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County Bond Sale Sets New Record; Premium Is \$468

Interest Rate Lowest In State Annals

\$24,000 School Certificates Go To Cabarrus Bank, After Bid By Commissioners.

The sale of \$26,000 of Cleveland county bonds in Raleigh yesterday is believed to have set a new state record for low yield—a tribute to the financial condition of the county.

The bonds, issued to finance the high school arcade, the Dover school and the new negro school, were sold to the Cabarrus Bank and Trust company of Concord, through the Local Government commission. The interest rate is four per cent.

But the premium paid by the company which outbid all others, amounted to \$468, which reduces the interest to between 3.55 and 3.60 yield, beating a former record for county bonds of 3.65.

Cleveland county itself bid on the bonds, being represented at the meeting by Commissioner Lester Herndon and Auditor Troy McKinney. The county bid was \$390. Another bidder, the R. S. Dickson company of Charlotte, offered \$444.60.

W. E. Easterling, secretary of the Local Government commission, Secretary of State Stacy Wade and State Treasurer Johnson presided when the bids were opened.

Mr. Herndon and Mr. McKinney returned to Shelby last night. They expected the money for the bond sale to arrive here Friday.

Release Program For Fathers-Sons Banquet Saturday

Clyde A. Erwin To Speak To 300 Vocational Boys And Their Dads.

Final plans for the vocational agriculture students banquet Saturday night at which Clyde Erwin will be the principal speaker were announced complete today by E. L. Dillingham, toastmaster and chairman of the program committee.

The meal will be served in the main dining room at the junior college and special guests who have been invited are the fathers of all students taking vocational agriculture in the four departments in the county. The schools are Polkville, No. 1, Lattimore and Piedmont.

Other guests will include the county board of education, the commissioners, school principals, regional and state supervisors in vocational work, and education leaders in the county.

This is the first gathering of its kind ever attempted in the county, although each department has held father-son banquets before. There will be approximately 300 present.

The program following is the program worked out by the committee. It will begin at 7:30 in the evening.

Future Farmers ritual, Piedmont chapter.

Invocation, Lawton Blanton.

Welcome, Rev. J. L. Jenkins.

Dinner, prepared by the college.

Greetings from officials.

Music, Polkville quartet.

Toast to dads and response, No. 3 chapter.

String music, Lattimore.

Contest winners announced.

Introduction of speaker, J. H. Grigg.

Address, Clyde A. Erwin.

Closing, Piedmont chapter.

Rush Troops

PARIS, April 2.—Premier Pierre-Etienne Fladin tonight revealed that additional thousands of crack troops are being rushed to the German "front" as France's answer to rearmament of the Reich.

Special Session

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A move to get President Roosevelt to withdraw much of the controversial legislation on his "must list" at a special session in November today was started in congress.

