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Cloudy And Rain.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy and probably rain tonight and Thursday. Slightly colder tonight. Colder Thursday.

Young Prodigy Program.

A unique entertainment is announced for Saturday afternoon at four o'clock in court square. A six-year-old violinist, Master Haskill Hendrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Hendrick, will give a recital. He will play, it is announced, on the court house steps. The child is said to be a musical prodigy.

Gardner Will Not Name Pal To Higher Job

Raleigh-Talk Is That Governor Will Not Show Home-Town Favoritism.

Politicians close to Governor Gardner, here in his home town, do not believe that he will appoint Representative Odus M. Mull, also of Shelby, commissioner of revenue, if R. A. Doughton, present holder of the position, gets his rumored promotion.

But they contend that he might pull a modern Diogenes, take a high-powered searchlight and look a lot further, only to do worse.

The first belief is based on the well known fact that Governor Gardner is not only avoiding favoritism, but even the appearance of favoritism.

Right now the executive is blessed with almost complete harmony on the part of his Legislature. Apparently his indorsement of any measure is a near guarantee that the measure will pass the assembly.

The administration, all the way round, is running like a well oiled machine. And Gardner is not going to take any chance of sifting sand into the bearings by actually, or seemingly, allowing personal friendships to influence his actions.

"I do not intend to appoint any Shelby men to office," he is reported.

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County Couples At S. C. Marriage Mart

The following couples from this section secured marriage licenses last week at Gaffney, South Carolina:

Robert Bridges and Lalage Green, both of Boiling Springs; Abram Daves, of Mooresboro, and Moddie Ramsey, of Lattimore; Ernon Bridges and Vernie Dyeus, both of Ellenboro; Clarence Sanders and Ocie Wilkie, both of Shelby; Leslie Humphries, of Boiling Springs, and Pauline Addington, Shelby.

City To Sell Bonds In Sum Of \$100,000

Sealed bids will be received at the city hall at noon, March 5th on \$100,000 city bonds authorized last year when the city began its program of sewer extension and electric light and power plant improvements. Of this amount \$70,000 worth are sewer bonds to pay for the septic tank and line extensions and \$30,000 for improvement of the electric light plant.

The bonds will bear not exceeding five per cent interest. Maturity date for the sewer bonds are at stated periods up to 1928, while the electric light bonds mature along year after year until 1956.

Girl In Rum Car Terms Herself As Sheriff's Daughter

Gets Plastered With Fine Anyhow. Does Not Want Folks To Know.

Thelma Harper, a rather attractive girl of about 20 years, arrested in a booze car on Highway 20 last night by Deputies J. L. Dixon and M. A. Jolley, will take a jail sentence here instead of paying the court fine rather than let her people in Tennessee know of her plight. It being said that the young girl declared last night that she was the daughter of a Tennessee sheriff.

The girl was in a car with Vard Williamson, who was charged with driving while intoxicated. About three pints of whiskey were found in the car together with some whiskey said to be hid on the girl's person. Williamson had been in court on similar charges before and was sentenced to three months on the roads with his car ordered sold. The girl was fined \$25 and the costs.

Following court, it is said she informed officials that she could not raise the money herself and would rather take a jail sentence than inform her people of the trouble she was in.

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Richards Will Quit As Chief Rumor Has It

No Formal Resignation Field Understood To Have Another Position.

Police Chief A. L. Richards, head of the Shelby police department, will likely resign his position at the end of this month, or soon thereafter, to accept a position elsewhere, according to general rumors on the street today.

Chief Richards was out of town on business both yesterday and today and could not be reached by The Star to verify or deny the rumor. However, those in close touch with the police head state that they have heard that he was planning to resign to accept another position.

Nothing Formal.

At the City Hall Mayor W. N. Dorsey, when queried, stated that Chief Richards so far has filed no formal resignation, although the Mayor seemed to have heard the rumor that he might do so.

Since no formal resignation has been filed it was understood at the City Hall that no applications are being considered until more developments than a rumor.

Chief Richards came to Shelby from Morganton when Mayor Dorsey took office and succeeded Mr. B. O. Hamrick as police chief, having held the office since that time, and having proved quite popular in the city.

