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Fair And Colder. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday.

Retiring Jurist Praises Members of Cleveland Bar

George Kennedy Sworn In. Lawyers Present Watch To Judge Mull.

Cleveland county's new recorder, George Kennedy, and one of the longest judges in North Carolina

The swearing in of the new judge came as a climax to quite a busy day for the Cleveland bar association

Given A Watch. In token of their appreciation for service on the bench of the bar association presented the retiring judge with a handsome white gold watch

Tried 5,470 Cases. During his four years and one month as an office judge Mull disposed of 5,470 cases

He has listened to all types of cases, and many of each type, and he has learned to get out of office and to the practice of law that all good lawyers should have

Local Banks Pay \$21,750 Dividends

Deposits Are Larger And All Report A Prosperous Year. To Elect Officers Soon.

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BY MAN SUES BURLINGTON PLANT

Damages For Hand In Last March In Mill Loom.

has been filed in the superior court here wherein A. W. Hamrick, the hand was torn from the Burlington Cotton mill on March 29, 1928.

Store To Move.

Richbourg, manager of the repairing to move this store to the newly selected location to the present time announcement is made shortly of the present A & P head-

Trio County Couples Are Married In S. C.

Three couples from this section have secured marriage licenses in South Carolina.

ONLY 200 PEOPLE PAY INCOME TAX IN THIS COUNTY

County Has One Income Tax Payer For Every 195 Inhabitants. Ranks Low.

Only 200 citizens of Cleveland county pay an income tax, this being an average of one income taxpayer for every 195 inhabitants

With this average Cleveland county ranks below the average county in North Carolina, the state average being one income taxpayer for every \$22 inhabitants.

Of the five adjoining counties Gaston has the largest number of income taxpayers with 850, or one for every 77 people; Catawba has 422, or one for every 94 people; Burke has 160, or one for every 137 inhabitants; Lincoln has 100, or one for every 185 people, while Rutherford has 180 income taxpayers, or one for every 131 people.

Mecklenburg Leads. Mecklenburg county had the largest number of individuals filing federal income tax returns covering incomes made during 1928, the number being 4,450. Mecklenburg also ranks first in the number of inhabitants per individual income tax return filed, with one return for every twenty-one individuals.

Clay county had only one individual who filed a federal income tax return for 1928. Allegheny had five persons who filed income tax returns. There are fifteen counties in each of which not more than fifteen individuals filed returns.

For the entire state there were 35,332 individuals who filed returns covering the income year 1928. However, exemptions exceeded net incomes for 19,274 of these individuals, leaving 16,058 persons in the state who actually paid a federal income tax. An average of one person out of every 622 filed a federal income tax return, and about one out of every one hundred and ninety actually paid an income tax.

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Fallston Club To Meet This Friday

(Special to The Star) Fallston Home Economics Club will meet Friday afternoon at the club rooms at 2 o'clock.

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Citizens Talk Another Vote On School Plan

Board Plays Hands Off. But Aroused Citizens May Start A Petition.

Shelby people may take another vote on the city school question when six months have passed with the hope that a second ballot battle will end in such a manner that the local high school may remain on the accredited list by operating a full year.

However, the city school board announces that it has nothing to do with the discussion of the plans being considered. "We intend to run the schools here just as long as the money holds out—after that it's up to the citizens."

The Plan Talked. The plan, as talked by numerous citizens who are worried at the fact the schools will be closed before the entire year is out, is that a petition may be passed over the entire city asking citizens to sign a pledge to vote for the tax levy when the measure comes to a vote the second time. If enough signatures are being signed to assure citizens behind the movement that the measure will carry when it comes to a vote the second time then it is hoped that the school authorities may agree to complete the year with the pledged understanding that the measure will go over.

Six Months Off. By law another vote on the school levy cannot be taken until six months after the first vote is taken. This means that another election cannot legally be called before June, which will be more than one month later than the schools can operate with available funds, according to the school auditor.

