

## What's THE News

### THE STAR'S REVIEW.

Coolidge does not want to run for President again, or so he says. In Shelby, according to reports, the county commissioners met last week and handled their usual routine business under the new county accountant system. A final check of tax assessments was made at the meeting.

D. A. Tedder had his seventh cycle stolen this week. Only seven couples were married in this county in July.

Superior court is moving along a week in disposing of civil suits. The Dorsey, McDaniel, Hord and others ended in a non-suit.

An account of transactions at a meeting of the city fathers is today's news.

Charlie Cordell, former boxer, is ill in a Charlotte hospital.

Community items and general news of interest on every page of today's paper.

## MR. A. C. HAMRICK BURIED WEDNESDAY

Preeminent Citizen of the Double Springs Community Dies at the Age of 68.

Being buried at Double Springs this afternoon at 3 o'clock is the remains of Mr. Cleophus Hamrick, one of the most beloved citizens of that section who died Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock following illness since last spring. Mr. Hamrick was a farmer by profession, but did painting and carpentry work at odd times and was a well beloved and esteemed citizen. A splendid neighbor and a faithful preacher, Mr. Hamrick was twice married, the first time to Miss Miss Washburn, a sister of Commissioner W. W. Washburn, that union one child, Mrs. Sam Jones of Macon, Ga., survives. His second marriage was to Miss Miss Doggett who survives with three children. George Hamrick of Mich. Mrs. Dan Gold of Mich. All of the children live in his bedside last week from distant homes. Also surviving the wife, one brother Elijah Hamrick, father of Clerk of the Court A. M. Hamrick, and two sisters, Patience Hamrick and Mrs. Mary Bridges, now 80 years of age. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J. W. Suttle amid a large gathering of friends and relatives.

## Former Boxer In Serious Condition With Bad Appendix

Charlie Cordell in Charlotte Hospital. Was Well Known in Boxing Circles.

Charlie Cordell, young and husky Charlotte policeman and one-time champion of Shelby boxing fans as an artist, is in a Charlotte hospital recovering from a serious operation. Reports here late Wednesday night were to the effect that the hope was entertained for the good-natured slugger. He suffered a sudden attack of appendicitis, and his appendix burst, it is said, before he could be operated on. However information yesterday morning had it that Cordell was recovering from the operation and hopes for recovery were better. His Pendleton and other relatives of Shelby are at his bedside. Cordell has been on the Charlotte force for several months. It was at that time he appeared on the boxing cards in this section about Charlotte Back when Dempsey, the come-back champion, was training at Henderson. Cordell was one of his sparring partners, receiving while in the line one of the famous sleeping haymakers administered Dempsey's left fist.

## McDowell To Wed Vice Consul

Many friends of Miss Gardner McDowell, a sister of Mr. McDowell, American Rail Road Express agent in Shelby, will be interested to learn that she is to be married early in the month to Mr. Manuel Cruz of New York City. Miss McDowell is a year in Shelby and recently remembered here. She graduated at the Simmons College, Boston in June and that time has been making her home in New York City. Mr. Cruz, a native of Mexico is stationed in New York City. The approximate date of the wedding is announced. Helen Warde McDowell of Shelby, mother of the bride.

## Their Goal Won, After Smashup



Flowers decked the shoulders and smiles wreathed the faces of Emory Bronte (left) and Ernest Smith, civilian flyers, who recently flew from Oakland, Calif., to Hawaii. The two aviators crashed in a tree on the island of Molokai after their gasoline supply had been exhausted.

## New Pep On Realty Market

An activity that has been missing for several months is making itself felt again on the local real estate market, Shelby real estate dealers state. "For the first time in several weeks we are having prospects for houses and farms come to us instead of getting out and 'drumming' up every sale as we have been doing," stated a prominent local realtor yesterday. "Some how or another, due to general business conditions perhaps, the people who have money to invest and usually keep things moving in the real estate market have been expecting the worst or a real hard time panic. With the months passing and nothing of the type developing investment money has begun to ease up. "Added to that feature is still another: These months of conservative waiting mean that a considerable amount of money has been saved up and there will be more for real estate investments when the renewed activity gets going good," it was stated. Generally speaking it seems that prospects of good crops and a measure of prosperity in the fall have had to do with the change in real estate circles. It is needless to say, because it is generally known, that real estate transfers in this, or most any other section of the state, have been "on the blink" for several months.

