

W.P. Wellmon, 84, Dies In Hospital; Pneumonia Victim Was Oldest Member Of Zion Church

Hundreds Attend Funeral Today;
28 Grandchildren; 5 Great
Grandchildren Left.

After being ill a week with pneumonia, W. P. Wellmon, 84, farmer and churchman of the Zion community, succumbed yesterday at the Shelby hospital and was buried this afternoon at 2 o'clock at his home church, where he has been a member since boyhood.

Mr. Wellmon was one of the oldest citizens of Cleveland county and was the oldest member of the Wellmon family, which is widely connected in this and several adjoining counties.

Hundreds At Funeral
Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. D. G. Washburn, pastor of the church. Hundreds of friends and relatives were present with large floral offerings for the ceremony.

He is survived by seven children, four sons and three daughters. His wife, one son and one daughter preceded him to the grave several years ago. The children are Clint, Henry, Augustus, Victor W. Wellmon; Mrs. John Weathers, Mrs. Howard Grayson, and Mrs. Roy Crowder, all of this county.

28 Grandchildren
There are 28 grandchildren and five great grandchildren who also survive.

Brothers of Mr. Wellmon are W. R. Pink, Monroe, E. A. Wellmon, and sisters are Mrs. Roach Poston, Mrs. Bud McMurry, Mrs. L. J. Wiggins, Mrs. Frank Dedmon, Mrs. John Ledbetter, and Mrs. Gaston Hoyle, all of Cleveland county.

Reared in the post Civil war days, Mr. Wellmon was known as a hard, working man of rugged character who lived at home, loved his church and was a good neighbor. The Wellmon clan has the distinction of having some of the largest families and oldest citizens of the county. He has many relatives in Catawba, Rutherford and Burke counties.

Late News

THE MARKETS
Cotton, spot ————— 12 1/2 to 13 1/2c
Cotton seed, ton ————— 43.00

Cloudy, Warmer

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Fair with rising temperature Friday; Saturday cloudy and warmer.

Strike At Gang

Kentucky National Guardsmen moved with speed and secrecy last night under orders to "Clean up" Clay county, called by a federal investigator "the worst criminal strong hold in the United States." The immediate objective was to break up an automobile theft ring. Military rule has been set up. Fourteen cars listed as stolen were brought in, no arrests made.

Farm Exports Drop

Senator Bailey's concern today is the state of our foreign trade. While there was a decided increase in export of manufactured goods, more than double the surplus of 1933, there was also a sharp drop in exports of farm commodities, especially cotton. Rexford Tugwell said he couldn't account for it. Anyway, Senator Bailey, old foe of Tugwell's, is interested, and more clashes between the two may be expected.

F. D. R. Air Policy

A Presidential message recommending that all civilian aviation be placed under the control of the interstate commerce commission was followed yesterday by senate approval of a measure to extend existing air mail contracts to Sept. 1.

Sell N. C. Bonds

Business in bonds is better and better for State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson. He has just sold \$645,000 in North Carolina bonds held in the state sinking fund, for \$653,114, representing a net profit of \$8,114 above principal and interest.

New Baby Bonds

Almost on the eve of the expected Supreme Court decision on gold, involving millions in possible devaluation of bonds, the treasury set March 1 for the opening of a new financing move by means of "baby bonds."

Script Expert to Go On Stand for Bruno

Four Alibi Witnesses Impeached As State Attacks Them

Bruno Richard Hauptmann's startling defense—four alibi witnesses who were haled into court yesterday to say that they saw him in the Bronx Bakery the night of the kidnaping—were impeached and discredited yesterday by Attorney General Wilentz, and Bruno today was apparently resorting to his last line of defense, another handwriting expert.

This expert, whose expertness was only admitted after a bitter struggle, is John M. Trendly of East St. Louis, whose opinion will be offered against that of eight witnesses for the state who say Hauptmann did write the notes.

Louis Kiss, who said he saw Hauptmann in the bakery the night of the kidnaping, admitted he was a bootlegger; Elvert Carlstrom, another witness, had to admit that part of his story was a lie; August Van Henke, alibi man, admitted using three names, and Luke Harding was forced to admit that he had served three terms for burglary.

These admissions severely damaged the credibility of the alibi witnesses.

Harding gave the defense a bad scare, after he had apparently tossed a monkey wrench into the attack.



BRUNO RICHARD HAUTMANN

He said that on the day of the kidnaping he was working in Hopewell, and that he saw two men in a blue car drive up and ask directions to the Lindbergh home. They had a ladder in the back of the car—and neither of the men was Hauptmann. He identified the kidnap ladder as the same one he saw in the car.

