

Cotton, per lb. 10 1/4c up
Cotton Seed, per bu. 37 1/4c

Fair And Colder.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday. Somewhat colder tonight and in east and central portions Thursday.

Changes Needed.

Charlotte, March 25.—Miss Harriet Elliott, of North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, addressing the State League of Women Voters last night termed North Carolina's system of government "the haphazard result of a century of unconscious development." Miss Elliott's subject was the Brookings report, which she described as one of the "wise and progressive steps" taken by Governor Gardner.

Given 5-Year Sentence For Shooting Girl

Negro Shot Visitor At His Home

Mack Montgomery, of Earl Section, Only Witness For Himself At Trial.

Mack Montgomery, 45-year-old negro farm hand of the Earl section, was given a sentence of not less than five years nor more than eight years in the State prison at hard labor by Judge Wilson Warlick in superior court here yesterday.

Montgomery plead guilty of homicide in connection with the death of Odessa Littlejohn, young negro woman, wife of George Littlejohn. The woman was fatally shot in the yard of Montgomery's home on the Bettis farm on February 22, this year. The bullet entered her side, perforated her intestines, and she died in the Shelby hospital on Tuesday after being shot on Sunday.

Many Witnesses.

Quite a number of witnesses, all of whom were at or nearby the Montgomery home at the time of the shooting, were offered by the state. They told of a fuss going on in the house between the Littlejohn woman and members of Montgomery's family, particularly one of his daughters. Montgomery went into the house, one witness saying that he was called in to stop the fight. A short time later he ordered the Littlejohn woman to leave. As she was leaving, after having walked about 13 steps, state witnesses said, she half turned around and was then shot in the side by Montgomery. Several of the witnesses testified that Montgomery told her to get out and leave or he would shoot her.

Axe Brought In.

No witnesses appeared for the defendant and he took the stand himself. As the Littlejohn woman started from the house he testified that she picked up a sprouting axe and said that she would kill him. It was then he said he fired, having put his pistol in his pocket a few minutes before to scare her.

It was never brought out what the Littlejohn woman and members of Montgomery's family had been arguing about before he entered the house.

Montgomery proved a good character in the past and Judge Warlick announced that he took this into consideration in passing sentence.

Attorney Jim Cline was appointed by the court to handle the defense for Montgomery.

The man who goes to prison for five years has a wife and nine children, the oldest not living at home.

Former Shelby Lady Robbed Of Jewelry

Masked Men Enter Room Where Bridge Game Was Going On. Mrs. McBrayer Robbed.

Two masked men, armed with a sawed off shotgun and a revolver, entered the home of A. H. Galloway at Winston-Salem late Saturday, locked four women found playing bridge in a bathroom; locked Galloway in a closet, obtained jewelry valued at \$15,000 and escaped.

Victims of the robbery were Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, Mrs. James S. Dunn, Mrs. Margaret Cavanaugh and Mrs. Louise McBrayer, formerly of Shelby.

The bandits suddenly entered the library where the women were playing. While one stood guard over the disturbed bridge game, the other went to the room where Galloway was sleeping and locked him up. Then the two relieved the women of their jewelry, locked them in the bathroom and ransacked the house.

On leaving they drove away in Mrs. Cavanaugh's car, which was later recovered a half mile from the house.

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Store Robber Gets 5 Year Term In Prison

Doug Wray And Pals Convicted

Negro And Four Partners Sentenced. Other Terms 15 To 30 Months.

Doug Wray, colored, first suspect for many months when a store robbery was staged in this section, will not break into any more stores for five years unless he escapes from the state prison. Four of his pals are likewise out of circulation for periods ranging from 15 to 30 months.

In superior court late Monday Wray, who featured in the robbery some time ago of the R. L. Armour clothing store, the Basil Goode grocery and two other robberies, was sentenced on two breaking and entering charges, being given four years in prison on one charge and on year on the other.

Others Lighter.

Floyd Wray, his brother, was given a sentence of 18 months for receiving stolen goods.

Ewell Eskridge charged in one count with Wray of breaking and entering was given a sentence of 30 to 45 months.

Two other negroes, Will Henry and Willie Collins, arrested in connection with the Armour robbery, were given 15 months each for receiving stolen goods.

Stopped Robberies.

The arrest and jailing of Wray sometime ago practically brought a halt to robberies in this section as officers said would happen once they got their hands on Wray, who features in a number of robberies, either playing a lone hand or as the leader of a band.

Auto Robbery.

L. J. Monroe, charged with stealing an automobile, was given a seven months sentence to take effect when he completes a year's sentence imposed by the Cleveland county court on a chicken and turkey stealing charge.

The charge against Mose Allen of carnal knowledge of a girl under 12 years of age was continued under alias capsias order Monday.

Rape Bill.

