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Rain And Colder.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and Thursday, Colder in interior Thursday.

Opposes League.
Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, who in 1920 stamped the country for Woodrow Wilson's League of Nations last night declared he opposed American participation in the league.

Patrons Build New School In Bethlehem Area

New Elementary Structure Practically Complete, Name Teachers After April 4.

The citizens of the Bethlehem section of Cleveland county decided some months ago that they desired a new elementary school building and as a result of that desire and their energetic work to realize it they have a new building almost ready to be occupied.

The members of the county board of education took off enough time from their other duties at their regular monthly meeting this week to visit and inspect the new building. It is the members of the board say, a nice four-room brick veneered structure. After deciding that they needed a new building, for elementary school, since Bethlehem high school students are being transported to Crover, the Bethlehem people talked it over with the county board.

Another rather important item of business with the board of education was the decision not to elect new rural school teachers until April 4, or the first Monday in April. A resolution was passed asking the various committees over the county to postpone election of teachers and principals until after the first Monday in April for the reason that new committees for the school districts are appointed at that time and the county board thinks the committees who will have charge of the schools for the next year should have a say in selecting the teachers for the year. All places on the school committee, however, are not filled in April. On the three-member boards only one new one is appointed each year, and on the five-member boards one and two in alternating years.

Taylor Wall Dies In Upper County

Aged And Respected Citizen Succumbs Near His 84th Birthday. Buried At Moriah

Zachary Taylor Wall, one of the most respected citizens of upper Cleveland was buried Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Moriah Methodist church, the funeral service being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Otis Cook, assisted by Rev. C. E. Ridge and Rev. Miller Goode. Mr. Taylor was 83 years, eleven months and two days old. He died Sunday after a protracted illness. Mr. Taylor was twice married, the first time to Octavia Bridges who died April 30th, 1877, leaving one son, Miller Wall, now living at Marion.

On Sept. 22, 1880 Mr. Wall was married to Martha Black and a dozen children were born to this union, ten of whom are living: Mrs. Texie Price, Mrs. Nolan Newton, Cowen Wall, Osney Wall, China Wall, Odus Wall, Mrs. Clem Wortman, Mrs. Robert Newton, Osa and Roma Wall, 63 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Also surviving are his wife, two sisters, Froncy and Docia Towery, one brother J. B. Wall, with a host of friends and other relatives. There was a large crowd at the funeral. Mr. Wall joined the Baptist church at High Shoals when a young man and later moved his membership to Zion Baptist church where he remained a member until death.

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Shelby Secures More Data On S. P. U. Offer

Will Publish Letters From Mayors

Board Discusses Proposal, Takes No Action, May Make Counter Offer.

The S. P. U. offer of a million and one hundred thousand dollars for the Shelby light plant was discussed once again last night at the regular meeting of the city aldermen, but no action was taken. Alderman Z. J. Thompson who is in New Orleans, La., was absent from the meeting.

Additional information about S. P. U. service and rates in other towns has been secured by the city board and was given to The Star. This information, letters from mayors of four towns and cities served by the power firm, reached the paper too late today for publication and will be published Friday. The letters were in reply to a request from local officials as to the type of service given in their municipalities under S. P. U. management. It is understood, in the meantime, that local people opposed to selling the plant are endeavoring to get the views of private citizens and light plant patrons in the same towns in which the mayors were asked about their attitude to the S. P. U.

Although practically the entire meeting of the council last night was devoted to a discussion of the proposed sale, no official entry was made in the minutes and no definite date was set in which to decide to call or not call a special election. A definite decision by the board, it is presumed, will be withheld for some time yet as further facts are secured and turned to the public for a reaction.

It is reported, although there has been no official announcement to that effect, that before calling or refusing to call an election the board may make a counter proposition to the power firm asking a boost in the \$1,100,000 offer. Opponents of the sale argue that no first offer is the highest offer, while a number who favor the sale express the belief that the S. P. U. will give more for the plant than the original offer.

Other rumors, of which there are many, have it that another audit on the five year earnings will be made as some have expressed the view that a second audit might bring out additional facts. The brief statement of Mayor S. A. McMurtry and the aldermen as handed to The Star today with letters from mayors of towns served by the S. P. U. does not take cognizance of these reports. It merely states that the letters are given the public as a matter of additional information to be thought over by citizens.

Aged Mooresboro Man Buried Tuesday

Columbus Johnson, Eighty Years Old Buried At Sandy Run Baptist Church.