Municipal Gas Plant Talked, No Action Yet

Would Like To Know How Many Would Use Gas, However, Before Plant Is Built.

The city fathers last night gave consideration to a municipally owned gas plant. No steps were taken in view of the fact that preliminary investigation has not been made, but at the next meeting to be held the first Tuesday night in March, they will tell Engineer Bishop of Charlotte whether they want him to make a survey of the town in order to get information on which they can determine whether it would be a wise step or not.

Survey Proposed. Engineer Bishop proposed last night to make a survey of Shelby, a survey that would be comprehensive in that it would show the freight rates, bank resources, number of homes, business and industrial plants, locate available sites for a plant, determine as near as possible the number of people who would buy gas for heating purposes and then furnish an estimate on the cost of a plant and make a schedule of gas rates which would have to prevail in order to make it self-supporting.

The only obligation which the city would have to Mr. Bishop would be to employ him in the event the city decided to build. Mr. Bishop would charge the customary five per cent on cost for detailed plans and specifications.

Independent corporations have sought a gas franchise from the city for a year or more, but each time they have been turned down. The city fathers are unanimous in their opinion that if Shelby does have a gas plant, it would be municipally owned and operated just as the present water and light plants are controlled.

The officials are giving consideration first to the survey and will determine two weeks hence whether they will have it done or not.

Morris Sells Store And Fountain Here

Casey Morris, high school coach who has been the owner and operator of "Casey's Place" in the Union bank building, has sold his merchandise to H. D. Jolley of Asheville who has taken charge and will operate the place as the Shelby Cigar company, wholesale and retail. Mr. Jolley says he will make of it an up-to-date cigar store and cater both to the wholesale as well as the retail trade. The fountain will be continued.

Mr. Jolley has been connected with the Barbee-Clark company, wholesale cigar dealers of Asheville and is well known in Shelby where he has often come in the capacity of a traveling salesman. He will move his family here shortly. A new plate glass show front is being put in the store room which he occupies.

Actress-Beauty Fights for Life



Alma Rubens, whose beauty captured the world, lies fighting for life a shadow of her former self due to the drug habit. Revelations as to the extent to which the drug habit had been carried by Alma Rubens and her desperate battle to hold life and reason have shocked the film colony. (International Newsreel.)

Dorton Has Doubled Assets Of County Fair, Report Says

Seventeen Thousand Dollars Which Started Fair Five Years Back Has Grown Into Twice That Much Value In Buildings, Equipment And Cash.

The Cleveland County Fair association, which was worth just \$17,374.89 in 1924 when it was organized and that much stock subscribed, is now worth \$34,933.29, according to the report made to stockholders here this week by J. S. Dorton, secretary.

In other words, the fair in five years under the management of Secretary Dorton and President A. E. Cline has doubled in value, the most of which has been turned back into the fair grounds and buildings with the result that the Cleveland County Fair association now owns one of the best and most modernly equipped exposition tracts in the south.

To Continue.

The fair, so to speak, started off with nearly nothing, and while the average county fair was losing money and going out of business the fair here was making a profit each year with the profits going back into buildings and attractions which last year culminated in one of the largest farm gatherings in the South.

Every year of the five years shows a profit on the proper side of the ledger. The least profit of any year came in 1925 when the net profit ran less than \$1,000, for the only time.

Auditor's Report.

The auditor's report of the fair condition, made by J. W. Hendrix, certified accountant, shows that the original paid in stock was \$17,374.89. The buildings, race track, water and lighting systems, fixtures, etc., now owned by the fair association total \$32,559.22 and every bit of this is paid for with the association owning no man or firm a cent of money. \$9,459.44 is subtracted from the above total for amortization during the 20-year period the fair has the tract of land leased, leaving property assets of \$34,230.18. Added to these assets, all paid for, is \$728.21 cash in the bank, or a total of \$34,958.39.

Yearly Net Profits.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Net Profits. Rows for 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929.

Popular George Smyrnios Died At Noon Today

Naturalized Greek Operator Of Candy Shop Biggest-Hearted Citizen Of Town.

"George of the Chocolate shop"—formally known as George Smyrnios—one of Shelby's most popular citizens, died at noon today in the Shelby hospital.

The death of the big-hearted, "candy man" followed a couple of serious operations last week and double pneumonia which developed later.

Generally Loved.

"George of the Chocolate shop," as he was known, was a Shelby character, perhaps the most popular of all Shelby characters. Six or seven years ago, perhaps farther back, he came here to operate a fruit and candy store with Moses George and others. Several years back he opened his "Chocolate Shop," a rendezvous for young and old on South LaFayette street, and there he became a town figure. He loved little children and few tots ever visited his store and left without being given something, and scores of his friends often wondered how he managed to make a success of business as he seemed to give away more than he sold. Kind-hearted, sympathetic, jovial and intelligent he was to a small town the most popular man of foreign blood the town ever knew. He attended regularly the Hoey Bible class at Central Methodist church. Two years or so ago he became a naturalized American citizen in federal court here before Judge E. Y. Webb, and at the time created several newspaper stories over his reply to the question as to who was governor of North Carolina. "I can't tell you who he is now, but I can tell you who will be the next one—O. Max Gardner." George passed the test.

In his early days in America George was a wrestler of some prominence and during his athletic career he suffered a rupture that troubled him in later life. Last week he decided to go to the local hospital for an appendicitis operation and also for an operation for his rupture while there. The double operation proved too much for him and double pneumonia set in. For two or three days the most skilled surgeons and physicians in this vicinity have been cooperating vainly with hospital surgeons in the attempt to save his life.

A brother, who lived in the eastern section of the country and who was making a part of the trip here by airplane, was expected to arrive this afternoon.

Body To Shop.

Prior to entering the hospital, George felt as if he would not recover and left orders for his employees in the popular soda and candy rendezvous to keep his shop closed for one week if he did not return. He also requested that if he died that his body be brought back in front of the candy shop, where he made hundreds of friends, and be left there for at least three to five minutes. Under no circumstances was he to be buried elsewhere than Shelby he requested before dying.

The funeral services will likely be conducted with Masonic honors as he became a member of the Cleveland lodge several years back.

Funeral arrangements were not complete at press time today but it is thought that the funeral will be conducted here Friday.

Shelby Cloth Being Used Now For Airplanes

Shelby products are now being used in the country's latest manufactured product—airplanes—according to a statement from the Eastside Manufacturing company, local textile plant.

The Eastside plant, one of the Dover chain, has been working upon an order of cloth for a Philadelphia firm to be used in covering airplane wings. Some months back when bids were being made for airplane cloth the Eastside plant rushed a sample of its material by mail airplane from Spartanburg to New York for the bidding.

Shelby High To Play Forest City For Group Cage Honors

Game In Spindale Friday Night. Locals Defeat Claremont Quint.

The Shelby high and Forest City basketball quints, athletic rivals of long standing, will face each other Friday night on the Spindale court for the basketball title of group eight and the honor of representing this district in the state cage race.

In defeating Claremont here last night the Shelby quint had quite an up-and-down time. Bridges, star guard, and Wall, regular forward, were out of the game at the start as was Farris, first guard substitute. And at the end of the first half the determined Claremont quint had the edge. But the final half saw Bridges and Wall back at their positions, despite the fact that they were not in the best of health, and Eskridge was shot in at center. From that period on the missing teamwork returned and with Eskridge and Capt. Gold playing a stellar game the final count as 19 to 9 with the locals swinging the big end of the score.

Expect Close Game.

All the odds point to Forest City eliminating the locals in the Spindale game Friday night, the game to start at 8 o'clock. However, supporters of the Morris-Falls quint are hoping for a surprise and are assured of a close, exciting game, due to the remarkable improvement made by the Shelby quint within

Edison Visited Monazite Region Many Years Back

Back when the monazite mining industry was in its hey-day in this section of North Carolina Thomas A. Edison, the famous inventor, made a trip to the section to seek a certain mineral, having heard of the many mineral deposits in the foothills and mountains of the State. This was recalled here today during a discussion of the attempt to revive the monazite industry.

