

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 9 to 9 1/2c
Cotton Seed, per bu. 28 1/2c

Fair And Warmer.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer in central and east portions Saturday.

In Legislature.
Raleigh, Jan. 9.—A salary cut of 10 per cent on all state employees and a \$50,000 appropriation for securing the right of way for the inland waterway from the Cape Fear river to the South Carolina line were the main items on the agenda of the General Assembly of North Carolina as the second day of its session ended yesterday.

Mrs. McGowan Buried Today; Was Ola Ford

Sweet Spirited Woman Succumbs After Long Illness. Husband And 2 Children Survive.

Mrs. E. O. McGowan, who before marriage was Miss Ola Ford, died Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at her home on the eastern edge of Shelby after an illness of nine months, during which time she underwent several operations for an intestinal trouble.

Ill For Nine Months.
The news of Mrs. McGowan's death was no surprise to her host of friends for she had been in a serious condition for some time, and critical for a week before the end came. However, her passing was a source of great sorrow for she was a most sweet spirited woman. She was born in the Palm Tree community near Lawndale and spent all of her life in Cleveland county, except 13 years at Elm City where she and Mr. McGowan were married. They have been back in Shelby for a number of years where Mr. McGowan is connected with O. E. Ford Co.

Mrs. McGowan was 44 years of age and was educated at Shelby high school and Davenport college, Lenoir. She taught in the Shelby schools and in Central Methodist church Sunday school where she was loved and admired for her beautiful traits of character.

Nine months ago she became sick and was in and out of the Shelby hospital several times. She had remarkable vitality and withstood the suffering and despair with untold fortitude which amazed the attending physicians and friends. She was grateful for every attention and courtesy shown her and deeply regretted she was unable to serve others as she was accustomed to do while she had her health.

Daughter of Late O. E. Ford.
In 1912 she was married to Mr. McGowan of Elm City who survives with two bright and attractive children, Maggie Murray, a student at Davenport college, Lenoir, and Nancy McGowan, a student in the seventh grade of the Shelby public schools. One brother Thad C. Ford and one sister, Ellen Ford and her step-mother, Mrs. O. E. Ford also survive.

Her father, before death, was one of the oldest merchants in points of mercantile experience in the county and served for many years on the county board of commissioners.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at 10:30 o'clock from Central Methodist church by her pastor, Rev. L. B. Hayes, assisted by Revs. Zeno Wall and H. N. McDiarmid. A large crowd gathered to pay a tribute of respect to her noble life and the chance was filled with scores of beautiful floral designs. Interment was in Sunset cemetery.

Active pall bearers were B. L. Smith, Rush Thompson, Roy Sisk, J. W. Harbison, C. C. Coble and W. R. Porter. Honorary pall bearers were Dr. Tom Gold, Earl Honeycutt, Will Lineberger, R. L. Hendrick, Geo. Hoyle, R. T. LeGrand and Dr. E. A. Houser.

Out-of-town relatives of the family here for the funeral were T. L. McGowan, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hedgpeth, of Elm City; Mrs. E. O. McGowan, sr., of Elm City; Mrs. Walter Slappery, of Washington, D. C.; Miss May Wilson, of Greensboro; Mrs. Hazel Beacham, of Raleigh; J. Milton Crocker, of Cherryville.

Hold Five Youths For Soda Pop Haul

City police on Wednesday and Thursday arrested five white youths on the charge of breaking in and robbing the barbecue stand just off the court square on South Washington street. Four boys were placed in jail and the fifth gave bond.

The chief theft, officers say, consisted of soda pop taken from the ice bottle, the attempted sale of which led to the arrests.

Tree For Horses

Augusta.—George R. Sousa, Augusta's humane officer, invited fifty horses to a Christmas tree party and luncheon, giving each horse a bag filled with oats.

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Free Four Young Men In Death Of Deputy

Hugh Brittain, Three Others Get Non-Suit In Murder Charge Centering About Death Of Deputy Sanford Pruett Killed By Brittain Car. Judge Says Officers Have No Right To Block Road.