Wilentz, however, brought out his prison record, rattled him on his facts, and succeeded in the end in showing him as an unreliable witness.

Carl Thompson Introduces Board Of Health Measure

Cleveland Senator Offers Bill Empowering Medical Society To Elect Two Doctors To County Board

RALEIGH, Feb. 1.—Senator Carl Thompson of Cleveland, yesterday introduced his first bill, a measure empowering to elect two physicians to the county board of health.

The bill was referred to the committee on health. Its context is as follows:

"Section 1. That the Cleveland county board of health; organization; term of members, and chairman be as follows: The chairman of the board of county commissioners, the mayor of Shelby, and the county superintendent of schools shall compose three members of said board. That the Cleveland County Medical Society shall on the fourth Monday of November, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, elect two physicians as members of said Cleveland county board of health, for a term of two years, said term to begin on the first Monday of January, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven; that said Cleveland County Medical Society shall on the fourth Monday of November, one thousand nine hundred thirty-eight, and every two years thereafter, elect two physicians as members of said Cleveland county board of health who shall take office the first Monday of January following their election. The five members above stated shall at their first meeting follow their election elect one regularly registered dentist who shall serve for two years. These six members shall constitute the Cleveland county board of health, that three members at any regular or call meeting shall constitute a quorum, provided that one member present is a physician. That the entire membership shall elect the county physician and county health officer.

"Sec. 2. That any laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

"Sec. 3. This act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Cotton Reduction Will Start Soon; Await Contracts

Cotton reduction contracts for the 1935 campaign are expected here any day, County Agent Shoffner said this morning. He hopes to be established in his new offices in the street-level basement of the Hotel Charles in time to receive the throngs of farmers who will call for them.

The national quota for the year is ten million five hundred thousand bales. Cleveland's quota has not been announced.

Election of county committeemen has not been completed. Mr. Shoffner said. This will probably be accomplished Monday, allowing the full announcement to be made Wednesday.

Railroads Pay \$9,400 To Cleveland County

Cleveland county is due to receive a total of \$9,400 in taxes from the two railroads which operate through the county, the Southern and the Seaboard.

The Seaboard paid its taxes last June, earning a 3 per cent discount on \$4,100. The Southern Railway company announced this week that all tax payments would be delayed. The amount due the county is \$5,300.

Miss Harriss Tells Civic Clubs How FHA Program Will Work

How 700,000 men had already been put to work in the nation through the better housing program, and three millions of dollars a day in new business is being generated, was explained in two addresses to civic clubs here last night and today by Miss Cora Annette Harriss, field representative, headquarters staff, of the Federal Housing Administration.

Miss Harriss, who is the daughter of Col. Wade Harris, editor of The Charlotte Observer, addressed the Kiwanis Club last night and the Rotary Club today.

"I think you have chosen as county chairman one of the most alert and capable men I have ever encountered," she said. "Dr. J. S. Dorton has clearly caught the vision of the better housing program and is cooperating in every possible way."

New Offices Set For County Agents And Relief Unit

Charles Basement To Be Their Location

Supplies Needed, Room For Large Staff And Place For Storage.

New offices for County Agent Shoffner and his large staff will be established this week in the street-level basement on W. Warren of the Hotel Charles, and the probability is seen that the FERA offices, now in the Lineberger building, will be located next door.

The county agent's office, now in a small room in the court house, has long been one of the busiest and most crowded offices in the county. With Bankhead Administrator Alvin Propst, assistant county agent, James, and a staff of girl workers varying from five to 20, the office is jammed to the window sills—and is now faced with the task of conducting another cotton reduction program soon. New quarters were imperatively needed.

McKinney Gets Office
Troy V. McKinney, county auditor, will move some of his books and adding machines into the office vacated by the county agent.

The FERA offices likewise are cramped for space. They were located this summer in the Hoey building, back of the postoffice, but this structure is now being demolished to make room for post office additions. Their quarters in the Lineberger building are upstairs and give no space for storing the many tons of food and feedstuff required in their relief campaign.

Turn Carpenter
Mr. James, Mr. Propst and Tom Cornwell, attired in overalls, were sawing and pounding with the skill of expert carpenters this morning and they hurried the erection of partitions for their new offices under the hotel.

County Officials Optimistic About Homestead Plans

Lester Herndon, chairman of the Cleveland county board of commissioners, R. L. Stowe, chairman of the Gaston board, and Troy V. McKinney, Cleveland county auditor, conferred with FERA officials in Raleigh Wednesday on the proposed rehabilitation homestead project near Kings Mountain.

