

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

Colder Weather.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy and cooler tonight. Tuesday fair and colder.

Cannon Cleared.
Washington, Feb. 8.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., today stood cleared of charges brought against him by four ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, south, but at least one of the accusing churchmen believes the result a "blunder." As the militant prohibition leader prepared to resume his church activities as soon as his health permits, Dr. Costen J. Harrell, one of the four who filed the charges, said they were doubly sure they were right after hearing the evidence. Harrell, a Richmond (Va.) pastor, said the evidence included "some very astonishing admissions by Bishop Cannon. The committee did not vote with us," he added, "but time will doubtless reveal their blunder."

Start Drive To Keep Golf Club Here Operating

Plan Country Club Method Now

May Add Social Affairs at Club House To Present Golf Club.

Shelby citizens interested in maintaining the golf course and country club house at Cleveland Springs will gather at a dinner to be held Tuesday evening, February 17, at the Hotel Charles.

At that time the future of the golf club will be worked out and all citizens desirous of retaining an asset that has meant much to the city are asked to attend and help work out necessary plans.

One idea advanced is that the club house at the golf course be transformed into the country club plan where ladies of the town may stage small parties and teas, and where a general get-together community meeting place may be available at all times. At present the club house is used only as a locker room, club house, and for showers. The plan of centering quite a bit of the city's social life there in connection with the golfing phase has met with approval so far.

The course is now in good condition and promises to be in better shape this spring than ever before. During the winter golfing interest was at a low ebb here, but the meeting on the 17th is expected to stir up new enthusiasm which will result in an active year at Cleveland Springs. If the country club method works out, it is planned to have a continuous series of tournaments for men and women and with teams from neighboring towns and cities.

"Shelby," says one citizen behind the movement to install new interest in the golf club, "was one of the first towns in this section to have a golf course, and from it we have received valuable advertising. We have one of the best courses in the two Carolinas and it is such a worthwhile asset to the city. In addition to the sport for those who play, that we cannot afford to permit it to run down upon us."

Widow Given Bond Of \$5,000
Mrs. Lynch Out On Bail. Young Farm Hand Fails To Raise Bond.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Hibernia J. Lynch, widow of John Lynch, well known farmer who was shot at his home on the night of January 25, was released from jail here Saturday afternoon under a \$5,000 bond.

Both defendants were given a hearing here at the clerk of superior court's office before Judge Hoyte Slink, who is presiding here, under a writ of habeas corpus.

Judge Slink announced his decision after he had read the evidence submitted before the coroner's jury here Tuesday afternoon and Solicitor Pless announced that he found no new developments. There was no new evidence submitted. Both defendants appeared in the court room but did not go on the stand. Judge Slink stated that they should be held, but would be allowed to give bond in the sum of \$5,000 each.

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For Bargains, And Most of You Are, Turn to Page Seven and read

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Bill To Consolidate 3 Offices Here Passes House After Being Altered Slightly From Original

Office Is Appointive Not Elective

Highway Battle In Limelight At Raleigh. Governor On Air Tonight.

M. R. DUNNAGAN
Star News Bureau

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Hardly had the smoke of battle on the six months state operation school bill cleared away and the education committee of house and senate buckled down to try to find the additional \$11,000,000 to \$13,000,000 it requires, before the road proposal, one of Governor Gardner's major measures, sprang into the center of the stage of the North Carolina general assembly, and gives promises of being one of the big contests of this week.

Two bills were introduced last Friday, one carrying the governor's recommendations, the other continuing the present highway method, but with changes. Only one provision is the same in both bills—a 1-cent tax on gasoline, of which two cents go to the county roads, but by different routes.

On Radio.
Governor Gardner will make a radio address tonight urging citizens of the State, who desire tax reduction, to have their representatives support his road program.

General provisions in the Gardner bill are well known. It would abolish the nine highway districts and the nine commissioners, making the state a single district and the commission state-wide with a chairman, received \$7,500 a year for full time, and four commissioners receiving \$10 a day while on duty. The state would take over the 45,000 miles of county highways and maintain them with two cents of the gasoline tax and a million dollars additional each year. The state would take over all highway machinery and all county convicts and use them for highway work. The counties would still have to take care of their road bonds and interest.

The other bill leaves the commission as it is, abolishes all of the county, township and district road boards, returning road matters to county commissioners. The two cents on gasoline, about \$6,000,000 a year, plus another million, would go to the counties, prorated on a basis of one-third on area, one-third on population and one-third on number of registered automobiles. Two or more counties may join as a road district.

