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Rain Thursday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Probably rain tonight and Thursday.

Benny Mack Gets 20 Years.

Benny Mack, young pugilist, of Charlotte, on trial for the murder of W. R. Moore, landscape artist, was found guilty today around noon in the Mecklenburg superior court and was given a 20 year sentence in the state penitentiary by Judge Stack.

Pass Compensation.

The state senate in Raleigh last night passed the workmen's compensation act after several amendments were added. The bill provides for an industrial commission of three to hear and act on all claims by workmen.

Eight Months School Bill Is Dead By Change

New Measure Provides For Six Months Term And Equalization Fee Of \$6,500,000.

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Providing for an equalization fund of \$6,500,000, with retention of the six months term and a reduction of ad valorem taxes to a maximum of 28 cents, a substitute for the MacLean eight month school bill was adopted in the house at 12:07 this morning by a vote of 59 to 58. Further consideration was expected to be delayed as the house ordered the substitute printed for the information of the members. The vote came at the end of a four-hour session.

Representatives Hancock of Granville, Harris of Person and Moss of Nash sponsored the substitute for the MacLean bill, which had passed second reading Friday night by a vote of almost two to one. The original bill, according to its author, Representative Angus D. MacLean of Beaufort, would require an equalization fund of \$10,000,000, and would have limited the property tax to 40 cents on the \$100.

New Bill Provisions. The substitute provides an equalization fund of \$6,500,000 for the first year of the biennium, and \$7,000,000 for the second year. For this purpose, the budget commission recommended \$5,000,000 yearly for the next two years, which was an increase of \$750,000 over the current equalizing fund.

Under the provisions of the Hancock-Moss-Hargett measure, the state equalization board would be empowered to make investigations of the administration of the school with a view to effecting economies.

Local Militiamen Get A Fine Rating From U. S. Inspector

Company K, the Shelby unit of the national guard, was given what is termed in army inspection a perfect rating at the annual inspection last night by Capt. Page, U. S. A. and Major Dempsey, of the inspector-general's headquarters. It is the best inspection rating yet accorded the company and the young fellows making up the outfit are justified in their elation.

Officers of the outfit are Peyton McSwain, captain, and Mike H. Austell and H. C. Long, lieutenants. Among the many visitors who were present for the inspection last night were two former captains of the local militia, Sheriff Hugh Logan and Capt. J. Frank Jenkins.

Public Radios Here To Broadcast Fight

Both the McCords, of the Shelby Hardware company, and Montgomery Ward and company announced this morning they would broadcast the Sharkey-Stribling fight tonight.

The radios of both firms will be heard at their respective stores, the one to the north and one to the south on LaFayette street. And in addition to that Montgomery Ward will put in an instrument at the "Smokehouse," Casey's old place.

The fact was announced Monday that Pendleton will also put the big noise on the air.

Mr. McCarley Under Operation In Atlanta

R. J. McCarley who operate the cotton, grain and stock exchange here for Outz and Slack, underwent an operation in Atlanta, Ga., hospital yesterday. Mr. McCarley had been in Atlanta for a week or two undergoing treatment for an internal trouble from which he had been a sufferer.

Poston To Be Acting Police Chief Here

Formal Resignation Turned In Yesterday By Chief Richards, Effective Friday.

Beginning Friday, March 1, Policeman McBride Poston, veteran officer of the Shelby force, will become acting chief of the local police department succeeding the present chief, A. L. Richards.

Verifying a report published by The Star some days back, Chief Richards Monday filed his formal resignation with Mayor W. N. Dorsey and it was accepted.

Shake-Up On. Although very little information is being formally given out at the City Hall, rumors indicate that there may be other changes in the police department. This is further indicated by the statement of Mayor Dorsey in saying that "Beginning on the first, Policeman Poston will be acting chief of the police department." By this statement it cannot be told whether Poston, if he proves a success as acting chief, will eventually be made the regular chief or not. It may be that Poston will act as chief until the end of the present administration as the municipal election is not so many weeks off.

Reports yesterday about the up-town section had it that other changes in the force had already been made, or would be made, but these reports were not verified by the mayor although he indicated that, such could happen.

Just where Chief Richards plans to locate he has not stated as yet, but close friends of the officer who leaves the force Friday stated several days back, when mention was first made about his resignation, that he was considering another position.

