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Fair And Colder.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight, light frost in the interior. Slightly cooler in extreme west portion and on the coast tonight. Saturday fair with rising temperature in east portion.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN HERE ON MONDAY

The registration books for the biennial Shelby city election will open on Monday at the court house here with Mr. Mike H. Austell as registrar.

Local Soldiers Back Yesterday From Gastonia

Company K Returns From Strike Patrol Duty. Served Nine Days.

The Shelby unit of the national guard, company K of the 120th infantry, returned yesterday from Gastonia where the militia boys have been on strike patrol duty for nine days at the Loray textile mill. The order for the dismissal of company K came late Wednesday, the guardsmen returning home by motor trucks yesterday morning. The Lincoln cavalry troop departed Gastonia Wednesday night, and since the departure of the Shelby company, three companies, two from Charlotte and the Gastonia outfit, are on patrol duty.

Two Enlist.
Fifty-five men and three officers—Capt. McSwain and Lieuts. M. H. Austell and H. C. Long—were on duty for the major portion of the nine days, but just a day or so before the company returned home two local youths journey to Gastonia and enlisted.

The local outfit received considerable praise for their appearance and training, and except for the first day when the strikers were forced out of street about the mill the soldier boys say that they experienced very little trouble while on patrol duty.

Jenkins Funeral Attended By Many

Prominent Man Of Lattimore Section Buried Wednesday At Rehobeth.

A large crowd of people attended the funeral services of Mr. John A. Jenkins Wednesday afternoon at Rehobeth church.

The services at Rehobeth, where he had been a member, were conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams, the pastor, assisted by Rev. E. L. McDaniel and Rev. W. S. Jones.

Surviving are six children and his widow, who was Miss Laura Walker prior to her marriage 43 years ago. The surviving children are, Martin, Lee, Micha, Warren and Wesley, two brothers, William and Miller, also survive, along with one sister, Mrs. P. J. Kendrick.

Coolidge Is Given An Insurance Job

Former President And Former Candidate Both Named For Different Directorates.

New York, April 10.—A former president of the United States and a former candidate for that office today partly solved the problem of what their work shall be in private life.

Calvin Coolidge was nominated for the post of director of the New York Life Insurance company and will be elected at the May meeting of the board. Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the company, made public a letter in which the former president accepted the nomination, "believing that life insurance is the most effective instrumentality for the promotion of industry, saving, and character ever devised."

An announcement from the Consolidated Indemnity and Insurance company said Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York and Democratic nominee for president last November, had been elected a director. The former governor recently was made a director of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Planning For Meeting Of Postmasters Here

At the request of Postmaster J. H. Quinn last night at the Kiwanis club, the public relations committee of the club and representatives of the Rotary club will meet Saturday afternoon in the office of the postmaster, to make plans for the entertainment of the postmasters of North Carolina who will meet here in convention June 13 and 14. It is expected that 500 postmasters will attend the summer convention in Shelby.

Auto For Every Six People In Cleveland Now

County Has 6,725 Autos, Not Including Trucks, Near Four Million Investment.

Every citizen of Cleveland county may ride in an automobile these days with only six people to the car, according to automobile ownership figures for the county just issued by the state motor vehicle bureau. The county has 6,725 automobiles, not including trucks, and ties with Pitt county for tenth place in the state. The nine counties having more autos than Cleveland are: Guilford, 20,725; Mecklenburg 19,250; Forsyth, 15,500; Wake, 13,625; Buncombe, 13,125; Gaston, 8,935; Rowan, 7,750; Durham, 7,600; Davidson, 6,950.

A Big Investment.
Cleveland county's population is estimated as around 40,000 people, and if there are 40,250 people in the county they all could go riding in county autos with six per car.

Estimating the autos of the county at the conservative figure of \$500 each, Cleveland county's automobile investment would be \$3,362,500. At \$750 per car the investment would be \$5,043,750.

Clay county with 750 has the least number of autos of any county in the state.

Gardner Believes In Law Stopping "Red" Agitation

Thinks North Carolina Should Have Criminal Syndicalism As Does Oklahoma.

