

THE MARKET
Cotton, spot 7c and up
Cotton Seed, per ton \$9.90

Showers Thursday
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Occasional showers Thursday and in west and central portions tonight. Not much change in temperature.

Two More Blazes
The city fire trucks were called out at noon yesterday and again at noon today. The call Tuesday was to a grass fire near the Graham school which did no damage. The call today was to the Gulf station near the Southern tracks on West Graham street where some cotton samples caught on fire.

Negro Attorney Appears In Case In County Court

First Of Race Before Local Bar

Represents Fraternal Organization. Auto Wreck Case Disposed Of.

C. F. Rich, of Rocky Mount, the first negro attorney ever to practice his profession in the Cleveland county court house represented a fraternal insurance firm in a suit heard yesterday afternoon in county recorder's court.

The cases were those of Ambrose Brown vs. the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Julia Ellis vs. the same organization. Both sought full payments of insurance benefits from the lodge, and the plaintiffs were represented by Attorney Horace Kennedy. The first action was non-suited and in the second the court awarded the plaintiff \$200 instead of the \$400 sought and both sides appealed.

Draws Crowd. The appearance of the negro attorney, who seemed well versed in law and experienced in technical court procedure, attracted quite a crowd of curious spectators, while scores of Shelby colored people, many of them members of the Odd Fellows, attended because of their interest in the interpretation of the benefit clause.

Hear Wreck Case.

Another case disposed of was that developing from an automobile collision on the Lincolnton highway just east of Shelby on February 4 when Mrs. John A. Wright was severely injured. Chas. W. Taylor, Salisbury salesman, who was driving the car which was in the collision with the Wright car was found guilty of speeding and of assault but not guilty of reckless driving. Judge Weathers entered a judgment that Taylor pay the Wrights \$175 to cover the hospital bill of Mrs. Wright and the damage of the Wright car. The judgment was left open, however, for 10 days to see if the insurance company covering the Taylor car would make the payment in lieu of a civil action.

McLarty Speaks To Shelby Lions

Methodist Minister. Lauds Work Of Civic Clubs In Community Endeavor.

The work of civic clubs in boosting and advancing community enterprises was praised by Dr. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Central Methodist church, in a talk before the Shelby Lions club last night.

In addition to the beneficial work of the clubs in general, Dr. McLarty expressed the opinion that individual members derived much good from the fellowship and contact with each other in the club sessions and programs.

Another feature of the club meeting were two violin selections by O. B. Lewis with Miss Helen Lattimore as accompanist. Dr. B. B. Matthews was in charge of the program.

One new member, Milton Loy, clothing salesman, was taken in the club.

Pick Hoey Entrant In Shelby Friday

The public is cordially invited to the high school assembly period Friday morning at 10:15 o'clock to hear the declamation contest for the Forrest Eskridge medal.

The winner in this contest will represent the school on March 11 in the county contest for the Clyde R. Hoey medal. The students participating Friday morning are: Jack Jolly, Hill Hudson, Jr., Paul Arrowood, and Joe Beckham. These students are the winners in a preliminary contest held last Friday afternoon.

More Potato Blooms. More second blooms on Irish potatoes were reported today by Mr. J. M. Putnam, of Waco.

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Winter Of 1932 Sets New Weather Records

Only One Day With Temperature Below Freezing. Flowers And Fruit Trees Bloomed Practically All Winter.

What is generally termed the winter season ended Monday and brought to a close the mildest winter in the history of this section unless it was the winter of 1890 of which there are no official records.

The daily record of temperatures kept by Ebeltoft shows that only one day during the winterless winter the mercury dropped below the freezing point. That was in January with a registered low of 30. During the five months of what is usually the cold season in the Shelby section there were many days when the thermometer registered above 60 and several days when it climbed near 80. The coldest day other than the one day below freezing were two days with the mercury at 36 and five days at 40. An estimated average of the temperature for October, November, December, January and February is 52.

Five Freezes. Farmers say that only on five days during their winterless winter was there any ice to be seen. There were only two small snows and very few heavy frosts.

The mildness of the weather was reflected by numerous freaks. In practically all sections of Cleveland county there were second crops of cherries, apples, pears and Irish potatoes. There was winter cabbage, watermelons at Christmas, a second growth of cotton blooms, and flowers of one type or another bloomed all winter with roses being in bloom at the end of the so-called winter season. None of the perennial plants were killed during the winter period, and so far as is known no water pipes within the city burst because of extreme cold, something that has not happened in a score of years.

