

**What's THE News**  
THE STAR'S REVIEW.

It's a cool June and June brides are scarce in this county.

If you have a dog what is his value? Read in today's Star just how much dog tax is paid in this state.

Cleveland county will this year get a considerably larger sum for schools the state equalization fund. There is a probability if land values stand up that the tax rate may be slightly lowered owing to the big sum coming from the state. County officials however are reluctant to predict such as the increased school levy last year was taken from the general levy and if a school reduction is in order should go back there.

A site has been selected for the proposed new school building in West Shelby, the building to be ready for the new school year.

Rev. A. L. Stanford, former pastor of Central Methodist church here, scored modern dancing in a sermon last night at Charlotte.

One new policeman has been added to the Shelby police force, and Fred Dover, traffic cop, is in the hospital suffering with injuries received Sunday afternoon in a collision. A new fire siren is being installed on the city water tank.

A big docket of county court faced Judge Mull here today, numerous cases accumulating over the week-end.

**DUKE FIRM BUYS PLANTS OF FIVE OTHER CONCERNS**

Deal Involving Millions Announced From Charlotte. Takes Over Public Utilities

Charlotte, June 18.—Involving transfer of control of public utilities in a dozen or more cities and towns in North Carolina and South Carolina, including Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point, and Salisbury, the Duke Power company yesterday afternoon signed an agreement with the General Gas and Electric company preliminary to the purchase of certain of the later's extensive properties in the two states.

This announcement, made at the offices of the Duke interests in Charlotte, made no mention of the money value of the properties to be transferred and no figures were forthcoming from representatives of the companies, but it is known that the deal involves many millions of dollars.

The properties involved in the agreement are:

The North Carolina Public Service company.

The Winston-Salem Gas company.

The South Carolina Gas and Electric company.

The properties formerly known as the Blue Ridge Power company.

The lines of the Broad River Power company from a point near Union, S. C. to Spartanburg.

Through the purchase of the North Carolina Public Service company alone, the following properties will pass to the Duke interests:

(1) The electric distribution systems at Greensboro, Salisbury, Spencer, High Point, Burlington, Graham, Mebane, and a number of other towns in the central part of North Carolina.

(2) The gas plants and distribution systems at Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Salisbury, High Point and Burlington.

The properties of the South Carolina Gas and electric company include the electric distribution system and the gas plant and distribution system at Spartanburg.

The Blue Ridge Properties include the electric distribution system at Hendersonville and a number of smaller communities and the two hydro-electric plants on the Green river.

The Duke interests also entered into an agreement for the purchase of approximately half of the power to be produced annually from the Lexington Water Power company's new hydro-electric station to be built on the Saluda river and about the capacity of the Pharr steam-electric plant in South Carolina.

It was explained that the purchase contemplated in the agreement signed yesterday simply transfers the investment of the General Gas and Electric company in these properties. The corporate existence of the companies will remain as it is and the companies will be operated by the existing corporations, said the announcement.

Miss Ruth Hopper accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Smith on a camping trip to Lake Waccamaw and to Wrightsville Beach.

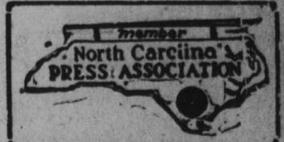
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**NEW OFFICER ON FORCE; ONE HURT IN SUNDAY CRASH**

Speed Cop Fred Dover Severely Hurt When Motorcycle Hits Car. New Patrolman.

Shelby has one new patrolman on the town police force and another member of the new police department is in the Shelby hospital suffering with severe injuries received Sunday afternoon when his motorcycle collided with an automobile.

The new policeman, Rufus E. Sparks, was put on the force Saturday morning by Chief Richards and is not a replacement so far as is known. Sparks was formerly employed as a truck driver with the No. 6 highway commission, is a native of the county and an ex-service man.

Has Hoodoo Leg. Sunday afternoon, it is said, traffic officer Fred Dover failed to make a turn about one block down South Washington street and his motorcycle collided with a car driven by Hal Rogers, negro. Dover painfully injured, was rushed to the Shelby hospital for examination and treatment. Reports from the hospital this morning had it that the policeman suffered considerably last night, but that his general condition was better. Hospital authorities stated that so far as had been determined there were no broken bones, but that the officer had suffered a severe laceration on his left leg about the knee.

