

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spots 9 1-4 to 10c
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What! No Rain?

Today's North Carolina Weather
Report: Fair tonight and Tuesday
Not much change in temperature.

Kidnapped Man Free Again

By UNITED PRESS
St. Paul, Minn., June 19.—William Hamm, kidnapped multimillionaire brewer, was released near Wyoming, Minn., shortly before 7 o'clock this morning after the payment Saturday night of a ransom "somewhat under \$100,000" which abductors originally asked. Hamm entered the rear door of a home here, unharmed after a business associate had driven to Wyoming after him.

Louisiana Solon Died Today

By UNITED PRESS
Hammond, La., June 19.—Congressman Bolivar E. Kemp, of the Sixth Louisiana district, died today. He had been ill in health for some time.

Four People Die At Morganton In Blaze On Sunday

Woman Gives Life For Others

Bodies Found On First Floor, Alice Smith Loses Life Re-entering Home To Rescue Others

Morganton, June 19.—Four persons were burned to death here early Sunday morning as fire of undetermined origin swept through a six-room structure in a textile village. Three others escaped.

The dead: Bill Smith, 72-year-old unemployed textile worker.

Alice Smith, 45-year-old step-daughter, a textile worker.

Bill Smith, 27-year-old painter.

Bill Smith, Jr., five-year-old son of the painter.

The fire was discovered at 3:30 o'clock by Mrs. Bill Smith, 67-year-old wife of the former textile worker, as flames enveloped the kitchen. She spread an alarm which sent her grandson, 14-year-old Paul Wilson, and her daughters, Alice Smith and Margie Smith, 28, scurrying with her to safety.

Makes Rescue Attempt

Alice Smith sensed the situation quickly and in a heroic effort to arouse her step-father, the painter and his son, gave up her life as she was overcome by flames and smoke in the second story.

The bodies were found on the first floor, having fallen from the second story as the structure collapsed. Alice Smith's body was lying on a bed which fell through the ceiling into a first floor bedroom. Nearby lay the body of her step-father. The bodies of Bill Smith, the painter, and his son were huddled closely together on the first floor, having fallen from a second-story bedroom.

The condition of the elderly Mrs. Bill Smith was described as being critical as she is suffering from heart attacks and shock.

Funeral service for the quartet were held in a local cemetery late Sunday afternoon.

Has Estranged Wife

The painter and his son came here from Lenoir about eight weeks ago. He is said to have an estranged wife and small daughter now residing in Dallas, Ga.

Never in Morganton's history has there been such a tragedy, older residents declare. The fire completely destroyed the 50-year-old house, property of the Alpine Cotton mill and with it were burned the house furnishings. Several pieces of clothing were saved when firemen arrived at the scene.

Paul Wilson, one of the survivors, described Alice Smith's valiant attempt to arouse her step-father and that boarders as a sacrifice of her life to save them. She ran out of the house with her mother and Paul but without saying a word to any one darted into the blazing inferno and dashed up the stairway. Apparently she succumbed to smoke and flames and collapsed on a bed, burning to death a few minutes later.

Called For Ladder

Paul said Bill Smith, the painter, stood at a window on the second floor and called for a ladder, none was nearby, and a few moments later he disappeared. The charred bodies of the painter and his young son were discovered by firemen after the flames were extinguished.

All the bodies were burned beyond recognition and it was only by the location of the bodies in the debris that identification was possible.

Several nearby houses were threatened by the blazes, but volunteer firemen aided the local fire department in checking the spread of flames.

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Government In Move To Boost Price Of Cotton

Drought Attains Serious Proportions Here

Prayer For Rain Urged At Sunset Here On Tuesday

Appeal By Pastors Baptist Group

Corn And Gardens Hard Hit By Dry Spell, Drought Lasts Almost Month.

Cooperative prayer for rain to end the drought which has assumed serious proportions in this section was urged in an appeal issued here today by the executive committee of the pastors conference of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, a church organization which embraces several counties.

Reports from farming sections of Cleveland and neighboring counties today indicated that the drought threatens to be one of the most damaging in several years in that it came so early in the season before crops had attained enough size to withstand the heat.

In the appeal issued today by the pastors of the Kings Mountain association it was asked that all Christian people in all denominations join in a prayer tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon at sunset for rain to end the drought.

With the drought extending today into the fourth week, farmers state that they are already badly damaged and fear that the damage will be worse unless there is rain soon. Gardens have been hard hit by the heat and prolonged dry spell and in most instances garden production had already been cut down by a half or more.

