

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 9 1/2 to 10 1/4
Cotton Seed, per bu. 33c

Cloudy, Rain.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Mostly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Probably light rain in west and north central portions. No change in temperature.

Mayflower Burns.
Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—The former presidential yacht Mayflower, upon whose decks have walked many world figures in her day, lies fire-scarred and sunk in more than twenty feet of water at the Philadelphia navy yard. The once proud ship, whose career includes that of millionaire's pleasure yacht, gunboat, flagship patrol boat and presidential yacht, was swept by fire last night. Tons of water were poured into the ship until she settled on the river bottom at her dock. Her stern was submerged, her bow but a few feet above high tide. The presidential suite and officers' quarters, where the flames raged, were ruined, as were other quarters in the stern of the famous old yacht. Whether it will be worth while to reconstruct her interior for further useful service remains for naval experts to determine after the vessel is raised.

Officers Find More Loot In Home Of Negro

Have Series Of Store-Breaking Charges Against White Men, Women And Negroes.

The unearthing of more stolen goods last week and a partial confession from Hobart McKinney will result in McKinney, two other white men, two white women, and two negroes being charged with a series of store robberies in Cuyahoga and Rutherford counties. Officers say they believe this gang, or members thereof, to have been connected with eight other robberies, four in this county and four in Rutherford.

At Bowling Springs.
McKinney, the other two men, George Brady and W. H. Valentine, along with the two young white women have been in jail in Rutherford county for some time. The two white women claimed to be the wives of Brady and Valentine, but one of the men denied that he was married to either of the two. They were arrested by Deputies Gus Jolley and Henry McKinney when alleged stolen goods were found on the McKinney place. The others at that time were living with McKinney in the Bowling Springs section of this county.

Later officers continued to find more stolen goods scattered about the McKinney place. Friday of last week two negro men, who lived nearby, were arrested and jailed. One of the two, Homer Gentry, is in jail here and the other, T. B. Hughes is in jail in Rutherford county Saturday while continuing their search about the home of one of the negroes Deputies McKinney and Jolley found some inner tubes and some flour which are believed to have been stolen.

Trial Here.
The three white men and two women have already been given a preliminary hearing on three charges in Rutherford county and bound over to superior court. Since all of the goods, alleged to be stolen, were found in this county there is a probability, officers say, that all the charges will be moved to Cleveland county for trial as they could not be tried in Rutherford for alleged store robberies in this county.
Over the week-end it was learned that a Whippet automobile found at the McKinney home and claimed by Valentine, one of the three white men in jail, had been reported stolen at Andrews.

Contributions Come For Red Cross Aid

Total of \$26 Given Here To Aid Suffering In Drought Areas.

Voluntary contributions totalling \$26 have been left at The Star office to be turned over to the national Red Cross for the alleviating of suffering in 21 drought stricken states of the union. In many sections, according to the Red Cross appeal, the need for help is very urgent.
Contributions to date, a majority of them from employees of the Shelby post office and other postal workers, follow:
G. A. Elam \$1.00, W. H. Baber \$1.00, R. G. Laughridge \$1.00, Geo. Dover \$1.00, G. V. Hawkins \$3.00, C. M. Carson \$1.00, Chas. H. Wells, \$1.00, T. E. Greene \$1.00, J. H. Quinn \$2.50, J. W. Hartgrove \$1.00, J. A. Weaver \$1.00, W. O. R. Putnam \$1.00, T. H. Abernethy, Jr. \$1.00, T. W. Baber \$1.00, J. T. Goodwin \$1.00, C. J. Stockton \$1.00, G. C. Self \$1.00, N. E. Burgess \$3.00, Contributor \$3.00. Total \$26.00.

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Second Trial For King May Open February 23

Lancaster Will Be Trial Site

Judge Bonham Grants Change Of Venue Asked By Shelby Man's Lawyers.

York, S. C., Jan. 26.—Rafe King will face his second trial for life at the criminal term of court at Lancaster, S. C., beginning February 23 or at a special term the following week, according to W. G. Finley, state solicitor, who announced that the state will press for an early trial.

