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Rain On Thursday. Today's North Carolina Weather beginning late tonight or Thursday. Warmer tonight in east and central portions. Colder in extreme southwest Thursday afternoon, colder Thursday night.

Governors Together. Governor-elect and Mrs. O. Max Gardner will spend Thursday night as the guests of Governor and Mrs. McLean in the executive mansion at Raleigh, says Raleigh dispatches, thus setting a precedent.

WILL HAVE A BOND ISSUE TO REPLACE DAMAGED BRIDGES

\$20,000 Issue To Cover Replacement Of Bridges Washed Out In Flood.

At their meeting this week Cleveland county commissioners decided upon a \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of replacing or repairing county bridges washed away or damaged by the high waters of the July flood last summer.

The bridge damage in this county during the flood ran up into the thousands and the replacement and repairing will take at least \$24,000 according to the board and A. E. Cline, county business manager.

No Emergency Fund. Just prior to the July rains, which were very devastating, the county budget had been made and normally with no large emergency fund there was not money available to cope with the unexpected situation which arose.

Since that time citizens in various sections of the county have been insistent in asking replacement and repair of bridges, some of which are very essential in the necessary travel of the county.

"Getting the bridges back into condition has and will take more than the \$20,000 from the bond issue," the commissioners say, "but the remainder can be taken care of by the general county fund. Where bridges are being replaced we are building better bridges than were washed away and unless some other unforeseen happening gets us back in the hole the bridges replaced now should be adequate for a lengthy period."

The paragraph explaining the use of the funds from the bond issue is as follows: "For bridge construction and replacement necessitated by flood damage last year."

Many Demands. Charity appeals and other expenditure claims were more numerous at the first meeting of 1929 than in many, many meetings according to veteran members of the board.

Other than the bridge bond issue very few items of public importance were handled outside of the routine work, which kept the commissioners busy all day and for a time threatened to bring them back again for another day's work.

NEWTON TO BUILD \$25,000 GARAGE

Two Story Fire Proof Garage Building To Go Up On East Marion Street.

A \$25,000 fire proof garage building, two stories high will be erected by Attorney D. Z. Newton on East Marion street to the rear of the Masonic building. The general contract has been let to Tom Ramsey and Sons, while J. C. Weathers will furnish the steel and Isler and Vickey will go the plumbing and heating.

The new garage building has been leased for a term of five years to the Crawford Chevrolet company which will move in just as soon as the building is completed.

The building will front fifty feet on Warren street and extend to a depth of 165 feet, modern in every way and built to suit the individual requirements of the Crawford Chevrolet company.

Material is now being placed on the ground and construction work will start shortly.

County Couples In Gaffney Marriages

The following couples from this section secured marriage license in Gaffney, S. C., last week:

Balmop Martin and Carry Bivins of Lenoir; Travis P. Hord, of Gastonia, and Lorena Belch, of Shelby; Vernon Carroll, of Kings Creek, and Odessa Terry, of Mooresboro; Charles Hugh Langbridge, of Forest City, and Brent McKeithan, of Eoistic.

YOUNG COUNTY MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE; LIVES IN HOSPITAL

Dover Mull In Hospital Here In Serious Condition. Shot Self In Bed.

Dover Mull, well-known young Cleveland county man and former bookkeeper at the Double Shoals Manufacturing plant, is in the Shelby hospital in a serious condition said to have been inflicted by himself early this morning in a suicidal attempt.

Due to the fact that the bullet entered in the upper jaw, just below the temple, and ploughed its way through his head, coming out the other side surgeons were not preparing following a preliminary examination and treatment early this morning to say what his chances of recovery were. However they declared the wound to be serious and some apprehension was felt of pneumonia as Mr. Mull apparently fell in a branch near the home after the shooting and was nearly frozen when found.

Rain From House. The wounded man is still in an unconscious condition, but The Star in communication with Toluca this morning secured some details of the tragic happening. The Mull family living about one mile west of that place.

