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May Rain More. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and possibly showers in extreme west portion tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

Cools Down Here. A 20-degree drop in the temperature has been experienced here in one week. Last week the mercury in the Ebeltoft thermometer reached the 95-degree level and only last Saturday was up to 84, while at 10 o'clock this morning it had dropped to 75 following the recent rains.

SMITH FOES TO WAGE BATTLE ON HIM, ORGANIZED

Raleigh Meeting Names Committee Of Five To Plan Fight Against Him. Raleigh—A committee of five was charged with the creation of the machinery deemed necessary to carry out the objectives of the state-wide conference of anti-Smith Democrats which met here Friday to foster opposition to the presidential nominee in North Carolina.

This committee was instructed to appoint a state committee consisting of 24 members, a man and woman from each congressional district, and two men and two women from the state at large. A declaration of principles expressing opposition to Governor Smith was adopted by the conference but neither Hoover nor any other presidential candidate was endorsed. Leaders said action along that line might be taken after the Republican nominees' speech of acceptance.

Mrs. Jesse Nicholson, Chevy Chase, Md., president of the National Democratic Women's Law Enforcement League, challenged Joseph Daniels and Governor McLean to take their stand with Senator F. M. Simmons, in a speech made last night to about 50 men and women. She paid tribute to the North Carolina senator, saying he had stood "like the rock of Gibraltar for preservation of the constitution," and adding that there were only two other outstanding leaders who "have had the courage of their convictions—Senator Heflin, of Alabama, and former Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma."

Mrs. Nicholson warned the Governor and the former secretary of the navy that although the women had looked to them for leadership, they would not be followed along the "Tammany march," and if they persisted, they would "go down into oblivion." Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and the Rev. A. J. Barton, sponsors of the recent Asheville conference which endorsed Hoover, addressed the convention, both denouncing the presidential nominee.

MAN BADLY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Plato Ross In Hospital Here And Three Others Hurt From Fallston Crash.

Plato O. Ross, 60-year-old farmer who lives on the Lawndale road just out of Fallston, is in the hospital here with a broken hip and other injuries and three other people are hurt as the result of a collision about 6 o'clock Sunday evening at Fallston.

At Fallston today it was stated that the Ross car and a car from Hickory collided at the main crossroads in Fallston. In the car with Mr. Ross were his wife and his son's wife, Mrs. George Ross and the latter's baby. Mrs. George Ross was considerably bruised and the baby was cut on the head and lip but they were able to go to their homes after being given treatment by Dr. Lackey. A girl in the other auto was said to have suffered painful injuries also.

The Fallston man has a broken right hip and an injury, or sprain of the neck, according to a report from the hospital here this morning. As yet it is impossible to ascertain the exact extent of his injuries, but they are considered serious.

Just what caused the two cars to crash was not learned except that the cars were coming across the cross roads, at the old Stamey store stand, in opposite directions.

Gardner Speaks To 1,500 At Asheville

Max Gardner, teacher of the men's Bible class of the First Baptist church here, spoke to 1,500 people in Asheville Sunday morning when he taught the Sunday school lesson at a joint meeting of the men's classes of the First Baptist church here and at Asheville. Fully 100 people from his Shelby class motored to Asheville to hear him, some remaining over to hear the pastor, Dr. R. J. Bateman, while others motored to Ridgecrest to hear Dr. Truitt.

SHOOTS HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN IN ROW SUNDAY EVE

Ben Hudson Held In Jail Here. Family In Hospital Will Recover, Said.

