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Cold Wave Coming Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and Saturday. Colder Saturday and in extreme west portion tonight. Much colder Saturday night.

Politics Quiet. Rumor had it that several new candidates would announce for county offices late this week, but the announcements, other than one for constable, had not been made.

Cleveland Tops Robeson 16,094 Bales For 1931

Three Of Leaders Show Gain

Johnston County In Third Place In N. C. Rutherford Leads Lincoln.

In the 1931 cotton crop ginned to January 16 Cleveland county was leading Robeson county by 16,094 bales.

Johnston county was in third place with 36,979 bales.

Three of the five leading cotton counties in the state—Cleveland, Halifax and Sampson—produced more cotton in 1931 than in 1930 due to a favorable season that offset reduced acreage and less fertilization.

The five leaders to January 16, with their production for 1931 and 1930 follow:

Table with 3 columns: County, 1931, 1930. Rows include Cleveland, Robeson, Johnston, Halifax, and Sampson.

In the January 16th report Rutherford was leading counties neighboring Cleveland, topping Lincoln by around 250 bales.

A Wild Deer Caught In Rehobeth Section; Chased For 2 Weeks

Hunters Had Great Sport For Two Weeks In Sandy Run Creek Area.

The wild deer which has furnished lively sport for hunters and dogs in the Sandy Run Creek area around Mooresboro was captured yesterday.

A party of hunters headed by Hubert Mauney, Ed Grigg and others had dogs chasing the deer nearly all day when the beautiful doe ran into a barbed wire fence in the Rehobeth section and cut its leg to such an extent that the dogs were able to catch it.

The deer was captured in Florida and brought to Cleveland county by a Mr. Gold. It escaped from a pen about two weeks ago and has since ranged in the bottom lands of that section.

W. S. Beam Speaks To Forest City Vets

Forest City, Jan. 29.—W. Speight Beam, prominent attorney of Shelby and former Legion post commander in that city, was the principal speaker at the annual banquet of the Willis Towery post, American Legion, held in the high school cafeteria here last night.

Capture Polecat In Heart Of City

Odorous Skunk Had Been Making Headquarters Near Court Square.

An odor that had been tormenting uptown Shelby for many months was gradually clearing away today.

Early this morning a polecat, known to the scientific world as a "putorius putorius," was captured in one of the business rooms of the Courtview hotel building, on the Marion-LaFayette corner of the court square.

Shelby Woman Seeks Adoption Of Infant Abandoned In Hotel

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29.—Having read a special dispatch in The Charlotte Observer from Richmond that told of a mother abandoning her baby girl in a hotel here after leaving a note saying the child was born at Greensboro, N. C., Mrs. W. M. Rippey, of Shelby, N. C., wrote Richmond police a letter saying she and her husband would like to adopt the baby.

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Shelby Man Injured, Companion Is Killed

Fatal Auto Collision Near Biscoe

J. L. Cassidy, New Orleans, Dead; R. J. McCarley In Albemarle Hospital.

R. J. McCarley, cotton broker of Shelby and representative of Stewart Brothers of New Orleans, was painfully injured and his riding companion J. L. Cassidy, a member of the firm of Stewart Brothers, was instantly killed late Wednesday afternoon near Biscoe, on the highway between Albemarle and Sanford, when the car in which they were riding collided with a car driven by two men of Wilmington.

McCarley's Arm Broken. Mr. McCarley has an arm broken and ugly cuts and bruises all over the body. He was rushed to the Polly Brunson hospital at Albemarle in an unconscious condition but he regained consciousness about two hours after the accident and was reported this morning as getting along as well as could be expected.

The McCarleys have been living in Shelby for several years and have rooms with Mrs. P. L. Henneson on West Marion street. Mrs. McCarley was notified of the accident and left immediately for the bedside of her husband. She was joined in Charlotte by her son, Jack McCarley, former football star of Clemson college, who is now located in Columbia with the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

Cassidy Driving. Mr. Cassidy met Mr. Cassidy in Charlotte Wednesday upon his arrival from New Orleans and together they rode to Sanford to call on a business customer. They were returning to Shelby when the accident happened and Mr. Cassidy was at the wheel of the car.