The report was that Mrs. Mull had arisen about 6 o'clock this morning and was about her work in the house when Mr. Mull unexpectedly raised himself in bed and produced a pistol, which he had apparently concealed in bed, and shot himself. Supposition is that he aimed for his temple but the aim was low and the shot did not bring instantaneous death. In an agonized craze from the pain of the wound the report has it that he dashed from the bed and house and was not found until an hour later lying near the highway and frozen almost stiff. After rushing from the house it is supposed, the report says, that he fell in a nearby branch and was thoroughly soaked, the bitter morning air soon freezing his clothing stiff.

Carried Home. When found the wounded man was carried to his home and wrapped up and after becoming somewhat warm began to talk, but not in a rational manner. At the hospital here it was said that he was still unconscious when brought there. Before reaching the hospital, however, he had become warm and the danger of the chill from the icy water of the branch was not considered as great as it was earlier.

Mr. Mull, who married a daughter of Mr. A. A. Sain, was for several years connected with the Double Shoals plant and was highly regarded and popular with his employers and friends. A year or two back his health began to fail and he suffered a nervous breakdown. After that time he moved to the farm above Toluca, where he had since lived, and the hope was that he might regain his health. The Toluca report to The Star this morning also stated that the Mull family was planning to move to Hickory today. The wounded man, who is a son of Mr. W. F. Mull, of Catawba county, has five children.

P. O. S. A Names New Officers In Shelby

New Officials Installed At Local Camp. Membership Drive Is Now On.

The new officials of the Shelby camp 22 of the Patriotic Sons of America were recently installed at a meeting of the camp.

These officers are: W. M. Barnett, past president; P. H. Smith, president; Julius Earls, vice president; D. H. McSwain, master of forms; Z. N. Walker, conductor; W. E. Green, recording secretary; G. C. Smith, financial secretary; W. R. McEntire, treasurer; V. A. Costner, guard; Cash Seay, trustee.

A membership drive is now on in the camp and a \$2 cash award is being given members bringing in new applications.

Dr. J. W. Wood III In Shelby Hospital

The many friends of Dr. J. W. Wood of Bolling Springs will regret to learn that he is seriously ill in the Shelby hospital. He has been very weak from loss of blood from a hemorrhage and a blood transfusion was resorted to on Tuesday. For some time Dr. Wood's health has been on the decline.

Last Portrait of Promoter



His intimate close-up of the late Tex Rickard was made just before he left the cares of his Madison Square Garden to spend the Winter in Florida with his wife and little daughter. (International Newsreel)

Judge Challenges Preachers To Tell Booze Hiding Place

Charlotte.—Judge A. M. Stack, presiding over a term of superior court here, Monday issued a challenge to local ministers who recently launched an attack on the administrators of the prohibition laws in this city. The Ministerial association charged that officers were lax in enforcing the dry laws here and that whisky could be bought freely on the principal streets. One minister declared that he had information regarding the open sale of intoxicants.

Judge Stack challenged the ministers to come out in the open and present their evidence to the grand jury. "If they do this," the jurist said, "They can do what they claim they wish to do—come out in an active fight for prohibition. On the other hand, if any one of the local ministers will show me where an officer has been delinquent in his duty I will promise that an indictment will be drawn up against him and steps taken looking to remedying any lax enforcement conditions taken."

"If the critics of the courts and the officers will face me and give me the names of those who are violating the prohibition law, I will see to it that the offenders are brought to trial," the judge continued. "I will even go further and have the governor appoint a judge in my place here and devote my entire time to investigation of alleged lax conditions here if you will pledge me your co-operation."

Judge Stack declared that even at the risk of criticism and misunderstanding he would make the suggestion that the federal courts were too crowded with other litigation to have whiskey cases, which in fact belonged in the state courts, thrown upon them. The federal court officers are strangers in the community and are handicapped in running down violations while local courts, he said, are familiar with local conditions and can operate much more efficiently.

Moving Into Newly Built Homes Here

William McCord moved this week into his handsome two story home just completed in Belvedere. The house which Mr. and Mrs. McCord vacate on West Marion street will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Washburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Eskridge moved during the holidays into their pretty new bungalow home on West Sumter street.

Argue With A Machine Now

They have something like a "robot" over in the City Hall in Shelby now. A "robot," if you fail to instantly recognize the name, is the monicker given the mechanical man developed recently by science and the genius of invention. The robot washes dishes, drives an auto, juggles figures, and does nearly everything that a human can do with the exception of imagining things.

