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Late News

THE MARKET

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Cloudy Thursday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight. Increasing cloudiness Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

G. O. P. Wet Wrangle.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Prohibition involved House Republicans in another intense dispute yesterday, based on a proposal that rules of procedure be modified to permit a vote on the wet-dry issue at the coming session of congress. Meeting in party conference for the second successive day, the G. O. P. members debated the question at length and then decided to put it to a vote today. Independent members who will hold the balance of power this winter are insistent in their demands for amendments of the rules that will enable a substantial minority to bring legislation to a vote by submitting a petition.

What The Brawl In China Is All About, And Why

Issues Of Threatening Conflict Given

Fighting Started When Japanese Petty Officer Was Killed In Manchuria.

"What is it all about?" the average American citizen asks as he reads the news headlines about the row between Japan and China in Manchuria, a brawl that threatens to bring in Russia and perhaps start another world-wide conflict.

From both Japan and China have come explanations of the cause of the trouble, but these contradicting explanations are confusing. At least they have confused the average newspaper reader in America who gets the major part of his knowledge from the headlines. He knows the two countries are at loggerheads and that there have been battles in Manchuria, and that the league of nations has made some requests of Japan and that Japan has shown an inclination to thumb a nose at the butting-in of the league. Other than that the average man's knowledge of the trouble is vague.

Desire Manchuria?

Does Japan desire Manchuria as

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Program Given For "Achievement" Day

Home Demonstration Clubs Of County Hold Annual Meeting Here Thursday.

Officials of the home demonstration clubs of Cleveland county are expecting a large attendance of members at the annual achievement day program of the clubs to be held at the South Shelby school tomorrow, Thursday, beginning at 10:30 in the morning.

Mrs. Boyd Harrelson and her committee have arranged an interesting program for the day. Mrs. B. F. Putnam, president of the county federation, will preside.

Gift Ideas.

"We hope," Mrs. Irma Wallace home agent, says, "that every member will bring with them some Christmas gift or Christmas idea that may be passed on to some other member. We have allowed no special place on the program for this, but we shall have a place to display them, and any one may look them over during the lunch hour, or after the meeting has adjourned."

The program follows:

America the Beautiful," all members; devotional, Rev. L. L. Jessup; welcome, Miss Selma Webb; response, Mrs. C. C. Stamey; greetings from Rutherford county, Miss Laura Howard; greetings from Gaston county, Miss Annie C. Broughton; response, Mrs. Irma P. Wallace; makings of home, Mrs. Rudisill, president Gaston county fed.; song period, Mrs Huff Hamrick in charge; lunch, 12:30; song, Mrs. Grady Lovelace; message from Mrs. Gordon Reid, state vice president; business session, Mrs. B. F. Putnam, presiding; home play by El Bethel club, Mrs. Boyd Harrelson, director; delivery of prizes, federation president; Blessed Be the Tie That Binds, all members; club collections, all members.

Kiwanis To Vote On Officers For 1932

Members of the Kiwanis club will vote on Thursday night of this week in their weekly meeting on new officers for the coming year Because of the lateness of the election, both the primary and the general election will be held Thursday night. Paul Webb is the retiring president. Blank ballots have been mailed to the Kiwanis members.

Presbyterian Men In Annual Meeting Here

Churchmen Of Five Counties Attend

Dr. Shepperson Of Greenville Urges More Activity In Church By Men.

One hundred and seventy-five "Men-of-the-Church" from the Kings Mountain Presbytery enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner last night in the educational building of the First Baptist church in annual meeting to hear Dr. Flournoy Shepperson, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Greenville, S. C., address them on personal evangelism.

Representative men were here from Presbyterian churches in the five counties of Polk, Rutherford, Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln which compose the Kings Mountain Presbytery. Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian church, is chairman of the work among the men in the Synod of North Carolina and Rev. T. C. Tate, of Gastonia, is chairman in the Kings Mountain Presbytery. It was a most interesting and profitable meeting with the spirit of fellowship and brotherhood much in evidence.

Need For Men Workers.

Dr. Shepperson read the story of the Gideonites where every man was at his post of duty and made an appeal that the men of the church be in their places for the ongoing and upbuilding of the kingdom. He cited the fact that the women and young people of the church are organized and working but the men were not marshalled into service until the movement was inaugurated among the men about seven years ago. Answering the oft-heard criticism that the church holds too many meetings, Dr. Shepperson said, "We don't hold enough. We ought to have more to call men away from the work-a-day, week-day affairs and enlist them in Kingdom work. God's work should not be second to anything, said he.