That left leg of Dover's seems to be a hoodoo to him. Years ago it is said to have troubled him and not so many months ago the leg was broken in a truck accident and he still had a slight limp at the time he was injured again Sunday. Dover is one of the new officers put on by the Dorsey administration. The officer was the only one injured in the crash, it is said. At the time of the collision officers say he was headed for an alley on Washington just off the square where a disturbance was reported. The motorcycle failed to make a turn, reports have it, and the colored man driving the car is not held to blame, it is understood, for the collision.

**SEATING READY FOR BIG MEETING**

Prayer Services For Men to be Held From 12:30 to 1 in Best Old Building.

Rev and Mrs. R. L. Scarborough of Fort Worth, Texas, will arrive Saturday of this week for the big revival meeting which Dr. Scarborough will conduct at the First Baptist church for two weeks beginning next Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. Dr. Wall, pastor of the church announced Sunday that services will be held during the week at 9 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. The evening service will be held on the lawn on the north side of the church building where a large choir loft has been built for the 200 singers who will make up the choir. An orchestra under the direction of Dr. Plaster, will add to the musical part of the program.

Facing the temporary pulpit and choir loft are new-made benches that will seat 3,000 people in the open air arena. Services will be held in the open each evening, while the morning services will be held in the church auditorium. Dr. Scarborough is one of the ablest revivalists in the Southern Baptist convention and Dr. Wall feels that he will fit into the situation here in a great way. As has been previously noted, the congregations from country churches will be invited to come on certain nights.

Each week-day except Saturday from 12:30 to 1 o'clock a men's prayer service will be held in the Blanton building formerly occupied by the Best Furniture store. All men are invited to attend this short prayer service each day.

**Aged Woman Dies As Choir Sings Roll Call Song**

Rutherfordton.—As the choir at Hickory Grove Baptist church, near here, sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," Mrs. Elbert Hall, 70, one of the worshippers, put her arm about her husband's neck and said: "Don't be uneasy, I'm going to answer the roll call."

She sank to the floor before her husband realized her condition and died in a few minutes. Consternation reigned in the congregation as efforts at resuscitation proved futile.

**America's Hero; Home From Atlantic Conquest**



The most tumultuous reception ever accorded a national hero was that given Colonel "Clarley" Lindbergh, the young man who flew from New York to Paris in a monoplane. The pictures above show incidents of the reception at Washington—"Lindy" before the microphone, while millions throughout the country are listening in, and the young man and his mother in the official presidential car as it paraded through the streets of the capital.

**One Man Gets Into Sheriff's Race Early—Pink E. Lackey Announces**

Pink E. Lackey, of South Shelby, formally announces that he is out to get into Sheriff Hugh Logan's number 12's when the sheriff lays his brogans aside—which is a way of saying Mr. Lackey announces his candidacy for the big job. He told The Star Saturday that he made the statement during the last race that when the next one rolled around, he would be in the running with both feet.

Mr. Lackey is well known in this city, having lived here 15 years or more. For more than 10 years he has been an operative at the Ella mill. "I am a poor man," he asserted, "but I am ambitious to hold the job of sheriff of this county, and am going to put all the sense and energy I have got into this race—and believe I am going to win."

**Floyd Collins' Body On Exhibition In Cave; Brothers Will Bring Suit**

Horse Cave, Ky.—The body of Floyd Collins, whose imprisonment in Sand Cave and final death there attracted the attention of the nation, has been placed on exhibition in Crystal Cave.

After Collins body was removed from Sand Cave where it had been sealed up for several months, it was buried over Crystal Cave, but on Monday Dr. Harry B. Thomas, a local dentist who owns Crystal Cave, had the casket removed from its grave and placed in the grand canyon of Crystal cave, 280 feet under ground.

"The top of the casket is not fastened down," he said in answer to questions, "and it is optional with people whether they want to look at the body itself through the glass top. It is in a state of perfect preservation."

Dr. Thomas said he had permission from Lee Collins sr., father of Floyd, to bury the body on his Crystal cave property. Collins' brothers, Lee jr., and Andy, however, planned legal action to recover the body, and will seek damages.

