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May and May Not. Today's North Carolina weather report: Showers and probably thunder showers tonight and Saturday, except generally fair in west portion. Saturday moderate south and southwest winds.

Rescue in Arctic. A dispatch from Italy this morning stated that five members of the Noble airship crew, stranded in the Arctic region, were rescued yesterday by the Russian ice-breaker Kassin. Those rescued were the Viglieri group. Eight of the 16 aboard the Italia have been rescued, two are known to be dead and six are lost.

HUNDREDS ATTEND BOYLES FUNERAL

Hebron Church Unable To Hold Large Crowd At Funeral Of Victim.

The largest crowd to ever throng about Hebron church was there Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock to attend the funeral of Greeley Boyles, who was killed in the boiler explosion at Toluca Tuesday. Estimates as to the crowd range from 1,200 to 1,500. The rural church could not hold more than half of the crowd and one of those outside declared he counted 625 who could not get in. The funeral drew throngs for two reasons: first, because of the horror of the tragedy in which Boyles met his death as such events are not common in rural sections, and second because of the popularity of the victim. Boyles, who was 32 years of age, joined the church in his early boyhood, and of a friendly and courteous disposition was liked by every one who knew him. He was one of the best citizens of his community. Surviving are his wife, who was Texie King, and two children—Marvin and Heron. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Pall bearers were: S. H. and S. A. Sain, Wallace and Blenny Hoyle, Bevard Lingerfelt, and A. C. Costner. Flower girls were Lona and Verna Hasting, Steima Costner, Charleie and Georgiana Sain and Winona Willis.

Don Johnson, Once Pilot Here, Flies Over Mountains

Along With Gastonia Boy He Pilots Plans Across Mountains During Rain.

Gastonia—Donald B. Johnson, local aviator, and Council Shumate, employe of the Pattillo drug store, had an exciting trip through rain and fog from Johnson City, Tenn., to Gastonia Tuesday morning. They landed here at the field of the Piedmont Airway, Inc., after being in the air for an hour and a half or more, during which time they ascended to more than 8,000 feet in order to get above the drizzling rain. Johnston carried passengers in Johnson City last week and hopped from the field there Tuesday morning. Shumate, who helped his fellow aviator, while on his vacation from the drug store, was the only passenger.

Over the mountains of western North Carolina they encountered the steady rain. In some places the fog was so bad that they descended to within about 100 feet of the trees and rocks in order to see where they were going. In order to try to outwit the rain, Johnston drove the Eagle Rock plane upwards to an elevation of 8,200 feet but there was as much rain there as anywhere.

The two airmen came to Gastonia via Shelby. The latter part of the trip was not so bad as there was more familiar territory.

ROYSTER AND SONS IMPROVING STORE

Adding Another Story to Two Store Rooms and New Fronts on S Lafayette Street.

Dr. S. S. Royster and two sons, D. W. and Ralph, who recently purchased from J. E. Webb two brick store rooms on S. LaFayette street adjoining the Royster building occupied by Montgomery Ward Co., will let the contract in a few days for another story to be added over both stores, new store fronts and a heating system supplied by a large heating plant in the Royster building. The building when finished will be 50x125 feet, two stories high of steel and brick construction and conform in style of architecture to the present Royster building with buff colored brick.

It is estimated that the cost of the improvement will be approximately \$20,000. Just who will occupy the building when finished has not been settled upon, say the Roysters.

LINCOLN YOUTH HURT IN FALL FROM TREE

Lincolnton, July 12.—W. E. Ballard, 12 years of age, is in a local hospital with both legs broken between the knees and hips, as a result of falling out of a tree which he was climbing. The accident happened in Lincolnton on Rhyme heights.

TWO INJURED IN BOILER TRAGEDY REPORTED BETTER

Driver Of Engine Tells Of Harrowing Experience. Had 140 Pounds Of Steam.

Franklin Grigg and Wayne Carpenter, who were injured in the Toluca boiler explosion Tuesday in which Greeley Boyles was killed, were reported as improving somewhat at the Shelby hospital today although young Carpenter still suffers considerably from his burns.

Tells Of His Explosion. From his hospital bed Thursday Grigg peered from the bandages over his lacerated face and told a Star staff writer of the harrowing experience of driving a death engine.

"It came and was over with so quick that there isn't much to tell," Grigg said.