An Ex-Service Man. The new acting chief, known to the city as "Mac," is the oldest member of the city force from point of service in the blue uniform although he is in years still a young man. During the World war he served overseas and had a good service record. In addition to serving on the police force here he has been a member of the police force at Kings Mountain, and at one time years ago was a guard on the No. 6 gang. Since he has been advanced to acting chief by Mayor Dorsey it is recalled by friends that the police head and the new sheriff, who goes into office soon, should be able to work together due to past acquaintance when Poston served under Chief Irvin Allen on the Kings Mountain force.

Forest City Youth Gets Sand Bagged

Says Strangers Beat Him After Getting Gasoline And Refusing To Pay.

Forest City, Feb. 26.—Adelaide Peeler, 20-year-old son of John Peeler of the Mount Pleasant community, sand bagged Monday by two unidentified men who refused to pay him for some gasoline that they had bought from him, returned to his home from the Rutherford hospital today after undergoing treatment.

Young Peeler, who is a student at the high school here and who was captain of this year's football team, was found lying in the road in an unconscious condition yesterday by a school bus driver. When he was still in an unconscious condition yesterday afternoon he was taken to the hospital.

No Fracture. Examination revealed that he had suffered no body injuries but that he was severely bruised about the head where he was struck by the sand bag. Young Peeler remained in a semi-conscious state until this morning. Shortly before noon he was able to give officers a connected and coherent account of the affair.

While waiting for the school bus, two young men in a roadster stopped and inquired if they might purchase a little gasoline from him. Young Peeler went to the car, handed over a half-gallon of gas which was put in the roadster's car.

Halted. They made preparations to leave without paying him for it and one of the men started the car. Peeler reached inside and cut off the switch. As he did that one of the men struck him with a knife, cutting his arm and his coat along the arm and lapel.

Peeler hit him with his fists and as he did this the other man struck him over the head with the sand bag. The men told Peeler they were Georgians. Their car bore a Georgia license plate. To date the police have no clues that would lead to the arrests of the assailants.

Retiring Chief



Police Chief A. L. Richards (above) who resigns March 1 as head of the Shelby police department, stated today that he was not prepared as yet to make a definite announcement as to his new position, but intimated that he might remain in Shelby, as he declared that he had made scores of friends during his 20 months here and considered Shelby the friendliest and most cooperative town he ever lived in. Announcement as to what he plans to do will likely be made in a few days, he said, in expressing his appreciation of the many courtesies extended him as chief by the citizens of the town.

Hammett, Famous Track Star, Will Become A Minister

Bolling Springs Athletic Director To Enter Ministry He Announces There.

According to a report reaching The Star, Coach H. G. Hammett, athletic director at the Bolling Springs college, is planning to enter the ministry, and will soon take up studies with that aim. Coach Hammett, former star athlete at Furman university in South Carolina, has become a track star of national fame since coming to Bolling Springs by reason of track records established by him in track training events for the Olympic games at New York.

Youth Being Held At Kings Mountain On Car Theft Claim

Stole Car So That He Might Visit Sick Mother In Greensboro, He Says.

Kings Mountain.—Far away in Birmingham, Hubert Williams, 22, received word that his mother in Greensboro was ill.

The boy's mother was low. He had no method of making the long trip home to his mother's bedside. Unless—

Hubert watched a lady in the Alabama town park her car, and enter a store. When she had disappeared he got in and drove away, headed for Greensboro. His problem was solved, it appeared.

But cars need gas. And gas costs money. When he arrived at Kings Mountain and tried to buy gas with only 50 cents in his pocket, officers became suspicious.

That is the story Hubert Williams told after his arrest here for stealing a car belonging to R. M. Garrow, of Atlanta. He readily admits his guilt.

And while his mother continues ill, presumably, Williams is being held here for Alabama officers.

Little Hope For French War Leader

Physicians See Little Hope For Recovery Of 77-Year-Old War Leader.

Paris, Feb. 26.—Marshal Ferdinand Foch tonight was said to be slowly sinking from an illness with lung, heart and kidney complications, with apparently little hope of recovery.

His five physicians will consult again tomorrow afternoon. Two of them regard the case as virtually hopeless. The three others said the spirit of the game old fighter might carry the battle along for some time.

This last campaign of the former generalissimo of the allied armies began on January 14. The 77-year-old veteran made several advances against the inroads of disease, but none carried him to a point of safety, although it was hoped only a week ago that he might soon be transferred to the milder climate of southern France.

Reward Of \$250 Is Out Now For Kid Hornbuckle

Governor Gardner Adds \$100 To \$150 Reward Offered Locally. No Clues.

The reward for the capture of "Kid" Hornbuckle, wanted here on charges of fatally injuring George Scruggs, textile worker Sunday week ago, now totals \$250. It was announced yesterday by the city police department.