Ben Hudson, young white man of near Casar, is in jail here and his wife and two of his young daughters are in the Shelby hospital as the result of a shooting fray at the Hudson home late Sunday afternoon when it is alleged Hudson fired upon his wife and children with a shotgun. Reports from the hospital today stated that Mrs. Hudson and her two little girls were not thought to be seriously wounded although they were well sprinkled with bird shots. Details Not Known. Just what all happened at the Hudson home Saturday afternoon is not known, but according to reports Hudson had been drinking and had made some threats to a neighbor earlier in the afternoon. Later it is said a family row developed and the wife took her three young children and started across a cotton patch from the house. It was then, it is alleged, that the husband fired upon them with his shotgun. Mrs. Hudson was carrying the youngest little girl, Brunnie, a little over a year old, in her arms and the second girl, Bessie, about four years of age, was running at her side as was the oldest girl of about 12 years. A part of the load, about 30 shot, struck Mrs. Hudson in the back and hip, other shot struck the least child, who was in her mother's arms, in the feet and legs, while the head of the four-year-old at her mother's side was sprinkled with the shot. The oldest girl was not hit.

A short time after the shooting Deputies Pruett and Newton rounded up Hudson and brought him to jail here, where he will remain it is said, until it is learned just how serious his wife and children are and then he will be given a preliminary hearing. A staff surgeon at the hospital this morning stated that some of the shot had been taken out of the mother's back, and the head, legs, and feet of the children, but that the majority of the shot have not been removed as yet. However, opinion was that none of the shot punctured vital spots. It was stated at the sheriff's office today that the section about the Hudson home has a reputation of being somewhat of a liquor center.

The incident is now being closed. It was within a week or two of May 7, the thirteenth anniversary of the Lusitania catastrophe, that the heirs and survivors of the American victims began to receive the \$2,500,000 damages awarded them by the mixed claims commission against Germany. Most of the money has been paid and the rest will be doled out as fast as the remaining successful claimants file their applications with the treasury under provision of the war claims act. That act provided for immediate payment of all death and personal injury claims and all claims are being paid by installments. The money will really come from Germany, but as it is being collected over a 75-year period under the Dawes plan, congress decided to take care of the American claimants while some of them remained alive. The mixed claims commission, under the umpireship of Judge Edwin B. Parker of Texas, started out with nearly 12,500 claims for an aggregate of nearly \$1,500,000,000. It scaled them down to awards of about \$200,000,000. With one American and one German member, plus Parker, it handled both American claims and those of Germany for war-seized property of her nationals. Four millions were awarded for 384 American death and personal injury claims, the greater part of this involving the Lusitania fatalities. These Lusitania awards were made strictly on the basis of what the death of a passenger meant in financial loss to their heir. For the death of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hubbard the heirs received \$37,500—\$25,000 to Elbert Hubbard II, \$7,500 to Katherine Hubbard and \$25,000 to Miriam Hubbard. Elbert and Katherine were children by Hubbard's first marriage; Miriam

A. F. COBB FOUND DEAD IN CHAIR

Formerly Lived Here With Sheriff Lackey—His Family Away For 24 Hours.

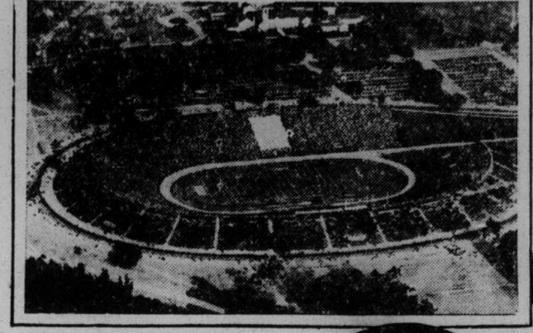
A. F. Cobb, age 74 of Rutherford county was found dead sitting on the porch at the home of his son, Ernest Cobb near Union Mills Rutherford county, Tuesday afternoon. The family had been away for 24 hours leaving Mr. Cobb alone at the house. When the family returned from Spindale where they visited relatives, Mr. Cobb was sitting on the porch in a chair, stone dead, his hat on his head and his eyes glasses on. When the family left home for a visit, they urged him to accompany them, but he declined. Mr. Cobb lived here in Shelby for awhile with Sheriff W. D. Lackey and had many friends here. He was buried Wednesday at Round Hill Baptist church, Union Mills. Mr. Cobb is survived by five sons and two daughters.