Attorney P. Cleveland Gardner, Cleveland county solicitor and a close observer of recent labor troubles in the textile mills of the Carolinas, is of the opinion that this and other Southern states should have laws covering socialistic propaganda, criminal syndicalism, and I. W. W. movements.

In view of the fact that the South has never been troubled with labor unrest or I. W. W. movements Solicitor Gardner finds that none of the southeastern states have laws covering socialistic agitators. In Oklahoma, Oregon, Minnesota and other Western and Mid-Western states, where there was considerable I. W. W. trouble a few years back there are laws covering "criminal syndicalism and sabotage," and similar laws here he believes would restrain some of the communistic, "red" propaganda and teachings of such as Beal, Pershing and Welsford at Gastonia.

Report Missing Papers To Star

Subscribers to The Star will please make any complaint to Star telephone No. 11 about missing copies or paper being thrown in the yard by carrier boys for the wind to blow away.

We serve the bulk of our subscribers in Shelby and suburbs through 14 carrier boys. They are boys, like all other boys, and are apt to overlook a subscriber or a service which we wish to render, so make any complaint to us and we will endeavor to get your paper to you promptly and in good condition.

Unless you report any fault in your carrier service, the office will not know it. We will appreciate your cooperation in making our subscription service perfect.

Mrs. Forrest Ellis and Mrs. Gates, were Charlotte shoppers on Thursday.

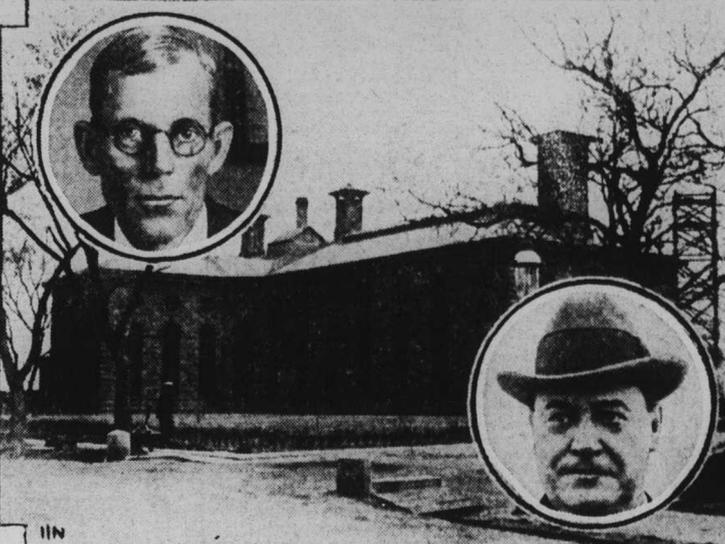
Recognized Labor Union To Aid Textile Strikers Soon

New York.—The executive council of the United Textile Workers of America Wednesday pledged the organization's support to striking textile workers in the south.

They notified union textile workers in the south that a defense would be raised for their assistance. The council outlined a policy including a 48-hour week, standardization of wages, and abolition of night work for women and children.

The council adopted a resolution stating: "We are not opposed to the introduction of the modern method of reducing costs that are proven to

Oil Magnate Must Serve Jail Sentence



Harry F. Sinclair, right, millionaire oil man, will start a three-month "vacation" at the expense of Uncle Sam in the nice quiet jail of the District of Columbia, shown above. Major Peake, left, will play the role of host whether the guest likes it or no, since the Supreme Court upheld the ninety-day sentence for contempt imposed on the magnate for refusing to answer the Senate's Teapot Dome Committee's questions.

Meeting Approves Hoey Plan Keeping Shelby Schools Open

Attempt Is Made To Blow Up Plant At Gaston Strike

Guardsmen Gets Man With Two Sticks Of Dynamite. Gets Away By Trick.

Gastonia, April 11.—An evidently well planned attempt to blast the Loray mill to bits with a quantity of dynamite failed tonight by a shaky margin, and the desperadoes behind the project escaped as the result of a clever ruse.

About 7:30 o'clock this evening a man, presumed by guards and deputies to be a mill worker, presented his mill pass to one of the guards at the Franklin avenue entrance to the Loray grounds. He was admitted, but a military guard, stationed about half-way between Franklin avenue and the mill, stopped the fellow a second time and asked for his credentials. The man showed his mill pass, but noticing a bulge in his pocket of the supposed worker the soldier asked him what it was.

"Nothing," said the stranger, seeking admittance.

But it was dynamite—two sticks of it—the soldier found upon investigation.

Just at this juncture another strange man stepped up and said, "I'll take him to the police station. I'm one of the new deputies stationed here yesterday after the two national guard companies were ordered away." The military guard questioned the authority of the intruder, but the latter showed a shiny badge and a pistol, upon which the soldier consented to turn the would-be-dynamiter over to him. The deputy took charge of the prisoner, placed him in a Ford car, and said that he would take him directly to the city hall to be locked up.

That was about 7:30. At 8:15 the pair had not reported to police headquarters, which is only about eight blocks from the point where the arrest was made, nor could

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Citizens At Meeting Endorse \$58,000 Bond Issue To Pay Debts And Also \$4,000 Loan To Keep School Open Nine Months This Year. Hoey Praises School Officials.

In a clear, comprehensible manner, Attorney Clyde R. Hoey presented the school situation last night at a mass meeting of the patrons in the school house and suggested a way to meet the situation, said plan being approved unanimously by the lawyers of the city who took a hand in the matter purely through their interest in the school children and the school's high standing. Attorney B. T. Falls, presiding, declared the present crisis to be the most critical that has confronted Shelby since the city's school building was destroyed by fire 20 years ago.

Mr. Griffin Will Quit.
Before proceeding with the discussion, Mr. Hoey read a communication by Supt. I. C. Griffin addressed to the citizens in mass meeting, announcing that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as superintendent. Mr. Griffin has served in this capacity for 13 years and was spoken of in high praise for his faithful services. He assured the board of his continued efforts to cooperate in every way for the success of the schools.

\$58,000 Bond Issue Proposed.
The plan to meet the present situation proposed by Mr. Hoey and approved by all of the attorneys of Shelby is that the voters pledge themselves to support a bond issue of \$58,000 which will be submitted at an election to be called as soon as possible and when a majority of the voters sign their names to a petition pledging their support, the city and school officials would borrow not exceeding \$4,000 necessary to carry the school nine months as planned.

Cause Of Deficit.
In substance, the city schools owe approximately \$48,000 for money borrowed. This is an honest obligation to the bank and was brought about by a series of unexpected things such as the cost of adding fire escapes to the school building, repair to the high school auditorium floor; replacing the roof to the Marion street building blown off in a storm. Furthermore, the school tax rate was forced down from 33c to 30c when the city limits were extended three years ago and the south Shelby district with a 30c rate was absorbed. In the building of ward buildings a few years ago, some of the above deficit was contracted in finishing up the building program. Today there are about 3,000 children enrolled in the public schools, a gain of 1,000 since city extension and this has added to the expense, while last year with a view of economy, the county commissioners reduced the school budget, causing the city schools' disappoinment. These things account for the indebtedness of \$48,000 hanging against the district.

\$10,000 From Bonds.
The last legislature provided for an election on a bond issue of \$58,000 to meet this deficit. At that

time it was not known just what the deficit was, but it has since been calculated at \$48,000, so to vote the maximum amount of \$58,000 would meet the deficit of \$48,000 and leave \$10,000 to be applied to schools this year.

It costs approximately \$14,000 a month to operate the city's schools so with the \$10,000 left from the bond issue, \$4,000 more would be necessary. Mr. Hoey suggested that \$1,200 might be due and available from the county school fund and that the remaining \$2,800 could be given by the city out of the city treasury and the same handled as a city liability.

Education A Public Duty.
Thus the money to extend the term would be available and no burden placed on any individual for Mr. Hoey says "Shelby is not a pauper town and it is too much to pass the hat around and ask the patrons to run a subscription school. The purpose of government is to educate the children of the land and certainly Shelby will not let it be said that its schools are not standard and that its citizens won't fill their contracts with the teachers."

Teachers Contracts Binding.
Speaking of the contracts, it is the unanimous opinion of the attorneys of Shelby that the contracts signed between the teachers and school officials for a nine months term are legal and binding and that the teachers, if they are so minded, can sue the district and recover. Mr. Hoey feels, however, that the district does not wish to evade its solemn contract.

This year the senior class is the largest in the history of the school and to keep them from graduating after years of hard work and to handicap the children in the lower grades because a month shorter term would be a great injustice to them and a reflection on the fair name of Shelby.

Griffin Not To Ask For School Job Next Year

Veteran Superintendent Makes Announcement At Mass Meeting. Will Cooperate.

Supt. I. C. Griffin, who became head of the Shelby school system more than 13 years ago when there were only a few hundred students in the city schools as compared with the more than 3,000 now, announced at the mass meeting here last night in interest of the schools that he would not be a candidate for the position of superintendent for the coming year.

The action, he declared, was taken so that the meeting, which before it closed determined to run the city schools for the full year, would not be hampered by any personal references in advancing the welfare of the schools. His formal statement, however, continued to say that he pledged his heartiest support to the city school system until the end of his term and beyond if necessary.

During his many years of service here Supt. Griffin has built up the local schools from a small town system into one of the best known city school units in the state, his reputation as an educational leader so spreading that for several years he has been supervisor of the summer school at the University of North Carolina in addition to his winter duties here.

His Statement.
Mr. Griffin's statement to the mass meeting follows:

"To the Citizens of Shelby in Mass Meeting Assembled:
"Since the present board of education has publicly stated that the several members will not be candidates for membership in the board of education in the coming municipal campaign, I deem it wise to inform this meeting as I have already informed the present board of education that I shall not be a candidate for the position of superintendent of the Shelby schools for the coming year. This statement is made in order that any action taken by this group may be free from any personal references. Until the expiration of my term of office (and beyond, if necessary) I pledge you my heartiest support and cooperation in carrying out any plan you may adopt for the welfare of the schools.

With due appreciation of your support and cooperation in the past, and with unlimited confidence in your willingness and ability to support the schools in future, I am
"Very sincerely yours,
"I. C. GRIFFIN, Supt."

College Team To Play Highs Here In Game Saturday

One of the most interesting baseball games of the season is billed for the city park here Saturday afternoon when Casey Morris' Shelby high club stacks up against the heavy hitting Bolling Springs collegians.

Several former Shelby stars are in the college line-up and will attract interest as well as the fact that local fans will be anxious to see how local lads perform against the college brand of baseball. Additional color, of course, will be in the air about the city park due to the attendance of a large part of the Bolling Springs college student body, boys and girls.

The highs are today playing Kings Mountain in Kings Mountain.

Public Meeting In W. O. W. Hall

There will be a public meeting in the W. O. W. hall next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of reorganizing the local grove of Woodmen circle, this being the ladies auxiliary of the W. O. W. All ladies interested in this are cordially invited to attend.

Woodmen come and bring their wives and daughters.

Mull Resigns His Place On Hospital Board Morganton

Governor Gardner has appointed Dr. J. T. Burrus, of High Point, as a member of the Morganton state hospital board to succeed Mr. O. M. Mull, of Shelby, who has resigned.

Other members of the board are: J. H. Beall, Lenoir; R. R. Clark, Statesville; J. R. Boyd, Waynesville and John M. Scott, Charlotte.

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Griffin Resigns As School Head



SUPT. I. C. GRIFFIN

Best Farmers To Get Reward In Cotton Contest

Cleveland Farmer Making Best Production On Five Acres To Receive \$30.

Cleveland county cotton farmers, who last year produced more cotton than any county in the state and established a per-acre production record for the south, are going to vie with each other this year in raising cotton, according to an announcement made to The Star today by County Farm Agent Alvin Hardin.

By plans worked out by the Cleveland county board of agriculture every cotton farmer is urged to enter a five-acre contest this year, and the farmer who makes the best five-acre record will receive \$300 cash and a silver loving cup as the champion cotton farmer of North Carolina's champion cotton county. The farmer with the second best record will get \$200 cash, and the third man will receive \$100, with numerous smaller prizes for others ranking high.

All of which should mean that Cleveland county farmers will be strutting themselves this year.

Regulations.
According to the agricultural board farmers entering the contest may prepare their soil any way they wish and may use any type or amount of fertilizer and seed, provided that the seed will produce staple of fifteen-sixteenths of an inch as shorter staple will be automatically eliminated in the contest.

