

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 12 to 13c
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 26.00
Cotton seed, ton, carlots 28.00

Cloudy Tonight

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Completes Report

By UNITED PRESS
WASHINGTON, April 4.—The house military affairs subcommittee which has been investigating buying methods of the war dept., completed its report today. It proposed open bidding on the planes to be purchased with the \$7,500,000 PWA allotment.

Costner To Jail

By UNITED PRESS
CHARLOTTE, April 4.—Isaac Costner, member of the famed Touhy gang, was found guilty by a sealed verdict, which was opened and read as federal court adjourned today. Judge E. Yates Webb sentenced the gangster to a total of 30 years, 25 for robbery of the mails using firearms, and five for robbery and assault. Judgments on other indictments were suspended. The defense counsel made no immediate announcement as to whether or not it would appeal the decision.

Reject Request

By UNITED PRESS
ATHENS, April 4.—The request of George Pop, counsel for Insull, that Insull's forcible seizure by Turkey be submitted to the world court at Hague, was rejected today by Premier Tsaldaris.

The March Of Events

See Bank Steal

Charges of a \$70,000,000 bankers "steal" by process of forced receivership were referred to the Senate special bankruptcy committee yesterday, but the chairman said lack of funds prevented full investigation. Edward L. Backus, former president of the Minnesota and Ontario Paper Co., made the charges.

Birthday Gift

Dick Reynolds gets a birthday present of \$30,000,000 today. He is 28 years old, and becomes the "world's richest young man," but seems to have abandoned entirely the career of excitement which led him through aviation, tramp steamer trips and Broadway ventures. He now lives quietly on his estate in Winston-Salem.

Fear Revolution

Fears that street fighting might be resumed and that a revolution is brewing led French authorities yesterday to search for hidden armaments in Paris. Thousands of rifles, automatic pistols and tons of ammunition are reported to have been smuggled into France.

Accuse Air Chief

A report that Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the air corps, and others, acted in violation of the law in the proposed purchase of \$7,500,000 worth of army planes was approved unanimously by the house military affairs subcommittee yesterday.

Hits Wirt Charge

"Pure moonshine," said Senator Connally of Texas yesterday, denouncing the charges that the Brain Trusters planned to replace President Roosevelt by a Stalin. He branded the Gary school teacher Wirt as a scandal monger and declared "If lifting the country back on the highway of prosperity is revolution, then we've had a revolution."

Educators To Meet At Charlotte Hotel; B. L. Smith Chairman

South Piedmont District of State Body To Discuss "Education for New Era" Tomorrow.

A meeting of the general officers and group chairmen of the South Piedmont District of the North Carolina Educational Association will be held in Charlotte tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Charlotte. "Education for the New Era" will be the theme for discussion. B. L. Smith, superintendent of Shelby schools, is chairman of the district association. Chairman and officers from a score of North Carolina cities, representing all departments, will attend the meeting and make their reports.

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Anxious in Athens



Reports from Istanbul, Turkey, are current to the effect that Samuel Insull, fugitive ex-czar of Chicago American Justice, attempted to commit suicide when he was informed that he was to be arrested by Turkish authorities as a fugitive from American justice. Above, Mrs. Insull pictured in Athens after her husband had fled.

Lattimore School Closing Program Starts April 6th

Dr. McLarty To Preach Sermon. Clyde Irvin To Deliver Address. 33 Seniors.

The annual commencement of the Lattimore high school opens Friday night, April 6th, at 8 p. m., when the elementary department presents two operettas. The cast comprising this program will include several hundred children of the district, and it is expected to draw a record breaking crowd.

Following this initial program, will be the following: Sunday, April 8th, 3 p. m. the baccalaureate sermon, delivered by Doctor McLarty, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Shelby. Approximately 33 seniors will hear this address and remain in the spotlight, for two complete programs throughout the commencement.

The music department, directed by Miss Bertha Bostic and Miss Frances Graham, will give a recital Tuesday, April 10, 8 p. m.; Thursday, April 12th, class night exercises; Saturday 3:00 p. m. graduation. Mr. Clyde E. Irvin, county superintendent of schools of Rutherford county, and former president of North Carolina Education association, will deliver the address. Saturday, April 14th and following graduation, at 8 p. m. the senior play will be presented, "Peg of My Heart."

Osborne Withdraws In Race For Clerk

William Osborne, deputy clerk of the superior court and the Cleveland recorder's court, announced this morning that he had withdrawn from the race for clerk of the superior court.

Mr. Osborne made the following statement: "On March 23 I entered the race for the office of clerk of the superior court, but since then I have found that this is not the opportune time for me, and I hereby withdraw. "To those of my friends throughout the county who have pledged me their loyal support I shall ever be grateful."

