

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 Friday and Saturday; not much change in temperature.

Upholds Profit

An address by S. Clay Williams, formerly of the Reynolds Tobacco Co., now chairman of the national NRA board, is believed to have cemented closer relations between business and administration.

Ask GOP Reform

Two of NRA's most potent opponents, Senator William Borah and Gerald P. Nye, have followed the utterance of Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late great Teddy, in demanding a reformed Republican party built on more liberal lines.

Shows War Profits

Negotiations leading up to a wartime contract by which the Dupont company received about \$2,000,000 without making any investment itself, were disclosed yesterday in the senate munitions inquiry.

Dies For Murder

Rufus Saterfield, 43-year-old Wayne county white man, is slated to die in the electric chair at state prison today (Friday) for the murder of Herbert Grice, iron worker of Goldsboro.

Missionaries Die

The slaying of two youthful American missionaries by Chinese bandits and the abandonment of their bodies on a battlefield 15 miles from Esingteh was reported yesterday.

Hits At Industry

Francis Biddle, chairman of the national labor relations board, yesterday called upon industry to share equally with organized labor in the responsibility of maintaining peace among the nation's workers.

Santa Reads The Star, But Better Write Him

The Star has received a number of letters to Santa Claus which have been forwarded to that good old saint, but which will not be published.

Christmas Benefit Film Shows Tonight

The special showing of Bino Crosby's newest film, "She Loves Me Not," for the benefit of the Salvation Army Christmas tree fund, will be at 10:15 tonight (Friday) instead of in the morning, as previously announced.

Medical Society Elects Officers

At a recent meeting of the Cleveland County Medical Society Dr. D. T. Bridges, of Lattimore, was elected president for 1935.

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Double Dealer



Emslie E. Jonas

Emslie E. Jonas, agent for a U. S. munitions company in South America, is pictured as he was sworn in as a witness before the senate committee investigating armament transactions in Washington.

Presbyterians To Meet Sunday; Will Discuss Finances

Elders And Deacons Of Presbytery Consider Tithing As Finance Plan

Following up the growing sentiment to adopt the old Hebrew and Biblical method of tithing one's income as a method of church financing, the Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Presbyterian church has announced a meeting of more than 500 elders, deacons and laymen to be here Sunday, December 16 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

This meeting will be composed of representatives from 38 churches in the Kings Mountain presbytery, covering the five counties of Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk and Lincoln.

Ralph Tucker Hit By Stray .22 Bullet

Ralph Tucker, employee at the Standard service station on Highway 80, just east of the square, was mysteriously shot in the foot Saturday afternoon by a .22 bullet that apparently came out of the nowhere.

Revenuers Will Get You If You Don't Pay Your License Taxes

RALEIGH, Dec. 14.—When taxpayers of North Carolina realize that the reorganized revenue department will "get them" if they do not come across, they usually come across, but it is often necessary to show them the collectors mean business, according to officials of the department.

During the months of September and October the department served 3,453 instruments on delinquent taxpayers who had been given every opportunity to pay before such steps were taken, as required by state law. Of these, 1,726 were executions, a civil process, and 726 were warrants, a criminal action.

Survey Is Begun On Land Offered In Relief Project

To Inspect 6000 Acre Homestead Tract

Federal Land Bank Appraiser Here To Look Over Tract Near Kings Mountain.

J. W. Prather, representative of the Columbia, S. C., branch of the Federal Farm Land bank, began yesterday a survey of approximately 5,000 acres near Kings Mountain which have been offered for the rehabilitation homestead project.

His report will be made to Raleigh, where Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state relief administrator, has already expressed keen interest in two projects, and another report will be made to federal authorities in Washington.

For Relief Families. This rehabilitation project, fostered by the boards of commissioners of Cleveland and Gaston counties, would take farm families off the relief rolls, build new houses for them, and start them on a productive, self-supporting occupation with the chance of completely owning their own farms within a period of some twenty years of easy payments.

The survey will require several days work.

Rastus Dixon Kills 821 Pound Hog Recently

With the thermometer swinging down below 20 degrees, a number of farmers in the county have been killing big hogs. The largest one reported thus far was a big boned Poland China owned by Rastus B. Dixon of the Kings Mountain section.

This hog when dressed and in the lard cans, sausage mill and smokehouse weighed 821 pounds, which exceeds by nearly 100 pounds one reported last week.

According to Mr. Dixon, the hog was grown on his farm, didn't have a dime's worth of "bought feed," but was the product of careful feeding of things grown at home.

