

Cotton, per lb. 10c up
Cotton seed, per bushel 33c

Groundhog Snow.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain in east and rain or snow in west portion tonight.

Congress Near End.

Washington, March 2.—The eventful Seventy-first congress is in its last days. It will pass into history at noon Wednesday, marking at the same time the end of Herbert Hoover's first two years as president.

W. W. Hardin Is Buried Saturday

Deacon For Many Years of New Hope Baptist Church At Earl Succumbs, Age 78.

W. W. Hardin, 73 years old former of the Mount Sinal section of lower Cleveland, died at his home Friday evening at 5:30 o'clock, following an illness extending over a year or more.

Mr. Hardin is survived by his faithful companion, three children Mrs. Ben Wilson of Cherryville, Mrs. Clarence Beam of the Ross Grove section and David Hardin who lived in the community near his father.

Two-Thirds Tax Levy Collected

Sheriff Allen Has Taken In \$336,000. Two Percent Penalty On Today.

Through last week Sheriff Irvin Allen had collected approximately \$336,000, or more than two-thirds of Cleveland county's total tax levy of \$484,000.

Although collections are lagging somewhat now the tax collections in this county are considerably ahead of those in many other counties in the State, and Sheriff Allen is hopeful of collecting the major portion of the remaining unpaid levy this month.

Penalty On.

Beginning today a penalty of two per cent was added to all unpaid taxes in the county. After March 15 the penalty will advance to three cents, and the sheriff's office urges payment this month so that taxpayers may avoid the additional penalty in April.

Rev. J. L. White's Son Dies In Asheville

Mother Was Miss Dovie Putnam And Brother of Rev. Lee White, Former Pastor Here.

News has been received here of the death in Oteen government hospital, Asheville, of William Royall White, about the middle of February. Mr. White was gassed in the World war which impaired his health and finally caused his death.

Mr. White was the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White. His mother was Miss Dovie Poston of Cleveland county and he had visited relatives here on several occasions. His brother, Rev. Lee White, was pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby for a number of years.

Surviving are his parents, five brothers Attorney Hubert White of Miami, Fla., Rev. James White, of Louisville, Ky., Rev. Charles White of Coco, Fla., Rev. Lee White, of Jacksonville, Fla., one sister Mrs. Martha Kunkel, of Miami, Fla. Also surviving is his wife who lives in Macon, Ga., where the body was interred.

Johnson Opens New Market At Carolina

Mr. Ernest Johnson, former proprietor of the Home Provision company and later with the Piggly Wiggly market, has opened a market in the Carolina store on North LaFayette street. Mr. A. E. Gregory returned from Forest City to take Mr. Johnson's place at the Piggly Wiggly.

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Cleveland Vets Begin Applying For Bonus Loans

Quarter Of Million Coming Here

Ex-Service Men Started Mailing Applications Friday Afternoon. Hundred In.

Just a short time after Friday's edition of The Star reached the streets, informing that the bonus bill had passed the United States senate, Shelby and Cleveland county ex-service men began filling out and mailing their applications for loans on the service certificates.

The bonus bill entitles World war veterans to borrow half of their total bonus, provided, of course, 22 1-2 percent of the bonus has not already been borrowed. Four and one half percent interest will be charged, and the total bonus of the average veteran is \$1,000, which means that the average ex-service man will not receive \$500, if he has not already borrowed a portion of it.

By Friday night several score of applications had already been filled and mailed here. Over the week-end the number, it is estimated ran considerably over 100.

A general estimate is that approximately 600 Cleveland veterans will take advantage of the loan plan. Approximately 200 of the 600 have already borrowed their 22 1-2 percent, while around 400 will be able to borrow half of their total voucher. This being the case, and figuring the average certificate worth \$1,000, approximately \$227,000 will come to this county within a few weeks.

Preparations were already made to handle the distribution and early applicants expect to get their bonus money within a short period of time.