BEAMS ASSEMBLE FOR FAMILY DAY

Annual Reunion Expected To Draw Members Of Clan From Newberry Sections

The annual reunion of the Beam family, one of the first to settle this section, will be held Thursday, August 16, at New Prospect church. Members of the family, who live here, believe that it will be one of the largest attended reunions of the family ever held, and hundreds of Beams and their kindred are expected to attend, coming not only from this section but from other sections of this state and adjoining states. The reunion program will be informal and the family assemblage gets underway about 11, or a little earlier in the morning.

Scene of Hoover's Notification



Leland Stanford University's mammoth stadium, where Herbert Hoover formally accepted the Republican nomination for president, is pictured in the remarkable airplane view above. It has a seating capacity of 80,000. Above (right) is a new photograph of the Republican nominee. Below (left): Senator George H. Moses, chairman of the notification committee and Governor C. C. Young of California, who spoke at the ceremonies.

Germany Begins Paying For Catastrophe Of Lusitania

Elbert Hubbard Heirs Get \$57,000. Thirteen Years After Sinking.

Washington.—More than 13 years ago the German embassy here advertised in the newspapers a warning to Americans against sailing through the war zone on British ships. That was the beginning of the story of the Lusitania, which was torpedoed six days later near Ireland with loss of 124 Americans, whose deaths proved the greatest single factor in pushing us into war with Germany.

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Home-Made Casket, White Robe, Request Before Irvin Died

Isaac Irvin had his request filled last week when he was taken to Georgia, his former home for interment. Mr. Irvin, an aged citizen living on Roy Crowder's plantation in No. 8 township had repeatedly requested that he be buried in a home-made casket and that his body be wrapped in a white robe and nothing else. When he was prepared for burial, members of the family and friends saw to it that these requests were adhered to. Mr. Irvin was a very religious man and for special reasons wanted to be buried in this manner. His remains were taken to his Georgia home for burial.

BOOTLEGGING IN OMAHA GIVES TRADING STAMPS

Omaha, Neb.—One Omaha bootlegger is giving trading stamps with purchases, Ralph Jones, dry agent, has learned. Jones said the system employed is to give one stamp with each bottle purchased. Four stamps may be exchanged for an extra bottle.

Morrison Seems Sure Choice For National Committeeman

Washington Democrats Sued With Prospects. Hartness Sees It That Way. Washington.—The news from the state that former Gov. Cameron Morrison will succeed Senator Simmons on the national committee, has cheered Democrats here. It was pointed out today that Senator Simmons has had no more faithful friend and political lieutenant than Mr. Morrison. The friendship of these two party workers commenced before the famous red shirt campaign that resulted in the outstanding of the fusionists who were in control of the stage. Mr. Morrison then lived in Richmond county and was a most enthusiastic party worker. Raleigh.—Election of former Gov. Cameron Morrison as Democratic national committeeman from North Carolina to succeed F. M. Simmons, resigned, was predicted by Secretary of State J. A. Hartness in a statement published here. Secretary Hartness, a member of the state executive committee, which will make the selection, said his forecast was based upon a canvass of the committee.

HOOPER SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE



Stanford University Stadium, Cal.—Highlights in the acceptance address of Herbert Hoover Saturday night were: Opposition to the repeal of the prohibition amendment and a pledge for enforcement of the laws enacted under it. Farm relief through tariff protection, development of inland water transportation and federal aid for farm stabilization corporations. An honest campaign with public accounting of all expenditures. Repeal of the "national origin" basis of the immigration laws. Endorsement of the principle of collective bargaining and freedom in labor negotiations, with a pledge to curtail the excessive use of injunctions in labor disputes. A comprehensive and co-ordinated plan for waterway improvements, flood control, development by hydro electric power and irrigation. Further economy in government by reorganization and grouping of governmental agencies dealing with the same general subject. Cooperation between government and business on a voluntary basis for the benefit alike of producer, distributor and consumer. A foreign policy dedicated to bringing about world peace, but with the retention meantime of a navy adequate for national defense. Honesty in government with no place for cynicism in the creed of America. A declaration for religious tolerance. A call to the women and youth of America to contribute their enthusiasm to the success of the American experiment in democracy. A pledge to adhere to the course of government charted by President Coolidge.

