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Cloudy And Rain. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probably occasional showers. Somewhat warmer tonight and in north portion Tuesday.

Talk Court Inquiry. The court of inquiry to be held here Wednesday afternoon by the recorder has created quite a stir over the town and county with the major interest centering in the debate as to whether or not the ad testificandum proceedings will bring out any great amount of valuable information about bootleg and extract traffic here.

URGE FARMERS TO HEAR LEADERS IN COUNTY MEETINGS

Dr. Winters And Two Others At Four Places In County This Week.

Every Cleveland county farmer who can possibly do so is urged to attend at least one of the four big farm meetings scheduled for this county on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Three of the most prominent farm leaders in the state, one of whom is one of the best known cotton authorities in the South, will be the speakers. They are Dr. R. Y. Winters, director of the State agricultural experiment station; W. F. Pate, state agronomist, and James M. Gray, nitrate of soda expert.

The first meeting will be held in the court house here Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, the second at the Belwood school at 7:30 Wednesday afternoon, and the final meeting Thursday night at 7:30 at Lattimore. All three men will speak at the four meetings, which have been so arranged and located that every farmer in the county may conveniently attend.

Hear Dr. Winters. County Agent Hardin and others believe that no farmer in the county should pass up the opportunity of hearing the three men, particularly Dr. Winters as farmers of the county should feel honored at his coming to this county for two days to tender valuable information. He has done more for community cotton breeding, perhaps than any other man, and community breeding is the major item in the cotton world today.

Dr. Winters also led the movement for thick spacing and narrow rows. Considered the outstanding cotton man of the southeast he was one of the three men compiling the score card for the national cotton contests, and was also one of the three judges. His hobby is cotton breeding and he spent three years at Cornell university studying this phase of cotton production.

Dr. Winters, and Messrs. Tate and Gray will discuss cotton breeding, fertilization, use of nitrate, and practically every phase of cotton production of interest to the farmers of the state's biggest cotton producing county.

No farmer should pass up the opportunity of hearing them at one of the four meetings to which the public is invited without charge and as a part of the farm extension work.

Miss Sara Austell, who teaches in Kings Mountain spent the week-end at home.

The Women Buy, Through The Star

Mrs. Sippel, head of the General Federation of Women's clubs says women do nine-tenths of the buying, spending fifty-two thousand million dollars each year. "That's important to advisers," says Arthur Brisbane.

The Star goes directly into these homes of its subscribers—homes where the women who are the purchasing agents for the families, live. They are watching Star advertising columns for bargains because they are a good judge of merchandise and values.

Each afternoon The Star is published, 13 carrier boys, deliver The Star directly into the homes of its subscribers in Shelby and suburbs, while the 23 rural letter carriers in the county, find The Star their largest single patron.

2 Thousand Pass Corner In An Hour

Busy Corner At Southeast Side Of Court Square In Business Section.

How many people, shoppers and otherwise, swarm the streets of Shelby on Saturday afternoons? Have you ever tried counting them? If not, you're in for a surprise.

Last Saturday afternoon R. E. Williams made a wager that at least 1,000 people would pass the corner of South Lafayette street and East Warren street, at the old Cleveland drug store stand, within one hour. Then he and the fellow he wagered with counted them, the count including the stream going both directions, east and west.

At the end of the hour 2,150 people had passed by both counts, and of the number 1,510 were white and 640 colored.

One reason, no doubt, that large stores locate branches in Shelby, county seat of a big cotton producing and spinning county.

Opinion Differs On "Still" Bonus For Officers Here

Some Think Bootleg Manufacture Would Increase By Plan. Others Differ.

Whether or not the bill in Raleigh proposing to have deputy sheriffs and officers of this county get their man along with his distillery before they receive their \$20 bonus would hamper or help the manufacture of bootleg whiskey in Cleveland county is a matter of debate since the bill was drawn up and forwarded to Raleigh.

On the other hand numerous people, including officers, disagree, saying that the manufacture of whiskey in the county will increase as officers will not be over anxious to spend several days and nights locating a still and then receive no pay if the operator, or operators, get away.

In the meantime there has been some conjecture about the court house as to who sponsored the drawing up of the bill.

Little Made Here. During the discussion about the proposed bill officers and others gave it as their opinion that only a small percentage of the whiskey sold in this county is made here. A big part of it, they said, came in from South Carolina, or from Wilkes and other counties in this state.

