

The latest on the latest trans-Atlantic fliers in The Star today. Where did Chamberlin land? Read the news columns.

What does former Police Chief B. O. Hamrick think about the changes made by the new administration? Read his first public statement since the late municipal election in this issue.

A vetch worm, that threatened the Double Springs section, is now under control.

Better not take the steering wheel of a car in Cleveland county if you have had a drink. Judge Mull will not let you drive any more for three months at least, he says in this issue.

How many children attend the rural schools in Cleveland county? Did a bad year on the farm have any effect on the county schools? Figures made public today by Superintendent Grigg answer both queries.

Six people were injured, two very seriously, in a wreck just west of Shelby last night.

Want to write a letter to Lindbergh? Postmaster Quinn tells you how today.

The program of the big homecoming Thursday at Boiling Springs is in this paper.

Write 'Lindy' By Air Mail On Arrival

Postmaster General Urges Everybody to Send Letter of Welcome to Young Aviator.

Write Lindbergh a letter and send it by air mail to welcome him on his arrival in Washington Saturday June 11.

Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh, hero flier of the world, is now en route home from France. He is expected to arrive in Washington on June 11, and will be given the greatest reception any country has ever accorded a private citizen. The mammoth exercises at Washington will include the pinning of distinguished flying medal on the 25-year-old aviator by President Coolidge. The ceremony will take place at the foot of the Washington monument and is expected to be seen by at least 100,000 people.

Since there will be hundreds of thousands who will not be able to welcome the young hero home Postmaster J. H. Quinn, of the Shelby postoffice, at the request of the Postmaster General urges that letters of welcome be sent him by air mail.

Mr. Quinn says: "You may not be able to be present in person at the national reception to Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh, at Washington, but for ten cents you can help make his welcome home the most impressive national reception ever tendered any one by sending by air mail a personal expression of appreciation of his great exploit that has so redounded to the credit and glory of American aviation. Let Shelby and Cleveland county join heartily in this reception."

All mail should be addressed: Capt. Charles A. Lindbergh, c/o Postmaster General, Washington D. C., and should carry the air mail postage, 10 cents per ounce, and the envelope marked 'via air mail only.' These letters may be deposited in any postoffice box."

Final Cotton Crop Nears 18 Million

Washington.—Cotton of the 1926 crop picked and ginned amounted to 17,977,374 equivalent 500 pound bales, the census bureau announced in its final report after a special canvass in May.

The final ginning were Alabama 1,497,821 equivalent bales; Arizona 122,902; Arkansas 1,547,932; California 1,312,111; Florida 31,954; Georgia 1,496,105; Louisiana 829,407; Mississippi 1,887,787; Missouri 217,859; New Mexico 1,212,819; Oklahoma 1,772,784; South Carolina 1,008,068; Tennessee 451,533; Texas 5,630,831; Virginia 31,329 and all other states 16,032. North Carolina's report was 1,212,819.

Miss Lottie and Delia E. Beam and Plato Elliott returned home Sunday from Asheville where they spent several days with Misses Beam's sister, Mrs. N. A. Hicks.

Judge Mull To Take Away License Of Drunk Drivers

County Recorder Following Watson Example Says Every Defendant Convicted of Driving While Intoxicated In This County Will Not Be Permitted To Drive For 3 Months At Least.

County Judge John P. Mull in an interview with The Star announces that hereafter all defendants in his court convicted of operating a car while under the influence of an intoxicant will not be allowed to drive a car in the county again for a period of three months, and perhaps longer according to his discretion. Judge Mull is emphatic in his stand and says it will apply to every such defendant coming into his court regardless.

Based on Law. In the opinion of the recorder his decision is nothing more than the fulfillment of his duty in carrying out the letter of the law.

"There are some who interpret a loop-hole in the new state law about drunken drivers on the highways," says Judge Mull, "but it seems plain enough for me. The law reads that upon conviction the license of the defendant 'SHALL' be taken away for a period not less than three months nor more than 12 months." If you will notice there is no 'MAY' about it. The word is 'SHALL'.

This penalty is in addition to the fine or other sentence deemed as necessary punishment by the court.

