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Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warmer Thursday and in central and west portions tonight.

Clears Mystery. The special detective employed in Gaston county's horrible Vanderburg murder case before leaving yesterday for Richmond declared that the murder of the five members of the family was no longer a mystery, but refused to divulge information he possesses until the trial in April.

Jurors Named For Next Term Of Court Here

Superior Court Convened On March 23. Judge Oglesby To Preside.

At their regular monthly meeting this week the county commissioners selected the jurors for the term of superior court which will convene here on Monday, March 25.

Unless some change is made Judge John Oglesby, of Concord, will preside at the term.

First Week Jurors.

Jurors for the first week are: S. L. Elmore, T. Grover Hamrick, V. H. Hamrick, J. H. Green, B. F. Weaver, Charlie Wright, J. F. Byers, H. B. Jones, W. P. Ware, G. C. Page, W. S. Dilling, Robert B. Dixon, Charles P. Weil, D. B. Stroup, W. C. Blanton, J. R. Misener, J. H. Toms, W. A. Broadway, D. L. Houser, S. S. Mauney, E. F. Lybrand, John F. Schenck, Jr., B. B. Cabaniss, Hughie Hampton, S. J. B. Cooper, E. D. Humphries, George M. Gold, J. Foster Elliott, Carl S. Powell, O. V. Grigg, Charles C. Lattimore, E. M. Ivester, Claude Stamey, George Spangler, Julius Newton, Moody Hoyle.

Second Week. A. G. Humphries, C. P. Morehead, S. H. Patterson, W. D. Weaver, Jasper Ware, Horace Champion, A. E. Elliott, J. G. Dudley, Jr., E. B. Jarrette, L. P. Holland, M. P. Jenkins, O. O. Toms, Andy S. Peeler, V. A. Powell, Ernest Elliott, Homer Beam, R. C. White, C. A. Workman.

Allen Resigns As Kings Mountain's Department Chief

Gives Up Office To Become Sheriff. Hedrick Advanced To Chief.

At a meeting of the town board held at Kings Mountain Monday night Irvin M. Allen, high sheriff-elect, resigned as the town's police chief after serving Kings Mountain in that capacity for years.

Policeman C. S. Hedrick, who has been serving on the force under Allen for two years was advanced to the position of chief by the board. The new officer placed on the force as patrolman taking the place of the new chief was Mr. Clay Hicks, of Grover.

Sheriff-elect Allen, who takes the office of sheriff here on April 1, stated yesterday that he planned to move to Shelby about the 20th of this month.

Governor's Ballot Measure By House

Australian Ballot Bill Goes By In Easy Style Back To Senate.

Raleigh, March 5.—Carrying 20 new amendments but none seriously disturbing its contents, the house of representatives tonight passed the Australian ballot bill on second and third readings.

The vote was 94 to 14 on the second reading with a viva voce vote on third reading.

The bill must now go back to the senate for concurrence on the numerous amendments. This is expected no more than a formality.

Morning and night sessions today were consumed in consideration of the bill. Among the amendments carried was one providing for sample ballots with party emblems at the top of the respective lists of nominees. The other amendments adopted were of slight consequence, mostly making technical corrections.

At tonight's session 19 amendments were offered but only five were adopted. The Republicans were at the guns with a horde of new wrinkles for the bill seeking bigger representations for their party. They were clipped off, one by one.

Among the 92 voting for the bill was Representative Odus Mull, of Cleveland county.

County Shows Gain In Farms Over 15 Years

There Were 4,076 Farms In Cleveland In 1925, Surpasses State Average.

From 1910 until 1925 the number of farms in Cleveland county increased 15.8 per cent, which means that in 1925 there were 4,076 farms in the county.

The estimated population of Cleveland county is now around 40,000 people, or 10 people for each farm in the county.

Above Average.

The increase in number of farms in this county is above the average increase over North Carolina during the 15-year period, which was 11.7 per cent. Seventy-seven counties in the state had an increase in farms during the period while 23 suffered losses.

There appear to be two main reasons for this healthy increase of farms says the University News Letter: (1) Good roads which have been built in every county in the state, thus making life on the farm more satisfying, and (2) the ability of the state to grow two great cash crops largely unmolested by the boll weevil or other pests. The boll weevil drove eight thousand farmers out of Georgia and South Carolina between 1920 and 1925. Many of them came to North Carolina where the boll weevil has not hit so hard, and many came also because of the fame of the state in tobacco production. Also the growth of towns and cities, offering the Piedmont farmers especially larger markets for food crops and dairy products, has done much to stimulate and revive agriculture in the western half of the state. With good roads and a large local city consuming public the farmers of the western half of the state are having their first chance to engage in food and feed farming on commercial levels. And gradually they are learning to cash in on their new opportunity.

