

Cotton, per lb. 10 1/4 up
Cotton Seed, per bu. 37 1/2

Cloudy Tonight.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy and probably rain tonight and Thursday. Fair in north portion tonight. Not much change in temperature.

Gets Second Vote.

Raleigh, April 15.—The Folger-Grier revenue bill which would supplant the Hinsdale so-called luxury tax bill for support of the MacLean school law passed a second reading in the state senate yesterday by a vote of 27 to 22. Senators McSwain and McLean voted for the Folger-Grier equalization plan.

School Finals Underway Last Of This Week

Long Term Schools End Next Week And During Following Week.

Hundreds of Cleveland County school children who journeyed back to the school room early last fall will be leaving school this week for the summer vacation.

Practically all of the six-month schools in the county will close this week, it was announced today by Prof. J. H. Grigg, county superintendent. Beaver Dam, Elizabeth and possibly one other will not close until next week.

In the short term schools this week the commencement programs will be held, a feature event for many of the county schools.

One eight-month school, the Dover, is also closing this week.

Others To Close.

A major portion of the long term schools will close next week, a number of them starting their commencement program early in the week.

Practically all schools in the county system will complete their terms by week after next with the children returning home in time to help with the spring farm activities.

Take Tests.

Seventh grade examinations, according to the State schedule were held in all the county schools last week to determine just how many children in the county system will advance to high school work next year. Approximately 500 tests were given and grades will be ready the latter part of this week.

Local Debaters Split In Group

Affirmative Team Wins Here, Negative Team Loses To Lincoln-Ton Team.

With one team winning and the other losing the Shelby High debaters were last night eliminated from the State-wide triangular contest. The two Lincoln-Ton teams will represent the Shelby-Gastonia-Lincolnton triangle in the remaining contests at Chapel Hill.

Debating in Shelby the affirmative team, composed of Sara Louise Falls and Matilda Jenks, defeated the Gastonia negative, George Taylor and Moona Horton. At Lincoln-Ton Shelby's negative team, composed of Sarah Thompson and William Ingram, lost to the Lincoln-Ton affirmative.

The Lincoln-Ton negative defeated the Gastonia affirmative at Gastonia to win with both teams.

No. 3 School Finals Begin On Thursday

Hon. J. R. Davis of Kings Mountain To Speak, Operetta And Plays.

Commencement exercises of No. 3 schools begin Thursday, April 16. The program is as follows:

Thursday evening, April 16, operetta, primary grades, Patterson school.

Friday evening, April 17, program, elementary grades, Patterson school. Program, grammar grades, Earl school.

Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2:30 o'clock, annual sermon, Dr. J. B. Davis, Earl school.

Monday evening, April 20, play, "Yimmie Yonson's Yob," Earl school.

Tuesday evening, April 21, play "Yimmie Yonson's Yob," Patterson school.

Wednesday evening, April 22, class day exercises, Earl school.

Graduating exercises and awarding of certificates and honors.

The evening programs will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

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TODAY

New Trustees For Hospital Here; Board Cut From 15 To Seven; Have Alternating Service

Appointed By City Aldermen

Legislative Bill Reduces Number Of Trustees. One Woman Named.

At a recent meeting of the city aldermen a new board of trustees for the Shelby Public Hospital was named in accordance with a bill recently passed in the legislature.

Heretofore the board has been made up of 15 trustees but as it was always hard to get such a large number together for a meeting the legislative action was taken to reduce the board to seven.

When the hospital was established a board of trustees was appointed by the aldermen with the provision that thereafter they should be elected. In the years that have elapsed no formal election has ever been held, the original board retaining control under the general law of the first appointment. This revision was also changed by the new hospital bill which provides that hereafter the seven trustees shall be named by the aldermen.

1, 3, 7 Years.

By the new arrangement two trustees will serve one year terms, two will serve two year terms and three will serve as trustees for three years.

The new trustees named recently by the aldermen follow:

For one year—S. S. Royster and O. M. Mull.

For two years—A. W. McMurry and O. C. Dixon.

For three years—John Schenck, Jr., Mrs. W. B. Nix and Clyde R. Hoey.

