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Warmer Tonight

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably occasional light rain in west and extreme north portions. Warmer in west and south portions.

No Impeaching

Washington, Jan. 18.—The house for the second time this session has voted to impeach Representative McFadden, Republican, of Pennsylvania, to impeach President Hoover. The staunchly anti-administration Republicans picked up three votes from the last test but saw his resolution tabled by an overwhelming majority without his even being permitted to speak for an hour as he intended.

### Bill To Change Voting Plan At Kings Mountain

Divides Town Into Five Wards, Five Commissioners Elect Mayor.

If the bill introduced by Representative Ernest Gardner in legislature this week becomes a law, then hereafter the mayor of Kings Mountain will not be elected by popular vote. Instead he will be elected by five commissioners who are elected by the voters of the eastern Cleveland town.

The bill, providing for a change in the town's charter, calls for a new system of electing officers at the next election, which will be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, 1933. The town will also be divided into five voting wards where heretofore there have been two precincts, East and West Kings Mountain.

It is provided that in May, on the regular election day, the voters of Kings Mountain will follow the customary election methods and elect a town commissioner from each of the five wards instead of four commissioners at large as heretofore. On the second day after the election the five commissioners are to meet and be sworn in. Then they will select one from their number as mayor of the town and this move is to be followed by the appointment by the mayor and four remaining commissioners of a fifth commissioner from the same ward as came the commissioner named mayor.

The terms of office for mayor and commissioners will be two years. The present officers of the town are: W. K. Mauney, mayor; W. P. Fulton, J. M. Patterson, Glee A. Bridges, J. E. Mauney, and B. A. Smith, commissioners. The boundaries of the five proposed wards are outlined in the bill, a copy of which may be seen at The Star office.

### Union Bank In Annual Meeting

All Former Officers And Directors Are Re-Elected In Strong Position.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Trust Co. held Tuesday, the condition of the bank was reported to be in strong position with evidence of improvement. It was an enthusiastic meeting and all former officers and directors were re-elected. The directors are: C. C. Blanton, J. T. Bowman, E. B. Hamrick, J. H. Quinn, J. F. Schenck, sr., Dr. L. V. Lee, L. S. Hamrick, C. H. Shull, J. F. Roberts, Forrest Eskridge, George Blanton, Wm. Lineberger, R. E. Campbell, Z. J. Thompson, H. F. Young, J. L. Suttle, J. A. Suttle and C. Rush Hamrick.

The financial statement as of December 31st shows the bank to have deposits of \$796,045, loans and discounts of \$653,763, surplus and undivided profits of \$118,731. Total resources of the institution are \$1,242,377. Branches are maintained at Lawndale, Fallston, Rutherfordton, and Forest City.

### Pruitt To Address Club Here Thursday

Past District Governor Of Hickory Will Speak To Local Kiwanis.

Thos. P. Pruitt, of Hickory, a past president of the Carolinas district Kiwanis club, will be the chief speaker at the Shelby Kiwanis meeting Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

Mr. Pruitt, an interesting speaker, has appeared before the local club before and is best remembered by his humorous advocacy of a one-year extension plan against green beans. All club members are urged to hear him.

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## Commissioners Given Power To Abolish Offices And Slash Pay

### County Judge Would Slash Court Costs

Intends To Stop Trivial Cases

Will Tax Prosecuting Witnesses With Costs In Frivolous Court Cases.

The new Cleveland county judge of recorder's court, Joseph M. Wright, intends to bring an end to the custom of making the county court a clearing house for neighborhood disputes and family rows and at the same time reduce the cost of the court to the county.

During yesterday's session of Court Recorder Wright took off 10 or 15 minutes time to make himself clear in issuing a warning to prosecuting witnesses in minor cases and also to deputies who are inclined to build up their bills of costs.

**Gives Warning.** "My purpose," he said, "is not to hamper the aims of justice in any manner but I intend to reduce the unnecessary expenses of this court which develop from frivolous actions wherein no one benefits and the county is taxed with the costs."

He then went on to say that during the course of the year many little cases come into court which should not be there. They develop in spite matters between neighbors and in families and when defendants in such frivolous actions are found not guilty the county must bear the costs of a hearing, a sum that usually totals between six and seven dollars per case.

"Hereafter," the recorder said, "when a prosecuting witness brings into court an action which, after hearing the evidence, is found to be too frivolous and trivial to have ever been brought to court, then I

### Bill Would Repeal Old Milling Law, Says Mr. Gardner

New Bill Provides for Law Which Now Requires Miller to Return Identical Product.

