

Cotton, per lb. 9 to 9 1/2c
Cotton, Seed, per bu. 30c

Warmer Weather.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and warmer tonight. Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Another Robbery.

The W. P. Fulton Company store at Kings Mountain was robbed last night, according to a message from E. R. Gamble, Star correspondent. About \$100 worth of goods, including shoes, overalls, underwear, and hosiery, were taken. Entrance was made by prizing open the rear door.

Creamery Here Paid Out Near \$48,000 In '30

Almost One Dollar Per Citizen Of County Paid For Butter-Fat.

In 1930 the Shelby Creamery lacked only a little paying to farmers of Cleveland county for butter-fat a sum equivalent to one dollar for every man, woman and child in the county.

A preliminary check-up of the year's business, announced today by Mr. Wm. Lineberger, creamery head, shows that during the year a total of \$47,287.84 was paid out for butter-fat.

Price Is Low.

"That's a pretty good amount of cash for the dairy farmers of the county," he said, "but it is the least year's business we have had yet. The same conditions that have effected the price of cotton seem to have lowered everything else. The price received for butter, and subsequently the price paid for butter-fat, is the lowest it has been in years. There is less demand for butter, too, than in a long time, but we are hopeful for a pick-up this year."

Negro Beaten With Fire Shovel While Asleep Is Improved

Cook At Calters Attacked Negro Man Because Of Alleged Attack On Girl.

J. Y. Green, colored man of the Boiling Springs section, who was seriously wounded when a negro woman attacked him with a fire shovel last week, was said to be improving at the Shelby hospital today.

The woman, Gertrude Jeffries, cook at the Boiling Springs college, hammered Green over the head with a four-pound fire shovel while he was in bed asleep, officers say.

She went Green's home one night, but failing to find him there she returned about 4 o'clock in the morning. She stepped into the house, it is said, picked up the fire shovel, walked into Green's room and struck him while he was still asleep. She then journeyed to the home of Deputy Gus Jolley, told the officer of the attack and surrendered.

Attack On Girl?

The woman, officers say, accused Green of an attempted attack on a young girl relative. She is being held in jail until it is definitely determined whether or not Green will recover.

Newton Speaker For Postal Council Meet

Over 100 Postal Workers Attend Gathering Of County Postal Workers.

More than 100 Cleveland county postal workers attended the quarterly meeting of the Cleveland County Service Council held Wednesday night at the Green Lantern Tea room. The council is composed of all who are in any way employed in postal work, postmasters, carriers, clerks, and others.

Attorney D. Z. Newton was the principal speaker of the evening. He centered his remarks about the privileges of citizenship. The day by day activities of the members of the council were more important, he said, than they seemed on the surface in that postal workers bring the national government and its functions closer to the people than any others.

Dr. J. R. Osborne, Shelby's inimitable reciter and humorist, was also on the program and was highly enjoyed by the gathering.

Postal representatives from Lincoln and Gaston counties were guests at the banquet.

Baptist Pastors Meet.

The Baptist Pastors Conference will meet next Monday, January 18th at First Baptist church, at 2:30 o'clock. Officers for the year will be elected at this meeting and a full attendance is desired. It is announced by Rev. D. F. Putnam, chairman.

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Postponement Of Revaluation Work Is Favored

Commissioners Here Assembled For It

Eastern Counties And Buncombe Oppose Measure, Committees Endorse It.

The postponement of the quadrennial revaluation of real estate, sought by Cleveland county officials, seems likely now to be approved by the General Assembly.

The Neal bill, in which counties favoring the postponement joined, came up before the joint committee of the house and senate in Raleigh yesterday and was reported favorably. Opposition, however, has developed in both bodies of the assembly and the matter may be fought out on the floors of the house and senate.

Desired Here.

A week or so before legislature convened the Cleveland county commissioners requested Representative Henry B. Edwards to ask for a postponement of the revaluation work with the discretion of the commissioners of the counties of the State. In announcing that the Cleveland commissioners would like to have the revaluation carried over until 1934, Commission Chairman A. E. Cline stated that the revaluation work would cost almost \$10,000 in this county, and considering conditions now, he added that the commissioners here could not see that the work would be worth the expense at this time.

Other counties of the State felt the same way about it and the representatives of these counties cooperated in advancing the Neal bill. This bill would postpone the job until April 1.

Supporters of the postponement bill contend that counties which are in good financial condition and have a low tax rate, such as Cleveland, are united in postponing the revaluation. Numerous Eastern, Carolina counties, Buncombe county in the west and others desire the revaluation now because, it is said, of their financial condition.