The news of the passage in the senate, by a vote of 76 to 17 over the Hoover veto, was the cause of much rejoicing on the part of ex-service men and their relatives in this section. Immediate action followed as veterans visited the service officer of the Legion post here and others to begin sending their certificates away.

In local business circles the payment of half the bonus is expected to cause general activity. Many of the veterans who will apply now are in need of money and a big percentage of the estimated quarter of a million here will go to pay off debts and square accounts. That, however, will mean a turn over of new money, and quite a sum will, undoubtedly, go into lots, farm lands, homes, clothing, automobiles, small businesses and other things to stimulate business conditions.

Although veterans get the full half of their certificate value now the interest for the period of 15 years until 1945 will eat up a major portion of the remaining half. The average veteran who gets \$500 of his \$1,000 will have only around \$200 left of the remaining amount after the interest is deducted.

Many county veterans will receive considerably more than the \$500, which is half the worth of the average veteran's certificate. Numerous Cleveland veterans have service certificates worth \$1,500 and more due to a long period of service.

Gardner Road Bill, Reducing Taxes, Passes Senate, Becomes A Law; Only Five Against It

State To Take Over All County Highways, Thus Removing Road Taxes.

Raleigh, Mar. 2.—After killing every amendment not accepted by the senators sponsoring the administration measure, and after hearing far more arguments and testimony against the bill than for it, the Senate Friday passed the Connor road bill by a second reading roll call vote of 42 to 5. It was an even greater victory for Governor Gardner's proposal than he or any of his legislative lieutenants, within or without the senate, had expected.

Before voting down major amendments and passing the road bill, the senate killed by a vote of 35 to 11 the substitute bill which opponents of the measure had prepared. This bill provided for the same money for the counties that the Connor bill does but called for state supervision of the county road maintenance instead of having the state

Strike Leader Seized



Edith Berkman, girl strike leader of the Lawrence, Mass., mill workers is again in trouble with the law. She is shown accompanied by police officers, on her way to jail. Edith has been rejected by some of the mill strikers as their leader, and has been branded a "flame in skirts" by a Lawrence pastor.

Only Two Arrests In County Over Week-End, None In City; Five Men Fined Total Of \$900

How Veteran Gets A Loan

Washington, Mar. 2.—Here's what a veteran has to do to borrow half the face value of his adjusted compensator certificate:

If he has obtained a loan he may present in person or mail to one of the 54 regional offices the record of it and the application for more.

Those who have not received loans must mail to the office or present a certificate note to that effect along with discharge papers and the certificate. Notes can be obtained from the regional offices and veterans' organizations.

From there on the loan is in the hands of the veterans' bureau, which heretofore has issued loans within 10 days of receiving applications and hopes to continue issuing at about the same rate.

Regional offices are in: Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Little Rock, Nashville, New Orleans, and Richmond.

Health Improving.

Mr. A. T. Mull, Lawndale House 4, one of the county's most substantial citizens, who has been undergoing treatment at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, returned to his home yesterday. He is very much improved in health and now feels fine, his many friends will be pleased to hear.

Mrs. J. L. Grice, James Grice, Bill Doggett, Rush, Jr., and Buddy Hamrick spent yesterday in Columbia, visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. F. C. Bordeaux and Mr. Bordeaux. Mrs. Grice will remain there for about two weeks.

vote Senators Campbell, Bernard and Grant were not in the hall at the time. Of those absent on the first roll call, Senators McKee, Lynch and Nixon were present and voted for the bill. All others not named voted for it.

Most important of the amendments adopted was the Gravelly amendment which provided that convict labor should not be used in road work when its cost exceeded the cost of free labor in the districts where the work was being done. This amendment may not receive the house concurrence and its adoption may mean that the bill will have to go to conference, in the opinion of Judge N. A. Townsend, one of the governor's lieutenants in putting the bill across.

Another Gravelly amendment, accepted in the committee, strengthened the bill's provision that counties should levy no road tax, by providing that the gross levy of the respective counties should be reduced by the amount of its 1930 road tax, with debt service excluded.

Four Rounded Up In Friday Night Raid Given Heavy Fines, Terms, Quiet Sunday.