According to reports their automobile collided with another driven by C. K. Council, of Wilmington, who had as his riding companion I. J. Sutton of the same city. The collision happened at a highway intersection near Biscoe. Council said he summoned to police, made bond of \$1,000 and waived preliminary hearing in Montgomery county recorder's court. He and Sutton remained in the city to be of any assistance they could be to the injured man.

Mr. McCarley, Council and Sutton are furniture dealers and were returning to their home in Wilmington after attending the winter furniture market at High Point.

Body To New Orleans. Mr. Cassidy the dead man was 37 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. His body was shipped to New Orleans after the accident and there the funeral will take place.

Mr. McCarley will not be able to come to Shelby for sometime yet and Mrs. McCarley will remain at his bedside.

Banker Hurt



George Blanton, prominent Shelby banker, is in the hospital suffering with a broken jawbone as the result of being kicked this week by a saddle horse.

Mr. Blanton Has Jaw Bone Broken; Kicked By Horse

Was Looking Over His Horses In Barn Yard When One Playfully Kicked Him.

Mr. George Blanton is nursing a double fracture of the jaw bone as a result of a kick by one of his fine riding horses at the Blanton stable on N. Washington street Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Blanton had the horses in the barn lot and he and his brother, Mr. C. C. Blanton, were looking them over and giving them some exercises when "Dawn," one of the favorite riding horses, feeling frisky and playful, got too much rope and kicked Mr. Blanton on the chin.

The force of the blow from the horse's hoof knocked Mr. Blanton to the ground on his face. He was rushed to the hospital for attention and there it was found that his jaw was fractured on both sides.

On the right side the bone is splintered while on the left side the fracture is not so bad. Several of his teeth were knocked out of place and there was a cut on the front of his chin which required a number of stitches to sew up.

X-ray pictures have been made of the jaw bone and surgeons plan to re-set the fracture as soon as the swelling goes down. The injury has been very painful but Mr. Blanton was up and out in a car yesterday for awhile. He returned to the hospital where he will probably remain for several days until the bones are set and all danger of infection is over.

It is expected that he will be able to return in a week or ten days to his duties at the First National Bank where he is vice president.

Plan Field Trial For Foxhounds Here

Sheriff Allen Has Four Gray Foxes To Use In Big Chase.

Four gray foxes from Eastern Carolina and other points may be used soon to settle, if possible, the controversy as to who owns the best foxhounds in Cleveland county.

The county has been widely known for years for its fine foxhounds and citizens of several sections have hounds in their packs they believe not to be excelled. The foxes to be used in the field trial races, the place and date of which are to be announced later, are owned by Sheriff Irvin M. Allen. The hounds, in order to give all an even break, will be divided into two classes—registered and non-registered. According to present plans any hunter will be permitted to enter his hounds and the general public, men and women, will be invited to witness and listen to the races.

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Over \$200,000 City And County Taxes Collected

Penalty Goes On Feb. 2

City Has Collected Over Half Of 1931 Levy, County Has Collected \$148,000.

Shelby and Cleveland county tax-payers have been paying their 1931 taxes better than was expected considering general economic conditions. A check-up today revealed that over \$200,000 in city and county taxes has been collected.

After Monday a one percent penalty goes on all unpaid 1931 taxes, both city and county. This is required by a state law which offers a discount in the early months of the tax-paying season.

Good Collections. At the city hall, it was stated yesterday, a total of \$57,301.77 in 1931 taxes has been collected. This is a little over half the total levy, leaving \$55,790 to be collected.

Of the county tax levy Sheriff Irvin M. Allen has collected to date \$148,615.95. This is approximately one-third of the total levy and is a considerably larger portion of the collectable taxes than the average county has collected to date.