Rutherford Clerk Dead At Spindale

Clerk Of Superior Court In Rutherford Is Victim Of Pneumonia.

Forest City, Jan. 18.—J. Y. Yelton, 56, clerk of Rutherford superior court since 1924, died at his home in Spindale Friday morning after a short illness from influenza which was followed by pneumonia.

Mr. O. Dickerson, of Rutherford, was appointed by Judge Michael Schenck to fill out Mr. Yelton's unexpired term. Judge Schenck was sitting in a regular court term in Asheville and signed the appointment of Mr. Dickerson in that city.

Funeral services were held Saturday at noon from the Spindale Baptist church of which Mr. Yelton was a member from its organization, and of which he was a trustee and deacon. An additional funeral service was conducted at Cedar Grove Methodist church, at Sunshine, where the burial was made.

Mr. Yelton is survived by his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Y. Yelton of Sunshine; his widow and six children, three sons, Vernon, John and Spurgeon K. Yelton, and three daughters, Bess, Mary and Annie Yelton, all of Spindale. Four brothers, Jake Yelton of Spindale; James Yelton of Columbia, S. C.; Landrum Yelton, Forest City, and Julian Yelton of Wilmington, also survive.

Squirrel Season Has Closed, Warden Says

County Game Warden Mike H. Austell warns hunters that the open season for squirrels in this county, which began September 15, closed on the 15th of this month, or a week ago. The possum season will close on January 31, a week from Thursday. The possum hunting season opened on October 1. The dove season, it was reminded, ended December 31, last year.

McENTIRE BOUND TO HIGHER COURT IN SHOOTING CASE

Dutch Whisnant Takes Stand And Tells Of Shooting Last November.

In a hearing before Recorder Horace Kennedy here Saturday P. A. McEntire was bound over to Superior court under a \$2,000 bond on the charge of assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill in connection with the shooting of Horace (Dutch) Whisnant, baseball star, last November at Lawndale.

On the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, namely a pistol, McEntire was fined \$50 and the costs.

Three Witnesses Up. Only three witnesses took the stand—Whisnant, Cullen Morrison, who operates the power house at Lawndale where the shooting took place, and W. J. Littlejohn, another eye-witness.

Whisnant, hobbling to the stand on crutches, swung an empty trouser leg which once was filled with the leg that stepped forward on the pitcher's mound often enough in one year to make him the outstanding high school pitcher in North Carolina. The leg was amputated at the hospital here some time after the shooting when complications arose in connection with the bullet wound in the leg.

Had Card Game. His story was that he, McEntire, and Littlejohn were in a card game late in the night at the power house. An argument developed between McEntire and Whisnant, and, according to Whisnant, McEntire shoved him and he in turn struck McEntire. They were parted by Littlejohn and Cullen Morrison, and McEntire walked around behind the generator with Morrison.

Near the door, just a few minutes later, the two encountered each other again. Whisnant hit McEntire, according to Whisnant's story, and McEntire swung at him and lost his balance. From where he fell towards the generator Whisnant said McEntire pulled a gun from under his coat.

"I started towards him and then I was shot," he concluded. The evidence tendered by Morrison was that he came on duty at 12 o'clock, found them playing cards and asked them to quit. About that time, the witness said, an argument arose between McEntire and Whisnant, the latter striking the former. In some manner, said Morrison, Whisnant stumbled over the cushion they were playing on and as he did so McEntire reached over after him. Then, Morrison continued, he saw a gun in McEntire's hip-pocket and took it out. After they were parted he said that McEntire called him round behind the generator and asked him for his gun, declaring that he was going home Morrison gave it to him, he said, and McEntire walked to the door where Whisnant was standing thanking Littlejohn for parting them. Whisnant, Morrison said, turned to McEntire and said "I thank you, too. D---n you," and struck McEntire, who, Morrison said, grabbed Whisnant around the body and told him that he was not mad. In some way he lost his hold and fell to the floor and about that time, Morrison said, the gun went off. When he first saw the gun after the shot, he said, it was lying on the floor and a piece of the hammer was broken. The witness said he did not see McEntire pull the gun and point it at Whisnant.

The testimony of Littlejohn was practically the same as that of Morrison. Neither did he see McEntire pull the gun out of his pocket, or point it at Whisnant. The impression they seemed to gain was that the gun struck the floor when McEntire stumbled as the gun sounded, when it discharged, as it went off down about their feet. That the gun was discharged by falling to the floor they did not say, definitely, neither did they say it was not fired by McEntire, other than that neither, both looking away, saw McEntire draw the gun or fire it.

