

THE MARKET
Cotton, per lb. 9 1/2 to 10 1/4
Cotton Seed, per bu. 34 1/2

Fair And Warmer.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight, Saturday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer in extreme west portion.

New Speed Record.
Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 6.—Captain Malcolm Campbell, 46-year-old British racing car driver, yesterday established a new world's automobile speed record of 245.733 miles an hour on the sands of the natural beach speedway here.

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Spring Weather Has Turned Minds Of Sportsmen To Fishing, Squirrel Season Out.

Hunters of Cleveland county have just one more week in which to hunt birds and rabbits. Both seasons end on February 15, it is announced by H. C. Long, county game warden.

The squirrel season is already out ending the first of the month.

Birds Scarce.

It was not such a big hunting season for the sportsmen of this section. In this territory birds were scarcer than in many years and hunters have little hopes for next some time and prevented trips to make conditions more suitable for birds. The heavy snow also kept many hunters out of the fields for some time and prevented trips to other sections where quail is more plentiful.

Fishing Weather.

The weather of last week caused numerous Isaak Waltons in Cleveland county to drag out their rods and reels and other fishing paraphernalia. Fishing licenses have already arrived and can be secured at both the Cleveland hardware and the Farmers hardware, the game warden states.

Legion Urges That Veterans Join Body

Every New Member Will Add To Chances Of Getting Cash Bonus Now.

Members of the Warren Hovle Legion post here are urging that every veteran of the World War join the Legion at once, declaring that every new member adds to the chances of securing a cash bonus now for all veterans.

A wire from the district commander of the Legion quotes the State commander, Gen. Johnson, as saying he is "convinced that it is imperative that every post secure full membership quota prior to February 14 in order that the Legion's disabled and cash bonus legislation be successfully enacted at this session of Congress. Redouble your efforts to secure every eligible member before fourteenth. Success of bonus depends on Legion membership."

Declares Newspaper Advertising As Best

New York, Feb. 4.—Arthur D. Price, sales manager of the Namm store in Brooklyn, accused his colleagues of unprofitable and wasteful forms of advertising, and urged them to do away with such methods, in a speech before the National Retail Dry Goods association. "Newspaper advertising," he said, "is the backbone of our publicity structure. We find it receiving 70 per cent of our total publicity expenditure in the large stores of today, a percentage, should, I think be higher—yet much of it is wasted." He described as "really worth while" only one or two other media of publicity, and said, "There is far too much disposition of department store publicity dollars in fruits and fads that cannot hope to bring business."

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MAIL BOX (10 ADVANCE) \$2.00
CITY (10 ADVANCE) \$2.00

Officers Probe Report Of Jim Lowery Again

Killed Police Chief Here In 1901

Man Who Killed Officer Has Not Been Found In Period Of Thirty Years.

Interest in a manhunt that has lasted over a period of three decades was revived here recently when Police Chief Poston received a tip that a negro resembling Jim Lowery was living in a Southern state.

Jim Lowery killed Police Chief Shelt Jones here in 1901, just 37 years ago. Since that time he has evaded the law, but scores of times and in scores of places people have thought they had located Lowery only to have their clues fall through.

In 1928 investigation of a negro living at Mobile, Ala., caused many to believe that the negro was Lowery. So closely did the Mobile negro resemble the description of Lowery that two officers and two men who knew Lowery made the trip to Alabama. The officers were Police Chief Richards and Fire Chief Roach. The two men accompanying them were Will Carroll, of Shelby, and Ed Dorsey, of Foyers' City, Carroll was positive the Mobile negro was not Lowery. Dorsey was not so sure about it, but identification was not definite enough to bring the negro here.

May Be Dead.

Again hundreds of people in this section reiterated their belief that Lowery would never be caught. A big percentage believe that Lowery, has been dead for years.

Officers are none too enthusiastic over the latest tip. They've been fooled to often in 30 years by such tips, but, nevertheless, they are making some investigation.

Until he finds out something, Police Chief Poston will not make public the name of the point in the South where the negro now being investigated lives. The tip came to police headquarters here from a man who knew something about the Jones killing and who had heard the negro in question say that he was wanted elsewhere for a murder committed many years ago.

