



What's THE News

THE STAR'S REVIEW.

Summer arrived today, according to the calendar. Watermelons are already on sale, all needed now is the temperature.

The Fanning store at Hickory has been sold to Efrid's and the Fanning firm will now concentrate on the Shelby store, it is announced today.

Officers here have been notified to be on the lookout for the negro assailant of the white girl at Morganton yesterday.

License plates are still going slowly at the branch bureau here.

Punchboards are against the law in this county, officials say.

The recorder's court has been grinding steadily this week. A review of docket high lights in this issue.

The city traffic officer injured Sunday is improving, and one wreck victim of the accident two weeks ago has returned home.

Marriages in Cleveland county are on the upgrade. Last year's marriage record promises to be broken despite numerous couples going to South Carolina.

A youth was severely injured this morning when his bicycle was struck by a car.

The Shelby and Cleveland county news in The Star.

HOW LONG WILL LINDBERGH FAME STAY WITH HIM?

Rodgers' Plane Now Just a Curiosity. Will Fame of Young Eagle Slip.

(By Robert W. Ginsburg, INS Staff Correspondent.)

Pittsburg. — Will the achievement of Captain Charles A. Lindbergh last long—in the minds of those who praise him now?

This question confronts one starkly on visiting the Carnegie Museum here. Within the building is another airplane and a picture of its pilot, the achievements of both long since forgotten.

Galbraith Perry Rodgers was the pilot's name. But that stirs no memory in the mind of the average American today, mute testimony to the fickleness of the goddess of fame and fortune.

Rodgers started the world away back in 1911 when he announced would attempt a flight across the United States. On September 17 of the year he started. The flyer finished his "hop" on November 5, 1911. It took the then daring aviator 3 days, 10 hours and 4 minutes, actual flying time to complete his trip.

It was a wonderful achievement in that day. And well it might have been, for no aviator today would dare venture into the air in the contraption Rodgers used. The wings of the machine were flimsy. The wooden frame looks like it would crumple at a particularly strong puff of wind and the connection between motor and propellers was made of chain links.

There the machine hangs, high up in the ceiling of the museum. The only clue to its identity is a plaque on a pillar nearby which says:

"Galbraith Perry Rodgers' historic flight across the United States, 4,321 miles, September 17, 1911—November 5, 1911, three days, ten hours and four minutes actual flying time. He was one of the first group of martyrs to the science of aviation which has been developed to such a phenomenal point of efficiency."

And that is all the public cares about that flight today.

A Sunday afternoon visitor at the museum overhears many amusing and some cryptic comments on the machine and its flyer. The significance, the importance of that early flight fails to register.

One group of high school girls, approaching the spot where the historic plane hangs overhead, were heard to make statements something like this: "Humph, Lindbergh flew across the United States in two jumps." "I don't see what they want with that old thing up there. Why don't they get Lindy's plane and bring it here."

Other comments were similar in nature. Tom Nolan, of the J. B. Nolan company, is home from something of a lengthy jaunt through Tennessee. Mr. Nolan says the country to the west of us looks to be in flourishing condition, with the crop prospects as bright as ever they were. He made the trip by motor.

Paris New Goal of North Pole Flyer



Lieut. Com. R. E. Byrd (left) and two of his companions, Lieut. George Noville (center) and Bert Acosta, form the third expedition across the Arctic this year. Paris is their goal. Byrd won world fame last summer when he flew over the north pole alone. The plane America, the triple-motored Fokker, shown above, was chosen for the transatlantic journey.

Seek Negro For Brutal Attack On Girl

Young Morganton Girl Dies. Officers In Shelby Seeking Negro. May Have Him Cornered At Lake James.

Gladys Kincaid, young Morganton girl brutally attacked yesterday afternoon by a negro, died at a Morganton hospital this morning at three o'clock, according to a telephone message from Miss Beatrice Cobb, Morganton editor, to The Star.

Police officials were notified here last night to keep a strict watch for the alleged negro, and at noon today Burke county officers and members of the posse seeking the negro were here trying to pick up a trail. They planned to swing their search around to Rutherford county and back towards Burke, thinking perhaps the negro might come to or through the South Mountains. Another mission of the posse here was to see if Chief Richards, former Morganton chief, had a picture of the accused negro.

Miss Cobb stated that the girl's funeral would be held tomorrow and that a collection was being taken there to defray burial expenses, the girl being the main support of a widowed mother. She was en route home from a knitting mill when attacked. The negro it is said although fatally injured the girl did not complete his attack.