Today it was said that corn is suffering also and that the corn crop will be considerably off unless the drought is broken. The heat and drought have already started to show damage to the cotton crop, it is said. Just a week or two ago prospects for an excellent cotton crop were seen, but during the last week cotton is also showing effects of the heat, and unless there is a change, several farmers said today, this county will lack a lot of making the 50,000 bales forecast by some.

Hits Dairymen

The drought is particularly tough on dairymen and owners of cattle. Many owners of cows say that they are having to feed their cattle just as in winter time because there is little of anything green for them to eat as the heat has parched and dried up all grasses and hay.

Yesterday mercury in local thermometers climbed back to 100 for the second highest heat of the year, equalling the 100 degrees of Friday a week ago and being only one degree under the 101 of Thursday week ago.

The weather man promises little relief today or tomorrow, predicting fair weather with no change in temperature.

Arcanum Meeting

The regular meeting of the Royal Arcanum council No. 2078 will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the American Legion hall on Marion street, over Basil Goode's store. All members are invited to be present.

Court Docket Light.

The county court docket was fairly light this morning for a week-end grind, there being only 13 cases to be heard during the session which ended before noon. A majority of the cases were of a minor nature.

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Semi-Pro Clubs In Big Title Clash Tuesday

Championship Game Played Here

Cloth Mill Plays Charlotte Team. Johnny Walker May Hurl Game.

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The first local game in The 'Charlotte Observer's semi-pro baseball championship series for the two Carolina's will be played in the Shelby park tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon.

The initial clash will see the strong Cleveland Cloth Mill club meeting the fast Home Service Stores team from Charlotte. The game will start at 4 o'clock.

Other Clubs In.

Cleveland county has two other clubs in the championship tourney, the Lawndale club and the South Shelby All-Stars. The South Shelby outfit will bump into bitter opposition in the first round, being billed to play the powerful Hickory Rebels, managed by Pinkie James. At Lawndale team is booked to play the Bostic Braves in the first round clash.

All Set To Go.

"We've about found the combination we were looking for," Manager "Cricket" Weathers of the cloth mill club, said today. "We'll go into the first championship game tomorrow with practically the same line-up as we used in defeating the Charlotte Firemen and Newton."

But Manager Weathers did let out a semi-secret which will delight local fans. Johnny Walker, the brilliant southpaw hurler, who once led the pitching in the Sally league and later was a sensation in the Southern League, has been signed up by the Cee-Cees and will be eligible for the championship series. The addition of Walker gives the Shelby team a pitching staff that will match with the best—Walker and Lefty Collins, two crafty southpaws, and Clint Fisher, the fire-ball right-hander.

"Walker will pitch Tuesday if he gets here in time," Manager Weathers said today, "and if he does, Clint Fisher will be on the hill. Tell the folks to be there; they'll see a real ball game."

Good Players.

The Home Service Stores team will bring a fast young outfit to Shelby for the game tomorrow. Manager A. F. Parker, of the Charlotte team, was quoted in The Observer this morning as saying his bunch was coming to Shelby "to win." On his team he has such players as Ed Wilson, Davidson college star; Bub Mulligan and Charlie Gadd, former Charlotte High stars; Charlie (Cool) Bean, former Shelby boy; Spike Saterfield, Red Farrell and others.

Manager Weathers plans to start the same lineup as beat the Firemen Saturday: Finch, 1b; Lee, 3b; Little, cf; D. Fisher, ss; Weathers, 2b; Mayhew, rf; Hicks, c; Gold, lf; Johnny Walker or C. Fisher, pitcher.

Other Games.

In addition to the championship game Tuesday, the Cee-Cees have two more big games booked for the local park this week. Friday Pinkie James brings his strong Hickory rebels here for a game. It will be Ladies' Day at the Shelby park and Business Manager "Decker" Gardner announces all women will be admitted free. On Saturday the fast Albemarle club, one of the semi-pro championship threats, will play the Cee-Cees in Shelby.

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Burrus Is Named Postmaster For Mooresboro Now

Is Temporary Until Examination

Well Known Ginner, Farmer And Mayor Gets First Roosevelt Office In County.

The first appointment by President Roosevelt in Cleveland county goes to R. Grady Burrus, well known Mooresboro citizen, who has been named temporary or acting postmaster at the Western Cleveland town.

This was learned today through Oliver S. Anthony, Democratic chairman of Cleveland county, who said that he had been informed that Mr. Burrus was notified over the week-end of his appointment.

To Have Examination.