Boy Scout Court Of Honor Makes Awards, Welcomes 20 Tenderfeet

Awards for Boy Scout activities were made and twenty tenderfeet applications were received at a court of honor held at the Monday night meeting at the Central Methodist church.

C. S. Thompson, vice-president for Cleveland county, received his certificate. The following men served on the court: Joe Whisnant, chairman; Zeno Wall, Jr., Franklin Jenkins, Gene Schenck, C. S. Thompson and J. L. Southard. Executive R. M. Schiele attended the meeting.

The following boys appeared for the tenderfoot rank: John Sipe, James Morehead, William F. Troxlee, R. S. Troxlee, Jr., Clifford Gold, Charles Whitehead, T. G. Bridges.

Industrial Board Meets Here Today On Labor Issues

Union To Drop Plea For Reinstatement

Will Consider Spindale Controversy First; Union Drops Request In Clevecloth Dispute.

The North Carolina Cotton Textile Industrial Relations Board, of which Prof. Theodore S. Johnson of State college is chairman, is meeting here today at the Hotel Charles to consider problems in both the Stonecutter mill dispute at Spindale and the recent labor controversy at the Cleveland Cloth mill.

The Stonecutter problems will be taken up first, and the Shelby controversy considered late this afternoon.

Won't Ask Re-instatement. One of the points in the local dispute was that of employees discharged from the cloth mill, including Rodney Wilson, shop committeeman, whose dismissal precipitated the recent strike. But C. W. Bolick, textile organizer and representative of the Federation who remains in Shelby to advise the local union, said this morning that the request for reinstatement would be withdrawn. "We'll just leave that up to the mill," he said.

O. M. Mull, secretary treasurer of the mill, said this morning that he had no comment to make on the charge Bolick made last night that the mill is showing discrimination in taking men back to work. Bolick claims that the National and State board rulings are at variance, and that the mill, in following the state board decree, is wrong.

Pupils Who Lead In Scholarship

Esther Ann Quinn Has Highest Grade Among Girls. Paul Bullington Among Boys.

According to information just released from the office of W. E. Abernethy, principal of the Shelby high school, Esther Ann Quinn has won first honors in scholarship in the class that will be graduated May 19. Margaret Lee Liles won second honors in scholarship. Esther Ann, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Quinn maintained an average grade of 97.09; and Margaret Lee, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Liles maintained an average grade of 97.03. The highest possible average grade, according to the system of grading in our local schools, is 97.5.

Paul Bullington, president of the senior class, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullington, lead the boys in scholarship and ranked third in the class with an average grade of 96.7.

In addition to these three the following seven boys and girls maintained an average grade of more than 90 for the four years: Louise Austell, Walter Fanning, Sara White, Horace McSwain, Betsy Eckridge, Mary Wells and Mary Sue Whitaker.

Plans for commencement have been almost completed and will be announced within a few days.

County To Take Automobile Census

Information from the state motor vehicle department will be sought by Troy V. McKinney, Cleveland county tax supervisor, in an effort to learn how many cars are owned in this county. It is believed that a number of cars are not listed each year on the personal property rolls.

6 Granted Divorces By Judge Oglesby

Six divorces were granted by Superior Court Judge John M. Oglesby in civil court here yesterday and Monday, all on grounds of two years' separation. The following were granted divorces: Minerva and Ervin Chapman, Minnie and Burgess L. Pendleton, B. I. and W. H. Neason, Paul and Della McEntire Ham, Mitchell and Tressie McKenney Smith, Oswald and Essie Mae Hunsucker.

Merit Badges: Athletics: Cecil Powell, Loy Crowder, J. F. Howell. Automobile: Cecil Powell, James Eaker. Beef production: Davie Whisnant. Book-binding: S. L. Roberts, Lloyd W. Turner. Citrus fruit culture: Bonner McEntire. Civics: Jack McKee. Conservation: J. P. Howell. (Continued on page eight.)

Washington Mourns Pou



Official Washington mourns the death of Representative Edward W. Pou, of North Carolina, Dean of the House. Photo shows general view of the funeral on the House floor, at a joint meeting of the House, Senate and U. S. Supreme Court. Vice-President John N. Garner and Speaker Henry T. Rainey, presiding jointly, as House Chaplain James S. Montgomery offers prayer.

Motorist With Georgia Tag Fined \$10 In Shelby Court

Bob's New Car Fools 'Shiners

Bob Kendrick, No. 6 township's famed constable, snatched 18 half-gallon bottles of moonshine Saturday because he had a brand new car.

Kendrick, in his shiny new equipment, wasn't recognized as he drove up to a house in the Shoal Creek section and parked alongside a number of other cars. One of the moonshiners walked out of the house with a pint in his hand, directly into the waiting arms of the officer.

"Great Scott, if it aint Bob!" But the cry was too late. Tom Blanton, Buck Barken and a man named Hopper were arrested. Deputies Yates Kendrick and Parker accompanied Bob.

