

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

Cloudy, Rain.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy with rain this afternoon and probably in east portion tonight.

Fight Road Bill.
Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, good roads advocate of Charlotte, and others this week began a fight upon Governor Gardner's recommendation for a change in the present state highway system.

McSwain Would Draw Tax From Insurance Firms
State Could Get Good Revenue
Drafting Bill To Put 10 Percent Tax On Gross Income Of Companies.

Senator Peyton McSwain when he returned to Raleigh after the week-end at home here was determined to see that insurance companies operating in this State do their part to pay North Carolina's governmental freight charges.

While at home Mr. McSwain drafted an outline for a bill he will introduce in which he will ask that 10 percent of the gross income of all insurance companies in North Carolina be taxed 10 percent.

The bill as drafted will require all insurance companies in the State, domestic and foreign, to file authentic reports with the State government twice each year. One report will be required to show the gross premiums paid in by policyholders. The other will be required to show the gross claims paid out to policyholders, the proposal being to place a 10 percent tax on the gross difference between the premiums taken in and the claims made out.

Gross figures as a basis for the rate of taxation are used rather than net figures so that insurance incomes may be taxed before alleged high-salaried officials are paid their annual stipends.

In assembling his draft for introduction in the State Senate he refers to figures cited in a recent magazine article on the insurance racket. The writer of the article states that the head of one major insurance firm receives a salary only \$25,000 less per year than the combined salaries of the President of the United States and all members of his Cabinet.

Convict Men For Stealing Chickens
Four Men Were Caught In Shelby With Chickens Stolen In Rutherford.
Rutherford, Jan. 12.—Four young white men, Will and Lee Sisk, John McGinnis and Crawford Whitner, all living near Rutherford, were in the recorder's court here charged with theft of chickens. They were arrested in Shelby. Local officers went to Shelby and brought them here to face trial.

Two well known farmers, Sylvanus Rollins and J. C. Robinson, living near Caroleen, identified their fowls. Judge Fred McBrayer of the county recorder's court sent the Sisk brothers and McGinnis to the county chain gang for six months each, while Whitner will likely be returned to the state prison at Raleigh from which he was recently paroled under good behaviour.

Checker Battle At York On January 22
Cleveland And Rutherford Players To Take On York's Best Players.
Ten of the best checker players in Cleveland and Rutherford counties will on January 22 play a match with a York, South Carolina, checker team at York. Later a return match will be played in Shelby.

Grover Rollins, one of Cleveland's checker wizards, says he does not know definitely who will play on the Cleveland team. He expects, however, that Rev. A. G. Melton, of Bowling Springs; B. J. Hord, of Shelby; Rev. J. W. Lynch, of Caroleen; Mr. Nanney, of Cliffside, and others will be among those participating in the match.

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Driver Of Death Car Walks From Florida To Make Full Confession

His Car Struck Fallston Farmer And Killed Him

Placed Under Bond Of \$1,000

Conscience Troubled Him So That He Had To Come Back. Tells Straight Story.

The knowledge that his automobile had killed a man, although not intentionally, was too much for Everett Lyles, young Gastonia man, and he walked and hitch-hiked back to this county from Florida to confess that he was the driver of the automobile which struck and killed Garner Dixon, a farmer, just above Fallston on the night after Christmas.

Lyles reached Kings Mountain Saturday and surrendered to officers there.

He was given a hearing in county court this morning and such was the impression made by his straightforward confession that his bond was set at \$1,000 until the next term of Superior court when he will be tried for manslaughter.

Several others had been tried and acquitted in the hit-and-run tragedy. Officers here knew the name of the owner of the car but had been unable to locate Lyles after they secured this information.

Could Not Sleep.

Lyles took the stand in county court this morning and "came clean" with it all, telling of hitting the other car and admitting ownership of the nine gallons of whiskey found near his abandoned car. Two other men, F. C. Gunner, of Bessemer City, and Sam Gunner, of Gastonia, were with him in the death car he said. D. C. Gunner was arrested Saturday afternoon at Bessemer City by Deputy Ed Dixon.