Grover Woman Dies Leaves Large Family

Mrs. W. L. Blackburn Succumbs To Heart Attack, Bury Today At Bethlehem.

Mrs. Fannie Blackburn, wife of W. L. Blackburn, prominent farmer of Grover, died Thursday morning at 3:30 o'clock from a heart trouble. She was 38 years of age and was married 20 years ago. Surviving are her husband and eight children: Irene, Clyde, Grier, Violet, Mary Sue, J. B. Edgar and Laura. Three children are dead. Also surviving are one brother, three half brothers and two half sisters.

The funeral took place this afternoon, services being conducted by Revs. Denby and Furcron. She was a faithful member of the Grover Baptist church, having joined 25 years ago. Interment was at the Bethlehem church cemetery.

State Farmers May Be Selling Off Too Much Poultry, Hogs In Desire To Get Cash Money

Extension Workers At State Believe Planters Too Anxious For Cash Income.

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Farmers of the state have sold off too many brood sows and have depleted their poultry flocks to too great an extent, according to N. C. State college extension workers, who have completed the holding of meetings in practically every county of the state since January 6th. Surveys of the various counties show that farmers have decreased the number of brood sows due to the fact that they did not visualize the situation; the lack of proper records seems to have resulted in a decrease in many counties of poultry flocks.

It is regrettable, says the extension specialists, that farmers have sold off many brood sows, so as to get a little cash money, at a time when corn, now selling at a very low price, can be profitably fed to their hogs and marketed "in the skin" rather than in the bag. The decrease in the number of brood sows means that farmers will deny themselves of this opportunity of making a profit on corn by feeding the grain

How Many Cars On Road Here?

Is Heaviest Traffic Out Of Shelby To The West or East?

On which portion of highway 20 is traffic the heaviest: Between Shelby and Kings Mountain or between Shelby and Mooresboro?

Go ahead and take a guess on it before you read further.

Most people will guess that there is more traffic between Shelby and Kings Mountain than between Shelby and Mooresboro.

Highway Figures.

Such isn't the case. Over 100 more cars and vehicles travel the portion of the road west of Shelby than the portion to the east. Believe it or not, but that's what the state highway commission's semi-annual highway census shows.

This census was made on January 7, every vehicle being counted as it passed several designated points in each of the nine highway districts.

The highest traffic point in this, the eighth district, was on highway 10 between Valdese and Connelly Springs. Nine hundred and eighty-eight vehicles passed during the day.

The second highest was on highway 20 between Shelby and Mooresboro where 942 vehicles passed. The third high point was between Shelby and Kings Mountain with 825 vehicles.

The highest traffic point in the state was between Raleigh and Cary where 3,897 vehicles passed in one day.

Presbyterians Get Ready For Services

Loyalty Sunday Feb. 8, Noted Blind Minister Coming For Revival.

A joint meeting of the elders and deacons of the Shelby Presbyterian church designated Sunday, February 8, as "Loyalty Sunday" for the local congregation. Effort is being made to enlist the attendance of every member at the Sunday morning service. The Sunday school is out for a record attendance. Every member of the church is being urged to give sympathetic cooperation to this special program.

The united effort on Sunday is one of many to be made in preparation for an evangelistic meeting under the leadership of Rev. R. G. McLees, D. D., of Chatham, Va. Dr. McLees is regarded as one of the most deeply spiritual and devotional preachers in the southern church. His methods are sane and sensible, free from sensation and obnoxious features, with no embarrassment to the converted or the unconverted. Every one who hears him will be gripped by the spiritual power of his message. The date of the meeting is February 22 to March 5. Every organization in the church is setting itself in order for the coming of this noted blind minister. The religious leaders of the community are asked to share the benefits of this meeting with the Presbyterians.

He Was an Infant During War of 1812



Ben Hodge, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., has been living all his 118 years in the same simple surroundings in which he was born during the days when the infant United States was fighting Great Britain the second time. His chief pals are his dog and gun.

Mrs. Witherspoon Buried Thursday

Was 73 Years of Age And Had Been Living In Shelby About Ten Years.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Frances Witherspoon was held Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock with her pastor, Rev. N. D. Yount, of Bersemae City in charge. Mrs. Witherspoon died at her home on N. LaFayette street Wednesday night at 11 o'clock following a protracted illness from a complication of troubles.

