

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 9 1/2 to 10 1/2
Cotton Seed, per bu. 34 1/2

Fair And Colder.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and slightly colder. Thursday fair and colder in east portion.

Cannon Trial.
Washington, Feb. 3.—Leaning heavily upon a pair of crutches, his face drawn and pale, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., hobbled through a side door of the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal church, south today and dropped heavily into a chair before the 12 clergymen-jurors who comprise the tribunal that is to pass upon his alleged derelictions as an officer of the church. The place itself was familiar to the accused bishop, for he is a regular attendant at Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal church when in Washington, and, not infrequently, he has preached there. The opening session lasted three hours. It was understood that the accusers of Bishop Cannon did not complete presentation of their case at the opening session.

Mull Job Goes To Townsend; N. C.'s Highest Former Holder Gets Office Back

Judge Townsend Becomes Executive Counsellor As Mull Takes Mill Job.
One of the state's highest-salaried jobs, if not the highest—that of executive counsellor to the governor and pardon commissioner—goes back to the man who formerly held it, Judge Nat A. Townsend, of Charlotte.

When Mr. Odus M. Mull, who has been executive counsellor to Governor Gardner since the Townsend resignation some time ago, quit the job this week to return to Shelby to manage the Cleveland Cloth mill, Governor Gardner immediately named Townsend to the office.

Judge Townsend, who has been practicing law in Charlotte since resigning, will hold the office at least until the present legislature ends.

Popular Officer.
Of the Mull service Tom Bost has the following to say in The Greensboro News:
"The office of Mr. Mull has become under his administration one of the most popular. Though a partisan in every drop of his blood and a fighter for party prestige, the highest tributes which have been paid him as executive counsellor have come from Republicans. The call back to Shelby comes from numerous enterprises of farm and factory. The change does not affect party status. Mr. Mull will see the Democracy through and will continue to serve it as chairman, Judge Townsend, who is practicing law in Charlotte, has been here assisting the state in its fiscal policy. He is one of the three or four individuals in North Carolina who can write a revenue bill. He will return to Charlotte when his service is over here."

Miss McSwain Buried At Earl

Died In State Sanatorium With Tuberculosis. Buried At New Hope Monday.

Earl, Feb. 3.—Miss Edessa McSwain died Saturday at 2:45 o'clock at the state sanatorium, following a protracted illness of tuberculosis. She had been confined to her bed for the past 3-1/2 years but seemed to be getting along nicely. Her death came as a great shock to her relatives and host of friends.

Miss McSwain was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McSwain, who lived south of Earl. At the age of 14 she joined the New Hope Baptist church where she was active in church and Sunday school work, and was a fine Christian character, known for her fidelity and radiant spirit.

Her father, mother, four brothers and two sister have already preceded her to the grave. Surviving are one sister, Miss Addie McSwain, of Earl and three brothers, Sam and Ralph McSwain, of Monyer, this state, and Thurston McSwain of Earl.

Funeral services were held at New Hope church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor, in charge.
The floral offering was beautiful. Serving as flower girls were: Misses Jessie Borders, Lorene Blanton, Milly Sepaugh, Ruth Runyan, Meta Sansing, Ollie and Emma Bechtler and Mrs. Odell Sepaugh. The organ bearers were as follows: Messrs. Runyan, J. C. Runyan, Trent Runyan, Edward Bechtler, E. M. and Marvin McSwain.

Bread Line Will Harass County Again Next Year If "Works Is Shot On Cotton" With No Food

Next Winter Will Be Worse Than This One Unless Cleveland Tenant Farmers Grow Enough Food, Feed For Home Use. Landlords Urged To Back Movement.

The citizens of Cleveland county, witnessing a lengthy and pitiful bread line for the first time in history this winter, can prevent a repetition of such poverty-stricken pictures, if they go about it in the right manner and right away. That's the idea of J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, after several conferences with farmers and business men about the charity problem.

The way to do it is to see that tenant farmers of the county put enough food and feed crops into the ground this spring for home consumption not only for next summer but, also, for next winter.

