

What? More Rain. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Showers tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Mull Calls Meet. Odus M. Mull, North Carolina Democratic chairman, has issued a formal call for a meeting of the state executive committee in Raleigh Friday evening at the Sir Walter hotel.

CIRCULATION MAN ADDED TO THE STAR

Brevard Lattimore Added To Staff Of The Star-Carrier System To Be Extended.

A subscription list of 5,000 by January 1 is assured by The Star by the addition of Mr. Brevard Lattimore, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Lattimore to the staff of the paper.

The Star has endeavored to keep its subscription price low and now it is one of the cheapest papers per issue than any local newspaper published in North Carolina.

No pressure has been put on circulation heretofore because The Star's subscription list was 4,500 per issue, which taxed the capacity of the old press, but the new rotary 24 page press will be running about September 1, and this press will print 20,000 papers an hour.

The feature services such as comic strips, cartoons, stop news photographs, fashion pictures will be added when the new press is put in operation.

No Hearing Held Yet For Man Who Shot His Family

Wife And Two Children Of Hudson Improving At Hospital Here. Ross Better.

Sen Hudson, young Cesar man who is charged with emptying a barrel of shot into his wife and two young children last Sunday afternoon, is still in the county jail here awaiting a preliminary hearing.

Officials stated today that so far no date has been set for the hearing as it is thought best to hold Hudson until it is certain that the three members of his family are entirely out of danger.

According to charges, Hudson fired upon his wife and the two little girls when they started to leave the house after a quarrel Sunday afternoon. The wife was shot about the hip and the little girl in her arms was sprinkled about the legs and feet while the other one walking at her mother's side was sprinkled with shot about the head.

Plato O. Ross, 60-year-old Fallston farmer, who was seriously injured in an auto collision at Fallston Sunday evening, was reported to be somewhat improved at the hospital today.

City Borrows \$10,000 For A Short Period

At a called meeting of the city council last night, the city clerk was authorized to borrow \$10,000 for a short period of time to meet payments for the extension in the electrical department.

Alger Hamrick Is Made Mayor Pro-tem

Alger Hamrick was recently elected mayor pro tem by the unanimous vote of the aldermen. Mr. Hamrick in his modest way voted against his election to this position.

War Vet Prisoner Coming Back Lewis And Harp Back To Rocks

Frank Lewis, otherwise James Robert Lewis, the big blonde war veteran, and his famous mouth harp are coming back to the Cleveland county rock pile.

Sheriff Hugh Logan, his son Fred Logan and Tom Cornwell left yesterday for Washington to bring back the World war veteran who escaped from the No. 6 chain gang here while serving a sentence for shooting into the humble home of a neighbor on a hillside in the South Mountains.

At the outset of the World war the big mountain boy enlisted with the famous Canadian regiment, the Princess Pats, and made a good

record overseas. Returning home a part of his livelihood was earned by blowing old-time mountain tunes on his mouth harp. As time passed he became a character, and broadcast with his harp over radio and also made phonograph records.

LEDFORD HEADS SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sunday School Workers Meet At St. Peters Methodist Church—Officers Elected.

The sixth annual Cleveland county Sunday school convention convened at St. Peters church Thursday evening, August 9. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the attendance was not so large as was anticipated, though all present were amply paid for their coming.

Both Misses Davis and Batchelder spoke at each of the meetings. A record of attendance was taken at each of the first three meetings. A committee was appointed at the morning session. The committee made their report at the afternoon session and the following officers were elected:

President, Prof. C. A. ... Belwood; vice president, C. T. Stoney, Fallston; secretary, J. S. McKnight, Shelby; children's division superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Aderholt, Kings Mountain; adult superintendent, Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby; young peoples' superintendent, H. Clay Cox, Shelby; administrative superintendent, Jno. P. Mull, Shelby.

At this session the attendance pennant was presented to the Sunday school having the best attendance based on the number of miles traveled. Mr. Stamey had the pleasure of carrying this pennant to the Fallston M. E. church.