Judge Tom Watson, of Winston-Salem, was one of the first jurists to announce strict observance of the law and in several cases since he has struck to his decision, news dispatches state. In speaking of the intoxicated driving law Judge Watson said "Furthermore I am going to hold that a man is under the influence of whiskey when he has had one drink."

The interpretation of being intoxicated hasn't been so closely defined yet by Judge Mull.

Stay Sober or Walk. "If they do not want to walk they had better stay away from the steering wheel of an automobile when drinking," Judge Mull concluded. "I have about a dozen or so walking in this county now."

Cotton Co-Ops Members Will Receive Million And Half Dollars This Month

Raleigh.—Approximately one and one-half million dollars will be distributed this month in the final settlement with members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association, according to General Manager U. B. Blalock. All of the 120,000 bales delivered to the association last season (1926) has been sold and the last shipments are now going out from the warehouses. Mr. Blalock explained in a report to the members today, and the office force is now working day and night to make the amounts due each member.

Thirty-eight per cent of the 1926 crop was sold directly to the mills, 33 per cent exported and 29 per cent to merchants and exporters. The average netted members for short staple cotton was 12 1-2 to 14c. Although one-fourth less cotton was delivered to the association last year than in 1925, the operating expense per bale was increased only four cents, Mr. Blalock points out, the operating cost in 1926 being \$1.98 as compared with \$1.94 for 1925. The carrying charge for short staple was reduced from \$3.59

IS 1927 YEAR WITHOUT SUMMER?

Is 1927 to be a year without summer? Numerous weather prophets have predicted a cooler summer generally than ever before with numerous storms, floods, and tornadoes. Locally speaking the weather so far seems to indicate that summer is late in making its arrival to say the least. Anyway it was considerably warmer on the average a year ago than it is now.

T. W. Ebeltoft keeps the temperature of each day, recording it in the morning and evening, and according to his record for May of last year and June of last year as compared with May of this year and three days of June this year it was much warmer last year. The thermometer last year was placing the mercury from 2 degrees to 16 degrees higher than this year.

The weather chart for Shelby shows that the mornings in May last year and this year

6 HURT IN CRASH LAST NIGHT NEAR HERE; TWO SERIOUS

Car Crashes Into Another by Roadside West of Shelby. Two Henrietta Men Hurt.

Six people were injured, two of them seriously, and two cars badly demolished in a crash last night about six miles west of Shelby on Highway 20 towards Mooresboro. The two seriously injured are from Henrietta in Rutherford county. One has a fractured skull and the other a compound fracture of the right leg and fractured ribs.

According to information obtainable here this morning a car of young men from Henrietta had stopped on the highway near the home of Fred Lovelace to fix a puncture. While they were at work another car from Forest City, said to be occupied by Bob Looney, Ruth Crawford printer, and Charles Huntley came along and in some manner struck the Henrietta car knocking it 200 or 300 feet, it is said. Three of those at, or in the Henrietta car were injured together with Fred Lovelace and his small son, Robert, who were just coming up to assist in fixing the puncture.

Pink Bright, Grady Haynes, and a man by the name of Morgan, all of Henrietta, and Mr. Lovelace and his son were rushed to the hospital here. Haynes and Lovelace were able to return home after receiving treatment, it was reported today, while Bright, Morgan and the young Lovelace boy are still in the hospital. Furthermore, it is said that one of the two Forest City boys was treated upon his return home.

In Bad Shape. Hospital officials stated this morning that Bright has a fractured skull and is in a semi-conscious condition, while Morgan has a compound fracture of the right leg and also several fractured ribs.

The young Lovelace boy, who is about six years of age, is said to be bruised and cut about the face but not in serious condition. The two Henrietta men were said this morning to still be in such a condition that they were unable to talk about the accident.

Details of the unusual crash are hard to obtain in a definite form. Whether or not the car being repaired was on the pavement is not definitely established. Mr. Lovelace and his son, it is said, were coming across from their home to assist the Henrietta men when the other car came along and either the impact against the Henrietta car or the Forest City car struck the two approaching.

Officers here, it is said, made a trip last night to Forest City and located one of the men, but did not locate the other at the time.