Judge M. L. Bonham, of Anderson, S. C., Saturday granted the motion of the defense for a change of venue and decreed that the second hearing of the former Shelby man, once convicted for the murder of his wife, Faye Wilson King, will be held at Lancaster.

After the announcement of Judge Bonham's decision, Solicitor Finley declared that the next term of criminal court at Lancaster is scheduled to begin February 23 and that the now famous case will doubtless be reopened at that time. In the event that urgent cases on the regular docket require the full time of the term, the state will ask for a special term immediately to follow the regular term, the solicitor said.

No objection from the defense to the hearing of the case at the regular Lancaster term is anticipated. Solicitor Finley said but any move for postponement will be resisted by the State, he added. The next regular term following the February term is not until June and Solicitor Finley said he and associate prosecution counsel would vigorously object to postponement at the February term.

Judge Bonham in granting the defense motion for a change of venue from Chester, where the first trial was held in July, 1929, declared that his decision was made "in the interest of justice."

King was convicted of the first degree murder charge and sentenced to be electrocuted but the sentence was automatically stayed when defense appealed to the state supreme court, which last October granted a new trial.

The second hearing was scheduled for the criminal term beginning January 5 at Chester but at that time the defense moved before Judge Bonham for a change of venue, requesting that the case be sent back to York county, where it had been remanded to Chester in April 1929.

At that time the state resisted the motion to change and held that King can be given a fair and impartial trial in Chester county.

While Judge Bonham granted the defense motion for a change of venue, he denied its request that the case be sent back to York county. Judge Bonham is scheduled to preside at the Lancaster court.

King was charged with the murder of his school teacher wife, after a coroner's jury had been unable to determine how she met her death. This was in February, 1929, a few days after the body of Faye Wilson King was found in an outhouse at the King cottage on the outskirts of Sharon, a village near York. King said that his wife had threatened suicide and this was his reason for her death. This theory was what the defense offered at the trial. But the state contended that she had been choked and strangled to death, and that her death did not occur where the body was found.

Well Known Rutherford Citizens To Be Tried In Bank Trials On There Feb. 2; May Get New Jury

Cases Arise From Failure Of Banks. May Ask Jury From This County.

Rutherford, Jan. 26.—Judge Hoyle H. Sink of Lexington will convene the criminal term of Rutherford superior court here Monday, February 2. This court takes the place of the regular civil term in February and has been called to try eight defendants in connection with the bank failures in this county last February.

Some of the county's best known citizens are defendants in these trials. They are J. L. Taylor, president of the defunct Rutherford County Bank and Trust company; W. B. Walker, now of Hickory, cashier; T. F. Oates, former cashier of the Commercial bank; K. S. Tanner, prominent manufacturer and bank director here and at Forest City; S. E. Elmore, textile manufacturer and former bank director;

61,651 Bales Ginned Here

Cotton Crop Only 2,636 Bales Behind Record Of 1929.

Ginning figures covering all cotton ginned up to January 16 was that 61,651 bales of the 1930 crop had been ginned in this county.

This is only 2,636 bales less than the total of the 1929 crop of 64,287 bales.

The ginning figures were issued Saturday by Miles H. Ware, ginning agent for the county.

Some Chance Yet.
There is a slight chance that the 1930 crop will yet climb to the 1929 figures. To January 16, 1930 only 59,982 bales had been ginned, or 1,669 bales less than to the same date this year. In other words, 4,265 bales were ginned in the county after January 16 last year, and July 2,636 more bales after January 16 this year would send the total to the record.

The next and final ginning report will be issued in March.

Colored Woman Dies In Car Enroute Here

Ethel Crenshaw Tells Her Husband She Is Going To Die And Does It.

Ethel Crenshaw, 19 year old colored woman riding to Shelby from Blacksburg early Sunday morning leaned her head over the shoulder of her husband and said "I am going to die" and she did. Her husband, Robert Crenshaw and his three brothers were riding in the car with her and reported the affair to Chief Poston who in turn notified county coroner, Roscoe Lutz. Upon investigation Mr. Lutz found that death occurred in South Carolina, so no inquest was held. Evidence tended to show, however, that there was no foul play and that death was due to natural causes.

