Tenant Status Is Cleared As Agent Issues Statement

1935 Contracts Are Similar to 1034

Farmers And Tenants Pointed To Contract; Acreage Is Still In Doubt.

In reply to the numerous queries as to the status of tenant farmers in the county for next year the office of the county agent has issued a statement explanatory to the sit-

R W. Shoffner said today that section 7 of the 1934-35 cotton reduction contract is very clear on the tenant problem and adds that the new contract will be virtually the same.

The county agent gives this iljustration which is purposed to contract agreements

"If a landlord had a managing share tenant or a cash tenant or a cash tenant or share-cropper or any form of tenant in the year 1934, he can not change the status of this tenants whereas it will enable him to collect more of the rental fees. He will retain on this farm the same number of tenants so far as possible, for the year 1935 as he had in 1934. However, there is no objection in changing tenants. I would advise reading your contract thoroughly to be familiar with this particular ques-

"As to the number of acres that can be planted in 1935, we are unable to give this from official announcemat. We hope to have this information in a week or so. However, the contract states that you will be allowed to plant 75 percent of your base acreage, if you base acreage remains the same. You will be notified just as soon as this information is available."

Fair and Colder

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair and colder Monday, much colder Monday night; Tuesday fair

Hitlerism Wins

after 15 years under the control of some five or more years. the League of Nations. Even pro-French voters admitted the Hitler tory lies close to Belgium, between the board of commissioners. France and Germany.

Upholds Profits

to realize that the administration state board of health. was saving the country from Sobusiness," he said, and "wishes to nary plans for a number of pre- Nolan Infant Is motive in business is gone."

To Free Assets

The securities and exchange commeasures to smash the ice-jam of frozen assets and permit some \$3,-000,000,000 of new securities to flow down the recovery channel. In the most far-reaching financial step of

Seek Air Marks

Miami will witness several tries for new world records in the air meet opening there today. Approximately 200 army craft will try for a mark of their own. In the meantime, about 30 planes will take off on the annual good-will tour of

Builders Conferring

morning on possible alterations to

high school buildings. been awarded to the Morrison-Falls the box: company of Shelby, and construc- C. C. Horn, Peyton McSwain, C. proved the idea, and gave the jury tion is expected to start this week. B. McBrayer. Bynum Weathers, into the custody of the sheriff.

Two Witnesses



In recognition of their successes. John Boggs, top, and his brother, Dan Boggs, below, life prisoners at Ohio penitentiary, Columbus, have been freed at the order of Governor George White. While inmates at the prison, where they had been sent for murder, John won three college degrees in a correspondence course, and Dan built up a mail order business that netted him a small fortune.

Late News Dr.H.C. Thompson gress to curb reckless interstate driving, using federal highway pa-Cotton seed, ton, wagon --- \$44.00 For County Today

Will Assume Duties At Once; The Health Board Plans For Spring Clinics.

In a meeting at 10 o'clock today first week, in brief, follow: the county board of health elected Dr. H. C. Thompson to the office of stocks, bonds, cotton, grain, provi- a breakdown in health several number of people who called at his Mr. Wright was succeeded by By-Half a million Saarlanders voted county physician and certified his sions and other commodities on a years ago. He was born June 5th, home on North McDowell street, num E. Weathers. yesterday, and the majority of them recent appointment as county quar-graduated scale from \$100 to \$600, 1858 and was 76 and a half years and who passed in review of the wanted to reunite with Germany- antine officer. He succeeds Dr. D. depending on the size of town or old at the time of his death. He casket as it was opened in the under Der Feuehrer Adolf Hitler- F. Moore who has had the office for city where operated.

Dr. Thompson will assume his

Secretary Roper announced yes- such as whooping cough, measles, 15c per 1,000 on cigarettes, \$25 per who lives at home. terday that business was beginning and others on a list prepared by the 1,000 on cigars. Provide constitu-

In addition to the election of Dr. tax limit from 6 to 12 cents. cialism, "The government is with Thompson the board made prelimiencourage it. The bugaboo that the school clinics to be held in the government is opposed to the profit county this spring. At that time children who will go to school next year will be asked to come to school school.

