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Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Cloudy tonight and Saturday, with showers and probably local thunderstorms. Little change in temperature.

Shelby Wins First Contest Of Season From Belmont Team

Gold, Harrelson And Lee Lead Hitting. Team Looks Good At Start.

The Shelby highs yesterday won their first game of the baseball season by defeating the strong Belmont Abbey prep school team at the Abbey stadium by a 5 to 3 score.

Unless the weather prevents the highs are scheduled to play the fast Cherryville team at the city park here today for their second game of the year.

Although in action for the first time since last year the Shelby youths played in mid season form as evidenced by the low score and by the fact that only three errors were made by the locals.

Gold, last year's captain playing at third, and Harrelson, the new first-sacker, led the hitting with two safeties each, while Cline Owens Lee, Shelby shortstop, was the only local to secure an extra base blow, cracking out a double in the seventh inning.

However, other than general teamwork the highlight of the Shelby play centered about the work of two pitchers, "Mud" Poston, veteran moundman of last year, worked for the first seven frames, and then Hamrick, a newcomer, was brought in from outfield and held the Abbey team hitless for three in succession in the eighth.

The Shelby scores came from eight well time hits, while Belmont touch Poston for seven hits in making their three runs.

The opening Shelby line-up was: Bridges, 2b; Farris, c; Lee, ss; Gold, 3b; Hamrick, 1f; Harrelson, 1b; Bumgardner, rf; Hullock, cf; Poston, p.

Mr. Jason Hawkins Of Union Is Dead

Mr. Jason Hawkins, well known farmer of the Union community, succumbed to a stroke of paralysis at the home of his son, George Hawkins at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening of this week. He suffered a stroke the day before his death, at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 12 days.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, services conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn, pastor of the Union Baptist church where the interment took place. A large crowd was present to pay a tribute of respect to his memory.

Surviving are four children, John and George Hawkins, Mrs. Joe Hoppis and Mrs. Frank Walker, twenty-two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Byrd New Manager Acorn Store Here

Formal announcement is made of the resignation of Mr. W. D. Allen, manager of the Acorn store of Shelby, Mr. F. C. Byrd, former manager of the Lexington (North Carolina) store is now in charge.

Mr. Allen told The Star that he hopes to remain in Shelby permanently as he likes the city.

It is understood that Mr. M. L. Horn, one of the field managers of the Acorn chain, who has been making headquarters here, will not return to the city.

"STOP THAT Pesky Ad"

"They're worrying me to death asking about that job," declared Mrs. Alice Boland, Piedmont cafe proprietor, after running a "penny column" advertisement in The Star for a waitress.

Star "Want Ads" will turn the trick for you if possible.

In the paper Wednesday was an "ad" for a room. The clerical force at The Star came to work at 8 o'clock Thursday morning—between 8 and 9 o'clock, just one hour, there were eight telephone calls and one personal call at the office about the room advertisement.

Try a Star "Want Ad"—Phone No. 11 or 4-J.

County Smashes Cotton Production Record To Lead The State

Mad Cat Terrorizes Zion Section, Bites 5 Children And Cats

Test Shows Cat Had Hydrophobia. Children Take Rabies Treatment.

A rabies-infected cat, which has bitten five children and innumerable other cats, has created a general hydrophobia terror in the Zion community in upper Cleveland, and felines in that section are being killed in wholesale quantities.

This was learned here today when Dr. E. B. Lattimore began giving the rabies treatment to several children of that section, following a wire to the physician Thursday from Raleigh stating that the head of the cat sent there Tuesday showed that it had hydrophobia.

Children Bit.

The children bit or scratched by the cat and starting upon the treatment today are Hoyle Gold, 10-year-old son of George Gold; a daughter and son of Malcolm Putnam, said to be about two and four years of age; the small daughter of Elzie Wiggins, and the two-year-old son of Joe Spangler.

The cat, according to reports here, belonged to Malcolm Putnam and started upon its mad rampage Tuesday. It is the opinion of those in the section that the cat was infected with rabies by the mad dog which passed through that section about two weeks ago and bit the children of Clyde Gold and Grady Metcalf, the children having since taken the rabies treatment.

Jumped On Children.