County Taxes Roll In Books Disclose

With the end of the limit for advertising and sale of property for county taxes near the late taxpayers are making somewhat of a rush to Sheriff Logan's office. It is estimated at the sheriff's office that only about one percent of the entire county taxes is now unpaid. Last year less than one percent remained unpaid, and it is likely that the same will be true this year when the tax books are turned over to the commissioners for property sale on July 1.

Lutz Goes With Best Furniture

Roscoe Lutz who for a number of years has been connected with Paragon Furniture company has accepted a position with the John M. Best furniture company giving his attention to both undertaking and furniture. Recently the Paragon sold its undertaking department to Jack Palmer who operates the Palmer Funeral home. Mr. Lutz is a licensed embalmer and will be a fine addition to the Best store organization.

Hatcher Back—Hatcher Webb is back in Shelby, arriving last night from a month spent in Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Webb says the big resort is a little skinnier on water owing to the flood. Telling of the big disaster, he said when he passed over the Mississippi at Memphis he found a river virtually 40 miles wide. More or less all the state highways are flooded, he declared, but he said the people are cheerful, taking their losses in good temper and philosophically. "They will make no farm crops out there this year," he asserted.

RURAL PUPILS IN COUNTY DECREASE DURING PAST YEAR

Grigg Credits Decrease In Rural School Enrollment to Moving Away From Farm

A bad season on the farm—rather low prices for farm products—resulted in a decrease in enrollment in the rural schools of Cleveland county during the school year just ended, according to an opinion expressed by J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of schools.

The total enrollment in rural school of the county during the year just closed was 9,521 pupils, 7,096 of which were white and 2,425 colored. On the previous year, 1925-26, the total enrollment was 9,618. A decrease of 97 students in the enrollment despite the growth of the county, is attributed to numerous families moving away from the farm with the children being enrolled in the city schools of the county.

Two Decreases. The enrollment this year was nearly 500 below that of the enrollment two years ago, but approximately 400 students of this enrollment decrease in rural schools is explained by the fact that the South Shelby and East-side schools were taken into the corporate limits of Shelby and became town schools.

High School Increase. An increase in high school pupils was shown during the past year. In 1926-27 there were 744 students in the rural high schools of the county as compared with only 584 during the previous year.

The average daily attendance in rural schools last year was 4,994 white pupils and 1,534 colored pupils, or a total of 6,528 rural pupils in school every day. The attendance average for the whites was 70 percent and .63 percent for the colored.

Near Hundred Schools. There is a total of 87 rural schools in the county, 55 of which are for white students and 32 for the colored.

A summary made of school expenses last year shows that \$135,705.15 was paid out in teachers' salaries.

The interesting information about the rural schools of the county came from the budget of school expenses and operation being prepared by Supt. Grigg as required to be turned over to the county commissioners by the new state budget law for counties. In a few weeks it is hoped to be able to publish the entire budget for Cleveland county rural schools together with an explanation as to how much is spent on the schools of the county, where and why.

HOEY WINS LAW SUIT OF \$50,000

The first suit resulting from the wreck last August near Gastonia when the Crescent Limited, crack passenger train on the Southern struck a truck one Sunday afternoon, killing six girls who were riding thereon, was tried in Gaston Superior Court last week. Clyde R. Hoey's cap bears another feather because he won the \$50,000 suit for the Southern railway. W. F. Wright, father of Bertha Wright, driver of the ill-fated truck which attempted to cross the Southern tracks when Crescent Limited bore down upon it, was suing for the death of his daughter, Bertha Wright. The trial of the case lasted four or five days in the Gaston court. On Friday the jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff nothing on the ground that the Southern was at no fault. It was alleged at the time of the accident, a freight train was passing on the double track when the girls riding the truck reached the crossing and that when the freight passed, they attempted to cross and were struck by the Crescent Limited going in the opposite direction on the second track. Evidence at the trial tended to show that the freight train was not in sight at the time, but did pass shortly after the tragedy. The jury held, therefore, that the death of the Wright girl was due to no negligence whatever on the railroad company.

