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Warmer Weather. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy with rain tonight and in east Thursday. Rising temperature tonight and Thursday.

Hunger Marchers Leave. Washington, Dec. 9.—The demonstrators who loudly sang "The Internationale" in front of the capitol and White House left Washington yesterday silent and subdued. Their faithful escorts, the police, went with them to the District of Columbia line and an exchange of farewell greetings followed. They took the form, however, of what has been colloquially described as the razzberry, accompanied by uncomplimentary motions of the hands. "We're coming back," some of the demonstrators said, "and then we'll fix you." "OH yeah!" returned the blue coats. The promise to return in numbers sufficient to brush aside the police who barred their entrance to congress and the executive mansion was frequently heard.

Irick Bound To Superior Court In Car Fatality

Companion Under Lincoln Bond

Shelby Filling Station Operator To Face Trial On Manslaughter Charge.

Lincolnton, Dec. 9.—Cornelius B. Irick, Shelby filling station operator, charged with manslaughter and being a hit-and-run driver in connection with the death of Connie P. Eaker, Lincoln county teacher, on November 11, in North Brook township, was bound under \$3,500 bond to superior court here Monday by Judge Sheldon M. Roper.

Counsel for Irick asked for a nol pros with leave on the grounds that Irick would make a civil settlement out of court, but Judge Roper overruled the nol pros request and ordered the defendant to post a \$3,500 bond for his release until the January term of court. Counsel for Irick valued preliminary hearing after their request for a nol pros was refused.

Lions, Firemen Will Gather Shelby Toys For Needy Children

Chief Robinson Says Firemen Will Repair And Distribute Broken Toys.

The members of the Shelby Lions Club and members of the city fire department are going to see that Santa Claus visits a number of Shelby children in homes where the breaks have been going wrong. At a meeting of the Lion club last night, which was attended by J. R. Robinson, chief of the Shelby fire department, it was decided that the club would cooperate with the fire-fighters in collecting, repairing and distributing toys to needy Shelby children.

Any household that has discarded or broken toys is asked to telephone the city hall and firemen will call for them. A canvass of the city will also be made by the Lions for the purpose of collecting toys and trinkets in homes where children have outgrown them, or toys that have been laid aside because they are broken. They will be carried to the fire department and repaired and touched up for Christmas presents for tots who might not otherwise get a toy Christmas eve.

"Don't put it off," members of both organizations urge. "The discarded toy that means nothing in your home will make Christmas what Christmas ought to be for some little tyke. Call us up and let us see how many toys we can have by Monday."

13 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS. Illustration of a child with toys.

Ward Store Here To Close Soon, Learned Today

Montgomery Ward Leaving City

Seven Stores In Greensboro District To Be Closed, It Is Learned By Star.

Montgomery Ward Co. announces today that it will close its Shelby store.

This information was learned by The Star this morning when an advertisement was handed in announcing the closing out sale to begin Saturday morning of this week whereby all merchandise will be reduced and a sale continued until the stock is well exhausted.

It is understood that seven of the smaller retail stores in the Greensboro district were authorized to close out their stocks immediately. In some places concessions have been made by landlords in leases, but in all cases where leases have not expired, the company will fulfill their payments.

The close-up order for many retail stores was made in order for the company to make its plans for 1932 to operate on a profitable basis.

Montgomery Ward is one of the largest retail and mail order stores in the United States and its leaving Shelby is a source of regret to the public generally.

Dentist Robbed Of Gold And Souvenirs

Dr. Beam Appeals To Thief To Return Unique Bridges, Other Souvenirs.

The dental office of Dr. Pitt Beam, in the old Union Trust building, was broken into and robbed one night recently of a considerable amount of gold and several unique souvenirs valued very highly by the dentist.

"Of course I would like to have it all back as the gold taken was worth quite a sum of money, but I would particularly be pleased to have the souvenirs returned."

Among the souvenirs he values most were an unique set of bridges rare in dental work; a Scottish Rite ring, a dental belt fob, gold coins, and other coins.