The five acres must be in one body, or tract of land. The prizes to be awarded at the end of the season are being contributed in the interest of better farming by the bankers, merchants and mill owners of Shelby and the county, a list of donors to be published later in The Star.

Notify Agent.
Any county farmer may enter without cost, but all those who desire to enter should notify the county agent as early as possible, so that he may get their names and instruct them as to how they shall keep a record of the five-acre contests plots, listing the cost of production and other items. The contest will be judged on the basis of 70 percent as to yield and 30 percent as to record, which will include the cost, grade, etc.

Crossings Here To Be Improved Soon

Three street crossings over the Southern railway tracks in Shelby—the Marion street, Warren street, and Graham street crossings—are to be improved at an early date. It was announced today by Mayor W. N. Dorsey after a conference with Southern officials.

Heavier rails are now being installed at the three street crossings and just as soon as the material arrives the crossing will be improved similar to the South Shelby Shelby crossing, which is practically as smooth as the paved street through a build-up of gravel and tar. Several citizens have asked that steel rail crossings be made, but the Southern, as a preventive measure against wrecks, does not use steel rails, and the gravel-tar crossing bed is considered just as smooth for street traffic.

Boy In Lincolnton Gets Electrocuted

Lincolnton, April 11.—When William Thompson, 14, known to his schoolmates as "Bill," failed to return from feeding the chickens this morning, his parents investigated.

His body was found under the house beside an electric brooder. He had been electrocuted by contact with the device. Thompson was a son of Houston Thompson, and in addition to his parents is survived by several brothers and sisters. No funeral arrangements had been made this morning.

Attorneys For King Silent As To Trial Plans

Three Shrewd Defense Lawyers Apparently Have Some Surprises Up Their Sleeves.

Just what will Rafe King's lawyer have to say, or what kind of defense move will they open up with next week when King is scheduled to go on trial at York, S. C. in connection with the mysterious death last January of his wife, Faye Wilson King, former Shelby school teacher and a teacher at Sharon, S. C., at the time of her death?

That question has the people of three counties in the two Carolinas guessing, and due to the mysterious elements in the case, which has attracted national attention, and to the unusual silence being maintained by King's lawyers the hearing is expected to draw one of the largest court crowds in several years in the two states.

Confer Often.
The three defense attorneys, Clyde R. Hoey and B. T. Falls, of Shelby, and Thos. F. McDow, of York—are considered three of the shrewdest criminal baristers in the two states. McDow is famed as an orator in South Carolina just like Hoey is in North Carolina, and Falls, a fellow townsman of Hoey, ranks with him among the leading lawyers of this state.

But so far, and with the court term to open Monday, the three attorneys have kept their plans entirely to themselves. All this week they have been meeting in frequent conferences, but following their sessions together the statements made public by them are confined to something like this: "Yes, we've been in conference about the case. Getting ready, you know." And no more. To those inclined to prophesy the idea is that McDow, Falls and Hoey have several surprises up their legal sleeve to spring at the opportune moment next week, or week after next in the court room at York, or whatever South Carolina town the trial may be held in.

And the silence maintained is a real sphinx-like silence. They're not even saying whether they will insist on the hearing being moved to a county other than York due to the evident antagonism there against the Shelby man. Neither do they intimate what line of defense will be followed if a true bill is rendered against King. Their silence might be explained by their desire to keep their plans secret so that the prosecution may not be prepared for counter attacks, but there is a composed calmness evident as the attorneys confer that would indicate that they may have a surprise to spring at the proper time, and when they do refer to the approaching court term it is always in terms of "if the grand jury returns a true bill," and indication that they believe that the grand jury might not do so.

Anyway, the King case, mysterious all the way through, seems a bit more perplexing in the final week before the showdown in the court room.

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his cow along beside the building. Just as the singing ceased, the cow stopped suddenly, knelt down its knees for almost a minute, seemingly praying. Evidently the cow thought judgment day was at hand. P. W. Batchelor, E. L. Manning and L. F. Barbee of this city were witnesses to this unusual occurrence, and will vouch for the truthfulness of this story.

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