

North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and probably Thursday; not much change in temperature.

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Vocational Studies Up To Each District, Commissioners Rule

Special Tax Elections Required Under Machinery Act Interpretation; Ask \$150,000 PWA Program

If home vocational subjects are to be taught in Cleveland schools, the various school districts must vote for and pay their own special taxes, the county commissioners have ruled.

They followed the interpretation of Representative Ernest Gardner, who said this method of creating vocational and agricultural departments for county schools was prescribed in the Machinery Act of 1935.

Elections Required. Lattimore, Piedmont, No. 3 and No. 8 townships had vocational departments last year. If the other townships are to have them, they must request an election, and raise their tax rates between five and ten cents on the hundred dollars to meet the expenses of their departments, according to the act.

In the busiest session of the year, which also included preparation of the budget, the commissioners rushed through a mass of important detail and business Monday afternoon.

Reappoint Mrs. Ledford. Mrs. L. H. Ledford was reappointed welfare officer for a two year term beginning July 1, at a salary of \$75 a month.

The board of equalization and review, composed of J. B. Nolan, W. J. Arey and E. L. Campbell, was re-appointed. It will meet on Monday, June 17, to assess new property.

An agreement between the county and the federal government, replacing a former document, was signed to obtain a 20 per cent grant for labor and materials on the Dover school and the high school arcade. The grant amounts to \$9,700.

\$150,000 PWA Program. The chairman and the clerk were authorized to sign applications for PWA grants, to take advantage of the new Roosevelt program, amounting to approximately \$150,000. Applications for projects in virtually all of the schools will be made, and a request will be made for a county garage, to house school buses, to be located behind the jail. The cost of the garage would be \$4,000, which means that the county would pay \$2,200. Cleveland now pays \$660 a year rent for garage space, so a considerable saving is seen.

The communities of Sharon, Beaver Dam and Shanghai offered a petition, which was approved, calling for a tax election for the erection of a \$20,000 school. They will vote on raising their tax rate, and will make a PWA application. The date of the election has not been set.

Hal Schenck Better In Shelby Hospital

Hal Schenck of Lawndale is recuperating rapidly at the Shelby hospital and will probably return home today or tomorrow. He has been suffering from his second attack of influenza this year.

Ambrose Cline, 11-year-old son of Zeb Cline is in the hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Fred Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Green of Chestnut street, who underwent an operation for appendicitis May 31, is convalescing rapidly.

Miss Madge Mode, who suffered a head injury recently at the Cleveland Cloth mill, has entered the hospital for treatment.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, June 5.—Active covering operations together with foreign and trade purchases found the supply of contracts limited during yesterday's session. Crop progress has not been satisfactory in many sections of the belt due to the lack of sunshine. Sentiment continues mixed with many in the trade awaiting clarification of recent developments affecting the general situation. Worth street reported more inquiry yesterday but volume of sales continues small. The immediate trend will depend on weather and developments at Washington.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS. Cotton, spot 11 1/4 to 12 1/2. Cotton Seed, wagon, ton 32.00. Cotton Seed, ton, car lot 35.00

Roosevelt Urges Skeletonized NRA In Codeless Form

Seeks To Prove Eagle Benefit To Business

Richberg To Stick To Post; New Bills Needed To Continue Many Departments.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—After a round of conferences yesterday with senate, house and cabinet members, President Roosevelt proposed a stop-gap extension of the NRA in codeless form.

Stripped of authority by the supreme court decision, the NRA under this suggestion would become a statistical organization, seeking to prove to business that conditions under the codes were better than they would otherwise have been. It would list in parallel columns statistics on industry with and without the codes.

Richberg To Stick. Donald Richberg, recovery chairman, is determined to stick to his post, it was reported yesterday, despite bitter attacks against him. Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy of the securities commission will also stick.

"It is believed that this proposed bill carries out the moral responsibilities of the federal government," a White House statement said, "and it is hoped that such action will be followed as largely as possible by private industry in every one of its branches."

New legislation will be needed to continue many of the departments established under the recovery administration.

