

Spring Grind Federal Term Closed Today

United States Court Moves Docket Fast. Two Atlanta Sentences Meted Out.

Judge E. Y. Webb and his Federal court machinery continued to move at the usual rapid rate here this week with the result that the local docket was completed in one and one-half days, court adjourning at 11 o'clock today.

The court during the short session however disposed of near 50 cases, among which were numerous jail sentences and a large number of fines.

The main portion of the docket was devoted to liquor law violations, the fines going to those making their debut in the Federal court and the sentences, especially those to Atlanta, being meted out to old offenders.

Two To Atlanta. The clerk's record shows that two defendants were sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta for terms of one year and a day.

M. C. Cash, better known as "One Wing" Cash received the well known Atlanta term for his connection with the sale of narcotics, the charge coming up from Gaston county. Max Huffman, an offender, for the third time, received a similar sentence for retailing.

Prohibition Works Here. In discharging the juries today Judge Webb remarked that the execution of dry laws in this district rated "A-1", adding that prohibition laws were better enforced at few places in America.

Money Was No Good. One defendant who drew a jail term brought enough money along to "pay out"—a term oft heard in the blockading fraternity—but for once money proved of little value. The fellow's original sentence was four months in jail and a fine of \$500, or eight months without a fine. After calculating a bit the defendant took the eight months, apparently believing the four extra months of his time could not be worth \$500. However, when the prisoner was sent to jail he turned \$675 over to officers to be kept for him, leaving the impression that he had come to Shelby with the intention of "paying out."

J. Y. Jordan, of Asheville, recently appointed clerk by Judge Webb, handled the official document of the two-day grind, being assisted by Deputy E. S. Williams, the veteran clerk of the Charlotte office. T. J. Harkins, named district attorney recently by the Shelby jurist, acted as prosecutor assisted by Messrs. Patton and Kinley, Deputy Marshals W. F. Swann and E. H. Davis acted as marshals.

Once Reported Rum Makers But Draws Term For Himself

75-Year-Old Man Caught At Still Working. Intended To Report It, He Says.

A 75-year-old man who has in his day reported one or two "stills" to officers was nabbed some time back helping start a run himself and the result is that he'll spend 30 days in the Burke county jail.

The reporter turned defendant faced Federal court here yesterday. Officers stated that the aged fellow had in the past reported a still or so, but evidence introduced did not sufficiently explain why he was working at the most recent plant. His statement was that he learned the names of the other men—but the still was only a few hundred yards from the old fello's home and the proximity of the mountain dew plant did not strengthen his cause.

The formal sentence of the court was a fine of \$50, or a term of 30 days in his home county jail. The old fellow took the 30 days, the money being scarce.

Blacksburg Mayor Has Been Acquitted

Gaffney.—Shortly after the Spring term of General Sessions court opened here Solicitor I. C. Blackwood nol prossed perjury charges against Mayor Charles Baber, of Blacksburg, and Dr. D. S. Ramseur, of Blacksburg. The charges were preferred a few weeks ago by John F. Cline, of Blacksburg, one of the principal figures in the J. L. Goodson assault case tried at the November term of court. Mayor Baber and Dr. Ramseur were witnesses for Mr. Goodson. Mr. Cline charged them with giving false evidence.

Shopgirls Like Mrs. Coolidge



This photograph of "the first lady" was made recently when she left the temporary White House on Dupont Circle, for a shopping trip. Mrs. Coolidge is a concise shopper. She makes up her mind quickly and the clerks and shopgirls like to wait on her. Mrs. Coolidge's bearing is so unostentatious that many who serve her are taken by surprise when given the address of the president's mansion for deliveries.

LATTIMORE WILL CLOSE TERM THIS WEEK--PROGRAM

Commencement Exercises To Begin Sunday. Program Closes Thursday Night

The commencement exercises of the Lattimore high school, one of the outstanding schools of the county, will get underway with the annual sermon Sunday afternoon. The commencement program ends with a play next Thursday night, March 24.