Carried To Hospital.

McEntire, all the witnesses said, along with Littlejohn brought the wounded man to the hospital here. On cross-examination Attorney B. T. Falls, for the defense, brought out in questioning Whisnant that McEntire visited him at the hospital, leaving a dollar one time for him to purchase cigarettes.

"You don't have anything against each other now, do you?" Mr. Falls asked. "I don't know about him, but I have nothing against him except

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Former Mayor, Paul Webb, Is Talked As A Likely Candidate



PAUL WEBB



R. E. CARPENTER

R. E. Carpenter, Candidate Two Years Ago, Mentioned Along With Jesse Washburn

It has been one week since Mayor W. N. Dorsey announced himself a candidate for reelection as mayor and as yet he has the field to himself. Meantime, however, the political pow-wows and parleys have brought in the names of a half dozen likely candidates, with a new name being added for near every day of the week.

Two of those talked as opponents to the present mayor have disclaimed any present intention of running, while statements have not been made by the others.

Close friends of Paul Webb, Shugart and war-time mayor of Shelby, say that he may announce in the near future and that his platform will center about economy, although no definite statement is made about the candidacy or the talked-of platform. R. E. Carpenter, former school board member and a candidate two years ago, has a big following, which, it is understood, is urging him to get in the race again. Another candidacy talked is that of Jesse Washburn young cotton man and grandson of J. J. McMurry, who is being groomed by the younger voters of the town provided a prospective business change does not eliminate his prospects of offering.

"Flu" Holds Down Attendance Here

Many Failures Came Of Low Record. Parents Should Note Excuses.

There were 212 failures in the Shelby schools during the fourth month as compared with 87, fourth roll students. The recent influenza epidemic is said to be the cause of the low record in attendance and the large number of failures.

Parents are urged by the school authorities to cooperate in the matter of attendance. Pupils absent without excuse forfeit credits in each class missed during the absence. Illness or family afflictions are the two excuses recognized by law.

Table with 5 columns: School, E., A., T., H., R., F. Rows include Jefferson, LaFayette, Washington, Marion, S. Shelby, Graham, High School, Col School.

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But despite the prospects no other has been announced, and despite the lack of announcements the talk of prospects continues.

Two Story Building To Be Erected Soon

Blanton And Weathers To Erect Fire Proof Building For Store Rooms.

A two story brick and steel building 32x100 feet will be erected at an early date on the vacant lot on the South side of the Masonic Temple building by Geo. Blanton and Lee B. Weathers where two store rooms will be provided on the ground floor. The ground floor store rooms will be approximately 16 feet wide with beautiful show windows. It is understood that tenants for the same have been secured.

The second floor will be approximately 28x100 feet with an outside entrance while a basement will be provided under the entire building with an outside entrance.

Hugh E. White, Gastonia architect who drew the plans for the First Baptist church here will begin drawing the plans this week for this building after which bids will be received and the contract let for early completion.

The building, it is understood, will be of fireproof construction and ornamental as well as substantial in every particular with steam heat.

Poultry Brings In Large Sum.

The carload of poultry sold here last week by Cleveland county farmers to the Farmers' Federation brought \$5,205 in cash to Cleveland farmers, it is announced by Alvin Hardin, county agent. A total of 21,033 pounds was sold and farmers were busy up to 10 o'clock in the night loading the car.

High Cagers Battle Belmont Five There

Loss Again To Henrietta Quint. Forest City Here On Friday. Tuesday night of this week the Shelby High basketball team journeyed to Belmont Abbey for a return game with the prep school quint. On Friday night the flashy Forest City five, which eliminated Shelby from the race last year, will face the locals in the "tin can" here.

OPPOSITION SEEN TO CHANGING PAY OF THE SOLICITOR

Bill To Put County Solicitor On Salary Basis Argued Two Ways.

Ere the end of this week Representative Odus Mull may hear of opposition in Shelby to the bill he has been asked to introduce in legislature whereby the solicitor of the county court would be placed on a salary basis instead of being paid by fees from the court.

In some circles, it is understood, the change is being fought and there is talk of a petition being circulated asking the county's representative not to introduce the bill.

Why Opposition?