JOSEPH HOUSER, VETERAN IS DEAD

Father Of B. C. Houser And Mrs. Lula Whisnant And Step-father of C. H. Shull.

Joseph Houser, father of B. C. Houser and Mrs. Lula Whisnant, and stepfather of Charles H. Shull, all of Shelby, died at his home in Catawba county yesterday afternoon about one o'clock from a complication of diseases, from which he has been suffering for over a year. Mr. Houser who was 84 years old was a Civil war veteran, having volunteered at the age of 17 and the joining Forty-Ninth regiment of the Confederate army. He rose to rank of a sergeant and was captured just prior to the close of the war, and held prisoner at Point Lookout, Maryland. Mr. Houser was married to Mrs. Martha Hill Shull, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Lula Whisnant and B. C. Houser of Shelby; Robert A. Houser and Mrs. D. A. Seagle, of Lincolnton, Lester S. Houser, of Charlotte; Mrs. John Ramseur, of Wilmington, and Alexander Houser, of Newton. Also there were two step-children, Mrs. Jennie Shull Beam, deceased and Charles H. Shull, of Shelby. Surviving also are 41 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren. Mr. Houser joined the Evangelical Lutheran church at Bethpage Lincoln county in his early youth and remained a faithful member until his death. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Grace Lutheran church in Catawba county.

Five Die In Rain Storm In Carolinas

Hickory Has Heaviest Downfall With 10 Inches. Total Of 6.7 Inches Here.

The total rainfall in Shelby from 6 o'clock Friday evening until 6 Saturday was 6.7 inches, it was stated today. Much Deaths. Charlotte.—Five deaths, numerous persons injured, at least one seriously, flooded streams and property damage estimated high into the hundreds of thousands of dollars marked the passing over the Carolinas of the storm that has been wandering over the southeast for a week. Several hundred persons were temporarily driven from their homes along flooded streams. Four deaths occurred in South Carolina and one in North Carolina as heavy winds and rain that verged on cloudburst proportions leveled power and communication wires and homes. 10-Inch Rainfall. The heaviest rainfall reported was at Hickory, where 10 inches was registered, with the city waterworks pump-house flooded and out of commission. Newton reported heavy storms. At Spartanburg 7 inches of rain fell and more than 5 inches at Union. Numerous reports of 3 to 4 inches were received.

THOMAS M'SWAIN FUNERAL FRIDAY

Flint Hill Sunday School Superintendent Dead. Large Funeral Crowd.

Funeral services for Mr. Thomas David McSwain, prominent farmer and churchman of the Flint Hill community, were conducted at Flint Hill Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. McSwain died Thursday evening after a severe illness of three weeks. The deceased was a conscientious, honest and popular farmer of the community. Sixty-eight years of age he had been a member of the church for 50 years and was superintendent of the Flint Hill Sunday school and also a deacon in the church. Due to the esteem in which he was held in his home community the funeral could not get in the church. Services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Walker. Surviving are his wife, four children, 16 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The surviving children are: Elam McSwain, Mrs. David Lovelace, Mrs. W. H. Pearson and Mrs. John Hamrick. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Smith and daughter, Jacqueline, of Salisbury, spent the week-end visiting Mrs. Smith parents, Mr. and Mrs. Major Hopper. Miss Ruth Hopper accompanied them home for a week's visit.