Mr. Burrus will serve as temporary postmaster until July or later when a civil service examination will be held to fill the office permanently. This is because the office, heretofore appointive and third class, will move back to a civil service basis. There were a number of applicants for the appointive office and it is presumed most of the applicants will compete for the office in the examination. A. J. Jolly has been postmaster at Mooresboro. His term ended in February but he was continued in the office until a temporary postmaster could be appointed.

Mooresboro's new postmaster is well known in the county. He is a cotton ginner and farmer and has served as mayor of the town.

Better Business In Shelby During Week-End Trading

Merchants Report Encouraging Gains Over Last Year. All Hopeful.

Business in Shelby is zipping along at a pace not evident in more than a year, local merchants and business men said today.

Week-end shopping was generally good and one local business man reports that his store did exactly four times as much trade Saturday of last week as on the corresponding Saturday of last year. Another Shelby firm reports that for the last six weeks its business has been double that of the same six weeks last year. Still others report "much better" business, and all are encouraged by the outlook.

"It is very cheering to us," one business man said, "because in normal times business is dull at this season of the year. In fact, I believe business now is better than at this period in any year I have been in business here. It is picking up and holding up."

Try Answering These

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

1. In which city was the United Daughters of the Confederacy organized?

2. What is mineralogy?

3. What proportion of U. S. senators are elected every two years?

4. Of what country is the Congo Free state a colony?

5. In what group of island is Minorea?

6. Was Henry Ford ever a candidate for the U. S. senate?

7. Who wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?

8. What is a congressman-at-large?

9. What was the name of the Bull of Minos?

10. What is an unguent?

11. What state bounds Connecticut on the east?

12. Where is Rutgers university?

13. What does dolichocephalic mean?

14. Is a child born of Chinese parents in the U. S. an American citizen?

15. Who wrote "Conquest of Granada"?

16. Describe the flag of an admiral of the navy.

17. Of what institution is the U. S. National museum a branch?

18. In military law what is conscription?

19. Does water expand or contract when freezing?

20. Where is Tangier Island?

County Not Liable In Shooting Of Deputy

Price Advance Of Gasoline Here

Effective this morning the retail price of gasoline in the Shelby area is being increased a half cent. Last Saturday there was an advance of a half cent, composed entirely of the additional federal tax levy. The federal tax levy now aggregates one and one-half cents and the state tax six cents, making a total of seven and a half cents tax for state and federal revenue.

Including today's advance regular gasoline in Shelby is selling for 22c less two cents for cash or 20.9, including all taxes.

Saunders Death Case Damage Action

Compensation Commission Makes Ruling, First Holds Sheriff Is Responsible.

A damage action arising out of the fatal shooting of Deputy Ewart W. Saunders in the jail yard at Shelby the last day of 1932 is now before the State Workmen's Compensation Commission and in all probabilities may be battled all the way to the Supreme court.

A first hearing of the action was held here last week before Commissioner Dewey Dorset. Decision in one phase of the matter was withheld temporarily, but there is a probability that when and if it is handed down both sides may ask for a hearing before the full State commission.

Shot By Prisoner.

Deputy Saunders was shot on December 31, 1932 by a prisoner, Mark Conner, he had just arrested for drunkenness in uptown Shelby. As he fell to the ground mortally wounded Deputy Saunders shot and killed Conner. The double killing threw the city in turmoil for several hours New Year's Eve.

Some time ago Mrs. Saunders, widow of the officer, started action for damages against the county and Irvin M. Allen, who was sheriff at that time. In the first hearing here last week Mrs. Saunders was represented by John P. Mull, while Peyton McSwain, county attorney, represented the ex-sheriff and the county, and Clyde R. Hoey represented the insurance company in which county employes are insured.

Rules For County.

Early in the hearing Commissioner Dorset dismissed the action against the county, ruling that the slain deputy was not working for the county but was a personal agent

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Deputy Is Shot At Three County Corners Last Eve

Tole Houser, Lincoln county deputy sheriff who lives in the Northbrook section near the Cleveland county line, was shot last night in the Three County Corners section, it was learned here today.

According to reports, Houser was shot in the shoulder by a man by the name of Buck Kiser when it is said he attempted to arrest Kiser. The latter also lives in that section and the shooting took place near the Catawba-Lincoln line. Houser was struck in the shoulder by the load of shot from a shotgun. He is now in a Lincoln hospital and although severely wounded is expected to live. Kiser, it is understood, has been arrested and is now in jail.