The Only Way Out.
"Existing conditions, the worst we've ever had, will never clear up," the welfare officer said, until more food is produced on the farms of this county. The landlords of the county can bring this about better than any other class. Many of them tell me so and I am appealing to them. Unless we do see that our tenant farmers grow enough to feed their families this year we will have another winter such as we have been going through with, and it will be necessary once again to take funds from the city and county treasuries to feed and take care of the scores of hungry people who come to us for aid.

"The way to cure such conditions is to go to the seat of the trouble. This winter it was only humanitarian thing to do to provide food for the hungry as the county and city and charitable citizens did. But we can prevent such a situation next winter. Why not do it instead of going nonchalantly along knowing that such conditions will again exist unless we produce enough to eat?"

Can Eliminate It.
One of the biggest drains on the public charity fund here this winter, Mr. Smith said, was that of taking care of the tenant-farmer class. In Shelby a majority of the industrial plants have been running enough to provide their employees with enough wages to secure sufficient food and clothing, but out on the farms many tenant farmers failed to grow anything to eat. When cotton prices took a flop they were in a pitiful state. Nothing to eat, and nothing with which to purchase the food they should have grown. Then the charity line began growing.

With spring just around the corner foresighted landlords are joining with the welfare officer in urging that all landlords see that their tenants plant for and lay aside enough acreage to assure sufficient food for home consumption. The acreage set aside, it is said, for food and feed crops should not be limited to producing food for the summer but should be large enough to provide for next winter.

Every tenant farmer, and all other farmers as well, are urged, as they prepare for their spring work, to get Irish and sweet potatoes in the ground, have a sorghum patch, and a hog and cow where possible. Likewise there should be vegetables and fruit canned for the approaching winter, and the vegetable production should not be limited to a mere summer supply.

"If Cleveland county farmers do this there will be mighty little want and hunger in the county next fall and winter," welfare officials say. "We may not have any great amount of cash money and the cotton crop may not pan out, but we certainly will not have so many hungry people."

Early Spring Predicted Despite Groundhog From His Shadow; Cloudy Some Places, Clear Others

It All Depended Upon Where Groundhog Came Out. Good Fruit Year Seen.

Big bout—to go six weeks—principals, Kid Groundhog vs. Walloping Weatherman—decision to be rendered March 15.

The official weather observers have been saying since Monday that the woodchuck's dash back into his hole when he saw his shadow in this section does not mean a thing. In some parts of the country, say the weather men, the groundhog saw his shadow while in others he did not. In other words, the men who predict an advance weather by instruments and scientific methods say it will be an early spring. The groundhog prophecy, as it worked out here contends that idea a wash-out and

Sixty Cleveland Men Leave Today For Bank Trials

Big Bank Cases Start At Rutherfordton This Afternoon With Cleveland Jurors.

Sheriff Irvin M. Allen left Shelby today with sixty Cleveland county citizens from whom a jury will be picked at Rutherfordton this afternoon to hear the charges against eight leading Rutherford county citizens in connection with the failure of six banks in that county last year.

All of the defendants, the majority of whom are well known in this county, face a general charge of receiving deposits knowing the banks to be insolvent. Two of them face the additional charges of publishing false statements of the condition of the banks and of embezzlement.

Monday Judge Hoyle Sink, who is presiding at the court term, ordered that a jury be drawn from this county to hear the cases, this move being made because of the general interest throughout Rutherford county the bank affairs. The sheriff's office here spent Monday afternoon and Tuesday rounding up the 60 men sent to Rutherfordton today. All of them will receive jury service fees for one day and the others will return to their homes in this county after the 12 jurors are selected this afternoon.