Speaking of personal evangelism Dr. Shepperson gave his experience with a census in Greenville to determine the possibilities of the churches and reported that 35 lay workers won 83 new members in a single campaign. The personal,

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Pump House Burned At Ora Last Night

Small Building And Motor Destroyed By Fire At Textile Plant

The pump house, a small wooden building, and the pump and motor at the Ora textile mill, just west of Shelby, were destroyed by fire about 8:45 last night. One of the city fire trucks responded to the alarm, but was unable to save the small structure.

A small amount of oil in the building was also destroyed. The origin of the blaze was not definitely known, but one presumption was that a belt on the motor had been slipping.

Thirteen Jailed Here Tuesday; 2 Girls In Group

Officers Make Up For Week-End Lull. Wild Party On Highway.

The customary week-end merry-making in Shelby and over the county appears to have been delayed two days. Over the week-end only four people were placed in the county jail, an unusually low number for a week-end, but yesterday city and county officers arrested and jailed 13 people, some of whom gave bond later.

The majority of the arrests were for drinking and stealing.

Four of the 13, two of whom were white women, were brought in from No. 10 township, where officers say they were staging a rather wild party on the highway. The quartet, two men and two women, were charged with over imbiding, or public drunkenness. The arrests were made by Deputies Plato Ledford and Tom Sweezy.

Officers Get After Sellers; Nab Still

Several Bellhops In Toils Of Law. Capture Still In No. 3.

County and city officers during the last 10 days have been working on the liquor traffic in this section at the manufacturing and selling ends.

Late last week deputies got their second distillery of the week in No. 3 township. The second capture was a 50-gallon steam plant and 150 gallons of beer near the South Carolina line. Officers in the raid were Deputies Ben Cooper, Bob Kendrick, Jerry Runyan and Bunyan Jones.

This week city police arrested three bellhops on whiskey charges and a fourth made his getaway. In three instances the colored bellhops were charged with selling while the fourth was charged with having brandy in his home.

Sheriff Captures 3 Rabbits In Well

Sheriff Irvin Allen, who is as enthusiastic about fox and rabbit hunting as his chief deputy, Ed Dixon, is about 'possum hunting, has a new hunting story to tell. Monday afternoon Mapes Spencer, Shelby mechanic, came uptown with the report that a fox and a rabbit were in a well just south of highway 20 near the city limits west of town. The sheriff and others accompanied him to the well to make the rescue, believing that the fox had chased the rabbit to what appeared to be a hole and jumped in after it. But instead of a fox the rescue party found three rabbits, all alive, at the bottom of the 40-foot well.

Baggett, McSwain, Brummitt Contest Promises To Be Very Warm Affair

Attorney General In Between Shelby Man And Baggett On Sales Tax.

(Tom Bost in Greensboro News)

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who announced a month ago that he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the governorship contest next year, admitted this week that he had been astounded by the number of persons who have told him personally and written him that they would have supported him.

"You would have carried 110 counties," Judge Walter D. Siler assured him, as they reviewed the remarks of the past four weeks. Judge Siler was one of those state characters who could not have escaped embarrassment in this contest. He has been assistant attorney general and has participated in quite a number of legal contests for the state. He also occupies an office in the revenue department over which Allen J. Maxwell is ruler. The judge would have supported Mr. Brummitt, of course, But there was that funny mix-up.

Mr. Brummitt does not regret making the announcement of his purpose to quit the governorship race. The reasons for withdrawing were never given, but they were purely personal. Generally a declaration of candidacy is attended by big boosts which are magnified. This time Mr. Brummitt has the prestige of a look-back. He would not have made the race no matter how great the support that was peldged to him. But he gets a big kick from the friends who had not committed themselves to him He had not counted on their support

Mr. Brummitt is not making announcement in a formal way, but to all and sundry he is unequivocal in his statement as to his attorney generalship. He has a pair of opponents in the 1931 state senate. Senator Peyton McSwain of Cleveland county, and Senator John R. Baggett, of Harnett, are announced. Mr. Brummitt must make the race against both.