Lyles' story, which checked with details known by officers was as follows: Some time before Christmas he had engaged nine gallons of whiskey in the South Mountain section and had sent two suitcases for it to be packed in. On December 26 he carried the two suitcases in his automobile to Marion so that they might look for work in the mills there. Being unable to find work they started on the return trip with him. Coming through the South Mountains they stopped to take off the chains on the car and while that was being done the nine gallons of whiskey was placed in the car. The Gunners did not know, Lyles said, that the whiskey was in the car until after the fatal crash.

Foggy Night.

"I was driving towards Shelby, just above Fallston, and was making about 30 miles an hour," Lyles said. "Suddenly, just about 12 feet in front of me, I saw a flashlight or lantern moving. I did what I could do. Then I crashed into an automobile marked on the side of the road. Lord knows I did not know that I hit a man. My car bounced back from the impact. I hesitated about a second, then thought of the whiskey in the car and frightened as I was I thought it would be best for me to go on. I pulled around the car I had struck and moved on. My lights had been knocked upward by the crash and I did not see a man on the ground as I moved off. Down below Fallston, a mile or two my car became hot and I stopped. It was then I told

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Telling It With a Medal



The Nicaraguan Government took this means of telling Charles V. Frith of its appreciation of his services while a staff sergeant aviator with the U. S. Marine Corps during the Sando revolution. Frith is holding the medal presented to him, while Mrs. Frith looks admiringly on. The decoration was presented "in recognition of the exceptional services rendered the Republic."

Gardner Message Rated One Of State's Greatest; Urges Cut In Official Salaries, And Tax Cut

Is Against Bond Issue, Wants Revaluation Postponed, Favors State Roads.

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—Revolutionary changes and economies which will affect the lives and tax bills of every citizen in North Carolina were advocated Friday by Governor O. Max Gardner, in his biennial message to the general assembly.

Among the outstanding recommendations, suggested officially for the first time today were:

- 1. A 10 per cent cut in salaries of all state, county, city and other public employees.
2. An eight months school term for all students, if it can be provided at less expense than the present effort.
3. Consolidation of counties, compulsory in some instances.
4. No bond issues for permanent improvements at this session.
5. A constitutional convention in 1933.
6. State maintenance of county roads by a reorganized highway commission without regard to county or district lines, and a six cent gasoline tax.
7. Postpone revaluation of land for taxes until 1933.

Indorses Brookings Report

In addition the governor recommends in strong terms many projects which it was already known that he favored. He indorses the Brookings report as a basis for the reorganization of the state government, and recommended a short ballot for the non-constitutional officers.

Stricter control of local governments, which spend 75 cents of every dollar paid in taxes, was urged, in order to insure that savings made by the state would actually result in lower taxes. In this connection he said, "although 72 counties showed some reduction, their property levies in 1929, the average county did not reflect anything like the full amount received from the

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'Live-At-Home' Drive To Open In County Soon

Meeting In Shelby January 22

Farm Extension Workers To Speak At Mass Meeting Of Citizens Here.

North Carolina's second great "live-at-home" campaign will be brought to Cleveland county on January 22, when a team of extension workers will hold a meeting with farmers, bankers and merchants at the county seat for the purpose of urging the people of the county to be self-supporting and to outline to them the necessity in these times of stress of growing not only a year-round ration for the farm family, but also for livestock.

The speakers in Cleveland county will be E. W. Gaither and Miss Ruth Current.

"Farm to Make a Living in 1931" is the slogan of the 1931 campaign, which is being conducted on a larger scale than ever before attempted by Dean I. O. Schaub, head of the extension service at N. C. State college. Dean Schaub is being assisted by C. A. Sheffield, assistant director and numerous specialists in all lines of farming and livestock enterprises.

As a result of last year's "Live-at-home" campaign \$19,000,000 was actually added to the value of the food and feed crops in the state. This year Governor Gardner has called upon the farm counties of the state to increase the value of food and feed crops by \$40,000,000 as a long step toward averting economic disaster.

