

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and colder tonight preceded by rain. Tuesday partly cloudy and colder.

Banks In State Show Gains

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—North Carolina state banks materially increased their strength during the last quarter of 1932, with resources showing a gain of approximately \$5,000,000, the state banking department reported yesterday. Gains also were shown in savings and other deposits subject to withdrawal, in the quarterly statement based on the condition of the banks on December 31 and released yesterday.

Prohibition In U. S. Repealed In Vote Today

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Feb. 20.—After 13 years of prohibition, the House of Representatives passed the Blaine resolution, already passed by the Senate, whereby the prohibition problem will be returned to the States for constitutional amendment which will abolish the Federal liquor laws. The vote for repeal was 289 and the vote against 121, giving the required two-thirds majority.

Think Sales Tax To Be In Report For N. C. Revenue

Revenue Bill May Also Abolish All But Few Special School Districts.
(By M. R. Dunnagan, Star News Bureau.)

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—After a hectic struggle for two or three weeks, the sub-committee of the legislature's joint finance committee promised to turn over to the full committee Monday afternoon a completed revenue measure, which, it is believed, contains a general sales tax, the eight months State-supported school term, and probably abolishing all except a few larger special tax school districts. The intimations leak out of a well guarded group. Whether the report will be made public, or the joint committee will struggle with it before it comes to the open, is not known at this writing.

With this prospect, it is expected that the measure, whatever its provisions, will reach the floors of the general assembly some time this week and will have a week or more of consideration by the two houses. Few people now expect a hang-up as was experienced two years ago if it is the general sales tax, or a tax partaking of some of the properties of the general, luxury, select-commodity, production, or gross sales tax, it will be strenuously opposed. Secretary Willard L. Dowell, of the state merchants, says of the general sales tax: "It shall not pass."

Sales Tax Necessary.
Many legislators have the same view and will fight it out. But many normally opposed to a sales tax, have come to believe it necessary.

Forest City Child Poisoned By Pills

Queen Child Passes After Swallowing Several Pills, Had Strychnin.

Forest City, Feb. 20.—John Calvin Queen, Jr., age three, died of strychnin poisoning about 1 o'clock Saturday morning after having taken some laxative pills earlier in the night without his parents' knowledge. The formula for these pills calls for 1-50th grain strychnin and it is believed that the little fellow, who told his parents he had only taken two, had taken from 1 to 15 of the pills. The child had already started having convulsions before a physician could get to the home. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Queen, and two sisters.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Relief By Farms And Gardens Is Planned In Cleveland; Advisory Council With Four Objectives

Meeting Held Here On Saturday

Needy Will Be Encouraged To Make Their Own Food Supply.

An advisory council for a farm relief program in Cleveland county was formed in the court house Saturday afternoon at a gathering of 75 farmers and officials, the purpose of which will be to aid and encourage people to make their own food supply.

The meeting was called by J. B. Smith, county welfare officer at the instigation of Dr. Fred Morrison, state director of relief, who in conjunction with the extension department, welfare office and other state farm and relief agencies are trying the state to make their own food to encourage the destitute people of supply rather than be the objects of charity.

Four Objectives.
J. B. Smith explained the four objectives of the new farm relief program which includes (1) aid to both landlord and tenant in producing sufficient food, (2) rendering help to the farmer who has been driven to town, (3) the subsistence garden and (4) the relief farms where those who have been receiving relief will be sent to farms to work under the supervision of others.

"The plan will shift the burden on the individual and impress upon him the fact that he must make his own way and not be a charge or a ward of the government," said Mr. Smith. "The government is willing to continue to help by furnishing feed, seed and fertilizer. This aid will be given to those who will make their own feed and food but not to those who plant cotton to the neglect of subsistence."

No Colony Idea.
Mr. Smith pointed out that the farm relief program has no kinship to the idea of colonizing needy people. Landlords will be asked to compel their tenants to have a garden, plant potatoes, corn, raise chickens and make their own meat. The distressed people in towns will be encouraged to work for a living rather than depend on gifts from the relief headquarters.

Landlord And Tenant.
J. D. Morris, member of the board of county commissioners was made permanent chairman and Troy McKinney, secretary of the meeting. After Mr. Smith had explained the objectives of the farm relief program, several men spoke on the importance of the landlord supervising the tenant in what he plants and appealed for co-operating with the government in this movement.

