

ADJOURNMENT NEAR AS PRESIDENT OPPOSES 12c LOAN

\$250,000 U.S. Airport Is Slated for Shelby If Charlotte Loses It

Grice Tells Mayor City Is Next In Line If Mecklenburg People Can't Unravel Their Current Difficulties

If Charlotte doesn't soon provide a municipal airport for mail and army planes, ending the present involved controversy, the government will steer a course to the west and establish a \$250,000 airport in Shelby.

This was learned today from Mayor Harry Woodson, who conferred last week with John Grice, district director of PWA and WPA activities in the area including Charlotte and Shelby.

Mr. Grice said definitely, the mayor reported, that Shelby would get the airport if Charlotte didn't. The government requires a 200-acre tract, suitable for establishment of 3,000-foot runways. Mr. Woodson said he believed such a tract would be easily obtainable. The government would spend approximately a quarter million dollars if the site were located here. Charlotte has an airport, but it is privately owned, by 167 various stockholders. The government requires a municipal port. All mail and army planes operating through this part of the United States would use the port.

GIRL DROWNS IN BOTTOMLESS POOL

BUTTERFORDTON, Aug. 26.—Miss Lela Thomas was drowned at the Bottomless pools, Lake Lure, at noon on Saturday. She and Miss Doris Glines had gone for a swim above the pool when Miss Thomas slipped, fell and got caught in the waterfalls, dropping about 50 feet to the laze pool.

Her body was soon rescued and Asheville firemen brought a pulmotor and worked with her three hours with no results. The body is here awaiting orders from her parents in Platteville, Wis.

She was librarian at Lima, Ohio, and was a life saver for five years. The water was swift and treacherous. Yesterday afternoon County Coroner Robert Hovis and Sheriff McCarran held a hearing and Miss Glines told the full story of the accident. Sheriff McCarran stated from his investigations that it was an accident. No inquest will be held.

Miss Thomas was about 26 years old and had been at Lake Lure two weeks on a vacation.

Hospital Reaches Maximum Capacity

The need for the completion of the addition to the Shelby hospital was emphasized yesterday when it was revealed that every available bed in the institution except one was filled. Patients are admitted and dismissed daily but it requires much maneuvering and shifting to accommodate the patients.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Hedge selling and scattered liquidating sales on Saturday were mainly absorbed by domestic trade purchases and moderate buying for account of the far east. Liverpool market is higher this morning, evidently influenced by the developments in the senate regarding the cotton loan situation. Growing conditions are in the main satisfactory. Retail sales continue to report improvement and will undoubtedly be reflected in a better goods demand. We believe that the demand for cotton will broaden on the dips.

THE MARKETS Cotton, spot 11 1/2c to 12 1/2c Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$26.00 Seed, car lot, ton \$28.00

Mrs. Gantt, At 101, Says It's Too Soon For Her To Retire

She'll Re-Open Store On South Morgan

Hundreds Pay Respects To Shelby's Oldest Woman, Who Has No Recipe For Longevity.

As proudly as a small girl, Mrs. Mary Gantt thrust her small foot into a slim black slipper and wiggled her toes to regard the sheen of the new footwear. Shelby's "Grand Old Lady" was trying on a bit of finery for her 101st birthday party, attended yesterday by hundreds of friends and relatives from all parts of the county.

Except for the new shoes, Mrs. Gantt didn't seem greatly impressed with the occasion. Age is no novelty to her. She was 32, the mother of several children, when Booth shot Lincoln, and she was 67 when McKinley was assassinated. She will be 101 on Thursday, August 29, but her grandchildren and great grandchildren always celebrate the birthday on Sunday, so the party was held yesterday at the home on Blanton street, where Mrs. Gantt ran the little store for many years.

Back To Business. And about that store—she gave it up last spring, her first concession to age. But yesterday she announced that she was plum tired of sitting around doing nothing and she thought she'd go back into business. Yes, she's going to open the store again, assisted by her son, W. H. Gantt, who lives with her. She runs it, too, does most of the buying, keeps the accounts, and has a wary eye for credit. Doesn't forget anybody. Just a little hard of hearing now, that's the only difficulty she has.