The Brittain-Pruett case, centering about the killing last July of Deputy Sheriff Sanford Pruett, when the officer and others stopped the Hugh Brittain automobile, came to a sudden end in court here this morning as Judge Clements non-suited the murder charges against young Brittain and his three companions.

The three men charged with murder along with the Casar postmaster's son were Ivey and Joe Wortman and Doh Hunt.

Judge Clements in non-suiting the charges declared that evidence introduced by the State did not convince him that Brittain and the others knew they were being held up by officers, and that, furthermore, when Brittain backed his car over Deputy Pruett, while making a getaway, he did not have a criminal intent in running over and fatally injuring the officer.

Four Witnesses.
The case was taken up late yesterday afternoon and had brought scores of people from the Casar section where the defendants live and where the dead deputy lived.

The State introduced four witnesses Plato Ledford, and Frank Walker, Probation Officer J. C. Abernethy and Lawrence Canipe.

When the State concluded its testimony this morning defense counsel, Attorney D. Z. Newton, of Shelby, and Attorneys Sam Ervin and L. C. Huffman, of Morganton, moved for a non-suit, or dismissal of the charges.

Makes Talk.
In granting the motion of the defense, Judge Clement expressed several opinions about law enforcement. "An officer enforcing the law must," he said, "abide by the law. Officers have no right to block a public highway or road. If I had been driving that night and found my path blocked it is likely that I would have attempted to get away in this day of so many holdups. Maybe I would have tried to turn my car around instead of going into reverse. But not knowing who and why I was being held up it is also likely that I would have run over anything in front of me not too big to be run over."

From the evidence, the judge declared, there was nothing definite to show that young Brittain knew the three men were with him.

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Mrs. Ledford, Age 28 Buried At Oak Grove

Wife of J. D. Ledford of Oak Grove Community Buried This Afternoon.

Mrs. Millicent Ledford, 28 year old wife of J. D. Ledford died at her home in the Oak Grove community Thursday morning at 4:30 o'clock after an illness of only a few days. Mrs. Ledford before marriage was Miss Millicent Ross, daughter of James Ross and is survived by her husband, one daughter, five years old and a two months old infant. Also surviving are five brothers, Maurice, Hershall, Sherman, Clyde and L. J. Ross and one sister, Miss Blanche Ross.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon by Rev. C. J. Black and interment was in the cemetery at Oak Grove church, where she was a faithful member.

Rutherford Widow And Her Two Daughters, Believed Lost In Snow, Located In Dallas Home

Widow Lavender And Two Children Once Believed To Have Died In Snow.

Gastonia, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Janie Lavender and her two daughters, 17 and 11 years of age respectively, who were thought to have been lost in snow drifts or to have met with foul play after they set out on a walking trip from Rutherfordford to Bostic on December 16, were located late this afternoon at the home of C. C. Wooten in Dallas, near here.

A third daughter who remained at home in an isolated Rutherford section approached welfare officers here yesterday appealing for help in her futile efforts to locate her

Clement Sends Three More To Gang For Theft

Stamey Thieves Get Five Years

Men Who Robbed Polkville Store Found Guilty. Brothers Go Up.

When superior court convened here this week half of the prisoners in the jail were there on store breaking charges, or for receiving stolen goods. It seems now that when court ends near half of the chain gang force will be made up of store robbers sent there for long terms by Judge J. H. Clements.

Late Wednesday afternoon Judge Clements sentenced Henry Stamey, of Valdese, to three years on the roads, Nelson Stamey for a year and Sid Rector for a year on charges developing from the recent robbery of the Stamey store at Polkville.

The presiding judge had already sent three men up for a total of eight years in connection with the robbery of the Penney and Lily Mill stores.

In the Polkville robbery Henry Stamey plead guilty. A jury found Nelson Stamey and Sid Rector, father-in-law of one of the Stameys, guilty of receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen. Some of the goods were found in the home of Rector and one of the Stameys. The latter was the husband of Rector's 16-year-old daughter who was used as a witness by the defense.

Poultrymen Will Meet Saturday

All County Poultrymen Invited To Important Meeting At Court House.

