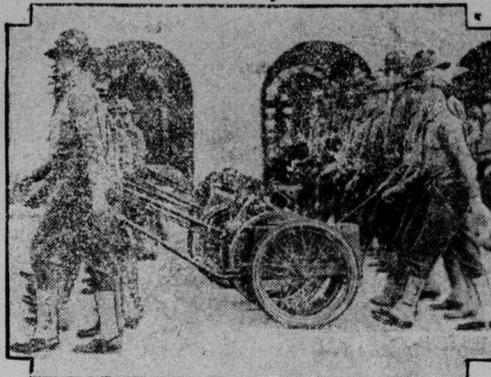


Marines Are Ready for the Worst



Whether it is to be war or peace these marines shown as they wheel their one-pounders around at the San Diego (Calif.) naval base are ready for it.

High School Girls To Compete In Reciting Friday For Webb Medal

Friday night comes the big event of the school year for high school girls of Cleveland county when they compete at the Central school auditorium here for the Selma C. Webb Recitation Medal.

Says Price Of Cotton Will Stay At Present Low Level Next Year

Dr. Forster Thinks Cotton Acreage Of South Will Not Be Cut Over 10 Percent In Year Of 1927

Raleigh.—The outlook for the cotton crop in 1927 is most discouraging, the reduction in acreage will not amount to over 10 per cent for the entire cotton belt and the price of cotton produced this year will in all probability remain at the present low levels.

Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State college and chairman of the central committee appointed in this state to secure reduction of cotton acreage by a program of diversification, estimated two weeks ago a reduction for North Carolina in excess of 25 per cent.

This estimate was declared last night to be still accurate and to be in no way affected by Dr. Forster's estimate for the entire South, which is predicted on anticipation of increased cotton acreage in Texas and Oklahoma.

Dr. Forster stated that the crop of 1926 amounted to over 18,600,000 bales which is the largest crop on record. The carry-over on August first, was 5,750,000 bales and the consumption of American cotton in 1927 will not exceed 15,000,000 bales.

Dr. Forster stated that the acreage of American cotton in 1927 will probably not be reduced more than ten per cent. The reduction will be greater than this in some sections but because of favorable conditions in West Texas and Oklahoma where increases in acreage rather than decreases are to be expected, the farmers should not anticipate a reduction greater than 10 per cent for the whole belt.

Obviously, the outlook for cotton for the entire South is most

EVOLUTION BILL MAJOR TOPIC NOW IN LEGISLATURE

Not Likely to Pass But There is Tam Bowie and He Does Impossible at Times.

(By Henry Lesesne, INS.) Raleigh.—The fate of Representative D. Scott Poole's anti-evolution bill, revised edition of 1927, dangled in the balance as the general assembly entered its fifth week.

Only a hint of a forthcoming fundamentalist-modernist controversy in the 1927 session of the legislature has been wrought by the introduction of the widely-heralded Poole bill. The bill was dumped into the house hopper, referred to a committee, and that's all.

Pyrotechnics are expected to make themselves audible on February 10, when the house education commission, composed of some 40 legislators, holds a hearing on the Poole "monkey" bill.

Meanwhile, as the proposed piece of legislation is the center of speculation in Capitol corridors, Tam Bowie, of the "lost provinces" fame, points out the constitutionality of the Poole bill.

Bowie, who has just been chosen legal adviser of the North Carolina Bible league, militant outgrowth of the famous "Committee of 100" brought the bill to Raleigh.

The Poole bill bears the stamp of approval of the Bible league. The 1925 edition of the Poole bill, which expired in a committee room and the "anti-evolution" platform formulated recently by the Bible league, were combined to make the 1927 product. Representative Poole however, is not a member of the Bible league.

The Capitol is not worried over the possibility of the 1927 legislature passing any anti-evolution legislation. But then Tam Bowie has succeeded in accomplishing stranger things—the memorable trade with the legislature over a railroad in 1925, for instance.