The place of next meeting was not decided on but will be announced at a later date. The evening session was, if possible, more impressive than either of the preceding ones. Miss Batchelder's final subject was "Through the Eye-Gate." Miss Davis concluded by discussing the subject "Stories and Story Telling."

CHARGES LIQUOR BOUGHT IN DR. STRATON'S HOTEL

New York, Aug. 14.—The Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, was on the warpath today when he was informed that liquor had been purchased in his newly acquired hotel near Greenwood Lake, N. Y.

A reporter told Dr. Straton that he had bought a quart of whisky over the hotel bar. Amazed, Dr. Straton said he would oust the lessee of the hostelry if the charge could be proved. Then he appealed to various authorities and was finally advised to swear out a warrant and have the place searched.

Miss Helen Hartgrove of Hamlet is visiting Mrs. Hudson Hamrick.

Hoover Careful Enough To See He Has Big Fight Ahead

Stanford University, Calif.—While Herbert Hoover is gratified by both the reception of his acceptance speech and the reports on the political outlook brought to him here, he appreciates that he has a battle ahead for the presidency.

Friends of the Republican nominee disclosed that the information as to the situation over the country given him by party leaders has been somewhat different from that which some of these leaders have given to the public through the newspapers. Generally they have advised Hoover that there is a real contest, but that they are confident

THREAT OF ARMY WORM TO COTTON

Some Reports Of Worm In County Now Demands Quick Action.

According to reports in recent days the Cleveland county cotton crop, considered the best in years, may be threatened with the army worm, which is a rival of the deadly boll weevil.

County Agent Alvin Hardin admits that the worm, if it were to show up here, could do much damage in a few weeks, but no evidence of the worm in large numbers has been seen, it is said.

Should any of the worms be discovered in the county farmers are urged to get in touch with the county agent at once so that proper steps may be taken in attempting to halt the cotton pest.

July Weather Was Of Great Benefit To Carolina Crops

Raleigh.—July weather brought to nearly all North Carolina crops, combined figures showing a 5.9 per cent increase in estimated yield over the estimates made at the close of June, the state department of agriculture reported.

"Practically every crop in the state showed some improvement during the month or maintained its condition prospects as reported July 1," said the announcement. "Some cotton farmers have complained that the weather has hurt them, while others declare it has been too dry. Rains for the most part seem to have been local in many sections.

"The corn crop shows an improvement of 6 per cent over the July 1 estimate. The production indicated is 45,978,000 bushels as compared with 53,626,000 harvested last year and an average crop for the past five years of 49,697,000 bushels. "Tobacco also showed an improvement of 6 points during the month. The 78 per cent crop reported is two points below August 1 last year, one point above the ten year average, and indicates a 482,410,000 pound production as compared with the 485,300,000 pounds produced last year.

Webb's Orchard Makes A Big Yield

Tom Webb's Buffalo Mountain orchard just above Toluca has produced an enormous crop of peaches this year, most of which have been sold on the Shelby market. He has hundreds of trees in bearing, yielding the choicest varieties of the prettiest fruit that has been seen here for years.

The heavy downpour of rain last Friday night swept away his lake which had been stocked with fish.

METHODISTS NOT RUSHING TO GET BEHIND BISHOPS

Bell, Charlotte Lawyer-Methodist, Says South Will Stand To Party

Charlotte, Aug. 14.—Methodist leaders are far from unanimous in accepting their bishops' views with reference to Al Smith and the Democratic party, according to James A. Bell, prominent local lawyer, member of that church and a member of the North Carolina Democratic executive committee, who returned to his office Monday after ten days at Junaluska, the great Southern gathering place for Methodists.

Mr. Bell spoke with his customary deliberation and apparently for political effect, and his comments were received by Democrats here with deep interest.