According to the handsome invitations issued there are 44 members of the graduating class. The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. Briscoe C. Smith, of Cliffside. On the Tuesday following at 7:45 in the evening the class day play, "The Set of the Sail," will be staged.

Wednesday evening of next week a pageant, "The Passing of The Kings," will be the night feature. Thursday morning week the readers contest will take place at 10 o'clock, to be followed at 11 o'clock by a literary address by Hon. O. Max Gardner, of Shelby.

Thursday afternoon, March 31, the annual declamation contest will be held at 2 o'clock. This will be followed by the graduation exercises at 3 o'clock. The closing number will be a play at 7:45.

The Class Roll

The class roll follows: Eliza L. Brooks, Samuel R. Brooks, Frances Ozell Bradley, Blanche Ellie Bowers, E. Hazel Brackett, Mary Lillian Cabaniss, Vela Vastine Covington, Lalah Myrtle Davis, Lucy Mae Francis, Willie Lillian Falls, F. Sylvester Falls, Ralph E. Gardner, Mattie Lee Gardner, F. Max Gardner, Christine Ray Greene, Virginia Heafner, James Edwin Heafner.

Bertha Mae Hawkins, Hazel Burnette Hunt, Bonnie Lee Jones, Austin H. Jones, Artha Mae Jones, Vertie Jones, Virginia Ruth Lattimore, Mary Agnes Lattimore, Julius Edley Martin, Winburn Ray McEntire, Worth B. Micham, Zola Blanche McCurry, Mamie Lee McSwain, Helen Adelaide Morehead, Harrill G. Melton, Ida Alice Poteat, Durham Hazzard Rayburn, Vernie Wilma Treat, Paul Wilson, Wilbur Wilson, Carey L. Walker, William Ernest Weaver, Madge Oleene Wright, Nellie Mae Weathers, Lallage Lucille Walker, Ruby M. Washburn.

HIGHS EVEN GAME WITH STRONG TEAM. TWO MORE COMING

Locals Defeat Kings Mountain Here 6 to 5 in Good Game. Two Games This Week.

Despite a cool snap that made the weather more favorable for foot ball than baseball several hundred fans witnessed the 6 to 5 victory of Shelby over Kings Mountain at the Ella mill grounds Tuesday afternoon.

The victory by the Highs evened the count with the strong Kings Mountain nine, rated as about the strongest in this section of the state.

To date the Highs list stands: Two victories and one defeat. The loss was to Kings Mountain and the victories were over Kings Mountain and Charlotte.

Two More Games. Thursday afternoon, tomorrow, the Highs take on Cherryville here according to the schedule. With the game Tuesday giving fans a taste of their major pastime the crowds for Thursday's game are expected to be even larger.

On the following Saturday Charlotte comes here for a return contest and by that game Coach Morris expects to have his team working smoothly and near mid-season form.

The game Tuesday was marred by early season misplays and fumbles, the lack of training being assisted in contributing bobbles by the weather.

Both teams fielded rather loosely, the errors running up in the teens. However, the opposing holder worked well and their defense tightened in the pinches with the result that no large score resulted and the outcome was in doubt until the very end of the contest.

The hitting and fielding of Tommy Kerr, Shelby second sacker, and the brilliant fielding of Hord, lassy Kings Mountain shortstop, and the hitting of Falls were features of the game. Hughes, a port-sider, and "Dutch" Whisnant, Shelby's old reliable cleanser, were the opposing moundsmen. Both were relieved late in the game the famous "Skeeter" Skates taking up the Kings Mountain burden and carrying it remarkably well, while Moore took the mound for Shelby with three on and none out and hurled himself out of a bad hole.

