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Rain Then Fair. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain this afternoon followed by generally fair and colder weather tonight and Saturday.

No Volunteers. Not a single citizen appeared before the recorder's court here Thursday afternoon to give any information concerning violation of the prohibition laws although officials of the county court extended an invitation for citizens who possessed such information to come in and tell the court as an aftermath of Wednesday's court of inquiry.

DETECTIVE HELD ON SAME CHARGE HE WORKED UPON

Preferred Bad Check Charge Against Lady Then Wrote One Himself.

D. B. Boyles, termed a detective and said to hail from Greensboro, no doubt realizes by now that a bad check is a bad check even if tendered by a detective.

Tuesday Detective Boyles came to Shelby to testify in a case against Mrs. Clara Davis Sherrill, a registered nurse, the charge of a worthless check being preferred against her by Boyles. After hearing the evidence Recorder Horace Kennedy acquitted Mrs. Sherrill.

That was Tuesday, and when the trial was over Detective Boyles started to check out of Hotel Victor, where he had been staying. In settling up with the proprietor, George Johnson, Boyles tendered a \$41 check, but before he got out of town Mr. Johnson got in touch with officers and had Boyles arrested.

Wednesday before Squire Sylvanus Gardner the detective was ordered to pay the \$41 check and the costs or take a road sentence, being remanded to jail until Thursday when the money was produced. The Greensboro bank upon which the check was written declared that the writer of the check was unknown to them and had no account in the bank. Squire Gardner was informed.

Road Terms Given Boys From Gaffney

Tried To Sell Deputy Hamrick Booze, Then Ran. Caught With Cadillac.

Last Wednesday afternoon Deputy Kester Hamrick noticed a fruit jar in a Cadillac auto in the Boiling Springs section and asked what it contained.

"Liquor," replied one of the three young fellows at the car.

Whereupon they entered negotiations, it is said, with the view of selling some to the officer, whom they did not know. Finally Mr. Hamrick told them he would not take the whiskey but would take them, and immediately they piled in the Cadillac auto and attempted to escape. Two of the trio were captured, but the third said to be the owner of the car made his getaway.

In county court here today the two captured, Roy Maynard and a young man by the name of Spencer, "came clean," to use a court term and related the whole affair. Maynard was given a four months road sentence and Spencer was given six months. Both appealed and Maynard's bond was set at \$250 and Spencer's at \$500. Both men, court officials learned have been charged with a connection with rum running traffic in South Carolina before. They are said to be from Gaffney, and in addition to the sentences Judge Kennedy ordered the car confiscated and sold.

R' ON PRESCRIPTION MEANS DR. IS PRAYING

Goldsboro.—"The practice of medicine dates back 7,000 years," Dr. A. G. Woodard told the Kiwanis club at their last meeting. "At one time" he said, "a man who was classed as a physician was automatically an elder in the church. The mysterious 'R' with a cross over the lower part of it appearing on the upper left hand corner of prescriptions, signifies that the physician remembers his patient in his prayers."

These "Birdies" Easy.

San Francisco.—Golfers on the Harding park links here find it easy on winter mornings to make a "birdie." Flocks of sea gulls, mud hens and even stray wild ducks alight on the greens and golfers with long range drives frequently shoot a ball into the birds.

Masonic Meeting.

Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. will hold its regular monthly communicative tonight at 7:30.

FEES IN COUNTY COURT HERE RUN OVER \$7,000 YEAR

December Of 1928 Saw Biggest Business In Recorder's Court. January Low.

The fees in the Cleveland county recorder's court last year totalled \$7,986.45, according to the records in the office of the county treasurer.

Of this amount \$5,183.50 was solicitor's fees, while the remainder, \$2,802.95, was the recorder's fees. The recorder is paid a fixed salary of \$2,000 per year, with \$802.95 of his fees going into the county treasury after his salary is paid.

Since a bill has been introduced in legislature by Representative Mull by which the solicitor of the county court here would be placed on a salary basis instead of being paid by fees many citizens have inquired about the amount of the court fees each year. The solicitor it is understood gets \$3.50 for each conviction, which, according to the records in the treasurer's office, totalled the \$5,183.50 in 1928. A recorder's fee of \$1.60 for every case is charged with the fee being \$2.60 when the warrant is issued by the recorder, the total of these fees being \$2,802.95 in 1928.