Columbus Johnson, eighty years of age died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. W. Curtis, near Mooresboro on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following an illness of a year or longer. Mr. Johnson's wife died fourteen years ago. He is survived by the one daughter, Mrs. Curtis, eight grand children and eight great grand children. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Ves Jones and interment was in the cemetery at Sandy Run Baptist church.

Harper Cleared Of Murder In Death Of Wife's Lover; Crowd Applauds

High Point Salesman Acquitted By Jury In Shooting Of Charles O. Holton.

Greensboro, Feb. 3.—Terry H. Harper, 44-year-old traveling salesman, was acquitted by a jury in superior court Tuesday night shortly after 9 o'clock of the murder of Charles O. Holton, his wife's alleged paramour, who was fatally shot by him in the Harper home, near High Point, the night of December 23.

As Claude A. Smith, High Point elementary school principal, spokesman for the jury, announced the

County Board To Help With Curb Market Project

County Club Women Plan Building On Site Where Open Market Operated.

Cleveland county commissioners at their meeting this week decided to help finance the erection of a small building on North Washington street, just off the court square, to be used by the county club women as a curb market.

The proposed building, about 10 feet by 12 in size, will be erected on the site where the curb market was conducted last summer and fall and where the new enterprise met with considerable success. The county board in deciding to lend a helping hand to the movement which brought a new income and a new market to farm women added the provision that the member of the home demonstration clubs "might apply what money they have on hands to the buildings as they see fit."

The following people, after appeals were investigated, were allowed the following sums for support: Mrs. L. L. Moss \$4-per month, Mrs. Ethel Fortune \$6 for two months, and Mary Seigm \$3 per month. Peddling license was granted J. D. Green.

The following bills were ordered paid by the board:

City Ice and Fuel Co., county home, \$1.80; McKnight & Co., Inc., county home, \$48.35; Southern Cotton Oil Co., county home, \$115.44; Mrs. John T. Borders, extra labor, county home, \$30.00; Sloop's Pharmacy, county home, \$5.15; Cleveland Hardware Co., county home, \$11.75; T. P. Eskridge, county home, \$62.10; D. H. Cline, Inc., county home, \$9.35; City of Shelby, jail, \$41.22; Star Publishing Co., pub report, \$233.30; I. M. Allen, stamps etc., \$10.88; I. M. Allen, jail report.

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Chinese Sink Jap Cruiser; Quake In Cuba

Reports reached here at noon today stating that the Sino-Japanese trouble has reached more serious proportions as the result of the sinking near Shanghai today of a Japanese cruiser by Chinese artillery fire.

Number Killed
Another late report stated that eight people were killed and several hundred injured in an earthquake which rocked a Cuban town early in the day.

Mr. Kendall Sends His Wife To Manila

Mr. Henry Kendall, Shelby man who is in Shanghai, China where he represents a tobacco company, has cabled the head office of his company in Danville, Va., that he has sent his bride to Manila, Philippine Islands, where she will be out of the danger zone. The situation in Shanghai, says Mr. Kendall in a cablegram to the president of his company, Col. A. B. Carrington of Danville, Va., is "very serious."

Mr. Kendall was married last Fall in Shanghai to an American girl, Miss Isabel Gillman.

Quinn Named Postmaster



President Hoover on Monday sent to the senate the appointment of Jacob H. Quinn (above) as postmaster for Shelby. Mr. Quinn, the present postmaster, has served in that office for a little over nine years. He was appointed acting postmaster in September 1922 by President Harding to succeed W. J. Roberts, who resigned. Since that time he has been appointed for two full terms. Confirmation of the post-office appointments by the senate will not likely be made for several days.

Groundhog Sees No Shadow, Says Winter Is Over

Woodchuck Weather Prophet Has Law Of Averages Working Against Him.

And now the groundhog, who has been considered a fairly reliable weather prophet for several centuries, says that we are going to have no winter this summer.

Groundhog day, listed on the calendar as February 2 and known in the old days as Candlemas, was rainy and cloudy throughout the entire country. As a result, say those who believe in the woodchuck's weather wisdom, winter, if there be such this year, is at an end and spring has arrived. According to the legend, if the ground hog emerges from his hiding place on February 2 and sees his shadow, he becomes frightened, darts back into his hole and hides for six more weeks during which bad, winter weather will prevail. But if it is cloudy and he does not see his shadow, then the woodchuck remains above ground and the winter season has broken.