Heaviest Rain In Twelve Years Floods Streams In This Section

Heavy Downpour Rain Drowns Hundreds Of Sparrows In Court Square Trees

The green lawn of the county court square here was almost blackened Saturday morning with the dead bodies of hundreds of sparrows and other birds drowned in the heavy rain Friday night and early Saturday morning. Under the larger trees of the court square the little birds were piled upon each other in heaps, and Dave Turner, court house janitor, spent a busy day gathering and removing the dead birds. Two wheelbarrow loads removed estimated to have contained at least 1,000 birds. John Harry, colored delivery boy, who was on the court square early in the morning picked up around 100 birds that were not dead but too wet to fly and dried them by electricity so that they were able to fly again during the day. Scores of other birds were drowned along tree-lined streets in residential sections.

Water Damage To Abattoir Of City

Covers Motor At Slaughter Plant Which Was Old Pump Station Site.

The motors at the city abattoir and slaughter plant just west of town were damaged by the high waters from the Friday night storm, it was stated today at the plant. Early Saturday the rising water of Broad river reached the storage room of the abattoir and continued to rise until there was 20 feet of water mark had reached the ground floor of the plant, which was used as the city water station prior to the erection of the new plant. The water about the plant rose about one foot Saturday afternoon and was still rising Sunday, it is said, when a force of workmen began draining the plant. The motor, the worst damaged part of the plant, was removed to be baked out. Mr. Houser who was 84 years old was a Civil war veteran, having volunteered at the age of 17 and the joining Forty-Ninth regiment of the Confederate army. He rose to rank of a sergeant and was captured just prior to the close of the war, and held prisoner at Point Lookout, Maryland. Mr. Houser was married to Mrs. Martha Hill Shull, who survives with the following children: Mrs. Lula Whisnant and B. C. Houser of Shelby; Robert A. Houser and Mrs. D. A. Seagle, of Lincolnton, Lester S. Houser, of Charlotte; Mrs. John Ramseur, of Wilmington, and Alexander Houser, of Newton. Also there were two step-children, Mrs. Jennie Shull Beam, deceased and Charles H. Shull, of Shelby. Surviving also are 41 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren. Mr. Houser joined the Evangelical Lutheran church at Bethpage Lincoln county in his early youth and remained a faithful member until his death. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Grace Lutheran church in Catawba county.

TO FINISH HIGHWAY NO. 18 THIS WEEK

Tar And Gravel Being Put Down Rapidly—Detours In Good Condition.

If the weather permits, the tar and gravel surface on state highway No. 18 between Fallston and Toluca will be completed this week and travel turned on the entire stretch. At present there are two slight detours between Fallston and Toluca but these are on the old road bed near the highway and do not increase the distance or retard the speed. In fact the portion of the old road bed that is covered by the detour is as easy to travel as the new road. Workmen putting down the tar and gravel started at Toluca and have been working toward Fallston. All of the distance has been covered except about four miles. When this four miles is finished, the entire stretch between Shelby and Morganton will have been finished, giving an excellent road between these two county seats.

MRS. LOVELACE CALLED BY DEATH

Wife Of Former County Surveyor Dies Suddenly At Mooresboro. Dead In Bed.

Mrs. A. Monroe Lovelace, of Mooresboro, wife of the former county surveyor of Cleveland county, was found dead in bed at her home there Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock. She went to bed Friday night as well as usual and died sometime during the night. Mrs. Lovelace was 73 years of age and a member of one of the most prominent families of this part of the state. She was a native of Rutherford county. Mrs. Lovelace was one of the fine women of the county, a kind hearted, devoted wife, mother and neighbor, loved by all who knew her. She was a faithful and consecrated Christian and her sudden passing is a source of deep sorrow to her many friends and to the many friends of the family. Mrs. Lovelace is survived by her husband, four children, Dr. T. C. Lovelace, Henrietta; Professor W. C. Lovelace, principal, Henrietta Carolee high school; Mrs. Charles Lee Daniels, Williamston; and Mrs. S. D. Burrus, Asheville, one sister, Mrs. Matt McBrayer, sr., of Rutherfordford, and one brother, John Wilkins, of Rosevelt, New Mexico. Funeral services were held at Sandy Run Baptist church, Mooresboro, this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the services being conducted by several ministers. A large crowd and a beautiful floral tribute attested the high esteem in which she was held.