Table with 2 columns: Player Name, AB, R, H. Rows include Kerr, Lee, Cline, Gillespie, Harris, Anthony, Sparks, Mauney, Lutz, Whisnant, Moore, Kings Mountain, Jenkins, Ledford, Falls, Lord, Stowe, McGinnis, Cole, Wright, Barrett, Hughes, Skates, and Totals.

COTTON MARKETS (By Jno. F. Clark and Co.)

Cotton was quoted on New York exchange at 11 o'clock today: March 13.78; May 13.97; July 14.16; October 14.32.

New York, Mar. 23.—Liverpool 12:15 p. m. May and July 2 American points better than due, October as due.

Southern weather last night clear, except rain in eastern Georgia, forecast eastern and central belt part cloudy.

Memphis special to Journal of Commerce says cotton sales have fallen off 23 per cent but there is no pressure on the part of owners or weakening of the basis except on very low grades. Seeding is being delayed because of heavy rains and much of the lowlands in Arkansas and Mississippi are under water.

Fair business in Worth street, prices firm. Southern spot markets 25 down, sales 15,000 bales.

Weakness yesterday appeared to be due to a let up in trade demand and not enough speculation to abtorm. Southern offerings. The general situation, however, is not bearish at this price and conservative purchases on reactions should show profits later.

You will find it hard to imagine after believing everything that the French said about the Germans during the war, but it is a fact, that new commercial relations between the two countries are favorable.

21 Years Congress Gathers In Shelby With Three Solons

Visitors to Federal court here Tuesday had the unusual privilege of seeing the man who has represented their district in Congress for 21 and two thirds years—except that they saw three men instead of one.

They were Judge E. Yates Webb, Attorney Clyde R. Hoey, and Congressman A. L. Buiwinkle. The three gentlemen represented this district in Congress since back in the days of 1905.

Judge Yates Webb was in the body of solons for 14 years, Mr. Hoey for 20 months and Mr. Buiwinkle for six years. The terms were consecutive.

The first of the trio was presiding over the court, the second was one of the barristers appearing in court, and the third was "visiting about" as congressmen some time do between sessions—that is, when they go back for more than one session.

BELIEVES VOTERS CAN SPEAK WITH GARDNER'S RAGE

Paper Thinks People Will Put Australian Ballot Over With Gardner Champion in Office.

"Could the voters had their say North Carolina would now have an Australian ballot," is the opinion frequently broadcast over the state since the recent election.

Should the voters of North Carolina elect O. Max Gardner as their next governor will that mean they favor the Australian ballot? Apparently so, according to the Winston-Salem Journal, which remembers that Gardner is one of the few open champions of better election laws.

Whether or not Gardner will bring in the Australian ballot during his campaign is not known. However the Journal commenting on the ballot and the election of 1928 says:

"If the voters could only have opportunity to settle the Australian ballot by popular vote, they would show the politicians how a vast majority of our citizens feel about it," says the Biblical Recorder, and adds: "How long an autocratic minority will be permitted to stifle public opinion we do not know."

"As the Journal sees it, there is one and only one immediate hope for the Australian ballot in North Carolina. That hope is personified by O. Max Gardner. He is on record in favor of a fair ballot. The only measure he asked the legislature to enact this year the Australian ballot bill.

"Mr. Gardner is going to be a candidate for governor. We take it that one of his principal issues will be the right of citizens to vote as they please without anybody to molest or to make them afraid at the polls. His nomination and election will be tantamount to endorsement of the Australian ballot by the voters of North Carolina.

"In other words, if Mr. Gardner sticks to his guns, in 1928 the people will have an opportunity to do precisely the thing the Biblical Recorder would like to see done in North Carolina—to settle the Australian ballot by popular vote."

New Station In Charlotte For P & N

Charlotte, Mar. 22.—The city of Charlotte sold to the Piedmont & Northern railway a tract of 14.07 acres of land on which to erect a new passenger station and yards. The city commission today authorized Mayor Abernethy to sign the deed.