Representative Gardner has introduced a bill in the house of representatives which allows millers to return to customers flour and meal that does not come from the same grain brought to mill.

It was stated in Monday's issue of The Star that the Gardner bill would require millers to return to customers flour and meal from the identical wheat furnished. This mistaken idea was gained from a misreading of the caption of the bill.

It seems there has been an old law on the statute books which requires millers to furnish flour and meal from the identical grain brought for custom grinding, but the law has been ignored. Furthermore there has been no demand for it as most farmers are satisfied to exchange grain for their finished product, especially wheat for flour. It is impossible for large millers to comply with such a law and in order to keep them from being "law breakers," this old antiquated law is being repealed by Representative Gardner.

### President Should Have More Power In Crisis, Gardner Tells Meeting

Shelby Man Makes Address To Retail Merchants In New York City.

New York, Jan. 18.—The president of the United States should be accorded the plenary powers of a generalissimo, former Gov. O. Max Gardner of North Carolina said in a speech Monday night, in his effort to reduce the cost of government.

"The president must be given extraordinary power to revise, reorganize, and simplify the machinery of public service," Mr. Gardner said. "In time of war we do not hesitate to grant plenary power to the chief executive. As we prepare to battle with bureaucracy and with the powerful forces that are at work in our economic and social life we should not hesitate to make the president of the United States a generalissimo."

**Debt Is Handicap** Mr. Gardner, addressing the annual session of the National Retail Dry Goods association, said the

### Lutz Shot While Hunting Tuesday With Ralph Gold

Well Known Young Shelby Man Severely Wounded In A Hunting Accident.

Ray Lutz, well known young Shelby man, son of Cicero Lutz, is in the Shelby hospital suffering with a painful gun-shot wound as the result of a hunting accident yesterday.

He was shot while on a hunting trip with Ralph Gold, young county man, on Sheephead mountain in the Casar section of upper Cleveland. At the hospital today it was said that Mr. Lutz was showing improvement and although the wound is severe one his condition is not considered serious unless complications develop.

According to reports, Lutz and Gold had just approached a stream and were getting a drink of water late Tuesday afternoon. Lutz had just stooped over to drink from the stream, it was said, and Gold coming from behind was preparing to lean to a nearby house and called aid to bring him to the hospital, arriving here about 7 o'clock yesterday evening. It is not believed that the intestines were punctured and it is hoped that he will recover unless it develops that the wound is more serious than now believed.

### Teachers To Meet Here On Saturday

Miss MacDougald Will Speak At Session Of County Teachers.

A meeting of Cleveland county school teachers will be held in the Shelby Central school auditorium Saturday, it was announced today by Supt. J. H. Grigg. Miss Juanita MacDougald, of the state educational department, will be on the program.

Miss MacDougald arrived here today and will spend the week among the schools of the county, aiding and inspecting in the health program.

### Fiddlers To Meet On Saturday, 28th

The annual fiddlers convention in Cleveland county will be held at the court house in Shelby Saturday night, January 28, instead of Jan. 21 as previously announced. The event is being sponsored for charity by Mack Crow's well known banjo artist.

### Try Answering These

Can you answer 14 of these test questions? Turn to page two for the answers.

1. To which country does the African Gold Coast belong?
2. What does "ibid." mean?
3. Where are the scenes of Verdi's opera Aida laid?
4. What is the atomic weight of oxygen?
5. In which battle did General Jackson earn the nickname "Stonewall"?
6. Where did the disaster to the excursion steamer "Eastland" occur?
7. What is a bi-metallic currency system?
8. What color is beige?
9. Who composed "St. Louis Blues"?
10. Who is next in line of presidential succession after the secretary of state?
11. Where is the Fugian Archipelago?
12. Who was the author of the Declaration of Independence?
13. Under what president did Carter Glass serve as secretary of the treasury?
14. Whom did Irving Thalberg marry?
15. Why is Ecuador so named?
16. Where is Mt. Desert Island?
17. Why are diamonds used for glass cuttings?
18. Which of the gems is most valuable?
19. What is the principal component of the watermelon?
20. Who wrote "The People of the Mist"?

### Tax Reduction On Property In County Is High

Leads All Western N. C. Counties

Last General Assembly Cut Down Cleveland Property Tax By \$181,839.

The property tax reduction in Cleveland county brought about by the 1931 general assembly was larger than that of any Western North Carolina county and there were only two other Piedmont counties having a reduction of more than one-fourth.

These figures are given in a summary published by the University News Letter in which the property tax levy of 1932 is contrasted with that of 1930.