\$1,500 Fund Set Aside for Fight On Tuberculosis

Temporarily abandoning the proposal to establish a tuberculosis sanatorium in the county, the commissioners yesterday donated \$1,500 to the charity fund, to be used for patients who can't afford to pay for hospitalization. The fund will be administered by Mrs. L. H. Ledford, welfare officer.

Patients will be sent to the state hospital, possibly to the new tuberculosis sanatorium likely to be established in Catawba county.

The plan to operate a sanatorium here has not been surrendered, the commissioners said, but they did not feel it advisable to spend a large sum of money for this project now.

Fire Department Has No Blazes For Five Weeks

What, no fires? So say city firemen who have not answered a single call for more than a month now.

The last call answered was on May 3, which will make five weeks, if the idle period lasts until Friday of this week.

This is hardly a record, for Shelby, as several years ago the company went for nearly three months during the summer without a call, but it is most unusual, as they are called out every few days in other seasons.

It is thought there are few towns of 12,000 population which can equal the record.

Stough Hopper, Dewey Freeman and Tilden Queen left today for a fishing trip to South Island in South Carolina. They will be gone for several days.

County Crops In Good Season; Farmers Face Crab Grass Month

Despite the fact that many farmers have been thinking there has been an unusually large amount of rain the past month, May was really a rather dry month for Cleveland county. Come good weather with the new moon, cotton is safe for the "crab-grass" month of June.

Believe it or not, only 2.73 inches of rain fell during the entire month, which would mean that if all the months were that dry, the average would be less than two-thirds normal. The most rain to fall in one day was on May 10 when .63 inches was precipitated.

The effect in the county of the somewhat deceitful amount of rain indicates that growers will harvest in the next few weeks the best crop of small grain in years. Cutting of oats and some wheat has already begun in the southern and western parts of the county.

They Rescued Kidnaped Boy



Earl Robinson, left, driver of the taxi cab in which George Weyerhaeuser, kidnaped lumber heir, was returned to his home in Tacoma, Wash., is shown with John H. Dreher, right, veteran reporter of Seattle, Wash., as they tell and retell story, while "G" men pursued kidnapers.

County Budget \$189,720 Tax Rate Is Still Lowest

The county commissioners this morning released for publication the Cleveland annual budget estimate for 1935-36, showing a boost of only \$4,000 over last year's expense sheet.

The grand total budget for all purposes is \$198,730.86. Last year it was \$195,491, although \$12,500 in fines and poll tax was not budgeted.

There will be no change in the county-wide tax rate, which remains the lowest in the state—36 cents.

General Fund \$51,650. Comparison shows small differences between the two accounts. The general fund this year, which takes care of all salaries and office

expenses is \$51,650, as against \$46,915 last year. A large part of the boost in this item is due to extra election expenses.

The poor fund, in spite of an additional \$1,500 for tubercular work, is lower—\$3,430 as against \$3,800. The county home gets \$6,500, emergency relief \$7,200. Among the donations made this year are \$2,500 for the hospital and \$1,200 for mothers' aid. This fund is to help widows with children. And company K gets \$240 to help pay rent.

\$22,280 For Poor Fund. The total of the poor fund comes to \$22,280, as compared with last year's \$22,850.

For the schools, capital outlay this year is \$5,602 as against \$5,000.

Names Of Negroes Omitted From Cleveland Jury List

Negroes will not serve on Cleveland county juries.

The commissioners on Monday afternoon instructed the clerk, Troy V. McKinney, to take names from the tax books in preparation of a list from which juries for the next two years will be drawn. Other North Carolina counties, complying with the supreme court edict, placed the names of negroes on their lists fearing that verdicts might be contested if

they did not do so. The Cleveland commissioners made no issue of the matter, but simply ignored it. The list will be made as usual from the names of white taxpayers.

Shelby lawyers, asked this morning if they thought this procedure would cause trouble later, said that it would not.

"What lawyer in these parts is going to contest a verdict because there wasn't a negro on the jury?" one of them asked.

North Carolina Gets \$9,544,131 For Road Funds

WASHINGTON, June 5.—North Carolina yesterday was allotted \$9,544,131 from the works program fund for construction of highways, roads, streets and grade crossing eliminations.

The allocation was divided \$4,720,173 for highways, roads and streets, and \$4,823,958 for grade crossing elimination.

