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What? More Rain. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain tonight and Thursday.

No Red Conference.

Governor Gardner made the announcement yesterday at Raleigh that he would not hold a conference with Communist labor leaders in connection with North Carolina labor troubles.

Federal Grand Jury Completes Work In Hurry

Term Will End Here Today. 31 True Bills Out Of Just 33 Indictments.

Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, who can, perhaps, keep the United States court machinery operating faster in high gear than any other jurist who holds court in North Carolina, this week found a grand jury which also believes in speed.

Heretofore in the Federal court sessions in Shelby all defendants were tried "upon information," a grand jury not being used.

While the grand jury was at work Monday and Tuesday morning upon indictments the court grind moved rapidly, something like three more cases being disposed of before the court adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

With a continuation of this speed the 31 remaining cases will likely be disposed of today.

So far no major cases have appeared on the docket, most of the indictments having to do with minor infractions of the prohibition laws.

A big percentage of the defendants at this term, according to court officers, came from the South Mountain sections of this county, Burke and Rutherford, and such has been the case at previous terms.

Pick Sacks And Knee Pads Are New Styles

Merchants Find Ready Sale For Two New Cotton Harvest Articles.

Cotton picker sacks and knee pads are selling well in Cleveland county. Picker sacks are something new, while knee pads made their debut last season and proved so much in demand that practically every store selling farming articles are stocked with knee pads this year.

The knee pad is a leather shield that buckles on the knees by means of straps. The inside of the pad is lined with heavy felt and is used by cotton pickers in walking on their knees through the cotton rows.

The cotton sacks are just an improvement over the old guano sack with a strap to go over the shoulders. The new sack is made of cotton, has a double strap to reach over both shoulders and openings on both sides so a picker can use both hands in gathering the fleecy staple.

Likeness Of Coolidge Seen In Court Here

O. B. Martin, who is also known as "Slim" Martin, is a double ex-President Cal Coolidge in the eyes of Attorney D. Allen Tedder. Mr. Martin was in the federal court here this week on a minor charge and a profile view of Martin with his sharp features, reveals him to have much of the likeness of the ex-president. Martin lives between Bessemer City and Kings Mountain.

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Attendance Records Shattered At County Fair

Wet Weather Fails To Keep Thousands Away On First Day

Officials Estimate That 38,000 People Passed Through Gates On First Day Of Cleveland County's Sixth Fair. Finest Array Of Exhibits And Displays.

Tuesday was fair day for Cleveland and adjoining counties despite the weather man, and today officials of the Cleveland county fair estimate that at least 38,000 people passed through the gates on opening day Tuesday to witness the biggest fair array assembled during the six years of the county institution.

Admission Price At Fair Is Not Boosted

Reports Spread About County Of Higher Admission Saturday Are Erroneous.

It will cost no more to enter the Cleveland County Fair on Friday and Saturday than it does for any other day in the week. This announcement is made by fair officials after they learned that a report, perhaps started by an enemy of the fair, had been circulated over the county saying that the admission price would be higher for those two days.

Likewise fair officials want the people of the county to know that no admission charge is made for entering and inspecting all the exhibit halls, booths, displays, and farm shows. Similar reports were broadcast that admission to the exhibit halls was being charged.

County Writer Gets Eye Of Big Publisher

Knopf Firm Writes Cash About Writing Book On South For Them.

Mr. W. J. Cash, of Boiling Springs, who wrote the caustic biography of the gentleman from Newbern for a late issue of the American Mercury, and whose article entitled "The Southern Mind," appears in the current issue of Mr. Mencken's almanac, Saturday received a letter from the publishing house of Knopf, calculated to make him take a hitch in his belt.

The letter was from Mrs. Blanche Knopf, vice president of the publishing house, which is one of the best known in the country, telling Cash she had read his article on "The Southern Mind" and was so impressed with it, she would like to inquire if he had plans for writing a book. Thus the prestige of this newest Cleveland county author expands. It happens but seldom that a writer is asked to pen a book on the strength of two magazine articles.

About 14,000 School Children, Cleveland See Fair Tuesday

Approximately 14,000 Cleveland county school children and teachers took in the opening day of the Cleveland County Fair here yesterday as free guests of the fair.

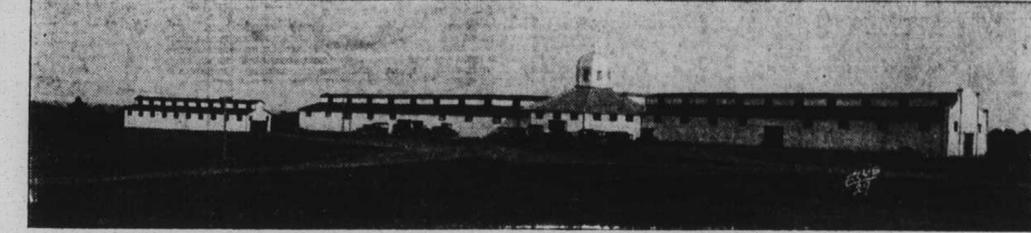
Prof. J. H. Grigg says that near 14,000 tickets were distributed from his office while scores of children were admitted at the fair ground. This figure, of course, does not include the hundreds of school children from adjoining counties. In both Carolinas, who were also admitted free on opening day.

Old Train Wreck Injury Now Giving Gov. Gardner Worry

Time When Gardner Almost Was Killed Recalled By Pain In Back.

Raleigh. — Governor Gardner's bones ached this week with the accumulation of 14 years and his excellency suffered more pain than he has had during all the administration. The kicks which editorial writers give him do not hurt much. He has been reading the papers religiously and is pleased with the treatment he has received. The kicks do not hurt. But that old injury received the night before the Thanksgiving game between Virginia and University of North Carolina in 1915 comes back during bad weather. The governor's nearly broken back worried him today.