The sixty men from whom the jury will be picked follow:

- John Martin, Robert N. Jolly, Grady McSwain, J. D. Elliott, E. L. Holland, R. M. White, J. V. Lovelace, E. G. Roberts, J. B. Hamrick, J. I. Morehead, T. H. Lowry, J. E. Randle, J. L. Loden, W. P. Fulton, C. F. Stowe.
W. F. Goforth, W. C. Ware, R. C. Baker, Stoke Miller, Joe Kendrick, G. M. Moss, J. L. Spangler, W. H. Glascoe, A. J. Dedmon, A. A. Horton, Tom Cornwell, A. G. Higgins, C. D. Hicks, Cliff Carpenter, O. C. Dixon, Grady Wilson.
E. W. Sanders, R. L. Whitesides, A. P. Ramsey, J. O. Blanton, J. L. Hunt, W. J. Bridges, W. T. Powell, E. L. Weathers, W. R. Porter, R. W. Wilson, C. C. Falls, D. L. Martin, C. R. Wright, Vance Royster, J. M. Sparks.
W. C. Seism, J. G. Spurling, Laural Hoyle, C. G. Boyles, J. B. Ramsey, T. A. Bridges, J. W. Lucas, James B. Horn, Ivey Willis, J. C. Washburn, F. B. Blanton, J. L. Greene, R. C. White, O. C. Downs.

The Smile That Won Big Movie Contract



Although she never has appeared on the stage or in the movies, Miss Loretta Sayers, young society girl of Larchmont, N. Y., has a long term movie contract with Columbia Pictures. The smile she wears above dazzled the camera and the film magnates.

Farmers Cut Extra Wood Thus Giving Unemployed Jobs

Many Idle Negroes And Other Laborers Could Be Paid With Food.

"If the farmers of Cleveland county who are in position to do so would have enough wood cut and corded now for the remainder of this winter and also for next winter, it would mean much to unemployed negroes and laborers in the county," one well known farmer tells The Star.

All farmers, he said, know that a supply of wood cut in advance is better wood. Never, he added, can those who have wood cut and get it done cheaper than at the present time, and many unemployed laborers and farm hands would be glad to do such work and be paid off in food and other necessities.

Mr. W. W. Washburn, prominent farmer and former county commissioner, is one who has already had enough wood cut and corded to do him this winter and next. In doing so he helped a number of workers who were in need but would rather work for something to eat than accept charity.

Forest Fires Get Bad In Rutherford

Fire-Fighting Patrols Organized. Efforts Made To Curb Traveled, Ignited Flames.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 4.—Mrs. T. C. Holland, 39, wife of a well known farmer and citizen of near Henrietta, dropped dead Sunday while fighting forest fire near her home.

Funeral services and burial were held at Floyd's Creek Baptist church.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 4.—Rutherford county woodlands are being laid waste by forest fires. County Fire Warden J. E. Trammel says.

Last week nine fires burned over the wooded areas, taking a toll of \$25,000 to \$35,000 worth of timber, and several farm houses have been reported destroyed by the flames.

Patrols and fire-fighting bands have been organized, and other forestry officials of the state have come to this county to assist Mr. Trammel in combatting the fires.

Funeral Services Of Athlete Today

Junius Auten Was Killed At Baltimore Sunday. Once Lived Here.

Funeral services for Junius Auten, 26, a former captain of the Shelby High football team, were held at the Presbyterian church here this morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. H. N. McDiarmid was in charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. C. E. Clark, pastor of the Lee Memorial Presbyterian church at Winston-Salem, where young Auten's parents now live.

The former athlete, a popular young man here, was killed in a train-auto collision at Baltimore, where he had been employed, last Sunday morning. The body was scheduled to have arrived here yesterday morning but did not arrive until late yesterday evening.

Young Auten, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Auten, who moved away from Shelby several years ago, left Shelby soon after finishing school a sister, Mrs. Roy Diddy, lives here with the young man who was struck by the caboose of a train in critical condition in a Baltimore hospital.

Revaluation In County Is Off Until March 15

Select Union Trust As Depository

Work of Revaluation Off Until Legislature Decides About Matter.

Revaluation of property in Cleveland county, which was to have started the first of the year, will not be started until March 15, if then, it was announced after the meeting of the county commissioners this week.

The organization was perfected here for carrying on the revaluation work but county officials and many citizens were of the opinion that under existing conditions the estimated cost, \$10,000, of the revaluation task would not be worth the price just now. As a result the commissioners delayed the work until a bill could be introduced in the legislature postponing the job.