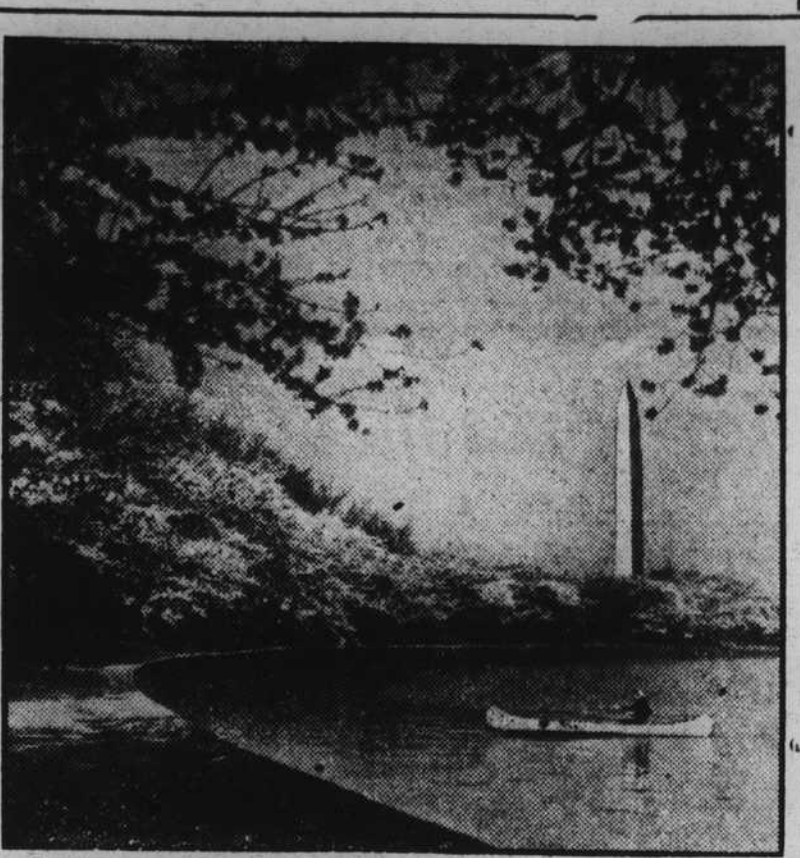
Slightly Colder

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Cloudy and slightly colder, probably showers in south portion Wednesday; Thursday fair, colder in east portion.

THE MARKETS

Cotton, spot 11 to 11 1/2
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$37.00
Cotton seed, car, ton \$46.00

All Beautiful On Potomac



In the spring a public's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of cherry blossom time in Washington. And the reason is evident in this scene, heightened by the beauty of the Japanese foliage lining the Potomac river bank. The Washington monument rises in the background.

Negro Gets 20 to 25 Years For Murder of J. R. Downs

Jack Parks, 19-Year-Old Georgia Boy, Is Found Guilty On Second Degree Count After Jury Argues 2 Hours

Jack Parks, 19-year-old Georgia negro, this morning was sentenced to serve from 20 to 25 years in State prison, wearing stripes and at hard labor, for the killing of James Robert Downs in No. 10 Township.

The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree after two hours and a half of deliberation Tuesday afternoon following impressive arguments by Solicitor L. S. Spurling and defense counsel B. T. Falls.

There being no question in view of eye-witness testimony that Parks had shot Downs, the question before the jury was whether to convict of first or second degree. From the evidence, it did not appear that

Parks had had time to "premeditate" the killing, and Judge Phillips said the court had no fault to find with the jury. He paid high compliments to Mr. Falls for his defense of a difficult case.

Before the sentence was passed this morning, it was brought out by residents of No. 10 that the negro had been a good worker, but was of extremely low mentality. The character of the deceased James Robert Downs was upheld in high praise.

Tense Situation at Eton; Warrants Issued for Four

The strike situation at the Eton mill is tense at shifting time in the mornings when workers go to their jobs and in the afternoons when they quit. Four assault warrants have been issued.

Picket lines are formed and there is much noise, but the gates are kept clear for ingress and egress while officers stand by to prevent any violent outbreak. Paul Christopher, state president of the United Textile workers says "only peaceful persuasion is used to keep workers from going to their jobs."

Both the cotton and rayon departments are running on the day shift and the mill management states that a sufficient number of workers are on the job for the day shift with others applying daily for work.

Four warrants charging assault have been sworn out by workers at the mill against strikers charging assault. Durham Grigg and Arthur Huskey are charged in warrants signed by Horace McKee that they assaulted him by holding him and tried to prevent him from going to work. Grigg is also charged with a "threat to kill" McKee.

Reuben Jones is charged by C. H. Oaks with assault in interfering with his going to work while H. D. Guinn is charged by F. R. Abernethy with assault with a deadly weapon, a rock, which Guinn is alleged to have thrown and struck a car carrying the mill superintendent and five other passengers.

Two have been arrested and placed in jail. Officers were unable to locate two for whom they had warrants, but sympathizers assured the officers they would be brought up and would give bond. Grigg and Guinn who were placed in jail, will likely be released on bond today.

Quarterly Dividend Checks Are Mailed

The M. and J. Finance corporation has mailed out dividend checks for its 19th consecutive quarterly dividend of two per cent. Interest and dividend checks amounted to approximately \$5,000. Total assets of the M. and J. are now nearly \$360,000.

Rev. Mr. Williams Preaches At Beulah

The Rev. Mr. Williams will preach at Beulah church at 3 o'clock Sunday, supplying for the Rev. H. M. Robinson who is undergoing treatment at a Charlotte hospital.

Bid Of \$27,817 Is Received On West Marion Street Paving

Grading work is expected to begin within ten days on West Marion street to highway No. 20 at the river bridge, a distance of 92 of a mile.