And in a manner of speaking the City Hall now has a robot, and the convention which about this robot, especially to City Clerk Fred Curbeth, is that people who "would argue with a sign-board" may now argue with a machine if they care to differ with him. Meaning that the City of Shelby for convenience and authenticity recently installed a billing machine, which with a few touches from a human hand adds and makes up the water and lights bills for the town, and here-

BOOSTS NEW CITY HALL ON CORBETT CORNER OF SQUARE

T. W. Hamrick Says Now Is Time To Buy. Better Than Remodelling Building.

Official Shelby is fast outgrowing its present location in the City Hall giving rise to much discussion there among citizens.

In view of the value of the present site as a business location would it be best to remodel the present structure, or to sell the present site for a business house and build elsewhere?

That is the main topic in the discussion. In a communication addressed to The Star T. W. Hamrick, former alderman, suggests the latter course and gives the opinion that the Corbett corner of the square is the proper location for the new City Hall. Continuing he states that the matter should be taken up by city officials.

Hamrick's Suggestion. His letter follows:

"The rapid growth and development of Shelby the past few years is apparent, of course, to everyone, but the demands of the citizens before the city council reminds them more often than they of Shelby's growth—and the last few years I was connected therewith caused me to wonder first what would be the best thing for Shelby to do when the time arrived for a new municipal building and that time is at no far distant date. No corporation doing the business Shelby is doing would put up with the present situation under any circumstances. In the next two or three years there will be no other alternative but to entirely rebuild or remodel on the present site, or sell this one and buy an entirely new site.

After much thought over the matter, I am of the opinion a new site should be purchased and it should be purchased now in view of building a new building two or three years hence.

"There is, to my mind, only one site suitable in every way for the purpose, and that is the Corbett block. If Shelby could purchase that entire block at a reasonable price, looking forward to building a \$250,000 municipal building on the corner, a fire department on north side, and donate a space on east side for library and woman's club buildings, garage, machineshop and street department building in rear, with parking space all round. If that site could be purchased now the corner alone could be leased for three years for a sum sufficient to take care of the interest. At the end of three years, the town could sell the present site for enough to pay for the new site, and bonds would have to be issued for the new building only. Much of the towns present bonds will be paid off by that time and the increase in population and growth would justify the expenditure.

"I would suggest that the present mayor and board, secure an option on that particular piece of property, and if they do not wish to take the responsibility of purchasing allow the people of Shelby to vote at the regular mayor's election in May, as to whether they prefer the present building remodelled or rebuilt at some future date, or the new site purchased for the purpose of a new municipal building site.

T. W. HAMRICK.

Sam Lattimore On State Farm Board

Sam C. Lattimore, of Blacksburg and Shelby, has been appointed a member of the N. C. board of directors of the state department of agriculture, to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Governor-elect O. Max Gardner.

Mr. Lattimore is one of Cleveland county's most progressive farmers and is also a representative of a large land bank for the state.

IS THERE ONE GOD?

How many gods are there? Or is there only one God, regardless of religions and creeds? Really, do not all men of all creeds believe in a Master Hand? Star readers will find a very interesting topic discussed by Bruno Lessing on the editorial page of The Star today. Turn there now.

New City Hall?



T. W. Hamrick, (above) former Shelby alderman, in a communication to The Star today suggests that now is the time for official Shelby to consider plans and sites for a new city hall, which the increasing business of the town will soon necessitate. In another communication he makes reference to needed legislative change in the city charter.

NO CHANGE MADE IN BANK OFFICERS HERE

First National Authorizes Stock Dividend Of Fifty Per Cent.

Shareholders of the First National bank and the Cleveland Bank and Trust company met on Tuesday and re-elected the same directors who in turn chose the same officials to man the institutions for the ensuing year.

A fifty per cent stock dividend was authorized by the shareholders of the First National bank, this dividend to be paid whenever the officers and directors deem advisable. In the event they increase the capital stock by giving to the shareholders one new share for each two outstanding, the capital will be increased from \$250,000 to \$375,000.