A total of \$400,000,000 was apportioned among the states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii for these purposes.

South Carolina was allocated \$5,761,988 from the works program fund for construction of highways, roads, streets and grade crossing eliminations.

The allocation was divided \$2,702,012 for highways, roads and streets, and \$3,059,966 for grade crossing elimination.

Clyde Hoey Speaks To Salem Graduates. WINSTON-SALEM, June 5.—"Woman and Government," were discussed by Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, in his address at Salem college commencement exercises Monday in Memorial hall. There were 42 who received their degree, and of this number seven were graduated "cum laude."

In his address Mr. Hoey directed attention to the enlarged activity of women, the equipment, preparation and attributes necessary for a successful career in all relations of life.

Sales Tax Fight May Be Carried To Supreme Court

State Merchants Act Against Levy

Meeting In Charlotte. Members Move To Put Candidate Up For Governor.

The North Carolina Merchants' association is ready to go to the supreme court, if necessary, to fight the sales tax.

Meeting in Charlotte yesterday—and paying that new three per cent levy on their meals—the members passed a resolution instructing the new board of directors to investigate the constitutionality of the general sales tax and if advisable to use the efforts of the association in the courts.

Urge Code Adherence. At the same time, another resolution recommended that all groups of merchants in the state maintain the same store hours as were provided in their respective codes, and to make no reductions in personnel because of the supreme court decision that killed the NRA.

Added to their threat to take to the high courts to test its constitutionality, the merchants seriously considered putting a candidate in the field for governor. They want a man pledged to fight the sales tax, and will provide a candidate if none comes out.

Tax Unpopular. While the general sales tax idea has become an accepted levy in the state, merchants still report that many customers complain on having to pay it, and that, in many instances, the store must pay the tax in order to make a sale.

The new tax on food applies to restaurants as well as to grocery stores. The reaction in Cleveland this week was that it was pretty much of a nuisance.

J. G. Harrison of Mount Airy was elected president of the merchants' association and Raleigh was selected as the meeting place for next year's convention.

Anti-Sales Taxers Offer Candidate For Governorship

CHARLOTTE, June 5.—Either Dr. Ralph W. McDonald of Forsyth or Dr. John T. Burrus of High Point, militant anti-sales tax members of the last general assembly, will within the next month announce for governor of North Carolina, it was definitely decided yesterday.

As running mate for second place on the ticket Willie Lee Lumpkin, youthful Franklin county legislator, will seek the lieutenant-governorship.

The announcement today is definite and beyond the field of political speculation. It was made by principals in the campaign that is to be fought, a promised campaign militantly in opposition to the "Hoey-Graham forces," a term used by the anti-sales tax group to bunch advocates of Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby and Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham of Hillsboro in one group whose interests and political philosophy are substantially the same, say the McDonald-Burrus-Lumpkin adherents. The principals preferred, however, to remain unnamed for another few weeks.

County Relief Office Will Move To Hotel

Cleveland's relief offices, now situated in the Linberger building, will be moved this week or early next week to the basement of the Charles hotel, in the space adjoining the county farm agent's offices.

Odus Norman Is Good at 'Cooter' Hunting—Gets 4

Odus Norman, young farmer of the Belwood community has established a record in "cooter" hunting. Within ten days he caught four extra large ones, the sum total of their weight being 50 1-4 pounds. The largest weighed 15 1-4 pounds, while the others weighed 10 1-4 and 13 1-4 pounds. The "cooters" were all caught in the same body of water in this county.

To Broadcast on Mortgage Loans

The steps which the Federal Home Loan Bank board is taking to relieve home mortgage distress, to encourage more liberal mortgage terms to home owners not in distress and to insure the savings of investors held in private thrift and home financing institutions will be discussed in a radio broadcast from Washington Thursday night over the red network of the National Broadcasting system at 10:30 Eastern Standard time by John H. Fahey, chairman of that board, under the auspices of the National Radio Forum and The Washington Evening Star. Fahey will deal particularly with the new Federal Home Loan legislation enacted last week which authorized an additional billion seven hundred fifty dollars for completion of the mortgage relief work of the HOLC according to T. C. Abernethy, North Carolina state manager, of the HOLC with headquarters at Salisbury.

