

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 12½ to 13½
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 28.00
Cotton seed, ton, carlots 30.00

Cold Wave

Fair and much colder with a cold wave tonight. Tuesday fair and colder in east and central portions.

Denies Frauds

By UNITED PRESS
Washington, Feb. 19.—Walter Brown, former postmaster general during the Hoover administration, appeared voluntarily before the senate air mail committee today and denied charges of collusion and fraud of contract awards during his administration. Brown attacked Farley's recent cancellation of domestic air mail contracts calling it a "coercive injustice," and said that the action would destroy the nation's air lines.

No Telephones

By UNITED PRESS
Vienna, Feb. 19.—Telephone service with a number of west Austrian towns was severed at noon today, and it was feared that some abnormal disturbance had occurred. Officials said that they were sure that there had been sabotage.

The March Of Events

Army Flies Mail

The army flies the air mail today, making its debut with the handicap of dirty weather. The new pilots were faced with the "practical impossibility" of flying "Hell's Stretch," as the Newark-Cleveland run is called by airmen. Brigadier General Oscar Westover has been appointed commander of the newly-established Army Air Corps Mail Operations with headquarters in Washington. From there will be controlled the three national zones in which the Army will carry air mail.

New Belgian King

Popular King Albert of Belgium, beloved of his subjects and well-liked by all the world, was killed yesterday on a mountain climb in his own realm. As Belgium mourns, there is joy in the thought that his successor, too, is popular, and is a student of government. Leopold III, 32-year-old prince, is a democrat, a soldier and a sober student. He volunteered as a common soldier in world war at the age of 14 and he married Princess Astrid of Greece in a wedding that was a real love match.

Austria Kills 5

Five members of the Socialist rebel Schutzbund were put to death by the bayonet yesterday during isolated skirmishes as government troops continued mopping up in the drive to suppress Socialist uprisings. The rebels were bound by a home-guard squad manning a machine gun. Shooting broke out in other quarters, but the country as a whole was reported quiet yesterday.

Billions For Homes

The Roosevelt administration has begun a long range study of mass housing, designed to direct the expenditure of from 30 to 40 billion dollars of private funds within the next 10 years. These huge costs are beyond government scope, the president says, and he has appointed four members of his cabinet to make the survey with a view to finding out how private capital might be stimulated in this field.

Recovery Speeds

Recovery in both industry and trade continued briskly during the past week, according to reports from many parts of the country. Large crowds flocked to stores on Lincoln's birthday sales. Dun and Bradstreet said. In industry, an increased number of scattered factories began to work overtime. The largest increases have been reported in areas benefited by CWA and PWA forces, the statisticians said.

Lindy Denies Gift

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh issued a statement last night saying his total profits from stocks and warrants, exclusive of reinvestments from them, have been \$187,838.55. The Colonel denied that he had ever received a gift of stock, stock options or warrants. He is technical adviser for Pan-American Airways, whose contracts have not been cancelled, and Transcontinental and Western Air, which did lose its contracts.

Cleveland B. And L. To Hold Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Cleveland Building and Loan association will be held Wednesday afternoon, February 21st at 3 o'clock in the directors' room of the Union Trust Co.

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Cotton Sign-Up Ends Wednesday Says Mr. Shoffner

Extension Is Accorded For This County

Acres Increase Is Forbidden And May Cause Checks To Be Withheld.

Two important statements were issued this morning from the office of R. W. Shoffner, county agent, bearing on the cotton control campaign. In the first place, the sign-up will not close until Wednesday evening of this week. In the second place, farmers who sign contracts are warned against planting more acres than is allowed, otherwise their checks might be withheld. Mr. Shoffner's statement reads as follows:

"This is to give to the farmers the official notice that the time for signing contracts closed Feb. 15. However, due to some unfinished contracts in the county, we have extended the time in this county only through Wednesday, Feb. 21; and this will be the 'dead-line' for receiving contracts in the office. The campaign has been in progress for some time and everybody has heard of it and had plenty of time to make his application.

"There are some points that I would like to stress that might cause misunderstanding in regard to the signed contracts. Any producer who signs a contract and receives his quota to plant for this year can not go to another farm and plant additional land and plant it. Before anyone goes to this trouble and expense of putting in additional acres, please investigate the matter; because your payments on your contracts will be withheld due to this violation of your contract. The acres planted to cotton this year should conform to what your application calls for. Do not take a chance on increasing your acres on your farm above your quota. You will be sent a copy of your contracts in a short time."