Representative Poole, the "Fighting Editor from Hoke" is keeping his own counsel regarding the proposed piece of legislation, but in a quiet way has expressed complete confidence that his bill will be enacted into law, despite the fiasco of 1925.

HAPPY TIDINGS FOR LOVE-LORN NEAR S. C. LINE

York Judge Will Issue License To N. C. Couples On Sunday. Watch Marriages

York, S. C.—Here is an interesting piece of news: for folks who contemplate matrimony, especially those of Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cleveland, Lincoln, Iredell, Cabarrus and other North Carolina counties who look on York county as a Gretna Green; Cap'n. G. Pet Smith, the new probate judge of York county, will issue marriage licenses on Sunday and perform the marriage ceremony on the Sabbath.

Lincoln Also Has Great Crop Offers To Banquet Kiwanis Here If They Lose In Attendance Contest

Lincolnton.—At the luncheon and meeting of Lincolnton Kiwanis club Friday night that club decided to enter the attendance contest of all clubs in Kiwanis International, and passed out a challenge to the Shelby club to beat Lincolnton club in attendance during the contest which begins the last week in February. The penalty for the losing club is to banquet the victors J. L. Thompson was named as leader of the red team and M. L. Little leader of the blue team of the local club.

KINGS MOUNTAIN PARK SURVEY VOTED FOR Surveys looking to creation of national parks at Kings Mountain, and Cowpens, S. C., sites of revolutionary battles were approved last week by the House in accepting amendments to the army appropriation bill sponsored by Representative Bulwinkle of North Carolina and McSwain and Stevens of South Carolina, Democrats. For each survey \$1,500 would be provided.

Ship's "Casey"



Girls from the engineering class of Hunter College recently demonstrated their knowledge of mechanics by taking the motorship Tampa out into New York bay and running it without help from any man. The ship's "Casey," Miss Alice Perpetti, chief engineer, is shown here at the throttle.

Rev. T. M. Lowery Dies In York, S. C.

A telephone message this morning brings news that Rev. T. M. Lowery, D. D., former pastor of the Presbyterian church of Shelby, died at his home in York, S. C., at 10 a. m. Dr. Lowery had been in delicate health for two months or longer. Mrs. Lowery is a sister of Mrs. R. L. Ryburn of Shelby who was at his bedside at the time the end came. Dr. Lowery was one of the outstanding ministers in the Presbyterian denomination and has filled many large and important pastorates. He was a man of strong personality, clear, logical mind and a most companionable and affable gentleman. Surviving are his wife and two children, a son and daughter, both grown. His remains will be buried in York Thursday.

Holds Up Burial Of Negro, Thought Foul Play Victim

When spectators viewed the remains of Berry Boyd, 24-year-old negro at Shoal Creek this morning where the grave was open ready for burial, one remarked to Boyd's mother that his neck was broken and he was bruised about the head. Thereupon, the mother ordered that his remains be not buried until further investigation so having no permit for burial, the body was kept out of the ground until something more is known of the case. Boyd had been working for Mr. Torrence Bridges at Shelton, S. C., at a lumber plant. It is reported he was found dead in bed and his body brought to lower Cleveland for interment, but no death certificate or burial permit was brought along to establish the cause of his death. When a negro viewed the remains at Shoal Creek this morning and told the negro's mother that his body showed evidence of foul play, she held up the funeral services.

Hooray! Doors At Postoffice Swinging Easy

Shelby should give 15 rahs and a Hip, hip, Hooray for Uncle Sam.

It's now possible to send the youngsters after the mail, or the wife herself may go now and get in. Meaning that The Star urged and pushed on by the women of Shelby has scored a victory in its longest contest. The biggest news of the week for Shelby, but it ruins the proposed platform for the next mayor as presented today in "Around Our Town."

Officials at the postoffice say that several carpenters have been employed to make the doors swing easier, but up until yesterday the results could hardly be discerned. Then it was learned that the automatic door checks were set to close. Anyway, they have been changed now—and that was the big idea of this paper's standing howl.