First supposition that the cat was mad came when the cat, a strange one, appeared at the George Gold home and jumped upon the small Gold boy. As cats usually run from strangers it was presumed that the feline was mad when it attacked the small boy in such a ferocious manner. A short time later Mr. Gold shot the cat and had the head sent to Raleigh.

In the other instances it is said that the cat sprung upon children and other cats, biting and scratching madly at them. Just how many other cats were infected by the mad cat is not known, but since it was learned that the cat was mad a big percentage of all the cats in the section have been slain, it is reported today.

The Gold child and the Metcalf child which have been taking the rabies treatment for a couple of weeks, since the mad dog was in the section, have been getting along nicely it is understood.

Double Funeral Is Held In Rutherford

Rutherfordton.—A most unusual incident took place at High Shoal Baptist church, near Henrietta, when two people, who were not related, were buried at the same time.

Both bodies lay in front of the pulpit in separate caskets at the same time. Both funeral processions went together to the church and one set of ministers preached one, "funeral sermon" for both deceased.

Miss Pauline Green age 21, who died of pellagra and E. D. Kuykendall, age 48, who died of heart dropsy, were the deceased. Revs. W. M. Reid and H. Shelton, both of Henrietta and Henry Clay Sisk, of Shelby were in charge of the double funeral.

Both belonged to the same church. Freewill Methodists of Henrietta and both lived in the same town, Henrietta, near each other.

Banking History Of Shelby Is Related

The history of Shelby banking institutions, from 1869 when J. Jenkins & company, bankers, opened for business in Shelby until the present day was recounted in an address today before the Shelby Rotary club at the Hotel Charles by Mr. Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the First National bank, which grew out of the town's first banking firm. Guests of the club in addition to Mr. Eskridge were Messrs. Chas. C. and George Blanton, president and vice-president of the First National.

Home Burned In Double Springs Section Thursday

Residence Of J. L. Green Completely Destroyed By Morning Blaze.

The residence of Mr. J. L. Green, in the Double Springs community was destroyed by fire about 8:30 Thursday morning. Although the home was enveloped in flames before the family became aware of it, a big part of the household furniture was saved.

The fire, it is thought, originated from an oil stove in the kitchen. Mr. Green was sitting in one room of the house reading a paper when a passer-by noticed the blaze and alarmed the household, but the flames had too much headway to be extinguished.

Mr. Green is the father of Mr. Fred Green, mail carrier on Route five out of Shelby.

Baby Day Program Planned Here Now

Shelby Merchant To Give Prizes To Lucky Babies In Contest.

A baby day booster program, sponsored by the Shelby U. D. C. chapter, is being planned for next week as a climax to a lucky baby contest in which numerous prizes are to be awarded Shelby babies by the merchants of the city.

In an early issue of The Star will appear the names of babies winning prizes to be given by Shelby merchants to the lucky babies along with the list of merchants contributing and their prizes. The baby day program is scheduled to be held one day next week in the Woman's club room at which time a local physician and members of the club will make talks on caring for the health of babies and other matters pertaining to the welfare of the youngsters.

The program together with the prize contest for the babies of Shelby are being arranged by Misses Gay Longino and Louise Mayson, of Mississippi.

Spelling Contest For City Schools Being Planned Now

Elementary Students Contest Next Month For Annual Prize.

The rules and regulations for the annual spelling contest in the elementary schools of Shelby were announced today by Supt. I. C. Griffin.

The contest is to be held Friday, April 26, in the Marion school building. Each elementary school will be represented by a team of three spellers from each grade, the second grade to the seventh inclusive. The spelling book to be used is Arnold's "Master of Words" in the preliminary contest, while a committee will select the list of words for the main contest. The words will be dictated and the contest will be written with the words not being pronounced but two times. Erasures will not be permitted, the regulations say, and the judging will be by a committee of three disinterested teachers.

The school winning the contest will receive the Lee B. Weathers loving cup.

McSwain Mentioned For Commission Job

Capt. Peyton McSwain, Shelby attorney, was mentioned by Tom Bost, Raleigh correspondent, in The Greensboro News yesterday as a likely member of the workmen's compensation act commission to be appointed by Governor Gardner. Others mentioned for the commission included M. L. Shipman, former commissioner of labor and printing; Lee F. Alford, Raleigh; J. W. Rideoutte, Salisbury; T. A. Wilson, head of the labor federation; and Capt. W. F. Moody, of the state treasurer's office.