Broke His Leg, But Calls For Carpenter

Frightened passers-by ran to his assistance as a colored man fell on the sidewalk in front of The Star office Wednesday noon with a broken leg.

Otis (Bee) Carpenter, snapped his right leg in a hard fall as he stepped into the street from the office. Gasping for breath, he leaned against the building regarding his dangling leg.

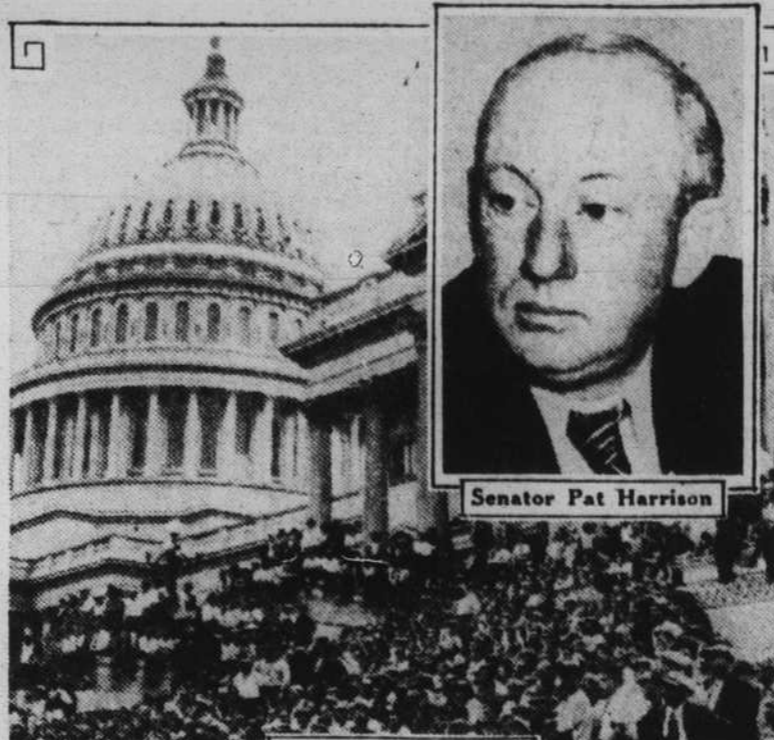
"Do you want a doctor?" some one asked.

"No, sir, I guess I want a carpenter," he grinned. Bee picked the wooden limb up and went back to washing windows.

Conferences Held On Parkway Route

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—In order to get as definite information as possible as to the route to be followed by the \$16,000,000 Shenandoah Smoky Mountain National parks scenic highway through western North Carolina, R. Gettys Brown, chief locating engineer for the North Carolina, R. Gettys Brown, and J. Q. Gilkey today conferred with national park officials.

See Bonus Relief Measure



Senator Pat Harrison

Bonus army at capitol.

World war veterans are expected to make another attempt to secure passage of legislation for the payment of the bonus at the next congressional session in January. While the fate of the bill is speculative, Senator Pat Harrison, chairman of the senate finance committee, has predicted that congress will adopt a compromise bonus program.

Dry Forces Rally Today In Forest City Meeting

Cale Burgess Speaks Tonight On Christian's Relation To Strong Drink; Seek To Uphold Prohibition Laws

A district conference of the United Dry Forces of North Carolina opened at Forest City this afternoon at 2:30, attended by scores of church officials and pastors of all denominations.

FERA Machinery Working Well In Newest Set-up

FERA machinery was running smoothly this morning at the local office as Mrs. Ben Goforth, head case worker assumed charge of this district which is one of three under the new consolidation plant with headquarters at Forest City.

Miss Margaret Anthony has resigned as case worker and her place is being filled by Mrs. George Thompson. Other members of the office force are Miss Aileen Connor and Alice Goode King.

The administrative staff under the consolidation required more help and is as follows: Disbursing officer, Mrs. LeRoy Dobbin, Gilkey, bookkeeper, Miss Sae Grant, McLaughlin county, statistician, Paul Stacey, Cleveland county, rural rehabilitation supervisor, Edgar Ward, Lenoir county, project supervisor, Sheldon Weaver, Weaverville; social service director, Miss Helen Reynolds, Lenoir county; home visiting director, Mrs. J. Gordon Peil, Union Mills. There are about twenty people on the staff now.

Mrs. Ben Suttle Leaves Hospital

Mrs. Ben Suttle, who was injured when an automobile ran over her Dec. 2, was able to leave the hospital today, greatly improved. Vemo Wright, another wreck victim of the same week-end, was also dismissed. Wythe Royster, whose leg was broken in an accident Nov. 17, was sitting up this morning for the first time, and Shannon Hamrick, the most seriously injured person when seven were hurt in a crash on highway 20, Dec. 1, was said to be better today.