Maps and plats of the suggested site have been sent in with attached appraisals, they reported. While no definite word could be obtained on the project, Mr. Herndon said he gathered that the project was regarded favorably and had a good chance of approval.

If carried out as planned, the homestead would serve relief families in both Gaston and Cleveland.

M. P. Members To Paint Building

The West Shelby Methodist Protestant church has just completed remodeling and re-roofing the church building and will in the near future further improve the looks of the building by adding a coat of paint.

A benefit chicken and oyster supper prepared by the ladies auxiliary will be held Saturday night to get money for the paint, according to the Rev. T. O. Fry, pastor of the church. The Rev. Mr. Fry says that the church is growing each Sunday and that it has received 17 new members in the last few weeks. He is also pastor at Carolen.

James C. Greene Is Buried Today In Rutherford

James C. Greene, aged resident of No. 4 township was buried at 1 o'clock this afternoon at the Oak Grove Baptist church in Rutherford county. Funeral services were held by the pastor of the church.

Mr. Greene died at his home yesterday following a lingering illness of some months.

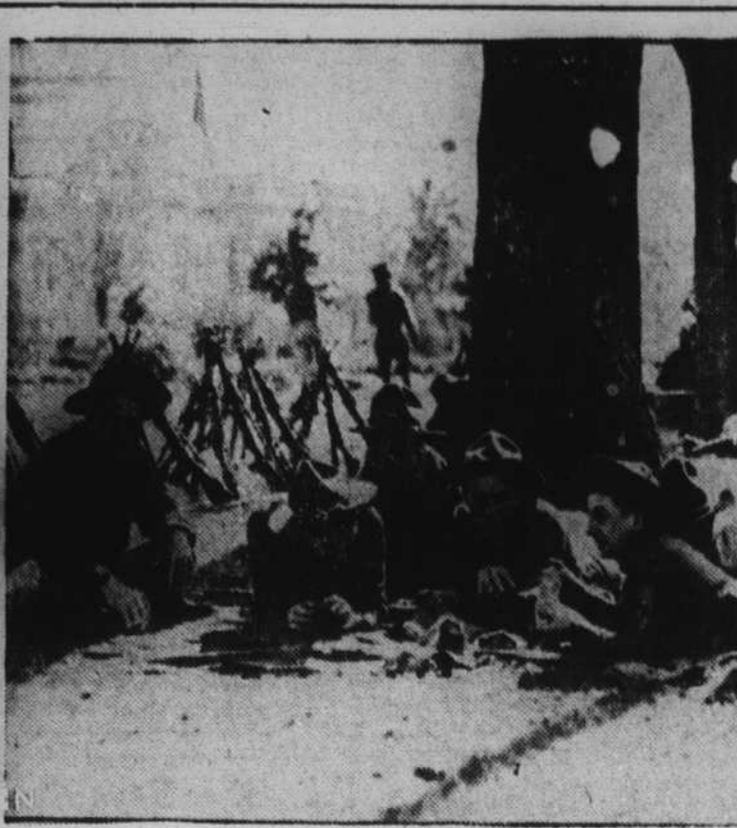
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Greene, four children, 20 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. The children are D. W. Greene, of Gilkey, Thurmon Greene and Mrs. P. O. Moore, of Shelby, and Mrs. L. D. Whisnant of Bessemer City.

Mr. Greene was a member of the Zoar Baptist church in this county where he attended church for a number of years. He was known as a respected, neighbor and citizen.

Kingfish To Command His Army



Senator Huey—The Kingfish—Long, as he left Washington yesterday to take command of his storm troopers in his Louisiana empire—where there has been a small revolt, led by some bright young men in the Square Deal party. Machine guns and bayonets in the hands of national guardsmen commanded by Long henchmen, quelled their ambitions as shown in the above picture by the International Illustrated News Service.



Huge Throng Goes To Birthday Ball In Honor F.D.R.

\$127 Realized For Charity Fund To Aid Paralysis Victims Here And In Georgia.

Shelby danced, made merry and celebrated the President's birthday Wednesday night with a donation of \$127 to be used for children afflicted with paralysis.

The party was at the Hotel Charles, under the direction of S. C. Hewitt, who entertained one of the largest gatherings ever to attend a local dance. George Wray, witty and affable master of ceremonies, presided over a program of songs, dances, waltz contests and lucky number drawings which formed a large share of the evening. The lobby and dance hall of the hotel were bright with red, white and blue streamers.