Tax Here Will Be Cut 25 Cents Mull Believes

New Legislation Should Cut Road Tax 10 Cents, School Tax 15 Cents.

"Real estate in Cleveland county should be relieved to the extent of 25c on the \$100 valuation this year, as a result of the re-arrangement of the state's financing plan," declared Representative O. M. Mull last night when he spoke before the Kiwanis club at Cleveland Springs, giving a brief resume of the activities of the general assembly. Mr. Mull as chairman of the finance committee, wielded a wonderful influence in the house.

"The gas tax will permit a ten cent reduction in the road taxes of the various townships and the increased equalization school fund will permit a reduction of 15 cents on the various school taxes," declared Mr. Mull.

\$35,000 Road Money. By increasing the state tax on gasoline from 4 to 5 cents, Cleveland county will receive approximately \$35,000 a year and if the county adopts a county system of roads rather than a township system which we now have, we can levy a 12c county wide road tax instead of the various road taxes we now have, then with the state aid, we should have more money for roads this year than heretofore," added Mr. Mull.

Take Over County Roads. As previously reported in The Star, Mr. Mull influenced the state highway commission to adopt the Shelby-Polkville-Cassar road as a state highway. In this road, which has an outlet in No. 18 near Belmont, 33 miles of Cleveland county road are added to the state system, thus relieving the county of its maintenance.

Mr. Mull is now working for a hard surface for No. 18 south of Shelby to the South Carolina line and is practically assured that its construction will be carried out.

At the beginning of the Morrison administration, a change in state financing was made. Up to that time the state was levying 28c on land all over the state. In the shift, counties and towns and districts were permitted to tax lands, while the state got its revenue from income, franchise tax, etc.

When the state abandoned its ad valorem tax on real estate, some of the counties of the east went on a spending orgy, issuing millions in bonds. As a result, county taxes shot up and in some of the eastern counties, one fourth of the farm lands have been sold under foreclosure. Therefore, legislators from the purely agricultural districts went to the legislature fighting for "farm relief." To get this relief, it was necessary to shift the burden

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Mr. Will Hartgrove Passes At Hamlet

Mr. Will Hartgrove, former Shelby citizen, died yesterday at his home in Hamlet, according to information conveyed in a telegram received here by his brother, Rural Mail Carrier Walter Hartgrove and his sister, Mrs. Hudson Hamrick, N. Washington street. Mr. Hartgrove was about 42 years of age and was born in Shelby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hartgrove, now deceased. Funeral arrangements could not be learned. Deceased was in the employ of the postal department.

Heart Finally Falls.

It was the sudden collapse of his heart after several days of improvement that brought death to the intrepid warrior.

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Pick Your Own Fun! Which Is Best: "Gus And Gussie" Or "Just Kids"? You Say

Are the readers of The Star willing to swap "Gus and Gussie," the comic now published in The Star for "Just Kids," Carter's popular cartoon.

Today The Star is running both "Gus and Gussie" and "Just Kids." At the end of the week the comic strip preferred by readers will be published regularly and the other discontinued.

Watch the two comics for several days and then let The Star know your preference by mail, telephone, or a personal call at the office. Check your preference and mail it in: "Gus and Gussie" "Just Kids"

Foch Is Dead!



Marshal Foch, leader of the allied armies in the World War, is dead after a lingering illness.

Marshal Foch, Allied Leader, Dies In France

Commander-in-Chief Of Greatest Armies Ever Assembled Loses Life's Battle.

Paris, March 20.—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, famous generalissimo who led the allied armies to victory in the World War, died at his home today after a lengthy illness. He was 77 years old.

He died at 5:50 p. m. (12:50 p. m. Eastern Standard Time).

Although it had long been apparent that the great general was fighting his "last campaign," his warrior heart would not give in and day after day he fought off the inevitable end with grim courage, but a coalition of heart trouble, kidney disease and a lung infection wore too great at his age.

On February 26, the Associated Press was authoritatively informed that the Marshal's death seemed only a matter of days—a week, perhaps, or ten days. But the Marshal with indomitable will, held off death even longer than his doctors thought possible.

