

Continues Fair. Today's North Carolina weather report: Fair tonight and probably Thursday. Slightly warmer tonight in extreme west portion.

Three Children Drown.

Three children, Emily, Margie and Clarke Ownley, aged 13, 8, and 5 respectively, were drowned yesterday afternoon in a river near Elizabeth City. Clarke, the youngest, ventured beyond his depth and the two other youngsters hurried to his rescue and all three went under. An older sister and another woman attempted a rescue but failed. The father of the children is C. A. Ownley, prominent Pasquotank county man.

STAR'S BIG PRESS IN TWO CAR LOADS

Ludlow Type Casting Machine Is Also Installed In Expansion Program.

The Star's mammoth 24 page Goss rotary newspaper press arrived Saturday from Appleton, Wisconsin, in two solid cars, the shipment weighing 64,000 pounds or 32 tons. It was handled with wonderful dispatch, being shipped from Wisconsin Monday of last week and arriving here on Saturday, a trip almost as rapid as express shipments.

Three Weeks To Erect.

An erector from the Duplex Printing Press factory will arrive this week and set to work to erect the mammoth press which will require about three weeks. It is hoped to have it up and running by the first of September in the new press room of brick, steel and concrete which has just been finished to the rear of The Star office. The press will turn out 20,000 papers of a 12 page paper an hour or 10,000 papers of 16, 20, or 24 pages, printed, folded, counted and inserted all in the same operation.

Mr. Harris Hardin who has been pressman and linotype operator for The Star for a number of years will operate the larger press.

Type Casting Machine.

In addition to the new press, The Star has installed a Ludlow type-casting machine for making larger type than the linotype machines used. This machine is now being erected by Mr. Longly of the Ludlow Typographic Co., who is here to instruct the force in its operation for a few days.

The new Ludlow gives an unlimited supply of new type for each issue of the paper, this type to be used for news headings and display lines in advertisements. In a few issues The Star will show a decided improvement in "dress."

MRS. MOLLIE GREEN OF LATTIMORE DIES

Beloved Woman Of Lattimore Dies This Morning, Age 63—Funeral Thursday.

Mrs. W. D. F. Green, who before marriage was Miss Mollie Stockton, of the Double Shoals community, died this morning at her home at Lattimore following a serious illness of one week. Her funeral will be conducted Thursday by Rev. Leo R. Pruett of Charlotte, assisted by Rev. I. D. Harrill of Lattimore and interment will be in the Lattimore Baptist church cemetery. She joined the church at Zion at the age of 12 and was baptized by the lamented Rev. A. C. Irvin.

Mrs. Green was a saintly woman, greatly loved by her neighbors and friends. Her family was a most devoted one and all the children and grandchildren were at her bedside when she died this morning.

Mrs. Green's husband preceded her to the grave 11 years ago. She was 63 years of age, lacking 29 days. Mrs. Green is survived by the following children: Chas. L. Green, Mrs. T. F. Stroupe and Robert F. Green of Mooresboro, Miss Clara Green of Lattimore, Mrs. Hugh Toms of Shelby, together with 15 grandchildren.

Nephews will serve as pall bearers and nieces as flowers girls at the funeral tomorrow.

Abernethy Has Two Church Revivals On

L. Z. Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church here is assisting Rev. G. P. Abernethy in a series of meetings this week at the Fallston Baptist church. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 7:45 each evening. Large crowds are attending. A revival begins next week at Sandy Plains church of which Rev. P. Abernethy is pastor. He will be assisted by Rev. W. A. Elam, a former pastor of the church, now living at Rainsur.

Rev. H. N. McDiarmid and son, Wilson Hines leave tomorrow for a ten day vacation to Mr. McDiarmid's old home at Raeford in the eastern part of the state.

HOSPITAL BED FOR 1 OUT OF EVERY 815 IN THIS COUNTY

Cleveland Ranks 38th In State In Hospitals, Cumberland County First.

Cleveland county with only one hospital and a total of 46 beds ranks 38th in the state in hospitals according to a survey by the University News Letter.

This county, according to the figures, has a hospital bed for each 815 inhabitants, or 38 beds for white and eight for colored.

Adjoining Counties. Lincoln county has 50 hospital beds, or one bed for each 368 people; Burke has 50 hospital beds, or one bed per 492 inhabitants; Rutherford has 64 beds, or one per 523 inhabitants; Gaston has 115 beds, or one per 528 citizens.

