

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

Rain Saturday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Increasing cloudiness, followed by rain Saturday and probably in northwest portion tonight. Somewhat warmer tonight.

55-Hour Week.

Raleigh, March 6.—The senate yesterday passed a bill to reduce the North Carolina working week from 60 to 55 hours, a measure sponsored by the textile interests as well as those interested in welfare legislation. The fight on the bill centered around the fact that it, like the present law, allows a male over 18 to make a written contract to work longer than 55 hours, a similar provision, with regard to men over 21, being included in the present 60 hour law.

Commission Named; Removes Advisory Group

Cline Was Member Of Old Body

Supplants County Advisory Commission On Which Cleveland Man Served.

Raleigh, March 6.—The local government finance commission—the first new state department to be organized by the 1931 general assembly—is now to function.

The bill creating the commission which replaces the present county government advisory commission, has been ratified and Wednesday Governor Gardner announced its director and a commission of five.

Charles M. Johnson, of Raleigh, who was executive secretary of the county advisory commission, was named director of the new body.

The commissioners are H. E. Rufley, of Salisbury, Rowan county commissioner; Earl B. Horner, mayor of Burlington; J. W. Winborne, Marion attorney; K. O. Burgwyn, Wilmington attorney, and N. G. Galther, Elizabeth City banker.

Whereas the old county advisory commission has supervisory powers over all local government units of the state—including cities, Mr. A. E. Cline, chairman of the Cleveland county commissioners, was a member of the county advisory commission which ended its service with the establishment of the more comprehensive commission.

All bond issues and tax anticipation notes must be approved by it and sold at Raleigh.

State Bill Takes Off County School Taxes In Cleveland

Counties May Retain Some For Extended Terms Over Length Six Months.

The state-wide school bill whereby school expenses will be secured from sources other than land except for a limited amount will remove 44 1-2 cents levy for six months schools in Cleveland county.

The new plan will remove from the tax books of North Carolina counties levies ranging from 80 cents in Currituck county to 24 cents in Forsyth, if the state taxes over support of the six months school.

Many counties, however, are not expected to eliminate the entire tax, using part of it for extended terms. Senator Rivers Johnson, of Duplin, estimates state support of the six months school will result in an average decrease of 30 cents per \$100 valuation in the rate.

Bill For Hospital Aid Now In Senate

Would Empower Trustees of Shelby Hospital To Arrange For Duke Fund.

A bill was introduced in the state senate yesterday by Senator Peyton McSwain which would give trustees of the Shelby hospital power to make needed arrangements for securing an appropriation from the Duke hospital fund.

No specific plan, it is understood, is outlined in the bill other than to enable the hospital trustees to take what action necessary, if they deem it advisable, to meet the requirements for receiving aid from the fund.

Miss Lever Recites.

The feature of the Rotary club luncheon at the Hotel Charles at 12:30 was a program of recitations by Miss Carobel Lever. Officials of the club state that one of the most interesting programs of the year is being planned for next Friday's meeting.

Bolton At Elizabeth.

Dr. R. L. Bolton will preach at the Elizabeth church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

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Not To Finish Shelby-Gaffney Road For Year

S. C. Side To Be Hard Surface

Delegation Seeks Completion Of Job, Road Work Deferred There.

A hard surface highway will not link Shelby and Gaffney before March 1, next year.

Highway 18 from Shelby to the South Carolina line was completed some time ago with the understanding that it would be met by a similar road from the South Carolina side.

The following from The Gaffney Ledger tells of the decision to complete the road from Buffalo to the line by next spring.

"After wrangling most of the day over the question, the county commissioners in monthly session here voted to complete the grading of the connecting link from Buffalo to the North Carolina line on the road to Shelby, by March 1, 1932. This action was taken after the state commissioners in a body went to Spartanburg and held a conference with Charles O. Hearon, chairman of the state highway commission, who told the county officials that the state will surface the highway from Gaffney to the Cleveland county line whenever the grading is finished.

"A delegation headed by Mayor V. H. Lipscomb, of Gaffney, R. E. Johnson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bettis, of Earl, and others, had appeared before the commissioners during the morning to urge the early completion of the link.