No Expense.
The legislature has already informed counties to delay the work until March 15 by which time the legislature will have decided just when the work will go on. As a result of the postponement here there is no expense at all being incurred by the county. Some preliminary work in the revaluation task had been carried out, but as it is now the entire task is suspended for the time being.

Name Depository.
The commissioners in their meeting here designated the Union Trust company as depository for county funds and took precautions, which some counties, it is said, have not made, to assure themselves of the safety of county money.

In designating the bank to be used as depository for county funds the commissioners required the bank to give a surety bond of \$50,000 in United States government bonds or other safe bonds.

In Charlotte Bank.
The Union Trust company met the requirements of the officials by placing \$50,000 worth of government bonds in the American Trust company at Charlotte as a surety bond.

Wrong Date Line Causes Stir Here

"Shelby Pastor," Man Who Had Never Lived Here, Reported Dead.

Shelby Presbyterians and Shelby Masons were perplexed Monday and Tuesday to know that a former minister of the Presbyterian church and a high official of the Masonic order had died in Shelby without representatives of either organization visiting him during his fatal illness.

Their perplexed queries brought out the information that such hadn't happened. It was merely a newspaper error on the part of Charlotte's two daily papers.

Monday morning's Charlotte Observer carried a news item under a Shelby date-line stating that Rev. John S. Wood, native Englishman, retired Presbyterian minister of note and a former official of the Masonic lodge had died here. The afternoon paper carried approximately the same story also under a Shelby date-line. The heading over one of the two items referred to the death of a "Shelby Pastor."

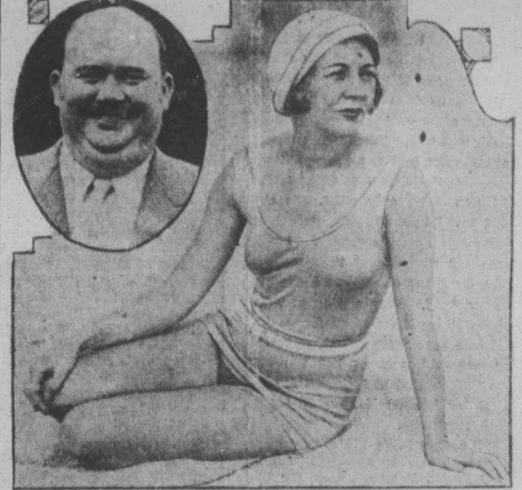
The fact of the matter was that Rev. Mr. Wood never lived in Shelby and never served a pastorate here. He lived in recent years in Forest City and died there. By some error, naturally an inadvertent one, the news story was carried as coming from Shelby instead of from Forest City.

Catch Three Rabbits With Bare Hands

C. M. Crow is entitled to membership in the "Tall Story Club" of Lowell Thomas, radio broadcaster, for Mr. Crow brings this one to town from No. 1 township. He and his two boys and John Davis use their hands instead of dogs to catch wild rabbits.

While grubbing in a field the other day, a rabbit which had been chased by dogs until he was tired came into the old field where the men were working. They picked him up easily. Looking round they found two more rabbits in the same field and caught them with very little footwork. Mr. Crow and his boys, for that dogs are useless for rabbit hunting,

Jazz King and Mate Apart



The loveliest romance on Broadway has ended, according to the report that Paul Whiteman, king of jazz, and his wife, Vanda Hoff, the dancer, are separated. While Paul is in Indianapolis with his

McSwain Offers Bill To Tax All Retail Merchants; Shot At Chain Stores, He States

Tax Would Be Levied On Scale Basis According To Volume Of Business.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Senator Peyton McSwain, of Shelby, attracted interest in the Senate here yesterday by introducing a bill, another "sales tax" measure, in which he proposes to tax all retail merchants in North Carolina.

Hard Times A Blow To Cupid

Among the up-and-coming young men of the community who is just as anxious, if not more so, for more business to perk up and for general prosperity to reign again is a young fellow by the name of Dan Cupid.

Matrimonial business is on the toboggan heretobore, and has been since the young new year, resembling, as cartooned, Dan Cupid himself, made his entry.
In January marriage licenses were issued at the county court house here to just two couples. And February has started sliding along without a single entry being made on the marriage record.