"The dole system is destroying the initiative and morale of our citizens and they must be taught to work for a living if we are to have the right sort of citizenship," said Mr. Morris. He named the greatest men of history who had emphasized honesty, high principles and hard labor as the proper virtues for mankind and these virtues must be clung to today if our nation stands.

Glorify Cotton; Buy Pigs.
He declared that 1,000 Georgia and Tennessee pigs were sold at Fallston last year to Cleveland county farmers and expressed surprise.

Local Contractors Bid Two Road Jobs

Lavender Brothers, contractors of Earl who have been doing considerable state road work since the highway construction program has been under way, were successful bidders Friday on two new projects in North Carolina. At Hemp, this state, they have been awarded 2.77 miles of grading and gravel for \$18,991 and in Rowan county from China Grove to the Tredegg county line, 10.70 miles of grading for \$51,034.

Legislative Bill Would Let Tar Heels Vote On Light Wine, Beer

Would Provide For Vote On Legalization Of Beverages In State.

Raleigh, Feb. 20.—A bill to provide that the question of legalization of light wines and beers in North Carolina be submitted to the voters of the State if congress changes the prohibition laws was introduced in the general assembly last week.

Representative Pope of Halifax sent in the measure, which contains the identical taxing provisions of the Murphy-Bowie bill now

Farmers Pay Crop Loans In County

Cleveland county farmers have demonstrated to Uncle Sam their willingness to pay when they can. Last year about \$70,000 was loaned from federal funds with which to produce food and feeds and cotton, too, but on a reduced acreage. These loans were due in the fall. It is understood all but about \$500 of the \$70,000 has been refunded to the government and this balance is due from a section hit hard by the drought.

Reports show that crop loans made in North Carolina were paid back better than in any other Southern state and it is believed that Cleveland county holds the record in the state.

Debaters Named For Local Team In State Meets

Triangular Debaters To Discuss Sales Tax In Debates This Year.

At a preliminary contest held at Central high school Friday the Shelby debating teams for the State-wide triangular debating contest were selected.

The winners were Essie Bass and Loris Dover, affirmative team, with Rachel Connor as alternate; and Paul Bullington and Esther Ann Quinn, negative team, with two alternates, Keith Shull and Margaret Lee Idles.

The subject for the debate this year, a very timely topic, will be: "Resolved that North Carolina should have a sales tax as a feature of its revenue." The affirmative team may at its own discretion advocate either a general sales tax or a luxury tax. For that reason two negative teams were selected, one for each of the two taxes, and the negative debating team will be definitely picked when it is known which of the two taxes the affirmative will support.

There were 16 Shelby students competing in the preliminary Friday. The date of the debate is Saturday, April 1, and Lincoln and Gastonia are in the triangle with Shelby.

Fire Does Damage At Kings Mountain

Motor Company In Receivership Has Fire. Damage Mainly To Building.

Fire of undetermined origin did a damage estimated at \$1,500 to the building housing the Kings Mountain Motor Co., which recently went into the hands of a receiver. The fire occurred Friday night and damaged tools and two used automobiles in the building.

The Kings Mountain Motor Co. is a corporation, the stock in which was owned by W. K. Mauney, Mrs. O. G. Falls and J. F. Rogers. R. R. Carroll is receiver. The building which suffered the greatest damage is owned by John Plonk and J. E. Lipford.

Legion Meeting Here Tuesday Eve

A meeting of the Warren Hoyle American Legion post will be held Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Legion hall on West Marion street. All members are urged to be present.

Capt. Dickey Dies At Kings Mountain; Was Civil Engineer

Was Civil Engineer In Double Tracking Southern Railway. Funeral Tuesday.

Capt. Jas. Dickey, age 54, died Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at Kings Mountain, following a decline in health extending over a period of several years.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Kings Mountain.

Assassin Before the Bar



Closely guarded against mob violence, Giuseppe Zangara, who wounded five persons while attempting to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt at Miami, is shown in Dade County Criminal Court as Judge E. C. Collins postponed his arraignment. The court appointed three attorneys to defend the assassin, who maintained his defiant attitude, while complaining of stomach ache.

Think Fighting Has Started In Manchuria

Explosions In Jehol Province Believed Beginning Of Sino-Jap Clash.

(By UNITED PRESS)
Chinchow, Manchuria, Feb. 20.—Recurring rumbles of explosions heard today near Nanking, Jehol province, caused residents in that vicinity to seek refuge in the belief that hostilities between Chinese and Japanese had started. Both armies were massed in that vicinity.