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Shame Drives Her to Death



Benita Bischoff (above) for six days and nights bore the shame which was hers when she learned of the lurid life that was her mother's, Vivian Gordon, who died by strangling on the eve of her appearance as a vice witness in New York. The shame was too much for little Benita, 16 years old, who wrote in her diary: 'I can't face the world any longer. I'm going to end it all. So she joined her mother in death through suicide in Audubon, a suburb of Camden, N. J., where she turned on the gas in her father's home.

New Democratic Senators Give Strength To Party; Bailey Is Lauded As Contest Is Started

Veteran Finds Way To Spend A Bonus Check

Charlie Parks, colored, who served with the famous Tenth Cavalry, was the first Cleveland county ex-service man to draw his bonus check this week after the bill passed the senate. Charlie drew \$300.50. Asked what he intended to do with it, he said that he would put it in "Mister Charlie's bank" until he found some way to use it.

He found the other way Wednesday when he married William Lineberger's cook. The cook, much elated over her victory, immediately deserted her work to help Charlie make use of it.

Only Few Veterans Have Their Checks

Only a few Cleveland county ex-service men, not over a half dozen have received their bonus checks as yet, it was stated today by Tom Abernethy, adjutant of the Warren American Legion post.

Checks have been received by two or three veterans whose applications were sent in immediately after the loan bill passed. Others it is presumed are being held back by the great number of applications going in. It is expected, however, that the next week will see a large number of checks coming into the county.

World war veterans of the county are continuing to send in their applications.

Uproar Staged At Democratic Meet Over Rum

Raskob Plan Starts Fiery Fight.

Senators Robinson And Morrison Criticize Chairman, Smith Is Cheered.

Washington, March 6.—The prohibition powder keg exploded today at the meeting of the Democratic national committee.

It tore asunder the Democratic standardbearers of 1928 and left party workers groping for the road of harmony to which final pleas of the meeting beckoned.

Chairman Raskob touched off the spark with presentation of a platform for the committee's consideration which called for state liquor control, among other things.

Robinson Leads Battle. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the running mate of Alfred E. Smith in 1928, took the platform to roar his "repudiation" of the Raskob platform and his violent opposition to "bringing to the front a controversy that will divide the party."

Alfred E. Smith, smiling through most of the row, came to the front in response to a plea from the floor and took Robinson to task for "jumping all over Raskob" because he had presented his own views.

Finally the veteran, James M. Cox, presidential nominee of 1920, came forward with an appeal for consideration of the differences of the north and the south on prohibition and for a united front.

Leave Meeting Smiling. Roars and hisses resounded as the prohibition furore reached its height but the Democratic hosts left the meeting smiling and relieved. Pleas for unity against the common enemy were the keynote of the post-meeting discussions.

It was Representative Mary T. Norton, of New Jersey, who walked resolutely to the platform to answer Robinson after he in thunderous tones criticized Raskob for "needlessly injecting" the prohibition issue into the party at this time.

Mrs. Norton insisted the women wanted modification of prohibition and accused Robinson of "changing his position" since she nominated him as the running mate of Smith in 1928.

Senator Morrison of North Carolina (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.)

Gets Sentence For Stealing Sack Meal

Negro Given 60 Days. Young Negro Girls Steal Pair Of Shoes.

Grady Catlin, young negro man, was given a 60-days road term in county court this morning on the charge of stealing a sack of cotton seed meal at the Southern Cotton Oil plant here. He was arrested yesterday by Police Chief Poston and Deputy Bob Kendrick. The theft took place Wednesday night.

Minor thefts are numerous about the city. Wednesday Chief Poston caught two young negro girls, Estelle Carruthers and May Poston after, it is alleged, they stole a pair of shoes at the Miller-Jones store. The girl who had the shoes left the store and started to run with one of the store employes after her. After a chase of almost a block the police chief came to his aid and nabbed the fleeing girl. The shoes were recovered and in court the girls, both about 15, were given a warning.