It will be recalled that four girls riding the truck were killed outright and that two later died from injuries received at the time when the train demolished the truck.

Chamberlin Reaches Germany But Forced To Land In Mud Hole 70 Miles Out Berlin

Propeller Breaks In Mud. Both Men Safe. Columbia Out Of Fuel At Eisleben And Lands To Fill Up And Start Again, But Comes Down 70 Miles From Berlin. Proud Journey Ends In Mud Hole.

(By INS.) Clarence Chamberlin and Charles Levine, millionaire airplane manufacturer, riding their Bellanca monoplane Columbia to a new non-stop record ended their proud flight at 9:35 in a mudhole at Cottbus, Germany, 70 miles from Berlin.

Previous to the forced landing at Cottbus the Columbia landed at 5 in the morning at Eisleben, Germany, 110 miles west of Berlin when the plane's fuel supply ran out. After refilling up again the Columbia, piloted by Chamberlin, set out again for Berlin, but was forced down in a swamp.

JOURNEY ENDS. Cottbus, Germany—(By INS.)—Bellanca monoplane Columbia, which started world in a New York to Germany flight ended its proud journey in a mudhole here today. The Bellanca was forced to make a landing two miles outside of Cottbus and came down in the soft mud causing the carriage to sink and the plane sag until the whirling propeller struck in the mire and broke. Neither Chamberlin nor Levine were injured.

Other dispatches state that when the first landing was made at Eisleben, Germany, 110 miles from Berlin, that a new non-stop flight record had been made in that the plane had been up for 42 hours and had covered about 3,800 miles in the flight from New York to Germany.

CHIEF HAMRICK IN OUTLINE OF TERM, PROUD OF FRIENDS

Had No Vacation For 10 Years. Said Nearly Everybody Tried Obey Laws, Friends Stand By.

Former Chief of Police B. O. Hamrick made a statement to The Star today, concerning his plans and revealing the way he feels about the turn of affairs in municipal politics.

He stated that he has no personal feeling against the present administration; that in the course of events it was about time for him to step out of the job anyway; that a man working as he did for a small salary has no opportunity to save anything or to get ahead financially.

Has Many Friends. "The most gratifying circumstance to me," said Mr. Hamrick, "is the way my friends have stood by me. The fact has been demonstrated to me that I have many, many friends, both in Shelby and all over the county, and that gives me great satisfaction, and it was worth working all the years I put in in Shelby's service."

Appointed By Webb. "I entered upon my duties as chief of police ten years ago, appointed by Paul Webb, then mayor. The appointment came to me unsolicited. Since then I have served under five administrations, and each appointment was unanimous. Insofar as I know not a vote was cast against me."

Asked No Ten. "During those ten years, I did not take a vacation, didn't ask for one, and wasn't offered one. And insofar as I can remember, I haven't lost a full day's time from sickness."

Asked as to his future plans, Mr. Hamrick said: "I am undecided. I have had two or three propositions made me, but I haven't definitely made up my mind to accept any one of them. One was from out-of-town, but this I shall not accept. I am going to stay right on in Shelby. It is the best town in North Carolina, or anywhere else that I know."

Too Many Trifles. "It was my policy while in office to look over the little things. I never was one to grasp at little violations of technicalities, and I believe this way of conducting the office made friends for the town. I think I succeeded in creating the very best of feeling between the country people and the town. I don't believe that friendship is ever stronger than it is now. I never believed in picking on minor infractions. It is my belief that the average man tried to do pretty nearly right as he sees it, and I think the less interferences a policeman offers, commensurate with keeping reasonable order, the better."

Good, Little Town. "This is no metropolis; the people like freedom, and I think they are the better for it. We have too many laws."

"I want to thank my many friends most heartily for their loyalty to me and the support they have given me. It is highly gratifying to me. While I have no enemies that I know of, I certainly did not know I had so many well wishers. Especially this is true of the county people. They have certainly stood by me splendidly."

"Personally I tried during my term of office to make my own conduct above suspicion. I plan to rest a few days or a week, look after a few matters on the farm, and after that we will see."

