

THE MARKETS  
Cotton, spot ----- 12 1/4 to 13 1/4  
Cotton seed, ton, wagon ---- \$44.00

Partly Cloudy

North Carolina: Partly cloudy Monday; Tuesday cloudy, followed by rain in late afternoon or at night, not much change in temperature.

Von Blomberg Talks

General Werner Von Blomberg, Germany's defense minister, yesterday broke the official silence concerning Germany's armed forces in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press. The Teuton leader denied the smuggling of U. S. planes and ammunition, and said the report that gases were being manufactured in Bavaria was groundless.

State Makes Charge

State prosecuting authorities yesterday made the point-blank charge that a "deliberate and malicious" effort had been made to tamper with the jury panel in behalf of Bruno Hauptmann, Lindbergh kidnap-slaying suspect. Officials distributed a statement branding an account of a fictional kidnaping trial, contained in a booklet they said had been mailed to every one of the 150 persons on the jury panel, as "prejudicial to the state's case, but not to the defense."

France Joins Japs

France, while fighting against a world naval race, is preparing to join Japan in a demand for a bigger tonnage ratio with the United States and Great Britain when the Washington treaty expires in 1936, it was learned in Paris last night. Within the two years which the 1922 pact has yet to run, following Japan's abrogation, France will attempt to build 70,000 tons of warships, the part of her quota remaining unbuild.

Glass Hits Set-Up

In a letter burning with criticism of administration "brain trusters," Senator Carter Glass asserted yesterday the federal reserve board and Federal Deposit Insurance corporation had "usurped" the power of congress by including non-member state banks in their order reducing interest rates on bank deposits.

Mrs. Dionne Cooks

Elzire Dionne, 25-year-old mother of the famous quintuplets, busied herself in the kitchen of her northern Ontario farm home yesterday. Her daughters were removed to a hospital last September, and the young mother has had little to do with their care. Yesterday, however, she prepared a dinner for the family celebration which will highlight the first Christmas of the five tiny daughters.

Urge Air Fleet

An international merchant fleet of the American nations, flying the standard of the Pan-American Union will be suggested by the Argentine delegation to the Pan-American commercial conference next March, it was learned in Buenos Aires yesterday.

Farmers Freed From Meat Tax

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, Dec. 24.—A change in the hog processing tax regulations has freed the farmer from payment of the tax on meat sold to retailers, W. W. Shay, of State college, announced today.

Formerly, the producing farmer was required to pay tax on all sales of dressed meat in excess of 300 pounds for each farmer, with the provision that if he sold 1,000 pounds or more, the tax must be paid on all the meat.

Under the new ruling, if the farmer sells dressed meat direct to the consumer he will pay the tax the same as before. But when he sells to retailers, the retailers will pay the tax, Shay explained.

The processing tax was levied in order to raise funds with which to pay the hog producers who signed adjustment contracts to limit their hog production this year.

Will Sing Carols At 8:30 Tonight

Christmas carols will be sung in the court house by all the choirs of Shelby churches, in a program beginning at 8:30, in which the entire community is invited to join. The sing is sponsored by the Inter-City Council, which represents all the women's clubs in Shelby. Mrs. Everett Houser is the president.

After the program in the court house, more than 50 singers will go through the city, singing at the homes of the aged, the ill, and the infirm.

This is a community event, to which everybody is cordially invited.

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Swiss President



President Minger

Rudolph Minger, newly elected president of the republic of Switzerland, is pictured at his desk in Berne after taking office. Minger has been a member of the Swiss federal council for five years.

Over 25 Million On U. S. Payroll Late Survey Shows

One Out Of Every Five Department In Some Way On Government For Support

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The closing days of 1934 finds over 25,500,000 persons—one out of every five in the nation—looking to the federal government for all, or a substantial portion of their support.

These range from the president downward through the army of officials and employees to the millions who depend upon the federal emergency relief administration.

A survey today of federal office holders and employees disclosed that those receiving salaries and other payments from the government—aside from processing taxes—total well over 6,500,000.

The federal relief administration estimates the average family of four has only one wage earner.

In addition, the public works administration estimated that 400,000 were employed directly, and a total of 2,000,000 indirectly on public works administration projects.