Judge Webb Speaks On Temperance To Large Dallas Crowd

Judge Webb spoke yesterday afternoon in the old court house at Dallas under the auspices of all of the churches in that community. The audience filled every seat in the building, and a number were unable to obtain entrance. Deep interest was manifested in temperance, prohibition and the proposed repeal of the 18th amendment, which were the subjects discussed by Judge Webb.

Just 3 June Brides.

June brides in Cleveland county this year are not numerous. Only three marriage licenses have been issued at the Cleveland county court house during this month by A. F. Newton, register of deeds. The last license was issued on the 13th to a colored couple, Frank Roberts, 21, and C. T. Thomas, 16.

Cotton Jumps On Acreage Reduction

Cotton closed today on the New York exchange 29 points or nearly \$1.50 a bale above Saturday. The market was erratic this morning before the acreage reduction plan was announced at 11 o'clock. July closed at 9.25 and Oct. at 9.56. Stock's were strong.

N. C. Will Get 11 Million Fund For Public Road Work In State

Chairman Jefferson Says Federal Funds Will Be Available For State.

Raleigh, June 19.—E. B. Jefferson, chairman of the state highway commission announced that at least \$11,000,000 will be available in the near future for highway construction work in North Carolina through federal aid.

Jefferson said the renewal of new highway construction in the state would start almost at once, contractors on some \$500,000 worth which was suspended in March being notified that they could carry on the projects if they desired to fulfill their contracts.

"As soon as the rules and regulations are received from Washington the highway department will be able to begin to advertise for projects and the work will be carried forward orderly and lettings" will

To Cut Crop By 3 Millions Bales; Will Lease Land

Processing Tax To Be Imposed

Shoffner To Attend Raleigh Meeting, Then Appoint Committees In Cleveland County.

By UNITED PRESS
Washington, June 19.—A comprehensive program leading to a reduction in cotton acreage in order to restore prices to pre-war levels was announced today by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

The program includes leasing of ten million acres from farmers at a price of between 100 and 150,000,000 dollars.

Cut 2 To 3 Million Bales

Whatever the department decides as the minimum reduction in production which it will accept, Secretary Wallace indicated that the utmost minimum reduction he would think worthwhile accepting is 2,000,000 bales and suggested that over 3,000,000 bales would be a better minimum.

A processing tax will be levied about August 1st, the secretary said today at 11 o'clock.

He did not state the probable amount of this tax as he did in announcing the wheat plan. He said that he does not care to suggest the probable tax until the plan is ready for operation.

Impose Processing Tax

Secretary Wallace pointed out, however, that the secretary must impose the maximum processing tax which is the difference between the farm market and the parity prices. As of June 15th this parity price was about 4 1-10 cents per pound. Farmers will be given an option to purchase an amount of the government cotton supply of \$2,335,000 bales of cotton equivalent to the reduction which they achieve in production. If they use this option which will give them the cotton at six cents per pound, they will be given an additional rental benefit payment amounting to from \$6 per acre to \$12 per acre. If they do not care to use the option on the cotton pool, they will be given an outright rental cash payment of from \$7 per acre to \$20 per acre.

Graduated Payments

The rentals under both the pool and the straight leasing plan are graduated on a yield per acre basis, the smaller payment going to the lowest yield land and the highest payments to the highest yield lands. The cost of these benefits will be from 100 to 150,000,000 dollars. This includes an estimated 50 to 60,000,000 dollars to the government from segregating pooled cotton. The cost to the secretary of agriculture of the pooled cotton was about 9 1-2 cents while this cotton will be offered farmers under the option plan at six cents per pound.

Only For Current Year

While the 10,000,000 acres is the least which the secretary hopes to reduce the cotton crop for the current year, Mr. Wallace said that he does not want to fix a hard and fast acreage minimum. If a lot of high yield land is offered, it may not be necessary to demand as much as 10,000,000 acres. He said, however, that he would not consider putting the plan into operation unless at least 2,000,000 bales would be reduced and indicated that the 3,000,000 bales was nearer minimum.

The secretary also suggests that while the plan is to run only for the current year, due to lack of time to get it shaped up, some plans may be made later to link up the current reduction with a curtailment of next year's and other year's crops.

Will Appoint Committees.

R. W. Shoffner, county agent for Cleveland, received a message this morning asking that he cancel all other engagements for the next three weeks in order that he might devote his entire time to carrying out the cotton acreage reduction plans.

Mr. Shoffner will appoint three leading farmers in each township and three in the county at large to help him in explaining and signing up farmers on the acreage reduction

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