## State May Go To Third Place In Federal Taxes

Raleigh.—Although not yet recovered from the surprise occasioned when North Carolina outstripped its boasted place as the "Fifth State" and became the "Fourth State" in the payment of federal taxes with the close of the fiscal year on June 30, Collector Gilliam Grissom ventures the prophecy that there is a good chance of North Carolina moving still further towards the front as "becoming" the "Third State" in the payment of federal taxes for the new fiscal year says The News & Observer. The prophecy was based on receipts for July, the first month of the new fiscal year, which amounted to \$17,515,293.43 as compared with \$16,418,646,293.43 two years ago. Two years ago North Carolina climbed to fifth place and it was felt that it would be impossible to go higher. However, the federal excise rate on automobiles was lowered and last year North Carolina, by climbing from \$192,000,000 to \$205,000,000 passed Michigan which dropped from \$212,000,000 to \$198,000,000. Now with only New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois collecting more revenue for Uncle Sam than is collected in North Carolina, Collector Grissom still feels that there is room near the top and is hopeful of passing Illinois, despite the fact that it contains the great city of Chicago.

## Oil Mill Adding To Its Building

Two additions are being made to the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Mill's Shelby plant of which J. Frank Jenkins is superintendent. A brick addition 32x40 feet is being added to the mill itself to relieve the crowded condition of the linting machines. Another addition 32x150 feet is being made to the fertilizer department. Mr. Jenkins says the plant capacity will not be increased by reasons of these additions which are made simply to give more floor space which is greatly needed. The construction is being done by two contractors, Ramsey and Morrison.

## MEAT DEALERS LICENSE AGAIN UP BEFORE BOARD

City Board Adjusts License Tax. Unauthorized Water Connections Unlawful.

A delegation of local meat dealers was again before the mayor and board of aldermen last night asking for an adjustment on their license tax, a question which has been under discussion for the past few weeks. It was voted to make the license for wholesale dealers \$50 a year, a reduction from \$75. Where a dealer sells at wholesale and retail the license is set at \$100 a year. Unauthorized connection with any water main or line in the town of Shelby is made a misdemeanor and punishable with a fine of \$50 and costs by an ordinance adopted last night. The city water department has experienced considerable trouble in the collection of monthly water bills. Service has been discontinued but the patrons would cut the water back on and there has been no law with which to punish those who do such. There are state laws, it is understood, that prescribe a penalty for the unauthorized connection with light lines but nothing covering the water system. So the board has passed an ordinance to cover this situation. As has been customary in the past, the members of the fire department are exempt from the payment of poll tax. R. H. Wilson presented a petition asking for the paving of the sidewalk recently constructed on the north side of West Warren street. Action has been delayed until the cost is ascertained. J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, made an appeal for a fund from the city to help take care of emergency charity cases in the city. This matter has been taken under advisement and will be acted upon later.

## Many Large Suits Continued Until Next Term Court

Suits Against Physicians Not Coming up This Term. Other Cases Non-Suited. Although Superior court is grinding through a full calendar this week several of the suits attracting considerable interest will not come up this term, it was learned today. The two suits against Drs. E. A. Houser and J. W. Harbison are so far back on the calendar that they may not be taken up until the special civil calendar term called for September. Also the suit of Clarence Lebnard against the Gulf Refining company has been continued minor litigations. Quite a number of litigations have ended in non-suits this week while still a number of interesting affairs are to come up before court adjourns. The suit of J. A. Walker and T. G. Howell vs. the Cleveland Motor company and C. P. Peeler ended in a non suit yesterday. Similar disposal was made of the suit J. C. Green vs. E. Wray and Josh Crowder vs. N. V. Petty.

