

Cotton, per lb. 10 1/2c up
Cotton Seed, per bu 37 1/2c

More Rain

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and Saturday. Colder Saturday in west portion. Colder Saturday night and Sunday.

Charlotte Crash.

Charlotte, March 27.—The crash of a passenger train into a crowded street car here early today, injuring 43 persons at a crossing equipped with safety gates, set in motion three separate investigations. Authorities of the Southern Railway Company, the local street car company and public officials sought to determine why the crossing gates were raised while the car, loaded with early risers on their way to work, rolled directly into the path of the locomotive as the latter crossed West Trade street into the yard of the Southern passenger station. Twenty-six of the injured were reported "resting well" by the hospitals to which they were taken. The other 17 suffered injuries not requiring hospital attention. None are expected to die. Of the victims, 36 are negroes.

Gus Branton Buried Today At Ross Grove

Died Suddenly At His Home On Fallston Road. Had Been In Good Health.

Gus Branton, prominent contractor and builder, died yesterday morning at his home on the Fallston road just north of Shelby, following an illness of a few hours with angina pectoris. Mr. Branton had gotten up and planned to go to his work in which he was engaged, building a new home for Mrs. Clarence Mull opposite the Shelby hospital when he became sick and called in the family physician, Dr. E. B. Lattimore. He died 15 minutes after the physician arrived.

Mr. Branton was 55 years of age and was born a few miles north of Shelby. He was a carpenter and contractor by trade and a very conscientious and capable man, building a number of the better buildings in Shelby. He was a fine Christian gentleman and held the respect of all who knew him. His death was a shock to the family and his great host of friends.

Default Move In Hicks Suit

City of Gastonia Fails To File Answer In Required Legal Time.

Gastonia, March 27.—In Cleveland county superior court next Wednesday arguments will be heard as to the vacating of a default judgment entered before Clerk of Court A. M. Hamrick in Shelby in the case of Dr. R. C. Hicks, suing the city of Gastonia for \$20,000 personal damages.

A. E. Woltz, attorney for the city of Gastonia, failed to file answer to the original complaint in due time and the default judgment followed. In the event the Cleveland court issues a vacating order, Attorney Woltz will seek to have the case removed to Gaston county.

Masonic Meeting.

A regular meeting of Cleveland lodge 203 A. F. and A. M. will be held tonight at the temple at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

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Hope Not Given Up For New Hosiery Plant Here; Offer Still Under Consideration

Would Bring Large Payroll Here

High Point Manufacturers Have Not Yet Made Reply To Shelby Bid.

There is still some hope that a new hosiery mill will be established in Shelby during the year, it was learned here today.

Some months ago High Point men became interested in establishing a new hosiery plant in Shelby. Local leaders heard of the plans and made the High Point men an attractive offer to locate the plant here in the building formerly occupied by the Janet hosiery mill. The offer was to hold good if the new plant would assure annual payroll of \$75,000, which would add considerably to business activity of the city.

At that time it was expected that the High Point men would give their answer in approximately 10 days, but so far no definite answer has been given. It was learned this week, however, that the proposition is still being considered, and in Shelby it is hoped that the proposed plan for a new industry will go through.

Grover School Girl Dies In Hospital

Nine Year Old Hilda Herndon Succumbs After Long Illness. Buried Today.

Hilda Herndon, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lester Herndon of Grover, died Thursday morning at 6 o'clock at the Shelby hospital, following an illness since last December. Since she was taken sick with a heart trouble, she had been a patient three times in the hospital and every medical attention was given her, but nothing could save her life.

Hilda was in the third grade at school, a patient loving child with a beautiful character. She had just passed her 9th birthday on Tuesday of this week.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at the Grover home of the parents at 2 o'clock, the service being conducted by the pastor of the First Baptist church. Surviving are her parents and the following brothers and sisters, Marie, who is a student in a Greensboro college, Graham, Harold, Jack, Edwin Gerald. Her grandmother Herndon on her father's side and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bookout on her mother's side also survive.

Little Miss Herndon is a niece of Mrs. Beulah Parker and Mrs. Hugh Logan of Shelby.