County League To Meet At Lawndale

The Cleveland County Epworth League union will meet at Lawndale Methodist church Friday night at 7:30 p. m. The Lawndale league will give a program. An address will be given by Rev. E. E. Snow, president of the Gastonia District League Union, on the subject "The Pastor's Relation to the Young People's Work." Every league in the county is urged to attend this meeting.

Golf Meeting.
A meeting of all members of the Cleveland Springs golf club will be held at the Hotel Charles Thursday night at 8 o'clock, immediately after the Kiwanis program.

Legion Doing Wrong To Deride Andrew Mellon For Opposition To Vets' Bonus, Jonas Thinks

Lincolnton Congressman Quoted As Saying "Fool Friends" Are Injuring Cause.

The fact that American Legion posts in North Carolina and other ex-service men, including those of Shelby, have criticized Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury and alleged boss of the Republican party, isn't sitting so well with Congressman Chas. A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, Republican national committeeman for North Carolina.

Mr. Jonas was quoted in yesterday's Charlotte Observer as saying that the passage of the veterans bonus measure might be seriously endangered unless the American Legion can stop "its fool friends" from criticizing Mr. Mellon.

Hold Boy And Widow Of Man In Death Case

Rutherford Couple Get No Bail

One Witness Says Mrs. Lynch Met Searcy Three Times At His Home.

(Special to The Star.)

Rutherfordton, Feb. 4.—Mrs. John M. Lynch and John Paul Searcy, 19-year-old farm hand who once worked on the Lynch farm, were ordered held without bail by a coroner's jury here yesterday until a superior court grand jury takes action in connection with the killing of the woman's husband Sunday night a week ago.

Lynch, prominent middle-aged farmer, was, according to evidence, called to his front door and shot to death. Searcy was arrested the next day and the widow several days thereafter.

Met Each Other.
One portion of evidence before the coroner's jury which attracted considerable attention was the statement of a witness that Mrs. Lynch and the young farm hand had been meeting each other at his home.

After the coroner's jury ordered that the couple be held for grand jury action, attorneys for Mrs. Lynch and Searcy indicated they would ask for an immediate hearing under a writ of habeas corpus in order to effect the release of the woman and the youth from jail under bond.

Sheriff Testifies.
Sheriff McFarland told of investigating the murder and the story Mrs. Lynch told of someone's shouting, just before the shots were fired, "John Lynch, if you don't treat your family better, I'll kill you." Jack Lynch, 14, and Jeanette Lynch, 8, children of the Lynches, told practically the same story as their mother told.

Andy Gosnell of near Weaverville, who lived on the Lynch farm from March, 1930, to January, 1931, told of threats of killing made by Searcy last year and said he and Searcy had been talking about Lynch. He told of Mrs. Lynch's meeting Searcy three times at his home.

Quarrelled Over Man.
Gosnell also told of quarrels he said the farmer and his wife had over the young farm hand and of the purported statement of Mrs. Lynch that Searcy was the "only true friend" she had had "in the last two years."

Patterson Bound To Higher Court
Ella Mill Employee To Superior Court On False Entry Charge.

In county court this morning Lem Patterson, employe of the Ella mill for years, was bound over to Superior court under a \$3,000 bond on a false entry charge.

The allegations advanced at the preliminary hearing were that Patterson, cotton weigher at the mill, had issued tickets for cotton which had never been received by the mill. Checks to Jim Camp were issued for these tickets, it was alleged. The case developed after Camp, who is serving on the chain gang, confessed his connection with the alleged affair.

Parents-Teachers To Observe Event

The Shelby Parent-Teacher association council, headed by Mrs. John Schenck, Jr., is arranging an elaborate program for Parent-Teacher association founders day, February 17. The meeting will be held at the high school at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. The high school band will play and some entertainment feature will be scheduled for each elementary school. The general theme will be "An Adequate Program of Education for Shelby." A good audience is expected.

GRASS FIRE SCORCHES GARAGE THIS AFTERNOON

A grass fire near the garage at the Mrs. P. L. Hennessy residence brought out the city fire truck about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The only damage resulted from the scorching of the garage building.