Seventeen gallons of 'shine were found on the McKenney place south of Shelby by Kendrick and Deputy Upton Tuesday afternoon and Curtis Short was arrested. A liquor laden car had broken down, and Short was attempting to conceal the fluid in the woods when the officers came along.

And to make matters worse for the professional liquor runners, Sheriff Cline announced this morning that he had just poured out fifty gallons at the jail and twenty-five at the court house. He has 100 more gallons for similar disposal soon.

Famous Singer, Dramatic Artist To Give Program

Edward Brigham, noted basso profundo and dramatic artist will present a recital at the Bowling Springs college auditorium tonight. Mr. Brigham, who is famous throughout this country for his artistic talents, is on a tour of the principal colleges throughout the United States, and everywhere has met with much favor.

The recital will be in the form of a song and dramatic performance, and is receiving wide support from music lovers of this section. The music department of the Baptist institution is sponsoring the entertainment.

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See Another Fight On Bankhead Bill Looming In Senate

Reynolds Amendment Has Good Chance

Conferees' Report On Control Measure Expected To Stir Senate Again.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Appointment of conferees on the Bankhead cotton control bill has been delayed as has all other business pending in the house of representatives, but the conference report may precipitate another battle on the bill in the senate, where 19 amendments were adopted, the most important of which were offered by Senators Bailey and Reynolds of North Carolina.

The bill passed the senate by a margin of only seven votes and therefore there is some risk involved in removing any amendments adoption of which influenced senators to vote for the bill.

Reynolds Amendment. Upon that practical theory, and upon it alone, the Reynolds amendment limiting the life of the bill to one year would appear to have a good chance of retention in the bill as its author and several other senators announced that their affirmative votes for the bill were influenced by adoption of that amendment. The house bill provided that it should extend for two years with the president authorized to extend it for another year.

Critique Bailey. The most serious amendment from the standpoint of friends of the bill, is the one offered by Senator Bailey, and amended by Senator Reynolds, which would prohibit the levy of the tax, 50 per cent in the house bill and 75 per cent in the senate version, from being applied to the first six bales of any producer. Since there are approximately 2,000,000 cotton farmers and the bill limits all quotas under reduction agreements to a total of 10 million bales, this amendment is regarded as one that would make the bill unworkable.

It is thought that that amendment and several other less important ones, including several others by Senator Bailey, will be rejected in conference. One of these would reduce the penalty for all violations of the law, including forgery, to a fine of \$100. States throughout the south have been objecting to the low price of three dollars for Georgia's tags, but this case was the first to come before the local court.

Police Will Arrest All Residents Who Use Foreign License

Setting a new precedent in Recorder's court here Monday night, Judge Joe Wright fined Wade Pennington \$10 and costs for driving his automobile with a Georgia state license. The defendant was also required to buy a new North Carolina license.

Made Residence Here. Pennington, a salesman, is said to make Shelby his headquarters, staying with a relative, although traveling throughout this district. It was charged that he had been using the Georgia tag for a period of three months, at the same time living here.

Chief Wilkins said yesterday that the local law enforcement department was contemplating a stiff campaign to detect all foreign license plates used on Shelby cars, and if the owner had been using them more than the minimum length of time, to arrest them and bring them to trial. He also said that there was a large number of such licenses in use here.

Judge Oglesby Is Booster For State

Speaks Before Lion's Club. April Fool Joke Played On The Members.

One of the most interesting meetings of the Shelby Lions club since their organization, was held at the Hotel Charles Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Robert Cooke, the Tail Twister, presented a stunt in keeping with April Fools day, when Forrest Hamrick seriously read resolutions in opposition to the expenditure of government funds by the president of the United States, denouncing the various boards such as NRA, FERA, CWA, etc., and asking that copies of the resolutions be mailed to the president and each member of his cabinet, the various governors, etc. One or two other members urged that the club adopt the resolutions and Harvey White, the past president, made a motion that it be adopted. The committee who had supposedly submitted the resolutions were not aware that their names were on it. They took issue along with the others and after a few minutes pandemonium was in progress. The situation was quieted with the announcement of "April Fool."

Judge John M. Oglesby delivered one of the most interesting and (Continued on page eight.)

Announces



B. C. Gold of Kings Mountain formally announced his candidacy for membership on the board of county commissioners today. Mr. Gold was born and reared on the farm in No. 7 township, eight miles west of Shelby. About 8 years ago he moved to Kings Mountain where he has since been engaged in farming and the mercantile business.

C. B. Falls To Ask Seat In Assembly; Is An Ardent Dry

Kings Mountain Attorney Demands Stronger Liquor Laws; Would Cut Auto Tag Cost.

C. B. Falls, Kings Mountain attorney and ardent supporter of Prohibition, today announced his candidacy for the North Carolina house of representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic party June primary.