"Flu" Epidemic About Spent In Section; Caused Number Of Deaths

Very Few Cases Now After Widespread Epidemic In County And City.

The influenza epidemic which was widespread in the Shelby and Cleveland county section before, during and after the holidays of the first of the year has subsided, and now very few new cases are reported in the county, physicians say.

During the epidemic, however, around a score of people died from flu, influenza-pneumonia and other complications, it being the most severe and most general epidemic since 1918.

Due to the continued damp weather there are still a number of cases of pneumonia over the county and section, but very few have developed from recent attacks of influenza.

In the period of two months during the epidemic it is estimated that 75 or 80 percent of the people in the county had influenza.

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One More Week To Avoid Penalty Of \$2,000 For Taxes

Two Percent Penalty On March 1

More Than \$100,000 Of Cleveland County Tax Levy Remains Unpaid.

Unless a considerable amount of 1932 Cleveland county taxes are paid within a week's time tax-payers will incur additional penalties totalling \$2,000 or more.

Through last week \$176,605.81 of the total county levy for last year had been paid. This leaves \$106,018.18 to be paid, according to Troy McKinney, county accountant. Beginning February 1 a penalty of two percent will go upon all delinquent taxes. During February the penalty was one percent, but the additional penalty will go on a week from Wednesday.

A penalty of two percent on the present unpaid tax levy would run to \$2,120, and unless more than \$6,000 in county taxes is paid this week the additional penalty will be \$2,000.

Tax collectors and county officials are urging that as much of the unpaid tax as possible be paid this week to avoid the penalty.

Little Crime In This Section Now But Officers Wary

Minor Criminal Acts Numerous But Major Crimes Few. Petty Thefts.

The lull in criminal activities in the Shelby section since the holidays has been one of the quietest periods officers recall in years, and the lull is borne out by the court records.

Only one killing and only one major robbery have taken place in the city and county during the year, officers say, and this is unusual. These were the killing of a colored man at Kings Mountain and the robbery in Shelby of the license tag bureau safe.

There is, however, a continuous run of minor crimes and petty thefts. The county court holds four or five sessions each week and normally each session faces a full docket of minor robberies, assaults and violations of the prohibition law. The big cases and serious offenses are few and far between.

Such a lull, however, worries officers. They say "things break loose" after such a quiet period and they are on edge awaiting for something to start popping. They believe, however, that the times have had much to do with the decreasing number of major crimes. People, they say, do not have the money with which to make whoopee as several years ago, and for that reason assign some of the quiet period to a slower pace in life.

Man With Broken Back Better; E. A. Rudasill The Same

Contrary to an erroneous belief which is pretty widespread, people do live with broken backs.

Clayton Newton, of the Casar section who had his back broken in an accident at a sawmill last week, was reported as improving today.

Mr. E. A. Rudasill, one of Shelby's oldest living native born citizens, continues about the same, there being little change in his condition since he was injured several weeks ago when struck by an automobile.

Seniors Lead Honor Roll Students At Shelby High; Juniors Nearby

Ten Boys And Girls Make Highest Possible Marks. Honor Roll Given.

The senior class again led the way in scholastic work at the Shelby high school during the fifth month. Twenty percent of the seniors made the honor roll and the junior class, with 19 percent of its members on the roll, ran the seniors a close second. Sixteen percent of the sophomores made the roll and 15 percent of the freshmen.

During the month three students made the highest possible mark

Zangara Gets Eighty Years; Has No Regret

Big Load Whiskey Caught Here Today By Two City Cops

Officers Stamey And Hardin Catch Auto With 42-Gallon Load.

An automobile loaded with 42 gallons of corn whiskey, some pure white whiskey and some charred, was captured in Shelby early this morning by Police-men Paul Stamey and Knox Hardin.

The driver of the new Chevrolet roadster made his getaway as officers approached the car, but it was unofficially stated that police headquarters has a pretty good idea of the man's identity. He is an out-of-town run runner, it is said.

The car had stopped presumably in a colored section of town to make deliveries when officers got wind of the load being delivered and swooped down. The whiskey was in half gallon fruit jars and filled the rumble-seat section where the seat had been removed.

It is one of the biggest hauls made this year locally.

