

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

Generally Fair

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday, not much change in temperature.

Commits Suicide

Nineteen-year-old Sidney Born, jr. who admitted according to police that he drove Phil Kennamer to his fatal meeting with John Gorrell on Thanksgiving night, died in Tulsa last night from a bullet which officers said was self-inflicted.

War Threats Less

The order to cease deportation of Hungarians from Yugoslavia has greatly decreased tension between Yugoslavia and Hungary, it was declared in Belgrade last night. And this means, it is believed, that one of the darkest war clouds in Europe has temporarily at least been swept aside.

Speed Recovery

American business and industry as represented by its two largest associations united yesterday for the first time to call a meeting of 120 leaders to prepare a recovery program for the administration to follow. The call was issued by committees of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers, in the first time these two giant associations had ever met together to consider recovery moves.

Big Housing Plan

The biggest house building program in the nation's history, calling for 50,000 modern wood and steel homes for company towns of the wood and steel industries is being investigated as a new major program by the Federal Housing Administration. Approximately \$150,000,000 in construction would be involved, exclusive of the value of the homesites. Thousands of steel workers, carpenters and other craftsmen would be given employment.

Huey Has Scheme

Senator Huey the Kingfish Long, dictator of Louisiana, said last night his "share the wealth" program would be ready to present to the incoming congress in a simplified form, and that he would not give up until it was enacted into law. He charged that President Roosevelt had broken faith with the program "on which I nominated him." He said that 12 men had cornered 90 per cent of the wealth in the country.

Lucky Husband

Justine C. Perot ought to have some suitors, quick. There's \$5,000 a year awaiting her future husband. This was arranged for in the will of her mother, which was filed in Philadelphia yesterday. The mother left an estate of \$300,000. And the girl isn't at all pleased, fearing cranks will propose to her.

Fire Department

Answers 2 Calls

The city fire department laddies answered two calls over the weekend, one of which for a time threatened to do serious damage.

The first was early Saturday morning when a chimney fire broke out in the house of Pink King on Sumpter street, but was extinguished before damage could be done.

A second call was answered about 7 o'clock last night at the home of Mrs. Laura Morgan on Weathers street when an oil stove exploded and completely destroyed the stove and seriously damaged one side of a room. The damage was estimated to be about \$100.

Red Cross Seals

On Sale Tuesday

Sale of Red Cross tuberculosis stamps will begin in Shelby at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning under the chairmanship of Mrs. Billy Davis, who heads a committee named by the Shelby Woman's club.

All business houses are to be canvassed and stamps will be on sale at the drug stores and the post office.

Western Counties

Feel Snow Storm

Slowly floating flakes of white here this afternoon drifted in from the west, confirming reports of faster snow falling in counties to the west of Cleveland. Morning papers reported gathering storms around Asheville and lowering temperatures in that part of the state.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AND

COMMANDERY TO MEET

There will be meetings of the Chapter and Commandery at the temple tomorrow night, December 11, at 7:30. This meeting is for the election of officers for 1935, and all Companions and Sir Knights are requested to attend.

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4 Prisoners Escape In Shelby Jail Break; Posse Captures One

Two Hold Up Keeter Truck and Flee Toward Rutherford After Attacking Trusty; James Thomas, 17, Is Caught

At least two of the four prisoners who escaped from the Cleveland county jail Saturday night swiftly executed a carefully pre-arranged plan to vanish out of town, it is believed by Sheriff Cline this morning. One prisoner, James Thomas, the youngest, was captured, but two others are believed to have been the men who held up a Keeter grocery truck on the Lily Mill road, forcing the driver to take them three miles out Highway 20, toward Rutherfordton.

There, according to Arthur Littlejohn, 40, driver of the truck, they transferred to a Ford V-8 and sped west.

Attacked Trusty

The escape was made at 6 o'clock Saturday night when Bray Jolly, a trusty, brought dinner upstairs to the 12 prisoners in the big cell. As he opened the barred door, Luther Newell, held for forgery, struck at him with a soft drink bottle, thrust the door open, and four men plunged down the stairs. They were Newell, George Foust, held for breaking into the freight office; Arthur Harbin, alleged punchboard racketeer, and James Thomas, 17, Cleveland county boy accused of assaulting his father.