Two great cash crops, larger local markets for food crops and livestock products, and good highways in every county of the state largely explain why only three states have made larger gains in farms than North Carolina during the years since 1910.

Scout Committees Named; Interest In Movement Now

Shelby Business Men Get Behind Boy Scout Work. Committees Chaired.

A fine spirit prevailed Monday night at a meeting of men to form an organization to back the local Boy Scout troops during the year 1929. The meeting was held in Star office with R. M. Schiele, executive scout master of Gastonia outlining the duties of the various committee chairman. In this county Lee B. Weathers is president and outside of Shelby there are a number of flourishing scout troops with a demand for more to be organized at the consolidated schools and smaller towns.

Andrews Is Head.

Mr. Columbus Andrews, principal of the Shelby high school, was elected chairman; Horace Eason, deputy commissioner; Oliver Anthony, George Blanton and Wm. Lineberger, head of the finance committee; V. C. Mason, publicity; Hugh Arrowood, camping; Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, judge of the court of honor; J. H. Grigg, chairman of training; Tilden Falls, organization; L. P. Holland, church relations; E. E. Scott of civic service; Dr. T. B. Mitchell, health and safety; Henry Mills, reading; Henry Edwards, scoutmaster.

Members At Large.

The following gentlemen were elected members at large: Paul Webb, W. C. Harris, R. T. LeGrand, Dr. Zeno Wall, Dr. H. K. Boyer, Chas. L. Eskridge, D. W. Royster, W. J. Erwin, Gene Schenck, E. T. Switzer, C. R. Webb, Dr. Tom Gold, Thad C. Ford, Durham Moore, J. F. Jenkins, Wm. Lineberger, Geo. Blanton, J. P. Toms, Earl Hamrick, Jack Dover, and Chas. Hoey. These men have shown a willingness to cooperate with the boys in their scout activities and indications that this year will be the most profitable the scouts have had.

Mull Says Battle Over Taxes Between East And Piedmont

East Trying To Shift Heavy Tax Burden On Farms To Industry Of This Section.

"At this legislature and those to be held every two years hence, the great taxation fight will be between the agricultural counties of the east and the manufacturing counties of the Piedmont," declared Representative O. M. Mull who was here over the week-end.

Mr. Mull is chairman of the house finance committee and matters of state finance must come first before his committee for action, therefore he is familiar with the effort to shift the state revenue burden from farm lands and place it on industrial, the majority of which are located in Piedmont Carolina.

Distress In East.

"Many Eastern counties are in an awful fix financially," says Mr. Mull. "One county in particular, Carteret, has assessed property value of thirteen millions, while the bonded indebtedness of the county is six millions—nearly half as much as the tax values. Those folks have good schools, roads and other improvements, but they have gotten so deeply in debt that their tax is burdensome and land owners not able to meet their taxes are allowing their property to be sold. Of course they get themselves in this fix, so they come to the state for relief. They demand state aid for schools and roads. The one cent per gallon on gasoline tax will relieve land of approximately ten cents per \$100—now they want another 25c relief, so those who hold this theory want the tax burden shifted on industries."

The McLean Bill known as the eight months school bill was not a school bill as much as it was a tax bill to relieve the East and place the burden heavier on industries. Fortunately this bill was killed but the Hancock substitute is a compromise which still makes it necessary to over-burden industry."

Mr. Mull says if the gross sales tax of one half of one per cent on textile products had passed, it would have bankrupt many cotton mills in the textile belt. He is willing for land to be relieved, but

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Welfare Work In Need Of Clothing

Mr. J. B. Smith, county welfare officer, states that citizens of Shelby and section could make good use of their discarded clothing and shoes by turning them over to his department as he has many calls for old clothing and shoes.

"To purchase new shoes and clothing for every call of the many I have is quite an expense, and the people do not realize, I know, just how much their discarded clothes would help some of the families we have under supervision," he said in urging that the various clubs of women and others call him at the court house if they have such to contribute.

Stony Point Section Builds Light Line

The Stony Point section of Cleveland county between Shelby and Waco's building an electric light line transmission wires have been strung from Cleveland Springs to Mrs. W. L. Pascreon's home and already the newly formed company has nine patrons. Others will be added later. Mr. Zeb Cline says the company operates under a charter and the corporate name is the Stony Point Light and Power company.