Engine Had Stopped. "We had just pulled up to the house from the barn. We were not moving at the time as some have said. Just a minute before it happened Greeley (Boyles), who was putting planks down in front, stepped back just four or five steps from me at the side and said to stop because the engine was about to run off the plank. I guess those were the last words he ever said. I jerked the throttle off and—

stopped. Just about that time I noticed Mrs. Edwards walk out on the porch. I didn't notice the little girl. Then came the explosion and I the first thing after I came to myself I began to wonder what had happened to Mrs. Edwards. She was so close, and I'm so glad she wasn't badly hurt. "Greeley wasn't in front. He was pretty close to me beside one of the wheels. The little Carpenter boy over in that bed was four or five yards behind, and Pruett (the fireman) was up in front moving Dr. Edwards' car so we could get by. When the explosion came I felt something hit me in the side and the next thing I knew clearly was that we were in a car moving."

Low Pressure Boiler. Grigg stated when questioned that it was what is known as a low pressure boiler, but declared that they had had up to 160 pounds of steam in it several times while sawing. The gauge showed 140 pounds just before the explosion and it had started to pop off about the time we stopped, he said.

A low pressure boiler is not insured over 110 pounds of steam, according to boiler salesmen, but Grigg said that before starting out they had tested the boiler with cold water up to 135 pounds and it had held all right. He also discounted the theory that the boiler was dry and blew up when cold water struck it. "The boiler was at least two-thirds full," he said, "as it hadn't been long since we filled it and I noticed it coming up from the barn. Hearing that some thought perhaps the steam gauge was not working Grigg also stated that it was and that it registered 140 pounds. On the previous Saturday night he purchased a new gauge at Hickory, he said, and installed it. Boiler Age Not Known.

Just how old the boiler was Grigg said he did not know, but stated that they had been operating it for three years and that it had been used prior to that time near Lenoir and also about Valdese, according to reports he had heard. That there was no mud, or very little mud in the boiler, Grigg was positive, affirming that it had been cleaned when they started threshing and after. He could not understand, he said, what caused it to blow up, or how any of them managed to escape.

The threshing machine was left at the barn, he said, or more would have been killed as there were 30 or 40 people about and many of them would have been following along. Grigg received lacerations on the body, arm and head, but was troubled most with the blow on his side. Thursday he seemed to feel considerably better and chatted with friends and relatives. The little Carpenter boy was not resting so easily. Relatives brought him some flowers but he could hardly see them as his face was so swollen that his eyes were almost closed. His most painful injuries developed from burns and lacerations about the head.

A. B. C. Co. Takes Over Auto Agency. The A. B. C. Motor and Tire company of which A. B. C. DePriest is manager, has taken the distribution in Cleveland county of the Pontiac car from the Arey Refrigerating Co. Heretofore the A. B. C. company has been sub-dealers for this car under the Arey Co., but Arey Co., has given the dealership to the A. B. C. Motor and Tire company which operates on S. Washington street.

Robinson Pleads For South



Senator Joe Robinson, democratic vice-presidential nominee, the first to come from the South since the Civil war, while in New York recently urged that an active campaign be made in the South.

"Sacred Duty" To Back Law, Al Smith Believes — Does Not Want Saloons —

Editor's Note: This is the last of four articles on Gov. Al Smith of New York.

(By Robert Talley, NEA Service Writer.)

Albany, N. Y.—When Al Smith answers those who have attacked his eligibility for the presidency on the ground that he is a Catholic, the nation can expect one of the greatest speeches in the long career of this man who has won fame as a powerful orator.

Governor Smith is a devout member of his church, as were his parents, and he has no apologies to make for his religion. He holds that one's manner of worshipping God is a personal matter, entirely dissociated from government. He has always attended church regularly.

"I have never known any conflict between my official duties and my religious belief," Governor Smith once said. "I recognize no power in my church to interfere with the operations of the constitution of the United States or the enforcement of any law of the land."

Religion burns deeply within the breast of New York's governor, once an altar boy at St. James', near his home on the East Side. In his youth the church nurtured him, giving him the only schooling he ever received. It started him on his career as a public speaker with the amateur theatricals given in the church basement. It buried his father and his mother, who died secure in the consolation of their faith, and it has comforted him in many of his own dark hours.

"If there were a conflict between religious loyalty to the Catholic church and patriotic loyalty to the United States," Governor Smith once said, "I, of all men, could not have escaped it because I have not been a silent man, but a battler for social and political reform. These battles would in their very nature disclose the conflict, if any."

When Governor Smith makes reply to these attacks, the public may hear something of the innumerable letters from friends of religious tolerance—Protestants, Jews and Catholics—that have flooded into his office here ever since the issue was raised. That day he will speak with a profound emotion, born of something that is closest within his heart.