The past week-end in Cleveland county was the quietest city and county officers have experienced in months. Only two arrests were made Saturday and Sunday, both by county officers of county citizens.

For the first time in weeks the city police force did not lock up a single inebriate. The two men arrested, officers said, were from Casar and Stubbs.

Treasury Grows.

The school fund, however, benefitted several hundred dollars by a roundup made by officers Friday night when five men, some of them alleged to be bootleggers, were arrested. Officers participating in the roundup in and about the city were Sheriff Allen, and Deputies Bob Kendrick, John Hord, Ben Cooper and Ed Dixon.

The five arrested, all on liquor charges, and the fines imposed on them by County Judge Maurice Weathers follow: Julius Hamrick, colored, \$100 and the costs, paid; George Champion and Tom Wood, \$250 each or six months each; Wood appealed and Champion, officers say, took the road term; Sid Cook, \$250 or six months, and Eric Green, \$100 or six months—both taking the alternative sentence, officers said today.

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Casar Student Wins Medal In Annual Contest

Paul Morris Gets Hoey Honor

No. 3 Orator Takes Second Honors, Lattimore Boy Places Third.

Paul Morris, Casar high school student, was on Friday night, the winner of the Hoey oratorical contest, an annual event for Cleveland county schools for a decade and a half.

Young Morris won first honors and the Clyde R. Hoey medal over nine rivals with the oration "A Tribute to Washington."

Other winners, B. H. Horton, of the No. 3 school, took second honors. His subject was "America's Uncrowned Queen." Third honors were accorded Layman Martin, of the Lattimore school, on "Let We Forget."

Other entrants, their schools and subjects were: John Z. McBrayer, Mooresboro, "Americanism"; J. W. Brackett, Jr., Belwood, "Mother's Influence"; George Blalock, Grover, "America, the Guiding Star of Nations"; Thomas Beam, No. 8, "I Am Innocent of this Blood"; Hubert Wilson, Shelby, "The Age Needs Men"; Otto Williams, Kings Mountain, "America, the Guiding Star of Nations"; Edison Noggles, Boiling Springs, "America, the Hope of the World."

The judges were Messrs. R. L. Leary and E. J. Hargis and Miss Sara Taylor of the Rutherfordton, Spindale schools. The Hoey medal was presented the winner by Mr. Hargis.

Webb Contests. The Selma Webb recitation contest will be held Friday night, March 6, at the Central high school auditorium here. The winner of the Selma Webb essay contest will be announced at the same time.

Invite Bailey To Legion Meet

Mass Meeting Saturday, March 11, Ends Drive For Legion Members.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, who takes office on Wednesday of this week has been invited to address a mass meeting of members of the American Legion and their friends here Saturday night, March 14.

This meeting will end the clean-up-drive or campaign for complete membership rolls, it is announced by W. S. Beam, post commander.

All former service men are cordially invited to attend this meeting. The public and Ladies Auxiliaries of the legion are also invited. An interesting program will be developed. On this night ten thousand posts all over the United States will be holding similar round-up meetings.

J. C. Dodd Very Ill At His Home Here

J. C. Dodd is critically ill at his home just south of Shelby. His trouble started about two months ago with jaundice and for three weeks he was a patient in the Shelby hospital. His condition seems to grow worse and last night he had two convulsions. Relatives are constantly at his bedside and fear that he will not recover.

McNeely To Open Forest City Store

J. C. McNeely & Co., Inc., announces the opening of a branch store in Forest City. Connected with Mr. McNeely and who will manage the Forest City store, will be Mr. E. A. Millican former manager of the Charles Store here.

The Forest City store will be opened on or about the 10th of March and the same lines of merchandise will be carried with a few changes in policy.

Episcopalian Dean.

At a meeting of what is known as the Morganton Convocation, a group of Episcopal church in which Morganton is the geographical center, held recently at St. Marks Episcopal church in Gastonia, Rev. LeRoy A. Jahn, rector of Grace church here, was chosen dean.