Baseball On Today And Saturday Here

Highs Play Kings Mountain Today And Bolling Springs College Tomorrow.

The Shelby highs are playing at home this afternoon and again tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon.

Today at the city park the rebuilt 1930 champions are playing Kings Mountain, an old rival. Saturday the Bolling Springs junior college nine comes here for a game.

With a week's practice together since the opening game last Friday the Morrismen are showing improvement and in practice sessions are working together more smoothly. A decided improvement shown indicates that the highs should at least break even in the two contests this week.

Second Round Puts Shelby Golfer Out Of Pinehurst Play

Pete Webb, young Shelby golfer, failed to get in the final day's play today in the North and South open tournament at Pinehurst because of off-play in his second round Thursday. In the first round the young Shelby golfer turned in a good 77 for 18 holes, but he faltered in the second 18 holes and made an 85 which eliminated him from the first sixty, including a score of America's best known golfers such as Hagen, Sarazen and others. With his total score of 162, however, the Shelby youngster tied Bill Goebel, Charlotte pro, and led some of the best known golfers in the two Carolinas.

Woodman Dance.

There will be a round and square dance at the Woodman hall Saturday night.

Patterson Case To Jury; Hearing Takes Much Time

Former Ella Official Charged With False Pretense In Cotton Sale.

After a day and a half had been given over to hearing the evidence and addresses of the counsel the Lem Patterson case was given to the jury in superior court here today at noon. A verdict is anticipated this afternoon.

Patterson was charged with receiving money under false pretense in an alleged cotton sale at the Ella mill where he was employed as an official until this trouble developed. The chief witness for the state was Griff Borders, well known farmer, who testified that he had taken two bales of cotton, presumably belonging to Patterson and had sold them to the Ella mill through Patterson. After getting the check Borders testified that he gave the money to Patterson with the exception of half the profit between the alleged purchase price and the sale price. Later, he stated, he returned the money to the mill. The state's implication was that there were two such bales of cotton and that Patterson had manipulated the tags to represent two bales that were not in existence.

The defense did not offer any evidence, contending that the state had not shown that the cotton featuring the transaction was not the cotton of Patterson. Judge B. T. Falls aided Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling in the prosecution and Patterson was represented by Attorney D. Z. Newton and W. S. Beam.

The hearing drew the largest crowd of any trial at this session of the court, and scores of people are about the court house this afternoon awaiting the verdict. Opinion of spectators as to the verdict of the jury is pretty evenly divided.

In addition to the case now in the hands of the jury the solicitor, it is understood, has six other counts of a similar nature against Patterson. These other charges will not likely be reached this term.

It is evident now that the trial of criminal cases will continue well into next week before the court can clear away enough of the criminal docket to reach the civil calendar.

County Quartette On Radio Sunday

The senior B. Y. P. U. male quartet of Beaver Dam church will broadcast from station WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Sunday morning, March 29, from 10:30 to 11 o'clock.

The quartet is composed of the following: Messrs. Albert McGinnis, second tenor, Gilbert McGinnis, first tenor, Ralph Callahan, baritone, Truman Bridges, bass.

Turners Open New Produce Business

Messrs. D. C. and R. G. Turner have just opened a wholesale produce house in Shelby to be known as the Cleveland Produce company. The firm is located just off South LaFayette street behind the Chocolate Shop. A general trade will be handled in chickens, eggs, produce and feed.

To Open Revival At Eastside



Rev. L. L. Jessup, pastor of the Second Baptist church will do the preaching at a revival which begins at the Eastside Baptist church of which Rev. H. E. Waldrop is p. or. Services begin Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and during the week one preaching service will be held each evening beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

College Drive Continues Gain

Fund Now Exceeds \$7,000. Over \$300 Added During The Past Week.

To date the Bolling Springs junior college fund amounts to \$7,208.15, according to Dr. R. L. Bolton, here in the interest of the drive for funds for the school. This week \$339.55 was added to the fund, as follows:

Table listing contributions to the Bolling Springs junior college fund, including names like First Baptist church, Sandy Run Assn., R. L. Wilson and family, etc.