Five teams of extension workers are taking part in the campaign and they started their tours of duty from the far eastern counties on January 6, covering five counties each day. It is the most ambitious campaign of its kind that has ever been attempted in North Carolina.

Each extension team is composed of at least two speakers and those attending the meetings are being given an elaborate picture of the 1931 situation, said to be a critical farm period in the history of the state, and what is to be done if the serious problems are to be successfully met.

The speakers at the meetings are armed with facts on needed production, shortage where it exists, and a wealth of other information for presentation to the people of the counties. All this data has been carefully worked out in detail as it applies to the individual counties, says Dean Schaub, and a guesswork has been eliminated in arriving at needs are being given attention. But the information is brought down to the family and livestock units and the amount of food and feed that they will find necessary for consumption.

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Federal Officers Pay Call To City

Locate Booze While Searching For Cigarettes Believed To Be Stolen.

A federal officer and two Seaboard detectives swooped down upon Shelby Friday and created quite a stir in the city.

They brought with them a negro, who they alleged was a confessed store-breaker. They came here, they said, because the negro said he had been selling stolen cigarettes to where Hatcher lives the three officers, where he was born and reared. Mr. Cline was 47 years of age and is survived by his wife Palestine Cline, two daughters, Mrs. G. C. Keever, of Shelby, Mrs. E. T. Keener, of Charlotte, and one son, Vance Cline, of Shelby.

Mr. Walter Cline Buried On Friday

Citizen of Eastside Village Dies Suddenly of Heart Trouble At Age 47 Years.

Walter Cline, well known citizen of the Eastside Mill village, died last Thursday very suddenly of heart trouble and was buried Friday at Bethlehem Methodist church in Northbrook township, Lincoln county, where he was born and reared. Mr. Cline was 47 years of age and is survived by his wife Palestine Cline, two daughters, Mrs. G. C. Keever, of Shelby, Mrs. E. T. Keener, of Charlotte, and one son, Vance Cline, of Shelby.

Mr. Cline was a member of the Eastside Baptist church. The funeral services Friday were conducted by Rev. H. E. Waldrop assisted by Rev. G. P. Abernethy.

Newton Slashes Own Pay Check

County Register Of Deeds To Return 10 Percent Of 1931 Salary.

Here's one for the books: Register of Deeds Andy F. Newton, of Cleveland county, announced today that he would voluntarily return 10 per cent of his 1931 salary to the county treasury.

Mr. Newton will do this he says because of two reasons—first, because of existing hard times and the general desire for economy, and, second, because it is in line with the policy of Gov. Gardner in telling legislature that all public officials should have their salaries reduced 10 percent this year.

Each month Mr. Newton intends to return 10 percent of his pay check to the county.

Grand Jury Wants Overcrowded Chain Gang Helped Some

More Avenues of Work Needed To Employ Growing Number Of Convicts.

Something should be done about overcrowded conditions on the No. 8 township chain gang, the Cleveland county grand jury stated in its report to superior court last week.

Just what should be done was not stated in detail, but there should be "more avenues of work opened up for the growing number of convicts," the jury said. There are more convicts on the gang now than ever before and Supt. Clyde Poston is doing the best he can, the jury report said, but does not have enough activity to take care of all prisoners.

All county institutions—the county home, court house and jail—were found to be in good condition and properly operated.

Three Men, Two Women Arrested On Charge Of Robbery

Jailed Here For Rutherford Officers. Alleged Robbery Was At Caroleen.

Three white men and two white women of the Boiling Springs section were brought to jail here Sunday by Deputy Gus Jolley on store robbery charges. Sunday night they were taken to Rutherford as it is alleged the store robbed was at Caroleen.

Deputy Jolley made the arrests when he went to the place where the five lived to search for stolen meat. While there he found a quantity of goods believed to have been stolen from the Rutherford store. Among the goods were some thought to have been taken from the Charles Daves store in this county near the Rutherford line.