## Community Brawl In County Court

A three-cornered scrap in the Buffalo (Stubbs) community last Friday night drew a big crowd from that community to the court house here yesterday when the affair was aired before Recorder John P. Mull. Judge Mull is holding court temporarily in the clerk's office while Superior court is in session upstairs, but yesterday Judge Mull had a larger gallery than Judge Schenk. Just why so much community interest developed in the affair did not come out, several score people, including women and children were on hand for the trial. Evidence introduced was to the effect that rocks played a role in the fight, but Judge Mull could not see very much visible damage wrought by the alleged rock-throwing. One woman injured in the affair, it was said, had three front teeth knocked out, but the versions of how the teeth were struck differed. At the conclusion Judge Mull fined two defendants \$10 each and one \$5.

## SEVEN COUPLES MARRY IN JULY

From the standpoint of Cupid and his love affairs July was a disastrous month in Cleveland county. Only seven love-love couples secured marriage licenses from the county register of deeds during the month. Just how many Cleveland county couples wedded in South Carolina Cupid corners is again a matter of estimate, but the number here last month approaches a near low record. Despite the fall off in June, the month of brides, and July Register Newton says that at the end of the fiscal marriage year more license will have been issued this year than last. August started off merrily at the license bureau with license being issued to the following couple; G. C. Sellers and Virginia Grace Harmon, both of the county.

## She's Skipper



Mrs. Eugene Overton, Los Angeles society woman is a skipper not because she skips, but because she commands a seagoing schooner. Her husband is mate of the boat which is bound for the tiny islands of the South Seas.

## FRAUD SUIT GETS NON-SUITED HERE IN COURT GRIND

Suits of Mayor Dorsey, Hord and McDaniels Against Stock Salesmen Ended.

Three suits in Superior court here against J. P. Lindsay and E. C. Stothart, of Charlotte, alleging fraud in the sale of stock ended in a non-suit yesterday at noon after nearly a day had been taken up in reviewing the evidence in the case. The evidence centered about stock alleged to have been sold to Mayor W. N. Dorsey, some years before he became mayor, and to V. E. McDaniel and Robert C. Hord. The stock was that of the Parfay company of Charlotte, it was testified. One basis for the suits was that the plaintiffs understood that in buying the stock if they were not satisfied by a certain length of time their money would be refunded. Fraud was charged on this count and also in allegations that wrong representations of the company were made. However, at the conclusion of the evidence it developed that a Supreme court decision holds that a promise, even in writing, of a refund of money on stock on a stock sale not proving satisfactory is not fraud. At this juncture Speight Beam, attorney for the plaintiffs, entered a motion for a non-suit, which was granted. Plummer Stewart and Hueling Davis, of Charlotte, were attorneys for the defendants.

## Two Wrecks But None Badly Hurt

John Russ And W. H. Hudson Smash On Highway. Riviere And Elliott On Morgan.

No one was seriously hurt but four cars were more or less damaged in a couple of auto accidents yesterday and this morning. While W. H. Hudson, traveling salesman, was making an early start this morning out highway 206, John Russ came into the highway from a side road. The views of the drivers was obscured by the Champion filling station near Max Wilson's home on the Waco road and the Russ car struck the Hudson car on the port side. The Russ car turned over and the five occupants scrambled from beneath. The Hudson car jumped a ditch but kept on its feet. Russ was brought to the hospital with no injury except a flesh wound in the forehead. Yesterday after Richard Riviere of The Star force had stopped in front of E. W. Wilson's on N. Morgan street to discharge passenger he attempted to cross the street and enter the W. B. Nix side street. A man by the name of Elliott driving another car collided with the Riviere car and both were more or less damaged, but the occupants were unharmed. Miss Frances Whisnant is in Charlotte attending a house party. Prof. and Mrs. I. C. Griffin and son left this week for New York city to visit their daughter.

## COOLIDGE NOT SEEKING THIRD TERM, HE SAYS

Is it President Coolidge's intention not to run for President again, or is he behind a bit of fine press-agenting to boost his candidacy for the third term? That very is one muchly discussed about Shelby today in view of the fact that the President yesterday made a statement that has all the politicians and newspapers guessing.