Christmas Month. December, the holiday celebration month, was the biggest month in the court during 1928, the recorder's fees for the month being listed at \$213.75 and the solicitor's fees at \$675.50. January was the dulllest month of the year for the court, the recorder's fees for the month totalling \$148.70 and the solicitor's fees \$241.50. October was the second month with November ranking third.

FEE CUT INSTEAD OF SALARY CHANGE

Attorneys Think Court Solicitor Should Remain On A Fee Basis.

If anything at all needs to be done about the salary of the solicitor of recorder's court here, the amount of the fees should be cut rather than place the solicitor on a salary basis, according to one or two barristers who have commented upon the proposed change.

"The solicitor should not go on a salary basis as better prosecution service is assured on the fee basis," they say.

Those holding this view think that the \$3.50 solicitor's fee for each conviction in the county court might be cut to \$2, \$2.50, or \$3 with better results than placing a fixed salary on the office. Thereby it is argued court costs would be lessened for those who have to pay the costs, while if the solicitor was placed on a salary basis and the fees not changed would make the court costs no lighter for defendants although it would probably mean more fees would go into the general county fund.

Citizens May Send Petitions To Mull

Since a committee hearing is likely in the legislature at Raleigh upon the proposed change in the method of paying the county solicitor here, The Star understands that citizens who desire to support or oppose the measure may forward petitions to the county representative who will present them at the hearing.

Masonic Services At Hamrick Burial

Funeral services for Mr. Burwell H. Hamrick were held here Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Masonic honors and Rev. Mr. Jenkins and Rev. Mr. Green officiating. Mr. Hamrick, who was 52 years of age, died at his home in the Bealing Springs community Wednesday morning. He was never married, and a brother and sister survive.

Medicine Whiskey Bill Goes Down

Raleigh.—The senate held a short session Wednesday in which seven bills were introduced, and several committee reports were made including an unfavorable report on the bill of Senator W. M. Person to allow druggists to sell whiskey under a physician's prescription.

Hearing Asked On Solicitor's Bill In Assembly

The matter of placing the solicitor of recorder's court here upon a fixed salary instead of the present fee basis will be fought out before a legislative committee in Raleigh next Thursday.

This was learned this morning when a telegram from Raleigh informed that Messrs. P. C. Gardner and Peyton McSwain had requested a committee hearing on the salary bill introduced by Representative Odus M. Mull. The hearing, the message added, was set for Thursday of next week.

Whether or not those supporting the change will appear at the committee hearing could not be learned today.

Sunday Schools To Meet At Kings Mt.

Kings Mountain, Jan. 25.—There will be an association-wide Sunday school conference at the First Baptist church here Sunday afternoon and evening to which all Sunday school workers, pastors, and intermediate pupils in the Kings Mountain association are cordially invited.

The conference is under the special supervision of G. G. Page, associational superintendent, and it will displace the regular group meetings for the day also the regular monthly meeting slated for the first Sunday in February.

This is a special conference provided for by the Baptist Sunday school board at Nashville, Tenn., cooperating with state Sunday school secretary, Perry Morgan, of Raleigh, and the local associational organization, Miss Mary Alice Biby, associate secretary of the intermediate department of the Sunday school board, and Mrs. C. R. Pittard, approved intermediate worker for North Carolina, and Ben Favel of Charlotte, another approved intermediate worker, will be the special speakers for the occasion.

The conference will open at 3:00 p. m. with devotionals conducted by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby. At 3:15 the intermediate boys and girls will have a conference led by Mr. Favel and the adults will have another conference led by Miss Biby and Mrs. Pittard. The afternoon session will adjourn at 4:30.

The evening session will open at seven o'clock with devotionals by Ben Favel of Charlotte, Miss Biby and Mrs. Pittard will address the conference at this hour.

Dr. Harrill Gets Books For Library

Within the last few days Dr. C. H. Harrill, local dentist, has secured 107 volumes for the Boiling Springs library through personal efforts.

One hundred of the books were tendered through Dr. Harrill by Baptists and others of Lincolnton, while Mr. Eph Whisenand, of the First Baptist church at Elkin, forwarded seven volumes.

