

Late News
THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 6 to 7c
seed, (wagon) ton \$10.00
seed, car lot del. \$12.25

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Colder Tonight

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and slightly colder tonight. Light to heavy frost in interior tonight. Saturday fair and slowly rising temperature.

Storm Damages State Capitol

By UNITED PRESS
Raleigh, April 7.—A severe thunderstorm last night damaged the roof of the North Carolina capitol building to the extent of \$1,200 as a giant oak tree was uprooted on the grounds. Neither house nor senate halls were damaged.

Pass State Bill Which Means Tax On Sales In N. C.

Vote Of Cleveland Man Is Against

House Appropriation Bill Calls For \$3 Million In Two Years, Big U. N. C. Fund.

Representative Ernest Gardner, of Cleveland county, was one of the 40 representatives voting against the big appropriation bill in the North Carolina legislature yesterday, the passage of which means that a three or four percent sales tax will be placed upon all purchases by citizens of the state and an eight months state-wide school term.

Raleigh, April 7.—Moving with unexpected suddenness the house yesterday adopted an appropriations conference committee report placing at \$83,157,528 state expenditures for the 1933-35 biennium. The vote was 51 to 40.

Adoption of the report by the senate today was regarded as only a matter of form. The house "clinched" the vote by a 30-40 vote. Yesterday's action was generally accepted in the house as meaning a 3 to 4 percent sales tax will be necessary to balance the budget. Practically all 40 opponents are out-voiced against a sales tax. A few of those voting for the adoption also reserved the right to vote against any form of sales levy.

Victory For Senate

Adoption of the report was construed only as a major victory for the senate in the appropriations battle which began a month ago. The bill the house sent to the senate totaled \$79,262,413 and was finally passed by the senate totaled \$83,157,528. The senate gave way only about one million dollars. The house yielded approximately \$4,000,000.

Chief features of the conference report are:

- 1.—An eight months' state supported school term carrying an allotment of \$16,000,000 a year. The house had voted originally for a six months' term at \$14,050,000.
- 2.—A salary reduction of 38 per cent as of July 1, 1930, for all state department employes. The house originally voted for a 44 per cent slash, the senate for 32 per cent. Salaries of persons employed in state institutions are to be reduced 32 per cent as of July 1, 1930.
- 3.—Provisional diversion of \$1,000,000 yearly from the highway to the general fund is included. Diversion is to be made only when all

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Vergil Weathers Class President Carolina Seniors

County Boy, Baseball And Basketball Star, Defeats Nat Townsend For Honor

Vergil Weathers, Cleveland county youth who has starred in athletics at the University of North Carolina, received an additional honor Wednesday when he was elected president of the rising senior class, one of the highest honors at the institution.

In the annual university elections, Weathers was the candidate of the All-Campus party and won over Nat Townsend, son of Judge Nat Townsend, by a vote of 221 to 166. Townsend was the candidate of the University group.

Weathers, who received his high school education at Lattimore where he became one of the state's greatest high school cage stars, has played baseball in Shelby for several summers and is well known here and over the county. At Carolina while only a sophomore he won a place on the All-Southern basketball team as a forward and is also second baseman on the university baseball team.

Hope To Cut Down Valuation A Fourth

Must List Property At Old Figure

County Board Would Like To Slash Real Estate Tax Value 25 Percent With Same Rate.

The announcement this week that the Cleveland county commissioners will effect a horizontal cut in real estate valuation for 1933 taxes was about the most cheering news of the year, and it will be more cheering to know that the board, without making any formal announcement or prediction to that effect, are hoping to cut down the valuation by one-fourth.

All real estate, however, must be listed at the valuation figures of 1932. It is reminded, as no revaluation is being made in the county. After a major portion of the tax listing, now underway, is completed and the commissioners can get an idea of how much personal property is listed, then they will decide just how much they can afford to reduce the property valuation.

The idea, of course, is to be certain that the valuation can be reduced without increasing the tax rate. Otherwise the taxpayer would be no better off.

