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Fair Saturday.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight. Saturday fair with slowly rising temperature in west portion.

Nerve Of "Lindberghs."

Although he was slightly injured and his fiancée shaken up by an airplane landing mishap Wednesday, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Miss Anne Morrow made three short flights yesterday at Mexico City, piloting his own plane although one arm was in a sling.

Curious People Still 'Gawking' Rafe King House

People Of Sharon Divided On Question Of Charging McGuckin License Fee.

Sharon, S. C. Feb. 28.—Sharon people who just like people every where divide on questions of religion, groceries, politics and what not, are now divided on the question of whether or not the town council should seek to charge C. E. McGuckin, a license for showing the King mystery house to the curious who come from far and near to see it.

Sharon people, some of them at least, say they like not the idea of people coming to see the house where Faye King died. Instead of going there on Sundays they argue they should attend Woodlawn church across the street, or Sharon A. R. P. church or Sharon Methodist church. The idea of charging McGuckin a license say the city fathers and some of the people, is to make it so high as to be prohibitive and in that way the curious will be stopped from coming on the premises.

Others say that McGuckin, a bright fellow seeing a chance to make a few dollars out of the curious and having no other work for the time, rented the house and that keep him engaged all the while at people jealous of his business acumen want to take part of the profits away from him.

Idea Appalling.

But to some people at Sharon the idea of any person or persons cashing in on the King house is simply appalling. Then too, the newspaper publicity that a good town is getting in connection with the King case is simply abhorrent to the sensitive minds of some of the citizenry. On the other hand the more level-headed and unbiased are not inclined to "bawl out" the newspapers, taking the position that pretty nearly every thing they learn, they learn from the newspapers.

There are those who take the position as Sheriff Quinn takes, that it is well to have the King house protected against possible incendiaries or careless blaze and that the owner of the property should be protected from the depredations of souvenir hunters.

Members of the town council deny the suggestions of others that they want the town to profit from the visitors to the King house who can't be stopped from coming to town by any law so far devised by man. All they want to do is to try to stop their coming. Not for a moment of course would they begrudge Resident McGuckin of the few quarters the public pays him. Of course the fathers admit that if Mr. McGuckin should pay a dollar license or \$200 license or any other license they should fix, why then the town's exchequer would be profiting just that much in cold cash.

Not Liable For License.

But McGuckin's attorneys, whom he has consulted about the matter, declare that he is not liable for a single penny license. Neither is he liable, they contend, for a single penny of state tax even though his receipts should amount to as much as did the receipts from the Sharkey-Stribling prize fight in Miami last night. Their contention is that he is showing nothing; that he has neither added to nor taken any thing from the King house; that he paid the owner the rent; that the property is now his so far as the law is concerned and that is all there is to that.

Smyrniotis Sum To His Aged Parents

Remainder Of George's Estate Goes To Man Who Backed Him.

With the exception of \$500 which he willed to his aged parents at Georgetown, Sparta, Greece, the estate of the late George Smyrniotis, popular Greek citizen of Shelby at the time of his death, was left to Mr. Enos L. Beam, who was George's financial backer in his soda rendezvous and other adventures as well as a close personal friend.

The will was probated at the court here yesterday.

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Doors Of Shelby's New Hotel Charles Open Today

Slash Police Salaries

\$250 Monthly Cut Is Made

Shuffle In Police And Fire Department Slashes Expenses There.

Beginning this morning, March 1, the police and fire departments of Shelby, are operating at a cost of \$250 less than they operated last month, it is announced by Mayor W. N. Dorsey.

Of this expense slash \$155 is salary cuts in the police department, and the remainder, \$95, is a salary slash in the fire department.

Details Of Slash.

When E. B. Roach resigned as fire chief some weeks back he was drawing \$120 per month. Upon his resignation Ted Gordon, superintendent of the electric department, was made fire chief in addition to his other duties with only a \$25 raise in salary per month for handling both jobs. Thus a saving of \$95.

Cops Wages Cut.

Prior to today the salaries of the police department were as follows: Chief Richards - \$175 Patrolman Poston - \$125 Patrolman Cook - \$125 Patrolman Stamey - \$110 Patrolman Sparks - \$110 Patrolman Dixon - \$110 Patrolman Putnam - \$100 A total monthly—\$855.