City Bonds Sold For Good Premium

The \$100,000 city of Shelby bond issue was sold here yesterday to Otis and company, of Cleveland, Ohio bidders, at a premium of 5 1/4, or \$12,080. There were 12 bidders. The bonds sold do not represent a new issue but were to take up the short term notes of last fall when the issue was authorized. \$70,000 for sewer work and \$30,000 for electrical work. This year the city pays up \$105,000 bonds, or \$5,000 more than the issue so far.

Negro Shoots Two Near School Here About Noon Today

Dick Jolley Stages Wild Shooting At Colored School. Hits Two.

Dick Jolley, well known colored youth, was jailed by city officers about 1 o'clock today just a short time after he shot Leo Abrams, another young negro man, and Alvin Hutchins, a negro boy. Both were shot in the leg.

The shooting took place near the colored school in the north-eastern section of the city. After being jailed by Policemen Stamey and Sparks and Fireman Carroll, Jolley told Chief Poston that Abrams had threatened him and that he shot at Abrams and didn't know how many times he had hit him, or that he had hit anyone else.

Both negroes had their leg wounds dressed at the hospital and were able to return home.

Early information given officers was that Jolley shot three times, one bullet striking Abrams, another going completely wild, while the third struck Hutchins, a school boy playing about the yard, in the leg. A few minutes after the shooting the two policemen and the fireman traced Jolley to his father's home where they found him in a closet. He gave the officers no trouble and told them the gun, a .38 calibre Spanish shooter, was at the home of his sister nearby, and the officers found it there.

To Start Survey For A Gas Plant

Engineers To Conduct Survey Free Of Cost To City. Is Tax-Free.

The Carolina Engineering firm, of Charlotte, was authorized last night by the city board of Shelby to make a survey of the town to determine the advisability of erecting a municipal gas plant here.

The survey is to be made without cost to the city, according to the contract, and if completed before the end of the present administration must be approved by the board, and if not must be approved by the next administration with no obligations carried over from the present city fathers.

Enough Patrons.

The aldermen declared that even before it could be hoped that the survey would be approved by them that it must be shown that there would be enough subscribers for a gas plant, or enough patrons to assure that the plant, if erected, would be self sustaining as is the city water plant. In other words the survey must show that there will be enough consumers of gas so that the plant may operate tax-free, paying the interest on its own bonds and also the principal involved in the erection of the proposed plant.

Book Donations Are Growing For Boiling Springs

Mrs. J. D. Huggins, chairman of the library committee of Boiling Springs college, informs The Star that in recent days more than 300 books have been contributed to the library by three or four workers and friends of the school.

Eighty-eight books were collected by James C. Jolley from the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Jolley, 43; Mrs. J. R. Matheny and Mr. Clyde Beason, 36; Miss Pearl Simmons, nine.

Felix Hamrick, who had already collected 108 books, secured the following: Mrs. L. W. Hamrick, 14; Miss Stella Whitaker, five; Mrs. L. M. Ritch, 12. Thirty-four books came from Lattimore as follows: J. H. Jones, 16; Miss Jones, six; Miss Maud Morehead, 12. Other contributors include: Alexander church, 14; Dr. R. C. Smith, five; S. E. Atkins, one; L. C. Green, 15.

To Stop Scattering Circulars On Street

In their efforts to keep the business streets of Shelby clear of trash and paper, the city aldermen at their regular meeting last night passed an ordinance which prohibits the scattering of circulars and printed matter upon.

According to the ordinance no circulars or advertising matter larger than three by five inches is to be distributed on the streets, in the lobbies of business houses, or in automobiles. The penalty for violation is \$5.

Waiting for Better Weather



The contemplated attempt to break the world's record for sustained flight in a heavier than air machine by Eddie Stinson, left, and Randolph Page, right, is being held off on account of inclement weather at Bay City, Mich. As soon as conditions are favorable the flight will be made.

Woman's Club Backs Star Plan To Get Local Vets To Reunion

Other Civic Organizations To Aid In Movement. Meeting Is Likely.

The Confederate veterans of Cleveland county, some 40 or 50 in all, may begin preparing to attend the annual reunion of veterans, which will be held in Charlotte in June.

Monday The Star suggested editorially that the civic clubs of Shelby should see that the few remaining "boys in gray" get to the reunion and back. Then early Tuesday morning Mrs. Fred Morgan, president of the Woman's club, called the Star to inform that the woman of Shelby would gladly cooperate in taking the veterans to Charlotte and that she would immediately appoint a committee from the various clubs of Shelby to meet representatives of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs to formulate plans for transporting the veterans.

