

Cloudy And Showers.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy followed by showers in west portion tonight and in interior Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Hoey May Broadcast.

Hon. Clyde R. Hoey leaves Shelby this evening for Richmond, Virginia, where on Thursday night he will be the chief speaker at a statewide Democratic rally. Efforts are being made there to broadcast the Hoey speech over radio from the Richmond station WRVA, but it is not definitely known here whether or not the speaking program will be put on the air.

## "Tricky" Move To Injure "Al" Revealed Here

Local Leaders Say Fictitious Smith Letter Used In Mills Here.

Local Democratic leaders here today branded what they termed an "underhand concerted effort" on the part of Republicans or some organization yesterday in Shelby textile villages to injure Gov. Alfred Smith by a fake letter.

The declaration of leaders was borne out in part by news dispatches in the morning papers today in which the letter widely circulated here was shown to be a fake.

Tuesday morning a letter appeared in the Open Forum of the Charlotte Observer in which a supposedly Smith supporter expressed his enthusiasm at Smith's setback. At the time supporters of Smith said that this purported support of Smith was really a dirty attack on Smith in disguise.

Witherspoon Aids. The letter was signed by "A. James Davis, of Lexington," and by some means or other copies of the letter were widely circulated about the textile villages of Shelby yesterday and last night. Where the copies came from is not known, but Democratic leaders are of the opinion that some organization must have known the fake letter was coming and was set to distribute it about Shelby.

However, a letter in the Observer this morning by E. E. Witherspoon, editor of the Lexington Dispatch and former editor of the Shelby Highlander, revealed the fake. According to Editor Witherspoon, who is well known to Shelby people, a search of city directories and a check-up of all registered voters, new and old, in Lexington failed to reveal such a citizen as "A. James Davis." This would indicate that the letter was not a genuine one, but if it is the Lexington editor in his letter reminds that "it represents the view of no responsible Democrat in Lexington."

Apparently the letter was one of the same fake type as the one in the Greensboro News some weeks back in which the writer signed his name as a citizen of Shelby in attacking the character of Max Gardner, Clyde Hoey and Major Bulwinkle. When traced down by angered Shelby citizens no such person was found here and furthermore was not known.

Local political leaders in branding the Davis letter as a fake in that there seems to be no "A. James Davis" in Lexington also call to the attention of local voters that there must have been a concerted effort all over the state in that copies of the fake letter were distributed all over this section only a short time after it was published.

## Charlotte Station Wins; People Here Thanked For Aid

WBT Radio Station Wins Appeal For Full Time Aid Cleveland Radio Fans Helped.

A telegram from radio station WBT, at Charlotte, addressed to The Cleveland Star reads: "The management of radio station WBT desires to thank you for your splendid cooperation in your effort to present to the federal radio commission sufficient evidence to warrant a change in the assignment made this station under the new allocation.

"We also desire that you express through your columns our appreciation to your readers and our fans for their loyal and wholehearted support during this period of suspense. We announce at this time that a favorable reconsideration on the part of the commission has resulted in the assignment of full time operation to both the Raleigh station WPTF and WBT Charlotte. Raleigh will have full time operation on six hundred eighty kilocycles with one thousand watts, and Charlotte will have full time operation on the exclusive channel of ten eighty kilocycles with ten thousand watts. The two Carolinas are to be congratulated."

## 'Our Bob' Stages Typical Revival For Democrats At Big Rally Here

Asheville Lawyer Has Packed Court House Yelling For Smith.

R. R. (Our Bob) Reynolds, Asheville lawyer, who "has run" for nearly every office in Western Carolina and added to those exploits by travelling around the world in a flivver, came down to Shelby last night and staged a Democratic revival of the type Zeb Vance put on in the hazy days of yesteryear.

"Our Bob" didn't make the final Billy Sunday gesture, but if he had it is likely that he could have called scores of converts to Democracy's mourning bench. As it was, he enthused men and women, old and young, rallied around Reynolds for 30 minutes after his speech in congratulating him. No political campaigner here this year has aroused his audience more or brought forth more rousing cheers.

Evangelist Style. It was a Smith audience that heard Reynolds—perhaps it was not altogether so when he started but it had become so long before he ended. Loud "amens" mingled with cheers in interrupting the driving shots of "Our Bob" in denouncing those who attack the boy who made himself because he is so honest they do not want him at the head of the government.