Deceased was born and reared in Lincoln county and was 73 years of age at the time of her death. She was married to Joseph Witherspoon in 1892. He died in 1902 and ten years ago she came to Shelby to make her home. Mrs. Witherspoon was a faithful and loyal member of the Lutheran church, a charter member of the local church body.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Emery Farris of Shelby, Mrs. Herbert Sigmon of Newton, and Miss Willie Witherspoon, of Shelby. Six brothers and two sisters also survive: Alonzo Lutz of Lincoln county, Benjamin Lutz of Stanley Creek, Andrew Lutz of Belmont, Alfred Lutz of Newton, Sidney Lutz of California, Eli Lutz of Colorado, Mrs. Malinda Houser of Lincoln, Mrs. Annie Reep of Gastonia.

Her mother, Mrs. Rose Ann Lutz is still living at the old homestead near Newton and will be 99 years of age the first of next May. The family has many warm friends and are grateful for the kindness shown them by their neighbors.

Tate Sentenced In Murder Trial

Cliffside Man Goes To Dix Hill For Killing His Wife.

Rutherford, Feb. 6.—Geo. Tate, aged 40, former Cliffside man, was sentenced to the criminal insane department of the state asylum at Dix Hill, Raleigh, Wednesday afternoon by Judge Hoyte Slink, for the murder of his wife on October 30, 1930. The case was taken up by the court Monday morning and was concluded Tuesday afternoon. The jury was asked to decide if the defendant was insane at the time of the murder and whether sane or insane at the present. The decision of the jury was that he was sane at the time of the murder, but was insane at the present, thereupon he was sentenced to the state asylum for criminals.

Tate killed his wife at noon on October 30, while she was on her way home from her work at the Cliffside Mills. After shooting her he attempted to take his own life.

Joint Meeting Of Vets And Auxiliary

Spanish-American Veterans And Relatives Gather Monday Night.

A joint meeting of the Spanish-American war veterans of Cleveland county and the Spanish-American auxiliary members will be held Monday night at the court house here at 7:30 o'clock. Officers will be installed at this meeting and former Sheriff Hugh A. Logan, commander of the Junius T. Gardiner camp, urges that all attend.

Operating Now.

All the machinery and equipment of the Shelby Dry Cleaning plant, has been installed in the firm's new location, adjoining Best's bakery on West Marion street, and the plant is now operating on its regular schedule.

Another Bill To Help East Retain Power

Less Population But More Senators

Proposal of Johnson Seen as Move to Permit Eastern Carolina To Dominate.

M. E. DUNNAGAN, Star News Bureau.

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The clause "and no county shall be entitled to more than one senator" in the bill introduced by Senator Rivers D. Johnson of Duplin, Wednesday calling for an election to change Sec. 2, article 4 of the constitution, is pointed to by westerners as just another shrewd method of keeping the generally sparsely settled but politically strong east in the saddle and ward off the "natural results of the increasing population in the piedmont and western sections.

That is the only change that would be made in the constitution by the Duplin senator's bill. The same provisions as to senators for an equal number of inhabitants, "contiguous territory and other features are continued. The present is that "no county shall be divided in the formation of a senate district, unless such county shall be equitably entitled to two or more senators." The latter half of this quotation is omitted in the Johnson proposal and for it is substituted "no county shall be entitled to more than one senator."

Announcement was made several months ago that, as a result of the new census figures, Guilford and Mecklenburg are entitled to two senators each, while Durham and Wake counties, now in districts, are each entitled to one senator. Buncome, Gaston and Robeson already elect one senator each and are due to continue, while Rowan and Pitt counties, now electing a senator each, drop slightly below the population average of 63,346 people to the senator. Forsyth misses a new senator by 15,000 people, and would doubtless increase to the required number and proportion in another decade.

Westerners see in the Johnson bill a desire to prevent Mecklenburg and Guilford, and later Forsyth, and possibly still later other populous piedmont counties, from securing their just and proportionate representation in the state senate, in accordance with their continued increase in population. This is one of the measures which, it was predicted, would be proposed to help the

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To Increase Board At Kings Mountain

(Special To The Star.)

