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Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy and colder in north portion tonight. Tuesday increasing cloudiness and colder followed by snow in extreme west portion.

A Double Killing. Edward L. Doheny, Jr., son of the oil magnate, was shot to death yesterday in his Los Angeles home by Hugh Plunkett, his secretary, who then killed himself. Physicians believe Plunkett became suddenly insane.

Second Arrest In King Case All Just Talk

Sister Of Mrs. King Employs Lawyers To Aid The Solicitor.

York, Feb. 17.—No re-arrests of Rafe King, charged with the murder of his wife, and no arrest of anyone else as principal, accessory or accomplice in the case, is pending, it was learned here today from official sources.

"There is no basis for any talk of such an arrest," said one who spoke with authority because of his official connection with the investigation.

More Lawyers Hired.

York, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Clyde Reagan of Charlotte and Mrs. Lois Benson of Cary, N. C., sisters of Mrs. Faye Wilson King, Sharon teacher, whose body was found in an outhouse near her home January 25, have employed Marion and Finley, York attorneys, to assist in the prosecution of Rafe King, husband of the dead woman, who is charged with murdering her.

This was announced here today after a conference between Mrs. Reagan and Mrs. Benson and Solicitor J. Lyles Glenn.

Beyond announcing that additional counsel had been retained to assist with the prosecution, Solicitor Glenn would make no statement.

Shelby Takes A Title Game

Defeat Stanley In State Race. Play Claremont Here Tuesday Night.

The Shelby highs flashing a form seldom shown by them this year, won their first game of the state title race here Friday night by defeating the strong Stanley team 34 to 14 in the "tin can."

Led by Capt. Milky Gold and presenting the best and smoothest teamwork of the year the high quint rambled off from the opposition in a manner that surprised the spectators. It seemed an altogether different outfit from that which has represented Shelby so far this year, and the team play Friday night revived the hopes of local fans that the Morris-Falls quint might have a good chance for the state crown. Fact is, general hope was that the Stanley quint, which has defeated the fast Gastonia team this year, would eliminate Shelby from the race.

Claremont Next.

The highs due to their win will meet Claremont the team which eliminated Fallston Friday night in Hickory, and the game is billed for the "tin can" here Tuesday, tomorrow, night. The Claremont outfit was victorious over Fallston by a 28-24 count and Coaches Morris and Falls are taking no chances that their charges will go in Tuesday night's game over confident.

Capt. Gold and Wall started the game at the forward berth for Shelby Friday night. "Mud" Poston was at center and Lee and Bridges at the guard positions.

Spindale was also eliminated Friday night by Forest City by a 33-15 score. Forest City will play the winner of the Rutherfordton-Cliffside game Tuesday night, and on next Friday night the winner of that game will play the winner of the Shelby-Claremont game in the gymnasium here.

The two games just ahead assure Shelby fans some good cage entertainment and the hope is strong that the local outfit may get into and survive both clashes, although the local outfit may get into and survive both clashes, although the Forest City quint is rated as the outstanding dark horse for the state championship.

Mr. W. J. Hopkins returned the last of the week from a mid-winter vacation taking in the Mardi Gras at New Orleans. Mr. Hopkins said that notwithstanding the chill weather, New Orleans was crowded as it seldom has been for the festival.

Abolishing Of Chain Gang Is Talked At Meet

Road Commissioners Of Townships Not Favorable As Yet To Proposed Move.

Until something is explained to them as to how county prisoners will be disposed of, the road commissioners of No. 6 township and of the other townships of the county are not very favorable to the movement to abolish the No. 6 Chain gang.

This seemed to be the prevailing sentiment of the numerous township commission boards in a meeting held Saturday at the court house here.

Discuss Problems.

The meeting not only discussed the proposed abolishing of the chain gang, but also talked of suggestion that the county take over the No. 6 gang as a unit, and refered, too, to the county's quota from the new highway fund to be derived by the additional one cent tax on the sale of gasoline.

Neither of the problems discussed came to a definite move as the commissioners were of the opinion that the citizens should express themselves upon the several matters.

The No. 6 highway commissioners—Messrs. Tom Cornwell, Mike Borders, and Marvin Blanton—were of the opinion that before the gang should be abolished entirely that some method of handling prisoners without a chain gang should be made known. The living expenses of the prisoners now on the gang if placed in jail by the abolishing of the gang would cost the county, it was estimated, at least \$20 for their upkeep with the county getting nothing in return.

The discussion about letting the county as a whole take over the chain gang work with the convicts working on the highways of all the county townships came up, it was said, after it was learned that there was complaint on the part of some citizens that the gang was an expense to No. 6 township and that the other townships should help the gang burden since the prisoners who go to the gang are county prisoners and not just No. 6 prisoners. The major sentiment of the commissioners present from other townships seemed to disapprove of the proposal, although some reports have it that there are citizens in some of the other townships who would like to see the gang made a county affair with the convicts working all the county roads.

Expense Or Not?

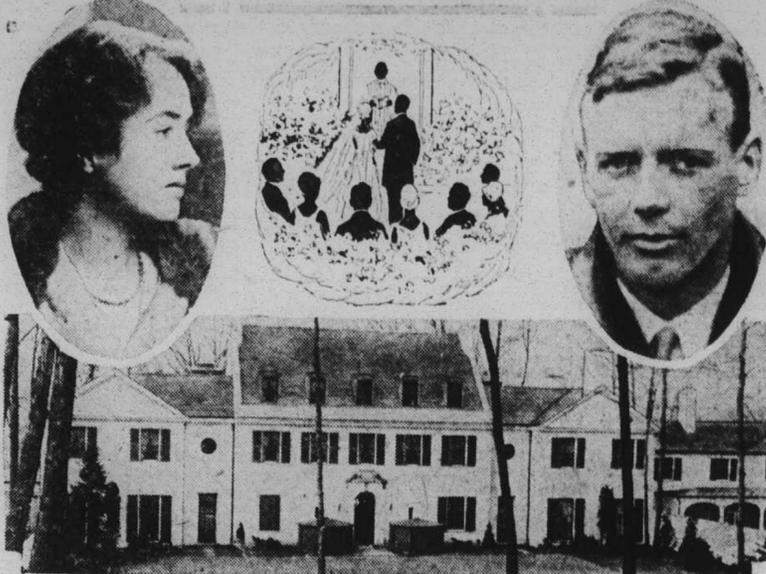
At the same time there was some doubt expressed as to whether or not the gang is an expense to No. 6 township. However, it is an acknowledged fact that if the gang was abolished the prisoners would be dead expense to the county whereas under the present plan the gang convicts earn a part, if not all of their upkeep. In discussing this phase, the No. 6 commissioners declared that due to the nature and wide variety of the work done by the convicts it was impossible to place any near estimate on the work turned out by them. However, it was called to mind that the convict force a short time back did a piece of grading on the No. 20 highway outlet from Shelby, which the state estimated would cost \$7,000. This work was turned out by the convict force in two months, and surmising that the job, if contracted, would have cost no more than \$5,000, it would have the convict force doing at least \$2,500 worth of work each month, and the road commissioners say that the gang upkeep per month will not reach that figure. In fact, there are several who argue that the No. 6 gang makes expenses and more, and at least breaks even.

As the matter stands now it seems as if the road commissioners and the county commissioners would desire the sentiment of citizens before any move is made either way.

County Business Manager Cline in discussing the meeting said that the road commissioners talked of the new State bill which provides a certain quota of money from the new gas tax for each county, but that nothing definite was advanced on that point either as no information has come out of Raleigh telling just how the quota is to be distributed and used, other than that the county road taxes must be reduced the same amount as the quota given the county by the state.

Opinion among the road leaders was that the new highway enactment would have, or would work better had the state taken over the county highways direct, reducing county taxes accordingly, rather than leaving the problem for each individual county to solve.

Do They Hear Those Bride Bells Ring?



Anne Morrow looks so deeply serious in this picture that perhaps she is thinking of the future as Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh. Lindy, too, is serious, as befits his new role. Here is the Morrow home at Englewood, N. J., where he pressed his suit. Will the wedding take place there? (International Newsreel)

County Ranks Low In Value School Property Per Child As Compared With Other N. C. Counties

School Property Value In Shelby Also Low. Both Below State Average.

The value of school property per child is far less in Cleveland county than in the average county in North Carolina, and the value of school property per child enrolled is also considerably less in Shelby than in the average towns and cities of Shelby's size.

A recent issue of "State School Facts" show that only nine counties of the 100 in the state have less school property value per child than Cleveland county. The same statistics show that only one town of the ten in Shelby's group has a less school property value per child enrolled than does Shelby.

Figures Given.

In 1927-28 the school property of rural Cleveland county was estimated at \$368,900, which is a value of \$51 per child enrolled in the county schools. In the same year the school property of Shelby was valued at \$360,000, or \$137 per child enrolled. The school property value per child for the average rural county in the state is given at \$115, or \$64 more per child than in Cleveland county. The average school property value per child in the group of towns in which Shelby is classed is \$265, or \$128 more per child than in Shelby.

Those figures apply to white school children.

Ninety counties in the state have more school property value per colored child enrolled than does Cleveland county, while eight of the ten towns in Shelby's group have more school property per colored child enrolled than does Shelby. In the last two years the value of school property per child in Cleveland county has decreased around \$10 instead of increasing. In Shelby the school property value per child has decreased \$1 per child in five years instead of increasing despite the growth and increased prosperity of the town.

A Blow.

Of the 34 town and city school systems listed in the state only two have less school property per child than does Shelby.

Stockholders Will Get Passes To Fair For Each Share

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland county fair association at the court house here this morning it was decided that this fall a pass will be given stockholders for each share of stock they own in the fair.

The report of Secretary J. S. Dorton revealed that the fair was out of debt and that there is a cash surplus on hand. It was also decided that the two large exhibit buildings will be improved and joined together with an educational building. Improvements will be made upon the fair grounds generally before the exposition this fall.

Mr. John Stamey was moved yesterday from the Shelby hospital to his home on the Fallston road. His condition is not very much improved.

74-Year-Old Negro "Bluebeard" In Jail Here Tells Story Of His Eight Wives

Started 'Marryin' At 22 And Wound Up In Jail Week Before Last When Eighth Wife Died From Burns.

Eight wives in 52 years and "fixin' to git married again" just after the death of wife No. Eight, according to the gossip of colored acquaintances, is the record of a colored man, who doesn't show his 74 years, now residing in the Cleveland county jail awaiting the next term of superior court.

The April term of court which he awaits will determine whether or not he was responsible in any way for the fatal burning of his eighth wife, who was buried here a week ago yesterday.

The old fellow, Wade Fullenwider by name and with quite a history even when his numerous matrimonial adventures are omitted, perhaps never heard of Bluebeard, and wouldn't likely be interested in the story, but his recital of his own career rivals very closely that of Bluebeard.

Talks To Deputy.

Seated in his cell yesterday, Fullenwider, at the request of The Star recited to Deputy Mike Austell all that he remembers of his many wives, dates of marriage, and other matters appertaining thereto. Of the eight women he has took unto himself since his 22nd birthday, when he first began "messin' with 'em," four are dead, two were properly divorced, and the two others just took up and left, and since their departure he has no record of them.

In order that his adventurous career may be brought up to date, it should be recalled that Fullenwider was jailed here one week ago yesterday, on the day of his last wife's funeral, due to the story the woman related to an officer before she died—a story by a dying woman of a family quarrel in which her husband drove her about the house and finally cornered her near the open fire, where her clothes blazed up resulting in burns which

Boxer Hits Man On Head With Stick Of Cordwood Here Sunday

"Kid" Hornbuckle Missing Since Striking And Injuring George Scruggs.

George Scruggs, married textile worker of Eastside is in the Shelby hospital with a serious head injury, and A. J. (Kid) Hornbuckle, well known boxer of this section, is being sought by local police on the charge of having inflicted the injury yesterday afternoon.

Although no definite details of the encounter have not as yet been made clear to police officers, it is understood that Hornbuckle hit Scruggs over the head with a stick of green cordwood about 3 or 3:30 yesterday afternoon near the railroad crossing on Lineberger street in Eastside. Several other men were about at the time, and they have informed officers that only a few words were passed between the two men before Hornbuckle swung

Mull To Land Is Report Now Revenue Berth

Doughton May Be Highway Chairman With Shelby Man Getting His Job.

Raleigh—Rumors are flying thick and fast in the capitol today in regards to gubernatorial appointments but the chief executive lends a deaf ear to newspapermen seeking confirmations.

Asking specifically if the reports were true that Rufus A. Doughton, state revenue commissioner, will not be named the next chairman of the highway commission, the usual talkative and obliging governor assumed a frigid silence.

"I'd like to answer your question, boys, but this time I can't," Governor Gardner said apologetically. "I am not going to announce any appointments until the latter days of the legislature. There are good and obvious reasons for my delay in this.

Rumors.

Gossip on capital hill has it not only that Doughton will get the highway commission job but that O. M. Mull, democratic state chairman, will succeed Doughton as revenue commissioner. It's not a bad rumor at that and the reports have circulated in sources close to the governor.

The same reports are to the effect that George Ross Pou will be retained as state prison superintendent. In fact, everybody seems to be taking for granted now, although Governor Gardner will say nothing on the matter.

Neither will Governor Gardner confirm nor deny that he intends to appoint O. F. (Patty) Giles as secretary of the North Carolina railroad. It is generally understood that Giles is slated to get this post which carries with it among other things, the privileges of riding a pass all over the United States and in Canada.

More Silence.

The governor has even grown silent over the prospects of an appointment for Judge Nat Townsend of Dunn, whom he has had in Raleigh for weeks working on various items of legislation. That he still wants Townsend as a member of his administration and will get him there if he can do so without resorting to kidnapping the governor freely admits. He says however, he does not like to embarrass the Harnett jurist with frequent comments about the matter while the latter is here aiding him with legislation.

Squire Wm. Harris Passes At Age 79

Magistrate In Cleveland And Rutherford Counties For 25 Years Dead. Funeral Today.

Squire Wm. Harris, one of the most popular men in South Shelby and a magistrate in Rutherford county for 24 years and in Cleveland for four years, died Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the age of 79 years. His devoted companion who before marriage was Mary Taylor of Rutherford county with whom he lived happily for 45 years, preceded him to the grave last year.

Mr. Harris was of vigor and cheer. He was a close reader, always young in spirit and interested in the affairs of the community in which he lived. Those who knew him loved him and his friends were numbered by the hundreds. At an early age he joined the Baptist church and was a faithful and devoted member.

His remains were taken this morning to his old home in Rutherford county for interment at 10 o'clock at King Creek church. Services were conducted by Revs. Rush Padgett and T. B. Johnson, pastors of the Second Baptist and LaFayette Methodist churches here.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Burgin Hamrick and Miss Dixie Harris of Shelby, two sons Walter Harris of Manchester, Ga. and Ernest Harris of Shelby.

Quite a number of friends from Shelby attended the funeral in Rutherford this morning.

Carver To Address Teachers Saturday

Supt. Carver, of the Hickory schools, will address the teachers of Cleveland county at a general meeting of the teachers here Saturday morning at 10:30 in the court house. It is announced by J. H. Grigg, county superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Davis announce the birth of a son, on February 17 at their home near Earl.

Appeal For Monazite Soon Before Congress Industry To Be Made

Dover Mull Dies At State Hospital

Passed Away Following Serious Operation—Burial Tuesday At Mull's Chapel.

Dover M. Mull, age 44, died this morning at 1 o'clock in the State hospital at Morganton where on last Friday he underwent a serious operation on his face. Mr. Mull, it will be recalled, in a period of dependency over ill health two months ago, attempted to take his own life at his home at Toluca where he fired a pistol shot through his head. Two arteries were cut and last Friday three surgeons performed an operation in an effort to save his life. He lived only two days.

Mr. Mull was for many years book-keeper at the Double Shoals Cotton Mill where he was held in highest esteem. He was a man of fine business qualities and an enthusiastic church and Sunday school worker. In early childhood he joined the Baptist church and was a member at Double Shoals at the time of his death.

Mr. Mull was married to Miss Emma Sain, a faithful companion who survives with the following children: Carroll, Minnie, Sadie, Oneida and Edith, ranging in age from eight to twenty years. Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Gazzie Sain, Mrs. Alice Sain, Mrs. Madge Hoyle and three brothers, Lester, George and Clyde Mull of Catawba county.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday by Rev. John W. Suttle and interment will be at Mull's Chapel in Catawba county.

Cuts Hand Killing A Hog And Dies

Wyatt Jones, Young Man Of Lattimore Is Victim Of Blood Poison. Funeral Tuesday.

Wyatt Jones, twenty years old, killed a hog at his home at Lattimore a week ago and in dressing the hog, cut his hand. Blood poison developed from the wound and this morning at 1:30 o'clock he died at the Rutherford hospital to which place he was carried last Tuesday for treatment.

Mr. Jones suffered intense pain and everything that medical skill could do, was brought into play in an effort to save his life, but all to no avail.