The Asheville speaker devoted himself to three issues and a general whooping-it-up. In days gone by his speech would have been termed a revival, but in the modern vocabulary it was a whoopee party, and a whoopee party of the type Shelby hasn't witnessed in many a day.

Back and forth across the bar enclosure of the court room he strode, at time halting to strengthen his declarations by pounding upon the chairs and tables of the court room; at other times he stooped over, rested his palms on his knees and shrieked at his hearers in regular Billy Sunday style. He knew his audience. The older men he called "grandpas" and the older ladies were "grandmas" to him, while he took in the remainder of his audience as "boys," "fellows," and "girls."

"No," he declared in sarcastic vein, "you should not vote for Smith because he is a Catholic. They tell you that, but did they say anything about the Catholics when Democracy fought in France at the call of Woodrow Wilson? No. Only recently I met a friend of mine, a Republican friend on the street in Asheville. He told me a surprising thing when he informed me that he was going to vote for Smith. When asked why he was voting for the nominee of another party he declared that it was because of the attack on Smith's religion and told me what he declared to be a true story in explaining himself.

"Ten years ago, he said, 'I was in France. My bunkie and my pal happened to be of the Catholic faith. Many days have I gone with him to the K. of C. huts, supported by the Catholic faith, and there I received smokes and eats. Not once did they ask me or any of my friends about our religion. They were there to help us boys. Then one day we plunged over the top. In the first few yards a machine gun bullet pierced the head of my pal. He fell, his life's blood dripping from his head. I gathered him, my bunkie, in my arms. As his spirit fluttered away he murmured only one word 'Mother.' Now when I see the people of my country fighting a man of his faith, a faith in which the last thought is that of mother, it disgusts me. They didn't ask my pal if he was a Catholic when they sent him over there to die and he asked no immunity because he was a Catholic. Yes, I'm going to vote for Al Smith even though I am a Republican."

Religion's Inception. "Did you who oppose Smith because he is a Catholic ever stop to think where he got his religion? Al Smith is a Catholic because his mother was a Catholic, and for the same reason that I am a Methodist and you are a Baptist or a Presbyterian—because our mothers were Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian. What more could be said for any man? Who would fight any man because he followed his mother. Show me the man who loves and honors his mother and his known love and kindness for his old mother is one of the highest lights in Al Smith's life—and I will show you a real man."

Passing to the Tammany Hall and wet charges against Governor Smith, Reynolds' sarcasm and scorn rose to its highest peak as he compared Tammany Hall with the Republican organizations and the Harding regime. He declared that Smith was honest in his prohibition views because he deplored present conditions in which more high school boys and girls drink whiskey than ever before. Conditions devolving from the fact that

## Longest Corpse Is Tall Negro In Rutherford

Question: How long is the longest corpse? That is a melancholy question, but it is timely, in view of a statement made today by Z. J. Thompson, Mr. Thompson, whom the community knows as "Zol" makes coffin. So he is an authority on the dimensions of the dead. He has just delivered a casket in Rutherford county, in which a negro was buried, that measured seven feet ten inches. The corpse was seven feet six, the four inches being allowed, apparently, for a good old fashioned yawn, in case the worst came to the worst.

Mr. Thompson says the standard size casket is six feet three inches. Which fact apparently gives the dead Rutherford negro the record—what might be called a post-mortem record.

## BURLINGTON MAN BREAKS JAW HERE

Auto Skids On Highway 20 East Of Shelby With Chamber Of Commerce Official.

H. B. Skinner, said to be an official of the chamber of commerce here, suffered a broken jaw bone here Monday when his auto skidded with him on highway 20 beyond the fair grounds.

Mr. Skinner was thrown against the steering wheel and windshield and suffered a laceration on the face as well as a fracture of the lower left jaw. The fractured jaw was set at the Shelby hospital by Dr. A. Pitt Beam, local dentist. Mr. Skinner resumed his journey home after a short time at the hospital.

## Marries A Couple, Using Mute Language

Rev. Andrew C. Miller, Jr., the only mute evangelist in North Carolina was called from his home in Shelby to Statesville last Sunday to perform the ceremony uniting a couple of mutes. Mr. Miller used the sign language of the mutes and the ceremony was quite an impressive affair, the bride and groom both being mutes.