Cumberland county ranks first in the state with 195 beds or one per 197 inhabitants. Rockingham with 30 beds, or one per 1,643 inhabitants, ranks lowest in the state.

102 Hospitals.

All together there are 102 general hospitals in the state of which 72 are private and 30 public. The public hospitals are classified as follows: 14 community, 11 religious, two county, and three municipal. The two county hospitals are in Rutherford and Vance counties and, since the report was made, a county hospital has been established in Haywood county. The three municipal hospitals are located at Raleigh, Winston-Salem, and Shelby.

In addition to the 102 general hospitals in the state there are 36 tuberculosis sanatoriums, ten of which are public, and 14 special hospitals, seven of which are public institutions—that is, supported by the public. This number includes the state tubercular sanatorium at Sanatorium and the state orthopedic hospital at Gastonia. The nine counties having tuberculosis sanatoria are Forsyth, Buncombe, Guilford, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Edgecombe, Halifax, Henderson and Moore.

Boys Depart Main Street For City In Ancient Motor

Flivver Decorated Like Collegiate Slicker Carries Trio Towards Broadway.

An ancient flivver—so ancient that Hank Ford himself could not recall the child's birthday—left Shelby's "Main Street" Tuesday for Broadway and Fifth avenue. But despite the age of the car there was something of a collegiate air about it, as three Shelby boys boarded in for a flivver tour, and that atmosphere was due to slicker signs painted on every portion of the body.

One door bore the legend: "Carolina Rambler," while the rear seat door had the following painted in white upon it: "Ladies Rest Room, Step In." Across the hood was another slogan the boys hoped to chug along before a probable presidential election. It read: "In N. C., AI, We're Dry—Maybe."

The three youths, Bill and Edwin Beam and Fred Mauney, have no idea when they will reach New York or get back home, but they're "on their way," and their parting statement was: "The oldest flivver joke still hits on all four, meaning that it will take you there and bring you back."

Associational Meet At Elizabeth Church

At the regular monthly meeting of the Kings Mountain Sunday School association which will be held at Elizabeth Baptist church next Sunday Dr. Louis Entzinger who is now conducting a revival meeting at New Hope church, Earl, will address the body at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Entzinger is one of the best authorities on Sunday school work in the South, aside from being a great evangelist. People of all denominations are invited to hear Dr. Entzinger, according to Editor G. G. Page of Kings Mountain, president of the association.

UNCLE SAM'S CARRIERS GET \$15,000,000 BOOST

Washington.—Railroads carrying mail for the post office department were awarded an increased pay of approximately \$15,000,000 per year under terms of an interstate commerce commission order, and in addition granted a lump sum of approximately \$45,000,000 for under payment which the commission held the government had made since July, 1925.

Cotton for Evening Gowns



Here's good news for the cotton growers—cotton has entered formal society and is being used for dinner and dance frocks. These three models (left to right) were worn by Miss Clara Stopper, Mrs. W. D. Wilson and Miss Elizabeth Hill, members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, at the recent national convention of that organization in Shreveport, La., to illustrate the possibilities of cotton materials.

HOLD NEGRO FOR ATTACK ATTEMPT

Is Charged With Trying To Rape Young Married Negro Girl At Spring.

In county court today, Melvin Hopper, young negro man, was bound over to superior court on the charge on an assault with intent to commit rape. Bond was set at \$1,000 by County Judge John Mull and was not given.

The victim of the attempted assault was Mary Ethel Mathias, 18-year-old wife of Robert Mathias colored.

Weeks Back.

The attempted assault was said to have taken place on July 13, which incidentally was Friday. The prosecuting witness told the court that she went to the spring after some water and that Hopper, a son of Will Hopper, attempted the assault there. The negro woman screamed and her husband, hoeing in a field nearby, came to her aid, and Hopper, it is said, took to his heels in such a manner as "to run out from under his hat." Apparently he kept running as he was not apprehended until Tuesday night when he walked into his father's home and found Deputy Bob Kendrick secured a bed for him at the county jail.

The Mathias family and the Hopper family both live on the John Hamrick place on the old Boiling Springs road out of Shelby.

