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Saturday Cloudy.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and increasing cloudiness Saturday probably followed by rain.

Beat Alcohol Bill.

The alcohol and narcotic bill before the legislature, sponsored by Governor Gardner, was tabled yesterday by the house of representatives by a 24 to 22 vote.

Polkville Road Outlet North Seems Likely

Highway Outlet Long Wanted By Upper Cleveland May Eventually Come.

If Cleveland county people, who for eight years have not been given the amount of state highways they desired due to politics, get what they want, it may be that by the end of Governor Gardner's administration that there will be a state highway outlet Shelby via Polkville on to Marion in McDowell county, or Morganton in Burke county.

For years past citizens of that section of the county, the Polkville-Casas section, have hoped for such a road, but due, they consider, to political conditions their pleas usually reached deaf ears—at least they resulted in no action.

A general sentiment over the county is that Cleveland did not get its share of highways due to the fact that Governor Gardner was during the eight years a candidate for office and the awarding of even an equal amount of highways to his county might have had an injurious effect to his candidacy.

Unofficial and unverified information is that Representative Odus M. Mull on a recent trip home expressed the hope that by next spring the state highway system might take over the road from Shelby to Polkville, and from Polkville to Casas, with the aim of connecting Casas up by direct route to Highway 18, which leads from Shelby to Morganton.

One supporting fact is that Engineer Noell, of the highway department, gave the proposed route the once-over some months back and seemed to be pleased with it.

If this sector of roadway was taken over by the state it is presumed that it would eventually become a paved highway.

Answers In Part. A Shelby - Polkville-Casas-Morganton highway would in a manner please the people of that section, it is understood, although their hopes centered about another route—a highway from Shelby to Polkville, to Casas, and on through the Golden Valley section to Marion, in McDowell county.

Asa Champion Buried At Zion. Prominent Farmer Of Zion Community Succumbs To Stroke Of Paralysis At 65.

Mr. Asa Champion, prominent farmer of the Zion community, died yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at his home, following a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Champion is the last of a family of eleven children.

Highs Facing Big Test Tonight With Forest City Cagers. Odds Against Locals In Crucial Battle For Group Title At Spindale.

The Shelby high cage outfit tonight faces its hardest test of the year in the game with the unusually strong Forest City quint at Spindale.

Mrs. R. S. Weast Dies On S. LaFayette St. Mrs. Mary Green Weast, wife of R. S. Weast, died this morning at 2 o'clock at her home on S. LaFayette street from a heart trouble with which she had been suffering for about two years.

Messrs. J. W. Hartgrove and Charlie Carson were Charlotte visitors yesterday.

Boost Reward For Boxer Who Killed Scruggs

Total Of \$150 Now Offered For Capture Of "Kid" Hornbuckle. Brothers Contribute.

The reward for the capture of A. J. (Kid) Hornbuckle, who is charged with inflicting a fatal injury on George Scruggs, textile worker, here last Sunday causing Scruggs' death Tuesday, has been boosted to \$150, it was announced here today, and there is hope that the reward may reach \$300.

The first reward offered was that of \$25 by the city of Shelby, then the county of Cleveland added another \$25, and yesterday brothers of the slain man and other relatives deposited an additional cash reward of \$100 with Sheriff Hugh Logan.

Ask State Aid. With a local reward of \$150 offered officials have asked the state of North Carolina to equal the sum, making a total reward of \$300. Whether or not Governor Gardner will do so has not been learned as yet.

No Traces Found. So far Hornbuckle has managed to cover up his getaways so neatly that it seems as if the earth must have opened up and swallowed him.

However, with additional rewards out local police are getting in touch with nearby towns and cities in this and adjoining states where many boxers hang out.

The young prizefighter once made his headquarters in a Georgia town near Columbus, where his wife's relatives are said to live, and one of the first moves by the police here was to have officers in that section keep a watchout for him.

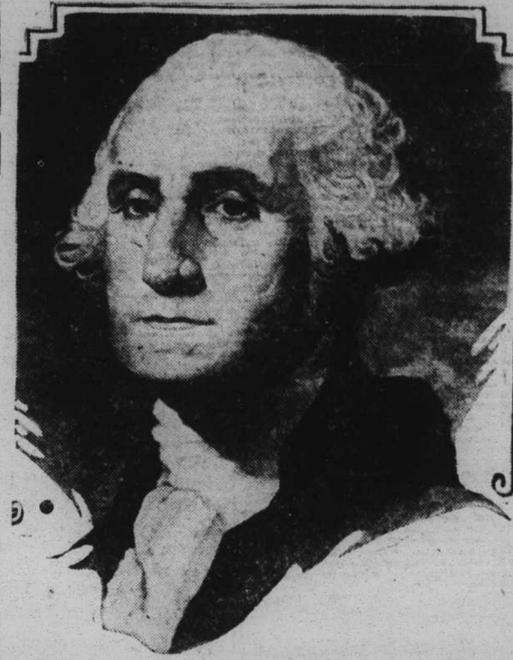
Hornbuckle is also known to have lived or fought in a couple of Tennessee cities and officers there have already been notified that he is wanted here for murder.

"He's pretty well covered up now, but we'll eventually get him," it was stated today at city police headquarters. "And that additional reward will get us plenty of cooperation in landing him," officers added.

About the Cleveland Cloth and Eastside section of town there is a strong desire that the boxer be captured and brought to trial as the slain man was quite popular among his acquaintances there.

The belief continues to prevail that Hornbuckle did not leave Shelby after the afternoon or night of the slaying, which was Sunday, but was probably hid out in town until the early hours of Monday morning, and perhaps did not leave until Monday night.

"Father Of His Country."



GEORGE WASHINGTON

America today honors the birth anniversary of the country's first President, George Washington, although there are records to show that Washington was really born on February 11.

Mull Making Fight On G. O. P. Measures In N. C. Legislature

Cleveland Representative Calls A Spade A Spade, But Some Democrats Disagree With Him On His Partisan Fights.

(Gastonia Gazette Bureau.)

Raleigh.—Is Representative Odus M. Mull of Cleveland getting too partisan and seeing red every time a Republican bill comes up for consideration, or is he merely looking out for the welfare of the Democrats in the counties that have but recently gone Republican?

This is a question which is causing considerable division among the Democrats in the house, as well as among the Republicans. The Republicans are frankly nettled at the attitude which Mr. Mull is taking, and several of them rose in the house yesterday to express their displeasure at some of the statements made by Mr. Mull. Representative Gwynn, of Rockingham, stated that it was no longer necessary for Mr. Mull or any one else to infer that "because a man is a Republican he is necessarily not a gentleman," in replying to some of Mr. Mull's statements, and insisted that the members of the minority party are as anxious to see fairness and fair play as are the Democrats in the house.

This exchange of views took place in the house Tuesday during the discussion of the bill by Representative Hamlin, Republican, of Transylvania, that would have allowed the sheriff of that county \$1,000 a year less than the Democratic finance committee thought he should get.

On the other hand, a good many Democrats feel that Mr. Mull is acting wisely by calling a spade a spade and by exposing the intention that underlies a number of innocent enough appearing bills that have been introduced by Republicans, insisting that if this were not done, there would be a flood of bills offered by Republican members to cut the salaries of Democratic officials in Republican counties, as reprisals against them.

"It is necessary to call their bluff and force them out into the open, or they would carry on a systematic sniping campaign against Democrats back in their counties," said one member of the house in commenting on the situation. "The only way to make them behave is to call things by their right names and force things out in the open. It is a bit rough, but it is the only way to stop this practice."

Another group of Democrats, however, feel that Mull has been and is being too intensely partisan and that he is seeing red in bills when often times the color is little more than a pale pink, and that as a result he is losing much influence in the house with members of both parties. For instance, it is believed that Mull failed to gain anything Monday night when he referred to Representative M. W. Nash, Democrat of Richmond county as "the Republican from Rich-

mond," after Nash had come to the defense of a bill introduced by (Continued on page nine.)

Had Good Alibi For Non-Support

Will Sadler, tried in county court here yesterday for non-support and abandonment of his wife, had one of the best alibis ever produced in the local court room.

"Judge," he told the court, "Ah didn't abandon her, and taw'n't mah fault fur not 'sportin' her, kase y'see Ah was on the chain gang o'ah to Spencer. Will was acquitted.

Hunter Rippy Cut On Head In Brawl At Filling Station

Hunter Rippy, young Shelby man, was severely cut about the head and face late Wednesday night near Mooresboro, and according to reports at or near a log cabin filling station near the western Cleveland town.

Details of the affray or cutting are not clear as yet and likely will not be known until the trial which will be held this week.

However, it was stated at the court house here today that a woman and a man had been arrested in connection with the cutting. The woman, Minnie McSwain, gave bond, it is said, to the time for the trial, while the man, George Mauney, was placed in jail.

Although the lacerations on Rippy's head and face were severe and painful it was stated at the hospital today that he had been able to return to his home after treatment.

McNinch Will Agree To Probe Of Anti-Smiths Funds In State

Charlotte.—The proposal of state Senator Wylie Person in the state legislature to investigate anti-Smith campaign funds has met with the approval of Frank R. McNinch, chairman of the North Carolina anti-Smith Democrats during the recent presidential campaign—but with reservations.

Old And Young In Tribute To Beloved Greek

Children Of City Bank Flowers About Casket Of "Chocolate Shop Greek."

A big portion of the business life of Shelby paused for more than an hour this afternoon as citizens from all walks of life gathered about a flower-banked casket and paid final tribute to one of the town's most popular citizens, George Smyrniotis, naturalized Greek citizen and proprietor of a well-known candy and soda shop.

The last rites, those of the Greek Orthodox church, to which Smyrniotis belonged, began at the funeral parlor and ended at Sunset cemetery, where scores of people gathered to witness the only Greek burial ritual ever seen in Shelby.

At the funeral parlor, where the body lay until the services began at 2 o'clock, one large room would not hold the many floral tributes sent by the innumerable friends of the big hearted Greek who was generally loved by old and young. Among the wreaths was one paid for by the pennies of three score little Shelby girls who never knew what it was to pay for their favorite sweets at George's shop. Other floral tributes came from men and women, day laborers and leading citizens.

Greek Service. At the invitation of Dr. Hugh K. Boyer the main services were held in the Central Methodist church at 2 o'clock and were conducted by a Greek Orthodox priest from Augusta, Georgia. Another Greek priest was in attendance, but he has been over from Greece for only a few months and does not speak English fluently.

Following the services of his church talks and prayers were offered by Dr. Hugh K. Boyer, Central pastor; Dr. Zeno Wall, First Baptist pastor, and Mr. Clyde R. Hoy, teacher of the Bible class to which Smyrniotis belonged. Following the services at the church, with members of the Masonic lodge to which the deceased belonged, acting as pall-bearers, the funeral cortege, following the dying request of George, moved down Lafayette street, where for five minutes his body lay in state before the place of business where he became known to all this section. At this point a blessing was offered, in the ritual of his church, by the priest.

From the Chocolate Shop the procession moved to Sunset cemetery where the final Greek rites, the anointing of the body with olive oil, wine and clay, and the last benediction was offered by the priest and those of the Greek faith. The burial from that juncture on was with Masonic honors.

Numerous places of business closed their doors during the funeral hour, especially so among the Greek and Syrian business men.

The popular Greek business man died Wednesday at noon in the Shelby hospital after double pneumonia set in following two operations and complications.

Carload Of Seed Being Shipped Here

An advertisement in today's Star states that Capt. J. F. Jenkins, manager of the cotton oil plant here will soon have to arrive in Shelby with a carload of pedigreed Cleveland big boll cotton seed to be sold at practically cost to the cotton planters of Cleveland county. The seed came from the northern section of Arkansas and from a firm that keeps a 20,000-acre tract exclusively in this particular cotton. Heretofore county farmers, who like Cleveland big boll have found it somewhat hard at times to secure these seed and the move by Capt. Jenkins is to facilitate the securing of seed by the farmers of the county.