A meeting of the Cleveland county poultry association will be held in the jury room of the court house here Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. It is announced by Mr. George Wolfe, president. All poultrymen are urged to attend.

Among those scheduled to take part in the program, discussing various phases of poultry work, will be the association president, B. Austell, district poultry leader, a poultry expert from Raleigh and others. Methods of making poultry return a worthwhile income in 1931 will be taken up.

Mrs. Dora Runyans Dies Of Paralysis

Wife of Mr. Joe Runyans Will Be Buried Saturday Morning In Sunset Cemetery.

Mrs. Dora Runyans, wife of Mr. Joe Runyans died at her home on S. LaFayette street Thursday morning at 3:15 o'clock following her third stroke of paralysis. She had been sick a year, having suffered her first stroke of paralysis about a year ago.

Mrs. Runyans was the daughter of P. C. Wood and was the second wife of Mr. Runyans. She was 54 years of age and a kind hearted Christian character who will be greatly missed in the community.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock from the residence, conducted by Rev. Mr. Jenkins, pastor of LaFayette Street Methodist church and interment will be in Sunset cemetery.

Cleveland Native Receives Promotion

Charlie Turner Promoted In Traffic Department of Piedmont And Northern Railway.

C. D. Turner, for the past eighteen months connected with the traffic department of the Piedmont and Northern railway company, serving as commercial agent at Anderson, S. C., has been promoted to a similar position with headquarters in Atlanta, with offices at 704 Healey building, the change to become effective 15th instant. Mr. Turner will have charge of traffic in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, succeeding W. E. Atkinson, formerly of Anderson, who for the past several years has represented the Piedmont and Northern with offices in Atlanta. Mr. Atkinson has been promoted to general eastern agent and will be located in New York City, with offices at 320 Broadway.

These promotions, not only in the estimate of the business and industrial interests of Anderson but over the Piedmont and Northern's territory generally, are well merited and the P. and N. railway company as well as Messrs. Atkinson and Turner are to be congratulated.

Mr. Turner is a native of Cleveland county, the son of Mrs. Ell Turner in the Sharon community.

Grill Cop in Beauty Murder



In a graveyard at Potomac Hills, a secluded village, lies the body of Beulah Limerick (inset), whose mysterious death is puzzling police at Washington, D. C. Above are pictured male relatives of the murdered girl, covering themselves as they leave their homes. Patrolman Robert F. Langdon (above, known as the millionaire cop) is held in connection with the murder.

Present General Assembly Almost Bar Association Meet; Methodists In Majority; Many War Vets

Youth Succumbs To Attack Of Heart

Marion Burnett With Sisters of Cleveland County Dies in Greenwood, S. C.

(Special to The Star.)
Marion F. Burnett, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Burnett, died at their home in the Callison section of Greenwood, S. C., Friday night at 2:45 o'clock after an illness of several weeks from heart trouble.

Marion was a bright popular boy and his death has caused a great sorrow among his many friends.

Besides his parents he is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Guy Lattimore of Bostick, Miss Ella Lee Burnett of Waco, Miss Louise Burnett of Shelby and Miss Myrtle Burnett of Callison and one brother William Burnett of Bostick.

The funeral services were conducted at Bold Springs church by Rev. G. W. Gurley and the Rev. E. A. Wilkes.

Dr. Lingle To Speak Here Monday Night

Davidson College President To Be Principle Speaker At Piedmont Scout Meeting.

Announcement is made by the headquarters of the Piedmont council of the Boy Scouts of America that Dr. Walter L. Lingle, president of Davidson college, will deliver the address at the annual convention of the council which will be held at the Hotel Charles, Shelby, on Monday night, January 12th.

Several hundred leaders, scoutmasters, troop committeemen, and members of the Piedmont council of the Boy Scouts of America from the counties of Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rutherford, Polk, Iredell, Catawba, Burke, McDowell and Caldwell are expected to be in attendance. The meeting will start with a banquet at seven o'clock.

The Piedmont council is recognized as one of the most efficient scout organizations in the South, having the largest membership in the Carolinas. The headquarters are maintained at Gastonia and a summer training camp is operated at Lake Lanier near Tryon.