Which means that the tra-la-laying springtime is here for those who swear by the groundhog, but on the other side are the skeptics shaking their heads. This time, the skeptics say, the woodchuck must buck up against a relentless foe—the law of averages. So far during the 1931-32 winter season there has been no winter weather. The normally cold months have been warmer than in any season in 40 years and bitter weather is anticipated during February and March.

Col. Harrelson To Speak Before Club

Director of Conservation and Development To Address Kiwanis Club.

Col. J. W. Harrelson, director of conservation and development in North Carolina will be the principal speaker here Thursday night at the weekly Kiwanis club luncheon. His subject has not been announced, but it is supposed he will speak on some phase of conserving and developing the natural resources of the State.

Col. Harrelson is a native of the Lawndale section of Cleveland county, a graduate of State college and has been head of this State department since his appointment when Governor Gardner became chief executive of the State.

Mr. Luther Reynolds of New York City, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John Schenck at Lawndale.

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Hamrick Likely To Be District Court Attorney

County Native Seems Sure Of Job

Bailey's Objection To Chas. Jonas As "Obnoxious" May Block Lincoln Man.

Fred D. Hamrick, Rutherfordton lawyer and a native of Bolling Springs, Cleveland county, may be the next district attorney for the Western North Carolina federal court district.

According to reports last night and today from Washington, Chas. A. Jonas, of Lincoln, who is acting district attorney, may not be confirmed by the United States senate due to objections filed by Senator J. W. Bailey, of North Carolina. If the senate fails to confirm Jonas, Republican leaders here and over the state believe that Mr. Hamrick, a brother of F. B. Hamrick, of Bolling Springs, deputy marshal, will get the appointment.

May Defeat Him
The Washington dispatch telling of the Bailey objections to Jonas former congressman and fiery G. O. P. campaigner, says:

"The likelihood of the senate taking favorable action on the nomination of Charles A. Jonas as United States district attorney for the western district of North Carolina was brought into serious question yesterday when it was revealed that Senator Josiah W. Bailey has filed with the judiciary committee a brief declaring that Mr. Jonas' appointment is personally objectionable and obnoxious" to him.

"In the past the senate has consistently refused to confirm appointments when a member of the body raised the personally objectionable objection."

From Charlotte comes the following dispatch which predicts Hamrick will get the office if Jonas is defeated:

"Fred Hamrick of Rutherfordton will be the next western North Carolina district attorney, it appeared last night with the announcement from Washington that Senator J. W. Bailey had filed with the senate judiciary committee a brief declaring the appointment of Charles A. Jonas would be personally objectionable and obnoxious" to him.

"Mr. Hamrick's friends say there is no opposition to him for the district attorneyship in event the senate rejects Mr. Jonas, who is now serving under recess appointment of President Hoover. Some time ago Mr. Hamrick admitted that he would be a candidate in event Mr. Jonas should fail to be given the senate's confirmation, but made it plain that he was a close friend of the Lincoln man and was anxious to see him confirmed. He made it quite clear that he was in no sense a candidate against Mr. Jonas."

Hickory Man Gives Lions Club Program

Local Civic Club To Give Scrolls To County And City Schools.

H. A. McNeely, Hickory business man, was the chief entertainer at the meeting of the Shelby Lions club last night in a program put on by Frank L. Hoyle, Jr.

Mr. McNeely, a gifted singer, rendered a number of selections, both classical and popular, together with a few of his own composition.

At the meeting the club decided to give each school room in the county and city a copy of the moral code scrolls. These scrolls will be delivered to the county schools by Supt. J. H. Grigg or may be secured at his office. The members of the club will distribute them to the city schools.