Robert Crenshaw, husband, says his wife had been sick at Kershaw, S. C., but had gotten better and wanted to come to Shelby to her former home. They spent the night at Blacksburg and were coming on the road Sunday morning when she expired suddenly.

Mrs. C. G. Grigg Is Buried At Union

Victim Of Tuberculosis. Daughter Of George Pryor And Age 44 Years.

Mrs. Novella Pryor Grigg, wife of C. G. Grigg of the Union community north of Shelby, died Friday evening at 7 o'clock of tuberculosis from which she had been a long sufferer. She was the daughter of Mr. Geo. Pryor of the Union community and was 44 years of age.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was in the cemetery at Union church. Services were conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. Surviving are her husband and a number of children.

Famous Movie Lion Coming To Shelby

Leo, the lion that every movie fan knows, will pay a visit to Shelby Saturday and will put on a meat-eating exhibition in front of the Webb theatre at 3:15. Leo is the lion whose head is seen and whose roar is heard at the beginning of every Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film. The king of beasts, now on a world tour, will come into Shelby in state. He will ride in a palatial speed truck and his motor pal, the costliest ever made for an animal, will be accompanied by two other motor cars.

Spanglers To Move Into Rebuilt Home

Mr. M. A. Spangler and family will move tomorrow into their home in Belyedere Park. Their handsome home was practically destroyed by an early morning fire three months and three weeks ago. It has since been re-built by Mr. Rochel Hendrick, contractor and is now ready for occupancy. While their home was undergoing repairs, Mr. and Mrs. Spangler lived on West Marion street.

Pleading for Relief Fund



A big array of national personages joined in the broadcast to urge raising of \$10,000,000 for Red Cross relief work. Mrs. August Belmont (left), society leader; Alfred E. Smith, former Governor of New York, and Frieda Hempel, opera star, are shown at the microphone. Other speakers on this program were Mary Pickford, President Hoover and ex-President Coolidge.

Eastern Carolina Gets Plums In General Assembly; Smaller Counties Have More Strength

6 Counties With No More Population Than Cleveland Have More Representatives.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—"The eastern part of the state, with its leisure and gentlemanly class of citizens who make politics a profession, has always been able to out-manuever the western section, where the people are at work and only looking after their own affairs," said a prominent "central section" state official today.

"That is why six small and sparsely settled eastern counties have no more population, but six times as large a representation as Cleveland county, for instance. Moreover, they will find some way to avoid consolidating any of these small counties and losing a representative, and they may be able to defeat the redistricting plan for state senators and representatives, which should follow the 1930 census and which would move at least two in each house westward," said this official.

"That, also, is the main reason that a big majority of the committee chairmanships in both houses have gone to eastern men and that few western men are found at the heads of important committees, their chairmanships they do have being of minor and generally unimportant committees," he said.

A check-up of the 1931 committee chairmanships shows that in the house, 45 of the western and piedmont counties, having about 60 per cent of the state's population, and about 60 per cent of its voting Democrats and nearly 75 per cent of its taxable values, have only 17 out of the 53 committee chairmanships.

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Consolidation Of Offices Not Fully Approved

Varying Opinions McSwain Bill

Representative Edwards Urged To Stop Bill In House. Could Be Dangerous.

SEE EDITORIAL, PAGE 4— "WHY SUCH A CONSOLIDATION?"

The Senate bill, introduced by Senator Peyton McSwain and passed by the State Senate Friday to consolidate three Cleveland county offices into one to be known as county auditor, is not meeting with general approval in Shelby and over the county.

Over the week-end it was learned that a number of citizens have communicated or will communicate with Representative Henry B. Edwards asking him to do what he can to halt the proposed measure when it gets before the House.

Too Much Power.
One leading citizen—not an officeholder—discussing the measure Saturday stated that he opposed it "because it will give too much power to one man, particularly if at some time we should be unfortunate enough to get the wrong man in the office. We have a county government now that is looked up to and patterned after by many other counties, and we have a tax rate that only Forsyth county can beat. Even that county has a higher tax levy for general county expense and is only less than ours for school expense. The angle does not come under the three offices proposed for consolidation, but the general county expense levy, which is lower here than in any county in the State, does, and it seems foolish to me to think of a change. I fail to get the point."