With the resignation of Chief Richards and the promotion of Patrolman Poston to acting chief the police department salaries monthly beginning today are:

Acting Chief Poston - \$150 5 Patrolmen, each - \$110 A monthly total of \$700.

In announcing the slash in the expense of the two departments Mayor Dorsey stated "And I believe that within a week citizens will agree that we are getting better service for \$700 per month than we did for \$855. From what I hear such is already thought about the fire department."

Schools To Compete Webb Medal Tonight

The following schools will have entrants in the Selma C. Webb recitation contest tonight at the Central high school building at 7:30 o'clock:

Lattimore, Shelby, Belwood, Fallston, Boiling Springs, Piedmont, Kings Mountain, Mooresboro.

A delightful musical program will be rendered by Lattimore, Shelby and Boiling Springs schools and also the high school band.

The essays have been returned and the winners will be announced tonight.

Fifteen Loads Of Trash Moved Each Day During Year

The report of Mr. Sylvanus Gardner, head of the trash department for the city, just filed in the city hall shows that from March 1, 1928, until March 1, 1929, 5,427 loads of trash and seventy broken down and abandoned automobile were removed from the streets, residential and business sections of Shelby.

This is an average of about 15 loads of trash daily, including Sunday, for the entire year.

SAFE CRACKERS AND HORNBUCKLE MISSING

Local officers as yet have no information whatsoever as to the whereabouts of "Kid" Hornbuckle, wanted here for fatally injuring George Scruggs, nor has there been any new developments in the double safe-blowing here last Friday night that would tend to give a clue as to the robbers.

Southern Tournament.

The annual Southern conference basketball tournament started in Atlanta, Ga., this afternoon. The games tonight will be broadcast tonight by radio station WSB. The university meets Mississippi tonight at 8 o'clock Atlanta time.

A Bad Rabbit Foot.

Belleair, Fla.—A rabbit's foot has poisoned Hugh Halsell of Dallas who has been National senior golf champion. He found a dead rabbit on the links. When he was severing a foot the bone cut his left hand.

Boiling Springs Student's Brother, 3 Children Drown

Frances McWhorter's Brother And His Children Die In Georgia Florida.

Miss Frances McWhorter, a student at Boiling Springs junior college, this county, was notified by telegraph yesterday that her brother, prominent attorney of Lincoln, Georgia, and his three children were drowned Wednesday or Wednesday night in a flooded stream near Lincoln, which was caused by heavy rains.

Miss McWhorter, according to information, left for her home immediately after receiving the message, and as telephones lines are out of order between Shelby and Boiling Springs it was not possible for The Star to get full details today, although it is not likely that many details were given in the Western Union message to her.

Newspaper Story.

The morning newspapers today, however, had a dispatch from Atlanta, which read as follows:

Atlanta, Feb. 28.—Near Lincoln, Ga., the flood waters today gave up the bodies of six persons who were drowned when they drove into the surging waters of Cherokee creek after falling to note that a highway bridge had been washed away. Fred A. McWhorter, prominent attorney and a state representative-elect and his three small children were taken from the stream this morning, along with the bodies of Ben F. Foreman, of Allendale, S. C., and James Elbert Barrett, 37, of Hazella, Ga., all of whom drove their cars into the flood.

Baseball Practice Starts Soon Here

Morris Will Have High Candidates Out Working For Team Soon.

With the calendar turned to March and baseball in the air Coach Casey Morris plans to start baseball practice at the Shelby high school soon. The practice sessions may open next week with the county basketball tournament this week closing the cage season.

Although one or two players who were counted upon as strong units in this year's team have left school, the outlook is not so pessimistic at Shelby high with quite a number of last year's veterans to build the team around, and among the young fellows coming up the Shelby coach thinks he has several good prospects.

He will likely be assisted in his training of the baseball squad by Mr. Hatley, member of the school faculty and former university star, and by Tilden Falls, assistant football and baseball coach.