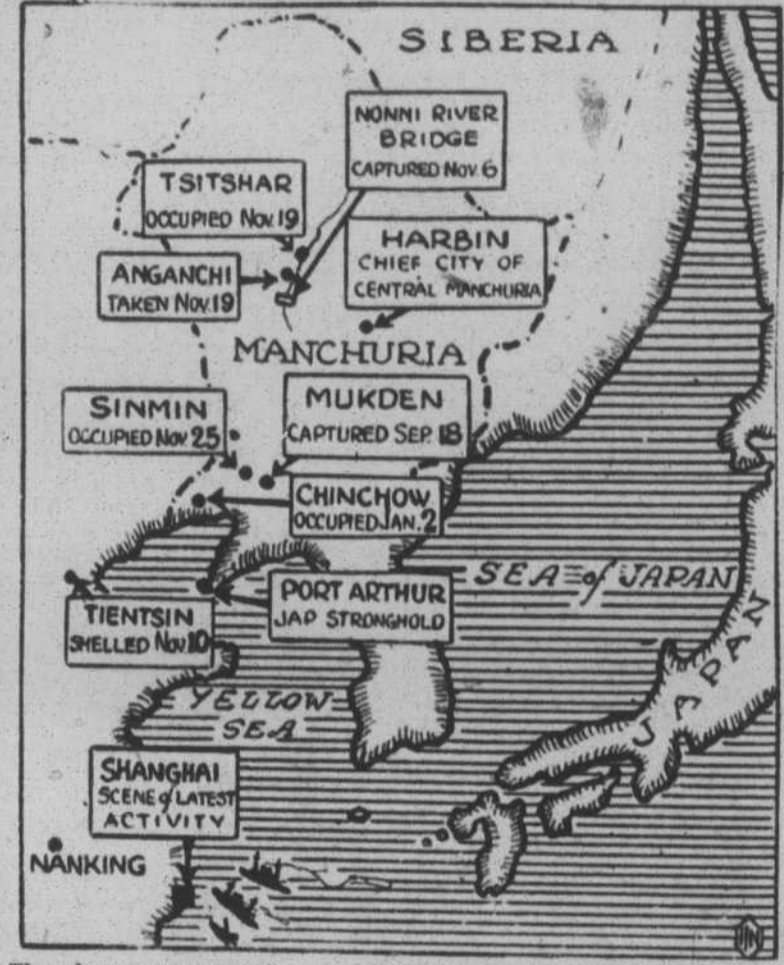
Good Week-End For Getting County Tax

The last week-end was the best tax collecting period Sheriff Irvin M. Allen's office has had since last fall. From Friday through Monday a little over \$37,000 in county taxes was collected by the sheriff. This ran the total collections of the 1931 levy above \$185,000.

Tax-payers coming in Friday Saturday and Monday were those seeking to avoid the one percent penalty which was added to the taxes on February 2 by the state law.

Fighting About Shanghai Breaks Out Anew As Truce Is Talked

How Shanghai Crisis Evolved



The above map presents a nutshell history of events that led to the present crisis in Shanghai, which threatens international peace. The blowing up of the railroad tracks of the Japanese-owned South Manchuria railway, north of Mukden, started the fracas. Japanese placed the blame on Chinese and occupied Mukden as a reprisal. Gradual occupation of the entire province of Manchuria followed, the Chinese putting up no resistance, but appealing to League of Nations and boycotting Japanese trade. It was to force the lifting of the boycott and the suppression of anti-Japanese societies that Japan attempted the occupation of Shanghai.

Bostic Plant May Bring Back Monazite Industry For This Section; Seek Tariff Action

California Man To Open Plant In Spring. Plans To Pay \$25 Per Ton.

Rutherfordton, Feb. 3.—A number of representative citizens of Rutherfordton met recently to devise plans to revive the monazite industry. It was the consensus of opinion that the first important step was to secure a duty, or small tariff through congress so that monazite in this country would be in demand and could compete with that of other countries, mainly Ceylon where it is mined with slave labor at low prices. Frank R. Porter, president of the Porter-Placer Mining Co., of California, Bridgewater and Fredericksburg, Va., addressed

the meeting and displayed samples of the mineral which he said can be found in great abundance in more than 20 counties of the Piedmont Carolinas. He further stated that this country had been using over five million pounds of monazite.

It was decided to form a central organization, ask each of the counties in which this mineral abounds to help contribute a small sum to promote legislation. The plan being to open an office in Washington, D. C., as soon as possible where members of congress, tariff commission and others can see at first hand just what the Carolinas have to offer in the way of monazite and other

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Many Applicants For Star Mail Routes In County And Over N. C.

Several score Shelby and Cleveland county men made bids on star mail route jobs in this county and over the State, it was learned today.

All bids for carrying star mail routes in North Carolina had to be in Washington by January 19, but announcement of the low bidders will not be known, it is believed, before late this month. All contracts will go to low bidders and bids for every star route in the State were received. Every bidder had to put up a bond of good faith and a number, it is said, failed to get formal bids in because of inability to get up bonds. Chas. A. Hoey, local representative of a

bonding company, handled a large number of bonds for bidders for routes in this county and other sections of the state.

