

OFFICERS NAB 36 GALLONS LIQUOR JUST OVER LINE

Twenty-Five Gallons Poured Out in Gutter Just in Front of City Hall as Thirsty Gaze.

Prohibition Agent Evon Houser, of Cherryville, and Officers Bob Kendrick and Claude Harrill poured out 25 gallons of captured liquor about 4:30 yesterday afternoon in front of the city hall while a score or more of people looked on—some eagerly.

The liquor was found near the home of Jesse Miller, in Burke county just across the Cleveland county line, this morning by Houser, Kendrick, Harrill, and Tom Sweezy. The same officers together with Deputy Plato Ledford captured 11 gallons at the same place Wednesday night.

At that time Federal Officer Houser states the officers were watching Miller and nabbed him with 10 gallons just as a delivery was about to be made. Miller was brought to Shelby and gave a \$500 bond before U. S. Commissioner John P. Mull. Returning to the Miller home Thursday morning the officers found five 5-gallon glass jugs full of booze hid in a nearby stream of water. This was the liquor poured out on the street here Thursday afternoon.

Portions of a still were also located, it is said, but the still was not in use and had not been for some time although it is the opinion of officers that the captured liquor was made in the plant found.

MORGAN REMAINS IN SERIOUS STATE

Slow Improvement Shown in Condition of Two Wreck Victims. Morgan Unconscious.

Ralph Morgan, one of the two Henrietta men seriously injured in an auto crash between Shelby and Mooresboro, Sunday night, remains in a serious condition, according to reports this morning from the Shelby hospital. Members of the hospital staff say that Morgan is not conscious at all and that he shows very little improvement. He suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and several fractured ribs in the crash.

Pink Bright, the other seriously injured man, is showing slight improvement, it was said. Bright received a fractured skull.

Robert Lovelace, young boy injured in the same wreck, improved to such an extent that he was removed to his home west of Shelby Wednesday.

Drivers of the Forest City car, which is said to have struck the Henrietta car with injuries to six resulting, are under bond.

Jones Quits Head Henrietta School

Will Go to Brevard. Succeeded by A. C. Lovelace Formerly of Shelby School Faculty.

J. B. Jones, superintendent of the Henrietta-Caroleen school system the past two years and principal of Caroleen graded school for four years previous, has resigned to accept the superintendency of the Brevard public schools.

Mr. Jones is an honor graduate of Wake Forest college. He will have charge of 800 pupils at Brevard high school. He goes to University at Chapel Hill this week to complete his master's degree and will move to Brevard August 1.

He will be succeeded by Prof. A. C. Lovelace, who was principal of the Shelby high school the past year.

Mr. Lovelace is also an honor graduate of Wake Forest college and was principal of Henrietta public school while Mr. Jones was head of the Caroleen school. Mr. Lovelace is teaching at Lenoir-Rhyne college summer school.

Number Go To See "Lindy" Come Home

Several Shelby people are reported to have left today for Washington to be at the reception for Col. Charles Lindbergh, trans-Atlantic flyer. Others of the county likely made the trip on the week-end excursion.

Among those going were Mr. W. T. Alexander and family and Mr. Forrest Hamrick. Mr. Alexander will go on to Atlantic City and Mr. Hamrick will visit New York while away.

Lindbergh's Smile of Victory



Returning home to meet the greatest welcome ever accorded any hero in history, this is the smile of victory "Lucky" Charles Lindbergh wore after his flight from New York to Paris. Lindbergh's plane was almost demolished by the crowds in Paris and London. This is a unusual photographic study of the young 25-year-old flyer about whom more has been written than any other person in the day's news.

County Cotton Crop Record

In a cotton year that was almost disastrous to the Southern farmer owing to a price slump Cleveland county established a new ginning record it was revealed here yesterday when Miles H. Ware, special agent, gave out the complete ginning figures for 1926.

The complete figures show that 47,550 bales of cotton were ginned in this county during 1926 as compared with 37,221 in 1925, or a gain of 10,000 bales over the previous year. At the end of March, the customary time for the final ginning report, 45,567 bales had been ginned in this county. However the government decided to have a final survey and nearly 1,000 more bales were ginned in this county after that period, it was shown.

Preacher Changes Hour Of Service So Congregation Can Golf Or Go Fishing

Charlotte Members Attend Rotary Here

Local Club Plans Work for Crippled Children. Drs. Myers and McKay Make Talk.

Dr. Alonzo Myers and Dr. Hamilton McKay, of Charlotte, were guests of the Shelby Rotary club here today, both men making brief talks.