Recently the three Shelby banking institutions paid dividends aggregating \$27,000 and their reports showed them to be in splendid financial condition.

The Cleveland Bank and Trust Co. re-elected the present board of directors: R. E. Campbell, H. F. Young, A. P. Weathers, J. A. Suttle, Z. J. Thompson, J. L. Suttle, C. Rush Hamrick, J. J. Lattimore and Wm. Lineberger who in turn re-elected the following officers: Wm. Lineberger, president; R. E. Campbell, vice president; J. J. Lattimore, secretary-treasurer, and J. L. Suttle, manager insurance department.

At the First National bank the following directors were re-elected: C. C. Blanton, John F. Schenck, A. C. Miller, Jes. L. Webb, L. A. Gettys, Clyde R. Hoey, O. M. Gardner, J. F. Roberts, Paul Webb, Geo. Blanton and Forrest Eskridge. Officers are: Chas. G. Blanton, president; John F. Schenck and George Blanton, vice presidents, Forrest Eskridge, cashier, R. R. Sisk and G. S. Mull, cashiers.

O. M. Gardner, a member of the board was accorded the honor of presiding over the meeting since he is to be gone to Raleigh for four years. A committee was authorized to draft resolutions of sympathy to the families of Miss Ora Eskridge, Guy Greene and Alex Hoyle, faithful employees of the bank who lost their lives while at their posts of duty.

The annual meeting of the Union Trust company will be held Tuesday, January 15.

Jail Needs Paint, Grand Jury Thinks

Several Recommendations Made By Jury. Range For County Home.

The grand jury, which completed its work for this term of court here yesterday, found nothing wrong with county institutions but made several recommendations after declaring general supervision of the jail, court house, county home, and chain gang to be good.

One recommendation was that the county jail be painted this spring, and it was suggested that a larger cooking range be furnished for the county home. A new base-board is needed, it was stated in the clerk of court's office, and it was recommended that the janitor mop the floors of the two rest rooms every night, and see that they are kept in better condition. The report was signed by N. F. McGill, foreman.

Inauguration Plans For Gardner Ready

Asks That Schools Be Notified About Students In Raleigh

Parents Should Inform Teachers Of School Pupils Going To Inaugural.

Shelby parents who intend to take or send their children to the inaugural ceremonies of Governor-elect O. Max Gardner in Raleigh Friday, should notify the teachers of the children beforehand; it is announced by Prof. Columbus Andrews, Shelby high principal.

"The school will permit all students to get off who desire to attend but it will aid greatly in our attendance records if parents will send in their notifications ahead of time so that the various teachers may keep track on their students during the day Friday, he stated.

COURT HERE MAY END GRIND TODAY

McLellie Pleads Guilty Second Degree Murder. Murphy Case Continued.

The superior court term now in session here may be concluded this afternoon it was stated by Judge Oglesby and Solicitor Spurling at the noon recess. This will mean that barristers and other court attendants who desire to do so may attend the inaugural ceremonies in Raleigh Friday.

The criminal docket was lightened considerably today due to changes in the two murder cases booked. The murder charge against W. H. Murphy, young Kings Mountain boy, charged with fatally shooting his stepfather, Turner Murphy, was continued until the next term so that witnesses not present might be secured.

In the other murder case, Henry McLellie, aged colored man, charged with the fatal cutting of his daughter Martha Megginson, pled guilty to murder in the second degree through his attorneys, Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, and Col. T. B. Butler, of Gaffney, lieutenant-governor of South Carolina. The court was hearing the evidence this afternoon after which sentence will be passed.

Judge Oglesby, following his usual custom, has not as yet passed any sentences and will not do so until all the cases are disposed of.

Esckridge In Firm Of Custom-Built Fords On Market

Dolled-Up Flyver For Around \$1,500 Says Charlotte Report.

Charlotte, Jan. 9.—Custom-built "flyvers," all-dolled-up Ford, to cost about \$1,500, are in hiding at the Charlotte branch plant of the Ford Motor company and will be exposed to the public gaze probably next Tuesday for the first time in this city.

The recently organized Paramount Motor company will have these "baby Lincolns" for sale to those who want the utmost in Fords and for the admiration of those who decide to content themselves with the stock Model A.