Mrs. Gantt was ill the early part of the summer, but the sturdy physique that has endured the vicissitudes of so many eventful years—represented the encroachment of old age, and Mrs. Gantt resented the medicines. She wouldn't take pills, and recovered without the aid of doctors.

Old Age No Secret. She was asked again—somebody is always asking her—"How does one go about living so long? What is the secret?"

Mrs. Gantt just smiles at that question. "I didn't have anything to do with it," she says. Last year, on her birthday, she said she guessed it was hard work that made her live so long.

She doesn't look more than 70 or 75 today. Her reddish hair is barely touched with white. She is plump and but little wrinkled by the mark of time. Usually, on bright days, she sits on the front porch of her home, wearing a great straw hat. The colored boy who passes by with a pail of well water is her friend, and she always demands a dipperful. Doesn't like old city water, she says.

Two Arrested With Liquor On Sunday

Clyde Noggle, white, and Schenck Tripps, colored, were arrested Sunday afternoon by Constable Bob Kendrick on West Marion street and placed in jail. Noggle, the driver of the car is charged with drunken driving. The car struck a curb and smashed a wheel, but the driver continued for three blocks on three wheels until the second wheel went down. A quantity of liquor and paper bags were found in the car.

Seeks "Slim"



Mrs. Gladys Glen Fair

"A thin man" was sought by police throughout the far west after the partly clad body of Mrs. Gladys Glena Fair, blond naval clerk, was found in the bathroom of her Long Beach, Cal., apartment. She had been shot through the back of the head.

W. Riley Wellmon Dies At Age of 82; Funeral Tuesday

Member Of One Of The Largest Families In Cleveland; Leaves Eight Children.

Willis Riley Wellmon, 82, member of one of the largest and most widely-connected families in Cleveland, died at 8:30 this morning at the home of his son, B. B. Wellmon, in the Sharon community.

Funeral services, for which complete arrangements had not been made today, will be held Tuesday afternoon at the Zion church.

Ill For Three Weeks. Mr. Wellmon had been in declining health for more than a year, and was critically ill for three weeks just before his death. He was widely known and respected, was a prosperous farmer and a loyal church member. He was a member of the Zion Baptist church, which he joined in early manhood. Eight children survive. They are Mrs. Clarence Dedmon, Mrs. Henry Wellman, Mrs. Millard Sparks, Mrs.

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Hundreds In County Will Get Federal Aid In High Schools

Hundreds of county high school students who would have to drop out of school this year because of financial reasons will be allowed to pursue their studies and at the same time have the privilege of working 10 hours per week for \$6 per month, allowed under the student aid division of the PWA. This explanation was made this morning by Capt. B. L. Smith, superintendent of city schools, who said that seven percent of the number of persons on relief, between the ages of 16 and 25 will be allowed to receive this aid.

Grand Old Lady and Great-Greats



Five generations of Clevelanders, grouped around Mrs. Mary Gantt, 101 years old this week. Starting from the top, left to right, are Mrs. Gantt's daughter, Mrs. Annie Newton, Mrs. Gantt, her granddaughter, Mrs. Mary Workman, Mrs. Workman's daughter, Mrs. Hettie Mann, and Mrs. Mann's little daughter, Grace.

Carolina Ready to Accept Federal Old Age Pensions

North Carolina will be ready when the time comes to accept the benefits of the federal old age pension plan, according to a letter from Secretary of State Stacy Wade to Cullen Mull of Shelby. "During our recent legislature," Mr. Wade writes, "the governor recognized that some law would be enacted by congress providing for old age pensions, and with this in view the general assembly passed an act giving the governor and

Polkville Community Fair Expands to Two Day Event

Elaborate preparations for Polkville's second, junior fair were made known today. This largest community fair and school exposition in the county will be held September 20 and 21.

The whole event will be in charge of a body of officers elected from the student body of Polkville high school and will be divided into three main departments, agriculture, home economics, and educational.