The Greensboro News' Raleigh correspondent in Raleigh has this to say today of the opposition to the Neal bill:

"Quite a formidable opposition to a postponement of revaluation for a period too long for the charged assessment figures to show themselves in this year's tax figures, developed with the Buncombe delegation leading the list and Halsett Ward, of Beaufort, and several others close behind."

"A group led by John Folger, which was finally joined by all save Mr. Ward, agreed that a postponement of revaluation for a few months pending determination of

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Story-Telling Club For Young Children

A junior Shakespeare short story telling club for Shelby children will be organized by Miss Mary Suttle Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Woman's club room. Children from the third to the eighth grades will be eligible to join the club which will give them elementary instruction in dramatic arts and expression.

Officers Continue To Unearth Alleged Stolen Goods At House In Boiling Springs Community

Three Men And Two Women Already Jailed. Much Loot Believed To Be There.

Deputies Gus Jolly and Henry McKinney this morning found what they considered additional stolen goods at the house at Boiling Springs where Hobart McKinney lived until last week when he was jailed in Rutherford county along with two white men and women who had been living there with them.

Officers went to the home last week to search for some stolen meat. While there they found goods which, it is alleged, were stolen from a Caroleen store. McKinney, George Brady, William H. Valentine and two women were brought to Shelby and later transferred to Rutherford county for trial.

Not His Wife.

One of the women was said to be the wife of Valentine. The other

Father, 91, Swears in "Alfalfa Bill"



William H. Murphy, the famous "Alfalfa Bill" of the Middle West, supporting his 91-year-old father, U. D. T. Murray, as the latter administered the oath of

office at his son's inauguration as Governor of Oklahoma. Alfalfa Bill is hailed as a true friend of the poor. He starts his term in a penniless condition after campaigning with a \$37 campaign fund and credit at the grocer's.

Price Cutting War On Here

Shaves And Shoe Soles Become Cheaper Due To Hard Times.

The price of shaves and shoe soles are getting back to pre-war levels in Shelby due to a price-cutting war inaugurated this week by two shoe shops and one barber shop.

The first slash in service commodities in Shelby came in the early fall when the dry cleaners began cutting prices. Later the dry cleaners adjusted their differences and adopted a standard pressing and cleaning price, but the new prices were considerably under the old prices.

The next reduction came this week when one local barber shop dropped the price of hair cuts 10 cents and the price of shaves five cents.

Then a shoe shop began shaving off the prices of half soles, full soles, rubber heels and other shoe work. Another shoe shop came back today, in an advertisement, and makes another slight slash or two.

The biggest discussion that has resulted from the price war began up in a group of men who began figuring how much the price cutting would save in a year's time for a man who has two suits cleaned and pressed each week, six shaves per week, a hair cut every 10 days, and two pairs of shoes half-soled and rubber-heeled twice each year.

Good Cheer, This, For Out-Of-State Teachers In County

Legislature Turns Back On Proposal To Bar Teachers From Other States.

School teachers of Shelby and Cleveland county who came from other states to be instructors in the schools here need not prepare to lose their jobs just now.

In the general assembly at Raleigh this week, Representative Coffield, of Rutherford county, introduced a bill that would prohibit the employment of any one not a citizen of North Carolina as a public school teacher.

The bill met a quick fate when it was given an unfavorable report by the education committees in the house and senate.

Shelby Growth, 1920-1930, Tops All N. C. Cities, Census Survey By University News Letter Shows

City Gets Additional Advertising By Review Of Population Increase Figures.

Shelby, the city that led all North Carolina cities and towns in population increase from 1920 to 1930, is receiving additional publicity because of a census review made in a recent issue of the University News Letter.

The university periodical publishes a table of census figures showing the growth of the twenty-one cities in the state with a population greater than 10,000.

The following comment on population increases in the state was made by S. H. Hobbs, Jr., one of the editors of the News Letter:

"There are twenty-one cities in North Carolina with more than ten thousand inhabitants each. Nineteen of these increased in population during the last decade, while two decreased. The largest percent growth was made by Shelby which almost exactly trebled its size. Three other cities, Greensboro, High Point and Durham, more than doubled their official population during the decade."

Lucas Burgess Burial Saturday

Well Known South Shelby Citizen Died Thursday After Long Illness.

Mr. Lucas Burgess, 62 years of age, died Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home in South Shelby, death resulting from heart trouble.

Mr. Burgess, one of the section's best known and most popular citizens, had been ill since Thanksgiving.

Funeral services will be conducted at Zoar church, where he had been a member for years, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ministers who will take part are Rev. J. W. Suttle, Rev. W. A. Elam, and Rev. L. L. Jessup.

The widow and five children survive as follows: Mrs. T. E. Dixon, Mrs. D. L. Grant, and Messrs. Claude, John and Grady Burgess. The latter is located in Mexico with the Standard Oil company and visited home last week. The following sisters also survive: Mrs. Julius Wright, Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. Ida Hamrick. Two half brothers, Messrs. June and Robert Humphries also survive along with seven grandchildren.