A low bid of \$27,817 was received yesterday in Raleigh by the state highway commission from the Brown Paving Co. offered the low bid for the Shelby street project and will no doubt be awarded the contract at today's session of the board.

Money for this project comes from the federal government which allocated nearly ten millions to North Carolina road program last year, one-fourth of the amount to be expended on city streets which serve as a part of federal highways.

N. C. Legislature O. K.'s Lethal Gas For Executions

Peterson Bill Passed On 2nd Reading

Efforts To Restore Public Hangings Fail, But Electric Chair Seems On Way Out.

RALEIGH, April 3.—North Carolina's house of representatives yesterday thought well enough of Representative Peterson's bill, changing the method of capital executions from electricity to gas, to pass it on second reading and almost well enough of Representative Page's amendment fixing the situs of those suff-rations in whatever county the crimes occurred to adopt the rotary plan.

Mr. Page's first effort to restore public hanging failed badly before a house which saw little in the Page plan of salvation picked up from savages who discarded it ages ago because for every barbarian that it jerked out it threw 50 into circulation. Mr. Page leveled tremendously on the world for horror in executions, France guillotines, Germany hangs, Britain hangs, Canada hangs. And they have little hanging to do, Mr. Page contended. The house let him get by with the belief that these countries still make hoodlum holidays of their executions.

Like Gas Chamber The house fell heavily for the rotary gas chamber. Skeptical citizens don't believe the criminals sent down to Raleigh from the several counties to die for crime actually die. The electric chair is a myth. The fear of God must be thrown into the back homers. Representative Cherry evidently did not like that feature but he could not pass the bill under suspension of the rules. And Mr. Page may have his amendment so well doctored that he can make the house take it. The town pride idea seemed to dominate.

The house session took up so much time on the Peterson bill that it almost quit everything else and its congested calendar was still crowded when the house knocked off for the day. It was patent from the outset that there was no work in the big body. There was not a scrap in the 120.

At the morning session the house ran the bills total to 966, a good batch for a session still so young. No new ones sent in yesterday would appear to have any license to hold the members here for any extra time. Mr. Cone, of Guilford, announced that there will be a public hearing Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the bill introduced by him as to adoption of minor children. Greensboro's North Carolina Children's Home society probably has a special interest in this measure and there may be others.

Beyond these new introductions there was hardly any other activity in the house and the whole morning revolved about the Peterson bill which had a unanimous report when it came from committee.

Mr. Page was the only champion of the public hanging amendment to the Peterson bill.

Negro Murderer Is Captured After Shooting Woman

After lurking in the woods all night, Walter Leaks, young Alabamian negro, gave himself up to deputies in New House Tuesday noon and was jailed on a charge of murdering Beatrice Johnson, young colored woman, who died in the Shelby hospital at 2 a. m. yesterday from gunshot wounds in her head.

From scanty reports, hard to get from negro witnesses, the officers deduced that the pair had a quarrel in Beatrice's house, on the Hubert Gold place. Leaks, it was said, accused her of stealing from him, and swore that he would "fix her so that it would never happen again."

A single-barrelled shot gun was used, the charge entering her head above the left temple. Her shot was probably fired at 9 Monday night.

Leaks was reported to have hidden out around the community calling sometimes to friends. He appeared once yesterday morning and surrendered his pistol. Later, Officers Kendrick, Cordell, Guinan and Parker tracked him across a field, where he surrendered without struggle.

He was reported to have told his negro friends after the shooting, "I expect I'll get burned for this, so stay your distance. I aint got no friends now."

Barn Burning Case Against Vic Lee Opens

Protests by Defense Attorneys That Indictments For Barn Burning Against Vic Lee Had Been Improperly Presented Were Overruled Late This Morning and the Case Will Proceed This Afternoon With Selection of Jurors.

Lee was brought from Charlotte last night under the custody of Deputy United States Marshal Mack Poston. The prisoner was released by Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, who recently sentenced him to two years in prison for prohibition violation, and who last night said that he would permit the state to take precedence over the federal government in the more serious charge.

Solicitor Spurling and Sheriff Cline said they had an air-tight case against Lee and the four other defendants, Ezell Wood, John (Slim) Dawson, R. L. Woods and Claude Durden. They are charged with barn burnings in the Double Springs community.