Cleveland county's property tax in 1930 was \$681,534 while in 1931 the levy was dropped to \$499,695, a decrease of \$181,839, or 26.7 percent.

The average decrease for the entire state was 20.4 percent or 6.3 percent less than in this county. The total reduction for the state is given at \$12,167,849.

Gaston was the only neighboring county with a larger reduction. There the property tax was cut down \$448,787, or 27.1 percent. The Rutherford county reduction was \$220,175, or 24.8 percent, or two percent less than in Cleveland. Both Gaston and Rutherford, however had a considerably higher property tax levy than Cleveland prior to the reduction.

### Old "Dan", Mail Horse, Is Killed

Shelby Mailed Hauled By Motor For First Time In Years, Taub Escapes.

Old "Dan," Moses Taub's horse, who hauled all of Shelby's mail from the two railroad stations and bus station for many years, is dead and this week for the first time in a score of years, with one or two exceptions, the mail is being moved to the post office by motor.

"Dan," known to the entire city by appearing daily between the shafts of the Taub mail cart, was killed by an automobile early last Saturday morning. At the Masonic Temple corner an automobile driven by a man by the name of Smith, employed, it is said, at the Ora mill, struck the horse and mail wagon. The horse was thrown from the street against the lamp post in front of the Eskridge grocery and the wagon was hurled down the sidewalk in front of McNeely's. Taub, veteran driver of the mail cart, was thrown out but escaped with minor bruises and scratches. The horse died within 30 minutes.

Moses, one of the town characters, has been hauling the Shelby mail from the stations to the post office for 20 years or more. Fond of horses, he has refused to surrender to the motor age, and of recent years has been making six trips daily taking the mail to and from the post office and the two railway stations and bus stations. Only at Christmas time and at rush periods has he been forced to call upon his son's automobile to help out, with his horse "Dan" carrying on at other times. This week, with old "Dan" dead, the mail is being hauled in a trailer behind the auto of Taub's son, but soon Moses hopes to get another horse and bring his mail cart, a city landmark, back into use.

### Banks and B. and L. To Observe Birthday

Thursday (tomorrow) January 12 is the anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee and the local banks and building and loan associations will not be open for business in observance thereof. It is a business holiday throughout the South.

N. B. Gladden has purchased from Seth Easter the White Flash service station on West Graham street, corner Trade street, just east of the Southern tracks. He will operate a first class service station and grocery.

### County Stunned With Power Of Board Bill

Rapidity With Which Unheard Law Was Enacted Surprising Here.

The introduction and rapidity of passage in the house of representatives yesterday of a bill giving the Cleveland county commissioners practically full powers of dictatorship over all county offices and units, including elective offices, came as a stunning surprise to the general public here.

Where and how the bill originated and what the sentiment regarding it may be are matters unknown, for as far as public statements are concerned the proposed bill had not been heard of until the morning papers today stated that it had been introduced Tuesday. Later in the day there came a message from The Star's Raleigh news bureau informing that "this bill was passed in the house under suspension of the rules and ordered sent to the senate."

**Is Now A Law** After passing the house yesterday it was brought up in the senate this morning and pushed through under a suspension of the rules asked by Senator Stover P. Duncan of Rutherford county, according to a

### Gaffney Merchant Bound On Railroad Tracks And Killed By Passing Train

Meat Market Owner Held—Burlap On Head Bore Shipping Tag To Suspect's Store.

Gaffney, Jan. 18.—The mutilated body of C. E. Marsh, 46, Gaffney business man for the last 20 years, was found on the tracks of the Southern railway almost in the heart of this town last night with the head tied in a burlap sack and the arms bound to his sides. The rope was knotted from behind.

Convinced that Marsh had been murdered, authorities had four suspects, one of them a business rival of Marsh, in jail for questioning. Those under arrest were R. B. Tucker, 45, operator of a meat market diagonally across the street from the market owned by Marsh; Fred Baston, meat cutter in Tucker's market; and two negro delivery boys for Tucker.

**Body On Track** Marsh's body was found by a passerby on the railroad tracks about 7 o'clock a few minutes after a passenger train had passed. It was just north of the Bernie street crossing in the middle of town and was one block from Tucker's market. It had been practically cut in two by wheels of the train. Sheriff Zeb V. Wheelchel, who with other county officers and city

### LaFayette School Sponsors Picture

LaFayette school will sponsor a picture "The Two Black Crows" at the Carolina theatre on Monday, January 23rd. This is a black face comedy with the famous comedians Mack and Moran as the stars. Proceeds will go to the library fund of the LaFayette street school.