Insurance Men To Form Organization

Eastern Star Meet.

The regular meeting of the local Eastern Star chapter will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30. All members are urged to be present.

Polkville Club Women Clothe, Feed Four Motherless Children So That They May Stay In School

Ladies Of Community Change Outlook of Life For Little Toys There.

A story of how four motherless little children were enabled to remain in school comes down from Polkville as one of the prize charity incidents of the year.

Seven Go To Prison To Begin Sentences

It's Too Bad If The Family Auto Is Tagless Today

If the family automobile is not adorned today with the new 1931 yellow and black license plates, better leave it in the garage or the backyard.

Capt. Charles D. Farmer, of the state highway patrol, has issued orders to his patrolmen to start making arrests today. He has also requested local officers to cooperate with his men in enforcing the license tag law.

Noted Minister Taken By Death

Dr. I. S. McElroy Dead. Services At Kings Mountain At 2 Today.

(Special to The Star.) Kings Mountain, Jan. 12.—Funeral services for Dr. I. S. McElroy, prominent Presbyterian minister of this city, were held in the First Presbyterian church here this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

After the services at the church he has served for years, the body is to be taken to Nashville, Tenn., for interment.

Dr. McElroy, 76 years of age, and one of the South's most prominent clergymen, died at his home here Saturday afternoon at 4:45. He had been ill for only an hour with the heart attack that caused his death.

Surviving besides his widow, Mrs. Annie Lee McElroy, are four children, Mrs. Martin Crook, of Spartanburg, Mrs. C. C. Crowell, of Nashville, Tenn., Rev. I. Stuart McElroy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Rutherford, and Rev. Proctor McElroy of Montclair, N. J. Besides the children there are nine grandchildren.

Native Of Kentucky. Rev. I. S. McElroy, D. D., was born, educated, and licensed to preach the gospel in Kentucky. His first pastorate was at Stanford, Ky. When his health required a change of climate, he accepted a call to the church in Kings Mountain where he has been for the past seven years.

In addition to these pastorates, Dr. McElroy was called by the synod of Kentucky to succeed Dr. T. D. Witherspoon as superintendent of the evangelistic work of that state. The synod of Kentucky also called him to undertake in connection with Central University the establishment of the Louisville Presbyterian Theological seminary. In this work he achieved a success that has been most satisfactory to all friends of Presbyterian theological education.

Author Of Books. Dr. McElroy received the honorary degree of doctor of divinity from the Central University of Kentucky. He is author of a number of books and has represented the southern Presbyterian church in six general councils of the Presbyterian Church of the World. Dr. McElroy was married to Miss Annie Lee, daughter of Judge Frank Lee of Danville, Ky., 50 years ago.

Burrus Is Trustee.

Attorney Chas. A. Burrus has been named trustee for the Abernethy jewelry firm which went into a receivership here recently. It was announced today by Attorney W. S. Beam, who represents Abernethy.

Ladies To Start Back-To-Cotton Movement Here

Women of County Invited To Meeting To Be Held at Woman's Club Room Friday.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Woman's club room will be held a meeting of representatives of the various Women's clubs of the county and retail merchants, the purpose of the meeting being to launch a back-to-cotton movement. The idea of a movement among the women of the south to encourage them to buy wearing materials made of cotton was originated by Mrs. W. D. Anderson of Gastonia. Mrs. Anderson will be here to deliver the principal address.

Mrs. John W. Harbison, president of the Woman's club invites all women of the county who are members of clubs of any kind to attend this meeting and hear the address of Mrs. Anderson and others and see the display of merchandise made from cotton grown in the south. Merchants are also invited to attend and lend their support to the movement which has for its purpose the use of more cotton made materials instead of substitutes.

Episcopal Church Service. There will be a communion service at the Church of the Redeemer on S. LaFayette street on Tuesday, January 13th at 10:30 (lasting a half hour.) Rev. J. B. Sill of Rutherford, is in charge of the service. He is in town for a few days staying at the Hotel Charles.