Mill Store Robbed At Kings Mountain

Cigarettes And Silk Hosiery Taken By Thieves At Bonnie Store.

(Special To The Star.)

Kings Mountain, Jan. 16.—The latest robbery here continues to indicate that store bandits in this section have mounds in their gang who are fond of silk hosiery and cigarettes.

Cigarettes and hosiery were all that was taken when thieves robbed the Bonnie mill store here Wednesday night.

Entrance was made by removing a cracked glass from a window. Officers as yet have no definite clues with which to apprehend the thieves. The loss was not great, according to Mr. J. E. Aderholt, store manager.

Forbis Services.

Preaching services will be held at the El Bethel church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at Pine Grove church at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. R. L. Forbis, pastor, urges that every member attend these services.

Jonas To Get Federal Court Berth, Is Belief

Harkins Resigns As Prosecutor

District Congressman May Have New Job When Service Ends In March.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—After March Congressman Chas. A. Jonas, of Lincoln, may become District Attorney Jonas. This is the prevailing belief in Washington since the announcement yesterday, by the department of justice, that Thomas J. Harkins, of Asheville, had resigned as district attorney for the western North Carolina area.

Mr. Harkins began his services under the department of justice, in 1921, as assistant under the late Frank A. Lanney, who, in 1926, was legislated out of office with the creation of the middle district.

Mr. Harkins thereupon was appointed district attorney by Federal Judge E. Y. Webb and has served in that capacity since that time.

Position Pays \$5,600.

The office of district attorney pays \$5,600, and there is an expense allowance. There are two assistants and three clerks. The office is generally much sought after, mainly for the reason that it does not require all the time of the prosecuting attorney in looking after the government's work. The occupant of the office is thus enabled to live at home and promote his private practice, with the official salary to supplement his income.

For some days it has been assumed that Representative Jonas will succeed Mr. Harkins, although, as congressman and national committee member, the ninth district member has made no effort to preempt the field. The matter has not as yet been taken up with the white house, or the attorney general, but Mr. Duncan, the Republican state chairman, has expressed himself as favoring the appointment of Mr. Jonas, and a similar attitude has been taken by Representative George Pritchard, Mr. Jonas' colleague. In fact, party leaders generally have assumed that the road would be cleared for Mr. Jonas.

Rutherford Plant To Run Full Time

250 More To Be Employed In Rutherford As Result Of Rayon Order.

Rutherford, Jan. 16.—The Stonecutter mills of Spindale, one of the largest textile plants in Rutherford county, has just received a large order for rayon goods, which means that the plant will go to operating on full time soon. It has been operating about one-third for several months, employing around 100 people, but it will take on about 250 more employees as soon as possible.

City Insurance Men Form Organization

At a dinner held Wednesday night insurance men of Shelby organized themselves into an underwriters organization. The group will be named and permanent officers named at the next meeting. Temporary leaders were named for the organization work and a committee appointed to arrange by-laws. It is hoped to have all insurance men represented in the organization.

Gardner Frees Prison Convict Who Became Sculptor And Made Bust Of Governor And His Son

Man "Who Picked Up Art" In Prison, Known In Shelby, Gets A Parole.

The prison sculptor who made the bust of Max Gardner, Jr., which has been seen by many Shelby people in the mansion at Raleigh, is now a free man and may pursue the art which has brought him fame.

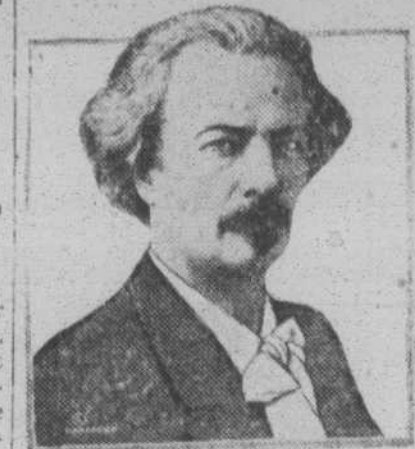
Jack Landingham, who came to state's prison in June, 1928, from Buncombe county to serve an 11-year sentence for forgery and false pretense, was paroled Wednesday.

Landingham was state's prison's sculptor, and one of its most colorful inmates.

During his incarceration, Landingham devoted all his spare time to his "art," which he said he "just picked up" to pass off the thousands of hours that go to make 11 years.

His "work" began to attract the attention of prison attendants, and

Paderewski In Spartanburg



Many people in this section plan to attend the Paderewski concert to be given in the Converse college auditorium in Spartanburg Friday evening, January 30, by Ignace Jan Paderewski, music master, pianist, and statesman.