Ordinarily the coldest weather of the year comes during the latter part of January and the first of February. Many of the weather observers predicted that the mild winter would break about that time and extreme cold develop, but such did not happen. January and February as a whole were the warmest months of the four-month season and the ground was never frozen below the surface.

Wade Cheerful



Raleigh, March 2.—Stacey W. Wade, (above), candidate for secretary of state, is an optimist on the future of North Carolina. As insurance commissioner from 1925 to 1927 he was conspicuous among the boosters for the Old North State. "I have lost none of my faith in North Carolina," Mr. Wade declares. "We have been hard hit by the depression, but we shall come out of it as we have come out of others in our history, and we shall achieve even greater things than we did in the past. North Carolinians have lost none of the heroism that have carried them through vicissitudes and misfortunes." The former insurance commissioner is confident that he will receive the Democratic nomination for secretary of state.

Legion Now Has 258 Members; To Hold Big Supper

Membership Contest Ends With Blues Winning. Gun And Tablet To Square.

The Warren F. Hoyle Post of the American Legion now has the largest membership in its history, tabulation of returns in the contest held between the blues and the reds showing a total membership of 258. The largest membership in years past was 229.

As a result of the membership contest members of the losing Red team, which was headed by Peyton McSwain, post commander, will provide an oyster supper to the entire post membership Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The oyster supper will be held at the Masonic temple. Members of the auxiliary will serve the supper. Robert S. Agnew headed the winning Blue team.

A considerable amount of work was done by several members of the two teams in securing members. A. R. Snyder leading both teams by securing 31 new members. The Blue team won 80 to 47. Others who secured 10 or more members were R. S. Agnew, Basil Good and Peyton McSwain.

To Court Square. Arrangements have been made by a post committee in co-operation with county commissioners to mount the gun now placed on South Washington street on the court square and near the gun will be placed a tablet on which will be inscribed the names of all members of the post. The gun will be moved immediately after commissioners in their regular meeting next Monday formally approve plans they have already agreed to as individuals, the committee reported.

Tom Abernathy, post adjutant, made a brief but extremely interesting report of the meeting at Winston-Salem Monday of post officers of the state. He described the legion unemployment plan which briefly provides for the canvassing of every individual or firm employing five or more men and asking that each employer give one unemployed man for each 10 of his employees one week's work or to donate an equal amount in cash for each 10 men he works to enable the local authorities to employ the men at public work of some kind.

Capt. B. L. Smith Ill With Pneumonia

Capt. B. L. Smith, superintendent of the Shelby schools, is real sick at his home on West Marion street with influenza which it is feared has developed into pneumonia. Several physicians have been called in and a graduate nurse is in attendance. Capt. Smith returned last Friday from Washington, D. C. where he attended a meeting of the National Educational Association. He was a sick man when he reached here and has been sick since.

Big Damage By Fire In Central Cafe On Tuesday

Early Morning Blaze Threatens Block

Interior Of Cafe On Warren Street Gutted. Damage Estimated In Thousands.

A blaze that broke out in the Central cafe, on West Warren street, about 3 o'clock Saturday morning did a damage to the cafe equipment and building that runs into the thousands and for a time threatened to assume more serious proportions as the flames licked their way near the ammunition in the company K militia armory.

The first alarm was turned in about 3 o'clock, the blaze in the rear of the cafe being seen by a guest at the Hotel Charles, just across the street. After the second alarm all members of the volunteer fire department turned out and fought the stubborn blaze for three hours or more before getting it completely under control.

In Kitchen. Firemen say the fire apparently started in the kitchen. Practically all of the kitchen equipment was destroyed and the equipment in the front part of the building was badly damaged. The cafe was owned and operated by B. B. Tenant, who says that the \$2,500 insurance on the interior and equipment will lack quite a bit of covering his loss. The building, owned by Governor O. Max Gardner is believed to be damaged from three to four thousand dollars, perhaps more.

Near Danger. The most dangerous angle of the blaze, firemen said, was the fact that in the second floor of the building, just above the burning cafe, is located the company K armory in which was stored around 70,000 rounds of ammunition, hand grenades and a tank of two of gas. Had the flames not been halted before they reached this section of the building the fire might have been even more disastrous. The cafe was closed about 2 o'clock, or about an hour or so before the fire was first noticed, according to night policemen. The origin of the blaze is not definitely known.