Mr. Falls, who was educated at Rutherford college and Duke university, was licensed to practice law in the summer of 1931. He was instrumental in forming a dry organization in Kings Mountain last fall, and was active in the campaign.

Urges Stronger Liquor Laws. Expressing his views on some of the issues likely to come before the assembly, Mr. Falls said this statement today:

"I am convinced that we need stronger liquor laws in North Carolina, if we are going to carry out the mandates of the voters in the repeal election. Something should be done about the certainty of punishment for the violators of this law. I believe that the county officers should be offered more inducement to apprehend bootleggers and other liquor law violators.

Would Aid Schools. "I am in favor of a larger appropriation for public schools. Our teachers have suffered because of salary cuts. The last legislature did not anticipate the NRA wage scale and a higher cost of living. There is no doubt but that we could get enough teachers at the present salaries, but the best teachers will turn to other work.

"I am not in favor of abolishing the sales tax at the expense of home or farm owners. I believe that we could have a better form of sales tax by collecting the tax from the wholesale house or the jobber. This would eliminate a lot of expense in collecting the tax and relieve us of the nuisance of paying a separate tax across the counter. It could be worked out similarly to the processing tax on cotton.

"I am in favor of reducing automobile license tags even if that should necessitate a small increase in the gasoline tax."

State Republicans In Convention; Factions Battle For Chairmanship

Delegates to the state Republican convention convened in Charlotte this morning to begin a grim battle over the state chairmanship of the party.

The rival forces are headed by James S. Duncan of Greensboro, W. C. Meekins of Hendersonville and A. L. Ferree of Asheville. It is believed that the battle for the honor will be so closely fought that it will require several days to elect the chairman.

General prediction was that the incumbent, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Meekins will poll about an equal number of the votes that do not go to Mr. Ferree. Prediction of Mr. Ferree's vote on the first ballot ranged from 125 to 250.

Cleveland Farmers Will Reduce Crop 37% By Contracts

2,932 Contracts Are Signed In County

Represent 33,757 Acres Rented To Government Out Of 90,342 In Normal Production.

Two thousand nine hundred and thirty-two contracts for reduction of the 1934 cotton crop were signed by Cleveland county farmers, R. W. Shoffner, county agent, revealed this morning.

This means that 35,757 acres of cotton producing land have been taken out of production and rented to the federal government. On this land, the farmers may grow crops for home consumption—vegetables and feedstuff for livestock.

Average is 90.343. According to the contracts, the average number of acres under cotton production here during the past five years was 90,342. The land rented to the government represents 90 per cent of the total.

The contracts were sent to Washington today for approval, and may or may not be accepted. There is some likelihood that the AAA may ask counties like Cleveland, where so much land has been under cotton cultivation, to reduce even more.

90 Percent Signed. Approximately 90 per cent of the 5,000 farmers signed the reduction contracts. Township No. 4 lead in total number of contracts signed, with 385. Figures for the other townships follow: 1—109; 2—307; 3—398; 4—385; 5—258; 7—315; 8—307; 9—286; 10—148, and 11, 124.

CWA Staff Men Wait For Orders To Start New Plan

Cleveland Offices Quiet On Eve Of Back-To-Farm Program; Four Workers Dismissed.

Cleveland county's ex-CWA staff now under the banner of the FERA waited this week with apprehension and curiosity for orders from Raleigh—or Washington—or somewhere where somebody knows what to tell them to do.

With the demise of CWA, relief work here is to take the form of a back-to-the-farm movement, and some general instructions have been issued. But up to today, no specific word has been received about the set-up, organization and office personnel.

Projects Incomplete. Four staff employees have been dismissed, and all CWA workers have been laid off. This leaves a number of projects incomplete, including the fairground and the sanitation program, which, it is expected, will be completed by relief labor.

Under the new plan, land will be sought for destitute families to farm, and the federal government will set them up as agriculturists, supplying livestock, in an effort to make them self-supporting by December 1.

Shoffner Declines Federal Job Offer On Erosion Project

Cleveland County Agent Foregoes More Lucrative Salary Because He Prefers Living Here.

R. W. Shoffner, Cleveland county farm agent since September, 1929 this week was offered the position of supervisor of the soil erosion project for the Deep River area, but declined it, although a much higher salary was offered. Mr. Shoffner said his home was here and he preferred to stay.

The erosion project includes 92 square miles in Union and Anson counties, and 216 square miles in Guilford, Randolph and Forsyth. Offer of the job came from J. Stallings, Federal director. Mr. Shoffner also turned down recently an offer to become farm agent in Buncombe county.

Post Office Tries To Maintain Service

Employees at the Shelby post office said this morning they hoped to comply with the president's request for expense reductions without curtailing service here. One afternoon mail delivery has been omitted, but only twice each month, they said.