Holding Youth For Federal Court On Car Larceny Count

Hubert Williams, 22-year-old Greensboro boy, arrested recently at Kings Mountain on the charge of stealing a Birmingham, Alabama, automobile, will be held in jail here for federal court, which convenes March 18, according to Sheriff H. A. Logan.

The youth was arrested at Kings Mountain some days back and readily admitted, it is said, that he stole the car in Birmingham so that he might visit his mother who was ill in Greensboro.

Bus Knocked Out By Colored Driver

Weight and size does not assure victory always—and especially is it no iron-clad rule when a colored man decides his "kyar" can butt with any of them.

Wednesday night about 9:30 Randall Terrell, colored farm hand, found his Buick touring car and one of the big Asheville-Charlotte buses locking horns on highway 20 just west of Shelby. Both the car and bus were badly damaged but neither driver nor the passenger in the bus were injured. Terrell, arrested by Acting Police Chief McBride Poston, will be given a hearing Tuesday on the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Marriages On Increase Here, Still Off Some

Local Marrying Magistrate Gets More Work From The Coroner's Job.

A few more Cleveland county couples secured their marriage license at home during February than in several months preceding. Which is to say that all of seven couples secured license at the court house here in February.

In January only four couples secured license in the county due to the fact that about three out of every four couples marrying in this county go to South Carolina for the ceremony.

Just a few years back, before the marriage restrictions were slapped on, in this state, the couples securing marriage license here averaged from 10 to 15 each month. Nowadays seven couples in a month is near a record, while approximately seven Cleveland couples wed each fortnight at Gaffney.

Truth Telling.

Anyway, there was an odd angle the February marriages. Four of the seven couples married during the month secured their license on February 23rd, which you recall was the day following George Washington's birthday. An indication of some kind, presumably, that there was some George Washington truth telling on the night of the first president's birth anniversary.

Business Dudd.

With less and less county couples getting married at home each month, Squire T. C. Eskridge, Shelby's "marrying magistrate," is of the opinion that he no longer earns the matrimonial title. In fact, Squire Eskridge, who is also county coroner, admits that in the last year or so he is called out on an inquest almost as often as he is to perform a wedding ceremony.

Where They Go.

Meantime, down in Gaffney, S. C., where Squire Eskridge's neighbor marrying magistrate, Probate Judge Lake Stroup lives, the marriage business is on the upgrade. In recent years, according to a feature story this week, Judge Stroup has married 3,785 couples—and of that number, Cleveland county people contend, at least 1,000 must have been from this county.

March 4 Weather Unknown Quantity

Weather Man Refuses To Forecast What Inauguration Day Will Bring Forth.

Washington—If the thousands who expect to see Herbert Hoover inaugurated president of the United States wish to know what the weather is going to be will have only the family almanac to depend upon, the weather bureau refused to forecast or broadcast on the subject.

When the day comes for the regular forecast for March 4 the weather bureau expects to make it, but not before.

Officials said the bureau over a period of ten years had been 89 per cent correct but that the public would forget that record in case of a mistake on March 4. No such chance is going to be taken because March weather is proverbially fickle.

Even though it rains, sleet and snows, Mr. Hoover and his party will be comfortable while reviewing the parade.

Rains Not Worrying Farmers Here Much

Some However Think Late Spring May Slow Them Up In Their Farm Work.

Generally speaking Cleveland county farmers have not been worried to a great extent by the continued rains of recent weeks. It is pointed out that the annual spring plowing has often been postponed later than it seems as if it will be this spring, but, of course, a continued season of rainy weather might prove damaging.

Some farmers, however, are of the opinion that the continued rains of January and February have already hurt in that the ground would not get dry after one rain until another fell thus preventing any work at all.



View Of Shelby's New Hotel Charles

Drive Against Disreputable Women In Shelby Meeting With Good Results Now

Basketball Race Narrows To Four Quints In County

Shelby, Lattimore, Polkville And Grover Tonight. Title Saturday.

Tomorrow, Saturday night, two Cleveland county high school basketball quints will meet in the tin can gymnasium here to clash for the county title and the Rotary championship trophy given annually by the Shelby Rotary club.

As the county tournament stands now one of four teams will be the new title holder. The four quints are: Lattimore, Polkville, Shelby, and Grover.