The preliminary hearing, as is customary with such hearings, drew a curious crowd to the downstairs court room.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Alexander spent the week-end at Morganton. Mr. and Mrs. Luico M. Hull leave Friday for their summer home at Montreat, where they will spend the rest of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hames, Col. T. B. Butler and Both Butler, Jr., of Gaffney, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blanton Sunday.

Miss Lucy Hamrick returned last week from Asheville where she attended summer school.

Find Body of Dead Woman Under Bed of Aged Hermit

Religious Cult Leader Buried in Crude Casket Under His Bed.

Chicago.—The body of a woman who had been dead since April was found in a crude coffin beneath the bed of August Kessler, aged recluse and religious cult leader in the county forest preserve here Monday.

Kessler, 63 years old, is in the county hospital as the result of a beating by two men and an unidentified woman, who attacked him as he led a group of worshippers in prayer before an altar he had constructed there.

Despite his critical condition, he was questioned by hospital nurses who said he told them the woman

DOG CASE BEFORE COURT RUN TODAY

Half Dozen Divorces Granted. Judge McRae May End Court Friday.

A dog case, that bids fair to be a historic fox-hound litigation, is occupying the time of the superior court session here again today.

It is the case of Bate Blanton vs. Charlie Bridges, both well known citizens of the county, and it is alleged that the fox-hound was also well known as fox-hounds are known. At the last session of court Blanton asked \$50 damages of Bridges and the jury got the dog case only to end up in a dog-fall, known in technical terms as a mistrial. It is alleged that the Bridges car struck the Blanton dog, and so on. Learned lawyers are engaged on both sides of the dog case and court spectators early in the morning leaned back to take it easy while hearing the merits of various hounds, their value as listed on the county tax books, and other connecting information. Although it is a dog suit neither side seems very desirous of another dog-fall.

No important suits have been disposed of by the civil calendar grid. Judge Cameron McRae, of Asheville, is presiding this week and court may close about Friday it is said. About six divorces have been granted. In the suit of Clyde McCurry against the Union bus terminal at Charlotte and the Inter-Carolinas bus lines, McCurry was awarded \$101 damages for baggage alleged to have been lost or misplaced in transportation from Charlotte to Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Burnett and little daughter, Annie Ruth and Mamie Burnett of Spartanburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lattimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarson Witherington of Mount Olive, are spending today and tonight with Mr. and Mrs. Luico M. Hull en route to the mountains. Mrs. Witherington is the daughter of Mrs. Luico M. Hull.

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COTTON CROP IS BETTER NOW THAN LAST YEAR, SAID

Is Later But Considerably Better, County Agent Thinks. Next Month Counts.

Alvin Hardin, Cleveland county farm agent, will not make an estimate as to the year's cotton crop this early in the season, but he declares that the general crop in the county is better than it was at this time last year.

"It is later than it was last year, but it is better now," he said. "Making a prediction now would be somewhat foolish as no one can tell how the season will develop. But if we would have a real good season from now on we may move up into the 50,000-bale class."

The next 30 days will play an important part in the crop total, the farm expert said. Hot weather, of course, is needed, but some more rain would also prove beneficial, he stated.

SOCIETY COUPLES NOT JAILED HERE

Rumor About Arrest of Party Nothing But Rumor. Officers Say

Shelby gossip circles still function, but like all other human institutions they err at times.

This week a rumor has been going the rounds that several "prominent young people" were arrested, or jailed some time Sunday night or Monday morning by county officers. The rumor, as is customary with rumors, is related in several different ways, but either way it is related low officials says that it is all bunk, or perhaps started over some other incident. In fact, it is said at the county court house that no young couples, boys or girls were arrested or jailed Sunday or Sunday night.

The rumor when it first made its appearance in slack circles of conversation had it that a couple of young fellows and their girls, or somebody else's girls, had been nabbed by the watchful eye of the law while winding up what is known as a wild party in the Patterson Springs section. Some of the gossip had it that they were drunk, some that they were only drinking, some that they were getting so, and still other portions of the gossip that they were just getting over one. But all the law officials who can be found say that the whole thing is "bunk" insofar as they are concerned.

By Tuesday when nothing definite could be found on which to base the story a new angle of gossip started with the suggestion that two young girls had been taken out for a ride and forced to walk home and therefore had caused trouble because they were not desirous of hitching records. This additional choice of gossip, however, proved to be unfounded as did the others. Although it is said that girls do walk home at times.