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Others May Enter Lists For Mayor; Interest Increases

Marvin Blanton And Zeb Mauney May Announce For Mayor, Their Friends Say.

Ere the first Monday in May, which is city election day, arrives, there may be as many candidates seeking the office of mayor in Shelby as there were two years ago when six candidates made bids for the office.

A week ago it seemed as if Mayor W. N. Dorsey was to have a clear field and for a period an unheard of political quietude reigned in Shelby, but with two others, Sim A. McMurry and Enos L. Beam, announcing this week political activity has broken out afresh, and, from the talk heard in political centers, there may be other candidates.

Two Talked Most.

Of the prospective candidates yet to enter the jousting lists Mr. Marvin Blanton, South Shelby business man, are the most talked.

Since the report spread that they would likely announce The Star has not been able to secure a statement from either man, but among several groups late yesterday it was stated that there was a strong likelihood that one or both men would do much to muddle the political situation which was stirred into activity with the Beam and McMurry announcements.

Among the political prophets future announcements are awaited with interest as the "run-off" candidates are already being prophesied. In this connection there is some debate as to when the "run-off" election, if one is necessary, will be held, some arguing that the first ballot battle should be held a week before the first of May so that the "run-off" could be staged on the regular election day as set forth in the election law.

Aldermen Silent.

In the meantime the present aldermen and others who may have an urge to be one of the city fathers are making no rush to announce. It may be that they are waiting to "feel out" their prospects, and then, again, it may be that they consider it a bit early to add to the political stir.

Woman May Run.

In some circles there is talk that a feminine candidate may announce for mayor or one of the aldermanic berths. Apparently it is talk and nothing more, particularly so as to the mayor's office, although there is a slight possibility, very slight, that there may be a feminine candidate for the municipal board. But general speaking the opinion is that Shelby women have not become interested to that extent in politics as yet.

Be that as it may the preliminaries of the approaching city election assure that the next 30 days will witness considerable political activity in Shelby.

Spent Two Weeks In This County On Just Seventy-Five Cents

Former Newspaperman Here, Now Tired Blacksburg Merchant, Tells Experience.

Gaffney.—"More than 20 years ago, before I moved to South Carolina, I was in the newspaper business for a year or so, being connected with the old Shelby Review at Shelby in the capacity of printer's devil and general lackey boy." P. T. Camp, retired Blacksburg merchant, stated to The Gaffney Ledger. "Times were rather hard and business was dull. One day the editor, John C. Tipton, told me to go out in the country and spend a week or two soliciting subscriptions and collecting accounts in arrears. I left Shelby one Monday morning and was gone until Friday of the next week, going from house to house in a good section of Cleveland county. I returned home with a pocketful of money, and what do you suppose the trip cost me?" Mr. Camp inquired. Continuing he answered his own question: "A total of seventy-five cents."

"Why, I could not begin to accept all of the invitations pressed on me by those hospitable Cleveland county folk to eat and spend the night with them."

Actual Changes In City Charter Given By Mull Here Today

"Town" Changed To "City." Majority Vote Is Required. Mayor's Pay.

As a result of the inquiries from numerous Shelby citizens as to the exact changes made in the Shelby charter by the recent legislative bill, The Star today secured from Representative Mull a copy of the bill, which follows:

"Section 1. That chapter one hundred ninety-four of the private law of one thousand nine hundred and one be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the word 'town' in line four of section one of said chapter and by inserting in lieu thereof the word 'city' so that the name of said municipal corporation shall hereafter be the 'city of Shelby.'"

"Section 2. Amend section 12 of said chapter by striking out the word 'highest' in line four of said section and by inserting in lieu thereof the word 'majority' and by adding at the end of said section 12 the following 'and in the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast at such election then a second election shall be held one week from the first at which only the two highest shall be voted on but in all respects said second election shall be held, canvassed, and reported under the law governing the first election.'"

"The board of aldermen shall fill any vacancy occurring in said board by the election of a duly qualified elector of the ward in which the vacancy occurred to serve out the unexpired term, and in the event of a vacancy in the office of mayor, the board of aldermen shall fill said vacancy by electing some duly qualified elector residing in Shelby to fill out the unexpired term."