All P.T.A. Groups To Meet In Joint Session Tonight

Presentation Of High School Project By J. D. Lineberger To Be Feature.

J. D. Lineberger will present the project for a new high school building as the feature address of a joint meeting of all parent-teacher groups in Shelby to be held at the high school auditorium tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The meeting will be held as an observance of National Foundation day.

The meeting will be presided over by Mrs. B. T. Falls, president of the city council of the Parent-Teacher association. Music will be furnished by Horace Eason, accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Plaster and Mrs. B. M. Jarrett.

A complete program has been arranged for the evening. It will be opened with the song "America" followed by a devotional led by Dr. E. K. McLarty. The heads of the various P. T. A. groups will make their respective reports, followed by the main address of the evening, the new high school building presentation by J. D. Lineberger.

Merchant Group Seeks To Check Forged Check Tide

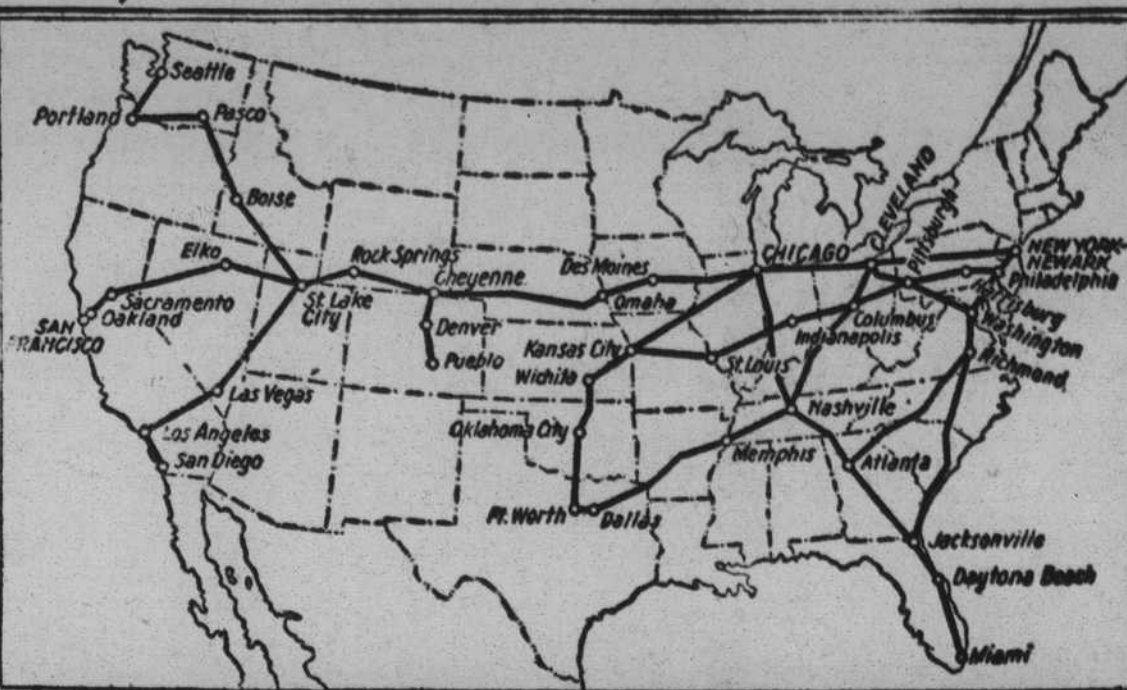
Approximately A Dozen Spurious Checks Passed To Merchants In Past Two Weeks.

The merchants association is asking merchants for their own protection not to cash any checks unless they know the person presenting the check. This is being done as a last resort for stemming the recent tide of forged checks, of which there have been more than a dozen passed in the last two weeks. The checks are made out on local people, local firms, and on the state.

Mrs. Plaster Writes On Music In Schools

In the current issue of the North Carolina Teacher, appears an interesting article written by Mrs. Hugh Plaster of Shelby, the title of which is "The Importance of Music in the Public Schools." This magazine circulates largely among the teachers of North Carolina and is devoted to educational topics. Mrs. Plaster is an authority on music, especially as it relates to public schools and her article is receiving great praise.

Army Birds Take Postal Oath as Mail Carriers



A striking scene at Mitchell Field, N. Y., as Postmaster Thomas J. Hartnett, of Hempstead, L. I., at top shows the routes, from coast to coast, which will be covered by the army's flying postmen until a group of U. S. Army fliers as mail carriers. This such time as new contracts are awarded.