Dr. McKay talked upon the principles and objectives of Rotary generally, while Dr. Myers, who has charge of the Rotary clinic at Charlotte, told of the work being done there by the club for crippled children.

The Shelby club is planning to cooperate with the state vocational rehabilitation department in aiding crippled children in this county.

Urging Payment Of Town Taxes

The town of Shelby is today urging a payment of all town taxes for 1926. No date of advertising taxes unpaid has been set, but the advertisement today calls for payment prior to July 1.

Thief Gets Money At Ebeltoft Store

Early Wednesday morning while T. W. Ebeltoft, proprietor of the book store, was next door getting a bucket of water a thief slipped into the store and made away with some money that was in a drawer of the safe. This is the second time Ebeltoft has been the victim of thieves in recent months.

There is no clue to the theft, it is said.

GARDNER IN FINE STANDING FOR 1928 HONORS IN STATE

Shelby Man Hasn't Any Promises To Fulfill, or Office Pledges To Carry Out, Says Bost

Tom Bost, shrewdest of all political writers in the state, apparently believes that Max Gardner is to be the next governor of North Carolina, and without opposition at that.

Bost writing in the Greensboro News this week says:

Max Gardner's trip to Europe in July is the last necessary element in proof that the next governorship nominee on the Democratic ticket has things exactly as he wishes them and that he may stay a year on the east side of the pond without damage to his politics.

The young man who refused to go into the eclipse of an also ranner seven years ago, is peculiarly advantaged today. He was beaten in the 1920 contest with Page and Morrison. The labor unionists like to think they did it and the yield-to-woman suffragers, such as Judge Heriot Clark and ex-Governor Cam Morrison, also like to think the laborites did it. But in putting out the pizen the Morrison folks touched the loud pedal almost entirely, "originally opposed to woman suffrage." Gardner likes to be gallant and tell the girls that they didn't hurt him seven years ago. He knows they did, Claude Kitchin told him that the weemen, God bless 'em, would cost him 50,000 votes. But suffrage has come, everybody dotes on the women voters, there are now no yield-to-nonnors, and no "originally opposers." Meanwhile Gardner has all the votes, the entire strength of the women, the originally opposeders, the yield-to-nonnors, the proper place for the women is in the homers, the whole outfit on both and all sides. There are no votes which he can lose. There is no chance on earth to scare anybody up to run against him. The old organization which worked on him in 1920 has joined the everlasting Gardner can stay in Europe until two days before the inauguration, hop into Bellanca and come back home in time for the celebration if he wishes.

He will be gone only 60 days. But there is nothing for him to be looking after now. His fences are all in shape. He is having no opposition and he is not obligated to a soul on the globe. He does not have to appoint anybody in payment of any political debt. He can make sort of choice for public officers without having to think about anything done for him in the campaign. Nearly always an ordinary newspaper forecaster can tell who will get the first Supreme court vacancy, the superintendency of the state and prison, the secretary of the North Carolina railroad, likewise the president of the North Carolina building. Always there is some man who has interested himself so much in a governorship candidacy that public opinion crowns him months before the primary or election. But there is nobody who would attempt to guess whom Gardner would name as Supreme court justice were there a vacancy during his regime; nobody would think of trying to pick his private secretary; guessing at the presidency and secretaryship of the North Carolina railroad, the North Carolina and Old Mullet would be idiotic and if there should be a lot of Supreme court judges to name Mr. Gardner's obligations would not be foreseen by any man.

Water town, N. Y.—Golf playing on Sunday is all right in its way, and to prove that he believes men and women who are employed during the week should secure their recreation where they can find it, Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Soul's Universalist church here, will hold Sunday services here in the future at 8:30 a. m.

The early morning service, he explains, will give members of the church an opportunity to attend divine services and then go fishing, to a ball game, out on the links, for a motor ride or work in the garden.

Announcement that the Rev. Mr. Reed would hold special "golfers" service each Sunday in the future at 8:30 a. m. caused a wave of rejoicing among members of his congregation.

It also caused a wave of protest from other denominations. But none of his fellow preachers cared to publicly criticize Dr. Reed's move.

"I believe that every man, woman and child should attend services at some hour Sunday," Dr. Reed declared.

"I believe that in order to give men and women who are confined to their desks or other forms of employment during the week an opportunity to both worship and play, a special morning service is needed and I propose to hold services for those who wish to attend at 8:30 each Sunday."

