

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot 12 1/4 to 13 1/4c
Cotton seed, ton, wagon 43.00

Cloudy, Rain

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness followed by rain in the mountains Monday afternoon. Rain Monday night and possibly Tuesday.

Deflates "Balloons"

President Roosevelt has put an end to the "trial balloon" tactics of his New Deal subordinates. They have been accustomed to express themselves freely in the press in order to get a public reaction. Now they are saying, "It's up to the President." This is intended to give the smoothly-gear'd Roosevelt publicity machine a chance to run, and to avoid the many recent controversies.

Wants Big Navy

The United States Navy is preparing to press vigorously a demand that Congress appropriate about \$6,500,000 to bring the man power of the nation's sea-fighters up past the danger line. Secretary Swanson in his annual report left no doubt that he considers this the most important naval problem of the day.

Lost In Storm

The sinking of a small motor ship with only 11 of its crew of 31 known to have been saved yesterday brought to 400 the toll of lives lost in six typhoons which have lashed the Philippine Islands. The boat sank in Thursday's typhoon with a crew of 116.

No Clemency

Bascom and Lester Green, father and son, and R. E. Black, son-in-law of Bascom, have lost their appeals to the mercy seat. Governor Ehringhaus said he would not stay their execution for the murder of Banker T. C. Barnes of Taylorsville, more than a year ago.

Transatlantic

Operation of government airships in a new trans-oceanic service is now assured, according to authorities in Washington, if the congress congress will approve recommendations of the President's aviation commission. The commission will urge building of ships by the government for lease to private companies.

U. S. To Borrow

Approach of the winter's heavy relief program put the government in the loan market today for \$900,000,000 more of the people's money.

Junior Red Cross Will Meet Friday

The regular monthly meetings of all the chapters of the Junior Red Cross will be held simultaneously in the six elementary schools Friday morning at 8:45 during the regular chapel period.

Singing of the Red Cross song, repeating the pledge, and making reports of Junior Red Cross work done during the month will be features of the programs. Leaders report good work in all the 52 grades in the city.

Women Observe Week Of Prayer

Members of the Missionary Societies of the churches in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association will meet every day this week in their local societies to observe the week of prayer for foreign missions.

Mrs. John Wacaster, associational leader said this morning that Friday, December 7 there will be an all day prayer and devotional meeting in the First Baptist church here for world wide missions.

Women To Study U. S. Government; Meet In Charlotte

An Institute on Government will be held in Charlotte, Friday, December 11th. The morning session will open at 10:45 at the Charlotte Woman's club. A cordial invitation is given to all interested Democratic women of Cleveland county to attend.

Schools To Close On December 14th

Closing earlier than usual this year to accommodate the many students who wish to work in the stores during the Christmas season, the Shelby city schools will give a holiday this year from December 14 to the 31st. The holiday dates were set at week by the board of education.

J. L. Herndon Named Chairman of Board On Suggestion By Blanton

County Commissioners Take Oath, Swear In Other Cleveland Officials, And Vote Same Salaries

The courtesy of electing as chairman the man who received the greatest number of votes was gracefully carried out this morning by the county commissioners, who on motion by retiring Chairman Joe E. Blanton, named Lester Herndon for the two-year term.

The retiring chairman was in a happy mood, for he was celebrating his birthday and had just received a handsome box of cigars from the court house employees.

Take Solemn Oath The commissioners took the solemn oath of office, pledging allegiance to the constitution of the United States and to the state of North Carolina and promising to perform their duties to the best of their ability. A. M. Hamrick, clerk of the court, who had been sworn in earlier by Justice of the Peace T. C. Eskridge, administered the oath to the commissioners.

The same kind of oath was taken by Mrs. Lillian Newton, county treasurer, Andrew Newton, register, and Troy V. McKinney, county auditor. Constables L. I. Scruggs of No. 1, Bob Kendrick, of No. 6 and M. J. Cook of No. 10 were sworn in.

Sheriff In April Sheriff Cline and his deputies will be sworn in again in April, 1935, when their term expires. Judge of the Recorder's Court Bynum Weather and Solicitor C. C. Horn will be sworn in January 1, when their term begins.

McSwain, county attorney for the past term, was re-elected this morning, and all salaries of county officials were set at the same figure, on motion of Mr. Blanton. These include:

Salaries Fixed Mrs. Newton, \$1600; Mr. Hamrick \$200 a month with an allowance of \$480 a year for clerical help; Mr. McKinney \$1800; and Andy Newton \$2,000.