The plan for a new station is part of the plans of the road for extension of its electric lines from Charlotte to Lexington, it was said. This portion of the route has not yet been approved by interstate-commerce commission. Approval has been given, however, for an extension from Spatanburg, S. C., to Gastonia, this state.

New York which usually laughs at the "hick" towns, propose to padlock theatres to stop indecent plays. If a small town proposed the same remedy you would find the smart alecs in the metropolis writing about the provincialism of the inhabitants of the small towns.

Changes In Auto Laws To Become Effective April 1

Will Be Violation To Coast Downhill By Throwing Gears Into Neutral. Hard On Drunken Drivers.

Shelby and Cleveland county motorists, some several thousand in number, should get acquainted with several new auto laws prior to the first of next month.

A score or more of important changes in the state automobile laws were enacted by the last session of the General Assembly, many of which will work to make driving on North Carolina highways faster, yet more safe, according to a summary of new laws.

Most of the laws become effective April 1, although those concerning license plates are not effective until July 1.

After April 1, it will be a violation of the law for a motorist to coast down grade by throwing gears into neutral. Drivers convicted of reckless driving are subject to a fine of \$25 to \$500 or imprisonment of five to 30 days. Penalties are to be doubled for second violations.

Harder on Drunks. The drunk driver is to be summarily dealt with under the new law. Persons convicted of driving while intoxicated are to be punished by imprisonment for from 30 days to one year, or a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, or both. Second offenders are punishable by imprisonment of not less than 90 days.

The speed limit on State highways is increased from 25 miles to 45 miles an hour, and hand signals must be given for stopping, starting, or turning to right or left. The law prohibits signs or stickers of any description being pasted on the windshield, or the side or rear windows of automobiles.

The railroad stop law was repealed, but the State highway commission was given power to designate certain crossings where

it still will be in effect. The commission was also given power to designate stops at certain intersections or entrances to the highways.

The maximum weight of vehicles was limited to nine tons and the width of vehicles to 93 inches and inspectors were given the right to inspect trucks or loaded automobiles at any point and to order the unloading of excess weight.

Rear Lights. All vehicles are required to carry rear lights, although horse-drawn vehicles may carry reflectors which are approved by the State Automobile department. The Highway department was given the right to test lights on all cars and issue a test certificate, which the law provides must be carried at all times. The lights must not show a glare above a height of 42 inches at 75 feet.

Effective July 1, plates will be issued for six months and on January 1, 1928, plates good for one year will be issued for one year, thereby putting the license system on the calendar year basis. The new tags will follow the car, instead of being issued to the owner as at present. License fees are modified, placing automobiles of 25 horsepower or less in the \$12.50 class. At present this class embraces only cars of 24 horsepower or less. In changing the license year, a fee of 25 cents will be charged for the six-month license plate to cover the cost.

The laws also provide that registration cards be attached to the instrument board of each car and that the State shall issue a special holder for these cards, for which a fee of 50 cents is charged. The state gives the motorist the card.

Indiana Sassafras Farmer In 63rd Year As Herb Merchant; Business Dying Out

(By International News Service)

Bloomington, Ind.—Despite the fact that the younger generation does not know the taste of sassafras tea as a blood tonic, Henry Deming, 73, a merchant in that herb since he was ten years old, is busy here with the spring trade.

But sassafras is a doomed line of endeavor, it appears. When Deming was a boy, most people began taking sassafras tea about the time they took off their extra-heavy underwear. It was all a part of the budding season. Now only the very old people use it and believe in its powers as a blood purifier.

Nevertheless, Deming and his son, who is growing into the business, strive to increase their range in drumming up customers, having added an automobile to bring the medicinal roots from the wilds of this county to the homes of customers.

EVERY COUNTY TO HAVE AN AUDITOR

Raleigh.—(INS)—It is up to every one of the 100 counties of the state to appoint a county accountant on or before April 1.

County commissioners of the counties were notified of this today by Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the county government advisory commission.