"If members of my congregation wish to attend a ball game, pay a visit to the golf links or enjoy a ride into the country, they will have plenty of time to do so."

If at thirty she cultivates sweeties of twenty it's because mere rotteness doesn't attract men of her own age.

Want Chamberlin To Fly Back Over

Berlin—Clarence Chamberlin reiterated Wednesday afternoon that he had not decided on his future plans.

"An American consortium has offered me \$100,000 if I would fly back to the United States," he said "but naturally I can only begin to think about it now."

OFFICE COUNTY TREASURER SOON MAY BE ABOLISHED

Raleigh Political Experts See County Accountants Taking Over Treasurer's Work.

Raleigh.—Is the county treasurer doomed to become a "man without a job" as a result of new regulations in the county government acts, and will he eventually be abolished as a county officer?

This would seem to be the case, from a close scrutiny of the new county fiscal control act and other acts relating to the finances of the counties.

Formerly, the treasurer was a sort of combination bookkeeper, auditor and banker for the county commissioners. To him was given the function of selecting the depository for the county funds, and while he was required to give bond himself, he was not required to have the depository he selected give bond. And the fact that as county treasurer he had full say as to where the county funds were to be deposited, made him an influential county officer, and one to be cultivated politically.

But now all that is changed, under the new laws:

The depositories for county funds are now to be designated by the board of county commissioners, instead of by the treasurer, and each bank designated as a depository must give bond for the amount deposited. The banks so designated are also required to pay interest to the county—not to the treasurer on the sums deposited, and to guarantee their ability to pay any checks drawn against them. These deposits are to be made by the county auditor or accountant, with the approval of the county commissioners, and some of it can be checked out without his approval and order.

Thus it is that the county accountant or auditor is clothed with all the former prerogatives of the county treasurer, and that the treasurer ceases to be anything more than a figurehead, except in those counties where the office of treasurer has been combined with that of the office of accountant or auditor. Furthermore, no check or warrant is valid unless it is signed by both the treasurer and the accountant. Thus the accountant becomes a constant check upon the treasurer, since no money can be expended without his approval.

Thus, since the office of treasurer has been so nearly stripped of all real authority, the question is being asked in several quarters regarding the possibility of doing away with the office entirely, the only objection to this being that if his duties were assigned to the county auditor, it would place him in the position of having to audit his own books and approve his own acts. And it is generally agreed that this would be an unwise situation.

However, the office of treasurer is not a constitutional office, and has not been since 1875, according to Frank Nash, assistant attorney general, with the result that many counties undoubtedly now have the existing authority to abolish the office if they so desire. Those that do not have this authority by statute would have to await special legislation to enable them to do so, however, should they so desire.

But until some way is found to impose a check upon the county auditor or accountant, such as the treasurer, there is but slight likelihood that the treasurer will be completely done away with since he in a way is as beneficial a check upon the auditor as the auditor is upon the treasurer.

Something of a change in the system of signing and paying of warrants is set up by the new fiscal control law, which provides that warrants need no longer be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners and the clerk—that is, the register of deeds—but that they may now be signed by the county officer who is head of a particular department in which

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Farmers Get \$33,000 Here; New Contract Explained

One June Bride For Every Two Days

At the present rate Cleveland county will have 15 "June brides" married at home. To date, on June 10, Register of Deeds Newton has issued license for only five couples during the month.

For three days not a license was issued but on the fourth four couples sought and secured license and only one couple has sought the necessary binding papers since.

SEEK RUTHERFORD MAN FOR SLAYING AT CHIMNEY ROCK

Jack Davis, Spindale Painter Killed by Clarence Ruff, Farmer At Resort Center.

Rutherfordton, June 9.—Jack A. Davis, 30, Spindale painter, is dead and authorities of Rutherford and Polk counties were scouring the mountains tonight for Clarence Ruff, a farmer at the aftermath of a shooting affray at the fashionable Lake Lure resort settlement today.

Davis died early tonight at the Rutherford hospital from a bullet wound in the abdomen. He was shot in the center of the resort colony about noon and eye-witnesses described Ruff as his assailant.

His feeling was said to have existed between the two men for some time, and neared a climax last night when they engaged in a violent argument.

They met again today in front of the Duraway store on highway No. 20 and with a score of people looking on, Ruff was said to have whipped out a revolver and fired three times at Davis.

One of the shots took effect in the arm, one in the abdomen and the other went wild.

The wounded man crumpled to the ground, and was immediately rushed to the hospital here.

After the shooting Ruff drove away in his automobile, saying that he was going to Rutherfordton to surrender to the authorities.