Early in the week Governor Max Gardner notified local authorities that the state would add \$100 to the \$150 reward already offered, and information about the increased reward has been broadcast to cities and towns throughout the section. One hundred dollars of the original reward is offered by relatives of the dead man, while the county and city offered a \$25 reward each.

Unless they have clues which they do not care to make public now, the police department seems to have no trace of Hornbuckle, who apparently left Shelby hurriedly before Scruggs died on Tuesday after he was struck on Sunday.

Rotary Play Will Draw Good Crowd

Indications are, members of the club say, that the romantic play, "Captain Applejack," to be given here Thursday night under the auspices of the Shelby Rotary club will draw a large crowd. The play is an Arabian night's adventure and contains mystery, pirates, treasure, romance and what-not.

The three-act performance is directed by Miss Richey, dramatics instructor of Limestone college. Gaffney, and the cast is made up of Limestone college girls and members of the Gaffney Rotary club. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the charity fund of the two service clubs, and the program will not start until 8:15 so that members of the Shelby Kiwanis club may attend after their weekly meeting.

Twenty-two Die In Southern Tornado

Village Of Durham Completely Wrecked And Fourteen Are Killed.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Tornadoes making an early spring visit to three states left a trail today of 22 dead, scores injured, a wrecked village and property damage exceeding \$500,000.

At intervals of a few hours the wind storms dipped down into Northeast Texas, Northwest Mississippi and Southeast Arkansas yesterday, striking with greatest fury at Duncan, Miss., where 14 of the 450 population were killed and the village left in wreckage.

Man Weds Widow Of Man He Shot

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 26.—Fredrick Ledbetter, of Antioch, who was acquitted in Baltimore, Md., January 20 for the murder of Thomas Beatin, was married to the widow of the man killed by Magistrate H. F. Baker, here February 18, it was learned today.

The slaying occurred in Baltimore when Beatin forced entrance into Ledbetter's rooms, where his wife was visiting. Ledbetter was acquitted on a self-defense plea.

Mrs. Beatin quietly left Baltimore coming to Nashville and married Ledbetter. She was accompanied to Nashville by her three-year-old son.

County Basketball Tourney To Start In "Tin Can" Tonight

Lattimore And Shelby Seem To Be Picked To Win County Cage Trophy.

The Cleveland county high school basketball tournament opens in the "tin can" here tonight with a double-header.

In the first game of the double-header the fast Lattimore quint faces Casar, and in the second contest Shelby and Fallston hook up. On Thursday night Belwood plays Folkville, and Piedmont will clash with Grover. On Friday night the two winning quintets of the Wednesday night double-header will play the two winning quintets of the Thursday night double-header. Then on Saturday night comes the title battle between the two remaining

Rooting for Jack



Photographed together at Miami Beach, Fla., for the first time since Tex Rickard's death, Mrs. Tex Rickard and her daughter Maxine are strong for Jack Dempsey who volunteered his services to put over the Sharkey-Stribling fight which Tex had started.

Stribling Carries Fighting Hope Of South In Big Bout

Georgian Faces Jack Sharkey At Miami At 10 Tonight. Sharkey Favored.

W. L. (Young) Stribling, veteran boxer despite his youth, tonight carries the fighting hopes of the south into the ring at Miami, where the little young Georgian fights Jack Sharkey, the Boston giant, in a 10-round bout.

South For Strib. Among the sport critics and writers Sharkey, considered one of the outstanding heavyweights living, is favored to win over the young Southerner, but in and around Shelby, as is the case all over the south, the fans can see no winner except the Georgia boy and they are yielding nothing until Sharkey proves otherwise.

Over Radio. Hundreds of radio sets in and about Shelby will be tuned in on the big fight tonight. The broadcasting from Miami starts at 9:30 but the main bout does not open until 10 o'clock. Bill Munday, the Atlanta newspaperman, who broadcast a portion of the Tech-California grid game last fall, will share in the announcing.

County Historical Society To Be Formed

On March 29, there will be a called meeting of all parties interested in the formation of the Cleveland Historical association, according to Prof. W. E. White, county historian. The purpose of the association is to collect the most interesting history pertaining to the county and preserve it for the state historical society.

Mr. White has set March 29 as the date for this meeting because court week will be on and asks all who are interested to meet here at that time.

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The flat rate admission to the games will be 25 cents—a cheap price for a double-header—instead of 15 cents as erroneously announced in Monday's Star.