Another citizen and a leading Democrat stated, after reading the proposal that "it sounds to me as if we had elected a Republican ticket last fall instead of a Democratic one. That's all they harped about, our people voted them down because they endorsed our method of government and our low tax rate, and now we have something very similar to their proposal put on us. If that's what the people of the county wanted, it's peculiar that they didn't vote for the H. Clay Cox ticket."

One citizen did not like the manner the bill is being rushed through, as he put it. "The news item stating that the bill for the proposed consolidation would be introduced did not appear in The Star until Friday," he said, "and on the same day, perhaps before we read about it, it had passed first reading in the Senate. Of course, what we taxpayers and voters think about it does not matter. Well, maybe not."

Other opinions vary as to the consolidation. There are those who favor it, particularly so, they say, if they can be shown where it will save money.

The Seining Bill.
Comment upon the other Senate bill to permit seining and the use of trot line in catching fish in this county, has not been so general. Many favor the change which would permit the use of seines and trot lines. Others do not. The one argument against permitting seining and use of trot lines was that it would work a handicap on farmers and industrial workers who fish only occasionally. Seining and the use of trot lines by men who fish more or less regularly, it was contended, would soon diminish the supply of mud fish in the streams of the county.

McSwain Bill Would Publish Salaries

In Addition To Combining Three Offices Into One, It Requires Salaries Published.

The McSwain bill introduced and passed the third and final reading in the state senate last week providing for the consolidation of three offices into one known as "County Auditor," also provides "That the county auditor within thirty days after the first day of January of each and every year shall publish or cause to be published in some newspaper in Cleveland county a statement showing the total amount of salary and fees paid to each of the county officers during the preceding calendar year, which said statement shall also show the amount allowed and paid each of said officers for clerk hire or assistant and any other expense allowed said officers other than office supplies."

Other provisions of the bill were published in last week's Star but this clause was overlooked.

The bill consolidating three offices of county accountant, county supervisor of taxation and tax auditor provides that the holder of this position shall receive a salary of \$3,000 per year and the county commissioners may allow the auditor whatever clerical assistance they may deem necessary to make out the tax books.

Now that the bill has passed the senate it goes to the house of representatives where it must pass three readings before it becomes a law.

Post Office Addition Hoped For Here Soon

More Working Space On Ground Floor And Additional Story For Federal Court Room And Offices Needed. Committee Considerers Request.

Prospects are bright for Shelby to get a third story added to the post office here and an addition to the working space on the ground floor out of the 1931 public building program of three billion dollars.

Must Have New Auto Tags Now

If you haven't purchased your new automobile license plates, it may be just too bad. "No more courtesies, no more favors, and no more extension of time are my orders now," Mr. D. D. Wilkins, state automobile inspector, stated here this morning.
So far, since the first of the year, highway patrolmen have been halting cars with old numbers and taking them to license bureaus where tags were secured without arrests being made. But beginning this week violators will be picked up according to the new orders to inspectors and patrolmen.

Would Lift Six Million Load From Farmers

State Maintenance of County Road Systems Would Relieve Land Taxes.

(By M. E. DUNNAGAN.)
Raleigh, Jan. 26.—Property owners of North Carolina have been clamoring for relief from the burden which they are required to bear in the form of taxation. They have formed local and state-wide organizations for the purpose of relieving property of some of its load.

Governor O. Max Gardner, in his proposed state highway reorganization and county road maintenance plan, offers a program that will definitely afford some of the property tax reduction for which there is such a pronounced demand.
In addition to the economy of operation to be brought about by the proposed reorganization of the highway commission, Governor Gardner suggests and recommends that the state take over the maintenance of all county roads, amounting in the aggregate to some 45,000 miles in addition to the present highway system.

Figures recently compiled show that the average property levy in the 100 counties of North Carolina for road maintenance amounts to 19 1/2 cents on each hundred dollars of assessed valuation. The chief executive's plan would mean, transposed into term of property tax reduction, that a load amounting to approximately \$6,000,000 per year would be lifted from the shoulders of landowners.

The proposed plan, according to its proponents, goes further than so that workers in mills and other industrial plants and farmers, who cannot spare the time to go to the coast or lakes to fish, would have very little sport the one or two times a year they do have time to fish.