Big Games Tonight.

The last double-headers of the three-day tournament are on tonight in the tin can. Shelby and Lattimore, considered the strongest quints in the tourney, face each other in the first game tonight at 7:45. Immediately following the Shelby-Lattimore game Polkville and Grover will face each other. Then Saturday night the winner of the Lattimore-Shelby game will meet the winner of the Polkville-Grover game.

In the first games of the tournament Wednesday night Shelby eliminated Fallston, and Lattimore eliminated Casar. Thursday night the Polkville quint, showing the class of the tournament, eliminated Belwood, and the Grover five eliminated the Piedmont team.

Polkville Strong.

Early in the tournament the title was considered between Lattimore and Shelby, but due to the drawing for playing schedules it is such that Lattimore and Shelby will play each other tonight in the semifinals, meaning that only one of the two teams picked by the dopesters can possibly go into the finals. Meantime the surprising play of the Polkville outfit, the dark horse flash of the tournament, has the fans guessing.

Wears His Insignia.

Acting Police Chief McBride Poston today donned his insignia as chief and took active charge of the city police force. Chief Poston has been on the local force for many years and is a highly respected officer.

Girl Wears Monocle.

Berlin.—Frau Eva Fuerstner, adopted daughter of Count Frankenberg and heiress to a fortune made in music publishing, is starting society by her monocle. It is framed with a solid circle of diamonds. The cord varies in color to match her gown.

Odd Person Dies.

Cosham, England.—Mrs. Jane Rebecca Whall, who wore seven wedding rings around her neck with her latchkey, is dead at 81. Her seventh marriage was six years ago.

Threat Against Landlords Cleans Out At Least A Dozen In One Week.

The drive to rid Shelby of disreputable women, which began last week with cooperative publicity through The Star, has already met with gratifying results, it was announced at the city hall today by Mayor Dorsey.

The estimate today was that at least one dozen women and girls of suspicious character had left the city within one week, and the drive has only begun, officers declare.

Newspaper announcement was made that according to law landlords and owners of rental homes could be prosecuted for housing or renting to women known to be of a questionable character. Immediately after the drive began landlords in whose homes are apartments such people were living were notified by officers that unless the landlords cleaned house, the law would.

Yesterday morning and today officers made a tour of the homes, or houses notified, and the report was that several of the houses were vacated, while in others the owners had closed their doors on roomers who had been staying there. In one instance a family moved on the eve of the day notified, while in another case the roomers were asked out that night.

"We've just started," the mayor said. "Officials of the law and the law books say we are right. Under the old plan of jailing women convicted of immoral conduct that failed to get them out of town where they could not injure the health and morals of our youth. But if they cannot get homes or rooms to live in, they cannot stay, and we plan to take the person or persons letting out homes or rooms to such people into the court room."

Sheriff Urges Taxpayers To Pay '28 Taxes

Has Already Collected More Than \$350,000 Of County Taxes.

A warning was issued today by Sheriff Hugh Logan that all county taxes for 1928 should be paid before the end of this month, March, when the veteran sheriff leaves office.

"To date we have collected approximately \$351,000 in 1928 taxes. The collectable taxes of Cleveland county run around \$540,000. In other words something like \$200,000 in taxes remain to be paid. "I hope every taxpayer in the county who has not paid will get busy and get in to see me this month," he concluded.

A month from today the new sheriff Irvin M. Allen, now police chief at Kings Mountain, will take office. As yet Sheriff Logan has not announced what he will do other than take it easy for a time and look after his farming interests.

Colored Killer Of Shelby Paroled By Governor Gardner

Plato Bonner, Who Shot Sam Haney Here Nine Years Back, Paroled.

Governor Max Gardner on Wednesday paroled the first prisoner from his county since he has been in office.

The parole went to Plato Bonner, colored, who shot and fatally wounded Sam Haney, also colored, in Shelby nine years ago. Bonner was sentenced at the March term of superior court here in 1920 for murder in the second degree and his minimum sentence was 15 years and ten months with a maximum of 20 years in the state prison.