Message To Thief. "If by any chance," Dr. Beam said, "the man who robbed the office should read the paper, I wish you'd ask him, even if he will not return the gold, if he will hide the bridges and souvenirs in some place and notify me where they are. If he will do that, he will not be prosecuted."

Railways Express To Move To S. A. L.

The American Railway Express Co., which has maintained an office in the Weathers apartment building on S. Lafayette street for the past year, will move the first of January to the Seaboard Depot where office headquarters will be opened, according to information from Mr. Lewis McDowell, local agent.

Native Cleveland Couple Married For 50 Years Without Having Scrap

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hull Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary At Charlotte Home.

Charlotte Observer.

Not once in all the 50 years of their married life has Mrs. Jefferson Davis Hull, 1230 East Seventh street, found it necessary to give Mr. Hull a slight tap on the head with the rolling pin, she declared laughingly Monday as the two posed for their golden wedding anniversary photograph.

"Oh, yes," she admitted, pressed by the Observer reporter, "of course we've had some little fusses, but never once have we had a real fight. I never did have to hit him with the rolling pin. We have made it together mighty well."

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Monday Mr. and Mrs. Hull were at home to their children, grandchildren and many friends from Charlotte and other towns. They have seven children living and all

Her Premonition Realized



A few minutes before Lowell Bayles, speed flier (right), took off on the fatal attempt to capture the land plane speed record for America, at Detroit, Mich., he received a wire from his sweetheart, Miss Gertrude St. Marie (left), of Springfield, Mass., begging him to abandon the flight. Bayles' plane crashed as he was making an estimated speed of 300 miles an hour and the flier was instantly killed. A few days previously, Bayles succeeded in breaking the record, but owing to the failure of a timing device official recognition was denied him.

City, County Schools Begin Holidays Soon

City Schools Close December 22

Open Again On January 4. County Schools Close On Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Two weeks from today and the holiday season will be on for the thousands of school children in Shelby and Cleveland county.

The Shelby schools will be closed for almost two weeks, while the county schools will be closed for a week and a day.

Holiday Dates. The city schools will close on Tuesday, December 22, and will remain closed until January 4, 1932. It was announced today by Supt. B. L. Smith.

At the meeting of the county board of education this week it was decided to close the rural schools on Wednesday, December 23, and remain closed until Thursday, December 31.

All Running. All the county schools have been running for almost a month. The colored schools and a number of the white schools did not open for several weeks after the others did following the cotton-picking season but the last of the school opened on November 16 and have been running full time since.

Penney Store Gives Five Per Cent Sales Friday To Charity

Five percent of the gross sales at the local J. C. Penney Co. store on Friday of this week will be given to the charity and relief fund, announces Mr. D. R. Yates, manager of the store. This offer was made through the Parent-Teachers' associations of the city and members of these various groups will be in the store all day Friday to welcome the customers and help wait on them. With the Christmas buying season on and new low prices announced, it is expected that the charity fund will realize a neat sum from Friday sales at this store.

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Would Relieve Credit "Paralysis" President Recommends Tax Revision And Financing Needy Industry Of Land.

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Besides, in his third annual message to congress, he advocated that it—

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Use federal reserve banks to liberate funds arrested in failed banks.

Establish a home-loan discount bank system.

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Sleet Blanket Covers Section As Winter Hits

Long Delayed Winter Swoops Down In Full Fury. Snow, Sleet, Rain.

The long Indian summer, which carried summer temperatures far into normal winter months, gave away Thursday to the icy grip of winter as sleet, snow and rain combined with a falling temperature to blanket the Shelby section, and the Carolinas, with ice.

Today this section and that part of the state to the west were covered with a layer of ice and sleet. All trees are filled with icicles and automobile driving is unusually dangerous because of two coats of ice—one on the roadway and the other on the windshields and windows of cars.

Heavy Sleet. Early yesterday the weather turned cooler. Just below noon there was a slight flurry of snow in the upper section of the county and the snow was followed by a downpour of sleet in all sections of Cleveland. The sleet, intermittently mixed with rain, fell practically all afternoon and on into the night. There was a little sleet today and considerable rain. By dusk Tuesday afternoon the entire landscape was that of winter. The coat of ice and sleet was so heavy that the ground was still white today.