Junior Class Leads Scholarship In High School Mid-Term Reports; Grammar Grade Honor Roll Issued

Gee McGee Says

flat rock, a C., Feb. 19, 1934

dear Mr. editor:
please pardon me asking you again to correct some mistakes in my column, but you almost ruin me last Tuesday. I said that a fine baby boy had been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jhon hay; printed that he had been born to Mr. & Mrs. Jule hay. Jule has been dead 5 yr. I stayed out of town 2 days on account of this. The shower was held for miss desdie mae lummo; not miss bessie may lemons, and it was held at the residence of the late Mr. bob robbins, and not at the dobbins homestead by his widder. she is married agin and ancers to the name of Mrs. arch bowmens. yores trulle, mke Clark, rfd. corry spendent. (Read more of Gee McGee on the editorial page).

Wray To Occupy Shaw Clothing Co.

A. V. Wray and Six Sons have purchased the fixtures and taken over the lease on the store room occupied by Shaw Clothing Co. in the Blanton block. A removal sale of men's furnishings will begin this week in preparation for the occupancy of this separate store room by Wray's men furnishing department.

Frank Morris Out For Gaston Sheriff

Frank Morris, well-known Gastonian, and brother of Casey Morris of this city, has announced his candidacy for sheriff of Gaston county in the June primaries. Mr. Morris is the only new candidate to announce for the nomination.

Farm Home Survey Reveals How The Other Three-Fourths Live—And That Their Greatest Need Is Better Sanitation, And Screens

In a detailed report made public this morning, Mrs. Ben H. Goforth, director of the farm home survey recently completed here as part of a national research designed to better farm living, gives a mass of facts and figures about how more than one-half of this community lives.

Mrs. Goforth's assistants visited 2,871 homes, in which 15,405 persons live—in 14,576 rooms, only 8,270 of which are bedrooms. In one home, she said, there were 14 persons in a single room.

A questionnaire was part of the survey, and one of the most important questions was this: "Sup-

19% of Shelby High's Students Make Honor Roll

Shelby high school's junior class led the school last month in scholarship, according to the honor roll released yesterday. Twenty-seven per cent of this class made the mid term roll, while only 20 per cent of the seniors, 17 per cent of the sophomores and 10 per cent of the freshmen were listed. The seniors fell behind one per cent from last month, and the frosh gained one. The average for the entire schools is 19 per cent.

Honor rolls were also issued for the Graham, Jefferson, LaFayette, Marion, Morgan and Washington schools.

Beginning with the high school, here are the best scholars for the term:

Shelby High School
Seniors: Paul Bullington, Paul McGinty, Horace McSwain, J. M. Vaughn, Walter Fanning, Louise Austell, Betty Eskridge, Margaret Lee Liles, Esther Ann Quinn, Margaret Thompson, Mary Wells, Mary Sue Whitaker, Sara White.

Juniors: Harold Bettis, Jeff Connor, O. V. Hamrick, Jr., Hill Hudson, Keith Shull, Marion Bass, Jeanette Beheler, Margaret Hamrick, Frances Hughes, Helen Sue Kendrick, Marie King, Louise Lybrand, Nancy McGowan, Mary Rachel Parks, Marilyn Smith, Margaret Tedder, Catherine Wilson, James Gallimore, Robert Wilson, Frances Blanton, Gaynel Duncan, Inez Gaskey, Helen Wilson, J. D. Cash.

Sophomores: N. C. Blanton, John Dorsey, Richard Jones, Eugene Poston, Louise Brown, Ruth Byers, Helen Carrick, Ruth Cline, Gwyn Davis, Mildred Greenway, Elizabeth Harris, Ruby Morgan, Jeanette Post, Jane Washburn, Ollie White, Louise Whitener, Gladys Blain, Germaine Gold, Eleanor Hoey, Dovie Logan, Kathryn Morgan, Carolyn Whitaker.

Freshmen: Carl Gallimore, James

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Local Man Named State President By Textile Union

P. R. Christopher, Secretary Of Local Union, Is Honored In Meeting In Salisbury.

P. R. Christopher of Shelby, secretary of the local textile union, was elected president of the North Carolina Federation of Textile Workers at a meeting in Salisbury yesterday.

The session put in full time hearing reports, electing officers and hearing an address by George L. Googe, southern representative of the American Federation of Labor, who explained section seventeen of the textile code and gave instructions about proper channels through which to make complaints.

Promote Labor Paper.