McBryer Welcomes Dancers
While the echoes of The Star Spangled Banner were still in the air, C. B. McBryer, Shelby attorney, made the brief address of welcome. He said:

"We have foregathered here tonight to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the birth of our great President, Franklin D. Roosevelt—there will take place within the confines of this great republic approximately 7,800 such celebrations. Everywhere people will do honor to the greatest living exponent of Democracy and fair dealing.

"You are not idly here tonight, it is true that this celebration should be joyous and mirth should abound, it will, I am sure, but your presence means more than that; it is an investment in health, in human restoration and reconstruction. Then too, you are a unit of a vast bloodless army foregathered to fight a dread-destroyer, infantile paralysis. So, your presence here tonight not alone means pleasure for you but pleasure for hundreds of afflicted ones who cannot dance tonight but your presence means the promise of better days for them. So, climb down from dignity's chilling heights and abandon yourselves to the joy of this fine occasion—such is our welcome to you and many thanks for your presence."

Waltz Contest Winners
In the waltz contest, the following prizes were awarded—awarded after much consultations by the

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McBryer Is Honored By Insurance Co.

D. R. McBryer, general agent for Western North Carolina for the Pan-American Life Insurance company, has received a diamond pin and an engraved certificate for having achieved membership last year in the "Dynamo Club." Membership is based on sales, reports. Out of 800 men in the company, only 35 achieved the distinction this year.

Mr. McBryer has been with Pan-American continuously for 14 years.

Union Masons Will Go To Lattimore

The Union Masonic degree team will go to Lattimore Wednesday night Feb. 6 for work in the first degree. All brother Masons will be welcome.

Textile Board Decision Favors Alexander Mill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Two textile mills in the piedmont region, the Alexander Manufacturing company of Forest City, and the Ninety-Six, South Carolina, today won a victory before the textile labor relations board on the charge of discrimination against employees, while the Rosemary Manufacturing company of Roanoke Rapids lost.

These three complaints all grew out of the textile strike of last September, had different angles, and have been among the troublesome cases for the board, headed by Judge Walter Stacy of North Carolina.

Strike Called
In regard to the Alexander Manufacturing company, the board found that it is subject to the textile code, that on September 3, 101 of the 218 employees went on a strike, though operations continued until noon next day, no violence having occurred at any time. The board recites that during the week of closing the management instituted a system of formal application for employment. On opening under military guard and with 218 employees, all spare hands needed were found. Meanwhile the strikers maintained closed ranks, none filed applications and none went back to work. On September 17 the company mailed notices to 47 families, occupants of 47 company owned houses, to vacate, legal executions for evictions were secured which have been held up pending an injunction suit in superior court. While the strikers applied to the mill for work, they failed to go to the office and make application and did not conform to the new regulation as to re-employment until after November 15, when all but four did place their applications on file. There remain out of employment 96 employees who filed complaint that they were being discriminated against. The board holds that the charge of discrimination for union activities has not been sustained, but recommends that "a share-the-work system be adopted which will enable those who went out on a strike and have not returned to work to have at least part-time employment," with the statement "that the management has indicated its willingness to put them back to work as soon as such is available."

House Turns Down Measure To Bar Death Penalties

Sentell Jury Recalled As "Mercy Bill" Loses; Car Tag Cut Is Before Assembly.

Proposed legislation to allow superior court judges to impose life sentences in capital felony convictions when the jury recommends mercy was defeated yesterday in the General Assembly.

This recalls the Sentell case here, in which a jury brought in a verdict of first degree murder, with the automatic death penalty, but inquired first of Judge Ailley if it would be possible to recommend mercy. The judge replied that no such recommendation could be made by the jury.

Death Set For Feb. 15.
If the legislation had been passed, it might have been possible to have re-opened this case, with such a recommendation to save Sentell's life. As it is now, the defense has until Feb. 15, the date set for Sentell's death, to file an appeal. It is believed that a plea will be made before the Governor.

The house health committee yesterday approved the \$500,000 tuberculosis sanatorium measure for Western North Carolina.

The floor of the house was the scene of action as motions engaged in debate lasting almost two hours before finally killing the Jonas bill to lessen the terrors of the electric chair for persons on trial for capital felonies. The vote was 69 to 38. Former Governor and Senator Cameron Morrison was a spectator.

Car Tag Cut.
The senate received another bill to cut the cost of automobile license tags, a measure to change laws regarding the state bar, and bills to regulate the practice of cosmetic arts and to provide distinctive license plates for automobiles of national guard officers.

