

Table with market information including cotton spot, seed (wagon), and seed (car lots) prices.

Warmer Thursday

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and slightly warmer in west portion tonight, Thursday increasing cloudiness and warmer showers Thursday night and probably in west Thursday afternoon.

Jap War Plans Reported

By UNITED PRESS Geneva, Mar. 22.—The Chinese delegation to the League of Nations announced today details of a Japanese plan to invade China proper, including the regions of Peiping and Tientsin in the far south. The statement was contained in a dispatch from General Sung Cheyuan after Tsijan had fallen into the hands of the Chinese.

City Agrees To Grade Sidewalks In Terrace Area

Will Grade But Not Pave Sidewalks For Beaumonte Terrace Section. At a meeting of the city council last night it was decided to grade all the sidewalks in the Beaumonte Terraces, residential section in east Shelby.

The petition for grading sidewalks in that area to serve approximately 70 homes was presented by John A. Beam and the proposition was approved by the board. Mr. Beam proposed to furnish trucks for hauling topsoil, while J. D. Linberger, director of the local relief agency for the needy and unemployed, offered to supervise the grading work.

Funeral Services For Lackey Youth; Meningitis Victim

Young Son Of Late Dr. And Mrs. F. H. Lackey Buried At Fallston Monday. Funeral services for Edwin Alexander Lackey, nine-year-old son of the late Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Lackey, were conducted Monday at eleven o'clock at Friendship Methodist Protestant church by the pastor, Rev. A. D. Shelton, assisted by Rev. W. L. Scott. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends attended the final rites and there was a beautiful floral offering in tribute to the popular youth.

This Is News; Pipe In A Sewer Stolen

"They'll steal anything these days." So says E. V. Toms, superintendent of the Shelby municipal water and light plant and he has the evidence to prove it. Yesterday city workers in making a check-up of sewer lines, discovered that thieves had stolen about 15 feet of a sewer line in the Belvedere Heights residential section. In the woods to the rear of the residential section, the thieves dug a ditch in the sewer line leading to a septic tank and removed approximately 15 feet of eight-inch pipe. The theft had apparently been carried out within the last day or so.

Clyde Champion Sells Oil Firm

McEntires Buy Out Independent Oil Distributing Agency Here. The Champion Oil Company, independent gasoline and oil distributing agency of Shelby has been sold by Clyde Champion to J. B. R. A. and Bessie McEntire, it was announced today.

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VOL. XXXIX, No. 35 SHELBY, N. C. WEDNESDAY, MAR. 22, 1933 (Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday Afternoons)

C. C. Blanton Gives Confident Report On Local Bank Situation

Bank Official Goes To Richmond Reserve

Bank Data Goes For Appraisal. Big Bank Merger Is Talked In Carolina. State Banks To Get Federal Aid If Needed.

Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the First National bank, now operating under a conservator, left last night for Richmond, Va. where he was invited to a conference with Federal Reserve bank officials of this district.

To Make Appraisal. Mr. Eskridge was asked to bring with him a complete statement of the bank's condition and all information which will enable the reserve bank officials to make an appraisal of the bank's assets.

Aid For State Banks. Legislation is pending in Washington where the federal reserve will aid state banks not now members of the federal system in lending them money for a period of a year until conditions improve.

State-Wide System. In the meantime Gurney P. Hood, state commissioner of banks is working on a plan for a state-wide organization of numerous state banks which have not yet been permitted to open without restrictions.

Two Large Systems. Whether this banking plan includes banks in Shelby or this part of the state is not known. No intimation whatever has come that any banks in Cleveland county are being negotiated with in the plan.

Preferred Stock Idea. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is specifically authorized by the emergency banking law, the first bill to be enacted into law in the Roosevelt administration.

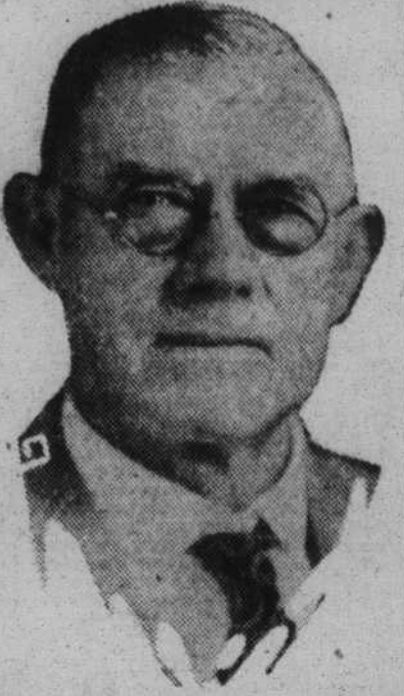
Contractors Here Enter Bankruptcy

C. A. Morrison & Son File Voluntary Petition. Realty Holdings Heavy. A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed with Marion Ross, Federal referee, today by Attorney Peyton McSwain for the Shelby contracting firm of C. A. Morrison & Son.