His statement was "I do not choose to run for President in 1928." That was all, nothing more. It doesn't say that he will not run if others choose him and opinion is mixed as to what is really meant, if anything. The method by which the President gave out the news that he would not choose the nomination again was as usual unique and to the point. After his morning conference yesterday with newspaper correspondents in the Black Hills, where he is vacationing, he asked that the newspapermen return at noon. At the appointed hour the writers, expecting something important, filed into his office "Is everyone here?" asked Coolidge. Learning that they were he took from his desk a collection of small white slips of paper and requested the newspapermen to file by him to receive the announcement. As the writers filed by and opened their slips they were astounded by the single sentence: "I do not choose to run for President in 1928."

Asked if he had other comment to make Coolidge answered "No," and called for his hat to take a walk. Hereabouts local leaders of both parties seem to be divided in their opinions. FORTY TAR HEELS DIE IN CRASHES Auto Accidents Take More Than Death A Day And Injure 230 Raleigh.—Forty persons killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina in 30 days! And 230 automobile accidents on the highways of the State in which persons were seriously injured in the same period! These are the astounding facts revealed by the records being kept by the Automotive Bureau of the State Department of Revenue for the first month of the new law has been in effect, requiring officers over the State to make reports on all serious automobile accidents in their jurisdiction—but only of serious accidents, in which persons are seriously injured, or killed. So if all accidents were included, the figures would be yet higher. But even on the basis of these figures for the first month, taking it as an average, the total number of deaths in automobile highway accidents for the entire year would amount to 480—an average of 1.34 deaths a day in automobile accidents. But the economic loss from these accidents is equally as astounding as the loss of life, and the number of persons injured. Estimating the actual monetary loss in damage to each automobile involved as \$100—and this is regarded as extremely conservative, since in many instances automobiles valued at more than \$1,000 are virtually destroyed beyond repair—the loss for the month of July alone, in terms of property destruction, would amount to \$230,000. And yet, despite the fact that there are adequate laws governing reckless driving, speeding, and almost every phase of highway traffic, because here is no single State agency, such as a highway police force, to enforce these laws, life and property are continuing to be destroyed daily.

## Lincoln Man Saves Pigs With His Gun

Lincolnton.—Marvin Propst, residing near Reepville, heard a noise near his barn late at night. He went out to investigate the racket, he found that someone had sacked up six pigs and had tied two cows near the road, apparently with the intention of stealing them. A volley or two of shots from a handy gun dispersed the would-be robbers.

## Lawyer Has Seven Bicycles "Swiped" One On Wednesday

Tedder Has His Seventh Bike Taken. About "Fed Up" on Furnishing Wheels. Daniel Allen Tedder, barrister, secretary to Federal Judge E. Y. Webb, and former minister, is about "fed up" on furnishing bicycles for the general public. Enough of anything is a blooming plenty, as Tedder looks at it, and now that his seventh bicycle has been stolen he has enough. Job with all his troubles and Blackbeard—maybe 'twas Bluebeard—with all his wives never had the trouble the nature student-lawyer has had with his bikes. Four Taken Here. Wednesday morning Tedder parked his bike, on which he commutes to and from his home in the eastern part of the city, under the shade of a tree on the south side of the court square. Bikes, as you know, like a shade in August just as much as horses and flivvers. Late that night after the day's work was ended Tedder journeyed out to get his faithful mount and found it gone. "Number Seven" he said sadly as he looked at the place where the wheel had been but was not. "Yes, number seven," he said and he might have added: "Believe I'll start a bicycle factory of my own." It was the fourth bicycle Tedder has had stolen since coming to Shelby. Two of the four have been recovered, and Tedder, like a fond parent of his children, has hopes for this one. He has offered a reward of \$5—and \$5 in these times gets action usually. Three in Capitol. But the four wheels taken here are not the full account of his mishaps with bikes. In days gone by when Judge Webb was in congress and Tedder his secretary, he had three bicycles stolen in the national capitol. And just like other things that pass away and never come back in Washington those wheels were "long gone." But the odd part of it is that after such a run of misfortune Tedder still has faith in his fellowman. Expects to get that seventh bicycle back this week. He's built that way and, of course, if you happen to see that seventh-stolen bike, you may make \$5.