May Be Four Or Five Hats In Next Mayor's Election

At Least Five Mentioned In Underground Political Conversation Heard About Shelby

(By Renn Drum.) Just who do you suppose, now, will be Mayor A. P. Weathers' successor?

It's not likely to be Mayor Weathers himself for Hizzoner now on the job apparently is satisfied with officially heading Shelby for one term. Anyhow he says definitely—and it's a pretty sure thing when he says it that way—that he will not be in the race again.

So that leaves the question mark and if there's anything Shelby would rather do, next to seeing a winning football eleven, than anything else it is to talk politics and speculate. And for sound proof that speculation on the next mayor is being made just drop into the Central hotel lobby most any afternoon, take a chair and listen; or for that matter take one of the corner seats in the Cleveland drug store, or a chair near the radiator in the sheriff's office. Those are the pre-election Waterloos and press bureaus of Shelby.

At its several weeks yet, and at least one or two tons of coal until the gentle breezes of May, but as has been mentioned before Shelby would rather speculate on a mayor than have one, so the decorations for the Maypole dance are being designed.

To date, as those familiar with such things remember, only one candidate has made his announcement in a paid advertisement. He is Mr. W. N. Dorsey, real estate agent. Yet a few moments listening in one of the lobby chairs at the Central, or on that split bottom bench at the Cleveland drug store, will bring in at least five other names. No one will say positively that they will all be in the race, but

they are "being talked" and that means considerable to political speculation. And while you're anxious here are the fine gentlemen who may contest with Mr. Dorsey for Mayor Weathers' chair in the city hall: Charles R. Doggett, Hatcher Webb, Robert E. Carpenter, Orlando Elam and Former-Mayor W. Dick Lackey. Cough around over that list and you'll find that a pretty good mayor should come from the assortment. But do not be satisfied with that. Several more may enter, or be talked yet.

None of which must be taken to mean that the five horsemen above named will ride in the race. Get it straight: They're being talked, by their friends, enemies, and whatever else you may desire to call the political speculators. There are those who say that such-and-such a one among the four will neither say "Ye" or "Nay," while still another smiles wisely and refuses to utter. But since when hasn't that been the correct etiquette of being a candidate for mayor?

Meantime there are those among the speculators who display friendly interest in certain candidates and gradually the election posters are taking sides. As there is no reason for giving the posters the picking advantage here's the line-up, pick your man—Dorsey, Carpenter, Webb, Doggett, Lackey and Elam. The only trouble about making your pick so early is that some of the speculative candidates may not heed the luring call of the people. Of course, though, that's one of the handicaps of picking your bargains before the sale opens.

And, by the way, dark horses remember, have three months to get in the running before that final little jaunt down the home stretch.

Shelby Lassies Win Cage Contest

Playing at Cherryville yesterday afternoon the Shelby High girls team defeated Cherryville by the close score of 7 to 5 in a game that was marked by the unusually low scores.

The girls have two other games on for this week, playing Lattimore here this afternoon, while on Friday afternoon at 3:30 they meet Forest City on the floor of the new gym here.

Table with 3 columns: Player Name, Position, Team. Shelby 7, Cherryville 5.

Negro Hit In Head And Left In Woods

Incident Below Grover May Have Resulted From Drunken Spree. Two Under Arrest.

Tuesday morning while officers of the law were scouring the woods below Grover and just across the South Carolina line looking for something else they ran upon a badly injured negro man, who they thought dead at first. However, the negro, John Williams, was found to be alive after an examination and he was taken to Blacksburg for treatment.

Since that time officers in this county and in South Carolina have been on the lookout for two colored boys who were said to have been with Williams prior to the time he was found. A telephone message from Lester Herndon this morning at Grover revealed that Williams is still unable to give a clear account of what happened although he will likely recover and that two boys are being held at Blacksburg in connection with Williams injuries.