This organization has spent around \$3,500,000 in an effort to crank the business motor.

Routine employees, including the White House, congress, the departments and miscellaneous commissions, and some of the numerous independent agencies created by the present administration, number 680,181.

As for the rest—some of 19,000,000 are on federal relief, including 450,000 single persons and 4,500,000 families. Public works administration constructed projects employ 406,283, the civilian conservation corps 383,708.

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Cleveland's Quota In New CCC Ranks Numbers 14 Youths

New Allotments Are Released

Examinations Will Be Held In Asheville Beginning On January 1, 1935.

Cleveland county's quota of replacements for the Civilian Conservation Corps to be recruited the first of January is 14 junior whites, with a possibility that a number of colored youths will be selected later. Examinations will take place on January 1 in Asheville. Examinations will be held later in Greensboro, Raleigh, and Charlotte, the Cleveland county quota going to Charlotte. A total of 376 applicants for CCC service from 14 counties will be examined during that period.

Other Allotments. In addition to the 14 from Cleveland county will be 40 whites from Gaston county, eight whites from Lincoln county, 11 whites from Alexander county, six whites from Davie county, 25 whites from Cabarrus county, 24 whites from Anson county, 36 whites from Iredell county, 30 whites from Union county, and nine whites from Stanly county.

To be examined January 5 are 36 whites from Catawba county, 20 whites from Davidson county, 8 whites and 20 negroes from Mecklenburg county.

Begin In Asheville. Examinations will begin in Asheville, where 362 white juniors are to be examined January 1 and 2. After examinations in Charlotte January 4 and 5, the examining party will go to Greensboro, where 270 junior whites and 70 negro youths are to be examined January 6 and 7.

Two Homes Robbed During Week-End

Basil Goode And Pat McBrayer Residences Entered By Holiday Marauders.

Two homes on East Marion street were broken into during the week-end, although no articles of any great value were stolen.

From Basil Goode's residence ten pairs of socks and an inexpensive piece of jewelry were taken. It is not known what was stolen at the Pat McBrayer home, since the family is out of town. However, numerous presents on a table in one of the rooms had evidently been undisturbed.

The thieves, as yet unapprehended by the police, entered both homes by way of unlocked windows.

Negro Shot Sunday, Back At Work Today

Jake Crosby, who works for Hawkins Bros., can take it. Yesterday he was in the hospital with a newly inflicted bullet wound, today he was back at work.

Jakes was in a negro dance hall on Buffalo street yesterday afternoon about 6:30 o'clock, when another colored man entered the hall brandishing a pistol and firing it. One of the bullets grazed Jake's chest, inflicting a painful flesh wound. Jakes was taken to the hospital, the bullet was extracted, and Jake was back at work today. His assailant had not been apprehended at noon today.

Political Writers Still Aver Hoey Will Seek Governor's Chair

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guarded with his words on the governorship race as the Sphinx on the doings of Cleopatra; but in being unduly cautious about talking, say many local politicians, he has given away the secret.

Mr. Hoey is going to run, they say. In fact, he is already running, running like Cavalcade. It looks that way. Mr. Hoey is always in great demand for speeches but heretofore he has managed to decline graciously many such invitations. For the last few weeks, however, those who have been keeping their eyes on dears attuned upon Shelby report, he has been doing a considerable amount of orating—and that leads one to suspect that he has visions of a term in the governor's mansion.

At any rate, it can't be as long as it has been before Mr. Hoey will be forced to admit that he is going to run for governor—that is, if he is going to do it. The campaign should actually get under full steam about a year hence, and it is probable that candidates may start tossing their entries into the ring this summer or fall.

A Christmas Message

By Florence Fields

ONCE more the bells at Christmas time Ring out their merry, happy chime; Once more our thoughts are turned afar To where the bright and shining star Shone to wise-men on their way— Where the Christ child in a manger lay.

Once more we celebrate His birth Who brought the message, "Peace on earth" Too long we've sought the Christ without, Too long we've tried to bring about The message that the shepherds heard, Yet failed to grasp the blessed Word That Christ within each soul hath birth, And knowing this, have peace on earth.