Mrs. R. C. Baker 56, Buried Today In Kings Mountain

Funeral services were held today for Mrs. R. C. Baker, 56, member of the well known Baker family of Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Baker died Thursday at 3 o'clock after a somewhat prolonged illness. Interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery this afternoon after the ceremonies had been conducted by the Rev. A. G. Sergeant, assisted by other Kings Mountain pastors.

Mrs. Baker joined the Baptist church in early childhood and has been a faithful member since that time.

She is survived by her husband, one son, W. C. Baker, a daughter, Mrs. Edward Lovell, of Charlotte, and two grandchildren. Others who survive are her father, J. C. Bumgardner; seven sisters, Mrs. J. A. Curtis, Mrs. Will McDaniel, Mrs. Curtis Falls, Miss Lettie Bumgardner, all of Kings Mountain; Mrs. Girard Sherer, Mrs. Herman Ervin, of Erwin, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank McDaniel, of Wilmington, and T. C. Bumgardner, Erwin, Tenn.

James A. Wilson Is Seriously Ill Here

The many friends of James A. Wilson will regret to learn that he is seriously ill at his home just east of Shelby. He seems to be suffering with a heart trouble and is unconscious part of the time. A trained nurse is in charge.

Civic Clubs Join Kings Mountain Park Movement

Business Men To Act On U. S. Project

Business Men's Club Of Kings Mtn. Holds Joint Meeting With Shelby Kiwanis.

Steps were taken last night to urge the immediate development of the Kings Mountain Battleground park by the Business Men's club of Kings Mountain and the Kiwanis club at a joint meeting here held at the Hotel Charles.

Sixty-six leading men of the two cities were present and the meeting was presided over by President Horace Grigg and Byron Keeter. Chas. Thomason of Kings Mountain pointed out that congress had made an appropriation for the development of the park as an historic shrine, but that the money has not become available.

Clyde Hoey, principal speaker, offered to find out the status of the matter and will use his influence with Washington authorities and members of the congressional delegation from the two states to press the matter to early consummation. Lee B. Weathers pointed out that the park would stimulate tourist traffic through all towns and cities in this section, and that since the park-to-park highway and the Smoky Mountains park are under development, the Kings Mountain park should be developed at the same time and good roads connecting the two parks.

E. L. Dillingham of Polkville was in charge of the program. Woodrow Wall, Shelby high school student has been appointed a junior Kiwanian for this week.

Mrs. R. Reynolds, Wife Of Senator, Dies In Asheville

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 13.—Following a lingering illness of more than a year, Mrs. Robert R. Reynolds, wife of North Carolina's junior senator, died at Violet Hill sanatorium here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. She was 30 years old.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at Reynolds Heights, home of Senator Reynolds' mother, Mrs. N. A. Reynolds. Father Louis Bour, pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic church, will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery here.

Her father, Maurice Brady and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Winge, both of Chicago, will come to Asheville for the funeral.

Senator Reynolds was at the bedside of his wife when she died. He had returned to Asheville from Washington, where he was recuperating from a recent operation at Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore.

Mrs. Reynolds was the former Eva Brady, a noted Polka beauty in New York before ill health forced her retirement. In 1925 she came to Asheville.

Morrison Office Is Entered By Thieves

Petty thieves are operating again in Shelby. On Thursday night some one entered the office of Dr. D. M. Morrison in the Royster building and stole a quantity of gold spectacle rims and a savings bank containing about \$10 and belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Morrison's little girl.

60 North Carolina High Schools Are Facing Loss Of Their Rating

Shelby high school is not alone in loss of prestige through the action of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which demands a nine-months term instead of the eight months now in force. Fifty-nine other North Carolina high schools will be dropped from the accredited list unless they bring their requirements for membership up to standard.

Only seven schools now have the 175 day term, which is the main requirement. They are Lenoir, North Wilkesboro, Chapel Hill, Southern Pines, Rocky Mount and Durham. All of these schools have supplementary funds to provide for operating extra months.

Leroy Martin, secretary of the state school commission, made the following statement: "The problem essentially is one of the respective local units. The state has its burden to carry to guarantee a full eight months of operation. I do think that in view of the economic stress under which the entire country has been bearing up since 1929, this association could withhold strict enforcement of requirements where it is seen the educational groups are doing the best they can."