Catch Fugitive. Will Lovelace, who it is alleged made his getaway from a still in No. 5 township when two others were arrested some time ago, was caught this week in Lincoln county by Deputies Buren Dedmon and John Hord. In county court he was given a six months sentence yesterday.

No Kiwanis Held. The weekly meeting of the Shelby Kiwanis club scheduled to be held last night was called off because of the evangelistic services at the Presbyterian church.

Shelby Winner Of First Game

The Shelby Highs won their first game in the State college high school basketball tournament at Raleigh this morning, defeating Mt. Airy 12 to 9. This information came in a wire from Coach Tilden Falls.

Tonight at 7 o'clock the Shelby quint plays Tacoma in the second round of the Class A championship.

"Must Keep Sick Children At Home" Says Health Officer

Roseola On Increase. Parents Warned To Observe Quarantine Rules.

"Parents of school children in Shelby and over the county must be warned that unless these rules keep sick children out of school," Dr. D. F. Moore, county physician stated today.

There are many cases of German measles, or roseola, in Shelby and over the county now and the epidemic is on the increase, the county physician says, because sick children are being permitted to go on to school. The law says that these children must be quarantined for at least a week and under no condition should go into a school room when they have a contagious disease of any type. The spread of the epidemic can be halted, it is said, by the proper observation of the quarantine regulations, and parents observe the quarantine laws and are followed it will be necessary to enforce them.

Girls Compete For Honors In Webb Contest

High school girls representing Cleveland county high school. It was stated today, thirteen will compete at the Central high school auditorium tonight for the annual Selma Webb recitation medal.

This contest for girls of the county is to them the same important event as the annual Clyde R. Hoy oratorical contest for high school boys held last week.

Name Essay Winner. In addition to the recitation contest tonight the winner of the Selma Webb essay contest, another annual event, will be announced.

Sentenced For Unusual Charge

Prisoner At County Home And Pals Tried For Getting Drunk, Taking Clothes.

Four young white men of Casar were given three months sentences each in county court Wednesday on the charges of receiving and possessing stolen goods and being drunk.

The unusual feature of the affair was that the quartet was charged with being drunk at the county home for the aged and infirm where one of the four, Hugh Brittain, is serving a sentence. The goods they were charged with receiving and possessing belonged to another prisoner on the county home farm.

According to the evidence Marvin Brittain, Preston and Hubert Mull visited Hugh Brittain at the county home. After they had departed a suit and an overcoat were missed. A search led to the arrest of all four on both charges. County Judge Maurice Weathers says that the young men did not deny having the missing clothing, but said they were so intoxicated when they picked the clothing up they did not realize what they were doing.

The Brittain, it is understood, appealed their sentence. Hugh Brittain, it will be remembered, was acquitted in superior court on a charge developing in connection with the fatal injury received by Deputy Sanford Pruett when Brittain's car ran over him while the deputy and other officers were attempting to halt the car to search for whiskey. The charge was thrown out of court by the presiding judge who said Brittain had no way of telling who the officers were and, therefore, was following his personal rights in attempting to get away. He was convicted on another liquor charge, however, and the sentence imposed for that conviction is the one he was serving Saturday week ago when the charges above developed.

Case Held Open. In county court yesterday evidence in the arson charge against A. T. Bridges was heard, Judge Weathers reserving decision until Thursday of next week.

W. O. W. Dance. The W. O. W. dance will be Saturday night at their hall on West Graham street at 8:30 o'clock. The public is invited to come and enjoy both round and square dancing.

Gardner Future Depends On Reorganization Success; To Make Him Outstanding Leader

Tax Reduction Seen In Highway Bill To Give Shelby Man Big Following.

Charlotte, Feb. 6.—Governor O. Max Gardner's political future in North Carolina was a matter of speculation among politicians here today, but with most of them admitting that as yet they are too close to the fust and furore of the governor's revolution in state government to properly gauge what is to come.

They were in agreement on the point that his future popularity depends wholly upon the favor or lack of favor which North Carolina accords to the new ideas after they have been subjected to actual operation.