Mr. Herndon as chairman of the board will receive \$200 a year, and will be in the court house every Thursday.

Bonds for county officials are as follows: Auditor, \$5,000; registrar, \$5,000; clerk of court, \$10,000; treasurer, \$20,000, and sheriff \$50,000. The large bond for the sheriff is because tax collecting duties fall on this office.

Cemetery Work Is Begun Today

Beautification Of Sunset Cemetery Is Under Way; Fifteen Men Are At Work.

Fifteen men began work this morning on the beautification of Sunset cemetery, the men being furnished from the federal relief office at the request of the women of the city. It is planned to improve the driveways, sow grass, plant shrubbery and otherwise improve the grounds.

Those who own plots or have friends or loved ones buried there, are asked to go to the cemetery any afternoon this week and advise with the ladies in charge as to what improvement will be made on the square they own. There are a number of squares that have old broken curbing. This will be removed if the owner desires, so grass can be sown. Eucalyptus trees are (Continued on page six.)

Royster And LeGette Improve At Hospital

The broken leg of Alderman D. W. Royster was set and put in a cast last week. He is getting along as well as could be expected at the Shelby hospital, except he suffers much pain. James LeGette who sustained a broken rib and other injuries when he and Mr. Royster were injured near Salisbury in an auto accident, is getting along nicely and will be dismissed in a few days.

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Pou Leads Fight To Reduce Taxes For Auto Owners

New Highway League Active In Raleigh

Would Prevent Diversion Of Any Surplus In Highway Funds, Give Motorist Benefit.

(By M. R. DUNNAGAN) RALEIGH, Dec. 1.—The Highway Protective League of North Carolina is a new organization with headquarters in Raleigh and with George Ross Pou, former superintendent of State's prison, as general counsel, for the announced purpose of preventing diversion of highway funds, extending improvements on the State and county highway systems and if surplus develops, give the benefits to automobile owners in a reduction of gasoline and license plate taxes.

The organization is composed of and promoted by highway contractors and material men, automobile dealers and automobile owners, and all citizens of the state interested in seeing that the fees collected from automobile owners and operators are used for the purpose for which they were intended—the highways, Mr. Pou states.

Series Of Advertisements The league has started a series of newspaper advertisements and is handing out statements, issued by Mr. Pou, on the aims and purposes of the organization. The purposes are given as follows: (a) the prevention of further legislative diversion of funds; (c) a sound and enactment of an amendment to the State Constitution prohibiting diversion of funds; (c) a sound and proper revision of motor license fees; (d) the promotion of safety upon our highways, and (e) the adoption of a rational highway plan for North Carolina.

Citing that the State has one of the finest highway systems in the nation, and giving this as the reason for the State's remarkable advance in recent years, Mr. Pou says: "But it is not completed. Many miles of inadequate roads still connect important communities. Many county roads, cared for by State funds, need to be graded, drained and surfaced."

Pay Every Day "Motorists of the State are paying for these roads in the form of gas tax and license fees. They pay every day for maintenance and construction they aren't getting because highway funds are being diverted for uses foreign to highways. Highway money is being withheld from its legitimate use in construction and maintenance. Why? The highway department itself is being depleted because of layoffs and low wages."

"It is the purpose of this new organization to find ways to avoid these difficulties, take them to the people so they may judge whether the cause of such difficulties should be corrected," Mr. Pou states. "Able men and interested organizations have joined hands with all North Carolina motorists to insure perpetuation of the best state highway system and most efficient highway department personnel in the land."

He Kept Liquor To Start His Fire

Literal firewreath is what Dunk Wilson, Shelby colored man, told Officers Paul Stamey and Knox Hardin his liquor was.

"Why, I just kept a little around the house to start the fire with," he told them when they raided his house in Hopper's park. "I was just going to start me a little fire," he said, explaining the presence of a five gallon keg. "Taint no good to drink." The officers were skeptical and arrested him.

Pleas Are Denied

Tulsa police scoffed at the declaration of Philip Kennamer, 19-year-old son of a federal judge, that he acted in self-defense in killing John P. Gordon, 23. Police wouldn't accept the pleas as creditable.

Polling Places Set For County Vote On Crop Control

Cleveland Committee Picks Locations

Twelve Days From Now South Will Vote On Bankhead Cotton Measure.