Many Protests.
Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, president of the U. S. Good Roads association, continued his attack on the Gardner plan at a meeting of county commissioners in Raleigh last Thursday, when an organization was formed and a resolution adopted to oppose the plan. About 150 persons, representing about half of the counties, were present. All of

Ella Mill Resumes Night Operation Here

Night work was resumed last week at the Ella Mill, a branch unit of the Consolidated Textile corporation. For a number of weeks this plant was not operating at night. Now, all of the textile plants in Shelby and suburbs are running practically full time as there is a noticeable improvement in business.

Business Picks Up In Western Carolina; Plants Resume Work New Buildings To Be Erected

Banks Reopening and Others Increased Operations Bring Spirit of Optimism.

Asheville, Feb. 9.—News dispatches received from various sections of Western North Carolina gave strength to the opinion of business men that business was regaining its status of a year ago.

The improvement seemed to be general throughout this section of the state and was expected in conditions to follow in Asheville. The outlook for spring despite problems yet to be solved, is considerably brighter than what was anticipated two months ago. A list of the developments contributing to the situation is as follows: The Doncaster Collar and Shirt

Judge Sentences His Own Client

Former County Judge Horace Kennedy sentenced his own client in county court here Saturday.

The former judge was appearing for a defendant who was charged with non-support. The evidence moved along and it developed that the defendant had been tried once before for non-support and had been given a suspended sentence of 6 months by Judge Kennedy. When Judge Maurice Weathers, who heard that he told Attorney Kennedy, who was Judge Kennedy, "I'll not be hard on your man, I'll just let him take that six months you suspended over him."

Chicken Thieves Get Road Terms

Four Negroes Convicted, One Gets Gang Term of Twelve Months.

Four new hands went to work this week on the No. 6 chain gang as the result of chicken stealing activities in the county last week. Three of the four, all negro youths received sentences of six months each while the fourth, tried on two charges, received a term of one year.

Clarence Boyd drew six months for taking several chickens from Mr. Bert Houser. The three others, Gene Griffin, "Boy" Watson and Mose Bracey were convicted of stealing from the roosts of Pink Wood and Tom Webb. Bracey received the 12 months sentence. The sale of the stolen chickens to a local poultry house resulted in the arrests made.

Wanted For Theft Of Turkey, Nabbed With Stolen Auto

Colored Man Caught At Lincolnton With Auto Of B. B. Harris.

If local officers had been able to catch L. J. Monroe, colored, Saturday, he would be in jail here charged with stealing chickens and a turkey, but as he was not caught until last night, he is now in jail facing an automobile larceny charge.

Monroe was said to have been a member of the chicken stealing gang which was tried in county court here Saturday before Judge Maurice Weathers. In the round-up Monroe escaped. Sunday evening an automobile belonging to B. B. Harris was stolen at the J. R. Gold home, north of Shelby. Officers were notified and they notified officers in nearby towns to be on the lookout for the car. Sunday night Lincolnton policemen arrested Monroe with the automobile. He was returned here by Police Chief Poston and Deputy Bob Kendrick. In the chicken stealing affair Monroe's alleged pals received sentences of six and 12 months. Officers say they will try Monroe for stealing chickens as well as for stealing the auto.

\$1 Now Worth 1930's \$1.25

Prices Now Lower Than Any Time Since 1915, Says Bradstreet's.

Those Cleveland county citizens who have a dollar in their pockets today have enough money to purchase what \$1.25 would have bought just a year ago.

Bradstreet's, the New York firm that assembles and disseminates financial information, passes out the comforting news that each dollar today has the purchasing power in raw commodity of \$1.25 a year ago. Bradstreet's monthly commodity price index, as just announced for Feb. 1, showed a decline of about 2 percent from Jan. 1, of more than 19 percent from Feb. 1, 1930, and a drop of 35 percent from Dec. 1, 1925. Lowest in 6 Years. This indicates the lowest level of commodity prices since January 1, 1915.

Mrs. Thomas Lewis Of Fallston Dies

Was Victim of Heart Trouble After Illness of Five Months. Buried Today.

Mrs. Thomas Lewis, age 63 and a half years, died Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at her home at Fallston, following an illness of five months with heart trouble. Mrs. Lewis was a member of Friendship Methodist church, Fallston, and a highly esteemed woman in that community. Deceased is survived by her husband and the following children: Lemmie and Andrew Lewis, of Shelby, Mrs. Rachel Costner, Charlie, Johnnie, Lee, James and Hessie Lewis, of Fallston.

Funeral services were conducted today by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Morgan, and interment was in the cemetery at Friendship Methodist Protestant church of which she was a faithful member.

May Send Man To See Negro Thought To Be Jim Lowery

Negro On Gang In Southern State Has Split Toe As Did Police Slayer.