Officials of the Charlotte branch let this secret leak out today when it was disclosed that the Paramount company expects to get started in business next Tuesday in the Barringer Building, located near First Methodist church. This motor company will specialize in the sale of real Lincolns and these new "baby Lincolns" in sixteen counties of North Carolina. George Gilson, Jr., of Charlotte, is president of the new company, which is backed by \$100,000 of authorized capital and the cooperation of 33 Ford dealers in as many towns. Each of these Ford dealers is a stockholder in the new company, it was understood. Charles Esckridge, of Shelby, is vice president, and M. K. Reid, of Concord, is secretary of this company. Mr. Wilson also holds the office of treasurer.

Leg Broken By Car

Benny Ramey, seven or eight-year-old boy, who lives west of Shelby in either the Dover or Ora mill village, was brought to the Shelby hospital yesterday suffering with a leg broken when struck by an auto, it was said. He was able to be taken home after treatment.

Thousands Expected In Raleigh On Friday A Military Parade To Be Held.

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—Detailed plans for the inauguration Friday of O. Max Gardner, as governor of North Carolina, and arrangements to care for thousands of visitors, have been completed by the inaugural committee of the legislature, which is receiving the cooperation of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

The inaugural ceremony and address at noon in the city auditorium, the parade which will immediately follow, the inaugural reception at the executive mansion, beginning at 8:00 o'clock Friday night, and the Visitors' Ball, beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the city auditorium, will be high spots in the day's program of public events.

The official program begins Friday morning at 11:00 o'clock when the inaugural committee, of which Senator J. M. Broughton is chairman, meets the incoming governor and Mrs. Gardner at the Sir Walter hotel to escort them to the executive mansion, where they will be greeted by Governor McLean and other state officials.

The party will be escorted to the mansion by a guard of honor, consisting of a battalion of State college cadets and the State college band. Mr. Gardner is a graduate of N. C. State college. Military honors will be given Governor McLean by a formation of troops and bands.

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MRS. MARY ROBERTS IS BURIED TODAY

Aged Widow Of Late John Ance Roberts Died At Her Home East Of Shelby

This afternoon at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Mary Jane Roberts, 84 years old, widow of the late John Ance Roberts, was buried at Elizabeth Baptist church where she was a long and faithful member. Mrs. Roberts died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock following a two weeks illness with influenza and paralysis. Up until this last spell of sickness she had been a woman of usual health for one of her age.

Mrs. Roberts before marriage was Mary Jane Ware and a member of one of the county's earliest families. She was a kind neighbor, a devoted wife and mother, and greatly beloved by all who knew her. Her husband died 15 years ago but she continued to live as the old home place with four of her nine married children, Frank, Vance, Bessie and Ida. In addition to these children the following survive: Lester Roberts, John Roberts, Mrs. R. T. Manney, Mrs. Max Wilson and Mrs. Will Kendrick.

Also surviving are two brothers, Rev. W. R. Ware of Rutherfordton and Mr. Albert Ware of Asheville and one sister, Mrs. Emma Allspaugh of Oregon.

A large crowd attended the funeral service at Elizabeth today.

Dr. Tom B. Mitchell Locates In Shelby

Associates With His Father, Dr. W. F. Mitchell, And They Open Clinic Here.

Shelby people will be glad to learn that Dr. Thos. Mitchell, native of Shelby, is planning to return here for the practice of his profession. He plans to associate himself with his father, Dr. W. F. Mitchell, a well known physician here for thirty years. Young Dr. Mitchell has had expert medical and surgical training since his graduation at the University of Pennsylvania in 1923. For several years following his graduation he remained in Philadelphia pursuing post graduate work. Then he returned south and since 1926 has been associated with Dr. L. A. Crowell of Lincoln and more recently with the Strong clinic of Charlotte.

Recently young Dr. Mitchell had an opportunity to make a change in his work and he decided to return to his home, Shelby. He with his father plan to open a modern clinic and will be located in the Royster building. The offices will be modern equipped with X-ray, ultra violet ray, laboratory, etc. Dr. Mitchell has ambitions for a clinic as now practiced in the medical centers of the country and hopes in the future to include all forms of medical and surgical work.