Churches included in the Convocation are: Morganton, Rutherfordton, Gastonia, Lincolnton, Hickory, Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis, Linville, Lenoir, Marion, Newton and Shelby.

Cleveland Has 1.19 Percent Of Wealth In N. C.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—Cleveland county contains 1.19 per cent of the total wealth in North Carolina and 15-1000ths of one per cent of the entire wealth in the United States, according to an analysis made of North Carolina counties by the Life Insurance Sales Research bureau, of Hartford, Conn., and published in North Carolina's "Conservation and Industry."

Cleveland is the 23rd wealthiest county in North Carolina, 77 other counties having a smaller percentage of the state's total wealth. Only 27 counties have more than one percent of North Carolina's total wealth.

Thirteen of the 100 counties contain more than half, or 50.31 per cent of the entire state wealth, this compilation shows. Headed by Forsyth with 8.76 per cent of the state's wealth, the other dozen are Mecklenburg, Guilford, Buncombe, Wake, Durham, Gaston, New Hanover, Howan, Edgecombe, Rockingham, Alamance and Cabarrus. Nine of the 13 are in the Piedmont.

Craven and Moore are the two average counties of the state, each having 1 per cent of the state's wealth.

Forsyth county's wealth exceeds that of 39 and almost equals that of the 40 less wealthy counties of the state. The 39 counties whose combined wealth is less than that of Forsyth's are Carteret, Northampton, Stokes, Madison, Chowan, Ashe, Bladen, Yadkin, Cherokee, Transylvania, Alexander, Jackson, Swain, Watauga, Hertford, Polk, Hoke, Washington, Brunswick, Macon, Onslow, Pender, Perquimans, Greene, Yancey, Caswell, Mitchell, Avery, Gates, Pamlico, Alleghany, Currituck, Hyde, Jones, Dare, Camden, Clay, Tyrrell and Graham.

Mecklenburg's wealth exceeds that of the last 34 in the above list; Guilford's exceeds that of the last 23, while Buncombe's wealth is greater than that combined of the last 28 counties in the above list.

This analysis of wealth and buying power is based on six factors: the insurable population, or number of white literate males over 20 years old; number of personal income returns; number of those whose incomes exceed \$5,000; number of passenger automobiles; the value added by manufacture, and the circulation of three popular magazines.

Mr. Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the Shelby First National bank, had an interesting article in the made-in-Carolina section of the Sunday Charlotte Observer on the relations between banking and agriculture in Cleveland county. Due to the fact that agriculture and banking in this section have marched along together until the county is today one of Carolina's outstanding farm counties, Mr. Eskridge was asked to write the article to inform of the cooperation between the two. In his concluding paragraph Cashier Eskridge expressed doubt as to whether Cleveland would find it best to continue to be North Carolina's largest cotton producing county.

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Jack Dover Under Operation, Better

Mr. Jack Dover, superintendent of the Eastside mill, underwent an operation Saturday night at the Shelby hospital. He was said to be very sick today but appeared slightly better and improvement is hoped for. The operation was necessitated because of the method of healing of an incision in an appendicitis operation about 18 years ago.

On Contract Job.

A construction force of the Z. B. Weathers and Sons plant here left today for Mooresville where they have a two-bridge contract and other work on Highway 150 between Mooresville and Salisbury.

WHAT THE FREE ROAD MAP SHOWS

Scores are calling for the new Highway Map of Cleveland county. You can get one, too, by paying \$1 or more on subscription to The Star.

It is printed on good strong paper, 16x17 inches, shows the township lines, important streams, consolidated schools, postoffices, hard surface roads, sand and graded roads, graded roads and unimproved roads, totaling 793 miles in all.

The road bill has virtually been passed by the Legislature. This map shows the county system of roads which will be taken over and maintained by the State.

Get your road map now. You get your \$1 worth when you pay your subscription. The road map is free, and it is a new map made under the direction of the State Highway Commission, State Tax Commission and U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. It has never been circulated before.