The county government reform bills, enacted at the 1927 session of the General Assembly, provide for the appointment of a county accountant, among many other things.

Five outstanding "musts" are: 1. Appointment of a county accountant—which may be the county auditor—on or before April 1. 2. That a county budget be made before July 1.

3. That an estimate of the needs of each governmental department be made on or before June 1. 4. That the budget must be adopted by the fourth Monday in July.

5. That taxes sufficient to produce the amount of revenue necessary to meet the budget must be levied by the first Wednesday after the third Monday in August.

DAIRY EXPERTS TO ELIMINATE ONIONS

Raleigh.—(INS)—North Carolina dairy specialists are trying to take the onion flavor out of milk. Dairy men, according to these experts, are ruining their butter by turning their cows into onion-fested pastures at this time of year.

According to John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College, several tubs of creamery butter were shown him recently which had to be sold cheap to renovating plants, all because the butter had an onion flavor.

Wild onions, Arey declared, are the first plants to appear in the pastures at this time of year, and the onion flavor makes the butter unsalable.

Here is the specialist's remedy: Take the cow off the pasture at least six hours before milking time, place them in a lot or barn, and feed them plenty of roughage.

EMERGENCY JUDGES IN ACTION BY LATE FALL

Raleigh, (INS).—North Carolina's four newly-appointed emergency judges may not see action until late in the fall, according to Governor McLean.

The emergency judge act, passed by the 1927 legislature does not go into effect until May 1, the governor pointed out, and then 20 days' notice is required to be given before a special term is held.

About all that remains of the Irish Free State is the suit going on in New York to see who can get the \$2,000,000 on deposit in its name there.

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How Many Steps Up To Your Mail?

When you journeyed to the postoffice this morning how many steps did you go up from the street level to reach the postoffice door?

You're likely been walking up those steps daily for several years now—surely you know.

The question is one of the 10 asked in Around Our Town's question box today. Perhaps some of the others will be harder, or maybe easier.

They're worth taking a trial at anyway. Look them up and see what grade you are able to make before consulting the answers.

TRAIN LOAD OF COTTON SEED OIL SHIPPED OUT HERE

Largest Single Shipment of Oil Made from Cleveland County Cotton Seed. 22 Cars.

A train load of 22 tank cars of cotton seed oil, made from Cleveland county cotton seed, was shipped from the local plant of the Southern Cotton Oil company a few days ago to Bayonne, New Jersey, where it will be manufactured into Snowdrift lard and Wesson Cooking oil for the use of housewives throughout the country. J. F. Jenkins, local manager says each car contained 60,000 pounds and brought eight and a half cents per pound or a total of \$112,200.00 for the twenty-two tank cars full.

This was the largest shipment ever made from the local plant but represents only a part of a season's output. The large shipment was occasioned by a lack of storage space at Bayonne, New Jersey. The oil company owns its own tank cars and these were placed on the siding here where they were filled and kept in storage until ample storage room was available at Bayonne, N. J.

Since the oil from cotton seed has been put to the commercial use of shortening cotton seed represents a very valuable part of the cotton crop. Raw seed this year has commanded a much better price than cotton in proportion.

FROM PRISON TO PRIZE RING HOPE OF ONE BATTLER

Charley Mangum Has Ambition To Rise From Obscurity To Fame.

(By Henry Lesane, INS Staff Correspondent)

Raleigh.—From obscurity to fame, from prison cell to the prize ring. That's the ambition of Charley Mangum, State Prison's pride and champion mauler.

And it isn't altogether a day dream. The fact is, the youthful prison fighter is going to be put through a training program shortly with just this as an aim.

Mangum; just turned 21, has demonstrated beyond all doubt that he can hit. He has knocked out one budding Carolina champion, and has fought to a draw with two others. The fights were held out at State Prison for the benefit of the institution's variegated population.

Already he has attracted the attention of local Tex Rickards and plans are now under way to put him under the tutelage of none other than Bob Martin, former Allie champion and now boxing instructor down at Ft. Bragg.