Get Close Clues. It was further stated that this morning the main hunt for the negro, taken part in by hundreds of Morganton men, had shifted to the Lake James, or Bridgewater section. A negro, similar to the one sought, entered a store there this morning, bought food and disappeared back in the woods. The description so tallied that a big search was underway there at noon today, and bloodhounds sought at Asheville will probably be turned loose there this afternoon.

Morganton is said to be quiet this morning with the crowds around Bridgewater and the Catawba dam. Another clue said to be picked up this morning was some of his old clothes in the woods near Morganton. The clothes were dry and since Morganton had a rain before midnight it is thought that the negro evidently changed clothes in the woods after that time.

The bloodhounds will also be started at the clothing found. The girl never regained consciousness before death, but details connecting the negro with the crime link closely together.

The Full Story. The early morning story of the crime follows:

Officers Here Notified To Be On Watch For Tall Yellow Negro Man.

Morganton, June 21.—With the Morganton military company of 100 or more men on duty, it is estimated that at least 2,000 men citizens of this city and Burke county, late tonight were scouring the countryside around Morganton and to the eastward in search of a tall yellow negro named Broadus Miller, who is believed to have made a brutal attack upon a young white girl in the outskirts of town at about 5:30 o'clock.

The girl is in Grace hospital here in a desperate condition, her skull fractured and the attending physician said late tonight that she had hardly a chance to recover. Her death was expected any hour.

Residents here tonight said they had never seen the community in such a state of excitement as that now prevailing. Groups of men are standing about on practically all

street corners while hundreds of men are scouring the woods and fields around the town and miles to the eastward.

The negro believed to have committed the crime was said to have been seen by residents of the neighborhood where it occurred and they reported that he wore a yellow slicker. He boarded at the home of another negro named Berry, and such a slicker was later found at his residence. The negro sought was reported tonight to have been seen about six miles east of here some time following the crime.

Found In Bushes. The young woman was found in a clump of bushes on the side of the road, in a helpless condition, with her skull crushed, some time after she had been attacked. It is said that if a criminal assault was attempted, he did not accomplish his purpose, evidently being frightened away.

The military company here was at drill tonight, being its regular drill night, when news of the crime spread abroad. The company late tonight was on duty and it was reported that it had been ordered out by higher authority.

Brother In Mob. The victim is said to have been attacked on her way home from work in a knitting mill near the city. She resided with her widowed mother and a grown brother a short distance outside the town limits to the north. The brother is one of the searchers for the negro. The girl is said to be between 18 and 20 years of age.

Miss Cushing Heads State Body Again

Miss Rebecca Cushing, former home economics instructor in the Shelby high school and now state supervisor, was re-elected president of the North Carolina Home Economics association at the national meeting now on in Asheville.

Mrs. Irma Wallace, county home demonstration agent, is attending the meeting.

Another "Monkey Battle" Seems Probable In State

Called Meeting Of North Carolina Bible League Seen As Foundation For More Anti-Evolution Legislation In 1929.

(By Henry Lesagne, INS. Staff Correspondent.)

Raleigh.—Foundation for another "anti-evolution" onslaught on the 1929 legislature was seen here in the called meeting at Charlotte June 30 of the North Carolina Bible league.

The meeting of the militant body of fundamentalists will be the first since the session at Statesville in January, when the tentative organization of the league was made permanent, and its legislative platform was drawn up.

Officials and spokesmen for the league, the former "Committee of One Hundred" which had its day back in 1925 session, have made it plain since the 1927 legislative fiasco that they intend to come back to Raleigh two years hence with another "monkey" bill.

Plans for increasing the membership of the league and perfecting

Watermelons And Summer Get Here Despite Weather

Cool March, and rainy April weather to the contrary in June, watermelons and summertime arrived in Shelby.

Today is officially the first June 22—although Shelby and Cleveland county snoozed under a blanket last night and felt a little chilly this morning with unusually cool weather for June. The arrival of the warm season, despite its non-arrival, is further emphasized by long rows of watermelons in front of local grocery and fruit stores.

So the arguments is: Calendar and melons vs. the thermometer. Tuesday, June 21, was the longest day of the year, 14 hours and five minutes between sunrise and sunset.

