

North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Little temperature change.

\$30,000 FIRE WIPES OUT HAMRICK SONS MAIN STORE

Ten City Churches Have 5,000 Members; List \$90,000 Gifts

Summary Prompted By New Church Year For Some Indicates Shelby Sets Record Hard To Match In N. C.

A general summary of the activities of ten leading churches in the city of Shelby, prompted by the beginning of a new year for most of them, indicates that in round numbers, 5,000 persons are members, that 450 additions were made last year and that gifts for all causes will total close to \$90,000.

This summary includes reports from three Baptist, two Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist Protestant, Episcopal and Missionary Methodist churches.

Only probable estimates for a year's work were made of churches whose work has not been summarized for a year.

Ends 10 Years

In the case of the First Presbyterian church Rev. H. N. McDermid has just closed a decade of work with that body, coming here from Kinston in 1925. During that time the church has grown from a membership of 186 to 330 and the Sunday school from 157 to 315. Members received since that time have been 230.

Contributions from Mr. McDermid's church during that period have amounted to \$123,707; the church has been freed from debt, \$420 going into a modern, well-equipped Sunday school building.

Baptist First

Ranking first by virtue of largest numbers is the First Baptist church of which Dr. Zeno Wall is pastor. This church has 1,815 members and

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W. J. Brogden, 58, Dies At Durham; Rites Thursday

DURHAM, Oct. 30.—Funeral services will be held Thursday at four p. m. at the First Baptist church here for Associate Justice W. J. Brogden of the state supreme court, who died yesterday. Rev. I. D. S. Knight, pastor of the church will officiate, assisted by two former pastors, Rev. J. W. Lynch of Wake Forest and Rev. J. E. Welch of Orangeburg, S. C.

Justice James Brogden died at his home here Tuesday afternoon at 5:05 o'clock after an illness of several months of a complication of diseases. He was 58 years old, having observed his birthday on the 18th of this month.

Justice Brogden was a resident of Durham for 34 years and was prominent in civic and religious circles as well as one of the outstanding lawyers of the city.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Reports from the south indicate the spot basis is well maintained at the recent advances due to covering by shippers who appear to be short the basis against forward commitments. While it is reported domestic mills are showing more resistance to the strong basis, it appears the export trade is still a ready buyer. Spot sales in southern markets yesterday totaled about 40,000 at average of 11.10 for ten markets, or 14 points over December closing price. We think the market will respond to the strong spot situation by advancing to higher levels as the hedging pressure is lessened.—E. A. Pierce & Co.

THE MARKETS Cotton, spot 11 1/4 to 11 3/4 Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$35.00 Seed, car lot, ton \$38.00

New York cotton at 2:30: Dec. 11.60, Jan. 10.82, Mar. 10.86, May 10.87, July 10.87.

Cleveland First In Ad Valorem Tax Collections

County Treasurer Is Mailing Checks

Final Settlement Of \$2,148.48 Made Today; Ends State Land Levy.

Despite the fact that Cleveland county pays as much into the state's treasury every three months as it did in a year in 1931 and 1932, county tax officials have been able to tie together the final ends and make a complete settlement with the state for ad valorem taxes for those two years.

Mrs. Lillian Newton, county treasurer and Troy McKinney, auditor, have been working for several days on forms just sent from the state revenue department and are today mailing checks to Raleigh.

Final Returns

Cleveland is expected to be the first county in the state to settle the final returns for former land taxes for state support, for which provisions of settlement were given by the 1935 legislature.

Checks amounting to \$3,148.48 were mailed with the following statement:

Table with 3 columns: Charge, 1931, 1932. Rows include Insolvents, Overcharges, Collection Commission, Payment, Due.

Five Percent

Five percent was then discounted for payment before November 1, effecting a saving of \$165.71.

The ad valorem taxes represented by these payments to the state were removed in 1933 and '34 to give way to the sales tax.

During the past three months Cleveland county paid in sales tax to the support of the state \$57,288.76, or at the rate of four times as much as in previous years.

Lily Mills Company Seeks To Restrain On Processing Tax

An equity action seeking to restrain the collection of \$9,025.68 in processing taxes was filed in United States district court in Greensboro Monday by the Lily Mills company of Shelby against Charles H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue and Marcus Erwin, United States attorney for the western district of North Carolina.

The taxes, plus penalties and interest, are alleged to be due, as follows: June, \$1,597.43; July, \$1,757.84; August, \$1,916.03, and September, \$3,754.38.

Plaintiff, a thread and yarn processor, seeks an order from the court declaring the act under which the taxes are levied unconstitutional and permanently restraining the defendant from further efforts to collect.

Masons Meet Friday Night

The Masons will hold a called communication on Friday night for the purpose of conferring the second degree. A full attendance is desired.

Court May Void Johnston's Coup; \$3 Tags Delayed

Daniels Says Highway Funds To Be Dispersed Through Usual Channels Only.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 30.—(AP)—Court action to nullify Governor Johnston's military control of the state highway department was indicated today by reliable sources.