Floyd Collins was trapped in Sand cave—a mere sink hole—on January 30, 1925. His plight was discovered a day or so later and then for more than two weeks a fight was waged against the forces of nature in an effort to rescue him. His body was reached in February 17, after he had been dead several days.

**Three Negro Women Engage In Affray With White Farmer**

Deputy Sheriff Jerry Runyans Saturday morning arrested Ola Hardin, Johnnie Mae and Avalane Hoskins, three young negro women, at Red row on a charge alleging assault with deadly weapons on L. Y. Randall, white farmer of N. 3, Friday afternoon. A hearing is set for recorder's court here today.

As the information came to the officer it is said that the women approached a field where Randall was working with a pitchfork in some hay and started an argument about some hoeing they had been doing. The officer was told that rocks, a stick, and an axe were among the weapons alleged to have been used, Randall managing to defend himself until Jim Cooper happened by and came to his assistance.

No one was seriously injured, it was said.

**SITE SELECTED FOR NEW SCHOOL IN WEST SHELBY**

City School Board Purchased Block From J. Frank Ware for \$5,000 on Ware Street.

A vacant lot fronting 315 feet on Ware street and extending a depth of 400 feet along another street was purchased Saturday by the city school board from J. Frank Ware of Asheville, at the price of \$5,000. On this site will be erected the new ward school building out of the funds remaining from the \$200,000 school bond issue sold two years ago. The lot is level and beautifully situated for a school site. It was selected out of four sites under consideration by the board for some weeks. It lies one block south of the handsome new home of J. N. Dellinger.

Mr. Bloom H. Kendall, secretary to the school board says that plans are now being drawn by a Raleigh architect and as soon as submitted and approved, bids will be asked from contractors. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy by September when the fall term opens.

All grades heretofore attending the Sumter street school to the rear of the high school building will be transferred to this new school building on the Ware property.

**Big Court Docket Before Recorder**

City and County Officers Roll Up Big Number of Cases During Week-end. Court Today.

The past week-end was a busy one in the realm of the night stick and policeman's badge. County Judge John P. Mull this morning faced one of the heaviest week-end court dockets in some weeks. The cases for the most part centered about bootleg and its attendant evils, it is said. Many of the charges were preferred by city officers, while several cases came in from the county.

**Officers In Raid But Man Escapes**

Patrolmen Roach, Poston and Sparks Saturday morning visited the home of Joe Pearson, father-in-law of Bob Kendrick jr., looking for liquor they having information that young Kendrick was staying there. In the meantime, officers say, young Kendrick, whose house was just across the street, poured some liquor in a sink and threw a gallon across in the yard of Rev. Mr. Walker, making his getaway in the rain before the officers could nab him.

Young Kendrick given a hearing today before Recorder Mull was acquitted of the liquor charges against him. He testified that he had nothing to do with the liquor, had poured none out and had not thrown any in the yard. It was further testified that he did not run away but went to Bridgewater fishing and came back when he heard officers were looking for him. One of the contentions of the defense was that the charges were preferred to "even up" with the boy's father, an officer, who raided the Walker home some time back. The case was handled by a jury and the not guilty verdict returned within a few minutes after Judge Mull's charge.

**CHILD MOTHER IS IMPROVING, SAID**

Police Chief Irvin Allen, of Kings Mountain, here for county court today stated that Odessa Wilson, alleged to be the mother of the dead infant found at Kings Mountain last week, is improving and may be able to be out of confinement in a few days.

**COTTON MARKET (By Jno. F. Clark & Co.)**

Cotton was quoted at 11 o'clock today on New York exchange: July 16.56; October 16.92; December 17.15.

New York, June 20.—Eight p. m. Southern weather. Cloudy except Carolina and Oklahoma, raining at Atlanta, rain fall there .04; Montgomery .20; Memphis .08; Shreveport 1.20; Vicksburg .04; Abilene .01, forecast Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and east Texas local thundershowers, West Texas part cloudy, Carolina fair.

Greenville special quotes Harvie Jordan as saying cotton growers are unprepared for the present boll weevil menace that threatens large weas of the cotton belt having been lulled to sense of security by freedom from the pest last couple years.

Moderate business in Worth street Saturday sales for week estimated 300,000 pieces. Look for higher market today on continued showery condition east and west forecast.

Mr. Hayden Clement, of Salisbury, a prominent lawyer, was here on Friday to see Federal Judge E. Y. Webb.