A Shelby man, who remembers Jim Lowery as the negro was when he killed Police Chief Shelt Jones here 30 years ago, says this week visit a chain gang in a Southern state to see if the negro serving time there is Lowery.

Some time ago Police Chief Poston received a message from this State saying that the negro there admitted being wanted somewhere for murder. His description was similar to what many people believe Lowery would look like today, if he is still living.

One item in the description of the negro in question stated that he had a split toe. Old timers here remember that Lowery had such a toe.

World Day Prayer Observance Here

The World Day of Prayer will be observed this year in Shelby with a union service to be held at the Presbyterian church on February 20. The observance of the World Day of Prayer originated several years ago and churches of all denominations take part in it. The public is invited to participate in the union service being planned for the 20th.

Willis McMurry In Hospital Now

Mr. Willis McMurry, superintendent of the Belmont cotton mill, who entered the eye, ear, nose and throat hospital at Charlotte Thursday for treatment for mastoid trouble, was reported to be somewhat better yesterday. Two of his children have just recovered from influenza and the third child has practically recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Galloway Improves, Ill With Pneumonia

The many Shelby friends of Mr. Archie H. Galloway, former advertising manager of the Gilmer's store here, will be pleased to hear that he is somewhat improved in his illness with pneumonia. He now lives at Martinsville, Va., where he is advertising manager on The Henry Bulletin.

King Case Up March 15; New Lawyers Added

Lancaster Attorney To Aid State

Case Will Not Be Taken Up At Term Opening February 23 At Lancaster.

York, Feb. 9.—Positive announcement of the Rafe King murder case will not take place in Lancaster at the term of court beginning there February 23 was made here today by Solicitor W. Gist Finley. The short length of the term, only one week, and the necessity of trying Lancaster jail cases preclude the hearing of the King case.

The King trial will take place at a special term of court for Lancaster to begin most likely March 16, according to Solicitor Finley. This tentative date for the special term may possibly be changed after conferences of the state's attorneys to be held soon.

A new member of the prosecuting counsel is Claud N. Sapp of Columbia and Lancaster, who has just been retained by the state. The defense has added to its legal staff by retaining Williams and Stewart of Lancaster.

Prominent Baptist Passes In Raleigh

Dr. Johnson, Editor And Minister, Dead. Funeral Service Today.

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Dr. Livingstone Johnson, beloved Baptist leader in North Carolina and for 15 years editor of the Biblical Recorder, the denomination's paper in this state, died of heart disease at his home here at 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Dr. Johnson, a leader in the Southern Baptist church, had suffered from heart disease several years. He was 73 years of age and had been an officer of his church for 42 years. Since Tuesday Dr. Johnson had been confined to his bed, but Saturday he dictated an editorial. Daily he continued his editorial duties on the Baptist paper though his life was despaired of after a serious heart attack last June.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Monday morning from the Baptist church of which Dr. Johnson was a member. Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Greensboro, and president of the state Baptist convention, assisted by Dr. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the church, officiated. Interment was in Oakwood cemetery.

For 13 years as a young man Dr. Johnson served in the Baptist church as pastor and then, prior to becoming editor of the Biblical Recorder, served as corresponding secretary of the Baptist state convention for 15 years.

Served Number Of Churches. During his 13 years as a pastor Dr. Johnson served churches in a number of North Carolina places. The growth and expansion of the Baptist church under the leadership of Dr. Johnson as corresponding secretary proved him the equal, if not the superior of any who have occupied that position.

Rutherford Gets New Shirt Factory

Plant Will Employ Around 75 To 100 Persons, With Annual Payroll Of Nearly \$50,000.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 9.—Rutherfordton will get a new factory or industrial plant which is expected to start this week and will be located on Main Street over a local printing office and the store formerly occupied by Andrew Harrell.

The plant will manufacture shirts. The new factory is being incorporated under the laws of North Carolina as the Doncaster Collar and Shirt Co., with an authorized capital of \$100,000; \$75,000 common stock and \$25,000 preferred stock.

The Harrell store building is being enlarged so that the main body of the plant will have a working room of ninety feet long. The second story will be mainly for a storage room. When the plants gets going in full it will employ from 70 to 100 women and girls with a weekly payroll of about \$1,000 or an annual payroll of around \$50,000.

Sport of Kings Thrills Rudy



Rudy Vallee, who can croon and croon while feminine adorners swoon and swoon, gets a thrill at the races at Miami Beach, Fla. The favorite crooner is shown with Mrs. Frank Bruen, wife of the former vice-president of Madison Square Garden and famed matchmaker of the ring.