## Mr. Lackey Will Be Out In A Few Days

Mr. R. A. Lackey of Fallston, the Republican nominee for sheriff who was badly bruised in an automobile wreck about a week ago, is rapidly recovering and is expected to be out in a few days.

Mr. Lackey has been recuperating at his home since the accident.

## Children In Cotton Picking Race Win

(Special to The Star.)

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Grigg of the New House section decided to have a cotton picking race. On Monday October 15, Mollie, age 9 years picked 206 pounds in 11 hours; L. G., Jr., 7 years of age picked 154 pounds in the same length of time.

They have a month of vacation from school for cotton picking and they have not played all the time during vacation.

William Chalk is the new operator at the Webb theatre. This young man was in Miami, Florida, during the late hurricane, and decided after the catastrophe to seek other fields where the elements were more favorable. He says he likes Shelby immensely.

prohibition enforcement under the Republicans is handled by the treasurer department of which the head is Andrew Mellon, who made much money before prohibition through the manufacture of whiskey. Finally "Our Bob" made his big appeal. The appeal to the masses, and the Asheville man in all of his campaigns has received the vote of the working people—farmers, clerks, textile workers, laborers.

"We want Al Smith, friends, because he is of us and knows our conditions. The fish market boy who kept climbing but has never forgotten where he started from. Why, the Republican pulled a boner. If they had waited until two weeks before the election to start these lies they would have almost beat Al. But they didn't."

## FALLS FROM TRUCK, SHOWMAN HERE HAS SKULL FRACTURED

Frank Griffin, Show Helper, Falls From Truck As Show Moves To Fair Ground.

Frank Griffin lies at the Shelby hospital with a fractured skull and in a semi-conscious condition as a result of a fall he sustained early Tuesday morning from one of the trucks of the Western Amusement company which came here to play the Cleveland County Negro Fair which is running this week at the county fair grounds.

According to the statement of Hugh Lowe, agent for the Western Amusement company who was driving the truck at the time, Griffin was standing up on the bed of the truck when it swerved around a curve at the intersection of East Warren and Marion streets. Griffin was precipitated to the pavement with the result that he struck on the side of his head and the skull was fractured. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and hurried to the hospital where yesterday he was partially conscious. The physicians reported that he was improving, although his condition is still serious.

Hugh Lowe, driver of the truck and agent for the show says Griffin is about 25 years old but he did not know where his home is. He thinks Griffin hails from West Virginia.

## Bridges Will Not Play In Encounter Against Charlotte

Star Halfback May Be Out Several Games Yet. Hurts High Chances.

Guy Bridges, star halfback of the Shelby high football eleven, will not play in the game here Friday against Charlotte, it was definitely stated here today by Coach Casey Morris.

Furthermore it was added that Bridges' injured hand may keep him out of several more games. Bridges' absence will be a serious blow to the Shelby eleven already doped as the under dog in Friday's game with the strong Charlotte eleven, which has run roughshod over every opponent except one this year. (Prospects of the two elevens for the game will be found on an inside page.)

Washburn Switched.

In scrimmage yesterday Coach Morris made several shifts in the attempt to plug holes in the eleven caused by injuries. With Bill Morehead also not in uniform due to an injured eye, Ed Washburn, speedy little end, was shifted to a half back position. His teammates in the first string backfield included Eskridge, Wall and Gold and the four may start against Charlotte. Richards, sub centre, was used at a tackle position and may break into the first string line Friday supplanting one of the regular tackles.

## Golf Tourney On At Shelby Links

Match Play Starts Saturday. Three Flights Planned For Club Title.

A golf tournament to decide the champion of the Cleveland Springs course will get underway with the first match play Saturday, it is announced by Mr. McCombs, club professional.

There will be three flights with a prize for the winner of each flight. Those who wish to enter the tourney are asked to qualify this week. The entrance fee is 50 cents. Saturday those qualifying in each flight will be paired by McCombs and match play will start.

Qualifying so far for the first flight are H. C. Long, Willis McMurphy, Earl Hamrick, Hal Schenk, Gene Schenk, Renn Drum, Sam Schenk, and Bill Peters.