**County Gets \$47,201 From Equalization Fund—Lowers General School Budget Here**

County's Quota From State Equalization Fund For Schools Boosted Considerably. Will Lower School Cost Some. Tax Rate May Be Lowered Slightly.

**Aviator And Pal Coming To Shelby Now From Florida**

An airplane doing a hop of any kind since the feat of Lindbergh is quiet an event. So it is with considerable interest that it was learned here at noon that one or more birds of the air are now making a hop to Shelby from Pensacola, Fla.

Fred Dean, of the Chickasaw thread firm here, received a day letter today from Grover Turner, one of his Florida salesmen, stating that he was leaving Pensacola with a naval aviator and would land in Shelby either this afternoon or tomorrow morning. Just what time they will arrive and how many planes are coming is not known. An attempt is being made to have the planes land somewhere in the Cleveland Springs estates.

**BUN RUNYANS IS BURIED AT EARL**

Well Known Citizen of New Hope. Was Forty Years Old.

Mr. John M., better known as "Bun" Runyans, beloved farmer of near Earl passed away Friday morning at 4 o'clock at the age of 40 years, seven months and six days. Mr. Runyans had not been well for a year but had been up and going most of the time until last Friday when he was taken suddenly ill. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was done, but all to no avail.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday by Rev. John W. Suttie, assisted by Revs. Zeno Wall of the First Baptist church and Rush Padgett of the Second Baptist church. He was laid to rest in New Hope church cemetery, being a devoted member of that church. Deceased is survived by his wife to whom he was married December 7th, 1910 and four children, three girls and one boy. Ruth, John, Mary and Margaret and one step daughter Olene Rippey. Also surviving to mourn his departure are his mother, one brother Seth Runyans, one sister Mrs. Reuben Blanton, all of Earl. His father and three sisters, and one brother preceded him to the grave several years ago. Mr. Runyans was a kind-hearted and devoted father and a kind, sympathetic neighbor, always ready to help everyone. His host of friends was evidenced by the beautiful floral offerings.

Serving as pall-bearers were: L. V. Mulkey, James Tullot, Nethy Sepaugh, James Lee Ellis, Lewis Borders, Harry Hopper. Flower girls were Ophelia Moss, Lucile Inez and Lorene Morehead, Millie Sepaugh, Winnie Borders, Lorene Blanton, Mary Ellis, Mary Turner, Sue Borders, Edna Borders, Edessa McSwain, Gladys Conner, Rebecca Austell, Kate Bettis.

**SIREN WILL WARN OF SHELBY FIRES**

City workmen today were installing a big fire siren on the city water tank at the rear of the city hall for the purpose of sounding fire alarms in the town.

The big siren, the screeching of which may be heard for miles, will first sound a general fire alarm, according to Fire Chief Roach, and the short screeches will tell which ward the fire is in. It will be possible it is said to hear the siren as far away as Kings Mountain. Just when the siren will be ready for use is not known, but workmen may complete the installation today or tomorrow.

**\$7.73 If You Have Dog And No More**

Raleigh.—(INS.)—Regardless of whether or not you have your share of the per capita wealth of the nation, you own \$7.37 worth of property if you have a dog.

More than a half million dollars worth of dogs are listed for taxation in North Carolina according to the most recent report of the state revenue department.

The canines numbering 68,904, are valued at \$532,536, an average value of approximately \$7.73.

Sampson county leads all others in the state insofar as dogs are concerned, with 7,610 of the four-legged "pals" listed for taxation. Then comes Wake county, with 3,571, and Davidson is third with 3,425.

Has the department "got" your goat? There are 19,469 goats listed, with a valuation of \$31,692. Brunswick, with 1,924; Gates with 1,124, and Randolph with 1,009, respectively lead all other counties in the state in the number of goats listed.

**Baby Smothers In Bed—Found Dead**

The three-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Green, who live in a Kings Mountain mill village, was found dead in bed Sunday morning, it was said here today by Police Chief Irvin Allen, of Kings Mountain.

An investigation disclosed, the officer said, that the young child probably smothered to death.

**Masons To Install Officers On Friday**

The newly elected officers of Cleveland Lodge No. 202 A. F. and A. M. will be installed at the regular meeting of the lodge Friday night, it is announced.