Officers are: Clarence Beam, president; James Turner, vice-president; Geneva Champion, secretary; Howard Elliott, treasurer; E. L. Dillingham, faculty advisor. Prof. J. A. Kiser will have charge of all educational exhibits, Miss Elva Dietz will supervise home economics, and Mr. Dillingham agricultural entries.

Last year more than 1,000 persons were present at the fair and some 700 entries were made. It was learned this morning that

Historical Star Edition Gains Speedy Headway in Making

Expressions of endorsement and approval of The Star's Historical and Fair edition continue to pour into the office from all parts of the county. An impressive list of special articles is in course of preparation from eminent figures in religious, educational, industrial and civic walks of life. The financial and industrial section will be a complete review of the county's strong position in the field of industry and finance and special articles are being prepared by John F. Schenck, Sr., R. T. LeGrand, Forrest Eskridge, J. H. Grigg, Peyton McSwain, Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey and various others who are in position to speak with authority on the subjects covered.

Roosevelt Asserts He Will Not Okeh Deficiency Bill

Byrnes Expects To Adjourn Today

Declares 'Old Age Pension Funds Are Ample Until End Of Fiscal Year.

(Special to The Star)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—President Roosevelt told Congressional leaders in conference late this morning that he would not approve either the proposed 12-cent cotton or 60-cent wheat loan rider to the third deficiency bill.

The President's action apparently ends the deadlock which last night held congress in session and means adjournment soon.

Move To Adjourn. Speaker Byrnes said today that the lower chamber would receive a resolution either late this morning or early this afternoon calling for adjournment today.

He said that the house planned to "sit tight" on both cotton and wheat. He is the author of the rider on cotton to the deficiency bill, and had predicted that the house would accept the rider when it appeared for vote today. But with the president's assurance that he would not approve it, it is now possible and probable that both houses will adjourn without again bringing up the measure.

Security Funds Ample. Byrnes added this morning that he thought funds could be obtained without a deficiency appropriation bill to carry the social security, or old age pension program, to the end of the fiscal year.

Quicker Mail From North To Shelby

On account of Southern railway schedule changes effective today, mail car that has been carried by train 37 leaving N. Y. at 9:30 p. m. will be transferred to train 33 leaving New York at 8:05 p. m. This train will connect Seaboard train 21 arriving Shelby at 12:18, bringing in northern mail three hours earlier. Train 37 leaving Charlotte at 3:50 a. m. will pick up mail car of train 29 and connect star route leaving Kings Mountain at 4:30 for Shelby.

Star route now leaving Shelby for Kings Mountain at 11:50 a. m. will not leave until 2 p. m. making close connection at Kings Mountain for train 34, but will not connect train 33 going south. This will allow two hours later closing for northern mails.

Drum's Condition Very Critical Now

Renn Drum, former news editor of The Star is critically ill in a Washington hospital where he is suffering with ulcerated stomach and complications. He is in a semi-conscious condition and all hope for his recovery has been abandoned. Mrs. Drum social editor of The Star is still at his bedside.

Mrs. C. B. Way and son, C. B., Jr., are spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Silver while Mr. Way is holding a revival at Weaverville.

W. D. Earl at 72 Lives On Land Of Pioneer Great-Grandfather

Unusual as it may seem, Cleveland county has a man 72 years of age who has lived all of his life in the house in which he was born, and even more unusual is the fact that he lives on the same plantation that his father, grandfather and great grandfather occupied. Furthermore, his father-in-law at 85 visits him regularly. The man is W. D. Earl, well known citizen of the county and resident of Earl, small town south of Shelby which was named for his father, Abel Earl when the railroad came through in 1885. Aside from the unusual fact of living so long under the same roof, Mr. Earl still drives a car nearly every day in the week, directs work on quite a large farm, and last year did all the drilling on 13 acres of oats. "I couldn't sit down and be still if I wanted to. I have got to be going about doing something," he has been driving a car of some kind ever since cars came in style. Before that time he drove oxen, mules and horses. Mr. Earl has three children, two sons, living on his farm. They also have sons which means that

One Killed, Several Hurt In Week-end Car Wrecks; Tedder Dies

Five Are Under Arrest; Kings Mountain Woman Has Fractured Skull In Gastonia Hospital

Edward Tedder, Jr., of Charlotte is dead and two others are badly injured as a result of car accidents over the week-end. Homer Morrison of Charlotte has a broken arm and other injuries. He is in the Shelby hospital. Helen Mitchell of Kings Mountain has a fractured skull in a Gastonia hospital.