"I talked with churchmen from all through the South," he said. "They included doctors, school teachers, lawyers, business men and others. Very few of them were of the opinion that their respective states would fall to go Democratic this Fall, most of them being of the opinion, however, that the Democratic majority would be smaller than usual. Those with whom I talked were from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Louisiana and were practically all Democrats. With few exceptions they told me they expected to vote the straight Democratic ticket and that they believed their states would vote the same way."

Mr. Bell will attend the meeting of the state Democratic executive committee in Raleigh August 24, which will make a recommendation for filling Senator F. M. Simmons' vacancy on the national committee. Mr. Bell, who was the first committeeman to announce for former Governor Cameron Morrison, said that he felt that there was no longer any doubt as to his appointment.

DEMOCRAT QUILTS N. C. COMMITTEE

Wilmington Committeeman To Support Neither Smith Nor Hoover.

Wilmington, Aug. 14.—Unable to support the presidential candidacy of Gov. Al Smith, New York, J. A. Taylor, prominent North Carolina Democrat and outstanding in Wilmington as a civic leader, today announced his resignation as a member of the state Democratic committee.

While refusing to support the Democratic nominee, Mr. Taylor informed Chairman Mull that he "has no intention, purpose or desire to support Hoover."

Mr. Taylor's letter of resignation went forward to Chairman Mull, of the state committee, several weeks ago, with a suggestion to the Democratic leader that he release it for publication.

Experts Open Drive Against Rats Here

U. S. Representatives Come Here To Co-operate With City Officials In Drive.

H. C. Noonan and T. H. Cooper are in Shelby with the city officials in a campaign against rats, roaches, etc. The campaign will last about 90 days and similar campaigns are being conducted at the same time at Gastonia and other nearby places. These gentlemen say they have nothing to sell and no particular rat poison to boost, but will ask the wholesalers and retailers to supply the basic poisons at a minimum charge so that the people who buy can select their own choice.

"The effort to eliminate these rodents will be directed against all public places, residences, etc. It is said that thousands of dollars annually is lost because of these pests and similar campaigns have been conducted in other cities with gratifying results. In Anderson, S. C. alone 14,000 rodents were killed. The routing of rats from the city has become both a sanitary and economic problem and in order to carry on the campaign here effectively, the city will be divided into districts and worked thoroughly.

Cline Will Speak At State Meeting

Mr. A. E. Cline, chairman of the Cleveland county commissioners and county business manager, is in Wilmington attending a meeting of the state association of county commissioners. Today Mr. Cline is scheduled to make a talk on county government.

Introducing "Sunsuits" For Children Here



A group of children playing in the court square park, where they have plenty of fresh air, green grass and shades. The youngest in the center holding the ball is Oliver Anthony, Jr., who appeared publicly in his "Sun-Suit," a new garment which children are wearing this season. It is a one piece affair and a very little piece at that—something of an abbreviated bathing suit, that lets the sun strike the body for specialists are now urging sun-rays for health.

The children in the picture are Mary and Sara Baker, Bill Best, Virginia Whitworth, H. Q. Best, Jr., Oliver Anthony, Jr., Gene Anthony, Gene Baber.

Rains Right On But Water Is Shy

City Water Getting Short, Mayor Urges Sparing Usage Now

Station Flooded By High Water Means Little Water. Motors Flooded.

"Use city water sparingly" was a word of warning issued this morning to the citizens of Shelby by Mayor Dorsey. The high water of the last few days overflowed the intake at the city pump station and drowned two 50 horsepower motors, making it impossible to pump raw water from the river into the reservoir.

Pump station master Toms says no water has been pumped since 3 a. m. Tuesday morning and the supply in the reservoir is down three and a half feet. Fortunately the rain of last night and today helped maintain the supply in the reservoir and the surplus remains about the same.

The two large motors were taken from the intake tower in the bed of the river yesterday and carried to Charlotte at midnight for baking. It is thought they will be reconditioned today and brought back. The motors will probably be installed within the next 24 hours and the pumps started to work again, but until this is done, Mayor Dorsey asks that the people be as sparingly as possible in the use of water.