Edison visited Mt. Holly, Iron station and other nearby points 21 years ago, searching for cobalt, a mineral he was using in his storage battery invention for street cars prior to the automobile era.

County Makes Nearly A Bale On Every Acre

Cleveland County Farmers Average 410 Pounds Of Lint Cotton To The Acre.

The cotton farmers of Cleveland county, N. C., averaged nearly a bale to the acre last year, leading the state in total number of bales harvested and undoubtedly in average yield per acre as well. The average per acre in this county was 410 pounds of lint cotton.

While production of a bale to the acre by individual farmers is not uncommon in any cotton growing community, the fact that a whole county averaged nearly a small bale to the acre indicates that the farmers are using farming methods that brings results.

A report has been received from one section of the county saying that in a section where more than 700 acres of cotton were grown, the farmers used from 600 to 1,000 pounds of fertilizer analyzing either 8 per cent phosphoric acid, 5 per cent nitrogen, and 4 per cent potash, or 12 per cent phosphoric acid, 4 per cent nitrogen, and 4 per cent potash. Where the latter analysis was used, a top-dressing of soluble nitrogen was also used after the cotton had been worked out the first time. These analyses, or others ranging in about the same proportions of plant food, are very popular with farmers of Cleveland county, and their use in increasing each year.

Gurley Locates To Do Plumbing Here

Sanford Plumber And Heating Contractor Established Himself here for Business.

W. H. Gurley who has just completed the plumbing and heating in the New Charles hotel building has decided to locate in Shelby where he will do a general plumbing and heating business. Mr. Gurley comes to Shelby from Sanford. He has executed some of the larger jobs in the state, including educational buildings at the State college, Raleigh and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His work has not been confined to North Carolina, but has included South Carolina and Plant City, Fla. Mr. Gurley is temporarily located in the old hotel sample room to the rear of the New Charles hotel. The Blanton estate, which owns this property, will fix it up shortly for an up-to-date show room and work shop for Mr. Gurley.

Mr. Gurley is also doing the plumbing and heating in the new residences of Geo. Blanton and J. D. Lineberger, now under construction.

Mr. Putnam Gets Books For Library

Fifty-two books for the Boiling Springs college library were recently collected by Mr. J. L. Putnam, a friend of the school. Those contributing books through Mr. Putnam were: Gertrude Street, four books; Ollie Mae Putnam, 10; Jessie Humphries, one; J. R. Davidson, two; Mrs. Cecil Humphries, two; J. L. Putnam, 15; J. S. Bell, one; Mrs. D. B. Hughes, seven; Mrs. S. B. Hamrick, four; Mrs. Clyde Bridges, two; W. H. McSwain, four.

Banks To Observe Feb. 22nd As Holiday

All of the Shelby banking institutions will observe Friday, February 22 as a holiday and will therefore be closed. This is Washington's birthday and is a legal holiday throughout the country.

Search Spreads For Boxer After Victim Dies From Wounds

Sought For Killing



"KID" HORNBUCKLE

County Makes Nearly A Bale On Every Acre Industry Here Brings In Over 15 Million Year

Over 4,000 People Employed In Industrial Plants Of Cleveland County.

The industrial output of Cleveland county in 1927, according to figures compiled by the Department of Conservation and Development, reached the big sum of \$15,366,573.

With the value of the county output going over fifteen million dollars only 13 of the 100 North Carolina counties had a larger output value. Neighboring counties, which exceeded this county were Gaston with an output of \$63,425,289, Catawba with \$17,940,001, and Rutherford with \$16,349,311. The total output of Burke county in 1927 was valued at \$12,235,268, and that of Lincoln was valued at \$5,425,726.

52 Plants Industry.

The report showed that Cleveland county has 52 manufacturing or industrial establishments, which added \$5,892,592 to the total county output during the year.

These 52 establishments, according to the statistics, work 4,234 people and the wages paid them during the year totalled \$3,052,000. In other words employees of Cleveland county manufacturing plants had an annual payroll, two years ago, of over three million dollars.

Cleveland has 15 more industrial plants than Rutherford and works nearly 100 more people in these plants, but the manufacturing plants of Rutherford bring in over six million per year.