Home Burned On Owner's Birthday

V. J. Hill, farmer, living a mile and a half from Fallston had his home destroyed by fire on his birthday, March 11th. The entire residence was destroyed and nothing saved of the contents but an organ, three beds and two wash stands. His smoke house and meat was also destroyed.

Penney Assistant Goes To Reidsville

Gerald McBrayer, assistant manager of the J. C. Penney Co., leaves Sunday for Reidsville where he becomes manager of the Penney Co. store at that place. Mr. McBrayer has been with the Penney Co. here since the store was opened nearly six years ago and proved so capable and efficient, he was advanced to assistant manager. He now steps out as manager of a store established some years ago at Reidsville. Mr. McBrayer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lander F. McBrayer.

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Sales Tax Plan By House With Narrow Margin

Edwards Votes To Remove Tax

General Sales Tax Wins By Four Votes. May Be Defeated Yet.

Raleigh, March 27.—The North Carolina house of representatives, sitting as a committee of the whole, last night by a vote of 55 to 51 approved the Day general sales tax provision of the house revenue bill.

The vote was taken on the proposed amendment of Representative Erwin, of Burke, to strike out the general sales tax section.

To Raise \$9,000,000.

Fifty-five representatives voted against this amendment and 51 for it. The Day plan, a 1 per cent tax on gross sales of all retail merchants in the state, is estimated by its sponsors to raise approximately \$9,000,000 annually to help support the six month's school term and carry out the mandate of the MacLean law.

Holmes advocated a cut in state salaries of 25 per cent, an equalizing fund of \$12,000,000 for schools and no sales tax. He asserted teachers, state officials and other public employees would draw more salary with a 20 or 25 percent cut than they made in 1918 and the reduced pay would buy more than the top salary did three years ago.

Representative Henry B. Edwards, of Cleveland county, voted for the Erwin substitute which would strike out the sales tax section of the Day bill.

Not Yet Passed.

Raleigh, March 27.—Although the house sitting as a committee of the whole last night voted down an amendment to eliminate the general sales tax from the revenue bill by a vote of 55 to 51, possibly of a shift of the votes necessary to kill the general-sales tax provision when it comes to the floor of the house is predicted by some of those following the progress of the provision.

Probably a dozen shifts have been made, practically all of them to the opposition side, within the last 24 hours, and at this rate the measure could meet death.

However, if it passes the house, the predictions are that it will meet defeat in the senate. Supporters of the general sales tax in the house, who previously had supported the so-called luxury tax plan, expressed hope that the senate would substitute the luxury tax when the bill reaches the senate, and then hopes to muster strength enough when it returned to the house for concurrence to carry it over.

Senate May Kill Both.

But, if present indications in the senate are to be relied upon, that body will not only kill the general sales tax, but also the luxury sales tax. Moreover, it is freely predicted that the increased equalizing fund, probably to \$10,000,000, will be proposed by the senate. That body, according to general belief, will not support a sales tax, general or luxury.

Increasing Interest Here In Baptist-Methodist Revivals

Special Music At Baptist Church

Hundreds Attending. Large Numbers Being Saved. Meetings Tonight.

The revival which has been going on for several days at the First Baptist church, is gaining in interest, inspiration and attendance as the days pass.

On Wednesday evening Dr. Wall spoke on "The Tragic Burial." He gave a graphic description of the man who buried the talent which was entrusted to him as steward and closed the message with the result of such a tragedy. "How Shall We Escape If We Neglect So Great a Salvation?" was last night's theme. The consequences of neglect was brought vividly to the large audience present.

The morning services have been inspiring. Wednesday morning the subject was, "Praying For Our Enemies." He predicated the message on Christ's prayer on the cross for His enemies. "Wilt Thou Not Revive Us Again, That Thy People May Rejoice in Thee," was the subject Thursday morning. The pastor urged all to continue to pray for the revival now going on until the holy spirit gains entrance into every lost

soul. Morning services will be dispensed with on week-days next week and the pastor, Mr. Hayes will not preach except on Sundays. Rev. L. B. church, Kings Mountain Methodist pastor comes Monday to conduct the preaching services each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

World's Youngest Officer



By virtue of his commission promulgated by the Governor of Idaho, who reposes "special confidence in his integrity, diligence and discretion," Paul Lambert Priest (above) four months old, of Bronxville, N. Y., is a lieutenant-colonel, entitled to carry a sword and rating a salute from majors down to the lowliest buck private in kitchen police.