The main points of the opposition are not known, although some of the opposition, according to reports, is because the bill reads that if passed the salary is to be determined by the county commissioners. Presumably the opposition would have the salary of the solicitor set by the legislature as happened when all Cleveland county officers were taken from the fee system and placed upon fixed salaries.

Many For Change.

On the other hand, although there are no reports of supporting petitions, there are quite a number who foregather in the court house circle who favor the change to a salary basis. Under the present system, they argue, the county solicitor gets a fee of \$3.50 for each conviction in the county court. The county recorder gets a fixed salary of \$2,000 per year although there is a recorder's fee of \$1.60 for each case he hears, or \$2.60 if the recorder also issues the warrant. This fee, he it \$1.60 or \$2.60 does not go to the recorder direct but into the county treasury from which his stipulated salary is paid. Supporters of the change in the method of paying the solicitor declare that there are times when the fees taken directly from the work of the recorder will not pay his salary. For this reason they contend that the fees of the recorder should go into the county treasury and that both officials be paid therefrom, the larger fees of the solicitor aiding in paying the recorder's salary of \$2,000 after taking care of the solicitor's salary.

When the bill was passed placing all county officers here on a straight salary instead of fees the county solicitor, it is said, was named along with the other officers, but due to the fact that the office of recorder's solicitor was not created until a few weeks later there was some question as to which was the proper legal procedure: to follow the law, made before the office was created, which placed all county officers on a fixed salary, or to pay the solicitor by fees. The latter method was followed until the present bill was forwarded to Raleigh for passage, which would place the solicitor on a salary basis along with other officers. In the bill it is stated that the change, if it becomes a law, will not take effect until the next term so that those who seek the office will know exactly what it pays, and so that it would not change the pay of the present solicitor, who sought the office with the knowledge that the fee system was used.

Around the court house it is hinted that the political hand may be seen on both sides of the debate "lining things up" for the next county primary.

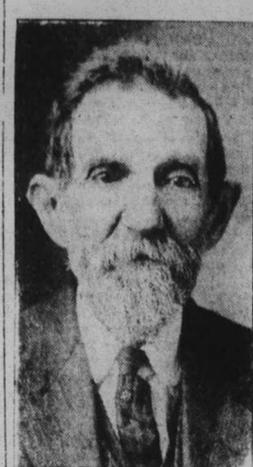
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Playing here last Friday night the Highs dropped a close game to Henrietta-Carolene by a 14-12 score. The absence of Gold, All-Southern football player from the line-up handicapped the High quint, but inability to find the basket with their shots was the main reason for the defeat of the Morris-Falls quint. So far this year the Shelby forwards seem unable to get their eyes on the baskets with the consistency shown by the outfit last year.

Veteran Dies



MAJOR FRANK HULL

AGE 94, IS DEAD

Shelby's Oldest Citizen And Man Of Distinguished Ancestry—Was A Legislator.

Major Frank Hull, perhaps Shelby's oldest citizen and one of the most prominent men in Catawba county many years ago when he represented Catawba in the state legislature, died Saturday afternoon at Lincolnton at 4 o'clock in the Lincolnton hospital where he went Christmas day to be under the care of his son-in-law Dr. L. A. Crowell. In Shelby he had been making his home recently with his son, Mr. Guy Hull.

His body was brought here for burial Sunday in Sunset beside his wife who preceded him to the grave 22 years ago on their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. Hull was born in Lincoln county October 27, 1834 at Hull's Cross Roads, a son of Major Hull and Peggy Cross Hull. His grandfather Benjamin Hull who died in 1832 was a Revolutionary war veteran and held the position as "body guard" to George Washington. Deceased was married to Mary Ann Grigg, a daughter of Colonel P. T. Grigg on February 18, 1856 and this union was a most happy one, the couple living together for nearly a half century.

Member Of Legislature.

Mr. Hull entered the war between the states, serving four years in the 18th Infantry, Lane's Brigade, A. P. Hill's division. He was a valiant soldier acquitting himself heroically on every occasion whether in peace or war. He was captured by the enemy and held prisoner for months. After his release he returned to his home, broken in health, drooping in spirit, to take up the broken threads of life to start over again. Back home he found his two freed negro slaves waiting for him and ready to help him in whatever he undertook. He worked, taught school, studied, advised and with heart, head and hand, did all within his power to help rebuild the land which he had given four years of his best life to help save. Not only did he teach school, but held many offices in county and state affairs, for he was a leader in the Democratic party, enacting many reforms while a legislator from Catawba. He held the office of civil judge in his township until he came to Shelby to live.