Fireman Injured As Tank Explodes At Kings Mountain

While repairing an automobile gas tank Saturday, Grady King, fireman of the Kings Mountain fire department was painfully injured when the tank exploded. One end of the tank was blown through the window in the building in which Mr. King was working. It is thought some gas was left in the tank and this caused the explosion when the repair work started.

Peeler Home Burned Near Palm Tree Ch.

Former Home Of J. B. Nolan Is Destroyed. Caught Second Time In Two Days.

Fire completely destroyed the home of John Peeler and practically all of the household furniture Friday night and one of the Peeler sons barely escaped from the second floor where he was sleeping.

The dwelling had about a dozen rooms in it and was built by J. B. Nolan, Shelby real estate man, who formerly owned the plantation and lived there before moving to Shelby.

It is thought the fire originated from a defective electric wire. The house caught the day before but the fire was discovered and extinguished by a truck load of men passing the road at the time. The hole in the roof was repaired and the next night the house caught again and completely destroyed the residence and furniture.

Hospital Fire Did Very Little Damage

Blaze Was In Trash And Paper Chute. Building Is Fireproof No Danger.

The Shelby fire trucks were called to the Shelby Hospital Saturday where a blaze had started on a trash and paper chute, but the damage was confined to the chute and there was no danger to the building proper or patients.

The hospital structure is semi-fireproof and is equipped with a sprinkler alarm and protection system.

Young Man Dies Of Suffocation

Frank Laughinghouse Thought To Have Gone To Sleep While Smoking.

Frank Laughinghouse, formerly of Shelby, died of suffocation in his room at Greenville, this state about midnight Thursday and his body was brought here Sunday for interment.

Laughinghouse, age 30, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Laughinghouse, formerly of Shelby, now living in Hickory. He was well known here where he lived with his parents and operated a filling station and the swimming pool at Cleveland Springs one summer. Laughinghouse had apparently fallen asleep across the bed, smoking before removing his clothing and when the bed was aflame he had struggled to the floor, but was overcome by smoke. He was alone at the home at the time. A coroner's jury returned a verdict that he came to his death by suffocation.

Only Regret Failure To Kill F. D. R.

Italian Pled Guilty In Miami Today On Assault Charges. Cermak Resting Easy.

(By UNITED PRESS)
Miami, Fla., Feb. 20.—Giuseppe Zangara, who attempted to assassinate President-elect Roosevelt here last Wednesday night, was today sentenced to eight years imprisonment following his arraignment in court here. In shooting at Roosevelt he wounded four others.

Regrets Failure.
(By UNITED PRESS)
Miami, Fla., Feb. 20.—Declaring his "one regret" was that he failed to kill President-elect Roosevelt, Giuseppe Zangara pleaded guilty in criminal court here today to charges of assault with intent to kill President-elect Roosevelt and three other pleas of guilty involving the wounding of Russell Caldwell, Miss Margaret Krus and William Sinton in shooting at Roosevelt.

Seriously Wounded.
Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago, and Mrs. Joseph Gill, the two most seriously wounded, were unmentioned in the trial, but should one of them die charges will be changed to murder.

Both were resting easier today and Cermak is expected to recover.

Parents, Teachers To Meet Tonight; Talk School Plans

Gathering To Discuss Adequate School Program. Several Citizens Talk.

A meeting of the general council on the Parent-Teacher association of Shelby, embracing seven units will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Central high school auditorium.

The general program of the city-wide session will be, "What Is an Adequate School Program for Shelby?" Several citizens and teachers are on the program to discuss various topics under that query. Judge B. T. Falls will discuss length of terms desired; Mrs. Rubie T. Hudson will discuss tools of instruction; Mrs. Robert Smith's topic will be the subjects of study in the schools; Mrs. J. W. Harbison will talk upon teacher qualifications; J. H. Grigg will discuss the administration of schools, and Judge John P. Mull will talk upon "the money we are able and willing to invest in schools."

The association is offering a \$5 gold piece to the unit among the seven in the city which has the best percentage of attendance at the meeting.

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Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Sunday at the Lutz-Jackson Funeral Home on West Warren, street by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of which he was a member. Interment was in Sunset cemetery with the following serving as pall bearers: Hubert Wilson, Curtis Moser, Mark Gantt, E. Joiner, Claude Lucas, Fred Smith. Besides his parents one brother, Carlton, of Hickory and one sister, Mrs. Jas. Sheppard of Shelby survive.

Laughinghouse was a salesman for the Price Wholesale Co., with headquarters in Charlotte.

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