P. E. Grigg Is Dead, Burial On Saturday

Mr. P. E. Grigg, fifty-six, an employee of the Cleveland Cloth mill, who lived on Lineberger street, this city, died this morning.

Mr. Grigg is survived by nine children, also three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock, interment to be made at Beaver Dam church. Rev. Rush Padgett will officiate at the burial service.

Mr. Grigg is mourned by many friends.

NEW ELECTRIC FIRM ORGANIZED IN TOWN

Messrs. H. W. Harmon and W. W. Moss, both broadly known hereabouts, have formed a partnership under the firm name of Harmon and Moss to do a general electrical business, both contracting and repair work. Both men have broad experience in electrical work and it is anticipated they will do well. They are making headquarters in a basement shop under the Chocolate shop.

Figures in Coast Divorce Tangle



Blanche Sweet (left), movie star, has packed up her bag and left hubby, Marshall Neilan (right), film director, as a result of learning that he figured in role of co-respondent in Jim Tully's divorce suit. In the center is Mrs. Margaret Tully, whom writer accuses of being too friendly with Neilan.

Will Bonds Be Voted To Pay School Deficit, Hamrick Says

Former Alderman Discusses Several City Problems, New City Hall, Mayor's Pay.

Since the school tax levy increase was defeated how will the deficit of the city school system be paid?

T. W. Hamrick, former alderman and local business man, is of the opinion that a bond issue will be the best plan.

In a letter to The Star Mr. Hamrick discusses numerous matters of interest, including the proposed new city hall, the mayoralty contest, changing the city charter, the mayor's salary and who should set it, and other topics of public import.

The letter follows: Editor Cleveland Star:

The "Around Our Town" column wants to know, as well as several other people, just where "we are going" since the school audit has been published. I'm thinking that we are "go-ing" to have to pay that deficit, and about the best way, to my mind, is to vote bonds the next election to cover it, and start the next board out with a clean slate. What do you think about it?

No City Hall Now.

One man asked me recently why I was advocating a new city hall? Some mistake somewhere. I didn't favor building a new city hall at the present time. Merely wanted the town to look ahead and be prepared for it when the time arrived. You, nor I, may not benefit from a little foresight, but our children will.

No "Hire And Fire."

The mayoralty contest, (I say contest, because, from the street talk, there will be several in the race) promises to furnish just as much interest for the people as usual. However, I'm hoping it won't be a "hire and fire" affair. There may be times when such an issue is justifiable, but it isn't always good for a town to make that an issue every election. Still, there is the old adage, "to the victor belongs the spoils," regardless of how good and smooth each department is functioning.

The City Charter.

Many people have asked me what I wanted to do to the present city charter? Nothing much, except punch a few holes in it and add a postscript or two.

The Mayor's Salary.

The next mayor of Shelby, no doubt, will expect the board of aldermen to increase his salary from \$150 to \$250 or \$300 per month and furnish a car and gas in addition. Probably the position is worth it for full time service, but I do not think the aldermen should have the authority to regulate salaries for the mayor and themselves. I've been on boards who thought \$25 per month for the mayor was excessive and I've also been on boards with members who thought \$500 per month for the mayor, and \$100 per month for themselves. Just and proper. There must be a "happy medium" between those two extremes that the city charter should settle. No state official can vote a salary increase upon himself—so why should the town officials have that authority?

Change Election Day.

Another suggestion is in regard to the election day. It should be changed from the first Monday in May to the first Tuesday in May in order to do away with the campaign work on Sundays and Sunday nights before election day. The charter should also state, that, if no candidate receives a majority of votes cast on election day, then, the two highest shall enter another election on the second Tuesday in May.

Board's Power.

Sometimes I think the mayor and

ROACH RESIGNS AS FIRE CHIEF HERE; GORDON GETS JOB

Present Chief Leaves February 1. Gordon Two Swing Two Jobs.

Fire Chief E. B. Roach, of the Shelby fire department, has resigned to accept a better position elsewhere and will leave Shelby at the end of the month, Mayor W. N. Dorsey informed The Star last night.

At the same time Mayor Dorsey added that Mr. Ted L. Gordon, superintendent of the city electric department, had been named as chief to succeed Roach and beginning February 1 would hold both jobs, continuing his supervision of the electric department, in which he has rendered efficient service, in addition to having charge of the fire department and city firemen. He was already a member of the volunteer fire fighting force and is well acquainted with the fire fighting work, having experience elsewhere as well as in Shelby.