Trying To Free City Of Prostitute Women

Landlord Are Indictable For Renting To Lewd Women, Mayor Finds Out.

An effort is being made to rid the city of prostitute women, and landlords who rent property to such characters will be brought into play to help drive them out, says Mayor Dorsey. The mayor says he has found out that it is a violation of the law for a landlord to continue to rent his property to lewd women after he has been notified by officers that they are of such character.

Mayor Dorsey has received many complaints from citizens, mostly unsigned letters from women, asking that something be done to clean up the immoral spots. The police department is and has been at work, trying to get sufficient evidence to convict and what has been done is only a beginning of what they hope to accomplish along this line.

"As bad as I hate bar-rooms, I think the lewd women that are here are a greater menace to the morals and health of the young people," declared Mayor Dorsey.

Important Meeting Of Masons Friday

The regular meeting of Cleveland Lodge 202 A. F. & A. M. Friday night of this week will be an important one, it is announced, and every member of the lodge is urged to be present to discuss the vital business to be taken up.

Wound On Head Made By Kid Hornbuckle Causes Death Of Scruggs.

The deadliest punch in the career of A. J. (Kid) Hornbuckle caused the death here early Tuesday morning of George Scruggs, 28-year-old textile worker, and officers yesterday and today were spreading a wide dragnet for the youthful prizefighter who slugged Scruggs on the head with a stick of cordwood here last Sunday afternoon.

Scruggs, an employee of the Cleveland Cloth mills, died about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Shelby hospital, where he had been in a semi-conscious coma since he was hit on the head about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon near the railroad crossing in east Shelby.

Trage Proves Useless.

Hornbuckle disappeared immediately after the occurrence and has not been seen in or about Shelby since, but yesterday afternoon the local police department ran down a trace of his location only to find that the trail was a week old, or was laid before the fatal affray. During the day a telephone call came from Lowell that Hornbuckle, the brunette, rather handsome boxer, had been there trying to get a place for his wife to stay. Local policemen immediately speeded to Lowell only to find that it was a week ago that the prize fighter had been seen there. Later reports have it that Hornbuckle's wife is in Columbus, Georgia, and efforts will be made to locate him in that section.

Funeral services for Scruggs were held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cliffside Baptist church, and interment was there. The deceased is survived by his wife and two children—Selma, six years of age, and George, Jr., who is three years old. Scruggs was well known in the eastern textile section of the town and has many friends in that section of the town and has many friends in that section of town who were shocked by his fatal injury.

Motive Not Clear.

The motive of the killing has not as yet been cleared up to the satisfaction of police officers. Whether or not those who witnessed the fatal encounter are reluctant about talking, or just do not know what caused the fatal blow to be struck is not known.

A report given Monday had it that Scruggs was seated when the youthful boxer swung the heavy stick of wood across his head, but another report has it that Scruggs had stooped to pick up a brick or some other object when Hornbuckle hit him. One of the many reports about the affair has it that the two men had words over the sale or refusal of a sale of a pint of whiskey, but the veracity of this and other reports will likely not be established until Hornbuckle is caught and tried, and perhaps not then. Those present at the time say that very few words were passed and that that they did not expect such to happen. A brother-in-law of Scruggs was said to have been present and he is alleged to have been able to prevent the blow had he expected it, but did not think that such a thing was going to happen with no more words having been passed.

Local officers declared today that the boxer, who had just issued a challenge to all comers in his class for a future fight here, had been in trouble before.

New Ordinance On Milk Adopted Now For City Of Shelby

Nothing Below "B" Grade Milk May Be Sold In City After 90 Days.

After a period of 90 days milk below grade "B" cannot be legally sold within the city limits of Shelby, according to an ordinance adopted by the board of aldermen last night.

This means that the city inspector will not pass up any milk falling below the grades of "A" and "B." The move by the aldermen was that of adopting the recommendation milk standard of the State Board of Health and by so doing local milk will be inspected by Federal and State inspectors as well as the city inspector. Mr. McLeod, a representative of the State board, discussed the matter with Mayor Dorsey and the aldermen at the meeting.