He may read the letter received from a Gold Star mother, urging him to fight to the last ditch as a matter of sacred duty to the nation "to prevent America from becoming a prey of bigots who would raise a warning sign that no Catholic mother giving birth to a son could expect him to share the common opportunity to aspire to the nation's highest honor."

One thing is certain, say those who know Governor Smith best—he will never retreat under this attack nor surrender because of as-

HORSE SHOW WILL DRAW GOOD CROWD: A FOX RACE ALSO

To Have Twenty-One Classes In Show. Open Only To Entries From County.

Promoters of the forthcoming horse show are getting busy, preparing to put over an event that will really reflect credit upon the Shelby Riding club in particular and the community in general.

The event, which is to be held on July 26, will be staged on the Cleveland Springs Estates, near the aviation field. The managers are anxious to have it understood that entries will be open to anyone in Cleveland county, and for all classes of horses and ponies.

It is planned to have the entries cover twenty-one classes. And there is but one limiting condition, and that is, that all horses and riders must belong in Cleveland county.

A premium list has been prepared, and a number of prizes have already been offered. It is expected before the day of the event, the list of prizes will have become quite extensive.

William Lineberger makes the announcement that a judge, hailing from the horse country of Kentucky has been selected. His name will be made public later.

The day, being Thursday, will it is hoped be a half holiday in Shelby, which will add to the opportunity afforded to make the event a gala one. Arrangements are being made to entertain the visitors, as the program will be an all day one, opening at 10:30 o'clock, and extending well into the evening. At seven a fox hunt will be on, the chance being that an aniseed bag will take the place of the fox.

As has already been announced, a dog show, will proceed the showing of the horses.

That the show will be extensive is indicated by the fact that there are at least fifty saddle horses in Shelby alone, not to mention large numbers owned in the county. And these will represent only one of a number of classes. There will be three gaited and five gaited horses, road horses, plantation horses, buggy horses, hunters, jumpers, etc.

Along with Mr. Lineberger and working with the committees to perfect the show are Dr. Dorton and Mr. Frazier.

Little Hawkins Girl Died Early In Morn

Little Margaret Hawkins, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hawkins, of Lattimore, died early this morning of heart trouble.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sharon church, the section from which the Hawkins family came originally. Rev. M. Forbis will conduct the service. The little girl was a lovable, brilliant child and the entire community sympathizes with the family in its bereavement. Surviving in addition to the parents are three brothers and one sister.

\$4 CHECK BY LINDY IS REFUSED BY STRANGERS

North Platte, Neb., July 12.—"We don't know you," greeted Col. Charles A. Lindbergh when he tendered his check for \$4 in a local restaurant in payment for coffee and rolls for himself and mechanic. The famous pilot was forced to dig deeper in his pockets for the 20 cents to pay the bill.

Name The Big Baby—The County Fair

Everything has some kind of name. Perhaps you have never thought of it but each one of the previous Cleveland county fairs had a name. Each had its slogan, and that is the name by which it was known. A slogan is a name that means something, something to live up to.

Last year the slogan was "Bigger, Better, More Beautiful." This year the fair is going to be all this, and then some. We want you to tell us just what you want it to be in the cleverest, most concise wording possible.

Two people in Cleveland county are going to find themselves lucky. The fair is going to be patriotic in every particular, for, not only is it going to be of the people, by the people, for the people, but it is going to be named by the people also.

The Fair Association is offering for the slogan accepted a pass to all of the attractions, in addition to the entrance pass; for the second best, an entrance pass for the week, for the third best, one ticket.

This is the first actual work you have the opportunity to do for the fair. Two weeks will be given to get your slogans in. The rules are simple, write your name and address at the top of page, write or print your slogan under it, and mail to Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, Box 484, Shelby, N. C. All slogans must reach the office by July 28, 8 p. m.

All together, now, give us a name that will make everybody work to make come true. Open only to Cleveland county citizens.

Final Hoodoo Day Of Year

Use extra caution in your movements today and if you hear the town clock boom 12 strokes tonight you may consider yourself lucky, and likewise may rest easy about the rest of the year.

This is "Friday the 13th," y'know—the third one of the year and the last one too.

The year 1928 has been unusual in that it brought along three "jonah" days: Friday, January 13; Friday, April 13; and today, which is Friday, July 13.

