

Cotton, per lb. 9½¢ to 10½¢
Cotton Seed, per bu. 36¢

Rain Saturday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer tonight.

To Aid Unemployed.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Emergency relief legislation to aid in reducing unemployment moved forward today when President Hoover transmitted to congress an estimate of approximately \$150,000,000 for an emergency construction fund to be used in accelerating work on projects already authorized by law. The fund would be dispensed during the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Appointment Of McNinch Starts Political Talk

Hoover Names Man Who Split N. C.

Charlotte Man Placed On Power Commission. Congressman Warren Objects.

President Hoover this week turned his eyes southward and to North Carolina and gave North Carolina her first political plum for bolting the Democratic party in 1928 by naming Frank R. McNinch, of Charlotte, head of the anti-Smith drive in 1928, to the newly created federal power commission.

Hardy had the appointment of the anti-Smith leader been broadcast over the state until discussion of the appointment began to flow in political circles throughout the state and in Washington.

Some Object.

It was announced from Washington that the appointment was not in the nature of a political reward. Democrats who did not like the McNinch course in 1928 disagreed, however, with that view.

Shelby political observers had little public comment to make, but around among the rank and file of Democrats could be heard the express wonder "Mr. Hoover is not trying to split up the Democratic party again in 1932." Similar curiosity was expressed in other sections of the state. Mr. McNinch likely will rate on the commissioner as a Democrat, and several Democratic leaders in the state, who differed with the McNinch bolt, say that classifying him as a Democrat is unfair to the party in the state.

"An Insult," Warren.

From Washington yesterday came a dispatch quoting Congressman Lindsay Warren as classing the appointment as "an insult." Mr. McNinch, informed of the Warren statement, had no comment to make, according to The Charlotte News.

The Washington dispatch follows: Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Lindsey Warren, Democrat, North Carolina, today declared "that the people of North Carolina will be shocked over the appointment of Frank R. McNinch, of Charlotte, by President Hoover as a member of the federal power commission."

Warren said he was taking up the appointment with Senators Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader; Walsh, Democrat, Montana and Norris, Progressive, Republican, Nebraska.

"I am urging them to closely scrutinize the record of this man whom the president is attempting to foist upon the country," he said.

Power Issue Foremost.

Mr. Warren added that the power issue was perhaps foremost in the nation today and that McNinch would "not stand the test as a representative of the people."

Pointing out that McNinch was the head of the anti-Smith organization in North Carolina in 1928, Warren said "it was an insult to the Democrats of the state" for the president "to charge up this man to the Democratic party."

City Firemen Will Gain By Fire Film

In order to help the volunteer fire department of Shelby finance its annual Christmas dinner, the Lyric theatre management announces that the "Third Alarm," famous fire-fighting film and romance, will be shown in talkie form at that theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will go to the firemen. On Monday and Tuesday from 1 until 6 o'clock school children will be admitted for five cents.



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S.P.U. Buys Rural Light Lines In Cleveland County

Robbers Loot County Stores; Try Safe Here

Grover And Toluca Stores Looted

Big Portion of Goods, Both Stores Trucked Away. Burst Seaboard Safe.

The robbery wave swept over Cleveland county this week, two county stores being looted of a big percentage of their stock, and an attempt being made to enter the safe of the Seaboard in Shelby.

The Joe Leatherman store in the Toluca section was robbed Monday night, the Ed Hambright store at Grover was pilfered early Wednesday morning, and the combination on the Seaboard safe shattered some time Wednesday night.

Make Big Hauls.

The thieves who entered the Grover and Toluca stores did no halfway job of it. The Leatherman store, according to The Star's Toluca correspondent, carried away practically the "whole works," it appearing as if a truck had been used to transport the haul.

It was almost as bad at the Hambright store, in Grover. Mr. Hambright was in Charleston at the time and it was not known just how much had been taken until he returned yesterday for check-up.

Among the goods missed were the following: 30 to 40 pairs of shoes, 20 shirts, 15 pairs of overalls, a half dozen hats, 30 cartons of cigarettes, several dozen boxes of socks and underwear, and several dozen caps. It is believed that the robbery took place after midnight Tuesday night.

Go In Window.

At the Seaboard Wednesday night the would-be safe crackers made their entrance through a broken window. A hammer stolen from the Huffman foundry, which was also broken into, was used to smash the combination of the safe. After the combination was smashed the thieves were balked as the safe would not open. Nothing of any value was missed from the station.

More Policemen Wanted By Some For This Winter

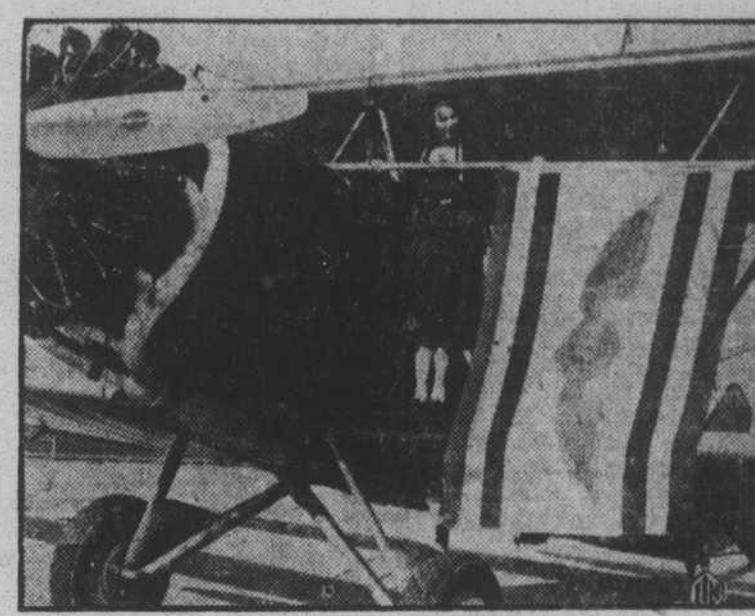
Numerous Citizens Think Couple Officers Should Be Added At Night.