Present Charges On "Big" Banker

New York, Mar. 22.—The government's charges of income tax evasion against Charles Mitchell, former head of the National City bank interests, were presented to a federal grand jury today by U. S. District Attorney George Medalle, who refused to discuss the case.

Funeral of Former Mayor Thursday



Funeral services for A. P. Weathers (above), former mayor of Shelby and for many years alderman and leading business man, will be held at the residence tomorrow. Mr. Weathers died this morning after an extended illness.

Colored Schools Finals In Shelby On Friday Night

71 Negro Students Of Cleveland County Will Be Promoted To High School. The negro schools of Cleveland county will end their school year Friday evening with county-wide commencement exercises at the county court house.

West African Speaks

The literary address to the graduates will be made by Dr. Faduma, a native of West Africa, who is assistant principal of Lincoln Academy at Kings Mountain.

Masonic Meeting

A regular meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. will be held Friday night at 7:30 in the Masonic temple.

Try Answering These

- Can you answer 14 of these test questions? Turn to page two for the answers. 1. Name the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. 2. Are the stars suns? 3. What is technological unemployment? 4. In what city are the national headquarters of the D. A. R.?

A. P. Weathers, Former Mayor Of City, Died Today

Funeral Services On Thursday At 3. One Of Shelby's Early Builders And Leading Citizens Passes After Illness.

Albert Pinkney Weathers, former mayor of Shelby and for years one of the city's leading citizens and builders, died this morning at 4:45 in the Shelby hospital.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence on South LaFayette street Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of which the deceased was a loyal member.

Mr. Weathers is survived in his immediate family by his widow, who was Miss Octavia Nolan before marriage; and three children—Play Weathers, prominent Forest City business man; Lee B. Weathers, publisher and editor of The Cleveland Star; and Mrs. Pearl Smith, wife of H. Dixon Smith of Columbus, Ga. A brother, W. Y. Weathers, of Shelby, also survives.

Active Career. The deceased had lived until Tuesday, March 28, would have been 73 years of age. He was the son of Albert G. Weathers and the grandson of William Weathers at whose home the first court in Cleveland county was held after the county was formed.

In his business career he was associated with numerous other Shelby enterprises, being president of the Ideal Ice and Fuel company, a director of the Cleveland Building and Loan association, and at all times a public-spirited citizen during the growth of the city from a small town into an important industrial and trading center.

Former Shelby Man Dies In Atlanta, Ga.

Fred Davis, native of Shelby, died in Atlanta, Ga. Sunday night and was buried there on Tuesday, according to a letter received here by S. L. Gillespie, a relative. Mr. Davis was born and reared here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. P. Davis on N. Morgan street, in a house where now is located the home of Charlie Washburn.

Bostic Family Safe In California Quake

A letter to Mrs. Judith Bostic Esbridge from members of the family of her brother, the late John Bostic, say the four or five children are safe from any personal injuries as a result of the California earthquake. The Bostic children live in Long Beach and Los Angeles where the quake damage was the heaviest. They suffered property losses but no personal injuries.

Beer Back April 7 After Long Drought

Roosevelt Today Signed Congressional Measure Amending The Volstead Act. By UNITED PRESS Washington, Mar. 22.—After more than 13 years exile beer and light wines will be back as legal beverages in America on April 7.

Was Baby Thrown In Sandy Run Creek By Man And Woman Sunday?

Negro Says He Saw Crying Woman And Man Throw Bundle, Into Creek. By WAKE BRIDGES Mooresboro, March 22.—Sandy Run Creek has been the scene of much excitement as Deputy Dwight Morehead leads a dragging crew in search of something, which is thought to have been a young babe, that was thrown into the creek from the No. 20 highway bridge about 11:30 Sunday night by a man and two women.

Negro Saw Them. Marion Martin, 46-year-old negro, watched them from his cottage some twenty yards from the bridge. Martin says he heard a car stop near his cottage, thinking that it was someone to see him he raised up in his bed before a window facing the road and creek. He says that two women and a man got out of a '31 model Chevrolet. One of the women had a flashlight, which she flashed before her as they walked from the car parked on the shoulder of the road at the end of the bridge to the middle of the structure.