So while the bells at Christmas time Ring out their merry joyous chime, While friends meet friend this happy day And tribute to the Christ we pay, May each be conscious of the Christ within, Where Love doth keep us all from sin, And in each kindly deed and word May "Peace on earth, good will" be heard.

Postal Clerks Are Joyful As Mail Volume Slackens

No Issue Of The Star Wednesday

Following our usual custom, there will be no issue of The Star on Wednesday of this week. The office will be closed on Tuesday and the mechanical department will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday to allow the force a holiday. The business office will be closed on Tuesday (Christmas Day) but will be open on Wednesday for the transaction of business.

The Star wishes to thank its many friends and customers for their support during the year and wish each a joyous Christmas season—health, happiness and prosperity. Publication of the paper will be resumed on Friday of this week and continue without interruption until next Christmas.

State Bureau Head Makes Urgent Plea To Reduce Deaths

L. S. Harris Urges "Co-operation of All Drivers To Reduce This Toll In 1935."

RALEIGH, Dec. 24.—Motor vehicle mishaps on North Carolina highways caused 869 deaths during the first 11 months of 1934, a higher mark than had been set in any previous full year, and led L. S. Harris, director of the State Motor Vehicle bureau to make an urgent plea for "co-operation of all drivers to reduce this fearful total in 1935."

"This terrible toll we are paying in lives and property for the privilege of operating motor vehicles rapidly is causing me to look upon our wonderful system of highways as a curse rather than the blessing it should be," Harris declared.

"In my opinion," the director said, "it is absolutely imperative that some uniform control of the operation of motor vehicles on our highways be provided by the 1935 legislature. Such control can be obtained only by amending and modernizing our general traffic statutes."

"The enactment of an adequate drivers' license law together with adequate machinery for its enforcement is a step of cardinal importance."

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Arrest Putnam In Car Theft Case

Harry Putnam was arrested last night at Crossnore high school in Avery county and was brought to Shelby this morning by Deputy Bob Kendrick.

He is being held in connection with the theft of Graham Dellinger's Chevrolet coupe last Friday night which was wrecked near the Wellston filling station on the Fallston highway.

Officer Kendrick made the arrest on the clue that the occupants of the car were injured in the wreck. Putnam had severe cut on his left hand and bruises on his leg.

Special Program Given By Churches On Sunday Evening

All Central Churches Give Programs

Special Cantatas, Elaborate Pageants, And Joyful Christmas Music Are Featured.

Six Shelby churches, including the First and Second Baptist, the Central Methodist, the First Presbyterian, the Methodist Protestant and the Lutheran, rendered special programs commemorating the Christmas season yesterday.

Brilliant pageants and special cantatas, featuring Christmas music, were given by the several churches. Also special sermons on some Christmas topic were delivered by the several pastors.

The First Baptist presented a cantata "The Price of Peace" by J. Truman Walcott. Those persons featured on the program were Mrs. Hugh Plaster, E. B. Hill, Dr. B. M. Jarrett, Mrs. B. M. Jarrett, Mrs. Grady Lovelace, H. C. Seefeldt, Miss Minnie Eddins Roberts, Rush Hamrick, Mrs. A. C. Farmer, Mrs. Chas. A. Austell and Mrs. P. C. Gardner.

"Messiah" Selections Given. The services at the Central Methodist church were dedicated to the subject of Christmas in both the devotional and sermon periods of worship. The evening service consisted of a worship program by the pastor and the choir followed by a musical program by the combined choirs of the church rendering several selections from Handel's "Messiah." The soloists were Mrs. J. R. Robinson, Miss Margaret Thompson, Mr. Clyde Brown, and Mr. Robert H. Ooke.

"The Christmas Message" was the subject of the sermon at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Lutheran church. At five o'clock a Sunday school program of songs and recitations was given. A pageant will be given at this church tonight from 11 to 11:30 o'clock.

Presbyterian Program. A pageant "The Small Child Babe" was presented by the Sunday school of the Presbyterian church at the five o'clock vesper services.

The Second Baptist church presented a cantata at seven o'clock and a special program directed by Mildred Ramsey was given at the Protestant Methodist church.

Old Vets Given Christmas Treat By UDC Sunday

Carrying Christmas cheer and happiness to 17 veterans of the war between the states the United Daughters of the Confederacy yesterday visited in the homes of the 17 remaining old soldiers in the county.