Both city and county officials urge taxpayers who can conveniently do so to pay their taxes Saturday and Monday before the one percent penalty is added.

Candidate Enters Race In Rutherford

Rutherford, Jan. 28.—Mack Dobbins, well known young man of Spindale, Wednesday announced his candidacy for the office of sheriff of Rutherford county. Mr. Dobbins was the first to announce for the office. Others are expected to announce shortly. Mr. Dobbins is a native of this county and was an automobile dealer and salesman for 12 years.

Start Regal Club In Efir Building

The Regal club, a social organization for young men, is being organized by Corbett Hamrick. The club has rooms in the second floor of the Efir store building and is being newly furnished. The organization, somewhat similar to the Key club, already has 20 members.

Community Players To Hold Meeting

A business meeting of the Community Players of Shelby will be held in The Star building Saturday evening at 7:30. Plans for the next production will be discussed among other topics.

Pink E. Lackey Out For Constable

Only one political announcement has been made during the latter part of the week, Pink E. Lackey, formerly a candidate for high sheriff, announced today that he would be a candidate for constable in No. 6 township in the approaching Democratic primary.

May Stop Picking Lint And Cut Up Entire Plant For "Cellulose" Cotton

Chapel Hill, Jan. 29.—Synthetic chemistry today holds out to the cotton planter hope for a new kind of crop, a cotton plant made more profitable through substituting a human laboratory in the place of nature's final step in producing clothing fibre.

The farmer would cut his cotton crop like grass and sell the whole plant, boll, leaves and stalk—everything except the roots—to be converted into cellulose.

Cellulose is the raw material in a cotton plant which nature turns into the fiber. It is also the sticky stuff which synthetic chemistry is converting in big mills direct into the silken fibers which compete with natural silk and already to a lesser extent with cotton itself.

The results of three years experiments, indicative that the time is

Where War Shadows Are Gathering



The capture of Shanghai yesterday by Japanese troops brought the highest tension of the struggle between China and Japan and caused unrest in American and other nations over the safety of their citizens in Shanghai. The Jap ships, lying in the harbor or bound, covered the advance of the Jap marines into the city. The United States started four additional ships from Manila to Shanghai today to help protect American interests. U. S. war ships, led by the U. S. Houston (above), the flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, under the command of Admiral M. M. Taylor (left inset), are on the scene, and Edwin S. Cunningham, United States Consul-General (right inset), is on the spot to handle the diplomatic end of the business. Lower photo is a busy corner of the English-American settlement at Shanghai.

Gaffney Talent Before Kiwanis On Ladies Night

Over 125 Guests Enjoy Annual Social Event Of Civic Club Here.

Over 125 guests enjoyed the annual ladies night program of the Kiwanis club at the Hotel Charles last night when superb talent from Gaffney and Shelby furnished an evening of fun and merriment.

Ladies night with the Kiwanis club, is the high spot of the year from a social angle and the program last night was a most delightful and enjoyable one. President Forrest Eskridge welcomed the guests and outlined the objectives of the club for civic and social betterment. During the delicious meal, Mr. C. B. Hendrick and his stringed orchestra from the Dover mill furnished music.

Shelby's musical talent was supplied by Mrs. Grady Lovelace and Mrs. Ben Suttle in a duet accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Plaster after which Dr. Plaster rendered a beautiful violin solo. The other talent was from Gaffney. Miss Phifer whose beautiful voice charmed the audience and Miss Trulock in an enjoyable reading.

H. C. "Dinty" Moore, a cotton buyer of Gaffney who is well known in Shelby from a previous appearance in a home-talent play, kept the guests in an up-roar of laughter with his humor. "Sportsmanship of Courage" was the subject of his address and after a few enjoyable jokes, he seriously pointed out the necessity of courage and confidence in these trying days.