Act today. The Star has one of these new maps for you.

\$85,000 Addition To Shelby Post Office

Officials Hope That New Building Fund May Be Available For Construction Work Before Fall. Enlarge Ground Floor And Add Third Story For Federal Court Room.

In the report made to Congress last week for new allocations of the public building fund, Shelby was allotted \$85,000 for the enlargement and remodelling of the local post office.

Shelby Events Of This Week

Monday and Tuesday: Evangelistic services, Presbyterian church, at 10 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening. Dr. R. G. McLees preaching.

Tuesday evening, 7, at Cleveland Springs Country club, a meeting and dinner of golf club members.

Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock, a meeting of the Cleveland County club at the Green Lantern Tea room.

Thursday evening, 7:30, weekly meeting of Kiwanis club at Hotel Charles.

Friday afternoon, 12:30, weekly meeting of Rotary club at Hotel Charles.

Friday evening, 8, annual Selma Webb recitation contest at Central high school.

Saturday evening, 7:30, boxing program at company K armory.

Jonas Lands Four Post Office Jobs

Early Use of Funds For Enlarging Office, Depends on Efforts Put Forth.

The following telegram to The Star from Congressman Chas. A. Jonas expresses his pleasure at being able to secure the necessary \$85,000 appropriation for improving the Shelby post office:

"The secretary of the treasury and postmaster general have just made public the composite report of the interdepartmental committee covering allocations of all funds authorized for erection and repairing of public buildings outside the District of Columbia in which report is included Shelby for eighty-five thousand dollars. This insures the above expenditure in your city out of appropriation already authorized. Appropriation for same will be included in regular appropriation bills and its early inclusion will depend largely upon organized effort put forth. Charlotte was the only actual appropriation I could get at this short session. It is a pleasure to me to have been instrumental in securing allocations for Charlotte, Morganton, Shelby and Gastonia in my one term."

Approximately 20 feet will be added to the main floor at rear of the present building, according to proposed plans. Then a third floor, large enough for a court room and a number of offices, will also be added.

The appropriation of \$85,000 assures a handsome addition to the building when it is remembered that the original appropriation for the present building, erected in 1917, was only \$46,000. In other words, the appropriation for an addition and improvements is only a little shy of being twice the original cost of the building. In erecting post offices and other public buildings the government always builds with the idea of taking care of 10 years' growth. The present building having been erected 13 years ago with no additions since, although the postal business has increased greatly, it is thought to have been one factor in securing an early appropriation.

County Boards In Monthly Meetings

The county commissioners and the county board of education are holding their regular monthly sessions today. Both boards were still in session this afternoon.

A meeting of the No. 6 road commissioners is also on. At this meeting the road commissioners will likely discuss disposal of chain gang equipment and other things in connection with the taking over of all county roads by the State on July 1.

Other allocations made in North Carolina were: North Carolina: Albemarle \$85,000; Asheboro, \$90,000; Dunn, \$85,000; Fayetteville, \$115,000; Gastonia, \$210,000; Morganton, \$100,000; North Wilkesboro, \$100,000; Raleigh, \$360,000; Reidsville, \$180,000; Sanford, \$95,000; Southern Pines, \$95,000; Wilmington, \$130,000; Winston-Salem, \$625,000. Total, \$2,385,000.

Visits Daughter In Hospital; Falls On Step, Breaks A Hip

While Mrs. Will G. Hord, of Waco was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Carl Davidson, of Kings Mountain, who underwent an operation in a Charlotte hospital Friday, she fell on a step in the hospital and sustained a broken hip. Mrs. Hord had been in the sick room of her daughter when she missed a low step in a hallway and fell within a few feet of where her daughter lay a patient. Mrs. Hord, of course, was forced to become a patient in the same institution.

Her Brother Dies.

Mr. Robert Lawson McKnight, 63, of the Ninety-Nine Islands section of South Carolina and a brother of Mrs. W. H. Sapoch, Shelby route 2, died last Friday morning. Funeral services were held Sunday at Sarrnia church.