The plan, however, is that if the petition shows that the measure will go over the schools may complete the year in view of the passage of the measure just after the school year.

Those proposing the plan in an effort to they say, to remove the "black eye" from Shelby and give the local children a chance, believe that the measure will pass readily if put to a vote again.

"Many, many citizens," they say, "did not realize the seriousness of the situation at the first election and failed to register and vote. Others who were against it seem to have been in and would vote for it now that they see the injury curtailed schools will mean to Shelby and to the children of Shelby whose morale in the school room has been shattered since the holidays due to the belief that their people do not care whether they get equal educational advantages with other children."

No definite move about the petition has been made other than general talk, although the school board is definite in its statement to leave the matter to the citizens. "We truthfully told the people before the first election 'how things were,'" states the board, "and they seemed not to believe us or not to care. It's a job for the people now."

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Byrd Honors His Boyhood Hero



Upon the occasion of his recent visit to Christchurch, New Zealand, Commander Richard E. Byrd paid a tribute to the man who, in his own words, was "the outstanding hero of my boyhood days," Captain Robert Falcon Scott, famous Antarctic explorer.

Many Disasters In Section During 1928; Review Of Big News

Hotel Fire And Building Crash Outstanding Items Of Shelby News During Last Year. Politics Played Big Role. New Cotton Record. Year Generally Quiet. Star's 1928 Survey.

The year 1928 was featured in this section more by disaster and tragedy than by anything else according to a review of local events of the section as published in The Star during the year.

Generally speaking it was a quiet year for the county with a steady growth in Shelby and a new high mark for county agriculture. During the year the county moved to first place in cotton production and the local postoffice receipts justified the moving of the office into the first-class list.

The first "big news" of the year was with the beginning of the year itself when a bear riot resulted in 1,000 or more people stormed the city hall here New Year's eve to protest the ban of Mayor Dorsey on the shooting of firecrackers in public places.

The first big disaster of the year was the Central hotel fire in which three were burned and a fourth victim died later. In August came the building crash in which six were killed and the seventh victim died later.

The entire year, of course, was featured by politics, with great interest here in national, state and county races.

At the far end of the year the outstanding big news was the defeat of a proposed increase tax levy for city schools, whereby Shelby schools may go off the accredited list due to a curtailed term.

The News Review. The year 1928 with its big events is assembled below by months from files of The Cleveland Star:

- January. Jan. 1—One thousand citizens protest firecracker ban in demonstration before City hall with riot nearly resulting. Jan. 3—Laymon Beam and Joe Singleton, Shelby high stars, play with All-state eleven against Oak Ridge in Lexington. Jan. 9—Baptists Sunday schools in Kings Mountain association credited with being first in South to attain standard ranking. Jan. 11—Shelby textile plants cut down one day per week on schedule of operation due to overstocked market for goods. Jan. 11—O. M. Mull enters race for representative of county in legislative assembly.

COLLEGE BOY BACK AS N. C. GOVERNOR IN 29 YEAR PERIOD

Governor-elect Gardner Saw Raleigh First 29 Years Ago Yesterday. Was Freshman.

(By RENN DRUM.) Twenty-nine years ago yesterday a lanky, muscular son of a country doctor enrolled in the freshman class at N. C. State college, in Raleigh, and although in school only a half term managed to move up with his class the following spring.

One week from tomorrow, or 29 years and one week after his first visit to Raleigh, the freshman, who finished college in three and one-half years, will begin packing his travelling bag at his home on South Washington street, Shelby, for another trip to Raleigh.

This time he will not enter Raleigh as a gangling, awe-struck lad from a country town, but amid ceremonies arranged to welcome him as the next governor of his state.

Which is to say that Thursday week, January 10, Governor-elect O. Max Gardner and his family, will pack up their things and move to the executive mansion in Raleigh for a stay of four years.

Her First Trip. The next "First Lady" of North Carolina, as she goes about her South Washington street home this week seeing that everything is packed and ready to move, also remembers her first trip to Raleigh.