## Mrs. Martha Swink Dies At Polkville

Mrs. Martha Swink, aged 67 years, 10 months and 27 days, died at her home near Polkville Sunday, October 14, 1928. She was buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist church in Burke county, Monday, October 15 at one o'clock.

## Family of Greenland Flyer



Photo shows Mrs. Bert Hassell, of Rockford, Ill., wife of pilot of Rockford-to-Greenland flight, and her two sons, John and Victor, as they arrived in New York to await flier's return from Copenhagen. Hassell is accompanied by Parker D. Cramer, co-pilot, and members of the Hobbs expedition which effected rescue of the two men after they were forced down in Greenland.

## Hoover Favored In Election Betting

Odds Against Smith Quoted At Three To One. Survey Of Nation's Betting.

New York.—Betting on the presidential election throughout the country has been extremely light. Odds are at wide variance but heavily favor Hoover, according to a survey of principle cities made in the past week by The World.

Compared with previous national election wagers has been not only few in number but small in amount, the survey shows. West of the Mississippi it has been concluded apparently that the somewhat chaotic conditions in eastern states preclude the posting of odds this early in the game.

There seems to be a reasonably firm market, with the odds against Smith averaging around 2½ and 3 to 1. In some states they are more than 3 to 1; in other states less than 2 to 1. Of course on big bets the New York odds usually rule, the money being wired here for action. The New York market is about 3 to 1 against Smith on the national outcome and about 11 to 10 against him on winning the state.

Following are some reports: New York: Odds which started at two to one on Hoover, ranged to fourteen to five, and have gone as high as four to one, on the national elections. Three to one is available. Odds on the state were held at even money for some time, but have progressed to eleven to ten against Smith and in a few small cases to six to five. The odds are most on offer. Volume of betting is light as compared with other presidential campaigns but brokers say it is a bit early. Pittsburgh, Pa.—Only small bets reported. Genera odds on national results 2 to 1 against Smith. One

## Anti-Smiths Here Show No Great Amount Of Activity-Negroes Talk

Some Local Colored Voters Being Urged From Washington To Organize Selves Here.

Since the organization of the anti-Smith Democratic club at Eastside has been shown by the organization, local leaders state.

Whether or not the club plans an active campaign against Smith as election day approaches is a matter of some speculation.

Colored Voters. A local colored citizen stated this week that he had received letters from Washington urging him to organize the colored voters of this section. No indication was given as to what party was urging the move, and insofar as is known no such steps have been taken.

## Shelby Man Killed By Runaway Trolley

D. B. Goforth Dies Of Injuries In Tennessee Monday Night. Leg Cut Off By Trolley Car. Funeral Thursday.

## Pendleton Finds Brother Lost In Storm In Florida

Newspaper Aid Is Sought And H. L. Pendleton Is Found In Three Days.

His brother living in Florida, and not having heard from him since the Florida hurricane, Mr. W. A. Pendleton, of this city, sought newspaper aid in locating him. And in three days he had his address.

The latter part of last week Mr. Pendleton appealed to The Star for the names of Florida papers to whom he could write to endeavor to locate his relative. Amongst others, the name of the Reporter-Star, of Orlando, was given him.

Today he received the following telegram from that newspaper: "H. L. Pendleton is in Sebring, Florida, with Dregg-Maxey company, citrus fruit dealers. Located him through article we ran in Reporter-Star yesterday. Word was received from him yesterday by Mr. Chryst, of Thomson and McKinnon, of this city.

## NEGRO FAIR OPENS IN COUNTY TODAY

The Cleveland county negro fair opened today at the county fair grounds on highway 20, east, and will run through Saturday night.

Fair officials have arranged for daily horse races, a nightly program of fireworks, good shows and a lively midway and hundreds of colored people in this and adjoining counties are expected to attend during the four days.

## More Women Join Democratic Clubs

Casar Women Organize To Support Democratic Ticket. Want Woman Speaker.

At a recent meeting of the Shelby Democratic club for women voters the following new members enrolled: Mrs. Robert Hoyle, Mrs. Charles Laughridge, Mrs. James Roberts, Mrs. Guy Roberts, Miss Sue Andrews, Mrs. Tom Osborne, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Elma Price, Mrs. Carr Mull, Mrs. Eliza Higgins.