Where the entire story started or how it got its wild-fire end-remains a mystery. Nobody answering to any of the gossip description was arrested or jailed. There may have been a party somewhere in the county Sunday night but if there was the officers did not hear of it—at least not in time to break it up.

Still, supposedly, there must be something to talk about during the long summer evenings while a cool night breeze is awaited for comfortable sleep.

Two Great Workers Can Be Heard Now

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church who is conducting a revival meeting with Rev. G. P. Abernethy at Fallston was here this morning and wants to urge through The Star that as many people as can hear Dr. Lee Scarborough who is conducting a revival meeting at Forest City and Dr. Louis Entzinger who is assisting Rev. J. L. Jenkins in conducting a revival at New Hope church, Earl. "These are outstanding denominational workers in our midst and I want to urge our people to hear them," says Dr. Wall.

Miss Flossie Grace returned yesterday from a visit to Beaufort and Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Bennett and family of Asheville and Mr. Clyde McCurry of Jonas Ridge spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Best.

County Man Cuts Brother-In-Law's Eyeball In Rucus

Archdale Man May Have To Have Eye Taken Out As Result Of Knife Play.

A family row that ended with knife play Saturday night at Archdale, four miles from Grover, may result in E. I. Hullander losing his right eye due to the gashing of the eyeball by a knife said to have been wielded by his brother-in-law, Ras Kennedy.

The cutting scrape occurred at the home of Hullander where Kennedy and his wife, a sister of Hullander's wife, were visiting.

Just what the trouble started over is not definitely known, according to Deputy Charlie Shephard who arrested Kennedy and placed him under bond for trial here August 20. But as the row proceeded, it is said, Kennedy brought his knife into play and slashed Hullander across the head four times, one of the blows coming downward across the forehead and through the eye. Deputy Shephard stated yesterday that at last report he understood that the eye would be removed. Kennedy, it is also said, does not deny the cutting.

Nothing New In 2 Strange Murder Cases

Negro Boy Kills Dad, White Man Slays Son In Six Miles Each Other.

There are no new developments in two strange slaying affairs that occurred within six or seven miles of each other last Sunday evening, one in Cleveland and the other in Rutherford county.

At Mooresboro Sunday evening Otis Martin, 11-year-old negro boy, shot his father Bill Martin, for choking his mother, and just a few hours earlier, and about six miles away—at Henrietta—Martin Davis, 50-year-old white man, shot and killed his 22-year-old son, Leland.

No Hearing Yet. Reports were that Davis would be given a hearing before Judge Bean in Rutherford county yesterday, but The Star was informed today that the hearing was not held and may not be held until a superior court term. Davis and his son, it is said, had been to Spindale in the afternoon and got into an argument there.

Returning home the row broke out afresh, and the elder Davis said he secured his pistol and shot his own boy through the head when the youth advanced on him with a chair.

Boy Admits Guilt. Down in the county jail here the little Mooresboro negro, hardly old enough to realize the seriousness of his deed, vows that he shot his father four times and that none of the shots were fired by any other person. Martin, it is alleged, came home to find his daughter with "a date" and supper not ready. Trouble started, the mother interferred and Martin turned on her. While his father was choking his mother across the bed the little son says he got his father's gun and fired four times into the body of his parent. Death was instantaneous, as was that of young David at Henrietta.

However, the jury assembled at Mooresboro by Coroner T. C. Eskridge to investigate the Martin death had not rendered a verdict near noon today. They are investigating, it is said, to see if the shots could have been fired by any one other than the boy. The verdict is expected to be made public today.

Former Soldier Is Buried Here

Kenzie Davis, Son Of Jake M. Davis Died In Chicago, Buried Here Tuesday.

The remains of Mr. Kenzie Davis, forty year old ex-soldier who has served an electrical engineer since he served 14 months at Camp Jackson during the World war, was brought to Shelby for interment yesterday in Sunset cemetery. Mr. Davis died in the Hines hospital in Chicago last Thursday. He is well known in this section where he visited his father quite often. He was born in Rutherford county and was a fine young man with splendid traits of character which endeared him to all who knew him.

Surviving are his father, Mr. Jake M. Davis, one brother Rufus Davis of Spartanburg and four sisters, Mrs. O. L. Eubanks of Shelby, Mrs. Z. R. Hawkins of Cliffside, Mrs. Hoyle Kendrick of Forest City and Mrs. Etta Willis of Spartanburg.