Shelby's picturesque court square, especially beautiful at two seasons of the year—in the spring and winter—was an artistic but dangerous scene today. The trees on the square are blanketed in ice with icicles of all sizes dangling from the limbs; but as the melt began under today's rain falling chunks of ice made it somewhat risky for pedestrians crossing the square.

In the city and over the county fruit trees, that were bearing their second crop of fruit just a week ago, were cracking and splitting and limbs were giving away today from the heavy load of ice.

Motorists last night and early today were refraining from driving except when absolutely necessary. Only one death was reported in North Carolina traffic yesterday as winter unleashed the long-pent-up fury. Near Rocky Mount, where heavy sleet was reported, Joseph P. Cross, of Wilmington, Del., was killed and his wife was seriously injured when their car skidded from the road and overturned.

At Asheville the temperature dropped from 36 to 28 at 5 p. m., and sleet mingled with rain for an official precipitation of 12 inches.

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Cleveland Near Cotton Record

Despite decreased acreage it appears as if Cleveland county will establish a new cotton-producing record this year.

Up to December 1st, according to the report today of Miles H. Ware, ginning agent, 62,747 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county. This is 3,737 bales more than the 59,055 bales ginned to the same date last year. The ginning to December 1 was also just 45 bales less than the total crop of 62,792 in 1930.

Last year over 3,500 bales were ginned after the first of December, and cotton men today estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 bales would be ginned this year after the first of this month. If this prediction holds good, the total crop will go around 65,000 bales. Cleveland's largest crop, in 1920, was 64,700 bales, two thousand more bales than were ginned to the first of December this year.

Jury List For Superior Court Here On Jan. 11

Judge McElroy will preside over the one week's term of Superior court which will convene in Shelby on Monday, January 11.

Jurors for the term were drawn as follows by the county commissioners this week:

- No. 1. R. J. LeMaster; No. 2. Sidney B. Jones, D. D. Dodd, G. C. Nanney; No. 3. Barney McSwain, J. P. Gibson, J. J. Neal; No. 4. J. R. Cline, Hall Gotorth, J. B. Royster, W. C. Ware, J. C. Jolley, E. B. Herndon; No. 5. Collin Smith, T. A. Champion; No. 6. Jessie E. Bridges, A. W. Benoy, Flay F. Whitworth, W. W. Jones, G. L. Bridges, John C. Hamrick, W. A. Costner; No. 7. Landrum Lovelace, A. E. Crowder, J. L. Callahan, Norman B. Lee; No. 8. B. L. Lattimore, W. J. Gold, W. E. Lee, George Beam; No. 9. C. H. Leonard, Clarence Costner, Herman Griggs, Latham Wilson; No. 10. Ambrose Willis; No. 11. F. Miller Newton.

Sheriff To Start On First Tax Round

Sheriff I. M. Allen has worked out his itinerary for his first round of the county for the purpose of collecting 1931 taxes. He begins on Tuesday, Dec. 15, with two engagements in No. 1 township, calls in Nos. 3 and 5 township on Dec. 16th; two places in No. 4 township on Dec. 17th, two places in No. 7 township on Dec. 18th; two places in No. 8 township on Dec. 21st; two places in No. 9 township on Dec. 22nd, and one place in No. 10 on Dec. 23rd and one place in No. 11 township on Dec. 23rd.

Democrats Control House, Garner Is Speaking; Bailey Takes His Oath

Texan Becomes House Speaker with Lead Of 11 Votes. Bulwinkle Tangle.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The 72nd congress convened Monday, and the democrats took over control of the house of representatives with a whop and a rebel yell in celebration of their first session of dominance in 13 years.

Mustering their full strength, democrats named "Texas Jack" Garner, bluff, outspoken westerner, to the speakership, the most powerful legislative post. The vote was John N. Garner, 218; Bertrand H. Snell, New York, regular republican nominee, 207, and George J. Schneider, Wisconsin, independent republican, 5. The three candidates voted "present."