The program was in charge of Carl Webb, chairman, Max Washburn, Charles Hoy, Horace Eason and Lee B. Weathers. Valuable prizes given by Kiwanis members were drawn at the conclusion of the evening.

Shanghai Falls To Japs; U. S. Rushing 4 Ships

Sino-Japanese War Reached Most Critical Point. U. S. Rushes Ships.

The Sino-Japanese conflict reached its major crisis yesterday when Japanese troops flooded into and capture Shanghai, making a slaughter pen of the Shanghai streets and causing other nations to rush ships there to protect their citizens.

Late in the day Japanese marines poured into Shanghai, under the protection of 32 battleships lying in the Shanghai bund, broke down the resistance of the Chinese guards and carried their bloody battle into the narrow streets of the city.

An official report said that eight Japs were killed and 29 wounded, but no figures were available of the Chinese loss, although many, including civilians, were thought to have been killed in the speedy capture of the important city. In entering the city the Jap troops shot out all street lights and cast the city in darkness to prevent their men being shot down by Chinese snipers in the business section.

Destroyers Sail. Manila, Jan. 29.—Four American destroyers sailed from here at 8 a. m. today (7 p. m. Thursday, Eastern Standard Time) with instructions to join the Yangtze River patrol at Shanghai, newest battleground of the Japanese and Chinese to aid in protecting American citizens and interests.

Russia Steps In. Tokio, Jan. 29.—It was reported today that Soviet Russia had refused to let the Chinese Eastern Railway in Manchuria transport Japanese troops to Harbin, where there was fighting between Chinese factions. Vice Chairman Kuznetsov of the railway, which is jointly owned by China and Russia, denied the Japanese troops transportation, an official report said, under instructions from Moscow to observe neutrality.

Shelby Man In War Stricken Shanghai

Henry Kendall, Shelby man and son of Mrs. H. E. Kendall, North LaFayette street, is in Shanghai, China where on yesterday fierce fighting broke out between the Chinese and Japanese, resulting in the slaughter of hundreds of Chinese. Shanghai people had boycotted Japanese merchandise as a result of the Japanese invasion of Manchuria and because the boycott was not lifted, the Japanese invaded the city and slaughtered many.

There are thousands of American people in the American colony in Shanghai and Mr. Kendall is there with Dibrel Bros. Tobacco Co., of Danville, Va. His office is located on the famous Bund, the principal business section overlooking the harbor. Mr. Kendall was recently married to Miss Isabel Gilman, an American girl whose father is a prominent business man there. Americans are reported safe and to make sure none are bothered, other American battleships have been dispatched to the scene of action.

Would Pension Widows Of War Vets \$30 Month

Congressman Bulwinkle Introduces Bill To Pension Widows of War Veterans.

(By Anne McCorkle.)

Washington, Jan. 29.—Widows of World war veterans who have never been able to receive pensions due to lack of evidence that their husbands' death results from service, will receive a pension of \$30 a month with \$6 for each minor child if a bill introduced by Major A. L. Bulwinkle of North Carolina passes congress.

Although the Gastonia congressman no longer belongs to the committee on veterans legislation, because Interstate and Foreign commerce, of which he is now a member, is so important that its members are allowed to be on no other committees, his close friends on the veterans committee, and his influence in shaping past veterans legislation, will make his bill stand an excellent chance of passing.

"Our only hope if we wish to be fair and equitable in bringing relief to the widows and families of the men who fought for us is to establish a blanket rate for every widow," Bulwinkle said. "In numbers of cases a great injustice is being done to them under the present system."

"In my congressional district I have had numbers of cases when men have been gassed, shell-shocked, or otherwise impaired physically and mentally on the battlefield. Because no witnesses saw them, and in many cases, because the true affect of their injuries did not appear until years later, it was impossible to establish proof that their wartime experiences caused their death under the present rigid code of law."