There is quite a sentiment among Shelby residents for several extra police officers during the winter and a period in which thefts are noticeably on the increase.

Here and there about the city the opinion is expressed that a couple officers could be added at night with great cost to the city as numerous worthy men are out of employment now and would come a temporary position of that type. These officers, those favoring the addition to the force say, would earn their pay within a few weeks in helping prevent the growing number of robberies which are spreading beyond the power of two night policemen.

Both the night officers, it is argued, have about all they can do to patrol the main business section with an occasional ride about the city. And when doing that it is impossible for them to be near the telephone all the time to listen for calls from outlying residents where officers may be needed in a hurry.

Displays New Air Mail Flag



The flag which Miss Louise Fawkes is exhibiting is one of the first of the new insignia to be raised above all air mail airports, identifying them as fields where Uncle Sam's mail is handled.

The flag above is for use over the United Airport, Los Angeles. Its colors are red, white, and blue, with the wings in gold.

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Yesterday Register Andy Newton took in and recorded more papers than have ever been handled in one day in this country. Two hundred and seventy papers—deeds, chattels, and mortgages—were recorded, one man paying over \$200 for recording fees. One reason for the rush was the consummation of the deal in which the Southern Public Utilities purchased a group of rural electric lines.

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We have been criticised, perhaps in this county, by some for not building a big, handsome bank building in Shelby, but my policy in running a bank has been to avoid tying up our funds in expensive buildings and fixtures, contending always that a bank's funds in expensive buildings and fixtures should not be tied up in real estate and extravagant buildings. I am especially glad to know that the other Charlotte banks are in excellent condition and while the one that was closed was an old institution which had rendered much service to Charlotte, it was the smallest bank in point of deposits in Charlotte.

"We have no connection with them and did not have any funds tied up by their closing," added Mr. Blanton.

The Asheville Troubles.

"The troubles in Asheville and with the closed bank in Charlotte have been brewing for months and are not indicative of the condition of the banks in the main in North Carolina and because of the trouble in other sections, as distressing as they are, there is no need of a state of alarm and any one who tries to destroy the public confidence in good banks, is a menace to the country.

"We are keeping our local banks in strong position and know they merit the confidence and moral support of the public."

Oldest Charlotte Bank Fails To Open

Charlotte, Dec. 4.—The continuous outflow of deposits and the burden of paying for its elaborate 21-story new home today caused the closing of the First National bank here. Charlotte's oldest financial institution and the state's oldest national bank.

Almost at once presidents of five other banks issued statements declaring their banks sound.

The usual simple statement posted on the First National's door this morning read:

"On account of heavy withdrawals of our deposits, we have decided to close our bank, in order that every depositor be protected alike, and the bank is now in charge of the national bank examiners for the purpose of orderly liquidation."

In a supplementary statement, McAden said that "the large expenditure of funds for our building, when business slackened *** made this expenditure a great burden on our resources and this same lack of good business made our task of putting our proposition on a paying basis from a rental standpoint more difficult."

Mr. Everett Mode, the young farmer whose bladder and intestine were punctured when he fell from a wagon upon a cornstalk, remains in a serious condition and shows little improvement.

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Scoop Giving Details Of Duke And Carolina Game Is Made By Prof. Blinendorfer; Duke Wins?

Here's Newspaper Treat Of Year Simmons Is Referee, Hoey Umpires.

(Wilmington Morning Star.)

Living up to his reputation as the world's greatest expert on field

basketball, B. O. and football, Professor Jackson R. Blinendorfer, professor of Halftone Hygiene in the Electrical College of Patagonia, has again scooped the field with a vivid and accurate play by play description of the Duke-North Carolina football game to be played in Chapel Hill Saturday.

In an explanatory note accompanying his story, the professor denied that his ability to beat the world on big stories is due to any occult powers.

"It's all in the way you hold your

Haves Bov Better, Mode Still Serious

mouth," he wrote, "though I often find a fruit jar of assistance in crystal gazing."

The great Patagonian entered a flat contradiction of reports that he is partial to Duke in his narrative. It has been widely reported that the Duke university is making vigorous efforts to outbid the Electrical College for the professor's services.

He's the story from the professor or; an exclusive dispatch received by carrier pigeon.

By Prof. Jackson R. Blinendorfer (Professor of Halftone Hygiene in the Electrical College of Patagonia.)

Kenan Stadium, Chapel Hill, Dec. 2.—(C.O.D.)—A colorful crowd filled

every available seat as the University of North Carolina Tar Heels

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Blanton Would Put His Wealth Behind Banks

Charlotte Failure Not Felt Here.

Shelby Banks In Strong Position. Charlotte Closing Due To Too Much Building.

"I have devoted my life to our banking interests and I don't intend for anything to happen to their safety and soundness and will always be behind them with all the strength of my personal resources and power," declared Mr. C. C. Blanton, the honored and beloved president of the First National Bank and the Union Trust Co. of Shelby, in a statement made today following the closing in Charlotte of the First National bank.

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