The commissioners in announcing that they favored a horizontal decrease in valuation did not say how much it would be, but it was learned unofficially today that members of the board hope to be able to reduce the valuation on all real estate for taxation by 25 per cent or perhaps 30. It all depends upon the amount of personal property listed. If an old custom is followed in listing this month and too much personal property is withheld from taxation, then it will be difficult to make any sizeable slash in property valuation.

But if by next first Monday, or a little later, the tax listing reports in by that time show that a goodly amount of personal property has been listed, then the board hopes to be able to determine the percentage reduction it can make on valuations, a fourth cut in valuation being of equal value to the taxpayer as a fourth reduction in rate, thus giving the property owner further relief.

Property owners are reminded, however, that they are not supposed to list their property one-fourth or any other amount below the present value. It must be listed as listed now and the reduction in valuation will be made, if possible, when the listing figures are in.

The board apparently decided that it would be better to make a horizontal cut in valuation this year than to have a revaluation, because it is estimated that a revaluation would cost taxpayers four to seven thousand dollars.

Minstrel Show At College This Eve

"Rube Town Minstrels" an entertaining minstrel show with plenty of wisecracks and singing, will be presented at the Bowling Springs junior college auditorium this evening at 8:15.

More than a score of the college boys and co-eds will take part in the program, either in the minstrel feature or the choruses.

Court Likely To End Here Today

The Superior court term, which has been in session here for two weeks except for a three day recess, is likely to adjourn this afternoon or tomorrow.

Since disposing of the Humphries case and other larger litigations earlier in the week the court yesterday and today disposed of several small litigations, including one divorce. Judge T. B. Finley is presiding.

County Superintendent Schools To Be Elected At Next Board Meet

County Superintendent Will Be Elected Soon And District Committees Appointed.

The superintendent of the Cleveland county schools, the office now held by J. H. Grigg, will be elected by the county board of education at its next meeting. It is necessary that the members of the county board of education, elected last fall, be approved by the legislature before the board can name the superintendent. This will likely be done soon and then a special session of the school board will be held.

Name Committeemen
The board will at the same meet-

Beer, A Prodigal Son 13 Years, Is Back Again Today

Return Of Legal Beer Celebrated By Amber Flood Pouring Into 19 States Today.

By UNITED PRESS
Beer, real beer, which has been away from home for 13 years consorting with low characters, returned today like a prodigal son to American to be greeted with boisterous affection.

The nation's great brewing centers in some 19 states, from which the amber, foamy flood poured out by the thousands of barrels, celebrated its return at midnight last night but with the celebration tempered by legal regulations and obstacles that prevented its reaching ultimate consumers.

Until noon yesterday it was stated that a total of 749 Cleveland county farmers have applied for loans so far. Scores continue to visit the office each day and before the end of the planting-season it is expected that around 1,000 county farmers will have applied for loans from the government with which to put out this year's crop.

The government loan bureau, operated as a unit of the R. F. C., has been of additional value to local farmers this spring in that many farmers have had their money tied up in banks and had no other place to secure loans with which to start their crops.

Applications made by the 749 farmers to date will average approximately \$125 each, it is estimated. Last year the farmers of this county secured around \$70,000 from the seed and crop loan division and repaid practically all. This year it is believed the amount will run close to \$100,000.

A half dozen or more wholesale distributors and prospective retail dealers in Shelby were yesterday and today attempting to get lined up with brewers and district distributors of several makes of beer in anticipation of the legalization of beer sales here on May 1.

So far as could be learned today only two distributors were assured of agencies for this section, one being for the Amheuser-Bush favorite, Budweiser, and the other Schlitz. Other dealers or prospective dealers in this territory were, however, hoping to secure agencies, wholesale or retail, for Pabst, Gunther, Arrow and other makes of brew well known 13 years ago.

So far definite details about licensing restrictions, etc., are not known, but prospective dealers are losing no time in trying to make connections for favorite beers before they are contracted by other firms.

Late Bulletins United Press

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, April 7.—Anglo-American conversation on preparations for a world economic conference continued today when Sir Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador, conferred with Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

Washington, April 7.—The fate of the Black bill to enforce a six-hour day, five-day week labor program in interstate industry is now up to the President. House leaders said today as they were awaiting definite word whether Roosevelt wishes the measure passed. The Senate passed the bill late yesterday.