Officers here recall that Bonner shot Haney near the Ideal ice plant location one night and that Haney ran after being shot and his body was not found until the next day when it was located near a small stream of water in the edge of town.

Whole Time License Bureau Open Today

Opening today at the Eskridge garage is a whole time state, auto license bureau where auto owners can secure license service immediately. Heretofore the bureau has been open only for a few weeks during new license periods, but at the request of many people in this territory, the state department of revenue has seen fit to establish the bureau for year round accommodation of the public.

Rudasill Donates Books To College

The Star's campaign for books for the library of the Boiling Springs junior college continues to meet with steady results. The latest contribution was nine volumes by Mr. E. A. Rudasill, city building inspector.

FOREST CITY LOSER TO CHARLOTTE QUINT

Playing in Gastonia last night the Forest City basketball quint, which eliminated Shelby from the state title race, was defeated and eliminated by the Charlotte highs by a 25-22 score.

Golly! Ghosts Here.

Ardisas, France.—A farmer and his neighbors have fled their homes in terror because nightly they have heard sounds resembling the galloping of horses, heavy bodies falling down stairs and the tolling of bells.

Mrs. S. E. Hoey spent today in Charlotte.

Henry E. Kendall of Danville, Va. has been spending a few days here on business.

Building Has 70 Rooms And Is Fire-Proof

Furnished And Arranged In Manner Not Excelled In State.

Today the New Hotel Charles, a thing of beauty inside and out and a haven of rest and comfort for the traveling public, opens its doors for the first time for guests. The register was placed on the clerk's counter, the guests rooms were made ready and the dining room served its first meal, thus throwing open to the public one of the finest hostleries in North Carolina, a fire-proof structure with 70 guest rooms, elegantly furnished and a dining room with a seating capacity for 250 guests.

Shelby Proud Of It.

It is a proud day for Shelby which has been restricted in its hotel accommodations for a year. It is a day long looked forward to, not only by Shelby but by the travelling public which has suffered many inconveniences since Shelby has been without up-town hotel of proper proportions and conveniences.

Owned By Blanton Estate.

The opening marks the completion of the Blanton estate block of business property, the most valuable in Shelby, rebuilt at a cost of perhaps \$300,000 to the owners, Messrs. C. C. and George Blanton, Forrest Eskridge and Mrs. W. J. Roberts, all of Shelby, and Edgar Blanton, of Asheville. The rebuilding has been under way for eight months by Joe W. Stout and Co., Inc., with R. N. Rouse as superintendent of construction. A few months ago some of the store rooms in the block were finished and the occupants turned in. Now the Hotel Charles is the last unit to be finished and its opening today marks an epoch in Shelby's building program.

Safe, Pretty, Comfortable.

When the block was burned a year ago, the owners debated for sometime whether to rebuild the hotel or not. After careful consideration the Blanton estate concluded to provide a hotel for Shelby largely as a matter of civic pride and faith in Shelby's future, for a modern fireproof hotel now is not regarded as a paying investment.

No expense has been spared in the building or the equipment to make it one of the prettiest, most comfortable and safest to be found in this section of the south. There are larger hotels, but none nicer in all of its appointments than the New Charles.

Banquet Later.

A banquet, dance and formal opening for public inspection will be held in a week or so when the organization is functioning properly. This date will be announced and the occasion will bring many prominent visitors to Shelby.

An entire section of today's Star is devoted to the opening today of the New Hotel Charles and readers are directed to read and preserve pages 13 to 24 inclusive.

Dr. Arnette Joins Faculty Of School At Boiling Springs

Dr. J. M. Arnette of Spring Hill has been added to the faculty of Boiling Springs junior college as head of the Bible department. He began his duties Monday. This will relieve Dr. J. B. Davis, president, of much work.

Boiling Springs will hold its first intercollegiate debate Saturday night, when it meets the Appalachian State normal team. Each affirmative team will debate at home.

State Income Tax Official Is Coming

E. G. Claywell of Morganton, state income tax official will be in Shelby at the court house March 4th, 5th and 6th for the purpose of assisting any who wish his help in making out their income tax returns. Every single person with an income over \$1,000 annually, and every married person with an annual income over \$2,000 is required by law to make a return on business.