Steer clear of black cats, two-dollar greenbacks, and broken mirrors this afternoon and tonight and you should be able to live out the rest of the year. If you don't happen to take sick and die, get run over by an auto, or get shot by some irate husband or wife.

CITY TAGS GOING FAST, LIMIT NEAR

Shelby Motorists in Rush to Buy License Plates as Deadline Day Approaches.

During the past few days City Clerk Fred Culbreth has been rushed by city motorists desiring to buy Shelby auto license plates before Police Chief Richards and his force start out to round up car owners who have not purchased tags.

Chief Richards announced earlier in the week that every auto owner has had ample time to buy tags and that he would close down on those not having tags by the end of this week—and the result has been the pouring in of a steady stream of one dollar bills at the city hall.

Scores of cars, however, remain without new city tags, it is said, and if there are no delinquents left by Monday morning many tags will have to be purchased today and tomorrow.

Thursday Holiday, Some Close While Others Stay Open

Banks and a Few Groceries Close Shop for Afternoon. Other Business Hesitant

Shelby's first announced half-holiday of the summer months yesterday fizzled somewhat in that the entire business section did not close up for the afternoon although a portion did.

A check-up revealed that all the banks were closed for business after the noon hour as were a few of the grocery stores, but other mercantile firms including several grocery stores remained open.

Several firms in business lines other than groceries had decided to close up, and in some instances had informed their help that they need not return in the afternoon, but when they found doors of rival firms remaining open, they too, stuck to the shop during the afternoon. Quite a bit of confusion resulted both for merchants and shoppers.

May Close Thursday. Today reports along the business avenues have it that the closing may be more general next Thursday. The banks meantime have announced definitely that their help will have Thursday afternoon off during July and August.

Just how much of the business section will be closed next Thursday remains to be seen. As it is citizens not connected with uptown business are amused at the tangle and business men are somewhat puzzled.

Local Talent Ladies Entertain Kiwanis

Shelby's splendid local talent entertained Kiwanians Thursday night at Cleveland Springs hotel when Josh Lattimore and J. B. Nolan had charge of the program. Miss Virginia Hankrick one of Shelby's most pleasing readers gave two recitations, while Mrs. John Lovelace, nee Whisnant, rendered two beautiful vocal solos, with Miss Mary Helen Lattimore piano accompanist.

Singing School To Begin At Lattimore

A two weeks singing school taught by Prof. Carl Jordan begins Monday morning July 16 at the Lattimore Baptist church. Mr. Jordan is highly qualified for this work, having been for the past two years director of the Georgetown university glee club and choir leader for the First Baptist church at Georgetown, Ky.

Shelby Political Leader Named For State Chairman

Gastonia Boosts Star's Expansion

(From The Gastonia Gazette.) Editor Lee Weathers of The Cleveland Star, Shelby, announces that he has bought a 24-page Goss rotary press and other equipment and is now erecting an addition to his building to take care of this expansion. He also announces that The Star, will contain many new features, such as comic strips, news pictures, cartoons, fashion hints and many other items such as one finds in the up-to-date dailies. We congratulate Brother Weathers and Shelby, too. The Star is one of the liveliest and lustiest papers in the state and has shown marked improvement during the past four or five years. It deserves to grow. First thing we know it will be a full-fledged daily. The Shelby folks—and the Cleveland county folks, also—show their appreciation of a good paper by lending it their whole-hearted support. In turn, Editor Weathers is straining every nerve to give them the best paper in the state. Shelby is a growing town. The Star a growing paper. They are keeping step with each other, which is as it should be.

ODUS MULL MAY HEAD DEMOCRATS

Most Capable Man To Succeed Brummitt, Next Governor Thinks.

Odus M. Mull, for years chairman of the Democratic party in Cleveland county and one of the most active Democratic campaigners in the section, may be the next chairman of the North Carolina Democratic party succeeding Attorney General Dennis Brummitt, who has resigned.

This became known this week when O. Max Gardner, gubernatorial nominee, made it known that he desired his fellow-townsmen for the position.

Mr. Brummitt resigned in view of the fact that duties would be too heavy on him during the campaign as he is also attorney-general of the state. It has been a political custom for years that the nominee for governor have something to do with choosing the man to lead his campaign and Mr. Gardner promptly expressed his fondness for one of his closest personal and political friends—but the choice was made more on the Mull record, a record that shows a string of victories as a campaign manager.

Meet Tuesday Night. The state executive committee meets on Tuesday, July 17, to name the new chairman and since Gardner has made his desires known it seems assured that the Shelby man will direct the Democratic campaign in North Carolina this fall.