Cotton Stronger; Up 50c A Bale

Cotton was up a few points above yesterday's close at 2 o'clock today on the New York exchange. May was quoted at 650 and Oct. 691. Yesterday, cotton advanced fifty cents per bale on the strength of currency inflation talk around Washington.

A state-wide bill has been introduced in the state legislature to reduce all county boards to three members instead of five. The bill has not been passed upon as yet and it is not known whether it will be approved or rejected. Should it be passed it would require a change in this county as following a custom of years, Cleveland elected five members to the board of education. They are W. A. Ridenhour, chairman; C. S. Young, J. L. Hord, C. D. Forney and A. L. Callon.

\$8,000 New Coin In County Now On Farm Crop Loans

Over 700 Applicants Apply Here

Checks Already Arriving From R. F. C. To Aid In Planting 1933 Crops.

Approximate \$8,000 has come into Cleveland county in the last week to aid farmers of the county to plant their 1933 crops.

At the R. F. C. seed loan office in the court house here today Field Representative F. T. Wagner said that more than 60 checks totalling around \$8,000 have arrived and that others are arriving almost daily from applications made a week or two ago when the local farm loan office was first opened for the filing of applications.

Many Apply.
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Home Burned Here Last Night; Fire Draws Big Crowd

Green House On Chestnut Street Badly Damaged. Sleeping Occupants Escape.

A residence on Chestnut street, in east Shelby, known as the "Granny Green" house, was badly damaged by fire last night about 11:30. Five or six members of the Grover Green family were in the house at the time, some said to be asleep, but all escaped without injury.

When the blaze was first noticed by a resident of that section the flames were already covering the rear roof and by the time the fire trucks could be called it was impossible to save much of the one-story frame building. With flames roaring high into the sky at that hour of the night the blaze attracted a large throng of people who watched firemen prevent a spread of the building as possible. The blaze is thought to have originated in the rear of the home, possibly in the kitchen.

Try Answering These

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

1. How long is the term of a U. S. senator?
2. Of what country are chow dogs native?
3. What is dusk?
4. Which country of the world is most densely populated?
5. Name the architect who designed the Washington monument in the District of Columbia.
6. In what year did the Boston Tea party occur?
7. Are any export duties imposed by the U. S.?
8. Where did Robert Fulton's "Clermont" make its first trip?
9. Of what city is Norman Thomas a resident?
10. Has Mahatma Gandhi ever visited the U. S.?
11. Where was Adolph Menjour, the actor, born?
12. Name the heaviest metal.
13. Is the fourth of July a bank holiday in all the States?
14. Name the national flower of Egypt.
15. Which member of President Grant's cabinet was impeached?
16. What is the story about Diogenes and his lantern?
17. Why cannot congress reduce a president's salary?
18. Was General Robert E. Lee a West Point graduate?
19. What is the derivation of the name Halloween?
20. Which president of the U. S. was shortest in stature?

Crashed on Akron Search



Tragedy piled on tragedy when the Navy's non-rigid airship J-3 crashed into the sea off Beach Haven, N. J., while scouring the waters in search of victims of the U. S. S. Akron disaster. Of the seven officers and men of the blimp's crew, five were saved. Lieut. Commander David E. Cummins, who was in command, was lost, as was Pasquale Bettio, a mechanic. Top photo shows the wreckage of the J-3 half submerged, and in lower photo a survivor is shown arriving at the sick bay of Lakehurst Naval Air Station.

Woman Indicts Man For Asking Her For "Hug;" Freed In Court

Is it a violation of the law for a man to ask a woman if he may hug her?

Judge Joe Wright, recorder of the Cleveland county court, doesn't think so. Anyway, in the Wednesday night session of the court here he acquitted a No. 2 township man who had been indicted by a woman of the same section because he asked her for a hug.

The testimony was that the man passed the woman's home, stopped and chatted for a few minutes. Then he asked if he might ask a question, and being told that he could, he asked, "Would you let me hug you?"

"H—no," the woman was stated to have replied. "No man can hug me."

The testimony of both the defendant and the plaintiff had it that the man did not try to do so by force after asking the question and did not put his hands upon her. The prosecuting witness testified, however, that she was afraid of him and that the query had frightened her and as a result she swore out a warrant alleging assault.