Cleveland's First Raspberries Go To Market At 80c A Quart

The first red and luscious fruits of Cleveland's newest crop—raspberries—were brought to the county agent's office yesterday afternoon.

They're the first raspberries this side of the Rocky Mountains, and will have competition on eastern markets only with berries shipped from California. One crate was to be shipped this week to Charles F. Warren of Wynne, Arkansas, who has contracted for all the raspberries that Cleveland farmers can produce on their first experiment of 36 acres.

All told, Mr. Warren will handle the berries from 400 acres in this part of North Carolina. The price of raspberries on the New York

Move For Federal Aid For Public Projects Is Made By Citizens

Planning Board And Chamber Of Commerce Directors Ask Incoming Mayor And Council To Do Preliminary Work

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Planning Board, held last night, the incoming city officials were asked to take immediate steps toward securing Federal funds and Mayor-Elect Harry Woodson was instructed to consult with Mayor McMurry and get his consent to make a preliminary survey of the city's needs.

Best All-Around



Ralph Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, who was voted the best all around student at the University of North Carolina. He won the football scholarship, and is a member of Golden Fleece.

Shelby is one of the few cities in North Carolina where the administration changes on July 1st. In practically every North Carolina city, the officials elected in May took up their duties on June 1st.

Must Act At Once. It was pointed out at the meeting last night that Shelby and Cleveland county are entitled to receive over one million dollars for public works and FERA projects and that applications for the state's quota are pouring in at the Raleigh office. Applications will be passed upon in the order they are received and should Shelby wait until the administration changes on July 1st, the available money may be gone. So, in order to conserve time, it was suggested last night that the city employ an engineer to make a survey and estimates for preliminary applications.

It is thought that no Shelby bond issue will be necessary as the government will furnish labor and a grant of forty per cent of material costs on all FERA projects.

Suggest New High School. At the meeting last night, a new high school was suggested, plans for which were drawn ten or twelve years ago. Forty-five per cent of the cost would be an outright grant. Bonds for the remainder would be issued by the county under its school building program, if the local school district No. 33 would vote a tax levy of eight or ten cents on the \$100 property valuation.

Projects which are contemplated without a bond issue because of the liberal assistance of the federal government are:

Extension of water and sewer mains on streets not now served.

An asphalt binder on the 25 miles of city streets now being surfaced with crushed stone.

A new city water tank to take the place of the one now in use and inadequate.

A community building to house the public library, civic organizations, etc. There is some question about this, since the American Legion and Woman's club have plans of their own.

A public playground and swimming pool. Under a new process, water in swimming pools is purified every 24 hours without running in a fresh supply.

It was planned to have a joint meeting of the present city council and the elects last night, but Mayor McMurry called off the meeting of the present council for the lack of a quorum.

Hold Funeral Today For Felix D. Lynn

Funeral services for Felix Dixon Lynn, 60, an employee of the Ora Mill for the past nine years, are being held at 3 this afternoon at the Ora Baptist church, with Rev. W. A. Elam officiating. Mr. Lynn died late Monday night.

He leaves his wife, three daughters and two sons. Burial will be at Sunset cemetery.

Hickory Disbands Chamber Commerce As Wilkins Leaves

HICKORY, June 5.—The Hickory chamber of commerce, in almost continuous existence here for the past quarter of a century, has disbanded. No secretary had been engaged since John S. Wilkins, agricultural secretary, resigned some time ago to take up farm demonstration work in Cleveland county.

Lack of sufficient co-operation to carry on caused the commerce organization to be disbanded. The Hickory chamber of commerce was organized in 1908 by the late A. K. Joy, who served as secretary for several years.

Judge Webb Attends Judicial Conference

Federal Judge E. Yates Webb will attend the fifth federal judicial conference of the fourth circuit court of appeals, which will open in Asheville Thursday morning at Grove Park Inn.

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes will preside. Eighteen circuit and district federal judges, 10 United States district attorneys, 10 deans of law schools, the presidents of state bar association, 16 delegates from bar associations, and the members of the committee on judicial administration will attend the two-day conference.