Any honorably discharged service man who entered prior to the armistice and served 90 days is eligible for a pension if he has a disability connected with the service now, but the widow of a man whose death could not be proved to be service connected has an uphill fight for compensation of any kind. According to the Bulwinkle measure, if the deceased leaves one child and no widow, the child would receive \$12 a month until he reaches the age of 16, unless he is permanently incapable of self-support because of mental or physical defects, while widows would receive \$30 a month unless they remarried, as long as they lived.

Former Shelby Girl Loses Her Husband

Mrs. J. W. Spangler, East Marion street has received a telegram announcing the death of Mr. Everett Brown, publisher of a newspaper at Sylva in Jackson county and husband of Miss Addie Bridges, a former Shelby girl. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of J. A. Bridges and has many friends and relatives here who sympathize with her in the loss of her husband. Mr. Bridges was 35 years old and was buried Monday at Sylva. He is survived by his wife and five children.

32 Applicants For Position As Recorder's Clerk

Will Appoint Deputy Here Monday

Legislative Act Says Deputy To Be Appointed On Recommendation Of Clerk.

The office of deputy clerk of superior court, or clerk of recorder's court of Cleveland county, is being sought by 32 people, it was learned by The Star this morning.

This number had already filed formal applications for the office and eight or ten more applicants are likely before the office is filled by the county commissioners in regular session Monday.

Women Apply. Among the 32 applications are three filed by women, one of which has been withdrawn.

The rush for the job began this week when The Star first made public announcement that Chat Woodson, deputy clerk since the creation of the office by the last legislature, had resigned effective Monday to become North Carolina sales manager for a tailoring firm. Applications have been piling in since and scores of people have visited the court house recommending this and that applicant.

In Wednesday's Star it was stated that there might be a movement to separate the office of recorder's clerk from the office of superior court clerk. The legislative act creating the office makes such impossible, it has been pointed out, unless the act is changed. The establishment of the office is recorded in the Public Laws of 1931, chapter 454. There it says that the clerk of superior court is to act as clerk of superior court with an assistant or deputy, to aid.

Judging by the reading of the act it is likewise presumed that a recommendation will be made to the commissioners Monday by A. M. Hamrick, superior court clerk, as the act reads that "said appointment is to be made by the county commissioners, upon the recommendation and approval of the clerk of superior court."

Just what time of day the appointment will be made is not known, but it will be made during the day Monday as Mr. Woodson's resignation takes effect then and a clerk will be necessary for the day's court grind and to familiarize himself or herself with the duties of the office before the retiring clerk begins his other work.

The maximum salary of the office as worded in the act creating the office is \$1,200 per year, or \$100 per month. The commissioners however, set the monthly salary at \$85 and that salary has been paid the present clerk. There is little chance, it is intimated, that the salary, considering general conditions and reduced incomes, will be increased at any early date. In fact, it is learned unofficially that a few of the 32 applicants have offered to take the office at less than \$85 per month.

The appointment is attracting considerable attention because there are more applicants for the job, it is said, than for any other official position in many years.

Dr. Stokes Leaves Kings Mountain

Sells His Home, Office And Practice To Dr. Harper Of Florida.

(By E. R. Gamble.) Kings Mountain, Jan. 28.—Dr. Percy B. Stokes who has been a practicing physician in Kings Mountain for the past nine years has sold his home, office and practice to Dr. Charles W. Harper of Chipley, Fla. Dr. Stokes left Monday for New York where he will take a post graduate course during the next eighteen months.

Dr. Harper has been practicing medicine for the past twenty years since his graduation at the Medical school at the University of Georgia. He received his pre-medical education at the University of Florida. Dr. Harper is married and has one son. They are now at the Stokes residence on Gold street.

Charlie Deberry, R. R. Employee Dies

Charlie Deberry, respected colored citizen of Shelby, died Tuesday, January 26 after an illness of several months. He was for a long while connected with the work at the Seaboard station and had recently been retired on a pension.

His remains were carried to P. O. S. C. for interment.