This District Remains Same, Number Changed; Unite Colleges

Senate Passes Redistricting Bill This Now Tenth. Consolidate Now.

Raleigh, March 27.—Making slight changes, the senate Wednesday night passed without a record vote a committee substitute bill to redistrict North Carolina to take care of the eleventh congressman which the state gained by the 1930 census reapportionment.

The changes made by the senate would remove Chatham and Randolph from the sixth district, as set up in the committee's bill, and with Vance from the fifth district places them in the fourth.

The fourth district would be comprised of: Franklin, Johnston, Nash, Vance, Chatham, Randolph and Wake counties.

Caswell, Forsyth, Granville, Person, Rockingham, Stokes and Surry counties would comprise the fifth district.

In the sixth would be Alamance, Durham, Orange and Guilford counties.

Earlier in the week Senator Johnson of Duplin introduced a resolution.

Five Men Flee In Rutherford

However Four Are Retaken In 30 Minutes, And Capture Of Fifth Is Expected.

Rutherfordton, March 27.—Five prisoners, all young white men, broke out of jail here Wednesday about nine o'clock, four of whom were captured within thirty minutes after their escape but the fifth, Geo. Brady, is still at large. Officers are on his trail and hope to apprehend him soon.

Those escaping were Linnie and Lonnie Flynn, charged with chicken theft, Riley Hensley, Geo. Brady and Hop Valentine, charged with store breaking.

W. L. Walker, jailer, unlocked the door to the inside cell to place a tub of water. Five prisoners outside the cell rushed him, also several in the cell. They took his keys and billy, unlocked the door and the five got out. The keys were gotten back later. Walker outwitted fifteen men, kept them from locking him in the cell and ran out and shot at two of the fleeing prisoners and gave the alarm.

Shelby Boy Picked Blamey Stone As First "Saint Pat"

Raleigh, March 27.—When the 1931 "Grand Brawl" of the Engineers fair at North Carolina State college is concluded on April 4, nearly 325 senior engineering students will have kissed the "blamey stone" since it was first brought to the institution in 1927.

This stone, which was selected by the first "Saint Pat," John Anthony, a nephew of Governor O. Max Gardner, is carefully preserved and guarded between the annual initiations.

Geologically it is of the pre-Cambrian age, which means that it was part of the original earth's crust, being formed ages before any life appeared on the planet, so the State college engineer's tradition goes. The whereabouts of the famous old stone is at present known to two men on the campus.

Town Talk

"More woodland has been cleared up in Cleveland county and surrounding section in the last six months than in any similar period of time in 20 years," several citizens declared during a conversation yesterday at the court house.

"The farmers are not only cutting timber but are cleaning out tracts where there is nothing but firewood. A trip about the county will show more land cleared or being cleared and bigger piles of wood than has been seen in a long time. Two things are responsible. First, this work has given employment to many hands during the unemployed period, and, second, after a low-price cotton year farmers have picked up quite a bit of extra money selling timber and firewood."

Oliver Anthony, real estate dealer: "On a recent automobile trip to Sanford my companions and myself counted the automobiles we saw on the highway, particularly between Charlotte and Shelby, and there are fewer cars travelling than in years."

An observant citizen: "I was interested in the proposal in legislation to lower the price of automobile tags. They should be lowered even if it means an additional gas tax. As it is now the farmer who drives his car to town only once or twice per week has to pay as much for his license tags as does the man who drives many miles each day. That isn't right. The tax should be in proportion to the amount the gas is used—and that means the gas tax, for then the man who drives the most pays the most to build and maintain the highways. In other words every auto owner would pay in proportion to his use of the highways. It is the same principle as owning a home; the man who owns the big home pays more tax, as he should, than the man who owns a small home."

Victor Wray, of the A. V. Wray and Six Sons firm: "Say the bonus checks to the vets haven't helped if you want to, but they have. In the last few days we've sold suits and other clothing to nine veterans. They're using their heads about spending their money."