These representatives carried a basket of fruit and messages of cheer to these men, the youngest of which is 87 years of age.

A remarkable thing about the nearly a score only one was found sick enough to be in bed. The others received the Christmas greetings happily and almost childishly and many spent quite a little time in telling of Christmas they had before the war. One of them was on his way sightseeing to Kings Mountain battleground.

Veterans remaining in the county are A. F. Connor Ervin Crofts, J. C. Elliott, J. Z. Falls, S. M. Hamrick, B. F. Jolley, C. B. Lattimore, D. B. McBrayer, Reuben McSwain, J. M. Morris, T. G. Philbeck, Laban Queen, Chas. Richards, J. A. Simms, J. W. Weir, W. W. White, S. R. P. Cline.

Records Court Will Crack Down On Bus Passers

Judge of the recorder's court, Joe Wright and Solicitor Cobby Horn joined in an emphatic statement this morning declaring that prosecution is going to be more severe and sentences heavier for motorists who violate the law against passing school buses while children are loading or unloading.

"We have already issued a warning about this," said Judge Wright. "This is going to be the last one. We mean business. Passing school buses is one of most dangerous misdemeanors of the road. It is prevalent in Cleveland county, and it must be stopped."

B. B. Cabiness and Ulysses Champion, both of No. 7 township, were sentenced to 30 days on the road or a five dollar fine Saturday morning.

"That was a mild sentence," said Mr. Horn, and the judge agreed. "After this, sentences for this offense will be much heavier."

Hatcher Webb's Gift May Lead To Doubling Capacity Of Hospital

\$10,000 Donation Starts Drive For \$30,000 Looking To Erection Of Building For Contagious Diseases

Hatcher Webb's gift of \$10,000 to the Shelby Hospital, which was turned over Friday night in City of Shelby bonds, now looms as the inspiration of a building program which may double the size of the institution, providing a ward for contagious diseases and more space for charity cases and negroes.

Green Testifies



William Green

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, is pictured as he appeared before the congressional committee investigating un-American activities in the United States at Washington. Green charged that Communists are attempting to gain control of labor.

Two Three-Car Crashes Occur Over Week-End

One Of The Triple Crashes At Swainsville And The Other In Shelby.

Six cars from three counties in two triple car crashes were involved in week-end crashes in Cleveland county, although the only injuries of a serious nature was that of a young negro woman, college student coming from Greensboro.

The first of the three-car crashes was Friday night near Swainsville when a party of negro college students from Greensboro on their way to their homes in Chimney Rock started to pass E. W. Lipscomb of Boiling Springs. Another car was coming around the curve and all three collided, with the negroes' car receiving the most damage and girl named Freeman sustaining a serious head cut which was treated at the Rutherford hospital.

A second crash was Saturday morning in front of the Shelby hospital when a traveling salesman from Morganton in a V-8, Fred Blanton in a Plymouth, and Reinhardt's delivery truck came together. The Morganton car received the most damage, although there were no injuries. Thelma and Lillian McEntyre were with Mr. Blanton.

Tonight Rings Down The Curtain On Christmas Shopping Season

Last-minute shoppers are rushing frantically from store to store still undecided about certain gifts. Small children are thrilled with anticipation as the time nears for the greatest event of their lives. . . . when old Santa comes Christmas morning. . . . Merchants, business men, farmers and professional men are happy over the best year they have experienced in years. . . . And the whole world generally is humming a harmonious melody of joyfulness on the day before Christmas.

remarked Saturday "Last year I finished up in debt to the extent of \$300. This year, that debt has been paid off. I've bought all the necessities for my family, and I've still got some extra cash." Tonight merchants will begin rearranging their stocks. Excited tofs will hurry to bed earlier than usual, and probably won't be able to sleep for several hours. The world generally will awake tomorrow upon a scene of universal happiness. But among those will be some who are not so fortunate, who will derive their only happiness from the kindness and thoughtfulness of others. Various agencies have done much for these people, but the individual can do still more with his gifts.

Miss Johnnie Leland of Greenville, S. C. is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. DePriest. Evans Hartgrove of Charlotte is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartgrove.