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Colder Tonight. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair and continued cold tonight, freezing to the east. Saturday increasing cloudiness with slowly rising temperature.

Dorton Chances Fade. Directors of the state fair met yesterday in Raleigh, but according to Raleigh dispatches today the directors did not name a new secretary-manager to succeed W. S. Moye resigned, a post to which Dr. J. S. Dorton, Cleveland county secretary has been boomed. A committee of five members of the board was appointed to serve as a nominating committee for applicants and Dr. Dorton was not mentioned among the leading applicants taken up.

CLINE BUCKS AT COST TO COUNTY

Says \$5 Bonus For All Prohibition Arrests Would Be Big Expense.

Mr. A. E. Cline, county business manager and commission chairman, keeping a watchful eye on the county's finances, has written a letter to Representative Odus M. Mull bucking at the proposed legislative bill which would give an officer \$5 for every arrest in connection with prohibition law violations in the county.

"Of course," stated Mr. Cline, "it is going to cost us something to break up the liquor traffic but the bill as originally drafted by Mr. Mull, or proposed through him, would be a great expense to the county, indirectly the taxpayers, and would no doubt run to \$10,000 per year or more as written."

Some "Cussing." Just who or how many of those haled into court through his purchases called upon Goben is not known, but it is understood that no blows were passed and that no bodily violence was done, although it was said that the detective was given "a good cussing."

In circles where those apprehended by the detective move about reports are that Goben had a very remunerative stay in Shelby, as he picked up, some reports have it, a goodly sum of money playing poker while getting acquainted with some of the boys who might see that he procured whiskey.

Fast Durham Quint Hands High Defeat. Strong Kings Mountain Outfit Plays Shelby In "Can" Here This Evening. An annual cage battle is booked for the "tin can" here tonight when Capt. Milt Gold and his Shelby Highs take on the strong Kings Mountain quint.

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VICTIMS PAY CALL ON BOOZE SLEUTH AFTER RAID HERE

Visit Causes Detective To Ask Mayor For Gun Permit, Cops Tender Help.

Some of the fellows haled into court here Tuesday on charges of bootlegging, brought about through the activities of O. O. Goben, a private detective employed by Mayor W. N. Dorsey, paid the rum detective a visit Wednesday morning following the court session of Tuesday, when they were convicted, and, according to reports, told Goben what they thought of his methods.

Just what happened at the North Morgan street residence where Goben, the "informer," and his wife had rooms is not known. However, the conversation between the sleuth and the men he purchased booze in order to convict them must not have been overly friendly, for shortly thereafter, it is said, Goben called the mayor and asked if he might secure a permit to carry a gun. The request was denied, but it is understood that two policemen were sent to the home to see that the sleuth was not molested until he could get out of town. Up until the call was made the general impression was that Goben left town not long after the hearing at which every defendant except one was convicted or pled guilty of the bootlegging charge.

At first the presumption was that she had killed herself, but a more searching investigation has disclosed the possibility that she may have been the victim of foul play. Solicitor J. Lyles Glenn will attend the inquest at the request of Sheriff Fred E. Quinn.

At the present rate a marriage in Cleveland county may soon be an obsolete ceremony as Register Deeds Andy F. Newton looks at it. During the month of January Mr. Newton, who operates the local marriage mart, sold marriage licenses to only three couples. Up until the next to the last day only two couples had secured license here.

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Wonder Growth Shelby Seen In Report Of City

How has Shelby grown in a little over a year and one-half?

If the increase in use of city water and electricity is any indication the town is more than one-fourth larger now than it was then, according to the city report. In June 1928, the first month of the Dorsey administration, the income from city water and power, according to the report of Fred Culbreth, city clerk, was \$8,555, while the bills for January, this year, just totalled up, call for \$14,251.14, which is \$5,696.14 more than it was eight months ago.

WILL INVESTIGATE DEATH MRS. KING MONDAY AT SHARON

Solicitor Glenn Joins Inquiry To Determine How Mrs. Rafe King Died.

York, Jan. 31. - Developments of a startling nature may occur at the inquest to be held at Sharon Monday to inquire into the death of Mrs. Rafe King, 28, teacher of French in the Sharon high school, whose lifeless body was found in an out building near her home Friday night.

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BANK WILL MOVE SOON; CHANGES IN OTHER LOCATIONS

First National In New Quarters By Feb. 15. Billiard Hall Under Hotel.

Numerous changes in locations will be made by Shelby business houses this month, or have recently been made. Some time between February 10 and February 15, the First National bank, now in temporary quarters, will move to its new home on the corner in the Hotel Charles building, it is stated by Vice-President George Blanton. The bank fixtures are now being installed in the handsomely arranged quarters where the bank operated for many years and by mid-month bank officials feel sure that the First National will be back at the old stand, which, however, doesn't look like itself any more.

Under New Hotel. About March 1 the Cleveland Cigar store and billiard parlor, operated by Messrs. J. R. Robinson and H. C. Long, will be located under the dining room in the new Hotel Charles building at the approximate location of the old American Legion club. The billiard parlor is now maintained at the corner of South LaFayette and Graham streets. In the new location Messrs. Robinson and Long will operate a cigar and lunch stand but will not operate a fountain, it is understood.

Hord Moves Place. Yesterday the General Electric agency, operated by Hord & Ranson, of which Mr. Bob Hord is local manager, moved from its old location in the Hoey building, on East Marion street, to the storeroom on South LaFayette street where the space is shared with the Wakefield Floral shop.

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To Die Today?



Mrs. Ada Bonner Lebonet and Dr. Thomas E. Dreher, convicted of killing the woman's husband, James J. Lebonet, at Franklin, Louisiana, will be hanged on the gallows there today, between noon and 3 o'clock, unless something unforeseen and unlikely develops. A long legal fight to save the condemned pair, charged with plotting the murder of the woman's husband, following a love affair between the physician and woman, was climaxed yesterday when Federal Judge Borah refused to interfere.

WEBB APPEARS TO BE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE HERE

Is Talked Most As Probably Rival Of Dorsey In Mayoralty Race.

If Mayor W. N. Dorsey has opposition in the May primary political conversation about Shelby indicates that Paul Webb, druggist and former mayor, may furnish the opposition. So far Mr. Webb has made no public statement that would indicate that he will be a candidate for the mayor's office, neither has he said that he would not be a candidate. Therefore, perhaps, the increasing talk of his probable candidacy.

South Shelby Talks. In recent days, observers say, Webb's name as a prospective candidate has been talked quite a bit in South Shelby, while prior to that time the boom about him centered for the most part in the uptown sections. Meantime South Shelby leaders are rather non-committal. Recent additions of city conveniences in the southern section of town, it is said, have considerably strengthened the present mayor with the people there, and few of the political observers are willing to stake their reputation as prophets on any definite statement concerning the mayoralty race outcome, provided, of course, that there will be a race.

One New Factor. A new factor bobbing up into the political possibilities this week was that of the bootleg round-up made by the "informer" brought to Shelby by the mayor. In some circles the round-up is said to have made many votes for Mayor Dorsey, especially among the women voters, while others declare that the mayor lost votes by Detective Goben's activities.

Others Give Books To Boiling Springs. Recent contributions through The Star to the Boiling Springs library drive include 36 books contributed by Mr. J. A. Wilson, something like 60 books given by members of the First Baptist church here, and 22 books tendered through Dr. C. H. Howell.

EP CHAMPION IS FOUND DEAD NEAR POLKVILLE HOME

Substantial Farmer And Former Merchant Succumbs To Heart Attack Near Home.

"Ep" Champion, one of the best known farmers of the Polkville-Lawndale communities, living between the two places, was found dead in the woods near his home late Wednesday afternoon where he had gone to rake up pine needles. Death was due to natural causes so a coroner's inquest was not deemed necessary, according to Coroner T. C. Eskridge. It is thought he suffered an attack of the heart. He had been gone from the house for several hours. When he failed to return, a search was instituted, and he was found on the ground in the woods where he had been working alone.

Mr. Champion was sixty years of age last November. He was one of the most substantial farmers in that community, a man of native wit, keen humor, jovial and optimistic. He was a hard worker, a good business man and enjoyed a wide acquaintance because of his extensive business transactions as a merchant and fertilizer dealer. He was one of the most influential men in his community and has a host of friends throughout the county who regret to hear of his sudden passing.

Mr. Champion was married to Miss Laura Bridges who survives with the following children: Odus, Broadus, Chevous, Clyde, Eber, Belma, Oran and Mrs. Iva Mauney. The funeral was held this morning at Union Baptist church where he was a faithful member, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. G. Washburn. A large crowd was in attendance.

Geo. C. Jolley Dies In No. 1 Township

Substantial Farmer Of No. 1 Is Buried At Camp Creek Church On Thursday.

Mr. Geo. C. Jolley, substantial farmer of No. 1 township died at his home there on Tuesday of this week and was buried Thursday at Camp Creek Baptist church where he had been a member for the past 18 years. Mr. Jolley was born April 9, 1850 and was born in Spartanburg county, the son of Dock Jolley and Mary McCraw. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis.

Mr. Jolley is survived by his wife who was a Scroggs before marriage and the following children: J. Purman Jolley, George Deaver Jolley, Mrs. Mamie Ellis, Mrs. Esther Humphries. Two half brothers, Jesse Jolley and W. S. Jolley and one half sister, Miss Martha Jolley also survive.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. M. Huntley of Spindale and a large crowd was present. Serving as pallbearers were O. P. Earl, Kester Hamrick, Guy Martin, Thamer Humphries, John Humphries, Robert Jolley. The following were honorary pall bearers: Plato Allison, Summie Allison, D. A. Humphries, Andrew McCraw, J. A. McCraw, Summie Bridges, Pink Humphries and M. B. Earl.

Falls, Who Fought For Other Secret Ballot, Backs Gardner's

Says People Of State Are Looking To Legislature To Pass The Bill.

Attorney B. T. Falls, who first introduced an Australian ballot in the North Carolina legislature when he represented this county two years ago, is supporting the measure now that his fellow-townsmen, Governor Gardner is putting up a fight for it at the present legislature.

The Raleigh News and Observer yesterday quoted Falls as follows: "The people of North Carolina look to this legislature to give it a real Australian ballot." "I think each registrar ought to be provided with one clerk who shall perform such duties as are assigned him. The registrar will need him to fold the ballots for the voters and to furnish additional ballots for spoiled ballots. In a large precinct, the registrar is quite busy finding names on his registration book as the approach to vote and he will not have time to fold the ballots for the voters. Aside from this assistance, there ought not to be any other person in the voting arena during voting hours. My first bill in 1925 provided for the two judges to mark ballots at the ballot box and not in the booths and restricted assistance to those legally entitled to receive it under our Constitution. I do not think, after careful consideration of the matter, that any faction ought to be allowed to place its partisans under the caption of official markers within the voting arena who will carry primary elections according to order.

She's 85 - But Steps Like Girl With Knee Dress

She's 85 years old and has a total of 237 descendants, but this woman Mrs. Nancy Earl of Boiling Springs can walk two miles a day and back without tiring and cook a "meal's vittles" as quickly as a girl in the "knee high" dress class, says a friend of The Star who is her neighbor.

Mrs. Earl is the daughter of "Uncle" Jimmy Green. Her husband died about seven years ago. She has 13 brothers and four sisters. She has five children, 74 grand children, 140 great grand children and 18 great great grandchildren, according to information secured from one who knows her well. Her long life is evidence of Cleveland's climate and the outcome of simple living. Mrs. Earl has been a member of Boiling Springs Baptist church for 69 years.

10,662 PEOPLE IN SHELBY NOW, SAYS DIRECTORY COUNT

Selders, Compiling Directory, Says Count Is A Near Perfect One.

Shelby's population is 10,662, according to a census made by A. Selders who is getting up, on his own accord, a directory of names of the people living within the corporate limits. Mr. Selders says this is an honest-to-goodness count of noses, made personally by him and two assistants in a house-to-house canvass which has been under way for the past two weeks or longer.

3 Year Increase. The government's official census taken September, 1925, shortly after the corporate limits had been extended by legislative enactment gave the population figures 8,894, showing an increase of 1,808 in three years and four months, or approximately 600 gain yearly or an average net gain of 50 per month.

Mr. Selders will have his directory from the press shortly and the same will contain the names of these 10,662 people which he found to live here, together with their street address. Mr. Selders says that every possible care and precaution was taken in making the census to see that there were no duplications or omissions. Street by street the count was made from center to circumference.

Branton Will Open A Kings Mt. Plant

Mr. Worth Branton, former member of the Shelby Dry Cleaning company here who recently disposed of his interests to his partner Mr. J. C. Bowling, will open a pressing club and dry cleaning plant at Kings Mountain soon, he announces. He has already purchased his equipment for the new plant and has secured a building in Kings Mountain, and will open the new plant within a short time. He and his family will make their home in Kings Mountain.

Mull's Message. The wire to The Star today from Representative Mull read:

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An Oyster Supper. There will be an oyster supper at the LaFayette Street Methodist church here Saturday from 5 o'clock in the afternoon until 9 at night. The supper is put on by the Building class and the proceed will be used to purchase a piano.

SOLICITOR'S FEES SLASHED HERE BY NEW COMPROMISE

Will Cut Down Solicitor's Income By Near One-Third Lessens Court Costs.

The solicitor of the Cleveland county recorder's court will not be placed upon a salary basis, as proposed in a bill forwarded to Representative Odus M. Mull, Raleigh, but at the end of the present term the fees, by which the solicitor receives his remuneration, will be slashed almost one-third - or from \$3.50 per conviction to \$2.50 per conviction.

This was definitely learned here today when The Star conferred with A. E. Cline, county commission chairman, after a wire was received early in the day from Representative Mull.

Compromise Affair. As The Star understands it, the fee slash instead of a fixed salary for the solicitor was a compromise agreement reached by the county commissioners after they thoroughly studied the proposed plans. And since the proposed bill to place the solicitor on a salary basis at the end of the present term was forwarded to legislature by the commissioners it is presumed, upon good information, that the bill will be withdrawn and a new bill introduced which, if passed, will cut the fees.

Quite a controversy developed on both sides of the original plan. Many citizens came out into the open and demanded that the office be changed to a salary basis as are other county officers, while the move, judging by petitions to place the solicitor on a salary met with some opposition, headed for the most part by members of the Shelby bar.

Double Results. However, with the fee slash compromise it is surmised that the general results will be better than the salary plan. Under the proposed change to the salary plan court costs, considered rather heavy by many for a county court, would not have been lessened, the fees remaining at \$3.50 although the solicitor had been placed on a salary less than the fee total for the year. But as it is now, or will be when the compromise goes into effect, defendants who pay the costs in court will not have to pay as much as is paid in the costs bill now and the court costs burden will be cut down, although there will be no added income to the county treasury.

Down To \$3,500. Records in the county treasurer's office for 1928 gave the total solicitor's fees at approximately \$5,100 although it is understood that all of this amount was not paid direct to the solicitor due to the fact that numerous convictions were appealed to higher courts resulting in reversals or acquittals which meant that the solicitor did not get total running fees credited. However, by the change, figuring that it took around 1,420 convictions to total the \$5,100 and presuming that the first year of the next term will see an approximately like number of convictions, the fees on \$3.50 basis would count up around \$3,500, or a little more. The slash is hardly a cut of one-third in fees and is just a little more than a cut of one-fourth - or, to be exact, the slash in fees was seven twenty-fourths.

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