They represent the extremes in taxation. Senator McSwain voted against Senator Baggett on all the sales tax proposals. Mr. Brummitt probably will find himself between these extremes in the 1932 campaign. Senator Baggett says the people are disappointed in Mr. Brummitt, but Mr. Brummitt is going to try them again in spite of all that Mr. Baggett has been hearing and saying

Flays Edison

Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons, of the Albany, N. Y., Catholic diocese, who declared in a lecture in St. Rose college that "Edison, because of his lack of faith in God, was one of the greatest detriments in the world." The bishop concluded his tirade by declaring that "Anyone who makes a god of Edison cannot be a Christian."

Mrs. 'Jos' Hord Buried At Zion

Aged Woman and Beloved Throughout County Succumbs To Brief Illness Here.

Mrs. Josephine Hord, better known as "Aunt Jos," was buried this morning at old Zion, six miles north of Shelby in the community where she was born 85 years ago the 7th of August, the daughter of the late Albert and Mary Weathers. Near her birthplace still stands the home of her grandgather, Billy Weathers, where the first court was held in the county after it was cut from the sides of Lincoln and Rutherford.

Mrs. Hord passed peacefully Tuesday morning at 1:20 o'clock after an illness of four days at her home on N. LaFayette street where she lived with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. N. Dorsey. It was known by friends and relatives that she could not survive an abdominal trouble and she seemed to realize it as she lay on her death bed, for before she sank into unconsciousness, she seemed to see and talk with departed loved ones and had messages of cheer and hope for the living.

Bright Spirit

Mrs. Hord was a bright spirited soul and took delight in visiting the sick and administering unto them even in her advanced years. She had a strong mentality, a sympathetic heart and a willingness to work and do for others. With the weight of years heavy on her shoulders, she still maintained a love, an interest and a congeniality with young people. Her years were ripe with experiences of a varied kind and everybody loved her bright, cheerful companionship. Perhaps no woman in the county her age, had as many friends among old and young. Whenever there was trouble in a home, "Aunt Jos" made it a practice to go with her sympathy and love and if need be, administer unto the sick with her own hands and warm heart.

She was married to A. Sabe Hord July 19, 1866. Her husband developed rheumatism from exposures in building a grain mill near the site of the present Eagle Roller mill. For years he was an invalid in a rolling chair. On August 4, 1901 he died, leaving her with one son Cletus T. Hord who was just growing into manhood. Her son died about 11 years ago, leaving her daughter-in-law, now Mrs. W. N. Dorsey and five grandchildren: Eugene, Robert, Julian, Kathleen and Mabel Frances Hord.

Also surviving are three brothers, W. Yan Weathers and A. P. Weathers of Shelby and D. Summie Weathers of San Antonio, Texas, and many nieces and nephews as Mrs. Hord was a member of a large family.

Funeral services were conducted this morning at Old Zion by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of which she was a member, assisted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. Interment was in the cemetery there beside her husband and one of the largest floral offerings ever seen at Zion covered the cemetery plot. The large new brick church was overflowing with friends and relatives.

FIDDLERS MEETING AT WACO IS POSTPONED

Because of conflicts with other attractions in the county, the fiddlers convention scheduled for Waco Friday night of this week, has been postponed until Dec. 11. All musicians are asked to take notice.

Court Cases In County Decrease In November

Near Half Of Charges Prohibition Cases

Of 118 Cases Handled By Recorder 55 Are From Some Type Of Dry Law Violation.

The grind in the Cleveland county recorder's court last month was not as heavy as it has been every month for the last six months.

During November a total of 118 cases were tried before Recorder Maurice Weathers, according to the records of Charlie Woodson, deputy clerk. This is from 50 to 75 cases below the average for 1931.

The decrease is attributed to the influence of the second visit here of Judge Walter Moore, who presided over the local Superior court the first of November. Judge Moore generally made it harder on those who appealed from the county court and he also made the law appear a little more far-reaching than has any Superior court judge who has presided here in recent years.

But other officers attribute the light docket in November to the customary lull that always precedes the holiday merry-making.

As usual, the majority of the 118 defendants were up for violating the prohibition law in some aspect. Of the 118 cases 55 were dry law cases. Assaults of one type or another ranked next with a total of 17. Worthless checks, yo-yo checks or rubber checks, as they are called, were not as much in evidence in Shelby during the month as they have been. Only five worthless check cases were disposed of.

In the list for month was one murder and two highway robberies.

The court maintained its record in convicting a major percentage of all defendants, close to 100 of the 118 tried being convicted.

Brick Work Now Started At New Prison Camp

New Convict Structure Will Not Likely Be Completed Before First Of March.

Masons this week began laying brick on the new state prison camp east of Shelby and north of the county fairgrounds.