Rushing down the jail stairs, they were encountered by 12-year-old Doris Cline, pretty little daughter of the sheriff, who stepped in front of the rushing men and commanded them to halt.

She aimed her father's pistol at them.

But they thrust the child aside, and made for the downstairs door. There, Mrs. Cline attempted to stop them, after snatching the pistol from Doris, afraid the prisoners might get it, but was unable to slam the door in time. The men dashed into the yard and faded into the darkness.

Senell Passes Chance

Only these four took advantage of the open door to freedom. Among those who remained was Louis Senell, held under first degree indictment for the murder of Florence Jones, his sweetheart, on February 15.

James Thomas, who split with his fellow escapees, was captured Sunday morning by Sheriff Cline and posse of deputies near a farm owned by a brother-in-law of Thomas, west of Polkville, almost at the Rutherford county line.

Truck Held Up

Arthur Littlejohn, delivering Keeter's groceries at about 7 o'clock, one hour after the jail break, was stopped by two men who stepped in front of his truck on the Lily Mill road.

They drew a gun, Arthur said, and forced him to crawl into the back of the truck. Then they drove down by the railroad, trailed by a Ford, in which Arthur said he saw two men, although there might have been more. They went out highway 20, he said, to Brushy Creek, past it a few yards, and then the prisoners transferred to the Ford and went west.

His description of the men in his truck tallies exactly with descriptions of Harbin, who is 5 feet 5, weight about 150, light hair, brown suit, and Foust, about the same height, with light curly hair and a tan suit.

HIGH SCHOOL PARENT TEACHERS MEET TONIGHT

The high school Parent Teacher association will be held this evening at 7:30 at the high school auditorium. Parents of high school children are urged to be present.

Secretary Wallace Comes Off The Fence; Favors Bankhead Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture came off the fence today and declared himself to be in favor of the Bankhead Bill. He thinks the coming election will carry and feels that the bill, even with a few admitted weaknesses, is the best thing that has happened to the southern farmer and a growing cotton surplus in a long time.

This was reiterated in official quarters today. It was added there would be no attempt during the forthcoming session to extend compulsory legislation to other major farm commodities.

At present, both cotton and tobacco production are controlled to some extent by measures which place a heavy tax on all marketing above quotas fixed through the legislation.

Speaks Tonight



Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, professor of Christian doctrine in the School of Religion at Duke University, who will address the Duke alumni banquet here tonight. He is one of the best known ministers in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, has been prominently considered in the selection of bishop, receiving a number of votes, although he made it plain that he was not a candidate. For seven years, Dr. Rowe was book editor of the Southern Methodist church, and editor of the Methodist Quarterly Review. He is one of the most forceful speakers in the ministry of his church.

Slaughter Project To Be Concluded In State Jan. 1st

Shelby Will Lose Chance To Become Distributing Center In Nine Counties.

The potential nucleus of a new industry for Cleveland—cattle slaughtering—apparently will not materialize, according to the order of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator, who yesterday announced that all such FERA projects would be concluded January 1. Shelby had been designated slaughtering center for nine counties, and more than 100 cows had already been killed at the city abattoir.

Says Meat Is Good

Dr. J. S. Dorton, veterinarian, said yesterday that the meat from these cows was perfectly wholesome, although many of them were not fat, and a few sick ones had arrived.

There remains to be slaughtered 24,800 of the original 101,400 head of cattle imported to North Carolina from western drought areas, said J.

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Status Of Grover Road Explained By Commissioner

Mass Meeting Held At Patterson's

Commissioner Ross Sigmon Attends Meeting; Promises A Hearing On Dec. 19th.

Hon. Ross M. Sigmon, district highway commissioner revealed to a mass meeting of citizens held at Patterson Springs Friday night the status of the Shelby-Grover road which touches Patterson Springs and Earl and held out hope that the project will be put on contract for grading at an early date.