Should this committee pass favorably upon the requested additions here it is possible that the work might be started during the spring or summer. News dispatches from Washington state that the three million dollar fund for public and semi-public construction will be ready for distribution early in the year, and the allocation and distribution may start in February.

State Operation Of Six Months Schools Biggest Topic Ahead Of Assembly This Week; Other Bills

Near Break Between Gardner And Fountain. Want Game Laws Changed.

(M. E. DUNNAGAN, Star News Bureau.)
Raleigh, Jan. 26.—State operation and maintenance of the constitutional six months school term was unquestionably the most important proposal before the N. C. general assembly the past week and gives promise of taking leading position this week, although numbers of important pieces of legislation have been placed before that body.

The proponents of a bill embodying the fixing of a state policy of operation of the term, legislation for which is to be proposed later, overwhelmingly won in the first skirmish before the joint session of house and senate education committees, and, unless signs fail, the bill will pass both houses, although some of the committee members voted for it who voiced reservations. The bill was set as a special order in the senate for Tuesday of this week. A lively skirmish is expected before the bill becomes a law.

Those supporting the bill, known as the Lindsey-Young measure, argue this is the most effective method of reducing taxes, since schools are more costly than all other county activities. If the state takes over the schools, taxes can be lowered and the burden largely removed, they state, referring to the constitution which supposedly requires state operation for six months.
The only note of warning was issued by the only school man speaking before the committee vote, T. Wingate Andrews, High Point, former president of the state teacher association.

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Postmaster J. H. Quinn, who with Federal Judge E. Yates Webb has been working for the needed addition states that he has received an encouraging letter from the Treasury Department which has general supervision over post office construction.

Additions Sought.
"What we are hoping to get, and what we really need," Postmaster Quinn stated, "is a broadening out of the building on the ground floor, and a third floor added for use as a Federal court room."

"The business of the local office has grown so since the building was erected that we are and have been cramped for space in the mail room. If we should be fortunate enough to get the addition it would be added at the rear of the building, since the government regulations would not permit the lengthening on the ends."

A Court Room.

Numerous Federal officials are behind the movement, it is understood to have a third story added to the post office building for use as a Federal court room. When the present post office was erected a Federal court room was not held in Shelby. Since that time a new United States court district was formed and a Federal session is held here several times per year. The Federal judge for this district, Judge E. Yates Webb, makes his headquarters here and maintains an office on the second floor of the present post office. These quarters as they are now are not large enough for the jurist's headquarters. Since the new court district was established the Federal court has been holding forth in the county court house through the courtesy of the Cleveland county commissioners.

Since three billion dollars are being turned loose soon for public buildings, construction of which would give work to many now unemployed and tend to boost business conditions, it is felt that now is the proper time to add the floor to be used as a Federal court room. The extra story, if erected, would also include offices for the judge, the clerk, the marshalls, and other Federal officials.

Mr. Quinn discussed the matter with Congressman Jonas last year and was assured of the latter's support of the improvement here when additional funds were put aside for public improvements.

Endorsed.

At a recent meeting of the Cleveland county postal service council the entire membership signed a resolution stating that the need for additions to the local office was urgent and recommended that they be given favorable attention. The endorsement was forwarded to the Treasury Department, and last week Mr. Quinn received a letter informing him that the application for additions here was already before the inter-departmental committee, which is allotting the building fund, and would be given consideration by them.

Should this committee pass favorably upon the requested additions here it is possible that the work might be started during the spring or summer. News dispatches from Washington state that the three million dollar fund for public and semi-public construction will be ready for distribution early in the year, and the allocation and distribution may start in February.

Air Port Here To Be Farm Field Now

Aviation Gives Away Locally To The Live-At-Home Idea.

Shelby's air port has reverted to type and is farm land again.
When the Cleveland Springs Estates rented its land to Mr. Mike L. Borders recently for farming this year the airport site, located behind the golf club house, was included in the land that is to be broken and planted.

For several years Shelby was one of the best known aviation centers in the state with commercial planes here almost full-time during the summers, but in the last year or so aviation interest has waned and the local port has been visited in the last year only by an occasional passing plane.