Horace Kennedy, attorney for the defendant, in presenting his case, also asked a question. It was: "If all the men in Cleveland county, old and young, who have asked for a hug were put in jail, how many do you suppose would be left outside? Not enough to put anybody in jail."

And then Recorder Wright directed a verdict of not guilty of assault.

The case was the highlight of a night court session that lasted until 11 o'clock.

Existence Counties No Longer Justified

State Has Taken Over Major Duties Of County Units, Mull Tells Kiwanis Club.

"Counties do not justify their existence," declared O. M. Mull last night when he addressed the Shelby Kiwanis club in its weekly luncheon meeting. Mr. Mull was speaking on the new laws enacted by the state legislature and addressed himself especially to the trend of government to centralization in Raleigh.

Work Taken Over
"The state has taken over our road system, our welfare work, most of the prisoners and this legislature is now providing for a state operated eight months school, leaving little for the counties to do. They are not now rendering enough service to justify the taxes they collect from the people and they must soon quit or start doing something useful to justify the taxes they collect."

"I do not predict that the imaginary lines dividing counties will be wiped out soon, but there is a trend in this direction. Whether it is for the best or not I do not know, but this is the drift of legislation."

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Apply Deposits On Notes At The Bank

Raleigh, April 7.—The North Carolina Supreme court Wednesday ruled a deposit in an insolvent bank may be applied on notes the depositor owed the bank at the time of its closing.

An opinion, written by Associate Justice Heriot Clarkson, upheld the Durham Superior Court in directing that the \$2100 deposit of H. T. Roycroft in the closed Merchants' Bank of Durham, be applied on two notes.

Appraisers Arrive At First National

Two Announce In Ward Three Race For Board Today

South Shelby Business Man Enters Contest. Anstell Already Announced.

A third candidate for alderman in Ward Three, the second today, announced at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The new candidate is John Honeycutt, well known young business man who lives on West Warren street. A son of the late D. E. Honeycutt, the new candidate has lived here for many years and is known to the voters of the city. The other candidate announcing today in the same ward was C. H. Reinhardt.

Another contest in Shelby municipal election May 2 was assured today when C. H. Reinhardt, South Shelby business man, announced as a candidate in Ward Three.

J. P. Austell, barber shop proprietor, had already announced as a candidate in the same ward when it was announced that John Schenck, Jr., present alderman, would not be a candidate for re-election.

The announcement of Reinhardt, who has quite a following in political circles, and has long been a leader in his ward, makes it certain that at least three places on the city council will be contested. Three candidates are in the running in Ward One, two in Ward Four and the Ward Three race now assured, but so far no candidates have been announced to indicate a battle in Ward Two.

No New Mayors.
Although it is still said that one or two others will enter the mayoralty race, with George P. Webb being considered as a near certain prospect, there were no new announcements today with Mayor S. A. McMurry, E. J. Thompson and W. N. Dorsey being the only announced candidates.

Schenck Declares He Will Not Run
Present Alderman Reiterates Statement. Appreciates Confidence Shown.

With more political activity evident this week in Ward Three than elsewhere numerous friends continued to urge John Schenck, Jr., alderman in that ward now, to reconsider previous statement and announce for re-election. Mr. Schenck, however, announced definitely today that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself.

"I sincerely appreciate the confidence shown me by the people of the town in electing me heretofore," he said, "and I am likewise grateful for those friends who are requesting me to run again. But having served for eight years on the board, I think I should devote my full time now to my private business, and therefore I take this opportunity of stating positively that I will not be a candidate. I am deeply grateful for the support given me in the past at election time and during my terms in office."

Wiley Tells Of Akron Crash

By UNITED PRESS
Washington, April 7.—Lieutenant Commander Herbert Wiley, the only surviving officer of the Akron disaster, today told the story of the tragic dirigible crash to a congressional investigating committee, which heard all three survivors.

The bill provides that the boards of county commissioners are authorized and empowered to assume the payment of bonds heretofore issued by any township, road district, or township road district, by passage of proper resolution by the commissioners to that effect. The measure would not become effective until it had been introduced, passed, published and hearings held as provided in the county finance act.