Lightning Flashes Amid Sleet Storm Here Thursday

A meteorological freak seldom witnessed in this section occurred during the sleet and snow storm late Wednesday night and early Thursday morning when there were several claps of thunder and flashes of lightning across the sky during the bitter storm which struck the section.

The thunder and lightning, according to many, came about 2 or 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning. This freak of the weather is not unknown but seldom happens in a section where there is a minimum amount of snow and sleet during the winter season. Some of the weather observers say that such is an indication of the breaking of winter.

Pump Station Flooded Again

Sleet, Snow And Rain Does Considerable Damage Here. Wires Down.

The sleet, rain and snow storm, which struck the section Wednesday night and Thursday did considerable damage to light, power and telephone lines about Shelby in addition to flooding the motor room of the new city water plant.

It was stated at the city hall today that as a result of the storm the water had arisen in the pump station motor room to the extent that the electric motors were covered and the station so damaged that no water can be pumped. There is a supply in the reservoir equal to serving the city for several days, it is said, and during that time the motors must be taken out again and sent to Charlotte to be re-wound and dried out.

The superintendent of the light and power department for the city, Fire Chief Ted Gordon, stated today that light and power lines had been broken or damaged at about 20 points in the city, but as yet he was not prepared to estimate the total damage as his men are still at work repairing the breaks.

Telephone Damage.

At the office of the manager of the local office of the Southern Bell telephone company today it was stated that the local damage to the telephone service by the sleet storm was not so great as at other points in the state. The greatest damage here was that of drop lines, from the main lines to residences, being down. Quite a number of telephones were out of commission this morning but practically every telephone and line locally will be repaired and working again by the end of the day, it was thought.

School Music, Play And Food Reviewed

Kiwanis Club Enjoys Evening Of Entertainment And Food At Central High.

Praises were heard on all sides last night for the prowess displayed by the culinary arts department, the music department and the creative English department of the city school and the heads of these various classes when a program was given to the Kiwanis club members, city officials, school board and others who attended.

Members of the Kiwanis club were served a meal by the domestic science department headed by Miss Mildred Thompson. Her class in cooking and serving, pleased the palates of the guests, after which the junior band some forty strong rendered a couple of selections. In the main auditorium, reflecting credit on J. B. Hatley and W. T. Sinclair, the directors. Following this, the high school orchestra trained by Mr. Sinclair and assisted by Misses Jones and Coleman rendered a number of splendid selections and gave promise of winning the prize when they compete in the state-wide high school orchestra contest at Greensboro in April.

Some 40 or 50 voices in the girls' glee club, trained and directed by Miss Eliza Coleman sang a number of selections and this was followed by a one-act play by the creative English department, headed by Misses Upshaw and Nix. The play entitled the "Trusting Place" was a very clever and humorous dramatization from a Booth Tarkington story.

Find Bloody Clothes In King Home; Judge Refuses To Re-Arrest

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Name In Coat. Inside a pocket of the coat was found the name "Rafe F. King," Clyde Reagan of Columbia, lawyer-in-law of Mrs. King's came to York after the discovery of the bloody clothing. He told officers here that he recognized the suit as one he had seen King wearing. All the bloody clothing was carried to Laurens in a suitcase by Sheriff Quinn.

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The bloody clothing was tied together in a bundle, with the shirt on the outside. It was found by Chief of Police J. Frank Faulkner of York, while searching the loft of the house by means of a flashlight. After climbing through an opening in a closet of one of the front rooms of the house, Chief Faulkner searched the space between the ceiling and the roof but found nothing of interest. It was while carefully exploring the space over the ceiling of the front porch that the sensational discovery was made. There, wedged in under a projecting piece of framing, he discovered the bundle of tell-tale clothing.

Every one of the garments—coat, vest, trousers and shirt—is heavily spotted with blood, the officers say. They will let no person but those officially connected with the case see the clothing. Especially large splashes are on the front of the coat and on the cuff of one of the sleeves, it is stated. The suit is said to be rather dark and striped, but the bloodstains are described as being clearly visible on it and also plainly evident on the light striped shirt. The shirt has a tear at the back, it is said and on it is an imprint as if made by a bloody hand.

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No Poison Found In Stomach Mrs. King

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