It was stated today that in all probability the fire-proof camp would not be completed in less than 90 days. Officials, however, hope to move the state convicts into the new structure, from the old No. 6 township convict camp, about the first of March.

Approximately 10 or 12 masons and a dozen or so carpenters and laborers are employed in the construction work. The work is being done by the day and not by contract except for the lighting, plumbing, roofing and other details. Local masons and laborers are being employed, and it was said that there were twice as many applicants this week as jobs.

Have Big Dinner.

At present there are 51 prisoners, 29 white and 22 colored, in the state camp here, according to Clyde Poston, supervisor. On Thanksgiving day last week the state gave the convicts a big dinner of barbecued pork and chicken pie, and the prisoners were also given a day's holiday from their work.

Winter Hours Are Reading Hours

Twenty-one new subscriptions were added to The Star's list since Monday. When winter comes with its long evenings, people provide reading as well as for the comforts from cold weather.

Most of these subscriptions were added by our 21 Star carrier boys who deliver The Star at the door in Shelby and suburbs, as well as at Lawndale and Kings Mountain on the afternoons of publication day.

These newsboys are in a contest now to win some valuable prizes. One may pass your door on his regular delivery round. Pay the newsboy 25c and get a month's subscription to The Star. A dozen issues for a quarter and delivered at your door for winter evening reading.

Congressional Brethren

For the first time in many years there are two brothers serving in the marble halls of Congress. They are William B. Bankhead (left) and John H. Bankhead, both of Jasper, Alabama, who help represent their state in Washington. They were photographed on the steps of the National Capitol, where William serves in the House and John in the Senate.

Shelby Merchants Prepared For Annual Yuletide Shopping Rush

Shelby stores were this week making their final preparations to accommodate the annual rush of Shelby and Cleveland county shoppers, together with those from neighboring sections, as they prepare for Santa Claus.

Toylands and toy and gift departments have already been opened up in a number of the stores, and other business houses are decorating and preparing for paramount gift sales.

Cheapest In Years.

There is this cheering thing about the yearly Christmas shopping: The Christmas gift list can be filled this year cheaper than in more than a decade.

"Seven dollars," one merchant said today, "will purchase as much and more than $10 would just a year ago, and as much as $12 or $15 would two and three years ago."

The drop in prices is not only evident in the price tags on toys, gifts, etc., but is very much more evident in the serviceable gift line, ranging from clothing of all types to furniture and household effects.

Although merchants do not expect the real Yule shopping rush to gather momentum until next week, they anticipate a big week-end trade from those who always shop early and realize that after today there are only 19 days in which to get first choice.

McKinney Gives An Employee Barbecue

E. F. McKinney gave a barbecue Thanksgiving day to the tenants on his farm and to the employees in his market in Shelby, there being about eighty people present. The barbecue was given on the McKinney farm, one of the largest in the county, just north of Shelby and an abundance of barbecued meat and other good things were served. Mr. McKinney makes it a practice, after the harvest season is over each year, to give a barbecue to his tenants and their families.

Six County Couples Married At Gaffney

Shelby and County Couples Wed at South Carolina Gretna Green

Six couples from Shelby and Cleveland county secured marriage license from Probate Judge Lake W. Stroup at the Gaffney, S. C., Gretna Green over the last week end.

Those securing license were:

Debro Webb and Alma Pearson, of Boiling Springs.

Harris Lockhart and Mollie Tary, of Shelby.

Elmer Sheppard, of Kings Mountain, and Selma Richardson, of Bessemer City.

John Bolick and Essie Towery, of Shelby.

Melvin Powell and Annie Lou Clark, of Lawndale R-1.

Lemuel Wright and Novella Wright, of Shelby.

Davis Gives Up Head Charity Committee

(By E. R. Gamble)

Kings Mountain, Dec. 2.—J. R. Davis, local attorney, who has been chairman of the Associated Charities in Kings Mountain for several years has tendered his resignation to that organization because of a lack of time to devote to it.

A meeting of the citizens of the town is to be called in a few days to select a new chairman and to make plans to take care of the poor and destitute in this community during the coming winter.

Machine May Take Place Of Negro Cotton Picker In Fields Of South

Claim Perfected Invention Will Do Away With Much Hand Work In Gathering Crops.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The negro cotton picker, immortalized in song and story of the old south, soon may be cleared from the snowy rows of the southland's greatest crop.