Out-of-town friends attending the funeral were Plato and Zeno Hawkins of Cliffside, and Kan Harris of Forest City.

Seven County Schools Open Monday; Change In 2 Lines Textbooks

"First" Facts

—The fact that a Bessemer City minister became ill and had to discontinue an anti-Smith sermon a few minutes after he got started was published in The Star before it appeared in any other North Carolina paper.

—The story of the little negro boy who shot his father for choking his mother at Mooresboro appeared in The Star before being published in any other paper.

—Readers of The Star learned before any other newspaper readers in the state that anonymous letters stirring up religious prejudice are being sent to women in this section.

THE STAR gets the news of the sections adjoining Cleveland in addition to— "Covering Cleveland Completely."

Big Rural High Schools Get Going. First Book Change In Five Years.

Six, and probably seven, of the big rural high schools of Cleveland county will open the school year next Monday morning, August 6, according to J. H. Grigg, county superintendent.

The six schools that will open are: Waco, Fallston, Belwood, Piedmont, Lattimore and No. 8 consolidated. Mooresboro will probably open on the same day.

For Cotton Picking.

The early opening of these schools, which have hundreds of rural boys and girls enrolled, is due to the fact that Cleveland is a cotton county and the schools get an early start so that they may close for four to six weeks during the cotton picking season.

The Casar school will likely open on Monday, August 20, and it is now thought that Grover will begin on the same date. The six-month schools will open about November 1, it is said, although the county board of education has set no definite date as yet.

Textbooks Changes.

Each five years, according to law, there may be changes in school textbooks in the grammar grades in North Carolina. For five years there has been no change, but two changes will be made this year, according to Supt. Grigg. Only two departments, or studies, can be changed each five years and the book changes are in the English and health studies.

The new health books in grades four through seven will be Malden's health series. The new language books will be Open Door language series in grades three through seven. The new language books, it is said, will range in price from 40 to 46 cents per book according to the grade, and the new health books will cost from 63 to 68 cents according to grade.

General Reduction.

There will be some reduction on all text books this year the state department of education has informed the county superintendent. For several years the state department has been close after book publishers claiming that North Carolina has been paying more for books than other states. As a result there will be a reduction ranging from one cent to six cents on nearly all books used in the state this year. There will be no change in high school textbooks this year as the five-year period for the high school books does not end until next year when two changes may be made. There will be an exchange price on books changed this year for new ones but the rate has not been made public as yet.

Heat Worries Cupid, Love Affairs Scarce

The scorching weather of July apparently has little Dan Cupid stretched out under the shade of some convenient trees, his bag of love darts at his side, and not enough pep in his body to get out and rustle up a few love affairs.

When the books were closed on the month of July at the courthouse here yesterday only six county marriages were recorded on the license book presided over by Register Andy Newton. And that figure is just one less than the county marriage total of seven in the bridal month of June.

Dan Cupid seemingly is one of those fellows who believes in taking practically all of the summer for his vacation.

Hoey Will Speak At Rutherfordton

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey will make two campaign speeches in the immediate future—Saturday afternoon he speaks at the Catawba county convention at Newton, and next Monday night he will open the campaign in Rutherfordton with a speech at the new court house there.

18 Gaston People Released From N. C. Insane Hospitals

Neighboring County Averages 50 Per Year. Insane Treatment Cures.

Gastonia—Eighteen persons have returned to Gaston county, either cured or so improved as to warrant their dismissal, from the state hospital for the insane near Morganton since May 10, according to certificates received by S. C. Hendricks, clerk of the superior court.

Mr. Hendricks, who keeps a record of all people consigned to the hospitals at Morganton, Raleigh and Goldsboro, says that this is an unusual number of people to be discharged from the hospital in so short a time. Since July, 1927, 46 patients have been sent to the three hospitals for

the insane from Gaston county. Most of these have gone to Morganton. Two or three have gone to Raleigh where provisions are found for epileptic patients. Negro insane are sent to Goldsboro.

From July 1926 to July 1927, 50 persons were adjudged insane enough by physicians to be sent to the state hospitals.

Mr. Hendricks said that most patients stay at the Morganton hospital or the other places only a comparatively short time until they are benefited enough to return home. Young people usually show quick response to the right kind of treatment, he said, but old people rarely ever return. When a man or woman loses his or her mind at an advanced age, normal behavior does not often come back.