Before adjourning yesterday the grand jury returned a true bill against Nelson Parker charging him with assault with intent to commit rape. The prosecuting witness was listed as Little Mitchell.

R. P. Francis Of Earl Dead, Age 77

Meeting to Be Held in Riviere Oil Co., Office Saturday Afternoon At Four O'clock.

All members of the Travelers Protective association are notified to meet Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of Riviere Oil Co., on S. Washington street.

Rufus Price Francis, 77 years of age and one of the leading citizens of the Earl community, died Monday evening at 7 o'clock after an illness of about a year. Mr. Francis joined the Baptist church when a youth and was a consecrated Christian gentleman. At the time of his death he was an honorary deacon of the New Hope Baptist church.

Mr. Francis was married to Sara Angeline McSwain but she preceded him to the grave a year and four months ago. Surviving are six children, Mrs. W. A. Mintz, of Charlotte, F. A. Francis of Earl, E. Y. Francis of Lakeland, Fla.; Mrs. Thera C. Wilkins, E. B. Francis, of Asheville, M. A. Francis, of Hickory. Two children are dead. One brother, R. B. Francis and one sister, Mrs. E. P. Roberts of Shelby also survive.

The funeral was conducted today at New Hope church, the services being in charge of Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor, assisted by Rev. Rush Padgett, of Lowell.

Kiwanis Will Not Meet This Week

There will be no meeting of the Kiwanis club this Thursday night because of the two revival meetings now going on at Central Methodist church and at the First Baptist church.

GET YOUR ROAD MAP NOW

The State takes over the entire road system on April 1st, under new legislation passed by this General Assembly.

You live on a county road or a state highway. Get a map showing the roads of Cleveland county, 793 miles, with the township divisions, various types of roads, consolidated schools, etc.

You can secure one of these maps by paying \$1 or more on subscription to The Star. Either call at the office, send your subscription by mail or see one of our subscription agents, P. S. Gettys or Q. J. Devenny.

The map is new and printed on strong, white paper, 11x17 inches.

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Holding Court



Three Men Sentenced For Robbing Home of Mrs. Kate Bridges.

In superior court yesterday three men—Claud McAbee, Joe Moore and Paul Sisk—were given sentences of nine months each on the county roads on a larceny charge.

The charges developed around the robbery last Wednesday night of the home of Mrs. Kate Bridges in the Boiling Springs section from which a quantity of food was stolen.

According to the sentences they are not to wear stripes.

Officers Recover More Stolen Loot

Get Goods Alleged To Be Taken From Four Stores. Two Men Held.

Deputies Henry McKinney and Gus Jolley yesterday evening arrested two men and recovered goods alleged to have been stolen from four stores in this section.

The men arrested were George Reavis of No. 2 township and Otto Hamrick who recently moved to Rutherford county. Among the goods recovered were some alleged to have been taken from the two stores at Mooresboro, one at Ellenboro, and one at Rutherfordton.

At one of the houses officers say they found what appeared to be the remainder of hog stolen from Andy Martin of No. 2 township soon after the hog was killed.

The men were sent to the Rutherford jail as the search was made by county officers when officers of that county suspected that Reavis and Hamrick had been in some way connected with Rutherford robberies.

The men denied any connection with the robberies and said that they knew nothing about the articles recovered.

T. P. A. To Elect Officers Saturday

Meeting to Be Held in Riviere Oil Co., Office Saturday Afternoon At Four O'clock.

All members of the Travelers Protective association are notified to meet Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of Riviere Oil Co., on S. Washington street.

This is an annual meeting and is called by the president F. O. Gee and the secretary-treasurer Bloom H. Kendall for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the appointment of delegates to the state convention.

The T. P. A. has a membership in Shelby of 65. An annual banquet is usually held during the Christmas holidays, but the banquet this year was passed up and the cost given to the needy of the city. The officers are desirous of having a large attendance at the meeting to be held Saturday afternoon.

Health Nurses Examine 8,428 Rural School Students. Tonsil Clinic.

A big percentage of the rural school children of Cleveland county have physical defects of one type or another, according to a survey recently completed by Miss Cora Beam, nurse of the state department of health. Miss Beam is a native of this county, a sister of Mr. Herman Beam, cashier of the Fallston bank.

In the county for four months Miss Beam examined 8,428 rural school children in addition to the school children of Shelby. Defects found were listed as follows:

Defective vision, 931.
Defective throats, 4,765.
Defective teeth, 3,881.

Number 10 percent underweight 795.

Before leaving Miss Beam informed J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of schools, that there was a possibility of schools of the health department putting on a tonsil clinic for school children of the county this spring.