It was in January 1911, or 18 years ago, that a young state senator and his beautiful young wife journeyed from Shelby to Raleigh. It was the first trip for the young wife, who was then reckoned as the capital's handsomest matron. This week she is preparing to go back not to live in the modest quarters provided by a struggling young senator, nor even in the hotel she lived in as a child of the lieutenant governor, but to preside over the governor's mansion, and in Raleigh society she is already being hailed as one of the most beautiful, and sweetest women ever to become the state's "First Lady."

Her Emotions as she goes about customary duties of a wife, seeing that everything is ship-shape for the change in households, are not spoken. But there is a complacent, half-remiss smile on her face as she moves about, a smile like that seen on the face of all women when their minds are running upon thoughts in connection with their men.

Her Dreams. Perhaps she, too, has been dreaming since a score of years ago when she walked up to the altar and linked her life and fortune to that of a struggling young lawyer, who up to that time had been a remarkable college student and a more remarkable football player. The freshman who enrolled for the spring term 29 years ago at State college, then A. & M., admits today that in those early, and occasionally bleak days, his eye-dreaming the eternal ambition of dreams of youth, often turned to ward the capitol and the executive mansion. For near three decades the man who goes to Raleigh now to fix on the seat he takes; and, though it has never been spoken is likely that the help-meet, who will accompany him has been dreaming, too. Perhaps she still dreamed her dreams in her early days, perhaps as a young senator's wife. Anyway, dreams that would make happiness in the breast of any woman have been realized by her. In the smile, too, one can see that it isn't all happiness that fosters it; there is a lot of pride there—a smile not far removed from that she must have worn when the 200-pound sweetheart was chasing a football line and charging himself into his first frame. Women are always more proud than anyone else of the accomplishment of their men, be the accomplishments in high or humble places.

Another Max Going. Going down with their parents, for the inauguration at least, will be the remainder of the family: James Webb, Margaret Love (who is Mrs. Eugene Burgess), Ralph, and Max, Jr. The elder son will go from Raleigh back to school at the university, the second son will return to the high school here, where he is president of the senior class, and the married daughter will also return to her home here.

But Max, Jr., an effervescent blond young man, and one-half year younger than his brother, will be in Raleigh, his home being in Shelby.

March 21—Cotton report gives 48,639 bales for complete ginning in county in 1927. Second county in North Carolina.

March 23—Cleveland Cloth mill, silk and rayon plant here, starts 300,000 extension.

March 28—Shelby building totals a little over \$1,000,000.

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Shelby Postoffice Reaches First-Class Rating In Postal Receipts—Will Start On July 1

Law Firm Dissolves Partnership Here

Bennett and Edwards, law firm which has been practicing law here will continue to practice as individuals. They retain adjoining offices in the Royter building, the only difference being that their practice will be separate rather than together as a firm, as heretofore.

GIRLS HERE PASS LEAP YEAR CATCH

Marriages Decreases in Cleveland County During Last Year.

Cleveland county has seen to be of the opinion that they can get on very well without husbands, thank you!

Either that or to young ladies and their elder unmarried sisters found desirable young men to be a bit elusive. And then it may be that those who pass the most of opportunity preferred to save their "catch" a bit of money and were married in South Carolina.

All of which led up to the very disconcerting fact—disconcerting to those who believe in Leap Year, black cats, and Santa Claus—that during 1928, what was Leap Year, marriages fell off in Cleveland county instead of picking up.

If that doesn't show the avowed independence of the so-called weaker sex, pray, what does?

Big Decline Seen. Notwithstanding the fact that four more calendars will go up and come down before Leap Year comes along the girls of this section apparently "popped the question" very little during the proposing year which made it too slow to the wind last Tuesday night.

In 1928 only 185 couples secured marriage licenses at the Cleveland county court house. This was 40 couples less than the 202 couples securing license in 1927, which was just an ordinary year and not Leap Year.