Using Home Of Mystery Death As Show Place

Will Charge Exhibition Tax Of Renter Of King Home At Sharon.

York, Feb. 26.—Evidently the town of Sharon as a town also wants to cash in on the morbidly curious who desire to see the King mystery house.

Mayor W. S. Gibson and Councilman O. M. Spurling have notified G. E. McGuckin, who has rented the house where Fay Wilson King was found dead, to come to the town clerk's office and pay an exhibition license.

McGuckin says he isn't exhibiting a thing.

He came here today to consult Hart and Moss, prominent lawyers, to obtain their services in fighting the effort of the town fathers to charge him a license.

He understood the mayor wanted to charge him exhibition license of two hundred dollars per day and to close up altogether his rented house on Sundays.

McGuckin said the mayor was among those who passed along Sharon street in front of the King residence Sunday but that the mayor did not come on his premises and pay him two bits for coming which he would have charged.

Counsel In Case To Fight Change In Venue For King

York Attorney Says Shelby Man Can Get Fair Trial There. Other Counties Read.

York.—"As I see it now we will strenuously oppose any effort that may be made to obtain change of venue for Rafe King," said John Alexander Marion, of state's counsel, commenting on statements attributed to counsel for King to the effect that their client could not obtain fair trial in York county because of newspaper stories published concerning the mysterious death of Fay King, with whose murder her husband is charged.

"The accused can get a fair trial before a York county jury, I feel sure," said Mr. Marion. "Furthermore, intelligent people of Lancaster, Chester and Fairfield counties also read newspapers and I am certain that jurors in those counties, like jurors in York county, return verdicts upon law and evidence they hear in court, and their opinions previously formed by press accounts should not bias their verdicts."

Shelby Autoists Race Crack Train Across Southland

Here's a story about a race from Shelby to New Orleans, between an automobile and the Crescent Limited, the crack flyer of the South.

Two young men, Dwight Houser and Claude Hoke Thompson, left Shelby a certain Thursday afternoon. The hour of departure was about three o'clock.

The next morning Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Thompson, parents of Claude Hoke, left Shelby for the Gulf city on the Crescent Limited. When Mr. and Mrs. Thompson reached New Orleans they found the boys already there, and quite comfortable after a rest from their strenuous trip.

The auto party got to the city Friday night, and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Saturday morning. In other words, the boys traveled about as fast as the train, reaching their destination about as much ahead of it as the elapsed time between the two parties leaving Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson spent a week in New Orleans, enjoying the Mardi Gras, and later went to Texas and Oklahoma. They were absent something over two weeks.

No Word Received From Monazite Group

No information as to the success of their congressional appeal has been received here as yet from the delegation which left Sunday for Washington to ask the ways and means committee to place a duty on foreign monazite so that the mineral might be mined here again profitably. Those in the delegation were H. Clay Cox, of Shelby, W. H. Alexander, of Gaffney, and Fred Hamrick, of Rutherfordton.

Since the delegation left the state mining engineer at Raleigh has announced that a monazite tariff would do this section very little good as most of the monazite now used in this country comes from Florida and not from Brazil.

Search For Men Who Cracked Safe Here Is Fruitless So Far

Cotton Winner To Be Announced Soon

The winner of The Star's cotton guessing contest will be announced this time next month, as the final guessing report for the season of 1928 will be announced in March. Several months back The Star offered a cash prize to the citizen of the county guessing nearest the total cotton production in the county's biggest production year.

Those who guessed below 51,000 bales should hold no hope of being the winner.

Jackson County To Inspect Church

Twenty-Five Pastors And Workers Coming To Cleveland To Inspect Churches.

(Special To The Star.) Sylva, Feb. 24.—On Saturday March 9, a delegation of more than twenty Baptist pastors and Sunday-school superintendents and workers of the Tuckasegee Baptist association in Jackson county will leave for a short tour in Cleveland county, observing churches and Sunday schools.

Leaving Sylva Saturday morning, the party will drive to Kings Mountain in Shelby. While in Shelby they will look over the new Sunday school plant recently erected under the leadership of that princely pastor, Dr. Zeno Wall. This is one of the most modern working plants in North Carolina and would be a credit to any city many times the size of Shelby.

A visit will then be made to Double Springs, a country church six miles west of Shelby, where a real country supper will be served in the basement of the church. There they will observe them in their "Weekly Teachers' Meeting" from 6:30 to 7:45, then drive to Bolling Springs junior college and attend the annual debate given by one of the literary societies.