Amounts A grower can borrow as small amounts as he wants to and reach the maximum of \$500. "Anyone wishing to apply for \$100 or more, must first apply through the Cherryville Production Credit Association," said Mr. Wagoner. "If their application is not accepted there, we will handle it here."

His office is strictly an emergency loan office and will meet only the necessary needs of growers.

He said that the office is taking quite a number of applications, but it is not expected that 1935 will approach the first year when \$100,000 was loaned here.

Gilliatt Buys Out Patterson's Retail Flower Business

Deal Consummated Yesterday; Letter To Continue Whole Plant On Cleveland Road.

With the sale yesterday morning of his florist business in Shelby to Cecil Gilliatt, U. L. Patterson, wholesale grower, announced retirement from that end of the business in the city and devotion of full time to promotion of his wholesale business, centered at his greenhouse on the Cleveland Springs Road.

Mr. Gilliatt, who opened a floral shop here last fall, gets the exclusive rights to sell Patterson's flowers in Shelby and vicinity, although Mr. Patterson will continue to retail plants at the greenhouse except on holidays.

Both places of business in the city will continue open for the next several weeks, under his charge, Mr. Gilliatt said. Associated with him is C. H. Walters, a designer of 16 years experience.

Patterson Statement. Mr. Patterson made the following statement: "The reason for selling is that our wholesale business has become so large, we had to dispose of part of the trade in order to handle the business. We expect to make extensive improvements and grow for the wholesale trade. The company will specialize in blooming plants and will also grow potted plants under contract for several eastern concerns."

"All funeral work, cut flowers, corsages and holiday plants has been turned over to Mr. Gilliatt. We will continue to retail plants at the greenhouses except on holidays."

"We have given to Mr. Gilliatt the exclusive right to sell Patterson's flowers in Shelby and vicinity."

Two String Bands Go To Fallston

There will be two string bands performances in Fallston in the near future, the first on Saturday night, April 6, sponsored by the PTA, and the second next Thursday night, being sponsored by the Woman's club for the school. The Thursday night performance will be J. E. Malner's Crazy Water players.

Plan Stunt Night At South Shelby

A stunt night for fun and wholesome enjoyment is being planned by the South Shelby school, PTA, and Home Demonstration club to be given Thursday night at 7:30 in the school building.

There will be a small admission charge and proceeds will go to the PTA.

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL SPONSORS SINGING MEET

The Cleveland high school is sponsoring a singing contest to be held at the court house Monday evening, April 8, at 8 o'clock. All county and local singing groups are invited to be present and compete for the prizes which are being offered.

The proceeds from the evening will go to the Cleveland high school colored glee club.

Applications Are Being Taken For 1935 Crop Loans

Work Begins Today In Lending

Emergency Loans For Crop Production Under Way; Made By Government.

Applications were being taken for the first time today for the 1935 seed and crop production loans at the Emergency Crop Loan office in the Lineberger building.

Farmers and growers had been looking for weeks to the time when they would have a chance to borrow small and large amounts with which to purchase seed, fertilizer, feed for livestock or to do anything toward making another crop.

Wagoner In Charge The office is in charge of F. T. Wagoner and this is the third year that loans have been made through his office. He said today that collections thus far have been almost 100 per cent, with the only guarantee being a first lien on the crop.

The federal government makes the loans through a \$60,000,000 appropriation passed by Congress some time ago and approved by President Roosevelt and his various farm aides.

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Propose Measure To Raise Maximum Tax On Incomes

RALEIGH, April 3.—Proposed amendments to the North Carolina constitution that would raise the maximum rate of incomes, exempt a "reasonable" home from taxation, permit the supreme court to sit in divisions, and increase the pay of members of the general assembly were favorably reported this afternoon by a house legislative committee on constitutional amendments.

A committee substitute bill for a measure introduced by Representative Douglas of Wake would increase the maximum levy on incomes to 12 per cent.

Under a committee substitute for a bill by Representative Funderburke of Union, a "reasonable" home would be exempted from taxation and the number of associate justices of the supreme court could be increased by the general assembly to six, with power to sit in divisions.

Pay For Lawmakers. Members of the general assembly would receive \$900 a session and presiding officers \$1,000 by the measure of Representative Barnes of Wilson. Pay for extra sessions would be \$10 and \$12 a day not to exceed 20 days.