Farmers Make History Today In Unique Vote On Control Of Cotton

Tenant Or Landlord, Grower May Decide Yea Or Nay On Bankhead Measure; Can Cast 8,000 Ballots

Corn shucking, wood chopping and field clearing halted in Cleveland county this morning while farmers gathered to discuss and to vote on the most important farm measure ever proposed in the South—the Bankhead Act.

Where They Vote On Bankhead Bill

- The following polling places, listed by townships, opened at 9 this morning for balloting on the Bankhead bill. They will close at 5 o'clock this afternoon. 1. Holly Springs school. 2. Boiling Springs at Hamrick store; R. G. Burris' 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 Mooreboro gymnasium. 8. Polkville gymnasium, and at Delight. 9. Bowndale and Fallston gymnasium. 10. Belwood gymnasium and at Mulls. 11. Casar, at gymnasium.

Farmers Income Up 36 Per Cent Over Last Year

Marked Improvement Shown In Business In Cotton Belt, Dean Schaub Says

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, Dec. 14.—A marked improvement in business conditions of the cotton belt has accompanied the rise in farm income, says Dean I. O. Schaub, of State college.

The cotton farmers' cash income from lint, seed, and benefit payments during the first nine months of this year was 36 per cent higher than the income for the corresponding period of 1933, and 80 per cent higher than in 1932.

Merchants Profit. Bigger income for the farmers means larger purchases of the things farmers want and an increase in the business of merchants, wholesalers, manufacturers, and others who deal with farm people, Schaub said.

"While farmers have been enjoying improvements brought about by the cotton program," Schaub stated, "there have been fewer business failures and a decided increase in bank deposits, retail sales, construction, life insurance sales, and services rendered."

"In eight cotton states, bank deposits in towns and cities under 15,000 in population were \$311,000,000 in September as compared with \$243,000,000 the year before."

Lighting Expert At No. 3 School

The Parent Teachers Association of No. 3 high school will hold its regular meeting at the high school building December 17 at 7:00.

After the program Roy A. Palmer, lighting expert of the Southern Public Utilities company will give a demonstration and lecture on proper lighting. All members and visitors are invited.

Warns Of Results

Should the farmers vote against further operation of the act, Bankhead said in a formal statement, the following, among other results may be expected:

"First, the holders of cotton in the pool and under the 10 cent loan and the 12 cent loan can not hope to realize anything on their equity in the cotton next year, for the simple reason that the size of an uncontrolled crop will put the price down."

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Today tells the story. Today cotton growers from the Potomac to the Rio Grande will cast their ballots to decide whether or not they want to tax themselves for over-production of cotton. They want crop control of some kind—that much seems clear. Now, do they want to enforce it by a federal statute? Today's vote will answer.

Voting on the Bankhead cotton reduction bill was taking place rapidly at 2:30 today with indications that Cleveland will poll a vote of more than 5,000 for the county and will register about 95 percent for the measure.

Nearly 400 votes have been cast in No. 6 which are thought to be about 96 percent "for." Reports from Polkville and No. 3 indicate 100 percent so far as any one knows.

Vote Is Historical. Historically, the day's balloting is important. It is the first time in the history of the world that the farmer himself ever had a chance to say, "I want it this way," or "I want it that way."

Famine and year of plenty have been endured or enjoyed, and the decrees of kings, parliaments and congresses have taxed or controlled. But until today, no farmer ever had a guaranteed opportunity to decide for himself.

Polls opened at 9 o'clock and will remain open until 5. And they are open for all, from the largest landlord to the smallest tenant. Any one eligible to receive a gin certificate may cast his ballot.

Of course, crop control will continue whether the Bankhead bill is approved or not. What the cotton grower will vote on is whether he wants the Bankhead tax to continue. That is the tax for ginning cotton over a certain allotted amount.

Votes Yes Or No. He will vote "yes" or "no" on the proposition "Are you in favor of continuing the Bankhead bill for next year (June 1, 1935, to May 31, 1936)."

As Cleveland polling places in the 11 townships, and at the court house in Shelby were crowded with farmers, so were other polls all over the south. In North Carolina alone, more than 600,000 persons are eligible to vote. In Cleveland county, the qualified voters number about 8,000.

As the farmer prepared to cast his ballot, Senator Bankhead of Alabama, father of the control measure, issued a statement urging them to vote for continuance. He said in part:

"It is my opinion," he said, "that no changes in the act are necessary in order to correct the matters which have caused dissatisfaction this year. Suitable changes in the regulations which are under the control of the secretary of agriculture may be made without additional legislation."

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