New Manager Here For Gilmer Store

Formal announcement has been made at Gilmer that the manager, C. A. Rhodes, who has been head of the local store for a year and a half, is being removed to the new Gilmer store at Martinsville, Va.

The change will be effective at once. Mr. Rhodes is planning to leave the city next Monday, with the new Shelby boss already on the ground. The new manager's name is W. G. Gabriel, who comes from Statesville, where he has been a Gilmer manager for several years.

While heartily welcoming Mr. Gabriel, the people of Shelby will be keenly aware of the loss not only of an efficient business man, but of a friend to the community, in the removal of Mr. Rhodes. But the shift will be for him in the nature of a promotion, the Martinsville store being a new one in the chain, just opening.

N. C. BAPTISTS STAND THIRD IN MEMBERSHIP

Washington, Aug. 14.—Members of the Southern Baptist convention in the United States in 1926 numbered 3,524,378 persons, maintaining 23,374 churches. The figures were announced today by the census bureau which said the totals compared with a membership for the denomination of 2,708,870 persons in 1916, when 23,580 churches were maintained. Of the southern Baptist congregations 21,515 were classified as rural and 1,859 as urban. The Texas representation of the denomination was the largest, totaling 465,274, with 400,560 members in Georgia and 385,940 in North Carolina.

Mr. Raymond Lawing, of Charlotte, was a Shelby guest on Tuesday evening with friends.

Tom Dixon Says Smith Is Best

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Cleveland county's most noted son, author of "Birth of a Nation" and son of the late Rev. Thomas Dixon, saintly Baptist minister and church founder of this county, believes that Al Smith is better than the best Republican. In the Raleigh News and Observer he is quoted as saying: "My view is that in this hour of our nation's history any Democrat, wet or dry, Catholic or Protestant, is better than the best Republican."

BRIDGES DAMAGED BY HEAVY RAINS

Four bridges, none of them on main highways, were either washed away or badly damaged by the high water following the heavy rain storm last week, it is said at the court house. One was located near Zion church, one in No. 2 township, one in No. 7 township and another in No. 8.

Other than the bridge damage farmers say that the worst damage was suffered by the corn crop. Young corn was not so much hurt but much of the larger corn was either broken by the wind or had the roots torn up.

BREAKS HIS NECK IN RETALIATION SPIRIT

New York, Aug. 14.—Frank M. Parr, a taxicab driver, died today of a broken neck when he rammed his car into another automobile in retaliation for a beating he had received earlier.

Parr had engaged in an argument with Christopher R. Murphy, and came out the loser in an exchange of blows. Police intervened and sent Parr north in his car and Murphy south.

Parr turned about and chased Murphy several blocks, finally crashing the machine and sending it into an excavation. Parr collapsed at the feet of a patrolman who had pursued him. The sudden jar broke his neck, police believe.

North Carolina Enemies Of Smith Have No Plans Complete

Committee May Not Be Named Before End Of Week. Study Hoover Speech.

Raleigh.—Rev. C. A. Upchurch, superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon league and a prominent figure at the statewide conference of anti-Smith Democrats held here last Friday, stated Tuesday that he has been advised that the committee empowered to select an executive committee will

Seven Inches Of Rain In 4 Days And It Keeps Up

May Rain As Much In One Week As In Average Six Months Period.

Seven inches of rain have fallen in this section in a four-day period and with a steady rain continuing today the rainfall for a period of one week may go to or above 10 inches. From last Thursday afternoon at 6 o'clock, according to rain report at the postoffice bureau here, it rained .25 of an inch. From Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon it rained 5.82 inches.

No rain fell from Saturday evening until Sunday evening, but from Saturday evening until Monday evening there was .48 of an inch, and from Monday afternoon until Tuesday afternoon there was .45 of an inch.

It began raining again Tuesday afternoon, continued Tuesday night and early today the downpour became steady and it was still raining during the forenoon with no indication of a let-up. The total rainfall from Friday until Tuesday, as tallied from the figures above, was even seven inches.