However, Mangum just now is suffering from a very bad hand. It was broken recently when he fought ten gruelling rounds with Kid Hauser, Carolina boxer, to a draw.

Jimmy Briggs, III, of Raleigh, Mangum's trainer-manager, does not think it will be advisable for Mangum to get into action for several weeks yet and his training under the Army instructor probably will not begin until late in April.

Martin will put the prison legal assaulter through two full weeks of stiff training. This, Briggs believes, will put Mangum in A-1 shape for a clash soon with some formidable opponent, possibly a whack at the middleweight crown.

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What's THE News

THE STAR'S REVIEW.

Somebody surely got fresh with Miss Springtime; she's turned a cold shoulder.

"Bump off" meaning to kill, is one of the new words in the latest dictionary. Maybe it is slang, but it comes straight from Webster this time. By the way, the dictionary bargains being offered by The Star carry all these new words and they're going fast—the dictionaries.

Federal court closed here today. Details and sidelights of the court grind are a part of today's news.

The Lattimore school commencement starts Sunday afternoon, it is announced. This issue has the program of the school closing.

April fool day may get you locked up—no fooling. Y'see several laws about driving autos have been changed and they go into effect April 1. If you get pinched do not blame your home newspaper, for today The Star tells of these changes.

Playing here yesterday the Shelby Highs evened the count with Kings Mountain in prying the lid off the local baseball season. Two games are on tap this week to the joy of fans just getting the baseball fever up.

Five Kiwanis club are scheduled to meet here this week, says a news item. Shelby should grow a little bit with all those visitors—the motto of Kiwanis, y'know, is "We Build."

Congress is over but yesterday Shelby had three congressmen and former congressmen on hand at the same time. Together they have represented this district more than a score of years.

Community items, personal mention, announcements—all the Shelby and Cleveland county news of interest. Be a good neighbor see that all your friends keep posted with The Star.

FIVE KIWANIS CLUBS MEET HERE

District Governor Jimmie Lynch and Lieutenant Governor J. D. Lineberger will make an official visit to Five Kiwanis clubs in joint assembly at Cleveland Springs Thursday night. Coming to attend the meeting here will be members from the clubs at Gastonia, Lincolnton, Forest City and Rutherfordton. The entire membership of each out-of-town club has been invited here to hear Officers Lynch and Lineberger and in all probability it will be one of the largest gatherings of Kiwanis fellows that has ever been held here. Messrs. Lynch and Lineberger will confine their remarks to important phases of Kiwanis club work.

In order to allow ample time for out-of-town visitors to arrive, the hour of meeting has been changed from 7 to 7:30 o'clock and the program will continue for an hour and a half instead of 60 minutes as is customary.

New Tea Room To Open This Friday

Mable's Tea room, Shelby's newest eating place, will open to the public on Friday, it is announced today.

The new tea room will be located in the McKnight building, just below Gilmer's and adjoining the Goode grocery store.

The tea room is to be operated by Mrs. Basil Goode on one side of the McKnight building, the other portion of the building to be occupied by the Goode grocery, which moves from a building next door up the street to the new location.

Mrs. Goode announces that in addition to regular dinners and lunches she will serve salads and sandwiches at all hours of the day, catering to the uptown business women and the passing tourists.

Alger Hamrick Out In Ward 4

Alger Hamrick, secretary-treasurer of McKnight and Co., wholesale grocers, yielded to the pressure of friends today and announced himself a candidate for alderman in Ward 4, what was at one time known as the "Bloody fourth" because of fierce battles that were waged therein in the past. Since T. W. Hamrick, incumbent alderman, is a candidate for mayor, he will not run for alderman to succeed himself, so the field is open so far and Alger Hamrick has no opposition. Mr. Hamrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Hamrick, a graduate of Wake Forest college, considered one of the best young business men in Shelby and prominent in civic affairs.