Charlie Woodson: "Sherrill Hamrick, the Shelby high school pitcher last year, should be with some of the Piedmont league clubs this year since they must use four rookies on each club. He is as good or better than any of the pitchers Ray Kennedy, the Asheville manager, used at Spartanburg yesterday."

Native Of County Dies In Oklahoma

News has been received here of the death in Wynnewood, Okla., of Mrs. H. L. Kimsey who died Monday, Mar. 16, at her home there. She was one of Wynnewood's outstanding women and a native of Cleveland county, having been born near Toluca before marriage she was Miss Mittleida Self, and was a first cousin of J. M. Vaughn and Carlo Self of Shelby. Scores of other relatives survive in Cleveland county. Mrs. Kimsey was 46 years of age.

Messrs DeWitt Quinn, Charlie J. Woodson, Hudson B. Ellis and Rennie Drum were visitors in Spartanburg, S. C., yesterday, witnessing the Asheville-Jersey City baseball game.

Makes His Own Auto Tags; Has Phoney Money

Does Good Job Of Making Tag

Counterfeit Nickels Found On County Man. Mold Found At Home.

Trouble heaped up about Cary Dyer, Cleveland county farmer yesterday. While he was en route to jail yesterday on a charge of making his own automobile license tags, he was searched by Police Chief Poston who found in his pocket a half dozen counterfeit nickels.

For some time fake nickels have been reported to the Shelby chief by local merchants and after finding some in the pockets of Dyer, the chief and Automobile Inspector Wilkins made a visit to the Dyer home. There they found a nickel mould where it is presumed the nickels were made, a number of other fake five-cent pieces, and an uncompleted mould for making false silver dollars. The nickels found in Dyer's pocket and at his home so resembled real money that a close inspection is necessary to determine the difference.

Dyer was still in jail this morning, not having paid his fine for making his own auto tags, and officers stated that he would also be held for federal authorities on the counterfeit charge.

A miniature automobile license tag factory wound up in county court here yesterday when Carl Dyer, of the McBrayer Springs section, was fined \$50 and the costs or a three months sentence, for making his own license plates.

Dyer was apprehended and arrested this week by Automobile Inspector D. D. Wilkins.

His new 1931 tags were almost perfect, but not quite perfect enough to escape the eagle eye of the law. Dyer apparently had taken his 1929 blue and black tags, paired the background black and the figures yellow to correspond with the color scheme of the 1931 tags. In the middle of the figures was inserted with yellow paint the small figure "4" that is on all the 1931 Ford tags. The words "North Carolina" are on the same place on the 1929 tag and it was only necessary to paint them. On the lower right-hand corner it was necessary, however, to place the figure "31". Dyer did this, but failed to raise the figures. This slip resulted in his arrest.

When Inspector Wilkins went to the Dyer home after him he was informed that Dyer had started walking to Shelby. Mr. Wilkins turned his auto about and started for Shelby. En route he came upon Dyer and invited him to ride. Dyer crawled in and then the officer notified him that he was under arrest.

Inspector Wilkins plans to send the revamped tag to the Raleigh department to show its clever artistry.

County Man Gets Damages For Hurt Received In 1929

J. P. Blanton Given Over \$800 And Expenses For Medical Treatment.

In a decision handed down this week by a full meeting of the N. C. Industrial commission J. P. Blanton, of the Earl section of Cleveland county, was awarded over \$800 and medical expenses in a suit against the Hobbs-Peabody Construction company.

Blanton injured a leg on September 14, 1929, while working on highway 18 south of Shelby. The injury later developed into an ulcer. The award by the commission states that Blanton is to receive \$774 per week since the date of injury plus reasonable costs for medical and hospital treatment. At \$774 per week he will receive around \$835 in addition to medical expenses incurred. The award also stated that his attorney, Maurice R. Weathers, should receive \$100 for his fees.

Tillman Takes Over Service Station Here

C. C. Tillman has purchased the Wray service station at the corner of LaFayette and Sumter streets and will operate the same as a Firestone one stop service station. This location is next to the Keester-Groome Furniture Co. Mr. Tillman has had considerable experience the service station business.