn, the resignation to become effective at the commencement May 20th this year.

The resignation was tendered several days ago but was not learned of by The Star until Saturday. Just what his plans are for the future were not made public. He did issue the following statement, however:

"After a thorough study of the whole junior college psychology, in its relation to the new education program, which has its ever-changing and ever-increasing standards of efficiency; and, conscious that for Bolling Springs college to be recognized as a potent education institution in its field, there would be necessary certain reorganization and readjustments, in the leadership of which any new president, whoever he happened to be, would become the innocent victim, unless and until the leaders and people as a whole, should see their way, and join hands in a great, constructive, christian education conquest; therefore, seemed best to tender my resignation, so that, if the trustees could secure a president who might be able to lead our great host of people to realize that happy day, they would feel free to do so."

Tributes Paid Wood And Durham Sunday

Tributes were paid Rev. C. A. Wood, former pastor of Central Methodist church of Shelby and superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home at Winston-Salem at the time of his death and Dr. Plato Durham of Emory-Henry University, Atlanta, Ga., here Sunday night at Central Methodist church. At the memorial service, Rev. Ed Thompson paid a deserved tribute to Rev. Mr. Wood while Hon. Clyde R. Hoey spoke of the life of Dr. Durham, a native of Shelby, who died suddenly last week in Atlanta, Ga. The church was filled to capacity for this service.

Farmers Must Cut Size Of Cotton Crop To Avert Disaster This Year

Again Tells Them To Reduce Acreage Or Take The Economic Consequences.

Washington.—An appeal over the radio "to every public spirited citizen of the south" to help reduce cotton acreage was made recently by Carl Williams, representative of cotton on the Federal farm board.

Williams said the interests of the entire nation were involved in the problem of getting a higher price for cotton and that it is not too late to plan to get it.

Declaring that the recent weakness in the cotton market was a "sharp warning" to growers, he urged them to help themselves to better incomes by curtailing production.

"The federal farm board cannot fix the world price of cotton," he said. "It cannot fully protect farmers from the consequences of overplanting, neither can the cotton cooperatives nor the new American Cotton Cooperative association. The board wants help farmers to help themselves. The earnest co-operation of every farmer, merchant, banker, newspaper, educational institution and every public-spirited citizen of the south is invited to make effective this plain lesson of recent years."

Not History.

Citing the increased returns to growers as a result of the curtailment of production in 1927, Williams said: "This is not ancient history. It is a story only two or three years old. In 1928 and again in 1929 cotton growers increased their plantings substantially above those of 1927. The crops were larger and prices have been lower."

"This policy does not pay," he said. "World consumption of cotton has been less thus far this year than it was in the same period last year and may be still declining."

"World stocks of cotton are not excessive. Domestic and foreign demand are likely to be somewhat stronger next year than this year. If the United States produces in 1930 a crop of 13,000,000 bales or less, growers may expect considerably better prices and larger incomes next year than they got last year."

Many expressions of approval of the consolidation have been heard about the streets, all agreeing that it unite banking forces into stronger groups so that the county can be served much better than heretofore. It is regarded as a great move for the county and will tend to stabilize business and forbode a better year this year than last.