Road Bill Of Gardner Holds Interest Of Assembly; Is To Speak Over Radio For Program

Shelby Girl To Face Camera Of Paramour Movies

News Reel Camera To Picture Miss Borders As State College Princess Pa.

(Special to The Star.) Raleigh, Feb. 9.—The Engineers fair of North Carolina State college will award prizes aggregating \$55, for the best float and exhibits in their celebration of April 2. G. W. Dameron, of Bessemer City, president of the engineer's council announced today.

The Paramount News cameraman is expected to be on hand to take pictures of Princess Pat Mary Sue Borders, of Shelby, who will lead a colorful parade of torchlight in a "green chariot." Nearly 300 freshmen will take part in this parade which according to engineering officials, will be the most colossal in the college history.

In the parade, a huge green snake, said to be the largest ever paraded by students, will be a unique feature. The young engineers will be garbed in characteristic plug hats in honor of Saint Patrick, to whom the engineers pay tribute for his famous "worm drive."

Governor O. Max Gardner, Dr. W. C. Riddick, President E. C. Brooks and many of the outstanding North Carolina engineers will review the parade.

Brisons Attend Rites Of Senator Campbell

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hope Brison attended the funeral yesterday in Clover, S. C., of Dr. R. J. Campbell. Dr. Campbell was a state senator in the legislative body of South Carolina at the time of his death and a prominent physician at Clover. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Brison.

Cameron Morrison Boosted Now For Vice President In 1932 Dry Stand Draws Attention

Charlotte Paper Says New Senator Becomes Prominent In Rapid Manner.

Senator Cameron Morrison is headed for the Democratic nomination in 1932 for vice president of the United States, his friends who have been carefully following his record at the national capital are beginning to predict with ever-growing confidence, says the Charlotte Observer.

They give reasons, too, reasons that appear to be puncture-proof. Some of them even declare that Mr. Morrison's "political luck" if you wish to call it that, may bring him the democratic nomination for the presidency.

Telephone Wire Breaks Neck Of Driver Of Auto

Negro Killed In Odd Accident

Kings Mountain Colored Man Drives Into Low-Swinging Wire. Death Sudden.

(Special To The Star.)

Kings Mountain, Feb. 9.—As Fight Jimison, 30-year-old negro of this city, was instantly killed in a peculiar automobile accident on the York road, four miles south of here, about 3 o'clock Sunday night.

Jimison was driving an old model Ford when he ran into a telephone wire on a privately owned line. The wire, it is said, yanked the windshield back and then caught the negro in the mouth, jerking his head back and breaking his neck.

The wire, it was reported here, was swinging low and was just about the height of the windshield. Two colored women and another colored man were in the automobile with him, but none of the others was injured.

Jimison, a well known negro, was an employe of the Kings Mountain cotton mill. What caused the wire to be down and other details of the fatal accident were not definitely known here this morning.

Bank Hearing Resumed Today

Second Witness Still On Stand At Rutherfordton, Land Deals Related.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 9.—The trial of five defendants, all connected with the defunct Rutherford Bank and Trust company, who are charged with receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent, was resumed here today.

The second witness, U. S. Coursey, chief auditor, returned to the stand this morning to continue his testimony. He was on the stand Saturday morning until court recessed at 1 in the afternoon.

Attorneys in the big case predict that the trial will continue all this week. Saturday, Coursey gave the liabilities of each defendant, which in two instances amounted to over \$200,000 each, as revealed in the records of the closed bank. He read a long list of indorsements of the various defendants with corporations and mountain resort developments, while Solicitor Pless read a list of judgments against various defendants on record here.

A deed of trust from the Chinnery Rock Mountains, Incorporated, to the Central Bank and Trust Co. of Asheville, dated September 1, 1926, for \$3,000,000, known as first and refunding mortgage in which some of the defendants had indorsed was introduced into court by the witness. One hundred and eighty-nine different tracts of land were named in the deed. This was introduced by the state to show the insolvency of the bank, as it affected some of its leading depositors and some of the directors.

Avery Lowrance Died Last Night

School Boy Dies Of Pneumonia Developing From Attack Of Flu.

Avery Lowrance, fifth grade student at the LaFayette school here, died last night at 10 o'clock, death resulting from pneumonia which developed from influenza. The youth, who lacked a month of being 13 years of age, only became ill Friday night.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lowrance, S. Washington street, and five brothers and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Zoar church with Dr. Zeno Wall in charge.

Rehobeth Youth Is Pneumonia Victim

Van Harrill Davis, ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis of the Rehobeth community, died Sunday about noon at the home of his parents. He had been sick with pneumonia. The youth was a school boy and popular among his mates. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. E. Ridge and interment was at Oak Grove Methodist Protestant church.

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