Hit And Run

Hit and run drivers were con-

Legislators Are Organized Now To Begin Long Grind

Organization Week Is Over

Hear Message, Name Committees, And Put Several Bills In Law Hopper.

RALEIGH. Jan. 14.-The North Carolina general assembly met last Wednesday, organized, notified the governor it was ready for business, heard his bienniel message Thursday night, received a few bills, named the necessary committees and called it a week, having brief sessions each of the four days, and with only a handful of members in either house Saturday, when local matters only were considered, with few of those to claim attention.

One election contest loomed, that of John Woodfin, Alexander, Democrat, who ran as an independent, against Dr. C. R. Zickler, Democrat, declared elected.

Several bills were dropped into senate and house hoppers, but waited for the naming of committees Monday night. Many of them had to do with highways and automobiles. Two would abolish tolls on the Chowan and Cape Fear river bridges, the highway fund paying the bonds. Another would provide for right-of-way for the Parkway going to the Great Smoky Mountains National park.

Motor bills include one to increase penalties for drunken driving; another would change the date of sale from January 1 to October 1, another reducing the license plates from the present 55 cents a 100 pounds to \$5; another calls for a drivers' license law, examinations costing \$1.20 for drivers and \$3 for chauffeurs, with revoking for manslaughter, drunken driving, hit-andrun, and other violations, with radio for patrol, sheriffs and police control; and a resolution asked con-

Chosen Physician One bill, in line with Governor Ehringhaus' recommendation, would One bill, in line with Governor provide for unemployment, old age and other forms of social insurance. with a minimum of \$3 a week and state would furnish the fund.

Tax persons, firms and corpora-

bills in bo houses.

The Rev W. A. Elam, pastor of for an examination of eyes, ears, the Dover Baptist church will connose and throat, that the physicians duct this afternoon at 4:30 funeral may make recommendations to the services for the infant son of Mr. mission yesterday announced new parents before the child enters and Mrs. D. K. Nolan which was born at the Shelby hospital yester-The child lived about 17 hours.

the commission, it has made new spicuous in the seven deaths count- White a fine son Saturday night, to repair these holes and patch up the ensuing year: regulations simplifying requirements ed in North Carolina this week-end. Mr. and Mrs. White live on the the curbs, a quantity of material is John T. Honeycutt, Deaths were reported in many sec- Fallston road. Mother and baby, being ordered for work which will master; Hackett C. Wilson, senior checks will total approximately and James Thomas, six months for Car Wreck; Is Unhurt Robert James, are doing nicely.

Judge Holds Man Null and Void: Shelby Jury Almost Has The Case day at 4:30 at the Dover Mill Bap-

A voluntary jury, composed most- Cameron Shipp, Roscoe Lutz, Al ly of lawyers and impanelled at the Smith and Junie Vaughn. request of O. M. Mull in a divorce This jury was composed of lawcase Saturday morning found them- yers, a newspaperman, an undertak- W. A. Elam was in charge of the selves charged by Judge Felix Alley er, a furniture mender and a ven- service. On School Colonnade to remain for the day in the custriloquist. tody of the sheriff to consider the Architects, contractors and Tom Hall Johnson case, and some of upon Juror McSwain sprang out of Kennedy, PWA inspector, were con- them were getting worried until the box, and tried his divorce case

Mr. Mull, who seldom appears in the first time in his life. be made in the colonnade, or ar- court, came to ask a divorce for cade, to be erected between the two Lena Bright, whose husband was torney W. E. Breese, defense coun-W. H. Bright. Requesting a jury, sel in the Sentell case, to ask that Contract for the colonnade has the following volunteers walked into the jury be held for the Hall John-

Work is already under way on the Cleveland Gardner. Ernest Gard-Dover and negro school buildings. ner, B. T. Falls (all attorneys)

ferring at the high school this they learned what the gag was. with Mr. Mull acting as a juror for

At this moment, there arose Atson trial. Judge Alley solemnly ap-

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In Newest Hop Across Pacific



Amelia Earhart Putnam, who has twice sped across the Atlantic through the air, on Saturday made the great hop across the Pacific ocean in her red Lockheed Veda monoplane. She landed in California at 4.20 p. m. completing a 2,400 solo flight from Hawaii.