Reported unfavorably by the committee were almost identical bills by Representative Carr of Duplin and Barnes of Wilson to raise to 10 per cent the maximum tax rates on incomes with exemptions up to \$2,000 for a man living with wife and for a widow or widower with minor children.

Last Meeting Junior Red Cross Friday

Miss Selma C. Webb announces that the last Junior Red Cross meeting for this school session, will be held in all elementary schools on Friday evening, April 5th at 8:45 o'clock.

Family of Negroes Set Record For Children and Grandchildren

In direct opposition to all programs of reduction or control the colored family of Griffins who live east of Shelby on the Lawrence Spake farm think they have the record for children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Vinnie Griffin is 65 and has only nine children, because his "wife died 17 years ago," but his mother, Frances Griffin, who lives in Greene county, Georgia, at the age of 87 has 15 living children and 193 grand children and great grandchildren.

Each of her 15 children have an average of at least a dozen children apiece, a son named Herbert having 18 and a daughter, Sarah, having 17—all of which are living.

Vinnie is an old-fashioned negro, brought up in Georgia just after

McMurry Withdraws From Mayor's Race Citing Ill Health

"Because Of The Present Condition Of My Health," Says He Will Not Make The Race Again

Mayor S. A. McMurry who is completing his sixth year (third term) as mayor and who announced his candidacy for re-election a few weeks ago, is withdrawing today from the race because of ill health.

This leaves Harry Woodson and P. Cleveland Gardner in the race for mayor. The announcement of the withdrawal of Mayor McMurry comes as a surprise to his many friends. It is known, however, that he was sick for ten days with influenza and his wife is now in the hospital, following an operation.

W. N. Dorsey Enters Race For Mayor

W. N. Dorsey, one time mayor of Shelby, this morning announced his candidacy for the May election.

In his platform, he declared himself in favor of parks and playgrounds, reduction in cost of water and lights, a clean city, and employment of home people in city offices.

"I recommended to the board during my administration, at the last meeting before I was voted out of office, that we reduce taxes 25 cent per \$100, that the minimum for water be \$1 instead of \$1.20 and that lights be set at \$1.20 instead of \$1.25," Mr. Dorsey said.

He promised to make these recommendations at the first meeting, if elected.

Prizes Offered By Several Firms In Clean-up Work

Mrs. E. L. Ryburn Will Give Prizes To Colored People For Work.

Work in the clean-up drive being sponsored by the Shelby Woman's club was running along, smoothly this morning, and officials stated that they were receiving quite a little co-operation from residents and property owners.

An arm of the campaign was directed toward the colored residents of the city when prizes were offered by Mrs. E. L. Ryburn for the most effective "clean-up" work done by the colored people.

Flower Garden Mrs. Ryburn will give a dollar for the best flower garden, a dollar for the best cleaned premises and 50 cents for the biggest pile of rubbish.

Other firms which are aiding in the purchase of a set of record books for scout troops which do the most satisfactory work in the campaign are as follows: Shelby Supply Co., Campbell's, Cohen, Rogers Motors, Cleveland drug, Belk-Stevens, Clark Hardware, Sugar Bowl, Sterchl, D. A. Beam, J. O. Propst, Woman's club, American Legion auxiliary, chamber of commerce, R. T. LeGrand.

The club will continue the drive the rest of the week and perhaps next week, until places of filth and disease breeding have been removed.

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Processing Tax Opposition Gains Ground Quickly

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The textile industry's drive against the cotton processing tax gained momentum yesterday as members of congress from outside the textile areas indicated their support. House foes of the tax disclosed that no fewer than seven Democratic senators from the south were likely to urge its abolition.

Meanwhile the battle lines were definitely laid between Secretary Wallace and members of congress from New England and the south who are urging elimination of the levy. The secretary said at a press conference last week there was more likelihood the tax would be raised than lowered. While his office reported today there was "nothing in the works" to indicate an increase, it was made clear elimination of the tax would be resisted.

McKinney Expected In Mayor's Race

E. F. McKinney is being besseged to enter the race for mayor and was on the verge of making his announcement today, but decided to await a definite decision until Friday. Mr. McKinney has been advocated for several weeks and stated today that he still has scores of people coming to him, insisting that he enter the race. He is one of the largest farmers in the county.