Riding in a Charlotte car Saturday afternoon en route to the mountains for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Morrison, Edward Tedder and Miss Martha Burton. On highway No. 20 west, a car driven by Cordis Craft of R-1 Cherryville headed out into the highway from the Lattimore road. The two cars struck and Mr. Tedder received a fractured skull from which he died Sunday morning at 8 o'clock in the Shelby hospital without gaining consciousness.

Ladies Unhurt. Mr. Morrison has a broken arm and other injuries. Mrs. Morrison, who before marriage was Miss Mina Caldwell, a niece of R. T. LeGrand and Miss Burton escaped injury. Mr. Tedder Related Here. Mr. Tedder is a brother of Mrs. Hayward Thompson and a nephew of D. A. Tedder of Shelby. He was

New Radium

Artificial radium, not only cheaper but three times more powerful than the real thing, commercially manufactured from cheap abundant substances, will be ready shortly, says Prof. Ernest O. Lawrence, University of California's leading "atom smasher," in an announcement at San Francisco meeting of American Chemical Society.

Deadline Is Set For Relief Folk In WPA Program

Those Who Fail To List Names To Be Stricken From Rols And Receive No U. S. Help.

The 60th district office of the N. C. Employment Service, covering Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Union and Anson counties issued last week a final call for registrations of all relief clients under the ERA in these counties. This final registration period will run only one week starting Monday, August 26 and continuing through the week to a final positive deadline of 12 o'clock noon Saturday, Aug. 31.

This registration is for the purpose of certifying all employable people drawing relief funds that they may be continued, where qualified, with the Works Progress administration and it was announced that these people with a relief status who had not registered in the employment office by the deadline date, would lose their relief status and consequently be removed from relief in any form.

Registrations have to be made in person by the relief clients, and cannot be made by mail or otherwise. The North Carolina Employment Service's registration office for Cleveland county is in the basement of the Hotel Charles in Shelby.

SOIL EROSION BODY SIGNING ACREAGE

Approximately 3,000 acres of land has been signed for soil erosion work in conjunction with the CCC work in Cleveland county, according to a report from D. H. Osborne, contact agent, and John S. Wilkins, county agent.

Nine of fourteen township meetings over the county were completed last week with favorable attendance at all meetings. At these meetings landowners heard explanation of the plan of co-operation of the county unit of CCC workers and the Soil Erosion association.

Week's Meetings. Five other meetings will be held this week to complete the rounds. The first was at Folkville this afternoon. The others will be at Fullerton Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 and at Belwood the same day at 8:00; at Moriah school Wednesday at 2:30 and at Casar Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The immediate work being done now is in connection with the CCC but Mr. Wilkins said that enough land has also been signed to assure the purchase of a terracing unit for the county within a comparatively short time. This outfit could work in conjunction with or separately from the government laborers, according to the wishes of the landowner.

It would be permanent property of the county and farmers would pay close to \$3 per hour for the use of the machine, while it was terracing their land. This figure would ordinarily cost close to \$150 to \$2 per acre.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY TO MEET WEDNESDAY

The Hospital Auxiliary will meet at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning at the hospital.

New Features Begin Today

Two new features will appear regular in The Star, beginning with today's issue: HOW IT BEGAN, an educational art square and BACK HOME AGAIN, a comic art square, both of which are extremely popular with newspaper readers. Other features which appear regularly in The Star are of a varied nature and are well worth your reading with regularity. Gee McGee's Nobody's Business. Dr. Newton's Everyday Living. Theatre Thimble, starring Popeye. Latest spot news pictures. International Sunday school lesson.

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