Large Crowd Present On Her 97 Birthday

Over 150 people were present Thursday to enjoy with Mrs. Elizabeth Houser, her 97th birthday which was observed at the home of Mr. Herbert Borders near the county home. Many friends from a distant were present and a bountiful dinner was served in picnic style on a large table in the grove. Mrs. Houser was well and had a great time seeing her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Yates (the former of the J. C. Fenney company) have returned home from a vacation jaunt into Virginia and as far north as Washington, visiting Norfolk, Newport News, and the coast, and Richmond en route.

Highest Water Since Flood of 1916. Rains Five Inches In Night Here.

A rain and wind storm that swept up from Georgia over the Carolinas late Friday night and Saturday morning brought about considerable damage to crops in this section and raised streams to a new high water mark since the flood of 1916. In some points streams, out of their banks were practically up to the 1916 level according to reports. At the Shelby postoffice Saturday it was learned that 4.9 inches of rain fell here from 6 o'clock Friday afternoon until 8 o'clock Saturday morning, which means that five inches fell altogether as it was still raining at 8 when the reading was made. No Great Damage. It appeared Saturday morning that this section, with one of its best crops ever, had been badly damaged by the storm. Crops in the lowlands were washed away, of course, and upland crops were considerably damaged by the wind, estimated to be travelling at a 40-mile-per-hour gait, but it was the consensus of opinion later in the day that the damage would not run to any great sum. The region about First Broad river resembled a lake and Brushy creek was up over the old bridge level. Buffalo creek lacked only three feet of being as high as it was in 1916 early in the morning Saturday, it was reported. Bridges over numerous smaller streams were washed away, small dams gave way and there was quite a bit of damage to property as well as crops. Numerous buildings never known to leak were flooded more or less before the driving rain about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. In several lowland pastures it was necessary for farmers to aid their stock in getting out. Several telephone and light lines were blown down and radio aerials falling on light lines caused some consternation in several sections of the cities. The rain as far as this county was concerned was general and reports from over the state indicated that practically all of the state was visited by the storm. In some points the rainfall was not as heavy. In Charlotte the rainfall was 3.45 inches while at Batesburg, S. C., the rainfall reached 5.03 inches. Heavy In Charlotte. Charlotte.—With the center of the disturbance which for days hung over Florida now hanging over Charlotte, this city Saturday struggled to carry out its Saturday chores through the heaviest rainstorm chores occurring in twelve years, since the memorable "flood" of 1916. South Carolina Worst. Charlotte.—Sweeping up from Georgia, where it left threats of floods in its wake, the tropical storm that for days menaced the Florida coast struck the Carolinas with unprecedented rains wrecking unestimated damage and driving hundreds of persons from their homes. The Piedmont section of South Carolina appeared in first reports to have been hardest hit. Spartanburg reported the cotton mill villages of Beaumont, Arkwright and Pacolet flooded, buildings undermined in the city, wire communication badly crippled and the city gas supply cut off by flooding of the plant. Seven Inches of Rain. More than seven inches of rain fell at Spartanburg. Union reported scores of negro houses flooded in the lowlands and crops and highways badly damaged. Greenwood had 5.03 inches of rain, the heaviest rainfall ever reported there. Six persons were reported injured by the storm at Batesburg, S. C., while a report said that a freight train had been blown off the track near Newberry. SMITH GETS RABBIT'S HIND FOOT FOR LUCK. Birmingham, Ala.—The left hind foot of an Alabama graveyard rabbit is the latest good luck charm sent to Gov. Smith of New York. A. C. Craven is the donor of the charm. Engraved on the silver mounting are the words: "Good luck to Gov. Al Smith."