Resolutions adopted included call for establishment of a North Carolina newspaper for textile workers. The establishment immediately of a regional labor board in North Carolina, condemning use of window cards showing merchants to be fair to labor except cards furnished by union label department of A. F. L. calling for a five-day, five hour work week and government insurance for unemployment, sickness, old age, accident and maternity, abolishment of the stretch-out system in industry and a ban on company stores, villages and company unions.

Officers elected included: S. Davis, Burlington, first vice-president; Paul Hill, Asheboro, second vice-president; J. D. Bule, Belmont, secretary-treasurer. A resolution was passed sympathizing with the workers of Austria in their struggle with fascism.

Cotton Off Eight Points From Saturday

At 2 o'clock today cotton on the New York exchange was quoted March 12.14 and May 12.28, eight points below Saturday's close. It was expected that the market would bound upward since President Roosevelt has approved the Bankhead bill calling for compulsory control of this year's crop.

Cleveland Paid \$49,099 Sales Tax First Six Months

Property Levy Relief Partly Made Up

Estimated That Sales Tax Will Be \$86,941 Less Than Fifteen Cent Property Tax.

(By M. E. DUNNAGAN)

Raleigh, Feb. 19.—Property tax relief of \$11,461,595 granted by the 1933 general assembly was only partially made up in the sales tax collections, which, on the basis of actual collections for the first six months of operation of the tax, indicate the sales tax will be \$6,835,586, which would still leave \$4,826,009 in total relief, according to tables issued by Director Harry McMullan of assessments and collections of the revenue department.

Expect Fall Increase.

The sales tax total is twice the amount collected for sales in the first six months of the operation of the tax, or \$3,317,745, which, officials says, may be somewhat increased when collections for the full 12 months are recorded.

Included in the property tax reduction are four items: 15-cent state-wide ad valorem tax; current expenses for special charter schools special tax districts and for county wide levies. The first three were eliminated entirely and the last item except for charges for maintenance of plant and fixed charges, for which some of the counties made levies. Reports so far received indicate that two-thirds of the county-wide levies for current expenses was eliminated. Also Mr. McMullan points out, the table does not include supplements voted in a few counties since the 1933 legislature. Also, he states, taxes on sales for chain stores, paid at one point inside or outside the state, are prorated to the several counties in which sales were made.

Mecklenburg paid the highest tax in six months, \$280,098; Guilford paid \$223,241; Forsyth \$156,896; Wake \$145,797; Buncombe \$143,264; Durham \$118,542; Gaston \$102,097. Clay paid the least, \$1,150; Camden \$1,292; Gates \$1,956.

How Cleveland Stands.

Durham receives highest potential reduction, the property tax reduction, less the sales tax to be paid, the saving being \$427,923; Guilford received a \$377,512 reduction; Forsyth \$374,373; Buncombe \$329; Wake \$287,959; Mecklenburg \$218,670.

Cleveland county's sales tax for six months amounted to \$49,099. That amount doubled would be \$98,198 for a year. The property tax reduction for 1933 should have been \$151,139, by which it is seen that this county should pay \$56,941 less in sales tax than the total reduction in property tax afforded by the 1933 general assembly. In only two counties, Caldwell and Pitt, is the sales tax shown to be greater than the property tax reduction.

Mrs. Towery Dies In Golden Valley

Buried Friday At First Broad Baptist Church. Husband And Seven Children Survive.

Mrs. J. E. Towery died Wednesday at midnight at her home in Golden Valley township of Rutherford county. She was 61 years of age and had been sick with pneumonia. Before marriage Mrs. Towery was Miss Ellen Blankenship. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom still live, together with her husband and parents.

Mrs. Towery was married 44 years ago last December. She was a kind hearted, devoted wife and mother and a faithful member of the First Broad church. Funeral services were held there at one o'clock Friday afternoon by Rev. G. M. Gold and Rev. Z. D. Harrill.

CWA Here Will Drop 225 Workers Friday; To Re-Adjust Wages

Fights for Dollfuss



Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starhemberg, commander of the Fascist-Heimwehr, who is supporting Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss in his fight against Socialist revolutionaries that attempted to win control of Austria.

Union Chagrined By Defeat, But Accepts 6 Looms

Men Back At Work At Clev Cloth, And Willing To "Take It On Chin"; Organizer Here.

Disappointed, but "willing to take it on the chin," union members workers at the Cleveland Cloth mill returned to their looms this morning, operating six to the man instead of five, according to the decision decreed against them by the National Cotton Textile board last week.

The workers met in Union hall last night and heard an address by C. W. Bolick, United Textile Workers organizer, who came on from Salisbury and will confer with union men here a few days. Mr. Bolick said the workers were bitterly disappointed by the decision, but would abide by their agreement to accept the terms of arbitration.