Deceased was the son of Drury Dobbins Jones and Ella McSwain. His father preceded him to the grave, leaving his mother, one brother Bryan Jones and three sisters, Amelia, Vera and Myrtle Jones survive.

The funeral will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lattimore Baptist church where he was a faithful member, services by Revs. Washburn and Harrell. Mr. Jones was highly esteemed in the community where he lived and his untimely death is a source of great sorrow to his host of friends.

Colored Man Hits Another In "Fuss" Over Pack Of Fags

Felix Davenport Handles A Wicked Cue Stick, Breaks Stroupe's Check Bone.

Some folks, the press agents say, would walk a mile for their cigarettes, but last Friday night John Stroupe, colored farm hand who lives near Shelby, did more than that—he made a trip to the hospital over a package of smokes.

In some manner Stroupe and Felix Davenport, colored service station employe of Shelby, started an argument in the colored pool room in "Lil' Harlem" over a pack of cigarettes. As the argument progressed the report to officers was that Davenport picked up a cue stick and took a rack shot at Stroupe's head. Immediately thereafter Stroupe was rushed to the hospital and Davenport was listed among the missing. Today it was stated at the hospital that Stroupe, who suffered a broken check bone, had been discharged, but Davenport continues among the missing despite a diligent search by police.

Committee Named For Delegation Before Ways And Means Committee This Week.

A delegation, representing several counties in this section, known as the monazite belt, will at an early date, probably this week, go to Washington to appear before the Congressional Ways and Means committee with a plea for restoring a duty on foreign monazite so that this section may again mine monazite at a profit. This decision was reached at a mass meeting held in the court house here Saturday and attended by interested citizens of Cleveland, Rutherford, Burke and Lincoln counties in this state and Cherokee county, South Carolina.

Committee Named.

The committee named by the meeting, which was presided over by Mr. F. B. Hamrick, of Bolivar Springs, with Dr. S. S. Royster, of Shelby, as secretary, was composed of Secretary Alexander, of the Gaffney (S. C.) Chamber of Commerce, Attorney Fred B. Hamrick of Rutherfordton, and Mr. H. Clay Cox, of Shelby. Dr. Royster was urged for the committee but declared himself unable to go, although willing to contribute to the expense fund of those going. In addition to the three members of the legislative committee two men, Messrs. Lon Royster and A. C. Ledford, both experienced in actual monazite mining, were added making a total committee of five.

This committee will immediately get in touch with monazite manufacturers in the attempt to reach some kind of agreement about the amount of duty that would be approved by the manufacturers and at the same time afford a living wage for miners should the industry be revived. With these facts on hand a brief will be prepared along with a map showing the monazite section, the entire brief to be submitted before the ways and means committee at a hearing which is to be immediately requested by Congressman-elect Jonas. It is hoped that this hearing will be granted prior to March 1 as the committee adjourns at that time and no tariff measure which is not recommended by the committee can hope to get favorable action at the next session of congress.

To Bear Expenses.

A vote of the meeting was that owners of monazite lands, business men and bankers be canvassed for contribution to cover the expenses to Washington of the committee making the fight for the restoration of the monazite duty, as it was the general opinion that every citizen in the section effected would be benefitted by the increased prosperity which would result from the revival of mining. Mr. Durham Moore, of the Moore insurance agency, was appointed to take charge of the local funds; Mr. Deck Wilson was appointed for Rutherfordton, Mayor Flack for Forest City, Mr. Calhoun for Morganton, and Mr. Alexander, of the Chamber of Commerce, for Gaffney.

Saturday's meeting was not as largely attended as was hoped for due to the inclement weather, but all those present seemed deeply interested in the movement, while quite a number were optimistic about the chances of restoring the duty which would mean the reopening of the mines. Mr. Jonas was scheduled to attend but was not able to do so.

Hoey Contest On This Week

The annual Hoey oratorical contest, a feature of Cleveland county, high school work for many years, auditorium here Friday evening of will be held in the Central school this week.

So far the following schools have entered: Bolivar Springs and Lattimore with two entrants each and the following schools with an entrant each: Fallston, Belwood, No. 8, and Waco. For the first time in several years the Shelby high does not have an entrant for the medal given by Clyde R. Hoey.

The Selma Webb recitation contest will be held here on the following Friday night, March 1. It is also announced by J. H. Grigg, county school head, that essays in the Webb essay contest should be submitted by Friday night of this week as the essays must be sent out of the county to be judged.