Kings Mountain, Feb. 6.—A bill providing for an increase in the membership of the Kings Mountain school board from three to five members is to be introduced at an early date. The local school board is proposing the increase in order that East Kings Mountain may have representation on the board.

The proposed legislation provides also that the treasurer of the school fund be bonded to an amount of five thousand dollars or more and requires that school funds be paid into the hands of the school treasurer at stated intervals.

A petition for the enactment of the above legislation has been signed by the local school board, the mayor, and members of the city council and placed in the hands of Mr. Edwards, representative from this county.

Mr. Beam Home After Hospital Experience

Mr. D. A. Beam has been dismissed from the Shelby hospital and now at his home on N. Washington street. He was a patient at the hospital for four weeks undergoing treatment and is very much improved. His many friends will be pleased to learn.

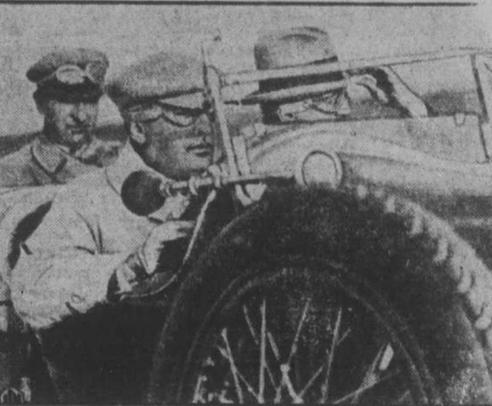
Clint Newton Again Confined To Bed

J. Clint Newton, county attorney, who is suffering with a peculiar kidney trouble, is again confined to his bed at his home on W. Marion street. Mr. Newton has been in intense pain and unable to be at his office for several days.

Large Hoot Owl Caught At Hollis

C. J. Irvin, of Hollis Route 1, was exhibiting in Shelby one of the largest hoot owls ever seen in this section. It measured 54 inches from tip to tip of the wings and was estimated to be about 20 years of age. It was captured recently.

Mussolini at Wheel



Benito Mussolini has long been noted as an auto driver in Italy. He is shown above at the wheel of his high-powered racing roadster, a picture that gains new interest because of stories recently published alleging to confirm the fact that the Italian Dictator killed a child while driving. It was such a story that led to instituting the court-martial of Brigadier-General Smedley Butler.

Involve Corporation Commission In Trials Centering On Failure Of Six Rutherford County Banks

One Witness On Stand All Day Yesterday, Hoyt Handles Defense Case.

Rutherford, Feb. 6.—The following men were drawn as a jury from the special venire of 60 citizens brought from Cleveland county for the bank trials in superior court here: E. L. Holland, J. B. Hamrick, A. J. Dedmon, J. E. Randall, Tom Cornwell, Grady McSwain, C. H. Wright, James B. Horn, A. P. Ramsey, Grady Wilson, E. G. Roberts and D. L. Martin.

Rutherford, Feb. 6.—The trial of five defendants of the defunct Rutherford County Bank and Trust Co.—J. L. Taylor, president; W. B. Walker, cashier; and K. S. Tanner, S. E. Elmore and T. F. Oats—went forward here all day yesterday before Judge Hoyte Slink.

Dr. John B. Biggs, liquidating agent, was on the stand all day. Solicitor J. W. Pleas led the questioning for the state until noon, while Clyde R. Hoyt, attorney for the defendants, cross-examined the witness all afternoon.

When Solicitor Pleas asked the witness if the bank was insolvent when he took charge, an hour's argument followed by attorneys of both sides as to what constitutes insolvency.

Commission Secured.

Charles W. Tillett, of Charlotte, one of the attorneys for the defendants, argued that the bank was reorganized solvent by the state corporation commission when it was examined December 4, 1929, by state bank examiners, two months before it closed. Mr. Tillett read the law specifying the duties of the corporation commission.

Solicitor Pleas replied that he was ready to help prosecute the state corporation commission if it was guilty of violating the law and that evening if it did violate the law such action did not excuse the defendants from violating it.

Insolvent Before Close.