To Hold Last Rites Today For Late Dennis Brummitt

Thomas Costner Buried Sunday

Buried At Pleasant Grove Church.

eight weeks after childbirth. The Pleasant Grove church for Thomas First Baptist church, of which he of the recorder's court, has re-Costner who died is the Beams was a member and many years a opened his offices in the Webb Other bills introduced during the Mill community Friday, following deacon.

a long decline in health. ty physicians will notify him of all snuff and tobacco, to be earmark- Fred Grigg of Burlington, Evans of effect. reportable diseases in the county, ed especially for the school fund, Kings Mountain and Yates Costner

tional amendment raising income Alex, Julius and Perry Costner. An general. only sister preceded him to the

The Rev. D. G. Washburn, pastor,

Asphalt For Streets Masonic Officers

Three tons of asphalt has been day and died there this morning, purchased for the repair of the city streets, it is learned from Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. in the paved streets and in order lowing officers were installed for begin perhaps this week.

IS BURIED YESTERDAY

Funeral services were held yestertist churc's for the infant son of art; James Tiddy, tyler. Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Van Horn. The child was born at the Shelby hospital early Sunday morning and lived only a short while. The Rev.

They granted the divorce, where- Clyde Hoev To Talk At Banquet Tonight

At least 150 persons are expected to attend the Chamber of Commerce and Merchant's Association banquet at Hotel Charles tonight.

Dinner will be served at 7 o'clock, and Clyde R. Hoey will be the principal speaker. After the program, square dancing will be enjoyed in the ballroom.

Officials To Attend Services At His Former Home

RALEIGH, Jan. 13.-After lying Seventy-Six Year Old Farmer Is in state from noon to 2 o'clock this. afternoon, Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, who died Saturwith a minimum of \$3 a week and \$1 for each dependent, and going to women eight weeks before and day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Monday he will be buried from the

Testimony Mr. Costner was a prominent which the public had for the dead tions engaged in buying or selling farmer in that section but suffered official was given in the large was a son of the late Jacob and capitol rotunda. Soldiers of the Red Cross Nurse Abolish the absentee ballot law, Martha Gladden Costner and was North Carolina national guard married to Ida Hamrick on April stood at the head and the foot of new duties immediately and will Limit divorce, by allowing the 24th, 1879 to which union eleven the attorney general and the state victory. The election was to settle have in charge the care of patients injured party only to get a divorce children were born, seven boys and flag hung at half mast. Tomorrow an issue between France and Ger- at the county jail, county home and in two years. Establish the South- four girls. Surviving are his wife all departments will remain closed many, and the prize was the rich will do other medical work for the port Port commission, to establish and the following children: Press- and it is understood that the gencoal fields in the Saar. The terri- county on the recommendation of a port terminal. Outlaw slot ma- ley, of this county, Mrs. L. G. eral assembly which convenes at chines, making it unlawful to make Smith of Cherryville, Hoyle Cost- 8 o'clock, will adjourn without go-Quarantnie Officer. or operate them in the state. Place ner, Mrs. C. F. Hendrick, Mrs. Escape in the state of this county. Mrs. official statement, however, to that

Mr. Brummitt's funeral will take Guy Roberts Goes place on the anniversary of his first Also surviving are three brothers, official oath-taking as attorney

He was sworn in with Gov. A. W.

Installed Here

At a meeting of Cleveland lodge Mayor McMurry. Many holes are No. 202 A. F. and A. M., the fol-

warden; J. L. Gaffney, junior warden; Capt. J. Frank Roberts, treasurer; George A. Hoyle, secretary.