No meeting of the new trustees has been held since they were appointed, but it is presumed that Clyde R. Hoey, chairman of the original board, will remain as chairman until the new trustees hold a meeting for formal organization.

Gastonia Girls Burned To Death

Mary Catherine Vickers, Age 21, Is Buried At Union Baptist Church.

Mary Catherine Vickers, 21-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Vickers, of South Gastonia, died in a Gastonia hospital about 3:30 Monday afternoon as the result of burns believed to have been sustained when her dress caught fire as she attempted to light a fire in a stove at her home.

Miss Vickers' screams brought her mother in from the yard. She was alone when her clothes caught fire, thus making it impossible to get full details of the accident.

Funeral services were held in Cleveland county Tuesday afternoon and burial was at Union Baptist church.

Miss Vickers is survived by her parents, one sister, Margaret, and two brothers, Grady and A. C. Vickers.

Lions Entertain 'Flapper' Players

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Scout Meeting In City Next Tuesday, 21st

Executive Board Of Piedmont District To Gather At Hotel Charles.

According to announcements of Piedmont council headquarters of the Piedmont council of the Boy Scouts of America located at Gastonia, the executive board of that organization will meet at the Hotel Charles here on Tuesday night, April 21st.

The Piedmont council is giving supervision to the scout movement in the counties of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Rutherford, Polk, Catawba, Iredell, Burke, Alexander, McDowell and Caldwell.

The administrative headquarters of the organization is located at Gastonia and the summer training camp for the troops in this area is located at Lake Lanier, near Tryon. The Piedmont Boy Scout camp is one of the best equipped scout camps in the south and from 800 to 1,000 boys are expected to be enrolled in this camp this summer.

R. M. Schiele is the executive of the Piedmont council. J. W. Atkins of Gastonia is president and the following are vice presidents: Geo. R. Tennent of Gastonia, C. C. Dawson of Cramerton, B. L. Smith of Shelby, Harry Page of Lincolnton, E. P. Bacon of Tryon, Rev. J. Lewis Thornburg of Statesville, Prof. Eugene DeF. Heald of Hickory and G. Max Long of Morganton. In addition to those officers representatives of the various towns in the counties included in the Piedmont area form the executive board.

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Gives Up Throne



King Alfonso (above) yesterday abdicated his throne as ruler of Spain, thus ending a monarchy of many years. Spain is now a provisional republic.

Figures Given Of Dorsey Term

Statement By Auditor Shows Tax Rate, Debt Decrease During Regime.

At the request of former Mayor W. N. Dorsey, J. L. Hoyle, Charlotte auditor, who audited the city books during the Dorsey administration, has prepared a brief resume of city finances during that period which shows the city tax rate to have been \$1.25 at that time with the city deficit decreased \$69,765.71 from June 1, 1927 to May 31, 1929.

The statement follows:

"The deficit June 1, 1927 was \$105,219.54; May 31, 1929 it was \$35,453.83—a decrease of \$69,765.71.

Bonds outstanding June 1, 1927 were \$1,615,000; bonds issued March 1, 1929, \$100,000, \$70,000 for sewer and \$30,000 for electric light and power extension; bonds paid \$103,000, leaving a balance of \$1,612,000 May 31, 1929.

"Four bonds, \$1,000 each, of the special charter school district No. 33 were paid November 1, 1928; but as this issue is not an obligation of the city of Shelby, this item of \$4,000 is not included in the above figures.

"The interest on the bonded indebtedness of the city was \$104,865; on the bonds of the special school district, \$19,900—total interest of \$124,765.

"Extensions made from the general fund for this period were: Electric Light and Power, \$21,014.48; water, \$15,213.91; street, \$6,128.32; sewer, \$5,750.68—a total of \$47,107.39. "In addition to these extensions bonds were issued for \$100,000; \$70,000 for sewer extension and \$30,000 for electric light and power extension.

"Taxes were levied for 1927 as follows: the rate was \$1.25 the hundred on the assessed value of the property in the old city limits; 90 cents in the new city limits; and 41 cents for the special charter school district No. 33. For 1928 the levy was: City, \$1.25; school district 52 1-2 cents.