Father Of Eleven.

Mr. Hull was the father of eleven children, one dying in infancy and two daughters, Mrs. Frank Hoyle and Miss Kimma Hull died after reaching young womanhood. Dr. Plato Hull died at the age of 24 and Mr. Colin Hull died at the age of 49.

Surviving are Miss Lilla Hull, Mr. Luico M. Hull, Mr. J. Heywood Hull, Mr. Guy Hull, Mrs. John M. Black of Shelby; Mrs. L. A. Crowell, of Lincolnton; also 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, two great, great grandchildren.

Funeral Here Sunday.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Central Methodist church by Dr. Zeno Wall, Dr. Hugh K. Boyer and Rev. H. N. McDiarmid. A large crowd was present and a beautiful floral display gave testimony to the high esteem in which he was held. His granddaughters acted as flower girls while his grandsons served as pallbearers and members of the Daughters of the Confederacy served as a special escort. His body was laid to rest in Sunset cemetery besides his wife.

HOW CAN CONVICTS BE USED IF GANG HERE IS REMOVED

That Problem Most Talked Of In Proposal To Abolish Chain Gang.

What will the courts of Cleveland county do with prisoners convicted and given road sentences if the No. 6 chain gang camp is abolished?

That query was debated here over the week-end after Representative O. M. Mull urged that commissioners abolish the gang camp in view of the fact that the state will likely maintain county roads, or a part of them, through the proposed gasoline tax increase.

View Of Sheriff.

"What the county will do with the prisoners with the gang camp gone is the only thing about the proposed new bills in legislature that I have commented upon," Sheriff Hugh Logan said. "It is already a problem to handle the convicted prisoners, those sentenced to the roads. All that can be handled are being handled now by the No. 6 gang outfit, and at the last count we had to make some other arrangements about four prisoners given road sentences. We final sent them to an adjoining county but then we had to deliver the right to the camp and this county does not get a thing out of the other county getting their labor for taking them off our hands. We no gang camp at all here to waste the men, what is to be done?"

Mayor Dorsey learning of the proposal to abolish the No. 6 gang camp stated that he proposed to city prisoners in keeping up the streets. By the present plan, which is commended by the Mayor, the city prisoners go with the regular county prisoners to the No. 6 gang officials of No. 6 in turn aiding in the gang in maintaining the city streets. Likewise he spoke of using prisoners arrested by city officers and convicted in operating the rock quarry.

At present the average number of convicts on the No. 6 gang is about 40, it is said, and it is hard to place four extra prisoners there is much debate as to how the entire bunch will be worked under worked as a city chain gang or the state forces maintaining the county roads.

The discussion, pro and con, has been carried on about the court house, but insofar as has been learned no local citizens have taken up the matter with Representative Mull since he announced that he had the bill on hand and would introduce it unless opposition showed reason to the contrary.

TWENTY SIX ENTER BUSINESS COLLEGE

New Institution Moves Off With Splendid Enrollment. Well Fitted Offices.

The Carolina Business college which opened a few days ago in the Woolworth building now has an enrollment of twenty-six pupils, some studying during the day and others during the evenings. Prof. and Mrs. J. Gordon Wootton who recently moved to Shelby from Jersey City, N. J., constitute the faculty and they are pleased with Shelby and their prospects here.

The business college which offers a wide range of studies has office in the Woolworth building owned by the Linebergers where five connecting rooms are used. Each room is used as a department and comfortable desks and chairs have been put in for the students. In the typewriting room there are a dozen machines, while in the office "Prof. Wootton is building up a business and law library which he is moving here from his former home in Reidsville.

The following pupils have enrolled for courses of study: Mary Ford Egan, Attie May Eskridge, Faye Glasco, Willie Hoyle, Elizabeth Jackson, Lottie M. Lattimore, Mary Lucas, Madge McCoy, Eunice Westbrook, Thelma Wilson, Henrietta Young, Ray Allen Haswood Crekmore, Bush Eskridge, Twitty Maury, Jap Ledbetter, Lloyd Maury, Ray Mull, E. L. Overstreet, Hubert Panther, Carl Spering, George Sperting, Hula Sweezy, Frank Warlick, Harlan E. Wilson, Reid M. Young.