Shelby High Will Present 3 Plays

Seniors And Juniors Combine In Presentation. One For State Contest.

The public has an opportunity on Thursday evening to enjoy a varied program at the local high school. Three plays will be presented. "Columbine in the Country," a fantasy, will be staged first by a cast from the senior class. "Trifles," a tragedy, will be the next presentation by a selected cast from the junior and senior classes. "Trifles" is the play which will be entered in the State dramatic contest at Asheville. "Elmer," a comedy, given by the junior class comes as a fitting climax to this varied and interesting program. Every person will find a dramatic feature to suit his taste regardless of what it be.

Try Answering These

- Can you answer seven of these test questions? Turn to page 2 for the answers.
1.—What calibre cartridges are used in U. S. Army rifles?
2.—Who made the nominating speech for Hoover in the 1928 Republican convention?
3.—What is the Latin name for the Big Dipper?
4.—What state executes criminals by lethal gas?
5.—What are hors d'oeuvre?
6.—Which Roman official sentenced Jesus?
7.—Who was the youngest president of the U. S.?
8.—What is Marlene Dietrich's real name?
9.—What is the name of the game of chance, played by drawing numbered balls from an urn or wheel and covering with buttons the corresponding numbers on cards?
10.—What character in mythology had two faces?
11.—How many acres of land in Cleveland county?
12.—Under how many names has the present Southern railway running through Shelby been operated?

Jonas, Turned Down By Committee, To Carry On Fight For His Office

Lincoln Republican Continues Fight For District Attorney Office.

If the United States Senate follows the recommendation of its committee and turns down the appointment of Charlie Jonas as Federal district attorney for this district, it is believed that Fred D. Hamrick, of Rutherfordton, a Cleveland county native, or Frank Patton, of Morganton, will get the appointment.

Charlotte, March 2.—Charles A. Jonas of Lincolnton, given an adverse report Monday by the senate judiciary committee on the matter of confirmation as U. S. attorney for the western North Carolina district, will carry the fight to the senate floor.

"Have you ever known me to quit before a fight was over?" was the terse reply made by the Lincolnton man to his questioner who wanted to know whether he planned to ask for a vote by the full senate or whether he would be willing to all-

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Chas. A. Jonas (above), of Lincolnton, and former congressman for this district, will take the fight for his appointment as district attorney to the senate floor although a senate committee turned thumbs down upon him. He is now serving under a recess appointment by President Hoover.

Hope To Build Shelby-Marion Road On Federal Funds, If Bill Passes

If the bill now before Congress for providing Federal funds for road building passes, it is believed here that a portion of the funds for North Carolina will be allotted to the construction of the proposed county-seat link between Shelby and Marion.

A survey of the route linking McDowell and Cleveland counties was already underway when it was announced that due to a shortage of funds the State would be unable to build the road this year. The State surveyors, however, were ordered to complete the survey so that the data would be ready when funds were available. The portion of the route in Cleveland county has already been surveyed and the State engineers are now at work in Rutherford and McDowell counties. The proposed road would open up a fertile section that is not now traversed by a modern highway and would be of great benefit to Cleveland, Rutherford and McDowell counties.

This section has never had its proportionate share of paved highways and the following Charlotte dispatch causes people of this section to believe that Chairman Jeffress has the Marion-Shelby link in mind when he said no roads would be built in Mecklenburg from the Federal Funds:

"Mecklenburg county cannot hope to obtain any major road project from the federal funds that will be allotted North Carolina, if the road bill before congress should pass, Chairman E. B. Jeffress of the state highway commission has informed

Clarence O. Kuester of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Chairman Jeffress explained to Mr. Kuester that other counties have not received their share of highway funds, and if the sum from federal government is received by the commissioner, needed projects will be carried out in those counties. Enough work in counties not yet receiving their part of road building is scheduled to absorb the federal fund.

"Mr. Jeffress stated that he believed ample federal funds for road building would practically solve the unemployment problem in North Carolina."

Mrs. Lizzie Mayhue Buried At Sharon

Widow Dies At Age 66 Years. Leaves One Daughter, Mrs. Grant.

Mrs. Lizzie Mayhue, widow, died Monday at her home in the Sharon community where she had lived for the past three weeks, moving to that community from the Waco section. Mrs. Mayhue was 66 years of age and had been suffering a year with heart trouble from which she died. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. W. Grant, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. One brother, Elam Mayhue, also survives. The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Randle and interment was in the cemetery at Sharon Methodist church.