The shadow of the judicial and legislative departments fell simultaneously on the road regime which Johnston created by declaring an antagonistic highway administration in a state of "insurrection" and seizing its office with national guards.

The governor, receding from plans to provide \$3 auto tags for all private cars and light trucks before the beginning of the new license year, Friday, pronounced that he had left sweeping changes along this line for the anti-administration legislature to enact next year with refund provisions.

Neither Ben Sawyer nor C. O. Heron of Spartanburg, chairmen of the highway commission which he ousted, would disclose plans for litigation.

The Columbia Record said "One of the issues in the pending litigation is reported to be the fact that while Governor Johnston, in declaring martial law, seized the department with national guardsmen, he placed in charge a civil board not authorized by constitution or statute.

Attorney General John M. Daniels issued an opinion yesterday saying that highway funds could be dispensed through the usual channels only upon warrant of duly constituted officers of the state.

Drivers, Age 16 To 18 Must Stand Test

All auto drivers between the ages of 16 and 18 must undergo a road test and the highway patrolmen ask that applicants for drivers license between these ages, report at the city hall, Shelby, and take this test before a patrolman.

Many applications for drivers license have already been sent to Raleigh, but are being withheld pending this test which applies to drivers within these age limits only.

Gentle Showers Initiate Big Program Of Small Grain Sowing

Favorable showers over the entire county have occasioned one of the busiest weeks of the year in Cleveland farm activities, especially with small grains.

County Agent John S. Wilkins said this morning that hundreds of acres of oats and wheat will be drilled or sown within the next few days, much of it between the rows of cotton not yet picked.

Other acres will be seeded on land this year occupied by corn, most of which has already been harvested.

Cleveland took a big step in small grains last year, according to a release of figures just made by the federal government farm census bu-

reau. There were in round numbers 14,000 acres sown in wheat, producing 182,000 bushels, worth nearly \$200,000. Eleven thousand acres of oats made 230,000 bushels of this grain, worth \$175,000. Rye and barley and other small grains also came in for a healthy share.

Mr. Wilkins added that there will also be much breaking of land during this season, as farmers find fall plowing an advantage to insect and noxious weed control.

He would advise all farmers who sow any grain at all to be careful about the kind of seed sown, and to insure against smut and other diseases next year by using the proper seed treatment.

Here Are Heralds Of Halloween



Hallow'e'en would be a welcome affair, in every home, if such bewitching sprites as Phyllis Brooks, left, and Joy Hodges, right, Holly wood starlets, were to work their spells.

Sanctions Deadline Is Set Against Duce By 36 Nations

Nations Give Approval To "Buy Nothing" From Italy; Italian Armies Push Defiantly Into Ethiopian Jungle

(By ASSOCIATED PRESS)

PARIS, Oct. 30.—Informed circles said today British and French navy, army and air chiefs were drafting a plan for full wartime cooperation between the two nations in the Mediterranean.

The League of Nations sanctions staff meets tomorrow to set a deadline for imposing penalties on Italy, as 36 nations were pledged today to participation in the economic isolation of Italy's fascist government for its conquest in Ethiopia.

The nations gave their approval to vote the "buy nothing from Italy" boycott and to prohibition of export of certain key products to the aggressor nation.

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Recorders Court Fees Swell As October Hits High Mark

Dr. McLarty Goes To Hendersonville

Four Native Methodist Ministers Of Cleveland County Are Placed; Former Local Ministers.

Dr. E. K. McLarty who served four faithful and fruitful years as pastor of Central Methodist church, Shelby, has been assigned by the Western North Carolina Conference to Hendersonville and is making plans to move this week to his new charge.

The new pastor, Rev. Dr. R. M. Courtney, who has been assigned to Central church, Shelby, is well known to the local congregation, having served as presiding elder of this district.

Four Native Sons Cleveland county has four native sons as members of the Western N. C. Conference, W. A. Rollins who has been made presiding elder of

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Second Story On Cloth Mill Office

A second story is being built on the Cleveland Cloth mill office, work starting Monday of this week. The enlargement is necessary to provide adequate office space for mill officials and executive departments.

Nine Draw Road Sentences From Superior Court

Judge Sink Instructs Students

Court Makes Progress On Calendar During First Two Days; Four Murder Cases.

Operating on a criminal court calendar, Judge Hoyle Sink who is presiding here over the October term of Superior court is rapidly clearing up the docket, even though he took time yesterday to explain the duties of the various court officers and court procedure to a group of visiting high school students, many of whom had never attended court before.

Judge Sink does not allow the wheels of justice to lag. Nine defendants have drawn road and prison sentences.

Alin Yarboro, charged with stealing chickens from Ben Stroup in the Waco section drew five months. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was entered.

Dick Blanton, white youth, charged with violation of the prohibition laws, received five months.

Arthur Graham, A. E. Ashe, Ben Stevenson and Odell Huett, originally charged with conspiracy and assault with deadly weapons, arising out of the strike some months ago at the Elton mill, tendered a plea of not contendere to forcible trespass, which plea was accepted by the state. Prayer for judgment

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New Corn Unit To Be Erected At Eagle Plant

An unusually large corn crop in Cleveland county, coupled with an expanding business is the occasion for a new corn mill unit at the Eagle flour and feed mill.