Wreck Injured On Way To Recovery

Bright Able To Return To Henrietta. Man With Fractured Leg Is Rational Now At Hospital.

Pink Bright, of Henrietta, one of the six injured in an automobile crash between Shelby and Mooresboro on Sunday, June 5, has recovered to such an extent that he was able recently to return to his home. Bright received a fractured skull in the crash and was in a serious condition for a time.

Ralph Morgan, the other seriously injured man, is still in the hospital, but is improving. It was stated today that he was rational after being in a semi-conscious condition for 10 or more days after the wreck. Morgan suffered a compound fracture of the right leg and several fractured ribs.

Mrs. Harris who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Robert Hoyle returned to her home in Raleigh on Monday. Mrs. Hoyle accompanied her home for a visit.

FANNING STORE AT HICKORY SOLD TO EFIRD THIS WEEK

Fanning Firm Will Concentrate at Shelby Store With Nash in Charge. Efrids Add Link.

The fact that the firm of W. L. Fanning and company has sold their Hickory store to the Efrids of Charlotte, and will henceforth concentrate all their merchandising energies in Shelby, was formally made here this morning by William Lineberger, president of the Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., who negotiated the transaction.

The deal had been in process of consummation for some time, but came to a head Monday, when the sale was definitely made.

The Efrid firm took over the entire stock of the Hickory store, and lease on the building, which means that the big chain establishment will henceforth have a Hickory unit.

Many Efrid Stores. J. Q. Earl, manager of Efrid's here in Shelby, stated this morning that this will constitute the forty-first store now operated by the big organization.

Nash to Return. It is understood that Joe E. Nash, since the illness of W. L. Fanning, head of the company, has been managing both the Hickory and Shelby stores, will henceforth make sole headquarters in this city, devoting all his attention to the local store.

Nash is popular, and is recognized as an able executive, and this will be pleasing news to his many friends in this city. It is said that the sale of the Hickory store was brought about definitely by the illness of Mr. Fanning. Through his temporary retirement from the management, the burden of running both stores, some forty miles apart, fell upon Nash, and it proved too great an undertaking, dividing his time between the two establishments, as he was forced to do.

It is learned that William Lineberger was brought into the transaction through the fact that Mr. Fanning, before he would consent to have Shelby to recuperate in Asheville, made Mr. Lineberger promise him that he would look after certain financial interests of the company.

After numerous consultations between Nash and Lineberger, the sale of the Hickory store was determined upon, and the latter engineered the deal. Stock-taking by Efrid's was said to have been begun Tuesday. It is said to be probable that Nash will be able to be in Shelby permanently after this week.

Local people, abreast of the developments, commented in the most favorable terms when it was learned the deal had been completed. It will mean, it was pointed out, a greater and better Fanning establishment in this city; it means a concentration and a driving force, impossible where the management, as heretofore, was divided.

LINCOLNTON HAS BLUE LAW WAR ON

Ministers and Business Men in Split Over Sabbath Observance. Matter Up to City Fathers.

Lincolnton, June 21.—Open warfare over a Sunday blue law has broken out here with merchants and clergymen arrayed as the opposing factions in a dispute that will be decided by board of aldermen at an early date.

At a recent meeting of the Lincolnton Merchants' association, a resolution was adopted in which the aldermen were petitioned to allow cafes and filling stations to remain open on the Sabbath.

It was brought out in the petition that growing numbers of tourists were inconvenienced while in this vicinity on account of not being able to procure gasoline and food.

Clergymen's Reply. The ministers, in reply to this, ask that the old ordinance stand as it is and that if any changes are to be made, to make the law have more teeth in it, to tighten up instead of loosen.

"And not only tighten up the law but also take steps to further enforce those laws already enacted," a statement by the clergymen demanded.

Up To Aldermen. Indications are that the Sabbath observance issue will be the first one of municipal import to come before the new board of aldermen that took office recently.

County Marriages This Year To Beat Last Year

Despite a seemingly slack season on the marriage mart the books of the register of deeds here disclose the fact that marriages in this county this year will surpass the total number of marriages in 1926.

In fact, with only a little over half of the county business year gone the total number of marriages this year is only 17 short of all the marriages for eleven months of last year. Up until December 6, 1926, one hundred and twenty-five couples were married during the year. Up until June 20 of this year license had already been issued for

the marriage of 108 couples, and nearly six months to go before December 6.