The Cleveland county agricultural adjustment committee this morning announced polling places for county farmers to cast their ballots in the Bankhead referendum, joining with cotton growers from the Potomac to the Rio Grande in making what is called the most monumental decision in Southern agricultural history.

Twelve days remain for the cotton growers to make up their minds what they are going to do about it. Vote On Dec. 14 On December 14, they will go to the polls to say whether or not they want crop control under a statute which will enforce it.

Cully A. Cobb says that the south faces in these remaining twelve days the greatest problem since the Civil war. R. W. Shoffner, our own county agent, declares in an article for The Star today that it is a vote for higher or lower prices.

Federal agents will hand each cotton grower a ballot on which the following question is asked: "Are you in favor of continuing the Bankhead act for next year (June 1, 1935 to May 31, 1935)?" Below are blank squares labeled "yes" or "no." The voter will mark his choice.

Favorable Here Apparently Cleveland will follow—or maybe lead—the nation in marking x's by the "yes" square. Sentiment here is believed to be in favor of the bill, even those who do not think it has been administered properly declaring in favor of it.

Following are the polling places for the 11 townships:

- 1. Holly Springs school. 2. Bolling Springs at Hamrick store. 3. No. 3 school gymnasium. 4. Kings Mountain city hall, and at Grover in Herndon's store. 5. Waco school gymnasium. 6. Shelby, court house. 7. Lattimore gymnasium and Mooresboro gymnasium. 8. Polkville gymnasium, and at Delight. 9. Lawndale and Fallston gymnasium. 10. Belwood gymnasium and at Mullis. 11. Casar, at gymnasium.

McSwain Buried At New Hope Sunday

Fourteen Year Old Youth Passes In Cherokee County After Two Weeks Illness.

Garland McSwain, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. McSwain, of the Buffalo community, of Cherokee county, S. C., died at his home early Saturday morning after an illness of two weeks.

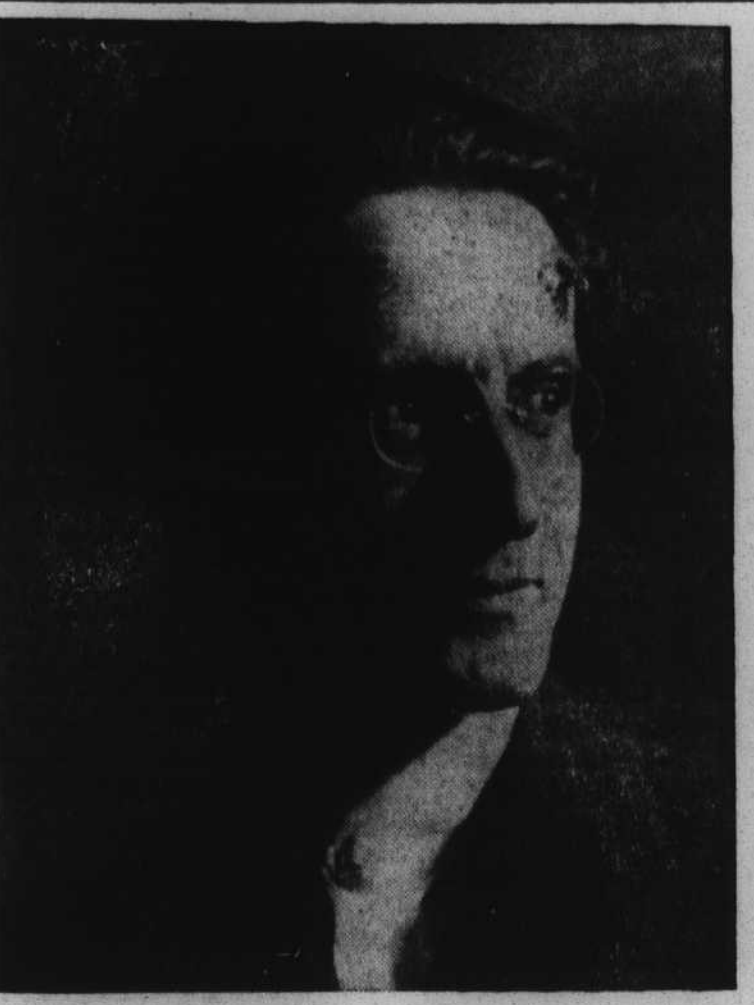
In addition to his parents, he is survived by 6 brothers, Melvin, Fred, Carl, Hartwell, Joe and Charles McSwain, two sisters, Mrs. Olie Procter and Miss Myrtle McSwain and his maternal grandparents. Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the New Hope Baptist church, Earl, N. C., by the Rev. A. W. Davis, pastor.