A letter to Mrs. R. L. Ryburn, county chairman, from Mrs. C. A. Wortman, of Casar, states that a strong club of Democratic women voters has been organized there and a woman speaker is asked for. A list of the officers and members at Casar will be published Friday.

## Gilmers To Open Harvest Sale Soon

Gilmers "Golden Harvest Sale" opens Thursday October 18 (tomorrow) and elaborately announced in a two page advertisement appearing in this issue of The Star.

It may be said that the opening of this sale, inaugurates, for Gilmers, at least, the formal opening of the fall buying season. The sale is comprehensive, and is perhaps the most extensive ever attempted by this Shelby department store.

In the circular announcement Gilmers pays a handsome tribute to The Star for its efficiency in the local advertising field, a tribute which the paper thoroughly appreciates, and hopes more and more to deserve.

## Circulation Climbs 500 In Six Months

Five hundred new subscribers have been added to The Star in the past six months, bringing the total circulation to 4,800 each issue. With new equipment and added features to the paper, The Star is now giving from 30 to 36 pages each week, fifty per cent of which is reading matter and fifty per cent advertising. At the subscription price of \$2.50 by mail and \$3.00 by carrier, the price is less than a postage stamp per copy, delivered, making it one of the cheapest in the state. Volume of business enables The Star to undersell in subscription prices and advertising rates.

D. B. Goforth, former Shelby man and native of this county, was killed Monday evening at Greenville, Tenn., where he was employed by a construction company, the tragic news reaching his family here early yesterday morning.

From the best information obtainable, Mr. Goforth was doing steel work for a company building a dam near Greenville, when a trolley car broke loose and struck him, severing a leg from his body and otherwise breaking and injuring him. The accident happened about 6 o'clock and he died at 11:45 in a Greenville hospital which place he was rushed after the accident.

Of Salem Section. Mr. Goforth was 45 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Goforth who lives in the Salem church community between Shelby and Kings Mountain. He has been engaged in public work for a number of years, leaving Shelby a year ago and working at different places.

Funeral Thursday. His family lives on Sumter street and his body will arrive here tonight on the Southern. Funeral will be held at Salem Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Surviving are his parents, his wife and five children Kennon Goforth, of Marietta, Ga., Gerald, Mary Grace, Eva, and J. T. Goforth, of Shelby. Mr. Goforth was a fine looking, robust fellow with a very happy disposition and loved by all who knew him. He was a member of one of the best families of No. 4 township and has a host of relatives and friends to whom the news of his tragic death comes with a great shock.

## Mrs. Thompson Has News Of Father's Death In Far West

A message received yesterday morning by Mrs. Rush Thompson brought news from Bellingham, Washington of the death of her father Mr. M. O. Wight who died in a hospital there from injuries received about ten days ago when he was struck by a passing automobile. Mr. Wight, it will be recalled, lived on a highway and was crossing the road when a confused driver struck him. His skull was fractured and an operation followed with the result that the surgeon said he had an even chance of recovery, but complications set in and he died Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Wight was 63 years of age and is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. Schultz of Seattle, Washington, Ford M. Wight of Bellingham, Washington and Mrs. Rush Thompson, Shelby. Because of the distance of 3,500 miles between her and home, Mrs. Thompson will not attend the funeral. He many friends in Shelby sympathize with her in her bereavement.

## Cotton Estimates Shift About Now

Some Estimate Crop Low While Others See Last Year Crop Equalled.

"If we had as much cotton as we have stalk we would make a record crop in Cleveland county this fall," stated J. P. Lail of Shelby, route 4, in estimating that Cleveland county would this year gin 40,800 bales.

Other estimates made recently follow: S. L. Wellmon, 37,350 bales; J. B. Francis, 42,965; I. E. Hallman, 41,050; Mrs. I. E. Hallman, 39,959; J. F. Harris, 43,850; Mrs. W. D. Hardin, 44,672.

At the end of the ginning season The Star will give \$5 to the person estimating the nearest the total county crop. Estimate must be written on a slip of paper with the name and address of the writer.

## Chas. Jonas Speaks Twice This Week

Large crowds are expected to hear Hon. Chas. A. Jonas, Republican national committee man and congressional nominee when he speaks Thursday evening of this week in the Lawndale theatre and Friday evening at the South Shelby school house. Mr. Jonas is one of the most influential Republicans to invade the county during the campaign this year.