To Occupy Rooms.

"Mr. Gordon will also move into the fire chief's apartment on the second floor of the City Hall and will have supervision of the building just as Chief Roach has now," the mayor stated, adding that the new chief would move in on the first when Chief Roach leaves.

Chief Richards Gets 2 Stolen Cars Back

Mrs. Miller's Car Found In Anderson. Cabaniss Car Near Morganton.

Two missing Shelby automobiles were returned home this week by Police Chief Richards.

One was the car of Mrs. Miller, of Asheville, stolen from Lackey's Bulck garage some time back, and the other car belonged to Walt Cabaniss, colored, and was stolen Saturday. The Miller car was located in a garage at Anderson, South Carolina and R. M. Ballenger, of Greenville, was apprehended for the theft, but before being tried here he has to complete a five-year sentence for store-breaking at Greenville, it is said.

The Cabaniss car was found Wednesday near Morganton, and although no one has been arrested in connection with it a man known in Shelby is said to be under the surveillance of officers.

Alfred Smith Dead, Funeral At Zoar

Mr. Alfred G. Smith, fifty-two, for many years a valued employee of the Ella mill, died on January 22, and was buried at Zoar church. Funeral services were held on the 23rd, with Rev. Mr. Padgett and Rev. Mr. Johnson, officiating.

Mr. Smith is survived by a widow and nine children. One sister, Mrs. Thomas Glover, lives in Cleveland county.

The deceased will be mourned by a host of friends, many of whom attended the impressive funeral rites.

Name Tom Cornwell On Farm Delegation

Governor Gardner Names County Farmer To Agricultural Congress In Atlanta.

Raleigh.—The governor has appointed the following as delegates to represent North Carolina at the First Agricultural Congress of Landlord-Farmers and Business Executives of Southern, Southeastern and Southwestern States, which convenes in Atlanta, January 30.

Wylie Long, Jackson; L. H. Kitchin, Scotland Neck; E. S. Askew, Merry Hill, Matt Stephenson, Seaboard; A. M. Forehand, Edenton; B. F. Shelton, Speed; R. E. Evans, Fayetteville; Frank Gough, Lumberton; Emmett Davis, Fayetteville, R. F. D. John McCoy, Wagram; J. C. Byrd, Erwin, R. F. D.; W. D. Graham, Mt. Ulla; M. L. Aderholt, Lexington, R. F. D.; T. G. Curren, Oxford; J. E. Tucker, Milton; J. J. Harris, Macon; J. A. Latham, Monroe; M. S. Rudisill, Crouse; Charlie Steele, Patterson; B. B. Everett, Palmyra; Dr. J. C. Braswell, Whitakers, Blaney Sumroll, Arden; E. A. Stephens, Goldsboro; J. A. Beall, Linwood; Roy Hutchinson, Charlotte; Thomas Craywell, Shelby.

It may be that it's the goodness of the good that dies young.—Arkansas Gazette.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baber visited relatives in Gaston, Wednesday.

County Reaches New Cotton Mark--51,416 Bales To January 16

Lawyers Talked For Mayor's Job

Two Shelby attorneys, it was learned today, are now being discussed, by their friends as likely candidates for mayor. They are Attorney Peyton McSwain, former legislator, and Attorney Al R. Bennett, organizer of young Democratic voters in the county during the last campaign.

With the exception of the two mentioned above general interest in the approaching mayoralty race seems to have subsided somewhat this week, although political observers say that it may be only a lull preceding several announcements. So far Mayor W. N. Dorsey is the only announced candidate.

Service Station Site Is Protested

Permit To Make Filling Station At Former Wilbur Baber Home Opposed.

A permit sought by the Standard Oil company to make a filling station on the front of the former Wilbur Baber home, now owned by Oscar Palmer, corner East Sumter and North LaFayette streets, is opposed by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan, owners of adjacent property.

The permit for changing the building has already been granted, it is said, by E. A. Rudasill, city building inspector for the state, but when property owners protest the permit must be passed upon by the city board, according to Mayor Dorsey, and this will likely be done at the next meeting.