May Hurt Crops. The heavy storm last Friday night did considerable damage to county crops and with the rain continuing farmers of the county are becoming worried about crop prospects.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CHECKED WITH SERUM

Berkeley, Cal.—Infantile paralysis may be checked with little injury to patients, providing treatment with convalescent serum is given within 48 hours after symptoms are discovered, two University of California physicians reported to the journal of the American Medical association.

The physicians Dr. E. B. Shaw, and Dr. H. E. Thelander, reported that in 17 cases of children exhibiting marked signs of infantile paralysis serum was administered within 48 hours with no deaths or persistent "after paralysis."

Mr. and Mrs. Corrace Weathers who have been visiting relatives here for the past four weeks, returned today to their home in San Antonio, Texas.

probably not meet before Thursday or Friday.

It was stated at the time of the conference by J. L. Morehead, of Durham, chairman of the committee, that some of those under consideration wished to read Herbert Hoover's acceptance of the Republican nomination before reaching a decision and that an announcement would probably be made.

Mr. Upchurch stated Monday that a state headquarters will be maintained but the place for it has not yet been selected.

CITY SCHOOLS TO START SEPT. 10; SCHEDULE GIVEN

Teachers Meet Morning Of 10th. Registration Of Students During Afternoon.

The Shelby city schools will open on Monday, September 10, according to an announcement made by I. C. Griffin, city superintendent. Actual school work will not get underway until the following day, Tuesday, but on Monday morning a general teachers' meeting will be held followed by registration of students in the afternoon.

Holiday Periods. The schedule for the entire school year, including the holiday periods and closing date, follows: September 10—Monday, general teachers' meeting, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Registration of pupils in all schools, 2 to 4 p. m.

September 11—Tuesday, regular sessions in all schools. November 29 and 30—Thanksgiving holidays.

December 21—Regular sessions. All schools close for Christmas holidays.

January 2—All schools reopen. Regular sessions.

April—Easter Monday holiday. May 26—Sunday, commencement sermon.

May 31—Friday, all schools close. June 1—Saturday, all final reports filed and checked.

ROTARY MEETING OF TWO CITIES

Gastonia And Shelby Clubs To Have Joint Meeting Here This Friday.

An inter-city meeting of the Gastonia and Shelby Rotary clubs will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Cleveland Springs, it is announced.

The joint meeting of the Rotarians will also include their wives, known as Rotary Anns, and invited guests. No formal program for the evening has been announced as yet but it promises to be one of the biggest Rotary affairs staged here since the organization of the local club.

New School House Near Capacity In Second Week Start

No. 8 Building Just Completed Already Has 500 Students. Big High School

The new brick school building in No. 8 known as the No. 8 school is already crowded almost to capacity according to reports from the office of Supt. J. H. Grigg.

At the beginning of the second week yesterday approximately 500 pupils were enrolled, 100 in the high school department. The big trouble, however, will be in a shortage of teachers, it is said. With the budget cut down for teachers only 11 were assigned to the No. 8 school and they have their hands full already. Only three of the 11 are in the high school department and it may be necessary to add one more, while at least one is needed, it is said, in the elementary department.

The new school was created from four districts—Union, Fairview, Delight and Newhouse. Prof. J. L. Dennis is principal of the school.

Sheriffs Gather At Rutherfordton

Rutherfordton, Aug. 14.—Sheriffs and their families from every section of the state arrived here today for the annual convention of the State Sheriffs' association.

Attorney M. L. Edwards delivered an address of welcome this afternoon at the initial meeting in the court house. Tonight Charles E. Boger, superintendent of Jackson Training school, spoke on "Cooperation between the officials of the state and the training school." He urged the sheriffs to cooperate with all state agencies in developing young manhood and to check the crime wave now sweeping over the state.

Teachers Meeting Here On Saturday

A meeting of Cleveland county teachers in eight months schools that have opened, or will open soon will be held here in the court house Saturday morning at 10 o'clock it is said. Although the meeting is especially for teachers in long term schools other teachers are invited to attend.