Information has it that the colored man's head was slightly beat in with a rock and as he was bleeding profusely when found it was thought that he was badly injured. The opinion now is that the man was perhaps under the influence of an intoxicant and was partly asleep and drunk as well as injured. Underground rumors have it that the injuries were received in a liquor party in which a colored woman figured.

An Apostle's Wife A teacher was questioning a Sunday school class and chanced to ask one tiny girl, "Do you know what an apostle is?" Yes, sir, replied the tot without hesitation. An apostle is the wife of an apostle.

Ground Hogs Sees Shadow Easily

It is Natural Now, If a Believer in Woodchucks, To Expect Six Weeks Bad Weather.

Another six weeks of winter weather before the spring bonnets and all the other little buds of Springtime may step out and parade on through the summer months—or such is the prophecy of the groundhog, who through legend and otherwise has been predicting our weather for many, many years.

In fact, a groundhog that could not see his shadow today with a Florida sun casting rays at random is entitled to an examination for eye glasses.

Had the groundhog been unable to see his sun profile today an early spring should have resulted—but that's another story. Perhaps next year it may be told.

Shelby Native 'Phones London In Record Call

Graham Anthony Says "Hello" From Connecticut and "Ello Hoover There" Replies.

"Hey there Lunnon," "Ello 'Artford, 'ow's hevery-thing." Which might be just how Graham Anthony, former Shelby boy, and R. S. Golding, of London, England, started off in the first telephone call between Connecticut and London recently.

The conversation, by the way, cost just \$150. Last week the president of the Allen Manufacturing company, of Hartford, Conn., put in the city's first long distance call across the ocean, talking with the manager of the Fairbank company in London. According to news dispatches, the president conversed for a time with the London man and then handed the telephone over to Anthony, secretary of the Allen firm, to see if the London man could detect the change in voice. He did and inquired the identity of the new speaker, remarking that he had often seen Anthony's signature but had never heard his voice. Not a word of the conversation was missed at either end it is said.

Anthony, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anthony and prominent in the Hartford business world, said according to news dispatches that the words coming from thousands of miles across the briny deep gave him a real thrill.

Prosperous New York—Net earnings of the U. S. Steel corporation reached a new level of prosperity for peace time, breaking all records except for the three flush years of the World War.

DENTISTS MEET AT CLEVELAND SPRINGS FEB. 7-8

First District Dental Society Has Interesting Program To Be Held Here

Cleveland Springs hotel is to be the scene of the annual meeting of the First District Dental society Monday and Tuesday of next week. A most interesting program of papers, music and various forms of amusement and entertainment has been prepared by the program committee composed of Drs. C. A. Pless, A. Pitt Beam, and J. R. Osborne. Officers of this district are Drs. I. R. Self, president; Ralph Falls, vice president; C. A. Pless, president elect and D. H. Crawford, secretary-treasurer. The program follows:

- Monday, February 7, 1927
9:00 a. m. Meeting called to order—Dr. I. R. Self, president, Lincolnton.
Invocation—Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor First Baptist church, Shelby.
9:15 a. m. Address of welcome—Hon. O. Max Gardner, Shelby.
9:30 a. m. Response—Dr. Burwell F. Hall, president N. C. State Dental Society, Asheville.
9:45 a. m. Lecture "Occlusion in bridge work"—Dr. E. B. Howle, director of districts and president elect of N. C. State Dental society, Raleigh. Discussion—Dr. C. A. Pless, Asheville.
10:15 a. m. Paper, "Focal Infection"—Dr. E. B. Lattimore, Shelby. Discussion—Dr. P. R. Falls, Gastonia.
11:00 a. m. Paper, "Importance of early consistent care of children's teeth"—Dr. W. E. Clark, Asheville. Discussion—Dr. D. E. McConnell, Gastonia.
11:30 a. m. Paper, "Treatment of Vincent's Angina by Intra-Venous administration of arsenical compound"—Dr. Vanderlinden, Hendersonville. Discussion—Dr. D. H. Crawford, Marion, Luncheon.
2:00 p. m. Paper and lantern slides, "Practical Oral Surgery"—Dr. N. P. Maddux, Asheville. Discussion—Dr. F. L. Hunt, Asheville.
3:00 p. m. Paper and lantern slides, "Interproximal radiographic examination for dental caries"—Dr. W. F. Bell, Asheville. Discussion—Dr. R. A. Little, Asheville.
4:00 p. m. Paper, "Importance of Early diagnosis in the treatment of Pyorrhea"—Dr. George K. Patterson, Asheville. Discussion—Dr. A. P. Cline, Canton.
4:30 p. m. Business meeting and election of officers. Banquet and Installation of Officers, 7:00 p. m.
Dr. J. R. Osborne—Toastmaster. Music by "The Shelby Troubadours."
Vocal solo—Mrs. Grady Lovelace, Shelby.
Imitation of a violin—Miss Bessie Clark, Shelby.
Piano solo—Mrs. A. Pitt Beam, Shelby.
Reading—Dr. J. R. Osborne, Shelby.
Tuesday, February 8, 1927
9 a. m. Progressive Clinics
Dr. H. A. Edwards, Greensboro—Gold Dentures.
Dr. A. C. Current, Gastonia. Porcelain Jacket Crowns.
Dr. Ralph F. Jarrett, Charlotte—Constructing artificial denture by the double impression technique.
Dr. E. D. Moore, Mt. Holly. Uses of Ethyl Chloride in dentistry.
Dr. T. A. Wilkins, Gastonia. Duplicating full dentures.
Dr. E. B. Howle, Raleigh—Crown and bridge work. Luncheon.
Golf, tennis, trapshooting, horseback riding, swimming and dancing.
P. S.—B. Y. O. L.
"When better programs are had, First District will have them."
Those in charge of the program invite the medical men of the county to attend all or any part of the program.

Lattimore To Give Play At Piedmont

"The Gypsy Rover", a three-act musical comedy is to be presented by the Lattimore High school at Piedmont high school auditorium Friday night February 5th, beginning at 7:30. This play is very entertaining and is presented by a well trained cast of character. The Lattimore troop has presented it at a number of places in the county and it has been received so well the people in the Lawndale section will be given an opportunity to witness it Friday night of this week.

HIGHS TO PLAY BELMONT FRIDAY

Local Quint Defeated Strong Abbey Five Here Tuesday Night. Big Game Friday Night.

Playing at Belmont Tuesday night Casey Morris' Shelby High basketball quint defeated the strong Belmont Abbey team by the close score of 21 to 19 in what is termed the hottest game the highs have played so far this year.

The outcome is interesting locally because of the fact that the Abbey five comes here Friday night for a return game in the new gymnasium and athletic officials are seeking a big crowd for the floor contest. The game will be played at 7 o'clock so that it may be ended prior to the Webb contests in the school auditorium. Although late in starting the season the High quint is rapidly rounding into form and may as yet make a stiff race for the state title. Going into its first real basketball schedule high school officials are anxious that Shelby fans turn out Friday night and see a Shelby team that can really perform on the basketball floor as well as on the gridiron and diamond.

In Tuesday's game Beam, veteran high athlete, led the scoring followed closely by "Milky" Gold, center, and Mauney, speedy forward. Diamond, guard for the Irish preppers, was the high scorer of the evening.

Line-ups. Shelby (21) Pos. Belmont A. (19) Mauney 4 F Thompson 4 Lee 2 F McShain 3 Gold 5 C Tierney 3 Gillespie 3 G Madigan 2 Beam 6 G Diamond 8

Mrs. John Eskridge Died Today At Lattimore Home

Mrs. John Eskridge, for about 40 years a popular school teacher in the county, died about noon today at her home at Lattimore. She had been in failing health for some time and a patient in the Shelby hospital for several weeks. Her husband, also a teacher of long experience, survives. Further particulars could not be learned.