Mr. Sigmon explained that the delay in building the promised road was due to restrictions put on the expenditure of Federal funds by Washington authorities and pointed out that the last general assembly of North Carolina forced the use of state funds for road construction during a two year period. He said, however, that \$50,000 has been set aside or grading but that no work can begin until the money is in sight to surface the road, a requirement by the Federal Bureau of Roads. Mr. Sigmon assured the 75 or 100 men present that he is heartily in favor of the road and invited a delegation of citizens to come to Raleigh on Dec. 19th to appear before the commission assembled. The road has been located, no objection has been raised to its routing and if the commission can find the money to surface the road, Mr. Sigmon thinks it will be approved for early letting. However, the \$50,000 set aside is hardly sufficient for grading.

Oppose Diversion

O. M. Mull asked that the branch road be let in the same contract and expressed himself in favor of the accumulated surplus from gas and license taxes in the highway fund, be not diverted to other uses, but spent on roads. By unanimous vote, those in the meeting instructed Representative Ernest Gardner to oppose any diversion of road money in the next general assembly.

The meeting was presided over by Lee B. Weathers who pointed out the importance of this road as a connecting link between the Kings Mountain and Smoky Mountain National Park. Lester Herndon, chairman of the board of commissioners will head a delegation to appear before highway commissioners in Raleigh on Dec. 19th. Mr. Sigmon will arrange for the delegation to be heard.

Mrs. McCurr, 86, Is Buried Tuesday At Beaver Dam

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:00 for Mrs. Nancy Caroline McCurr, 86 year old mother and grandmother of a large number of prominent people in the Beaver Dam and Cherryville sections.

Mrs. McCurr, died yesterday at the home of her son, R. W. McCurr of the Beaver Dam community after an illness of about two years. She became seriously ill last Sunday, and had not been expected to live through the week.

Home With Son

She had been making her home for some time with another son, C. E. McCurr of Cherryville.

In charge of the funeral services were the Rev. W. G. Camp of Cherryville, the Rev. J. W. Suttle, of Shelby and the Rev. D. G. Washburn of Lattimore. A large crowd of friends and relatives were present with a beautiful floral offering for the occasion.

Surviving Mrs. McCurr are four children, Mrs. J. L. Blanton, route 3, Shelby; Mrs. R. L. Short, Gastonia; C. E. McCurr, of Cherryville, and R. W. McCurr of the Beaver Dam community. Interment was in the church cemetery there.

Mrs. McCurr was one of the best loved and respected women from this prominent Cleveland county family. Her husband, the late John Landrum McCurr preceded her to the grave several years ago.

Relief Office Open Until Consolidation

The Cleveland county relief office on East Warren street is remaining open indefinitely pending consolidation with the Rutherford office, which will have charge of the three counties, Cleveland, Rutherford and McDowell.

Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state administrator, said last week that no changes in personnel had yet been made.

Report Farmers Favor Reduction As Tour Closes

In Straw Vote Only Three Against It

County Agents Conclude Tour Of Explanation Of Cotton Act; Vote Friday.

After returning from a speaking tour in which 22 addresses were made in every township in the county, County Agent R. W. Shoffner stated this morning that attendance on all the meetings was highly satisfactory and that there was a growing interest on the part of cotton farmers in the election to be held Friday.

Friday's election will determine whether or not cotton farmers in Cleveland county want to continue supervised cotton control as specified by the Bankhead reduction bill. Voting will begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and continue until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Well Received

In the speaking tour just concluded by Mr. Shoffner, H. B. James and Alvin Probst all reported that they were well received in all parts of the county and that two of the largest crowds at all were at the Douglas school in Lawndale and the Washington school near Shelby, both centers for colored farmers.

In many of the communities individual farmers and not the speakers, called for a straw vote to see how many were in favor of continuing the act.

Three Against

Three persons in the 22 places visited voted against it.

The county agent in a statement this morning said that the purpose of the meetings was not to campaign for or against the Bankhead bill, but merely to explain how the voting would be carried out and what would result if the measure carried or was defeated.