"All invoices covering purchases were approved by the board of aldermen and all checks signed by the city clerk and treasurer and countersigned by the mayor.

"Our investigations disclosed no evidence of any improper handling of funds or accounts, and no evidence that the mayor or any member of the board of aldermen received any commission, or profited in any way from any purchases made by the city, or in any way whatsoever."

City Election On May 4th, Not 5th

Candidates Must File Notice Six Days Prior To Election With Clerk.

The city election will be held May 4th, the first Monday in May instead of May 5th, the first Tuesday in May, according to City Attorney D. C. Newton who has investigated the City Charter on this point.

Candidates must also file notice of their candidacy six days prior to the election with the city clerk, says Mr. Newton. This is not required in the charter, but is required by the Australian ballot law under which all elections in the state must be held since the passage of this act. Those who must file notice of candidacy not only include the candidates for mayor, but those who offer themselves for membership on the board of aldermen and the city school board.

Chas. E. Neisler Kings Mtn. Mill Magnate Dies

Was Driving Along Highway

Sudden End As He Was Returning Home From Gastonia. Funeral Thursday.

(Special To The Star.)

Kings Mountain, April 15.—Chas. E. Neisler, age 63, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock as he was returning home from Gastonia where he had attended a meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank and had just been elected a director of that institution.

Taken suddenly ill as he drove along the highway, he turned in to a filling station and asked that a physician be called. A physician from Bessemer City arrived, but Mr. Neisler died within 30 minutes from the time he arrived at the station.

Funeral arrangements had not been made this morning, pending the arrival of his son C. E. Neisler, Jr., who is on a business trip to New York city and two daughters in school at Nashville, Tenn. It is thought, however, the funeral will be held Thursday.

Mr. Neisler, born in Concord February 9, 1868, was an active worker in the cotton manufacturing industry from boyhood, being associated with his father in the Rock Hill mills after receiving his education in the schools of Rock Hill and the old Gaston college in Dallas.

He was chosen superintendent of the Dallas cotton mills in 1892 at the age of 24. He came to Kings Mountain the following year to become superintendent of the Kings Mountain Manufacturing company, the pioneer mill of this place. He was superintendent of this mill for 25 years, during this time being also superintendent of the Klotho mill, now known as Mauney mills, the Bonnie mills and the Anna mills.

Organized Three Mills.

In 1899 Mr. Neisler assisted in organizing the Indian Creek Manufacturing company near Lincolnton, and was manager of this organization until 1907. In that year he sold his Lincolnton interests and came here to build the Pauline mills. In 1919 he built the Margaree mills and the Patricia mills here.

Mr. Neisler was a director of Civilian club and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He was a director of the First National bank of Kings Mountain. He had been prominent in church work, being an elder in the First Presbyterian church and for 30 years he was superintendent of the Sunday school.

In 1892 Mr. Neisler was married with Miss Ida Pauline Mauney, daughter of W. A. Mauney. Five sons and three daughters survive. They are C. E., Jr., Paul M., Joe, Hugh and Hunter Neisler, sons, and Margaret, Grace and Pauline Neisler, daughters.

Relatives Leave McBrayer Funeral

Mr. And Mrs. Holmes To Knoxville, Mrs. Minor To Washington, Gene To Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes returned to Knoxville, Tenn., yesterday, and tomorrow Mr. Gene McBrayer returns to his home in West Virginia and Mrs. A. L. Minor to her home in Washington after being here to attend the funeral of Dr. Allen McBrayer on Monday.

Dr. Allen McBrayer on Monday, Dr. McBrayer died in a hospital in Dothan, Ala., on Friday night. Mrs. Gerald Morgan, of Shelby, and Mrs. Holmes were sisters of Dr. McBrayer and Mr. Gene McBrayer was a brother. Mr. C. B. McBrayer, of this place was a half-brother, and Mrs. Minor was a half-sister. Dr. Evans McBrayer, of Portland, Ore., another half-brother of the deceased, was unable to attend the funeral.

Mr. John Harrill, a friend of the deceased at Chipley, Fla., who accompanied the remains to Shelby returned to his home Tuesday. Mr. Harrill is a former probate judge in his home city.

Many beautiful floral offerings were a gesture at the esteem in which Dr. McBrayer was held.