So far license for the marriage of 12 couples has been issued during the bride month of June. Four of these were issued Saturday of the past week and one Sunday. Couples receiving license: Lamar Peeler, Belwood, and Eloise Ivester, Casar; R. G. Liner and Ruth Roberts, Shelby; B. F. Moore and Ada Blanton, Kings Mountain; Louis Vernon Mulkey, Shelby, and Beulah Odell Boyles, Lawndale; A. M. J. Pillar, Cleveland county, and Faye Valentine Ford, Rutherford county.

LICENSE PLATES STILL GOING SLOW AT BRANCH HERE

Less Than 1,000 Auto Tags Sold Up to Tuesday. Monday Was Big Day So Far.

The ruling from Raleigh that new state automobile license tags is not to be used prior to July 1 is not speeding up the sale of plates at the license bureau here. Less than 1,000 tags have been sold in the 20 days that the office has been open—936 tags, be exact, had been sold up to Tuesday morning.

Last year, according to the records as tallied by Charles Eskridge, jr., 4,814 tags were sold at the Shelby branch bureau of the license department. This means that practically 4,000 tags are to be sold here yet this fiscal year and a rush is expected along about the last of the month. Those in charge of the branch here are urging that every car owner who can do so purchase his tag now and avoid the rush.

"Pay day" has an effect on the sale of automobile tags, the records reveal. The largest number of tags sold so far this year were purchased Monday and after the books were closed Saturday, showing that the pay envelopes of Saturday increased business.

Father Of Twelve Children Is Dead

Well Known Farmer of the Bethlehem Community Passes Away at 55 Years.

The remains of Mr. Julius A. Lail are being buried this afternoon at 1 o'clock at Bethlehem church in which community Mr. Lail died Tuesday at 3 o'clock P. M. after a critical illness of two weeks. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. N. Cook. Mr. Lail was a good farmer, a kind neighbor and highly esteemed citizen in the communities where he lived. He joined Mt. Gilead church at the age of 21 years and was a member of that church until he moved into the Bethlehem community two years ago. Mr. Lail was born February 10, 1872 and leaves a wife and 12 children, seven boys and five girls, Mariol Tinsley, Johnnie, Charlie, Brady, Grady, J. B., Mrs. H. F. Greenway, Mrs. L. A. Thackerston, Mrs. R. J. Dellinger, Vertie and Rosa Lee. Three children are dead.

Injured Officer Rests Better Now

Fred Dover, Traffic Cop, Cut In Collision, Said To Be Improving. In Several Days.

Policeman Fred Dover, injured in a motorcycle-auto accident last Sunday afternoon, is resting better at the Shelby hospital, it was reported today. The speed officer it will be remembered was badly cut on the leg when his motorcycle crashed into an auto driven by a colored man.

Hospital surgeons say that his leg is cut down near the bone and that he will likely be in the hospital for some time yet.

Pension Checks Now Almost Delivered

Fourteen of the county pension checks received some time ago by A. M. Hamrick, clerk of court, have not been called for. All the others, except for soldiers and widows who have died, have been delivered.

Four veterans the record discloses have died since the last pension checks were delivered.

COUNTY MURDERER ESCAPES PRISON, SERVED 7 YEARS

Moffitt Shannon, Negro, Who Killed Another Negro Years Ago Slips to Freedom.

Moffitt Shannon, Cleveland county negro, serving 12 to 15 years for murder, escaped from the Durham prison quarry camp it was reported late Monday by George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State prison.

With good behavior Shannon had only three years more "time to make," but he apparently chose a more elusive freedom. He had served seven years, it is said.

Free Many Years. Those hereabouts who readily recall old court records say that near a score of years ago Shannon killed another negro on a construction force at Grover, shooting the other fellow's head off with a gun.

After the murder, it is said, here Shannon escaped and was at large for a long time, probably 10 to 15 years, before being captured, tried and sentenced for second degree murder. While confined in the old jail here it is said he came near escaping.

Since he has been away from this county for such a long period of officers are of the opinion that he will not hide out in this section. However, it is remembered that he has, while with the prison forces worked at the rock quarry here.

Says Punchboards Illegal Affairs

County Solicitor to Prosecute Those Operating Boards. One Man Has Boys Arrested.

"The operation of punchboards by any person or firm in Cleveland county will be prosecuted if the matter comes to my attention," says County Solicitor P. Cleveland Gardner.