Appointed officers: Evans Shull, senior deacons; Seth Weaver, junior deacon; Charles R. Eskridge, senior stewart: Ray L. Allen, junior stew-

Zoric Machinery Put In By R. J. Howard reporters who plague him with pondent. that ubiquitious question, "Will And the

The Star said in its Friday's is- as suave, as characteristic, and as talked charmingly about the state sue that the Zoric machinery in unsatisfactory for reasonable spec- of the nation, the courtesy of conthe Shelby Tailor shop on South ulation as the flame-red carnation gressmen on his recent trip, the Washington street was installed by in the lapel of his sharply-pressed vagaries of the weather, and the a factory representative. As a frock coat. matter of fact, it was installed by Mr. Hoey has been to Washing- vial with which an expert conversa-R. J. Howard, a member of the ton, where he talked with Farmer tionalis' weaves his interesting patfirm, according to Mr. Howard. A Bob Doughton, chairman of the factory demonstrator was here for ways and means committee, and four days following the installation. much-talked of as a possible candi- old friend of his, great fellow. Spoke The Shelby Tailor shop is owned date for governor. This conference, to him mostly on the floor of the and operated by Mrs. Rhader Dodd, newspaper folk reckoned, which house, to which Mr. Hoey was we R. J. Howard, dry cleaner and W. would decide which giant of the McMurry, route manager. Zoric currrent political scene would run and there were some interesting a new and odorless process of for the office.

By First Sentence In Three Decades

Tears In Judge's Eyes As He Reads It

Alley Reads Impressive Decree To Prisoner Sentell. Throngs in an over-crowded

court room Saturday afternoon stood in solemn fascination and sympa thy as Judge Felix Alley pronounced sentence of death upon Louis It was the first time in thirty

years, rince a negro was found guilty of the murder of Chief of Police Ed Hamrick, that a man had been sentenced to die in this coun-Judge Alley's Remraks

A tremor passed through the court room as Judge Alley revealed Sentell's fate in his first slow, careful words: "The law has imposed upon me

the unspeakably paintful duty-" But sentell himself did not flinch. ". . . that of pronouncing the sentence of death upon a young

man whom I never saw before un-

The crowd caught its breath. Voices of children playing in the court yard echoes through the tall windows, streaming with sun-

" . . . he was brought before me charged with the crime of murder in the first degree."

Slow, Telling Words
Slowly, Judge Alley half-recited,
half-read his address.

"At all times and under all circumstances, a feeling of indescribable solemnity attends utterance of the stern voice which with relentless justice consigns a fellow being to an untimely and ignominious

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Joe Wright Returns To Practice Of Law

Joseph M. Wright, formerly judge to the admiration After serving his term as county judge, for which he received high Jall

Resigns Post Here

Miss Irene Covington, Red Cross nurse, who has been serving this county for several weeks, has resigned because of ill health, but a here Saturday. The docket was successor will be elected at an early crowded because the last term had

To Clevecloth Today the murder of Robert Downs.

Guy Roberts who has been one McLean January 14, 1925. W. N. of the head tellers at the First Na-Everett that same day took his tional bank for more than a dozen had charge of the funeral services oath of office after his first elec- years, has accepted a position in Buried At Dover and a large crowd was in attendbeen appointed by Governor Mor- mill. He enters upon his duties today, doing clerical work for this and entering; Edith Tarleton, two

Teachers Will Be

Checks will be distributed

"We talked about the state of the

Again Avoids an Announcement

Clyde R. Hoey's attitude toward | nation," Mr. Hoey told your corres-

Courtroom Awed Sentell's Doom Set For 1st Anniversary Of Florence's Death

Hushed Crowd Stands As Judge Hushed Courtroom Hears First Extreme Penalty Sentence Here In Thirty Years: Appeal To Supreme Court

> In a hushed and crowded courtroom, oppressed by the foreboding of impending death and awed by the solemn timbre of a gentle judge's voice, Louis Sentell, murderer of Mrs. William Drake, was sentenced to die in the electric chair Feb. 15, the first Cleveland county man to meet such

Has \$25,000,000



John D. Rockefeller, Jr., above, has reported to the Seurities and Exchange Commision that his Standard Oil stock holdings total more than 10 million shares, worth approximately \$250,000,000 at present prices. The report was filed in accordance with a regulation

Speed Record Set In Week's Court: ship, mad been designated by his fellow jurors to ask the judge what

of the Securities Act.

Sheriff Cline Leaves For Raleigh With Five Prisoners, Including Condemned Man.