From that view the governor then has the chance of being North Carolina's outstanding political leader, with a personal following which will almost make his word law in politics. On the other hand, he has the chance of any degree of political prestige on down to zero, with

Chain Gang, Highway Road Forces To End

New Highway Bill Will Abolish No. 6 Convict Force And 10 Township Road Groups On July 1. Will Turn Much Equipment On Market. State May Take It.

On Wednesday July 1, due to the passage of the Gardner highway bill whereby the State takes over all county road systems, the No. 6 township chain gang will be abolished and the work of 33 road commissioners and road forces in the eleven township of the county will be ended.

County and township officials are not yet certain as to the details of disposing of equipment now being used in the 11 road systems of the county, but due to an amendment to the highway bill there is a probability that township and county machinery and equipment will be taken over or purchased by the new state system.

Many Workers. The regular road forces in the various townships of the county, other than the 50 convicts on the No. 6 gang, total around 30 men. Practically every township in the county with the exception of one or two work regular forces on their roads. After July 1 it will be necessary for these men to seek other work. The annual payroll of these road forces in the county totals around \$29,000.

Much Equipment. A big quantity of road machinery and equipment will also be ready for disposal then, unless taken over by the state. It is estimated that there are around 17 tractors, 15 trucks, many drags, road machines and wheelers now being used on the roads of the county.

Takes Off Taxes. The new system at the same time will eliminate a big portion of the road taxes now levied in varying proportions in the 11 townships. Hereafter no county road tax, or township road tax is to be levied, but enough tax, of course, will remain in the various township road districts to take care of outstanding indebtedness and interest.

The passage of the state-wide bill brings to the No. 6 commissioners the relief they have been seeking. Some time ago the commissioners of this township stated that they could not continue to maintain the chain gang as it was too expensive for the work done.

After July 1, it is understood, all prisoners sentenced in the county will be sent to the state prison and then sent out to the various district road camps.

Plan Banquet For Celebrating Park At Kings Mountain

Judge Webb, Who Started Movement For National Park, To Be A Guest.

Charlotte, Feb. 6.—Tentative plans have been inaugurated for a banquet to celebrate the passage by the United States senate of an appropriation of \$225,000 for establishment of a national park at the Kings Mountain battle field by Clarence O. Kuester of Charlotte, who served as chairman of the Kings Mountain sesquicentennial celebration last October.

Date for the dinner has not been set. It is probable that Judge E. Y. Webb, who as congressman 15 years ago started the movement for the park; Representative Charles A. Jonas, Representative-elect A. L. Bulwinkle, Senator Cameron Morrison, Senator Cole Blease, Representative W. S. Stevenson, of South Carolina, Mrs. R. M. Bratton of York, regent of the Kings Mountain D. A. R. chapter; and Dr. J. B. Johnson, mayor of Rock Hill, will be invited to participate in the program. They have all been very active in support of the measure.

The national recognition of the battlefield's importance gained in last year's celebration is believed to have climaxed the efforts of legislators and to have aided in securing passage of the bill in the senate.

Dr. Bolton Will Preach On Sunday

Georgia Minister In County In Interest of Boiling Springs College.

Dr. R. L. Bolton, of Mercer university, for years field representative of the Southern Baptist seminary, will preach Sunday evening, at 7:30, at the First Baptist church. His subject will be "The Only Way Out."

The visiting minister is in this county in connection with the emergency fund to pay pressing obligations at Boiling Springs college.

The Cleveland Star 10 PAGES TODAY
12TH CITY IN CIRCULATION IN N. C.
The Star's circulation of over 5,000 gives Shelby the distinction of being the 12th city in North Carolina in newspaper circulation. Only in 11 other cities in N. C. do the newspapers of those cities exceed the circulation of The Star. There are over 200 weekly, semi-weekly and daily newspapers in North Carolina and The Star ranks 15th in circulation among them all.

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Dover Mill Pays Out \$38,000 Dividends; Nine New Structures
Roscola On Increase. Parents Warned To Observe Quarantine Rules.
Shelby Winner Of First Game

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Martin In Legion Contest This Eve
W. O. W. Dance
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