No Order Received To Close FERA Here

No definite orders for closing the FERA office here preparatory to consolidation with McDowell and Rutherford offices have been received, Harry Woodson, administrator, said this morning.

Thirteen Persons Hurt In Week-end Accidents; One Seriously Injured

To Conduct Big Symphony Here



G. S. de Roxlo of Charlotte, composer and orchestra director, who will direct the 55 members of the Charlotte Symphony in its concert here Thursday night. The concert is a charity affair sponsored by the Junior Civic League.

Mrs. O'Berry To Support 2-County Homestead Plan

25 Friends Offer To Donate Blood To Save Comrade

Relief Administrator Approves Proposal For Cleveland

Double Springs Youths Speed To Aid Shannon Hamrick, 19, Auto Crash Victim.

When word was passed yesterday afternoon that only an immediate blood transfusion would possibly save the life of 19-year-old Shannon Hamrick, automobile accident victim, 25 of his Double Springs friends, three of them girls, immediately rushed to the Shelby hospital to offer themselves as donors. About five of them could be used, tests proved, and will be called upon.

The girls were Mrs. Rush Davis, Dorothy Washburn and Mrs. L. V. Wright. Among the men were Arthur McSwain, Rush Davis, Jake D. McLean, Charles Bridges, Howard Horn, Marshall Wright, Dale Gillespie, Lawrence and Colon McSwain, Woodrow Humphries, Grady Davis, Paul Davis, J. L. McSwain, Lawrence Wright, Dufaye Bridges, Grady Brooks, Seth Washburn, D. P. Washburn, Elden Wilson, Eulan Wilson and Clyde Gardner.

They heard of Shannon's need when they went to church yesterday morning and came immediately to Shelby.

Smith Presents Checks For \$5000 To Warm Springs

5-Year Old Boy Burned In Home

New Truck Here For FERA Office

The FERA office in Shelby on Saturday received a Chevrolet truck for use in the farm program. It is presumed that this truck is intended for use in the three counties Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford when they are consolidated under one office in Rutherfordton.

Shannon Hamrick Suffers Critical Wounds In Crash

State Cop Breaks Leg In Collision

Earl Byrum, Mrs. Ben Suttle, And Kings Mountain Boy, 5, Among The Victims.

A shattering week-end of automobile crashes with echoes of metal against metal and smears of red on highway 20 disastrously inaugurated December after a month already scored by accident and death.

Hospital facilities were strained as the sirens of ambulances, day and night cleared the way for 13 persons injured in five accidents Saturday and Sunday. The record for November stands at two killed and 24 injured.

Critically Injured

SHANNON HAMRICK, 19, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hamrick of Double Springs, is in the hospital with a doubly broken pelvis and critical internal injuries. Others injured were:

ELLJAH BROOKS, severe lacerations and tendons of ring finger cut. MARVIN GOLD, severe lacerations and deep cut on lobe of right ear.

PLEAS GOLD, deep cut on scalp. VEMO WRIGHT, pelvis fractured on right side, lacerations, and cut on head.

HARVEY CRAWLEY, of Lattimore abrasions on head. All of the foregoing are from No. 7 township.

EARL BYRUM, of Shelby, concussion of chest and slight cuts. DAVID HUFFSTETTLER, of Kings Mountain, 5-year-old, both legs broken above the knee and cut on right side of face.

H. A. GREENWAY, of Shelby, highway patrolman, broken right leg and severe cuts. MRS. BEN SUTTLE, of Shelby, cuts on head and bruises.

JOHN SHYTTLE, of New House, cut on head. MRS. LILLIAN PALMER, cut on forehead.

J. H. PALMER, cuts on head, hands and left forearm. Four In Hospital

Seven of the injured list were hurt in a crash about 1 o'clock Sunday morning in which a car driven by Earl Byrum, manager of Byrum's Hosiery mill here, crashed with another operated by Shannon Hamrick. The accident happened on highway 20, a few hundred yards east of court square. Byrum was alone. In the car with Hamrick were Vemo Wright, who went with him to Monroe to meet Brooks, the two Gold brothers and Crawley, two members of a "truckle crew" employed by the Southern railroad near Raleigh. They were coming home for the week-end.

Stories conflict as to why the crash occurred. Mr. Byrum says that the Hamrick car was speeding (Continued on page six.)