Justice Of Peace Bill.
Bills were offered in the house to prohibit justices of the peace from soliciting official business, to establish a uniform schedule of fees for them, and the third to prescribe the manner of their election and to limit the number.

Cotton Adjustment Program Is Taking Women Out Of The Field

College Station, Raleigh, Jan. 31—The cotton adjustment program is bringing the south an opportunity to take women and children out of the cotton fields, says Chas. A. Sheffield, of State College.

With the smaller production and higher prices, he points out, there is less need for women and children to go into the fields and help in the cultivation and picking of cotton crop.

Since less labor is needed to raise the smaller crops, he explains, the growers are in a better position to produce their allotments with the work of men only.

As higher prices augment the farm income, he adds, the farmers are being enabled to support their families without requiring women and children to go to the fields.

"Of course," he observes, "it may be some time before all women and children will be freed from the necessity of working as field hands, but already we see a growing trend toward their emancipation."

This objective has been long desired in the south, he states, but it could not be attained with cotton selling at five or six cents a pound and growers desperately trying to make up for low prices by producing more cotton.

The present conditions are much better than those of two years ago, Mr. Sheffield points out, but there is still room for improvement and he is urging all growers to stick by the adjustment program and do their part in developing the cotton growing industry.

Cleveland Likely To Obtain Camp, Forester Asserts

CCC Idea Is Brought Up In Raleigh

Further Optimistic Of County's
Chances; 10,000 Acres Need Soil
Erosion Work.

The strong possibility that Cleveland county will soon be designated to receive a CCC camp is seen in a letter today from R. W. Gunther, state extension forester, to R. W. Shoffner, county farm agent.

Mr. Gunther said that at a conference yesterday he presented the Cleveland county plan, and that it was taken under consideration.

Ten or more new CCC camps will be designated between now and Feb. 11, he said, and will begin operation about the first of April.

Urges Application
Citing the good chance Cleveland has of obtaining one of these camps, Mr. Gunther urged that immediate applications be filed with J. S. Holmes, state forester, at Raleigh, and with J. C. Kircher, regional forester, at Atlanta.

The CCC camp idea, which originated with Mr. Shoffner, is designed to save some 10,000 idle acres in the county now rapidly being eaten away by soil erosion. According to surveys recently made here, erosion is a serious threat to thousands more acres unless proper drainage and tree planting is forthcoming.

Petitions for the camp are already in circulation in the county. Mr. Shoffner asks that these be brought to his office as soon as possible so they may be filed with the proper officials.

FHA Campaign Here Indorsed By Club Women

The Better Homes campaign in Cleveland county, of which Dr. J. S. Dorton is chairman, was enthusiastically indorsed yesterday by the Shelby Woman's Club, Superintendent of Schools Grigg, Home Demonstrator Miss MacGregor and head FERA case worker, Mrs. Ben H. Goforth.

Mrs. Fan Hudson, president of the Woman's club, and a group of club executives, have pledged their co-operation to the drive, and Mrs. Hudson was appointed chairman of the women's committee for Shelby. She will be assisted by Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft and Mrs. Z. J. Thompson. They will arrange speeches and programs here to aid the campaign.

Frank Hoyle Passes Bar Examination

Frank L. Hoyle, Jr., assistant secretary-treasurer of the Shelby-Cleveland County Building and Loan Association was one of the 32 candidates who successfully passed the state bar examinations in Raleigh Monday and Tuesday.

Eighty-five applicants took the test, and the percentage of those passing, 37.6, was the lowest in years.

Mr. Hoyle's achievement is remarkable in that he never attended law school, as had most of the applicants. He studied under Attorney John P. Mull of Shelby.

He said this morning that he had made no plans to practice law yet, but intended to remain with the building and loan association.

Gilbert Child Dies In Shelby Hospital

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11 o'clock for Pochontas Gilbert, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Gilbert, who died at the Shelby hospital this morning following a week's illness with pneumonia, appendicitis, blood poisoning and peritonitis.

Mr. Gilbert is an employee of the Cleveland Cloth mill and is a former resident of Charlotte. He has lived here a year. Interment will be at Trinity after short services by the pastor of the Wesley Methodist at Sevierville.

Child Painfully Burned Early Today

Little Rebecca Humphries, two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Humphries of near Lattimore was taken to the Shelby hospital for treatment this morning after sustaining painful burns about the face, chest and hands.

It is understood that the child's clothes caught on fire before an open fire place at home.