Fallston Teacher Loses Her Father

E. T. Scott, father of Miss Helen Scott of the Fallston school faculty, died Tuesday at his home at Converse, S. C., and will be buried Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Cannon Camp Ground burying ground. Funeral services will be held at the Floyd Mortuary at Spartanburg. Mr. Scott was 66 years of age and is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. W. R. Drake and Mrs. H. B. Pettit of Spartanburg, H. B. and Miss Annie Scott of Converse and Miss Helen Scott of Fallston.

Two Revivals In City Create Added Interest

Wall, Courtney And Hayes Preach

Good Congregations Attending Services First Baptist, Central Methodist.

The two revivals now going on in Shelby, at the First Baptist church and the Central Methodist church, are drawing large congregations and much interest is being shown in the series of services. Both churches are holding services twice daily.

Courtney Preaches.

The primary motive of the Central services, according to the pastor, Rev. L. B. Hayes, is to cultivate and deepen the spiritual life of the church, and the morning services being conducted by Dr. R. M. Courtney, presiding elder of this district, are having much effect and are being well attended with considerable interest shown. In addition to conducting services here each morning Dr. Courtney preaches at Belmont each night and is proving a general leader in religious services for his entire district. Good crowds are attending the evening services, conducted by Rev. L. B. Hayes, the pastor, each evening at 7:30, and a number have indicated their desire to become affiliated with favorable approval here.

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Lost Off Polar Sub



The first voyage of the Nautilus in which Sir Hubert Wilkins plans to travel under the North Pole, was touched by tragedy. Willard L. Grimmer, quartermaster, fell from the narrow deck of the submarine as it was near New York. Grimmer is pictured above as he showed his bride of three weeks over the craft.

Gardner Opposed To Sales Tax And A Luxury Tax That Hits Common Use By People

Governor Does Not Hesitate To Express His Stand. Hopes State Will Not Be Inflicted With Any Such Tax Method.

Praise Gardner Over Tax Stand

Governor's Opposition To Sales Tax And Luxury Tax Commended Here.

Raleigh, March 25.—Governor Gardner announced himself yesterday as "unalterably opposed" to any form of a sales tax and to "any legislative program that finds this principle of taxation necessary to sustain it," in a special message to the North Carolina general assembly.

He recommended "that so much of the purpose of the MacLean bill as cannot be carried out without a sales tax be eliminated from its scope and purpose."

The governor spoke to a joint meeting of the house and senate on the MacLean school law which committed the general assembly to support the six months school "from sources other than ad valorem taxes on land" and the house revenue bill. The talk was broadcast.

The house revenue bill, estimated to raise between \$27,000,000 and \$29,000,000 annually is now before the house as a committee of the whole. It includes a general sales tax plan to raise approximately \$9,000,000 annually for schools, necessary to carry out the mandate of the MacLean law.

Terms Policy Unwise.

"I am thoroughly convinced of the un wisdom of the adoption of the policy of levying any form of a sales tax," Governor Gardner said.

"It is my profound conviction," he added, "that we would do a serious injustice to the great body of citizenship in our state, immediately and for the future, if we should establish this basis of taxation, failing to the future of the state.

For a week or more local citizens have been positive that Governor Gardner would speak out when the time came, and he is being highly commended for outlining his stand clearly and with no attempt to soften in a matter of such importance to the future of the state.

McSwain Votes For New Banking Method

On Monday Senator Peyton McSwain, of Cleveland county, was one of the senate banking committee members to vote in favor of the Seawell banking bill. The measure has already passed the house and is now favorably reported to the senate. It is the bill backed by Governor Gardner creating a new method of supervision of bankers as a result of numerous bank failures a year ago.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the two day Methodist Protestant rally at Hebron church near Toluca, Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29. The twelfth district embraces Falstone, Shelby, Lincolnton and Connally Springs and a large attendance is looked forward to. All of the ministers and a number of laymen in the twelfth district will have a part on the program, sessions to be held Saturday afternoon and night, Sunday morning, afternoon and night, making five sessions during the two days.

Luxury Tax On Articles Used By Common Man Is A Tax On Poverty

Governor Flays Any Form Of Sales Tax That Would Burden Poor Of State.

Excerpts from Governor Gardner's speech to the general assembly yesterday show it to be one of the most thoughtful presentations of opinion about the right of the little man to live ever presented by a North Carolina statesman. After reading the address Senator Cameron Morrison wired Governor Gardner: "I hope you can prevent the Democratic assembly from shifting any of it (the tax burden) to the pinched stomachs and threadbare backs of the poor."

"... selection of articles of common use and calling them luxuries is but a little more ingenious method of imposing taxes to relieve poverty."

"... it taxes the weak to relieve the strong."

"Taxes are high in this state and must be reduced... They will be reduced when this general assembly removes the tax on property."

"Sales taxes take no measure of ability to pay taxes. They are based on human needs, and not on ability."