One Cleveland man placed a bid, on the biggest route in North Carolina, a two trip daily route between Wilmington and Newbern.

The new low bidders will not take over the route until June 30, the present carriers serving until that time.

In Cleveland county there are six star routes as follows: Shelby to Lawndale, Shelby via Fallston to Belwood, Kings Mountain-Shelby, bus route Shelby to Gastonia, Rutherfordton via Shelby to Kings Mountain, and Bolling Springs to Lattimore.

"First Monday" Is Again A Day Of Trading And Fun On "Bone-Yard"

Famous Old Trade Alley Buzzes And Seethes Once More With Varied "Swapping."

They do come back. First Monday has in Shelby!

"How'll you swap? How much 'boot' will you give? What you trading today?—and how?"

The above and many other familiar old sayings rang out all day Monday along the one-time famous "Boneyard Alley"—better known today as King street.

"Bone Alley," for the first time in many years, has come into its own, and was the business place in and round town, "putting on the

dog" for fair, and had every other business center in town backed off the boards. The echo of yesteryear rang clear and true as the clap trap of "hoss" and mule hoofs resounded throughout the length of the busy street.

Monday was the greatest gathering of old cronies, pals and side-kicks and "hoss-traders" and others who have promanaded this "curo market" in two and twenty years. Old friends were united, old scenes renewed and enacted all over again.

As the day lengthened, the crowds increased to hundreds

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Four Countries Join In Truce Move

Artillery Battle Resumed As Truce Plan Is Advanced By Great Powers.

Shanghai, China, Feb. 3.—An artillery battle between Japanese and Chinese troops broke forth again early today as hopes were high for a truce proposed by Anglo-American powers until the two countries could settle their difficulties peacefully in the spirit of the Paris pact and the League of Nations resolution.

Firing between the Chinese and Jap forces flared up again when the Japanese declared that the Chinese were preparing a concentrated rush to regain sectors in the Shanghai district now patrolled by the Japanese. The major points of the new flare-up were in the Chapel Chinese section already bombarded and partly destroyed by the Japs and along the Shanghai-Woosung railroad.

Offer Peace Plans.

Yesterday the four great powers—America, England, France and Italy—cooperate in a movement to end hostilities without conflict and without endangering citizens and interests of the four countries in the battle area. The plan, as sent out by the League of Nations, asked that all hostilities cease, that both countries withdraw their troops from the Shanghai area, and establish a neutral zone for international protection until peace negotiations could be carried on.

The truce which was hardly ever in evidence was shattered by the scattered artillery duels, a constant moving of troops by both Japanese and Chinese, and the hovering over the Bund sector of Jap bombing planes and the continued alert watch of Jap ships about the harbor. The hope was expressed that the renewed fighting likely resulted from a misunderstanding between patrol groups of the opposing forces, and general reports are encouraging for the establishment of a truce.

A dispatch from Tokio said that four of the five proposals submitted in the Anglo-American peace plan were acceptable to Japan but that the fifth was "absolutely unacceptable." United States officials made it clear, after the peace plan was presented, that the Anglo-American proposal did not contain any threat of war and suggested only peaceful negotiations between the two nations. Despite the fact that the peace plan was submitted under friendly relations to both nations, it was emphasized that citizens of the four countries residing in the Shanghai area not be molested.

Another day, it is believed, will bring a truce and a cessation of hostilities or will make an already grave situation more tense.

Spread Rumor Of War Over Shelby

Citizens Excited Yesterday By Wild Reports Of Extra Newspapers On Confront

Unfounded rumors, of the type that caused one militia company in North Carolina to mobilize, spread about Shelby yesterday and caused considerable excitement in the city about the Sino-Japanese war.

Early in the day reports trickled about the streets saying that newspaper extras were out in several cities over the state. By noon the rumor had grown to the extent that it was reported on all street corners that war had officially been declared between China and Japan. Among the more imaginative it was reported that the late news had the United States, England, Russia and other nations involved and that all signs pointed to another big war.

Numerous calls were made to The Star asking for information, but no new developments of a serious nature being known by the paper inquirers were informed that the reports were in all probability exaggerated. Yet late in the day the reports continued to run wild and had spread into the adjoining countryside. Interest in the Sino-Japanese situation seems to have almost reached the World war stage when rumors were spread as fact and the citizenship was continuously aroused by reports of a new conflict or of peace.

Miss Adeline Lineberger, student at Fassifern school at Hendersonville, spent last week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lineberger.