Ware Nabs Plant And Some Booze

Officer Greel Ware Saturday morning brought into the sheriff's office here a distillery and a gallon and a quart of whiskey found and captured by him during the morning. The still and booze, it was said was found in the Oak Grove section. Dick Bell said to have confessed a connection with the plant to the officer is under bond for a hearing today in recorder's court.

FIRST BRIDES OF JUNE ON SATURDAY

Register Has Four Couples In Belated 'June Bride' Rush, 100 Couples So Far This Year

The "June brides" failed to show up locally for a day or so, but on Saturday Register A. F. Newton issued license for one June bride for each day of the month—or license for four couples.

The couple to get the first license was Ben Mitchem and Jean Belle Biddix, the girl being the county's first "June bride," according to the official record. The license was secured about noon Saturday.

Other couples getting license Saturday were: Oliver Willis and Lalage Hoyle; J. H. Causby and Lola Causby; James Moore and Millient Weathers. The Causbys were married in the court house by Squire T. C. Eskridge, the marrying magistrate, who had begun to wonder at the lack of June business.

According to Register Newton who filed the county marriage records with the state up to June 1, there were 96 couples to secure license here this year up to the first of the month. With four couples securing license Saturday the total for 1927 so far is 100 couples.

REUNION PROGRAM BOILING SPRINGS

The greatest home coming ever staged by a school in this section is planned at Boiling Springs on Thursday, June 9. At that time it is hoped to have back as many of the old students and undergraduates as is possible. The affair will be in the nature of an all-day program with picnic dinner, speeches and other entertainment by Boiling Springs own boys and girls, old and young.

Invitations have been sent as many as possible but former and present Boiling Springs students who do not get direct invitations are asked to take newspaper notice as an invitation and be present, bringing with them as many former students as possible.

The home-coming program, which begins at 10 in the morning, is as follows: Song Service led by J. C. Jordan. Devotional—Rev. C. M. Rollins. Music—Joe D. Hamrick. Welcome—Mrs. Mary Sue Pruett Jarrett. Solo—Rev. J. C. Carter. Address—Rev. Rush Padgett. Solo—Miss Camp. Address—Rev. W. T. Tate. Quartet. Series of short speeches—Dr. Zeno Wall, Dr. W. A. Ayers and others. Music will be furnished by the Spindale orchestra.

OTHER CHANGES IN CITY FORCES MADE

New Electricians Replace Old Ones. To Sell Horses And Use Trucks Only.

The broom brought into use by the new city administration continues to whisk here and there occasionally. Frank Spake and Louis Lipscomb, for some time city electricians, were relieved of their position last week, at the urge of Mayor Dorsey, it is understood, and replaced by Winfred Hamrick and Z. L. Canipe, former employes of two local electrical firms. The replacement was made according to the "hire and fire" policy of the administration announced prior to installation.

Get Along Fine. "Everything is getting along fine," was the manner in which Mayor W. N. Dorsey summed up his first week in office this morning. The new mayor at the time was busy hearing complaints and attending to routine duties of his office. Numerous citizens were waiting to see him and it is to be supposed they are taking the privilege offered by him of consulting him concerning city matters and filing complaints they deem necessary.

Making Changes. Other changes about the city are under way, it was learned. Workmen will begin late today tearing down the old city barns and other buildings in the lot to the rear of the city hall, where a general clean-up will be staged. It is planned to remove the horses to the Dorson stables for the present, it is said, and later they will be sold, the new administration planning to use motor trucks only in the city street department.

Miss Crowder To Head A Hospital

Miss Margaret Crowder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Crowder of North Morgan street, has been elected superintendent of the Caldwell county hospital at Lenoir and leaves Wednesday of this week to enter upon her new duties. Miss Crowder is a graduate of the Shelby Public hospital where she finished last August, later passing a successful examination before the board in Raleigh and receiving her certificate. Miss Crowder was in the first class to graduate from the Shelby institution, starting in training when the hospital first opened. Her many friends congratulate her on her signal honor.

Second Stroke—Mr. G. A. Price father of Mrs. Tom Gold and Mr. Bert Price of Shelby, suffered a second stroke of paralysis last week at his home near Mount Olivet church. He is in a critical condition.