Judge Felix Alley and Solicito L. S. Spurling set a remarkable record for speed during the one week criminal term which ended Shelby Man Elected As Plans Are date and enter . upon her duties been postponed, yet the jail was cleared of all save two prisoners— Dorton of Shelby today was elected Henry Swink, accused of barn burn- president, of the North Carolina ing, and Jack Parks, negro, held for Association of Agricultural Fairs as

> Five prisoners were taken to Raleigh yesterday by Sheriff Cline. They were Louis Sentell, who will of Mebane, who was elected secredie in the electric chair; R. D. tary of the ensuing year. C. W. Lockman, two to three years for months to two years for breaking to three years for larceny, and Jesse Jones, who was taken to the hospital for the criminally insane. McMahon of High Point.

Jail sentences were: Luther Alex-Paid \$7,000 Today ander, 8 months for assault; Tom Cullen, six months for short changeon ing; L. J. Foster, four months for Wednesday of this week to all worthless checks; J. Poston (colorteachers in the Shelby public school ed) 12 months for violation of prosystem for their past month's sal- hibition laws; Ed Robinson, 30 days worshipful aries. It is understood that the in county home for drunkenness. assault.

a fate in three decades. Perhaps it was coincidence. Per

haps it was the cycle of fate spinning the pattern for the former hosiery weaver. And maybe it was by design. Be that as it may, Feb 15, noon, will be the anniversary. one year to the day of the killing of Mrs. Drake—the girl known r Florence Jones.

Sentell Resigned. Judge Felix E. Alley, with tear. decree Saturday afternoon in a voice sometimes wavering with emotion. Louis Sentell sat before him, silent and unmindful, as if long ago he had read the will of the law and was resigned to it.

His aged mother and father wept on either side. His two bright-faced children and his dark, grieving wife sat behind, dry-eyed and pale.

Courtroom Crowded. A courtroom crowded to the limit blinked a few tears and shaded its eyes from panels of pale mid-afternoon sunlight streaming through the huge windows. Outside, the hap-py cries of playing children were wafted up to mingle with the pronouncement of death

The crowd was moved not much by the fate of Sentell, and the emotional revelations of his thwarted, tragic romance with 23 year-old Florence Jones (M. Drake) as by the eloquent period Judge Alley's address to the promer before passing sentence.

Earlier in the day, the jury harmonic in the day, the jury harmonic in the day.

brought in the verdict of guilty murder in the first degree. Jury Asks Inform

Nixon Whisnant, of No. 8 Township, had been designated by his der would be.

"It is the function of the jury to decide the facts in the case, punishment is the duty the

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Dorton Heads N. C. Fair Association

Discussed For Coming Season At Meet.

RALEIGH, Jan. 12.-Dr. J. S. plans were discussed for the fair season in the fall of 1935. Dr. Dorton succeeds C. S. Parnell

Hollowbush of Wilmington Elected to the board of directors were: C. M. Height of Henderso John Robertson of Hickory, N. G. Bartlett of Kinston, N. Y., Cham-

bliss of Rocky Mount, and Jack W. About 150 fair operators and heard talks about fairs and their

Senator Thompson In

relations to farm, home and school

Both Members Of The General As-Charmingly Vague, Clyde Hoey sembly Spent Week-End At Home.

Senator Carl Thompson has a slight cut on his forehead as a result of a car wreck. He was returning home Friday afternoon and just on the edge of Raleigh, a cable on the steering apparatus broke, the car left the road and struck an em-And he leaned precariously far you or will you not run?" is still back in his great swivel chair and bankment. Mr. Thompson driving alone was unhurt except for a slight head bruise. The car was repaired

> Representative Ernest Gardner came on Friday to be with his inconsequential but important trifamily. His brother-in-law. Herman A. Beam, cashier at the Union Trust Co. at Failston is a patient Yes, he saw Mr. Doughton. An in the Shelby hospital and was reported to be much improved this morning.

and he drove it on home.

Thompson and Gardner left Shelby this morning together, recomed, of course, as an ex-member, the governor's budget will be presented to the general assembly.

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