The negro says the woman was crying all the while. Near the middle of the bridge the woman was ordered to turn on the light. Then the man heaved a bundle wrapped in a cloth into the creek, but not before the woman had begged to see it again. Martin said that between sobs the woman said "Lord let me see it once more, because I'll never see it again." "Damn it, we don't want to see it any more," answered the man. A heave of the man's arm, a splash and it was over.

Surviving are his father and mother, and three brothers and six sisters—Lee, Erastus, Ralph, Jr., Lillian, Charlene, Docia, Vera, Lethia and Blanche. Funeral services were held at Sandy Plains church, in the New House section, and were conducted by Rev. W. A. Elam and Rev. J. M. Barber.

Crop Loan Office Closed Two Days

There will be no applications for crop loans taken at the crop loan office in the Cleveland county court house on Friday and Saturday of this week, it was announced today by F. T. Wagner, field representative. The office will be reopened for applications on Monday, March 27. So far 348 Cleveland farmers have applied for loans ranging in amount from \$25 to \$300.

Temporarily Halt Roosevelt Plan For Employing 250,000 Jobless

American Federation of Labor Backs Plan To Aid Jobless In Program. By UNITED PRESS Washington, March 22.—President Roosevelt's proposal to recruit an army of 250,000 jobless men to be put to work on government projects at a dollar a day was blocked temporarily at least today when the house labor committee of the American Federation of Labor declared officially against the relief program.

Farm Relief Measure Should Pass Without Any Delay, Congress Told

Washington, Mar. 22.—The house was told yesterday by its agriculture committee that enactment of the administration farm bill without delay was "imperative" and "essential to the relief of the national emergency." The committee thus brought in its formal report as despite considerable opposition formed against the bill, aides of President Roosevelt asserted he had full confidence the measure would pass not only the house but the senate as well.

Gives Status Of Banks; Expresses Faith In County

Half Million For Protection. Faith In Institution Backed Up By \$118,000 Of His Personal Stock.

"The First National bank of Shelby has over a half million dollars in capital stock, surplus and undivided profits, even after \$262,000 in notes are charged off, with which to protect depositors against any other losses which may have to be charged off."

That was the basic statement of a frank, clear-cut and confident interview given The Star today by Charles C. Blanton, president of the First National bank and Union Trust company and now serving as conservator of the First National by virtue of appointment by the federal government. He further cited figures to show that the condition of the Union Trust company is very similar to that of the First National.

Explains Situation. A summary of the views expressed in the interview as to the situation of the banks now and the prospects for the future follows: "I have been engaged in the banking business in Shelby for 38 years. I am president of both the First National bank and the Union Trust company. My ambition has been to serve the people of Shelby and Cleveland county and to furnish them adequate and sound banking facilities. I have sought to pursue a liberal policy with reference to loans in order to enable our people to advance industrially and agriculturally and to increase and develop our business interests."

William T. Greene Funeral Services

Seven-Months-Old Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Ralph Greene Died Monday. William Thomas Greene, seven-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Greene, of near Polkville, died Monday morning after an illness of seven months. Although less than a year old he had endeared himself to the family and neighbors and his parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mrs. Doggett Talks To College Students

Mrs. Robert Doggett, member of the Shelby high school faculty and dean of girls, was the principal speaker at a program given Wednesday night for the co-ed students at Boiling Springs junior college. Mrs. Doggett made an interesting talk to the college girls on the responsibilities of their future and discussed prospective vocations to be taken up after college.

Recklessness And Liquor Blamed For Large Portion Fatal Mishaps

Raleigh, March 22.—Recklessness, liquor and speed killed 80 people and injured 280 in 192 accidents in February in which 271 vehicles were involved, according to figures released yesterday by L. S. Harris, chief of the motor vehicle bureau of the state department of revenue. In January 46 persons were killed and 353 injured in 248 accidents. In February, 1932, only 38 persons were

killed and 328 were injured in 260 accidents. So far, for the first two months of this year, 96 persons have been killed and 633 injured in 440 accidents while during the first two months of 1932 93 persons were killed and 698 injured in 542 accidents. Reckless driving was given as the cause of 15 fatal and 42 non-fatal accidents, while speeding was given as the cause of 10 fatal and 10 non-fatal crashes. Three fatal and 15