Top Hard On 'Em. A. F. Newton, register of deeds and dealer in marriage licenses, declared that the marriage decrease here does not indicate that the Leap Year legend is dead. "Those young folks," he declares, "even the girls, want to get married just as much now as ever before, but it's these marriage restrictions we have up here in North Carolina that caused our decrease. The majority of couples were married in South Carolina without going through the extra cost up here. We have rigid marriage law which is not rigidly enforced, meaning that it's not rigid enough to scare them away."

December Led It. With the Christmas mistletoe hanging about in such a manner as to spirit up things the month of December led the marriage procession, 26 couples securing license at the court house here during the month. August was second with 17, and March third with 16. Licenses were issued to 15 couples in February and November, to 12 in both January and October, to 11 in September, 10 in April, seven in both June and July, and six in May.

Late Tag Buyers In Jam At Bureau Here

Scores Form Long Line About License Office At Eskridge Garage.

Three or four thousand people in this section delayed buying their auto license plate for 1929 until the very end of the year with the result that in recent days hundreds of auto owners in this county have swarmed about the license bureau at the Eskridge garage here trying to get tags before the law gets them.

Monday, according to Charles Eskridge, Jr., in charge of the bureau, 1,173 tags were sold. Tuesday the branch office was closed, but the branch office of auto owners today a long line of auto owners filled the building and wound out into the street, with those at the rear of the line having little chance of getting to the window before three or four hour wait. Up until today 4,163 tags had been sold at the local branch state bureau, and since 6,000 tags were sold here it is estimated that 10,000 other hundreds to come.

Gain Over \$3,047.18 In Postal Receipts Over 1927. Postmaster Gets Raise.

On July 1, this year, the Shelby postoffice will go on the government records as a first-class office, which means that there will be numerous additions to the local office, and also a raise in salary for the postmaster and assistant postmaster.

The Shelby office reached the first-class mark Monday night, December 31, at midnight when it was learned that postal receipts for the office for the year had reached, and passed, the \$30,000 mark which is required of a first-class office. Receipts at the postoffice are reckoned by the calendar year, but the local office will not actually attain its first-class status until July 1, the beginning of the postal fiscal year.

Good Gain Shows. Actual receipts for the year at the Shelby office totaled \$40,188.30, as was announced yesterday by Postmaster J. H. Quinn. In other words, the receipts passed the required quota by \$10,000, which is a gain over last year's \$30,178.00. The office fell only 10 cents short of requirements in postal receipts for only \$2,800.26.

General Increase. The office's raise to its new position was not sporadic but steady as the figures for the year, assembled by Postmaster Quinn, reveal.

In fact there was a gain of \$1,000 over the corresponding month of 1927, with the exception of September, which there was a slight decrease, but what caused this fall-off in receipts during September, Mr. Quinn was unable to explain, but he said that there was a strike of carriers during the month in part of the large cities.

Steady Gainers. With the exception of the quarter of the year, which includes the Christmas mailing period, December and January are always the best quarter experienced here, and was what the bureau aspires to during this quarter. It is estimated that the receipts at the local office totalled \$10,326.31.

Just what changes there will be in the system at the Shelby office, that it is a first-class office, Postmaster Quinn cannot say as yet.

"There will be some changes, and presumably additions to the local staff, but just what they will be I am unable to say now."

When the first-class rating takes effect it will mean a \$500 per year raise in salary for Mr. Quinn and a \$100 raise for Russell Laughlin, assistant postmaster.

BUSINESS SCHOOL TO OPEN HERE 7TH

J. Gordon Wootton To Teach Various Courses In Woodstock Building.

On January 7, Mr. J. Gordon Wootton will open in the Woodstock building, owned by the University of the Carolina Commercial College, a business school.

Mr. Wootton has secured rooms in the Woodstock building and these will be used, and fitted up for the school, which will hold a degree in business administration. He will associate with him a faculty of experienced business men, and will offer a number of courses in business, which have been enrolled for the opening of the school.

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