Half As Many Tags Sold Now

Sale Of License Plates Slows Up. Officers Getting Tagless Autos.

The business depression is showing up in the sale of automobile license plates in Shelby. To date only a little more than half as many tags have been purchased as were sold at the license bureau at the Eskridge garage last year.

Through yesterday's plates for 4-564 automobiles and trucks had been sold here, according to Chas. R. Eskridge, who is in charge of the bureau. Last year approximately 8,000 tags were sold at the local bureau.

Force Purchases.

Highway patrolmen this week have been rounding up automobiles without the new tags, taking the drivers to the license bureau to secure plates, or arresting them. All motorists stopped secured plates and so far as is known no direct arrests have been made for refusal to purchase new tags.

Kiwanians Discuss Year's Activities

Program Chairman Presides Over Meeting To Outline 1931 Plans.

The weekly meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club last night was devoted to a series of talks in which club members discussed and outlined beneficial work for the club during 1931.

Short talks were made by Horace Eason, new program chairman; and by Clyde R. Hoey, Jack Palmer, Chas. L. Eskridge, Forrest Eskridge, J. Frank Jenkins, and William Lineberger.

Dorton Re-Elected Official Of Group

At the session of the North Carolina Association of Fairs held yesterday in Raleigh Dr. J. S. Dorton of Shelby, secretary of the Cleveland County Fair, was re-elected vice-president of the State association.

Dr. Dorton also headed a committee which asked Governor Gardner and the General Assembly to continue the operation of the State Fair.

Much Talk Here Of Salary Slash For Public Jobs

Views Vary Here On Proposal

Some Agree, Others Disagree With Gardner Plan, All Want More Economy.

The proposal of Governor Gardner that salaries of all public officials be slashed 10 percent in order to carry out his economy program for the state and to reduce taxes is widely discussed in his home county as it is elsewhere over the state.

It is impossible to say just what is the prevailing sentiment among those who have been discussing the matter in Cleveland county. Many agree that the Gardner plan is the only way out, and the only practical method by which expenses can be lowered to meet present day business conditions. Others think the slash program a bit too harsh if it includes all public workers. Still others take a middle-ground view by declaring that the slash should be made on a scale basis.

The Scale Idea.

"As I look at it," one citizen says, "to make a general cut of 10 percent in the salary of all public workers is not exactly proper. Some public workers draw high salaries that can stand cutting. Others draw medium salaries, and still others are barely making enough to meet living costs. I think the governor is right in the general idea of reduction. But the salary slash should be scaled in proportion to the salaries received. For instance, I think it should be scaled somewhat in this manner: Reduce the salaries of those receiving \$5,000 or more per year 15 percent, reduce the salaries of those receiving \$3,000 or more 10 percent, reduce the salaries of those receiving \$2,500 up to \$3,000 by five percent, with no reduction for those who do not make more than \$2,500. The average public worker who makes no more than that should not be cut, for he, or she, as most of them have families, are just making enough to live on. Fifty to \$150 per month clerks, teachers and other public workers have enough of a task as it is to make ends meet. But there are many public workers who can stand a cut and get along."

All Favor Economy.

The salary slashing proposal may meet with varying opinions, but in Shelby and over the county the Gardner economy program and tax reduction plan is meeting with general approval. Citizens generally are strong for economy, in other words, but differ as to the proper procedure.

Public officials here are saying little about the matter for publication.

Newspaper Views.

The newspapers of the state, taken as a whole, seem to be lined up behind the salary-cutting plan. Discussing the matter, the Asheville Citizen says:

"Everybody is for tax reduction. Everybody is for economy in government. But put forward a specific proposal looking in that direction and see what happens to it."

"Governor Gardner has ably and courageously laid his plan for reducing costs before the people. Already the plan is having hard sledding and it is likely that the going will continue to be rough."

"On the one hand are those who see various difficulties and objections to the cuts which the governor suggests. On the other hand are those who still insist that there is plenty of new tax money to be had if only this, that or the other pet scheme of their own is adopted."

"The facts are with the governor and the governor is with the taxpayers."

"It gripes us," comments The Gastonia Gazette, "to hear some of the state employes growling and beefing about the proposed salary cut recommended by Governor Gardner."

"Whether the proposed reduction of ten per cent in salaries should extend to all employes of political subdivisions, including all the county officials, is another question."

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Legion Post Here Seeks Cash Bonus

At the meeting this week of the Warren Hoyle post of the American Legion the members of the post went on record as favoring the government paying a cash bonus to World war veterans. The measure is now being discussed in congress and veterans here, as elsewhere, think that because of conditions the bonus would mean much more to the majority of veterans now than in 1945.