"The salary of the mayor shall be fixed by the board of aldermen according to the amount of time he devotes to the duties of the office not exceeding twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum for full time. The salary of the members of the board of aldermen shall be ten (\$10) dollars each per month."

"Section 3. That this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification."

Pay Up Week Set For The Baptists

Week Beginning March 24th Set To Make Good Pledges To Centennial Fund.

B. T. Falls, chairman of the Centennial Committee of the Kings Mountain Baptist association has issued the following statement which is of interest to Baptists throughout the association:

"The week beginning March 24 has been designated 'Pay Up Week' in the Kings Mountain Baptist association for the subscribers to the Centennial campaign fund. This campaign is put on for the benefit of Boiling Springs junior college. The first \$40,000 will be used to pay off the indebtedness. Of this amount approximately \$22,500 has been paid. The junior college has incurred about \$5,000 indebtedness for necessary buildings and equipment to standardize the work of the college. This expenditure was both essential and necessary. If we are compelled to wait 30 months from the beginning of the campaign for all of the pledges to mature and be paid, our junior college will suffer for lack of funds to maintain the standard without which standard it could not maintain its existence. Surely there are enough Baptists already subscribed to this fund who are able to prepay their pledges and thus relieve the college from debt and give us a credit standing in the financial world."

"I take this opportunity, therefore, to urge upon the pastors, superintendents of Sunday schools and all the workers in the Centennial campaign to canvass those who have pledged to this fund and lay before them the matter of paying now all or part of their pledges, thus enabling the college to go forward with its work."

Makes 53,634 Bales In 1928 Report Reveals

In Leading State Cleveland Produced 6,965 Bales More Than In 1927.

With the final cotton ginning report for 1928 in, The Star in Monday's issue will announce the winner of the paper's \$5 cash prize for the best estimate as to the number of bales produced by the county, the estimates being made weeks before the ginning season closed. A check over the scores of estimates is being made today, with those estimating below 52,000 bales being eliminated in the preliminary check. Watch Monday's Star for the best estimate on the county crop.

The cotton farmers of Cleveland county last year produced 53,634 bales of cotton to lead all counties in North Carolina in cotton production and to establish a new per acre production for the state, and perhaps the south.

Over Last Year.

The final ginning report for the 1928 season issued yesterday gave the county that number of bales, which is 6,965 bales more than that crop of 46,669 bales produced last year.

Farm leaders of the county estimate that between 60,000 and 65,000 acres in the county were in cotton and with over 53,000 bales produced the county as a unit fell only a little short of producing a bale of cotton to the acre, which is believed to be a production record unequalled over the south considering the number of acres in cotton.

Governor Gardner Gives Reprieve To Killer Of Gaston

Is First Reprieve Made By Governor On A Capital Case.

Raleigh, March 22.—Governor Gardner Wednesday granted a reprieve until April 6 to Leo McCurry, young negro, who was under sentence of death by electrocution Friday, pending completion of an investigation of the negro's mental condition.

McCurry was convicted in Gaston county a few weeks ago of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of J. N. Dixon, an elderly farmer. When brought to trial, the negro admitted the crime, and told how he struck Dixon down with a heavy instrument as the victim was feeding his stock early on the morning of the crime. Robbery was given as the motive.

Upon the request of the governor, Dr. R. K. Adams, of the State hospital staff, examined McCurry, recently, reporting that the negro had the mentality of an eight year old child.

Governor Gardner, confronted with his first capital case since taking office, has made a personal visit to the penitentiary to see the negro. Further observation of the prisoner will be made before the new date set for his execution.

Governor Gardner, who has been absorbed by legislative matters, Wednesday found his first opportunity to deal with questions of parole.

College Girls Glee Club Here Monday For Shelby Concert

Queens College Glee Club And Orchestra To Show Here Monday Night.

An evening of good entertainment is assured in Shelby Monday night of next week, March 25, when the glee club and orchestra of Queens college, Charlotte, will give a concert at the Central high school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

The glee club and orchestra will be composed of between 30 and 35 Queens college girls, and their program of classical and popular music is a varied one with a general appeal for all music lovers.

Several Soles. In addition to the customary glee club and orchestra numbers, there will be a solo dance, it is announced, "skirts," and unusual solo numbers such as an accordion solo. The glee club concert is being sponsored by the Contemporary Book club.