Cubs To Cooperate.

At the Thursday night meeting of the Kiwanis club it is expected that a committee will be appointed to meet with the representatives of other clubs, and the same is expected at the Rotary luncheon on Friday. Meantime it is understood that Mrs. W. B. Nix, head of the local U. D. C. chapter, will also cooperate.

Never before has there been an opportunity for all the veterans of Cleveland county to attend their reunions and since the reunion this year will be held less than 50 miles away every veteran in the county is anxious to attend, and from interest shown every citizen of the county will be glad to join in the movement to get the old fellows to Charlotte for their big event.

The meeting to arrange details for the transportation will likely be held Saturday or Monday, that is if delegates are named by both the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs.

Couples Marrying At Gaffney Mart

Ivey Whisnant and V. A. Powell made a business trip to Spartanburg, S. C. last week, where they purchased a four Murry gin outfit.

The ground is now being prepared for the erection of the building. Powell having several years experience in ginning, we hope for these two ambitious young farmers much success in their undertaking.

Public May Visit New Hotel On Friday Afternoon--3 To 6

The citizens of Shelby will have the opportunity Friday afternoon of making a visit through and inspecting the city's new Hotel, The Charles, already conceded by the traveling public to be one of the finest small hostleries in the South.

Manager and Mrs. A. Dick Brabbe announced today that a general public inspection would be held the coming Friday afternoon from 3 until 6 o'clock. Those visiting the hotel will be shown through the new establishment and the entire public of the town is urged to visit the hotel during the three-hour inspection. The formal opening banquet and dance will be held Friday night, March 15, and the event is expected to be a red letter one in this section.

Forward Wire Of Protest To Mull, Raleigh

Specific Objections Not Set Out In Telegram. Were Not Consulted.

Mayor W. N. Dorsey and his board of aldermen have entered a formal protest against the bill now in Raleigh proposing certain changes in the charter of Shelby. A telegram carrying their protest was sent to Representative Odus M. Mull last night following the regular monthly meeting of the board.

Reasons Not Given.

Just what objections the aldermen and mayor have against the proposed revision of the charter was not stated in the telegram, and when queried at the city hall Mayor Dorsey merely exhibited a copy of the telegram sent and had very little comment to make, presuming no doubt, that he did not have the right to talk for the entire board.

Semi-Secret Move.

However, it is learned that city officials were not invited to and did not attend the meeting, termed "semi-secret," at which the proposed changes were discussed and the outline of the charter-changing bill made. Insofar as could be learned just after noon today, the present municipal board did not hear of the meeting which considered the charter revision until after it was over and the proposed bill published in The Star Monday.

Whether or not the board has objections to any particular feature in the bill was not stated. Information of the protest first came to The Star in a wire from Raleigh today.

The wire to Raleigh read as follows: "We desire to enter our protest against any change in our town charter, except substitution of word 'city' instead of word 'town.'"

W. N. DORSEY, Mayor. JOHN SCHENCK, JR. A. V. HAMBRICK. J. F. LEEDFORD. R. L. HENDERSON, Aldermen.

Citizens Object To Salary Portion Of Charter Measure

Many Think Likelihood Of \$4,900 For Mayor And Manager Too Much.

The legislative bill now in Raleigh for proposed changes in the Shelby city charter seems to be meeting with general approval among local citizens since its publication in Monday's Star with one exception, and that is the portion of the proposed change dealing with salaries of mayor and manager.

One paragraph of the bill provides that wherein the mayor wishes to give his full time as manager that his salary may be as deemed advisable, \$250 per month, and same paragraph also declares that the mayor shall not receive over \$100 per month if he is not willing to devote his full time to city affairs.

May Be Jockey?

However, the following paragraph of the bill says that when the duly elected mayor does not act as full time manager that he shall give the city board due notice and they may employ a city manager; at a salary not to exceed \$250 per month.

With the two paragraphs as worded it is pointed out by several citizens that a case might develop wherein the mayor could not serve full time but would attend the regular board meetings and thereby draw his \$100 per month while the board in the meantime might employ a town manager at \$250 per month.

Such a situation might never arise it is pointed out but according to the wording of the bill there is nothing about the proposed change in charter that would prevent a \$350 combined salary for two men if such were to come up. \$250 Enough.

Those discussing the matter say that they believe a full time mayor or city manager should have a salary of \$2,400 or \$3,000 per year, but that it is dangerous to leave an opening whereby the office might be divided with a salary to one man of \$100 and a salary to a second man of \$250.

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