When he failed to appear here, Sheriff Hardin organized a posse and began a search for him. Polk county officers were communicated with and they, too, joined in the hunt.

The fugitive resides in the mountains of Polk near the Rutherford line and it was thought that he was in the vicinity of his home tonight. This belief was substantiated by reports reaching here late today which quoted him as saying that he would visit his mother and then come to the sheriff's office and surrender.

Stop Signal Change Results In Wreck

The change in the stop and go signals under the Dorsey administration caused the crash of a motor cycle and a new sedan car Thursday afternoon at the First National bank corner. Since the change has been made, a left turn is allowed at the two congested corners. A sedan driven by Ben Palmer and a motorcycle ridden by Hugh Britain crashed together and were badly damaged but no one was hurt. Palmer going west on Warren street stopped on the "stop signal." On the change of the signal to "go" he proceeded to the signal post, held out his hand and turned left. A motorcycle going East found the signal "go" and crashed into the back of the car, striking the body at the rear wheel.

Army Band Of 25 Pieces Here Monday

Commanded McIntyre of the Salvation army and his twenty-five piece band will be here Monday to give a musical program from the steps of the court house. The band is on a motor trip from Atlanta, Ga., and en route the party stops over at towns to give these concerts in the interest of the Salvation army. The program here will be rendered from 2 to 2:30 o'clock. Attorney C. A. Burrus will introduce Commander McIntyre who will deliver a brief address.

Under New Contract, Three New Features Are Added—Can Withdraw After One Crop—Quick Sales.

Checks totaling \$33,000 were distributed here Thursday to farmers who had cotton in the long pool through the North Carolina Cotton Growers association in final settlement of the 1926 crop. Mr. M. G. Mann, district secretary made the distribution and announced that checks for the short pool would be distributed later. About 300 farmers were in the court house to receive their checks. There are 545 members in the cotton growers association in Cleveland county and the membership is constantly growing under the field agent, Mr. H. G. Moore.

Lower Handling Cost

Mr. Mann was introduced by Editor Lee B. Weathers, after which Mr. Mann made a brief talk to the farmers telling of the new contract which they are asked to sign this year and showing the lowering cost of handling charges. Five years ago the association was organized and handled 135,000 bales in North Carolina at an average cost \$8.10 per bale. Year after year the handling cost has been reduced until the past year when it reached \$4.30—nearly half the first year cost. Last year 120,000 bales were sold through the association. The cost of storage and handling has been reduced twenty-six per cent. Forty-nine per cent of the cotton graded good and strict middling. Mr. Mann went through a part of the grades and told of the staple and grades and announced that thousands of dollars was secured in better prices last year by making a pool on the 15-16 inch staple.

Gradually the association is dealing more and more direct with the mills who declare the system most satisfactory.

Under the new contract, the members can withdraw by notifying the head office any time from January to March. Another feature has been added whereby members can enter their cotton, have it placed in the pool immediately and ask for quick sale. Through this method a farmer can get a sale and complete settlement within twenty-four hours, at the same time getting the benefit of the grade and staple which is characteristic of the association's sales.

The third feature in the new contract is that it can be changed to meet changed conditions. Members may suggest to the directors and the directors in turn will consider all suggested changes for the good of the association and its members.

This is the first year the checks have been handed direct to the members. Mr. Mann would have them feel that they are stockholders and by gathering at the various county seats for final settlement, they are told of the inside workings of the association in order that they might understand all of its features. Most of the criticism heretofore has been due to a lack of understanding.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being distributed within two weeks throughout North Carolina in the final settlement. The money comes at a most acceptable time and the Cleveland county farmers were here 300 strong, leaving their pressing duties on the farms, to get their checks and hear Mr. Mann's address. He went from Shelby to Rutherfordton where checks were distributed in the afternoon.

Small Negro Makes Escape From Jail

Youth Awaiting Court on Attempted Assault Charge Clips Out Door and Leaves.

Tom Gathaway, 14-year-old negro boy, awaiting trial in the next Superior court for aiding in an attempted assault, escaped from the county jail late Wednesday evening and is still at large.

Gathaway, former golf club caddy, and another colored boy were charged some time back with attempting an assault on a small colored girl. Judge Mull had them placed in jail for Superior court.

Wednesday evening when the turnkey started to take some water to the prisoners Gathaway, it is said, slipped out the "run-around" door in the cell floor and outside. A search has been made for him but the youngster was much of a rambler before being placed in jail and in the parlance of his race he is thought to be "long gone."