The statement was the aftermath of a right unusual case in county court Tuesday. A merchant in the county had four youths before the court charged with stealing a watch from a punch board when they stopped at the store Sunday to buy gasoline. The defense counsel played upon the fact that the store had been opened on Sunday and that a punch board was, or had been, operated there. The boys were acquitted, and in turn the store proprietor was charged with operating a punch board. He paid the costs to Judge Mull.

"Any type of punch board, lottery, or chance taking is against the law," the judge said.

Then the county attorney made the statement about prosecuting all punch board operators.

Summer Closing Matter Bobs Up

The mooted subject of summer closing for the Shelby stores is up, and J. D. Lineberger, active head of the Shelby chamber of commerce requests that the local merchants "express themselves through the chamber as to whether they favor the measure or not."

The subject of summer half-day closing has been much discussed here of late, it being understood that numerous stores, especially the grocery stores, favoring the move. The issue will be clarified if Mr. Lineberger's suggestion is adopted, and the question be threshed out through the chamber of commerce.

Misses Jessie May and Lucile Gale, orphans of the late Claude Gale have come to Shelby from Rock Hill to make their home with Mrs. Regan Connor.

\$250 IN FINES GO TO RECORDER IN TWO DAYS COURT

Colored Man in Jail Without Bond For Attempted Assault. Woman Gets 90 Days.

Monday and Tuesday were busy days for Recorder John P. Mull and his court. In fact during the major part of two days the judge had no more time to devote to personal matter than had Lindbergh in New York.

Monday the county court held forth steadily until 4:30 in the afternoon, court officials taking off no time for lunch. Tuesday a steady grind of cases lasted until 1:30 in the afternoon. In the two day session 21 cases were disposed of 14 Monday, and seven on Tuesday. A total of \$250 in fines was imposed, together with numerous suspended sentences, one 90-day term, and a case or so carried to Superior court.

Little o' Everything. The charges ran the gamut of minor crime—drunk, driving drunk, prostitution, assault, affray, larceny, and so on.

One Serious Charge. In one case Robert Byers, colored, was remanded to jail without bond until Superior court on a charge of assault with intent to commit rape on a colored woman of about 27 years. According to the woman's testimony Byers persuaded her to leave the Eskridge corner Saturday night and go with him to the Beam block. Somewhere in that section she said he flashed a gun and made her go with him towards the Freedman part of town. Somewhere in that section she alleged that he attempted the assault on her. She testified that she offered resistance and in the scuffle managed to get away before he accomplished his purpose.

Dressed up 90 Days. Addie Toms, colored, was given a 90-day jail sentence on the charge of stealing three dresses two from Gilmer's and one from the J. C. Penney company. The dresses it is said, were taken Saturday and were found in her home. Addie said a friend or relative had sent them to her from High Point. The store managers said the dresses belonged to them, and Judge Mull said enough to place the defendant behind the bars for three calendar months.

The three negro women charged with engaging in an affray with a white farmer in No. 3 township were given a suspended sentence on payment of the costs.

BOY HURT TODAY WHEN HIT BY CAR

Stanley Davis Severely Injured When Wheel Is Struck by Car At Street Intersection.

An early morning accident in the southern part of town came near proving fatal when Stanley Davis, 16-year-old boy, was knocked from his bicycle and severely injured when the wheel and an automobile collided.

Young Davis, son of W. F. Davis Shelby mill overseer, was riding a wheel near the intersection of Gardner and McBrayer streets when in an unavoidable manner, officers think, his bike and a Dodge car, driven by B. L. Panther, Shelby mill employe, collided. The boy it is said was dragged for a short distance.

Chief Richards who made an investigation stated early today that so far the collision seemed unavoidable. The accident took place between 5:30 and 6 o'clock in this morning.

Immediately after the mishap the youth was rushed to the Shelby hospital, where a complete examination had not been made at noon today, giving the boy time to react from the shock. However, a hospital surgeon stated at noon that the boy so far was reacting fine from the shock and that he was rational although unconscious when brought in the hospital. A preliminary examination did not disclose a fractured skull as was rumored about the streets, and surgeons say that so far as can be told as yet no bones were broken. The youth however is badly bruised about the head and over the body and seems to be severely injured.

Chances for recovery seem good, it is thought, due to the favorable reaction soon after the crash.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hamner, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., spent Tuesday here with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hamrick. Mr. and Mrs. Hamner were recently married and are en route to the coast from the land of the sky section.