O. M. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the Cleveland Cloth mill, said today that the natural turn-over in employment and the necessity of employing more men to tune up new machinery made it doubtful that the shift to six looms would necessitate discharging any men at all.

Florence Jones Is Improving Slowly

Louis Sentell In Jail Awaiting Outcome Of Her Injuries Before A Hearing.

Florence Jones, Byrum Hosery mill worker who was shot Thursday at noon by Louis Sentell, is "doing very nicely" at the Shelby hospital where she has been a patient since her injury. Miss Jones underwent an operation for the removal of the shot from her body.

Sentell is in jail awaiting the outcome of Miss Jones before he will be given a hearing. Sentell was free only seven hours before he was caught near Columbus in Polk county. Sheriff Cline and Chief Wilkins were in pursuit when they overtook Sentell in his car, headed westward. A tire had blown out and he was on the rim, chugging up a hill at slow speed when overtaken by the officers. Sentell did not resist the officers. He had with him his shotgun which he had used in firing into the girls walking to their boarding house in South Shelby during the noon hour.

Home Is Burned Sunday Afternoon

The home of John Dyer who lived on the Hamrick place near Salem church on the Shelby-Kings Mountain road was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The home was completely destroyed and practically all of the household goods Mr. and Mrs. Dyer have eight children. All members of the family except three children were away from home at the time the fire was discovered. The children say the fire started from a heater in one of the rooms.

Least Needy Will Be Laid Off First, Woodson Says

Some Projects Will End, But Sanitation, Fairgrounds And Sewers Will Be Completed.

Approximately 225 Cleveland county workers will be dropped from the payroll Friday, Harry Woodson, administrator said this morning, in line with the Federal program to "taper off" on this kind of relief work. Mrs. Thomas O'Berry state administrator, has received instructions from Washington to dismiss 20,000 workers on Friday, as that the state CWA quota shall not exceed 55,000.

"We will lay off those who need the work the least," Mr. Woodson said. "First to go will be those workers in whose family somebody else is on CWA or is gainfully employed. There can be only one worker to a family according to the program. It applies to women as well as to men."

"Drops 10% Per Week." Instructions have been to dismiss ten per cent of the workers each week in this gradual lay-off, and the greatest number of dismissals will be made in communities which offer a "reasonable" opportunity for employment. This affects Cleveland county, which has a cotton crop coming along.

Co-incident with the instructions to dismiss workers, an order was received here from state headquarters to disregard the revised suggested wage rate schedule, which was published in The "Star" last week. Wage rates on all projects will remain the same. Moreover, instructions have also been received to adjust these rates to conform with the prevalent rate paid in the community for the same type of work. This is to become effective not later than March 2.

But in no instance is the rate to be put below 30c an hour, Mr. Woodson said.

CWA Service Ends.

Further instructions received this morning were to place all Civil Works Service employees, which includes the special projects devised to employ women, such as clerical jobs, under straight CWA.

In the tapering off process, it will be necessary to drop some projects entirely, Mr. Woodson said. The least necessary ones will be abandoned, he said. "And be assured, the really needy workers will be the last to go," he added.

In no instance will projects like the Cleveland county fairgrounds, the county sanitary project, sewer and water projects be dropped until completed, Mr. Woodson said.

The sanitary project has made rapid progress recently. A total of 400 privies has been built, 84 of them last week.

American Legion Meets Tomorrow Night At 7:30 O'clock At The Legion Hall.

Bureau Aides Here Transferred As Reward For Work

State Supervisor Lands Work Of B. E. Weathers' Local Bureau Of Federal Project.

Earl H. Lutz and Kendall Beam assistants to B. E. Weathers, were ordered to report to Gastonia and Asheville, respectively, according to a telegram received by Mr. Weathers from G. W. Forster, state supervisor of the Federal Bureau of Farm Tax Delinquencies, Land Values and Foreclosures.

Mr. Forster was through Shelby last week, and highly praised the work of the local bureau. The transfer comes as a reward for the efficiency of the work done here. Mr. Forster also offered to transfer Mrs. Annie Smith Long and Mrs. James Harris, the other two assistants, but they preferred to remain here.

Beam will take over the supervision of the Asheville bureau as Lutz will aid the Gastonia branch in getting started. For the time being, no one will be appointed to fill the vacated posts, as it is believed that when the work of the two assistants is completed, they will return here. Mr. Weathers has received no authority to fill the posts, and the two remaining assistants and the supervisor will carry on the work.