## New Mail Service To Rutherfordton From Gaffney Now

Gaffney.—A notice posted in the lobby of the Gaffney postoffice says sealed bids will be received by the assistant postmaster general in Washington until August 23 for carrying the mail on a star route from Gaffney to Rutherfordton, and return, a distance of 40.13 miles one way. A one-way mail delivery from Gaffney to Rutherfordton has been operated for the past year or more. The new service calls for a schedule leaving Gaffney at 5:30 a. m., arriving at Rutherfordton by 8:45 a. m., with the return trip to be started as soon as the Asheville mail pouch is received or not later than 9:30. The towns to be served include Cliffsides, Henrietta, Avondale, Caroleen, Ellenboro, Bostic, Forest City and Rutherfordton.

## Home Coming At Old Capernium

The annual Home-coming at Old Capernium will be held at the usual time, on Saturday before the first Sunday in August. (August 6.) The sermon will be preached by our pastor, Rev. J. W. Suttle. The remainder of the day will be given over to old time singing in charge of Miss Zona Hord. Everybody cordially invited to be present, especially do we invite the old people to join in the old time singing. Dinner will be served on the ground at 1 o'clock.

## COUNTY HEADS IN FINAL CHECK OF TAX ASSESSMENT

Slight Gain Shown Over County As Whole in Values. Invoice Business System.

Tax assessing in Cleveland county for the new tax year received its final okay Monday at the hands of the county commissioners in their regular meeting working completely under the new county business system with Commissioner Chairman A. E. Cline and county accountant and business manager. Mr. Cline stated following the meeting that it might be stated that the work of assessing is completed. The commissioners took up and discussed during the day various angles of the tax situation. A few adjustments, it is said, were made, but none to amount to anything of importance. With this final adjusting and check by the commissioners the tax assessments formally go into the hands of the county tax board for the work of compilation. Slight Gain in Value. "A slight gain in taxable wealth is shown by the new assessment," Mr. Cline stated Tuesday. "The gain comes entirely from real estate as personal property values suffered a loss in nearly every township. Just how much the gain will be and the exact figures cannot be determined as yet." Other than discuss tax matters and handle routine affairs the commissioners did little of public interest. Two or three minor resolutions lining up the new county business system were passed. The bills for the past month were paid along the methods of the new county system, by invoice instead of the ancient method of board endorsement. All purchases now made by the county, or for the county, can be made only with proper purchasing orders from the county business manager and this order is used to check against the bill. The new system was found to be very methodical and exact, it was said, but made necessary quite a bit of attention by county officials and the accountant.

## SMITH RATED HIGH BY JUDGE STACK

Judge A. M. Stack Adds His Indorsement of New York Governor for Presidency. Winston-Salem.—Governor Alfred Smith is a greater man than Lincoln, declared Superior Court Judge A. M. Stack in indorsing the New York governor for the Democratic presidential nomination. The jurist is for Smith tooth and toenail. "I have traveled over five continents and have seen many things the Catholics have done. Of course, there are some things of which they should be ashamed and they probably are," said Judge Stack. "But they have a great deal to their credit. Three hundred years before the Protestants ever began to carry on the great work of today, the Catholics were busy."

## Improve Building On Business Street

Another first rate improvement for the business section of LaFayette street is under way. Rose's 5, 10 and 25 cent stores, Inc., having taken a fifteen year lease on the Clyde Hoy building, which they occupy, are remodeling the store, putting in a new front, and remodeling the second floor. It is understood the Rose organization will occupy the down stairs section and a part of the upper floor, in the rear. And the front of the building will be given over to offices. The improvement it is said will cost Mr. Hoy \$5,000. Mr. Hoy pays the bill for the improvement, which is being done, however, according to the Rose company's specifications.