Kings Mtn. Man Held On Serious Charge With Girl

Insurance Man There Denies Charges. Hearing Is Waived.

At the session of county court held yesterday in Kings Mountain, Lee Settlemyer, well known insurance man of that town, was placed under a \$2,000 bond to superior court by Judge Horace Kennedy after Settlemyer waived examination on a charge of having illicit relations with a girl under 16 years of age.

Although Settlemyer waived the preliminary hearing it is understood that he denies all charges, while friends hold the opinion, it is stated, that the charge developed because some one "had it in for him."

The charges were preferred, Judge Kennedy states, by the father of the girl, who he understands is a high school student there and is well known in the city.

Expect Big Crowd For Boxing Program

Arthur Sides, promoter, states that he expects a big crowd of fight fans, many coming from other towns, to see the 40 rounds of boxing he is to stage here Saturday night in the Thompson building. The main bout is a 10-round affair between Terry Roberts, of Mcutcheon, and Irish Sizemore, South Carolina's middleweight champion.

Ellenboro Plant Is Making Dresses Now

Forest City.—A new industry added to the Ellenboro Manufacturing company's plant is the making of women's dresses from rayon. They are of varied designs and patterns, and different shades of rayon silk. With the present equipment of the plant these dresses can be made to sell for \$2.75 and \$3.50 each.

Church Notices.

As explains in the church news column, all church notices for the column must be in The Star office by Thursday at four o'clock.

These must be written out plainly and not telephoned in.

Three Thousand More Bales Than To Same Date Last Year. Leads State.

Cleveland county cotton farmers this year produced more cotton than ever before, thereby leading North Carolina this year in cotton production.

The cotton ginning report issued yesterday stated that up to January 16, this year, the county had ginned 51,416 bales as compared with 47,523 bales to the same date last year, or a gain of 3,893 bales.

This is the first time in history that the county has made as much as 50,000 bales, never heretofore having reached the 49,000-bale mark.

Will Go Higher.

Although the figures issued yesterday established a new mark for the county and assured that the county would lead other cotton counties in the state, the total will likely go near 53,000 bales for the cotton year, cotton men state.

At the McMurry cotton office here, where the buyers keep in close touch with the crop, ginnings, etc., it is stated that at least 1,000 bales, and possibly 2,000 bales, more will have been ginned by the time the final report issued in March, there being no further reports until that time.

Several hundred bales of cotton remain un-picked in the county as yet, while other cotton picked has not been ginned.

Up to December 16, last year, only 46,503 bales had been ginned, which is to say that 2,913 bales have been ginned in the last month, although gins in the county were running only part time.

Republicans Will Entertain Rivals

Max Gardner And Other Democrats To Be Guests Of Republicans.

Raleigh.Governor O. Max Gardner and all other elective Democratic officeholders will be guests of the Republican members of both branches of the general assembly at a banquet to be given at the Mansion Park hotel, Tuesday evening, January 29.

Personal invitations were extended and generally accepted. Old timers around the legislature and officialdom do not remember anything of the kind happening before and coming as it does when the minority has its largest representation of the century in the legislature, the affair is being regarded as a compliment to the present administration and as an evidence of a desire on the part of the minority to accomplish their aims through cooperation rather than antagonism.

Champ Cage Quint May Perform Here

Durham High School Cagers Likely To Play Here On Wednesday.

One of the flashiest high school basketball outfits in the South may play the "tin can" here next Wednesday night, according to Coach Casey Morris.

"This team is the Durham High school cage outfit which has won the North Carolina title four or five times and has furnished such famous college basketball stars as the Carmichaels, the Hackney brothers, and Satterfield.

The Durham team will pass through Shelby on a trip and has asked the Shelby coach about playing the Shelby Highs here Wednesday night. Indications are that the game will be arranged.

Doctors Here Set New Fee For Calls

"In an advertisement published in The Star today 10 Shelby physicians announce a new scale of fees for calls here. Calls within the city limits hereafter will be \$3 during the day and \$3.50 during the night, while the fee in the Ora and Dover village district will be \$3.50 during the day and \$4.50 during the night.

A Birth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Merton H. Beam Sunday, January 20, a fine girl, Mr. and Mrs. Beam formerly lived in Shelby, but are now making their home in Forest City.