The democratic machine then attempted a fundamental change to make consideration of disputed legislation easier by liberalizing the rules. But after several protests this-business was laid over.

No Challenge. In keeping with previous assurances given by democratic and republican leaders, Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina Monday was permitted to take the oath of office without a challenge being raised against his credentials.

The oath was administered by Vice President Charles Curtis after Senator Bailey had been escorted to the vice president's dias by his colleague from the state, Senator Cameron Morrison.

\$10,000 Goal Set For Charity Relief Here; Mull Heads The Drive

Group Canvas Plan Adopted Rather Than Personal Solicitation For Funds.

A goal of \$10,000 was set last night for Charity Relief work in Shelby and Cleveland county by representative business and professional men who met in the court house and unanimously elected Hon. O. M. Mull as chairman of the finance committee.

Leading Drive



O. M. Mull (above), chairman of the Democratic party in North Carolina, was last night named as leader of the charity fund drive for Shelby and Cleveland county.

Mr. Mull who is entirely conversant with the needs of the community and is a man of force and executive ability, consented to head the drive for charity funds and outlined a group plan of solicitation rather than a hap-hazard person-to-person solicitation.

By the group plan is meant that a solicitation committee will be appointed by Mr. Mull and Mr. J. D. Lineberger, relief work chairman, for each of the dozen groups which include mercantile firms in one group, manufacturing enterprises in another group, profession men in another, public officials, printers and publishers, public service companies, etc.

Call On Employers. The committee from each group will solicit the heads of that group who in turn will solicit and collect contributions, payable weekly or monthly for a period of four months. As an illustration the group committee working on the merchants will call on the heads of the different firms, present the appeal to him and he in turn will get his force of employees together and they will make a weekly or monthly donation in the name of the store. This eliminates the necessity of the committee bothering the store employees from their work. A committee will solicit the professional men, manufacturers, public officials, barbers, etc., in the same manner in the hope that no one will be overlooked in the drive.

Workers Help Jobs. Mr. Mull pointed out that each man or woman who has a job should contribute something thru his or her employer to the relief fund in order that the unemployed might not suffer during the bitter winter months. If each employed person will give a day's income once a month for four months, the necessary fund can be raised. This means that every regularly employed person, whether making 50c a day or \$10 a day will be expected to contribute.

Careful Distribution. It should be borne in mind that an efficient organization is operating under the direction of Mr. Lineberger with the assistance of J. B. Smith, welfare officer, R. W. Shoffner and Mrs. Irma Wallace, county agents, the ministers and representatives of every organization, giving their attention to the distribution of food, clothing, shelter, medical attention, etc. Each case helped is carefully investigated and found to be worthy before aid is rendered. No money will be given any case. The necessary things are bought at wholesale and delivered to the needy one so that the aid rendered cannot be diverted.

Headquarters have been opened in the basement of the Linberger building under Woodworth's, and Mr. Lineberger says dozens of people called there yesterday in the need of help as a result of the rain and sleet.

Co-operation Necessary. Mr. Mull thinks the group method of solicitation will result in the \$10,000 being subscribed in a 30 days time if the citizens of Shelby will co-operate whole-heartedly in the drive to be launched within a few days. Further announcements will be made as to the group committee and a time set for a short, snappy drive in order to finish it up, then leave the administration of aid to the central committee and its organization.

No Accidents Here From Winter Freeze. The slippery streets, sidewalks and highways from the sleet storm yesterday did not cause any serious accidents in or about Shelby. At the hospital today it was said that not a single accident patient had been entered, and officers said no auto wrecks of any consequence had been reported last night or today.

Ripe Dewberries. Ripe dewberries, a second crop that came along in the summer that extended into the customary winter season, were exhibited in Shelby today by W. M. Wellmon despite the fact that the ground was covered with a blanket of sleet.

At Kings Mountain. B. L. Smith, superintendent of the Shelby city schools, was in Kings Mountain last night where he addressed the Parent-Teacher Association.

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