Misunderstanding

He further explained that there had been some misunderstanding about the election, and said that the vote means 47 its continuance for a period of one year, 1935, and will not make it permanent. Too, to kill the Bankhead bill will not in any way affect the sign-up contract with the government which will be continued with the government regardless. It would only remove the tax.

In regard to the voting Friday, Mr. Shoffner said that there are 8,000 eligible voters in the county. That is, every person who was eligible to receive gin certificates is eligible to vote for or against the Bankhead bill. Voting will be held all day Friday, December 14, and growers will be asked to place "yes" or "no" in a square beside the question, "Are you in favor of continuing the Bankhead act for next year, (June 1, 1935 to May 31, 1936)?"

Following are the polling places for the eleven townships:

1. Holly Springs school.
2. Bolling Springs at Hamrick store; R. G. Burrus' gin.
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 Mulla.
11. Casar, at gymnasium.

Funeral Services For E. R. Osborne

Funeral services for E. R. Osborne, formerly head of the business department of Piedmont school for many years and widely connected in Cleveland county were held Friday in Hendersonville, where he died of pneumonia on Thursday. He had gone to Hendersonville about five months ago for his health.

Mr. Osborne married Miss Gertrude Denham of London, about 10 years ago, and is survived by his wife and three children. He was a native of Union, S. C., a member of the Royal Arch Masons of the Shelby chapter, a World war veteran, and a member of the Blue Lodge of Lawndale.

The American Legion took part in the services, with all members of the post present. Members of the Ladies Missionary society of the First Baptist church attended the funeral in a body.

His mother survives, as well as three sisters, Miss Bessie Osborne of Hendersonville, Mrs. Morris Tennerman of Hendersonville, and Mrs. George Burrus of Paolet, S. C., and three brothers.

His aunt, Mrs. J. R. Osborne, Mrs. D. R. S. Frazier and Mrs. Garland Green of Shelby attended the funeral services.

J. R. Downs Shot By Negro Aiding Deputy In Arrest

Kidnapers Threaten Her



Eugenie H. Grew

Twenty-four-hour guard was maintained over Eugenie H. Grew, 17-year-old foster daughter of Randolph C. Grew, following an attempt to kidnap her from the Grew summer home at Manchester, Mass. She is a daughter of Mrs. Grew by a former marriage and her foster-father is a member of a wealthy Boston family.

Best Christmas In Years Forecast By Business Men

Cleveland Stores Sparkle, And Cotton Growers Have More Money To Spend; National Outlook Bright

With Cleveland county stores packed with sparkling Christmas gifts and Cleveland county farmers more prosperous than they've been in four years, every indication is that this season will be one of the biggest trade events ever recorded here.

Gardner Carries Cotton Complaint To Sec. Wallace

Shelby Attorney Goes To Capital With Grievance Of Farmers Against Bankhead Bill

F. Cleveland Gardner, Shelby attorney, is expected to return to Shelby today after a trip to Washington in which he hoped to interview Secretary Wallace about alleged injustices done cotton growers who did not sign the cotton reduction program.

Mr. Gardner was retained as attorney by a group of farmers who met at the court house Nov. 27 to take action against what they called "unfair allotments" under the Bankhead bill. They were careful to explain that they did not oppose the principles of the bill, but were protesting solely against certain aspects of its administration.

J. G. Spurlin of Fallston was named chairman of the committee by the more than 100 farmers who attended.

Something like half a million dollars has been spread over the county in rental and other cotton payments by the government, and the price of cotton hovers around thirteen cents, with 12 cents loans guaranteed. Current taxes are paid—and the thrifty cotton grower now looks to the Christmas season as a season of joy to celebrate his good luck and his hard work.

Everett Houser, secretary of the chamber of commerce, took a reporter's look over the nation, as reported in various press despatches, and saw good news everywhere. Here are some of the things he reports:

Department stores and mail order houses bristled with bullish enthusiasm, and predicted even sharper gains as the holiday approaches.

In Chicago, in San Francisco and in Kansas City, the question—"how good is Christmas business?"—brought the unanimous answer: "Best in years!"

And with the burst of trade came increased employment, all along the line, with 500 department and gift store employees added recently in Kansas City.