Mr. Gardner's statement in behalf of his choice follows: "I shall recommend to the Democratic state committee the selection of Hon. Odus M. Mull, of Shelby as chairman. I do not believe there is a man in the state with superior qualifications for this highly important office.

"Mr. Mull is forty-seven years of age, a native of Cleveland county, a graduate of Wake Forest college a successful lawyer and one of our leading farmers. He was law partner of United States Judge E. Y. Webb for fourteen years. He has been county chairman of the Democratic party in Cleveland county for twelve years. He managed the campaign for Judge E. Y. Webb during his eighteen years in congress. He brilliantly managed the campaign of Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, his life long friend, for congress in the ninth district. He successfully managed my campaign for governor in the ninth district in 1920. He was district manager for Senator Simmons in 1912; Craig manager in 1908; Bickett manager in 1916; my manager in 1920; McLean's manager in 1924. In his wide experience he has never lost a county or district fight for his candidate. He was the leading Hull man in Cleveland county in 1928, but opposed the unit rule and was author of the Cleveland county resolution recommended to state convention that Smith and Hull should receive their pro rata strength from North Carolina."

Chicago Convention Nominates Him Despite His Refusal To Accept It. Washington, July 12.—Announcement was made at the office of Senator Norris, of Nebraska, this morning that he would not head a third party movement. The statement was made in connection with his nomination for the presidency at Chicago last night by the Farmer-Labor party.

In the absence of Senator Norris, his secretary stated that the Senator had been approached by convention leaders in Chicago within the last few days regarding whether he would head a third ticket. The secretary asserted that the senator had definitely stated at the time that he would not accept such a nomination.

Norris is Nominated. Chicago, July 12.—United States Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska today had become an unwilling candidate for presidency of the United States on the Farmer-Labor ticket.

Despite his reported refusal to head any third party slate, the Nebraska senator was placed in nomination at last night's session of the convention. He was chosen on the third ballot, receiving sixteen ballots to fourteen for Norman Thomas, the socialist nominee for president.

The vice-president the Farmer-Laborites named Will Vereen of Moultrie, Ga., a cotton mill owner.

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Mull Perfect Pick For Chairman, N. C. Political Leaders Declare

(W. T. Bost In Greensboro News.)

Raleigh, July 11.—Governor Max Gardner's choice for state chairman, a selection which everybody believes will be ratified, knocked Raleigh down tonight, but when the politicians got up they concluded that the next chief executive of North Carolina could not have done better if he had scoured the world.

For O. M. Mull fits into the North Carolina situation with something akin to political predestination. He is drier than William D. Ushaw, William Jennings Bryan, Joseph Daniels, Bishop James E. Cannon and Puffyfoot Johnson combined. He is more Baptist than Rev. Dr. Livvy and Archibald Blockade Johnson, Charles E. Maddry and E. Y. Mullins rolled into one. He is more Democratic than Thomas Jefferson, Andy Jackson, Woodrow Wilson, Hoke Smith, A. D. Watts, and R. A. Doughton put together. Then he has more energy than a school boy with the itch. Mull has everything that a chairman needs—prohibition, religion, industry, political genius, friendship and money. He loves Max Gardner with a consuming fire. From Adam to date a better chairman for Gardner could not have been found.

Mr. Mull made a memorable speech for the 18th amendment and gave John Barleycorn one of the most picturesque cussing since the

days when Bob Ingersoll said he was not surprised that "everybody is prejudiced against the damned stuff called alcohol." But Mr. Mull does not say damn. He won't even call it dern; he would be frightened if he heard himself call it dad blamed. Yet he is a master of the imprecatory psalm. He has a noble prohibition record. His vote and his leadership cannot be erased.

Then he stood nobly for honesty in taxation, for good roads, and in the days of its unpopularity he came out for woman suffrage. He was exactly what Gardner needs in his campaign. The Shelby associate of Mr. Gardner has more. He ran the campaign for Governor McLean in 1924 and the moment he touched the Cleveland situation Mr. Mull had the opposition in confusion. Yet, he will be infinitely satisfactory to Josiah William Bailey, who carries no grouse against any man. More folks will feel like taking off coats, rolling up sleeves and heaving hats into the air when Brother Mull gets into action for Governor Gardner and his national associates than would have demonstrated for any other man.

And not a man in North Carolina thought to draft this perfect companion of Max Gardner until the perspicacious Gardner laid hands on his neighbor. This will be a working campaign. Chairman Mull always operates.