Not In Wreck.

C. J. Payne, one of the three men reported to have been in the automobile which ran into a Seaboard freight train on an east Shelby crossing Sunday night, informs that he was not in the car. The others were Bert Baldwin and Bill Clubb.

Moves Residence.

Mr. J. W. Spangler, who has for some years lived on East Marion street, moved yesterday to DeKalb street. He now occupies the John Wray house opposite the Presbyterian church.

Fair Captain of Rifle Champs



Miss Minna Cannon, captain of the University of Maryland rifle team, shows that she can handle a rifle with the best. Her team defeated the girls from George Washington University at the National Rifle Association meet at Washington, D. C.

List Of Delegates And Homes In Which They Are Stopping, While At Mission Meeting

No, Japan Has Not Taken Philippines

Wild Rumor Scattered In Shelby Yesterday Gets City Astrir.

Just where and how it started no one seems to know, but for several hours Shelby was "all stirred up about it."

The story was that by a surprise attack and an unexpected invasion Japan had captured the Philippines. One report has it that a school boy returned to the high school just after noon and informed that the rumor had been heard over radio. A few minutes later telephones in The Star office began to ring, and they rang all afternoon as excited citizens asked for actual facts. In some sections the rumor progressed to the extent that it was said The Star was getting out an extra.

Red Cross Relief Fund Over \$100.00

A cashier's check for \$11.35 has been sent by The Star to the American Red Cross headquarters to be used for the relief of sufferers in the flood stricken area. A few weeks ago a check for \$91 was sent, this making a total of \$102.35 secured in Shelby by voluntary contributions sent to The Star office. Henry B. Edwards is Red Cross chairman in Shelby, but being away attending the session of the legislature, The Star opened its columns for free will donations and this amount was received by simply presenting the cause.

The \$11.35 represented in the last remittance sent yesterday included \$7.50 from the Ishpenning club and \$3.85 from the evening division of the Woman's club.

Revival Services Are Now Underway

Revival services are now being held each evening at 7:30 at the Church of God on Gardner street West Shelby. Rev. Mr. Scott, of Gastonia is in charge and the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend by Rev. E. S. Davis, the pastor.

Carolina Farmers To Raise More Food And Feed Stuff This Year

More Acreage For Corn, Barley Increased. Biggest Of All.

Raleigh, April 15.—Further headway of the live-at-home program in North Carolina is indicated for 1931 by the intentions to plant reports received at State college this week and analyzed by C. A. Sheffield, assistant extension director.

According to Mr. Sheffield, farmers of the state will expand acreage planted to all major food and feed crops. The increase will range from a 7 percent increase in corn acreage to a 40 percent increase in barley planted. Only a normal acreage of 491,000 acres was planted to wheat last fall for harvest this spring.

The acreage to barley shows the greatest gain for the year. Mr. Sheffield says this crop has increased 50

Women Delegates From Churches In Western North Carolina Methodist Conference.

With 300 women delegates from practically all of the Methodist churches in the Western North Carolina Conference in Shelby for three days this week, the following list of delegates and the homes to which they have been assigned is herewith published for the information of the local people.

Extra copies of this issue of The Star containing this list of delegates and their hostesses is being furnished free to the delegates at the Central Methodist church in order that they might know who is here and where they might get in touch with their friends.

Asheville District.

Delegate	Hostess
Mrs. A. E. Dugger—Mrs. Frank Hoyle.	
Mrs. Cordia King—Mrs. Loy Thompson.	
Miss Nell Miller—Mrs. Loy Thompson.	
Mrs. L. E. Phillips—Mrs. Dave Honoyt.	
Mrs. H. E. Kerley—Mrs. Dave	

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Revival Meeting Closes Thursday

Rev. H. F. Duncan Preaches On Subject "God Is Love." Subject For Tonight.

The revival which has been in progress at LaFayette Street M. E. church and in which much interest has been shown will close with the service tomorrow evening. Tuesday evening Rev. H. F. Duncan who has been doing the preaching throughout the meeting brought a strong message on the subject "God Is Love." This evening his subject "The Young Man Whom Jesus Loved," should be of especial interest to men.