Dr. Biggs said the bank was insolvent when he took charge March 24, 1930, also that it was insolvent February 1, 1930, and January 25, 1930.

Reports of bank examiners for the year 1928 of the bank was read and discussed in court. Signatures of officials who signed statements were identified. Notes and collateral of the defendants were also read.

Dowell Warns That School Bill Will Bring Sales Tax That Will Touch Everyone And Hit The Poor

Would Impose Burden, He Says, On Those Least Able To Pay.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—A general sales tax on everything and touching everybody, imposing the greatest burden on those least able to pay it, is almost sure to result if the general assembly goes ahead with its effort to provide enough revenue to support the six months school term without any tax on property, according to Willard Dowell, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' association. "I am in favor of helping the schools all we can and the merchants of the state have been and still are in favor of schools and educational progress," said Mr. Dowell. "But we do not believe that business and industry should be crippled or penalized by having to bear the complete burden of the cost of the six months school term, as would be the case if the MacLean bill should be put into effect. Business and industry has been bearing its share of the cost of the schools in the state and is willing to continue to do so. But we do not think that

Try To Solve Mystery Find In River Here

Suit Case, Bloody Garments Found

Foul Play Suspected By Officers After Finding Clothing Of Woman.

The finding Sunday in Second Broad river of a suit case containing feminine apparel and a bloody sheet resulted in a fruitless four days' effort on the part of local officers to fathom what officers believe to be foul play, it was announced today by Sheriff Irvin Allen.

The mysterious suit case was found, wedged between two rocks in the river a short distance below Weaver bridge, by J. W. Ganit, of the Pleasant Hill section. Mr. Ganit informed officers of the find and since that time the river as well as adjoining sections have been searched with the idea that a body might be found.

No Definite Clue.

It was admitted at the sheriff's office today that no definite clue to a crime could be found and that there was no sound basis upon which to suspect that a murder had been committed. Officers, however, are of the opinion that something of a shady nature was transacted in that section Saturday night. Public announcement of the finding of the suit case was made with the hopes of unearthing something that might aid officers in their efforts to solve the mystery.

The suit case contained a woman's pajamas, bloomers, silk hose, bed room slippers, face powders, soap, oranges, tangerines and peanuts, a bloody new sheet and rubberized cloth.

The sheet was very bloody but the other articles, with the exception of one that was stained, were immaculate. At first officers were of the opinion that an infant had been made away with, but they cannot understand why the packed suit case should have been tossed in the river.

Wrappers on some of the clothing bore the firm names of Belk's and Efrid's stores, while the peanuts were in a package that bore the address of some "—burg, South Carolina." The first part of the name of the city was torn away and the package may have come from Blacksburg or Spartanburg.

Appal Webb's Indian Ruling

Decision Holding Lands Of Cherokee Indians Taxable To Higher Court.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The Indian bureau has indicated it will recommend to Secretary Wilbur that the decision of United States Judge E. Y. Webb of the western district of North Carolina, holding Cherokee Indian land taxable, be appealed.

The Indian bureau's recommendation would be submitted, if approved, to the department of justice, which would prosecute the appeal.

Judge Webb in a recent opinion handed down at Shelby, declared that the act of congress passed in 1924, holding the land untaxable, was unconstitutional. Approximately 60,000 acres in Swain, Jackson and Monroe counties are affected with back taxes totaling approximately \$75,000.

Waldrop And Girl On Kiwanis Program

The attendance committee had charge of the Kiwanis program last night and the entertainment was furnished by Rev. H. E. Waldrop and his daughter, Miss Ruth Waldrop of the Boiling Springs junior college faculty. Mr. Waldrop spoke briefly on the fellowship and understanding which men get in contact with each other. Miss Waldrop gave two delightful readings. The attendance is holding up well with the club and a good program is in store for next week.

Branton Child Dies Of Pneumonia Here

Peggy Joyce, three week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Worth Branton, died Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of the child's grandfather Mr. Clarence McMurry on Sumter street where Mr. and Mrs. Branton make their home. The little child developed double pneumonia and was sick only a short while. Funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock from the residence by Dr. Zeno Wall and interment was in Sunset cemetery.