### Bulwinkle Moves To Save Homes Of Farmers Under Mortgage Loans

Introduces Bill To Postpone Foreclosures And Reduce Interest Rates.

A bill introduced in congress by Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of this district is a move made with the hope of saving mortgaged farm homes and farms from being sold or taken over under foreclosure procedure. The bill would provide for loans or advances by the Reconstruction Finance corporation to farmers.

In discussing his bill, which has been looked upon as one avenue of home by burdened farmers, Mr. Bulwinkle said: "It is absolutely necessary that emergency relief be given to those farmers whose farms are under mortgage pending any permanent relief to agriculture that may be enacted by the congress. The total amount of farm mortgage indebtedness in the United States amounts to approximately, it is estimated nearly \$9,260,000,000 with 2,400,000 farms mortgaged.

In 1932, the farm mortgage indebtedness represented an annual fixed charge of \$568,000,000, which with taxes of \$775,000,000 made a total aggregate fixed charge of \$1,343,000,000. This being so, it is either one of two things. It is either a foreclosure or a moratorium. H. R. 14222, the bill which I have introduced in the house of representatives, and which was also introduced in the senate by Hon. Cordell Hull, senator from Tennessee (S. 5350) authorizes and directs the Reconstruction Finance corporation to loan, not exceeding \$1,000,000,000, and would grant two years moratorium, as to mortgage interest and installments and delinquent taxes on the mortgaged property in arrears more than twelve months. "It is estimated, that without such action probably 4,000,000 farmers in the United States will default in tax payments for 1932, thereby seriously affecting all state and local government in agricultural sections. "In the past year, 1932, defaults and foreclosures, on first mortgages,

### Can Cut Down Before End Of Current Terms

Gardner Bill Passes In The House

May Give Commissioners Power To Break Contracts Of Discharged.

A bill was passed by the house of the North Carolina general assembly yesterday which, if it is approved by the senate, will give the Cleveland county board of commissioners more power and rigid authority than that group or any other county government unit has held for years.

As introduced and passed, under suspension of rules, by Representative Ernest Gardner, the bill would give to the Cleveland county commissioners the power to consolidate or abolish all unnecessary offices of the county and also to fix the salaries of all county officers and employees, elective or appointive.

**Carries Dynamic** A copy of the bill, which reached Shelby today, reveals that it is one of the most far-reaching and most comprehensive legislative acts pertaining to this county which has been introduced in years. The commission board, heretofore considered the ruling body of the county directly although only nominally in many instances, will be given full powers of authority to consolidate offices, fire employees and cut or fix any and all salaries.

**Gets Agents?** One interpretation is that the bill when, and if passed, will remove the two county agents although the attorney general may rule that their contracts hold good until June 30. It was said here today that Peyton McSwain, attorney for the commissioners, is in Raleigh, but whether his visit there is connected in any manner with the introduction of the bill by Gardner is not definitely known.

The powers authorized will be vested in the board the minute the bill passes. Section one reads in part: "The commissioners shall have the power and authority to abolish or discontinue any and all offices, positions, or jobs, supported in whole or in part out of the funds of the said county which are not required by the constitution of North Carolina. . . . The commissioners shall have the further power to transfer to any other county office or officer the duties performed by any person or persons holding any office, position or job which may be abolished by this act."

**One Month's Pay** Section two is even more forceful, reading in part as follows: "The county shall not be liable for any salary, fees or compensation to any person or persons holding any office, position or job, whether elective or appointive, which may be abolished or discontinued. . . . on account of said person or persons not being permitted to finish their term of office or employment. Provided, however, that the county may allow any person discharged one month's salary from the date of his or her discharge."

**Gets Deputies** Section three gives the salary-fixing authority as follows: "The commissioners shall have the power and authority to fix the salary, fees and compensation of all county officers, including deputy sheriffs and constables, regardless of whether or not same has been heretofore fixed by legislative enactment. And said commissioners shall have the power to reduce the salary, fees or compensation of said officers or officers at any time during their term of office."

### Mrs. Snipes Gives Birth To Daughter

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 18.—A daughter was born yesterday to Mrs. Beatrice Ferguson Snipes, whose death sentence for slaying a York county officer was commuted last week by Governor Blackwood to life imprisonment.

After commutation of her sentence, Mrs. Snipes, already mother of a six-year-old son, was transferred from the state penitentiary to the state hospital here for her accouchment. The baby was born at 10:48 A. M. Dr. Fred C. Williams, superintendent of the hospital, said "both mother and daughter are getting along fine."

The York officer killed by Mrs. Snipes was a relative of the Ligon family of Shelby