A machine, practical and money saving, is ready to take his place. The labor department says it will do the work that used to take one man 77 hours in less than three hours. Four out of every five persons formerly needed to harvest the fibre as it burst from the bolls will have to find other work in picking time.

The department quoted mechanical experts of agricultural experts of agricultural experiment stations as authority for the statement that practical perfection of cotton harvesting machinery has arrived. It is the first great improvement in methods of handling cotton since Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin more than a century ago. Not only has the machine for picking arrived, but the cotton gin has been more fully perfected to prevent loss of quality by machine picking.

Help For Farmers

The department said that the labor saving represented by the new machine is a net gain for the cotton farmer.

"The perfect machinery," says the announcement, "is the result of an early idea of progressive cotton farmers who had experimented with the gathering of fallen bolls with a horse drag at the same time stripping from dragplants the bolls that had not fallen. The frist drag was a section of a picket fence constructed of wooden slats bound together with interwoven horizontal wires. This was dragged over the cotton rows in such maner that the wires caught the bolls, stripping them off the stems and left them lying on the wooden strips of the drag.

"But the drag gathered so much rubbish the cotton could not be ginned. Not to be discouraged the farmer ran the stuff through his threshing machine thus cleaning out enough of the rubbish to enable the gin to separate the fibre from the remainder.

"The idea was taken up by other farmers and the experts of the agriculture experiment stations got to work on it. First a rude sled was constructed with a v-shaped slot for catching the stalks and stripping off the bolls. The bolls were worked backward by the forward motion of the sled into a wooden box. The first cotton sleds stripped only one row at a time, but were soon widen to cover two, three and finally four or more rows

Aldermen Will Seek More Data On S. P. U. Offer

Will Make Trip To Other Cities.

Members Of Board To Get First-Hand Information Of S. P. U. Service, Rates Elsewhere.

A general discussion of the Southern Public Utilities offer for the Shelby light plant featured last night's regular meeting of the city board, but no definite action was taken in the matter as official plans were made for securing more information as to S. P. U. rates and service.

Members of the board did not express personal opinions about the proposed sale and there was no intimation as to how the board members will vote when a decision is made as to whether the offer will be submitted to a vote of Shelby citizens.

The discussion was limited to a survey of rates here and elsewhere, and other controversial points of the proposed sale. Some data was at hand for comparing rates under municipal and private ownership, but the board and Mayor S. A. McMurry deemed it best for members of the council to seek first-hand knowledge. As a result of that decision as many members of the board as possible plan to visit several North Carolina cities and towns this week or next and make inquiries as to S. P. U. activities there. It is likely, it was said today, that the mayor and a couple members of the board will go to Hickory, Taylorsville and North Wilkesboro, where city light plants were purchased and are now being operated by the S. P. U. They hope to make inquiries that will show whether the light and power rates under S. P. U. ownership are higher or lower than under municipal operation. They plan to ask, too, whether the service is as pleasing to citizens and consumers. A comparison of plant values will be made to determine insofar as possible as to whether the offer for the Shelby plant is in proportion to that paid for the Wilkesboro, Hickory and other plants.

The light plant matter became a city-wide topic when the Charlotte power firm offered a million and one hundred thousand dollars for the Shelby plant which is now being operated by the city at an annual profit ranging up to $60,000.

The council meeting last night set no definite date for answering the S. P. U. proposal, but delayed action until further information is secured.

Irick Hearing Delayed Again; Plan Settlement

Civil Settlement With Dead Man's Estate Reported Being Affected.

Lincolnton, Dec. 2.—The preliminary hearing for Cornelius Irick, charged with manslaughter in the death of Connie Eaker, Lincoln county school teacher, which occurred November 11, was postponed again Monday for a week.

It is rumored here that Irick is affecting a civil settlement with Eaker's estate out of court and that a satisfactory arrangement will have been reached by December 7, date set for the hearing.

Irick, a filling station oprator on the Lincolnton highway, near Shelby is out under a $3,000 bond charged with manslaughter and being a hit and run driver. Eaker was killed almost instantly when he was struck by Irick's car as he was attempting to snatch his nephew Billy Beam, from the path of Irick's car.

Child Found Dead In Bed Tuesday

Patsy Bridges, seven week old child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bridges who live near the Cleveland county fair grounds was found dead in bed Tuesday morning. The child was put to bed as well as usual but is reported to have died during the night of cerebral hemorrhage. Burial took place at Pleasant Grove Baptist church at Beams Mill