Reports of the accomplishments of the council will be made and plans for the year 1931 will be adopted. Likewise officers will be elected.

J. W. Atkins of Gastonia is president of the organization, Harry Page of Lincolnton, B. L. Smith of Shelby, F. P. Bacon of Tryon, D. P. Stowe, of Belmont, A. F. Harlow of Statesville and Eugene DeF. Heald, Hickory are vice presidents. Warren Y. Gardner is treasurer, Rev. G. R. Gillespie of Gastonia is scout commissioner and R. M. Schiele is the scout executive.

Big Drought Fund

Washington.—Secretary Hyde has announced that congress would be asked to appropriate the full of \$45,000,000 authorized for drought relief at the same time making it clear that no food loans would be made from the fund.

Lattimore Guilty Of False Entry, Verdict

Hard Times Do Not Slow Up Marriages

More Marriage In Cleveland In 1930 Than During Previous Year.

What is a little thing like a business depression when a man and a maid are in love with each other? Nothing at all, if the Cleveland county marriage record book is to give the answer.

Although times in 1930 were harder than lovers or anybody else had gone through in years, there were three more marriages in 1930 than in 1929 in this county. Last year 103 couples were married in the county, while an even 100 married here in 1929.

Unlucky June.
June brides are generally considered lucky, but there was an unlucky number attached to June ceremonies in Cleveland, according to the record which shows that 13 couples secured license that month. June, incidentally, the other months in total number of marriages.

May, August and December tied for second place with an even dozen marriages each. January and October were just a short distance behind with eleven each.

No April Fools.
Dan Cupid was less active in April than during any other month, only two couples securing license that month. February with four marriages and July with five were other months when the matrimonial impulse was at a low ebb.

Criminal Cases In Bank Matters There To Be Taken Up February 2.

By special request of Governor Gardner, Judge Hoyte Sink will preside over the Rutherford county court, beginning February 2, when several criminal cases growing out of bank failures last fall will be tried. It was learned last night.

Judge Sink, who at present is on his vacation, has a lot of work cut out for him in the near future.

Next Monday he resumes his work as special superior court judge when he goes to Greensboro to preside over Guilford county superior court.

He will have five weeks more of special court work as an emergency jurist before he takes his circuit as regular judge, to which post he was recently appointed by the governor.

He has been assigned to preside over Hyde county superior court. "But anyhow," Judge Sink said, "I understand the duck shooting is good down there."

Train Saves Boys.
Los Angeles.—Two small boys were saved from suffocation, having been trapped for hours in a natural tar pit in the Baldwin Hills, when the searchlight of a passing electric railway train revealed their heads and shoulders protruding from the blackness.

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Mull Favors 11 Congressional Districts For N. C. Instead Of Representative-At-Large Idea

Executive Counsel Says Congressman at Large Would Be "Red-Headed Stepchild."

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—Odus M. Mull, executive counsel to Governor Gardner and chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, said he was in favor of creating 11 congressional districts for North Carolina instead of having a congressman at large to take care of the additional congressman this state receives under the 1930 census re-apportionment act.

The question of caring for the state's additional congressman is one of the most controversial issues before the general assembly. Congress has already passed the re-apportionment act giving this state 11 instead of 10 congressmen.

"Red-Headed Stepchild."
Under our scheme of things there is no place, politically, geographically or otherwise for a con-

gressman at large—he is just a red-headed stepchild," said Mr. Mull. "We already have two senators to represent the state at large and we have arranged that equitably by the unwritten rule that one shall come from the east and one from the west."

Mr. Mull added that he is satisfied the state can be divided into 11 districts "without materially affecting any of the 10 Democratic congressmen elected last November and without putting any two of them in the same district. And I do not think that the success of the Democratic party would be endangered in any of the 11 districts."

New Shifts Proposed.
Mr. Mull declined to go into detail as to the result of his tentative plan for re-districting the state, but it is understood that Greensboro, now in the fifth district, which is by far the largest in the state, would be the center of a new district.

No Defense Witness.
The defense counsel, Messrs. Falls and Hoey, did not offer a single

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