The visitors will be entertained Saturday night in the homes of the Double Springs people and on Sunday morning will observe them in Sunday school and attend an Associational Sunday School convention in the afternoon which has been scheduled for that church at two o'clock. After this meeting the visitors will again turn their faces back toward the beautiful Balsams of Jackson county.

The Baptists of Cleveland county are looking forward with a peculiar interest to the opportunity of having this band of co-workers as their guests and will do all within their power to make the visit pleasant.

Sunday School Field Worker, A. V. Washburn, who is planning this tour is of the opinion that Sunday school workers might profit as well as farmers and school teachers, by visiting and observing others more.

A. V. WASHBURN, District Field Worker.

Counterfeit Silver Scattered Now In Shelby, Report Says

Mr. C. H. Reinhardt, South Shelby by merchant, informed The Star today that it would be well for local merchants and business men to be on the alert for counterfeit money, as such is being scattered now in Shelby.

Saturday of last week and this week Mr. Reinhardt says counterfeit silver was passed at his and other stores. Counterfeit coins detected so far are 50-cent pieces and nickels.

Recitation Contest Is On Here Friday

County High School Girls Compete For Annual Honor For Reciting.

The Selma Webb Recitation contest for high school girls of Cleveland county will be held in the Central school auditorium here Friday night of this week.

Just how many girls for the various high schools of the county will enter has not been announced. The contest ranks in popularity and age with that of the Hoey oratorical contest, which was held last week. Essays for the Selma Webb essay contest must be in by Friday night of this week, so that they may be turned over to the judges.

One Man Hearing Officers Suspect Him Presents Well-Checked Alibi

Local officers and special detectives employed in the matter have as yet failed to discover a single definite clue as to the identity of the person, or persons, who cracked two safes in Shelby business houses last Friday night and got away with more than \$500 in cash and papers valued at around \$1,000 or more to the owners.

Early in the week officers hinted that they had some strong suspicions, but so far no arrests have been made as has been erroneously reported about the town.

Tells Of Time. One man, it was stated at the city hall today, who heard that officers might be suspicious about his whereabouts on the night of the robberies, came into the office of Mayor Dorsey yesterday and explained in seemingly perfect style where he had been every hour since early Friday until Monday morning. During the period he had been in three cities in the state and his alibi checked as to hotel rooms and homes where he stopped, it was stated.

Special Officer. A report today was that a special detective, employed by the robbed firms, McKnight wholesale grocery and the Ideal-ice company, is now working upon the case and has already expressed his opinion that the work was that of experienced professionals.

Due to the fact that gloves were worn in the safe drilling no fingerprint clues were left.

Farmers To Plant Thousand Acres Pedigreed Seed

Coke Pedigreed Seed Company Contract With Local Farmers For Strain No. 2.

A contract was signed here yesterday with Cleveland county farmers to plant 1,000 acres of new Cleveland Five Strain No. 2 seed for the Coke Pedigreed Seed company of Hartsville, S. C. Seed for planting these 1,000 acres will be shipped into the county at an early date to be ready for the planting season. When the cotton is harvested, the staple will be ginned on a private gin in order to keep the seed pure and unadulterated for re-sale throughout the cotton belt.

During the periods of planting, cultivating and harvesting, experts from the Coke Pedigreed Seed company will be here to supervise the work. Those who signed the contract to plant these seeds are Blanton Brothers, Coleman and Rhyne Doggett, Clyde and Coy McSwain, R. P. Weathers, Wynn Jones and C. S. Young, landlords who own property east of Shelby on or next Highway No. 20.

Messrs. Hokin and Olyburn, representatives of the Coke Pedigreed Seed company who were here this week from Hartsville to close the contract, say that a variety test will also be conducted on the Blanton Bros. farm along Highway No. 20 west, the purpose of which is to determine the best varieties of seed for this soil and climate. These tests will be properly placarded in order that the public may study the cotton during its growth and maturity.

Marriage Business Active At Gaffney

The following couples from this section secured marriage license last week at Gaffney, South Carolina: James Cromer and Lois Tessenar, both of Lattimore; H. C. Carpenter and Gladys Masters, both of Shelby; Robert Palmer McCurry, of Cherryville, and Maude Rippey, of Shelby; Fred White of Shelby, and Daisy Shepherd, of El-lenboro.

Approve Park Bill At Kings Mountain

Washington.—The Bulwinkle bill to establish a national park to commemorate the battle of Kings in South Carolina was passed by the house Monday and sent to the senate.

The measure would authorize \$225,000 for acquiring lands, placing markers, making surveys and repairing roads in the proposed park.