Washington, with its influx of New Deal workers, made claim to

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Brummitt, Left Wing Leader May Lose Job For Late Criticisms

By M. R. DUNNAGAN

RALEIGH, Dec. 10.—Solicitor Thomas A. McNeill, of Lumberton, and the Ninth Judicial district, popularly known as Tom McNeill, is beginning to train his eyes toward the State position now held by Dennis G. Brummitt: to wit: that of Attorney General, if current reports are to be believed.

Solicitor McNeill, who at one time at least talked about—whether he seriously thought about it or not—becoming a candidate for the gubernatorial nomination and promised to ride a mule to Raleigh for his inauguration, and having the said mule to a hitching post, on the State

capitol square, is now said to be thinking, actually thinking, and not even talking, about the race for the job of North Carolina's legal representative.

There are those among the leaders and in the ranks of the Democratic party who say that Attorney General Brummitt needs a spanking that he has not cooperated with, but has been critical of, the administration of which he has been a part for about 10 years—criticism coming in the latter part of the Gardner and during the first half of the Ehringhaus administration.

Moreover, Mr. Brummitt, who him self considered becoming a candidate

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Captures Fugitive Man After Bullet Hits Near Heart

Jack Park, Georgia Negro, Held In First Degree Murder, Denies Shooting, Eyewitness.

James Robert Downs, 24-year-old farmer of No. 10 Township, last night gave his life in a gallant attempt to help Deputy Andrew Meade in a fracas with two negroes said to have been drunk. Downs was shot through the heart by Jack Park, a Georgia negro who lives on the Joe Bingham place, as he chased him through a field.

With a bullet hole through his breast, young Downs fought his way through a barbed wire fence, tackled the negro, and held him until help arrived.

"He got me boys," he gasped to Roy Goodman while Perry Hayes and Plato Meade held the struggling negro.

Negro Denies Shooting.

Parks, who gave his age as 19, but appears to be at least 25, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Joe Wright in Recorder's Court this morning and bound over for a Superior court trial for first degree murder. Bond was not allowed. Parks denied having a pistol, denied the shooting, and even said he did not see the shot fire. This was in the teeth of eye-witness testimony.

Deputy Andrew Meade said that he found Parks tampering with Hubert Terry's automobile and arrested him. At the same time, he was called to arrest another negro, Leg Howard, and turned Parks over to Roy Goodman to hold.

Wrenching away from Mr. Goodman, the negro fled, and Deputy Meade cried, "Boys, get that nigger!"

Plato Meade, Goodman, Hubert Terry and Jim Downs gave chase, Downs taking a short cut which brought him up with the negro first about 100 yards from the automobile.

Goodman said he saw the negro scramble over the barbed wire fence, whirl suddenly and fire point blank at Downs. Downs stumbled, but went on, crossed the fence, and struggled with the negro.

He died in an automobile on the way to the Shelby Hospital.

James Downs was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Downs, well-known family in No. 10 Township. He was married, but had no children. Besides his parents, he is survived by two sister and a brother Everett.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, pending word from relatives in Maryland and other distant points.

Plan Christmas Tree For 500 Children

A huge Christmas tree, with toys, fruit, nuts and candy will be provided for 500 Shelby children from needy homes, Captain Jack Wynn of the Salvation Army, announced this morning.

Several contributions of toys have already been made, he said, and many broken toys are being repaired by the fire department for tree.

The tree will be in the Salvation Army headquarters on North Morgan street. The Christmas party will be held at 7 o'clock in the evening on December 21.

Election Returns To Be Received Friday Evening

The Cleveland Star will receive and post election returns on the Bankhead Cotton Control bill Friday evening. Voting places will be open in each of the eleven townships of the county from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and as there will be only one ballot, "yes" and "no", the counting will not require much time. Some of the more populous townships, have two voting places.

Election officials are asked to bring or telephone the results of the election at their homes, as soon as the counting is complete. Headquarters for receiving returns will be established at The Star office, arrangements having been made with County Agent R. W. Shoffner. The Star has two telephones, Nos. 11 and 4-J and returns will be received at either phone.