The bill was amended to provide that the governing body is authorized to come to a compromise with the owners of the bonds to be refunded, and only the amounts agreed upon by way of compromise are to be paid.

As amended the bill was passed by the house on second reading.

Start Mobilizing 25,000 Youths To Work In Forest Camps Of America

Unmarried Men Between Ages Of 18-25 Will Comprise The First 25,000.

Washington, April 7.—Mobilization of the first 25,000 recruits for the conservation corps was started yesterday, with four government departments speeding preparations in a bustling atmosphere reminiscent of wartime in efforts to carry out President Roosevelt's attack upon unemployment.

At the White House orders were issued for the war department to be ready for the first movement of men, but it was learned at the labor department that the initial recruits will not enter conditioning camps until Friday and Saturday.

Allotment of the first contingent of 25,000 men from 17 cities in the eastern half of the nation was completed today. Others will be selected in additional cities before the end of the week, with the president planning to have 250,000 men at work before July 1.

Selection Plan
Registration of applicants will not be undertaken by the labor department at public places previously planned. Instead, unmarried men between 18 and 25 years old, who have dependent relatives for whose benefit they are willing to allot a substantial portion of their \$30

To Determine Steps To Be Taken

Examination Will Reveal What Steps Are Necessary To Re-Open Bank.

Bank examiners and an official of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation arrived in Shelby yesterday to appraise the assets of the First National Bank.

Since their arrival, these three men have been classifying the notes, appraising the collateral and the real estate owned by the bank with a view of determining just what steps are necessary to be taken for the bank to re-open.

It will take several days before this mammoth undertaking can be finished, but the examiners are working day and night, appraising in detail every note and collateral in the possession of the bank. No announcement will be made, therefore, until this work is completed.

Mr. Woods, a native of Virginia and chief bank examiner is in charge and directing the appraisal, while a Mr. Mariner is here as a representative of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Headway With Union.
Splendid headway is being made by the officials and directors of the Union Trust Co., in getting depositors to loan one half of their deposits to the directors with the bank's stock as collateral in order to reduce the loan obligation of the bank by \$130,000. This, with \$150,000 preferred stock with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation expects to take will put the Union Trust in liquid position and enable it to open without restrictions. If those who owe would pay all or even a part of their notes, the situation would be greatly helped.

There is a most optimistic feeling about the two local banking institutions which were closed when the national banking holidays was declared by President Roosevelt on March 6th. It will take the united co-operation of the public depositors and stockholders to strengthen the capital assets of the institutions of the banks and get them in liquid position so that they can re-open without restrictions. The best of feeling exists and everybody seems ready and willing to throw their support to the institutions.

In the meantime, some definite announcement is expected to come from officials of the Union Trust Co. in a day or so. The committee from the board of directors is still calling upon depositors, asking them to sign an agreement to leave half of their deposits in bank, accepting stock as collateral. This will make available immediately the other half of their deposits when the bank reopens.

Exempt Cleveland On Township Bonds

County Exempted From Provision That County Take Over Bonds Of Township.

Raleigh, April 7.—Cleveland and Vance counties were exempted from the provisions of house bill No. 1078, introduced by Representative Randolph, providing that the several counties of the state take over bonds of townships, road districts and township districts within their respective borders.

The bill provides that the boards of county commissioners are authorized and empowered to assume the payment of bonds heretofore issued by any township, road district, or township road district, by passage of proper resolution by the commissioners to that effect. The measure would not become effective until it had been introduced, passed, published and hearings held as provided in the county finance act.

The bill was amended to provide that the governing body is authorized to come to a compromise with the owners of the bonds to be refunded, and only the amounts agreed upon by way of compromise are to be paid.

Wayside Brown Is On Program Tonight

Tonight at the South Shelby school there will be held a Wayside meeting in charge of Harold C. (Wayside) Brown. Special music has been provided and will consist of the Hawaiian Serenaders, Uncle Joe Robertson and Wash Burnett. Proceeds from this program will be divided between Wayside Brown for his work among the shut-ins, and the South Shelby P. T. A. The doors will open at 7:30 and the program will begin at eight o'clock. The generous support of the public is invited.

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