No Leap Year Babies This Year

Unless some births have not been reported Cleveland county had no Leap Year babies born in 1932.

At the Shelby hospital today it was announced that there were no births there on Monday, February 29—Leap Year Day—and items from Star correspondents over the county fail to report any births on Monday.

If there were no births in the county on February 29 this year it will be the first Leap Year in many years there was not a birth. The 27 Shelby and Cleveland people reported in Monday's Star as having Leap Year birthdays had birth dates ranging from 1928 back to 1872.

At the time of her death, she was a member of the Second Methodist church, this city. She joined the church in early childhood and has been a consistent member since.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. R. Jenkins, assisted by other pastors, of this city, at the home at 10:30 this morning. Interment was made in Sunset cemetery. A beautiful and profuse floral offering was in evidence showing the high esteem in which she was held.

"Political Truce" At End And Congress Starts Political War

Moses Attacks Garner And Connally Hops Moses. Says Parties Not Cooperating

Washington, Mar. 2.—Congress hauled down its "politics adjourned" flag this week and entered the presidential campaign debate with a bang.

In the senate, "Tall Tom" Connally, of Texas, denounced George Moses, of New Hampshire, for what he termed a "savage attack" on Speaker Garner over the weekend. He reiterated the Garner claim that President Hoover and the administration were responsible for the hard times and warned that the period of co-operation on legislation was over except, perhaps, in the case of the tax bill.

City Pays \$8,000 Bonds And Interest

A check for \$8,000 was made out by the city today for bonds and interest due, according to a statement made this morning by Mayor McMurry. In January the city paid \$14,000 in bonds and interest and \$27,000 in February. The payment for next month is small, being only \$3,000, but during a year's time the bonds maturing and interest averages about \$10,000 a month.

Kuester To Speak To Rotary Club

Clarence Kuester, secretary of the Charlotte chamber of commerce will be the speaker here Friday at 12:30 at the noon luncheon of the Rotary club. Mr. Kuester is one of the most enthusiastic and vigorous public workers in North Carolina and no doubt a full attendance of the club will hear him. His subject is not announced.

Democrats Meet June 16; County Session On 11th

State Convention Date Is Fixed

Executive Committee Seems To Favor Roosevelt. Meet After Primary.

Democratic precinct meetings will be held in Cleveland county on June 4 and the Democratic county convention will be held on Saturday, June 11. These dates were determined at the meeting of the state executive committee in Raleigh yesterday, which also fixed the date of the state convention for June 16 at Raleigh.

Raleigh, March 2.—The Democratic state convention will be held in Raleigh on June 16.

By an overwhelming vote the state executive committee last night selected the capital city for the convention after receiving hearty invitations from Charlotte and Sanford. The vote was announced 91 in favor of Raleigh, 17 for Charlotte and two for Sanford. Upon motion of Edgar W. Pharr, of Charlotte, leader of the delegation from that city which invited the state convention, the selection was unanimous.

Before the committee set the convention date and selected the meeting place it heard Senator Josiah W. Bailey, of Raleigh, predict the defeat of President Hoover in

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Mrs. McCoy, 74; Is Buried Today

End Comes Suddenly. Interment This Morning In Sunset Cemetery.

Friends of Mrs. T. Frank McCoy, of this city, will regret to learn of her death, which occurred at her home on South Lafayette street Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. McCoy was well known in this section, having resided here for many years. She was an active, kindly, elder lady, being noted for her kindness to those in need near her. She always considered it a privilege and duty to visit and comfort the sick.

For several years, "Grandma McCoy" as many called her suffered from a peculiar stomach trouble, which she bore patiently. However, she was quite active until her death which came suddenly. Mrs. McCoy was 74 years of age. She was a daughter of Attorney and Mrs. William Skinner, deceased, and was married to T. Frank McCoy, this county, in 1874, who survives. To this union were born six children, three daughters, Mrs. John W. Dorsey, Mrs. Bate Chapman and infant, Mattie McCoy, all deceased, and three sons Messrs. Tom F. this city, John W., of Statesville, and Dr. E. J. McCoy, of Hickory. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

At the time of her death, she was a member of the Second Methodist church, this city. She joined the church in early childhood and has been a consistent member since. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. R. Jenkins, assisted by other pastors, of this city, at the home at 10:30 this morning. Interment was made in Sunset cemetery. A beautiful and profuse floral offering was in evidence showing the high esteem in which she was held.