Construction work was begun on Monday for a three story building just north of the flour mill which will house machinery to turn out about 1,000 bushels of meal per day and will also furnish storage space for about 6,000 bushels of corn.

The building will be 40x60 feet, to be covered with corrugated metal. Mill officials said today the new unit would be put in operation near December 1.

Gaines Moss, Age 38 Is Dead Here

Gaines Moss, 38 years old, died at his home on LeGrand street in West Shelby Tuesday evening at 6:15 after an illness of seven months.

Funeral services will be held at the Missionary Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Scruggs, assisted by Rev. Henry Sisk and interment will take place at Beaver Dam church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Epsie Moss, two daughters, Shirley and Bessie Moss, his father, J. L. Moss of High Shoals, one brother, O. V. Moss, of Gaffney, six half brothers living at Stanley and one half sister living at High Shoals.

Watch For Ghosts And Goblins, For Hallow'e'en Season's Here

Ghosts, goblins and witches will all be prowling around Shelby streets tonight and tomorrow night. The last night in October is Hallow'e'en.

No one knows now exactly what will happen here, but the usual number of misplaced gates, soap-marked windows, weird noises and bewitchingly costumed figures are expected.

Following the usual custom the youngsters of the city are expected to take charge of the court square for their annual frolic. Chief of Police Willis said today he was not expecting any trouble, but is expecting everyone to have a good

Early Morning Fire Strikes 58 Year Old Mercantile Business

Five Warehouses And 500 Bales Of Cotton Not Damaged; Valuable Report In Two Safes

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the main store building and stock of goods of the C. J. Hamrick and Sons at Boiling Springs this morning at 4 o'clock, entailing a loss conservatively estimated at \$30,000.

Duke Hamrick, night watchman, was making his hourly round to punch the time-clocks when the fire was discovered on the first floor of the building. There was too much smoke to allow anyone to enter and save anything from the store.

The building was of brick, 40x60 feet and loaded with merchandise for the fall season. New shipments had just been received a day or two before the fire, says Elijah B. Hamrick, manager and majority owner of the store.

Shortly after daylight the front wall of the store crashed, leaving the side walls bulged from the extreme heat.

Five hundred bales of cotton on the gin yard near the store were threatened, but volunteers rolled them back to a safety zone and one truck of the Shelby fire department reported to the scene, standing by to prevent any spread of the flames.

\$20,000 Stock Lost Mr. Hamrick, manager of the store, estimates that the stock in the burned building would inventory \$20,000 while the two-story brick building could not be replaced today for \$10,000. Brick for this structure were hand made in that neighborhood by the Hamrick and Green families about thirty years ago.

Five Warehouses Unscathed Five warehouses containing merchandise such as undertaking supplies, flour, feed, heavy hardware, etc., were not damaged by the flame.

Large Gross Business The firm of C. J. Hamrick and Sons began business 58 years ago and is one of the oldest mercantile firms in the county. It did a gross

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LINCOLN MILL CASE IS HEARD HERE

Attorneys for the estate of the late Capt. C. E. Childs and the Excell Mfg. Co. of Lincolnville were given a hearing this morning in the Shelby court before Judge Sink as to whether either shall sell some of its holdings to meet pressing obligations.

R. F. Craig is receiver for the Excell Mfg. Co. which is operating, while the Wachovia bank is receiver for the Childs estate.

Judge Sink authorized the Childs estate to borrow money to meet pressing obligations, looking forward to the sale later of some property belonging to the Excell mill or the Childs estate out of which to realize funds. The Childs estate is a large holder of Excell mill stock, the mill having an engineer's appraisal of over \$300,000.

Mrs. Leon Jones and Mrs. J. W. Cowen of Talladega, Ala., are guests of Mrs. Frank L. Hoyle here this week.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Palm Tree Methodist church for Joel Chapman, 71, who died suddenly Sunday.

Mr. Chapman at the time of his death was making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Mack Beaver, at the Lily Mill. Immediate cause of his death was a heart attack, although Mr. Chapman had been in declining health for a number of years.

Services were in charge of Rev. C. C. Philbeck, assisted by Rev. H. C. Sisk. Mr. Chapman has been a member of Palm Tree since he was 14 years of age.

Surviving are his wife and five children. The children are Ambrose and Orlando, of Shelby; Herman, of Cliffside; Mrs. Roland Hoyle, of Lincolnville; Mrs. Mack Beaver of the Lily Mill.

Pall bearers were Seth Patterson, Henry Boheler, Johnny Philbeck, Fred Beaver, Willie Bridges, Zero Bivens.

Schools To Open Monday Nov. 4th

With the possible exception of one or two units all other Cleveland county schools are expected to open Monday, November 4 to begin the final six months of the annual term. Lattimore, Mooresboro, Grover, and Beth-Ware opened last Monday. Fallston is expected to be opened today, and Polkville Thursday. School officials have notified all teachers and bus drivers of the schedules to follow.