Where This Entire Section Is Gathering This Week



The activity of the South's largest individual county fair—the Cleveland County Fair—is centering this week about the scene above. The large exhibit halls, pictured together with the big dome over the new educational hall, are filled with the biggest array of farm and home products yet shown at the Shelby fair.

Offer Rewards In Flogging Of Kings Mtn. Man

Total Of \$500 Offered For Conviction Of Tesnear's Three Assaultants.

Rewards totalling \$500 have been offered for the arrest and conviction of the three men who last week kidnaped and flogged Cleo Tesnear, textile union organizer, at Kings Mountain. A reward of \$400 is offered by the state of North Carolina, according to an announcement by Governor Gardner, and \$500 is offered by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Despite the offer of two rewards officials in this county say that continued investigation fails to unearth a single clue as to the identity of the three men Tesnear says kidnaped him and then carried him over into South Carolina for a flogging.

From Charlotte comes the announcement that the Civil Liberties Union will also file a suit on the part of Tesnear for damages resulting from the flogging he received. It is presumed the filing of this suit must await the arrest and identification of the trio charged with the kidnaping.

The following explanation of the Tesnear rewards was made by the Charlotte Observer:

"A press dispatch to The Observer from the capital city explained that Governor O. Max Gardner in announcing offering of the reward said that no rewards had been offered in the Aderholt and Ella May Wiggins killings because immediately following the slayings arrests had been made in each case.

The state's offer of \$400 brings the sum already offered for the apprehension of parties guilty of lawlessness growing out of the sharp clash of communist and anti-communist forces over the past several weeks to \$2,400 in addition to an indefinite number of \$250 rewards for the apprehension of parties to the alleged conspiracy to kill Mrs. Wiggins.

Others By Union. All the rewards with the exception of the \$400 offered by the state are made in the name of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Announcement by Governor Gardner of the offer of the \$400 reward followed a meeting of three well known cotton manufacturers of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association; and J. H. Separk of Gastonia, head of a chain of textile plants.

Mrs. Tesnear Gone From Kings Mountain This Week, Reported

Mrs. Cleo Tesnear, wife of the union organizer who has been in bed at a Charlotte hotel since his kidnaping and flogging last week, disappeared from her home at Kings Mountain over the week-end according to Police Chief Hedrick of Kings Mountain, who was in Shelby yesterday.

It is likely, the officer said, that she may be in Charlotte with her husband, or on a visit to relatives while her husband is away. The household furniture, he said, had not been removed from the house into which they moved on the day prior to the kidnaping. The officer did not say but it is presumed that her 10-year-old son, Howard, is with her.

Standing Room Only At County Jail Here Now; 56 Prisoners

Sheriff Irvin M. Allen, who is also county jailer in addition to his duties as sheriff, is ready to hang out the "Standing Room Only" sign at the front door and rear doors of the Cleveland county jail.

There are 56 prisoners confined to the bastille today, and the building is the fullest ever, because it can be no fuller unless the sheriff takes a correspondence course from some sardine factory on packing them in. However, it is explained that Shelby and Cleveland county are not being unusually wicked this week. Many of the prisoners are out-of-county prisoners brought here for the term of federal court, which adjourns today, after which the prisoners will go to the federal penitentiaries or to the jails of their native counties.

231 Bales Cotton Ginned In County By 16 September

What promises to be Cleveland county's greatest cotton crop is not as late as was the crop last year despite reports to the contrary.

The first ginning report of the season indicates that it is earlier, anyway. Up to September 16, this year 231 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county, as compared with 22 bales up to September 16, last year. This report was issued late yesterday. — The Star by Miles H. Ware, ginning agent for the county.

Sheriff Opens Drive On Slot Machines Here

Will Fight Cases Through Courts To Show That Machines Are Illegal.

The operation of slot machines in Cleveland county must be stopped, according to an announcement made today from the office of Sheriff Irvin M. Allen.

Sheriff Allen is legally advised that slot machine operation in this county and state is a violation of the law and declares that this week he and his officers will begin a drive to rid the entire county of the machines.

Two Are Convicted. In fact, the drive really started over the week-end with officers securing two machines and making two arrests. In court both operators were convicted. One of the operators paid his fine, while the other announced his intention of carrying his appeal on through the higher courts.

"We are willing to have it decided by the higher courts," the sheriff says. "The law says slot machines are not to be operated. It is my business to carry out the law to the best of my ability, and that goes for the slot machines, too. If the law is wrong, the appeals should show it, but until higher courts show the law to be defective I intend to carry out my oath by enforcing it."

Forest City Salvage Buys Wootton's Stock

The Forest City Salvage company has purchased from Mr. J. J. Lattimore, trustee in bankruptcy, the stock of ladies ready-to-wear formerly owned by the Wootton's Ladies shop over Blanton-Wright Clothing company's store. The Forest City firm is offering everything in this stock in a sale beginning Thursday of this week.

Many Ministers Think That Evidence Of Atheist Is O. K.

Wet Weather Is Damaging Cotton County Farmers Say

Cotton Already Open Is Rotting Along With Bolls, Ginning Danger Seen.

The equinoctial rains, or the wet weather of this and last week, are proving very destructive to Cleveland county cotton, according to leading farmers of the county in Shelby today to attend the fair.

The rain and cool spell is causing the open cotton, which cannot be picked until it is dry, to rot, while several sections, particularly up the Fallston way, report that bolls are not opening or are rotting.

"I have heard more about rotting cotton bolls this week than ever before," says Deputy Tom Sweeney, who lives in the up county section.

Another danger of the wet season, ginners and farmers point out, is the fact that after the rains cease much cotton will be picked before it is thoroughly dry and taken to the gin.

Just how many bales the wet weather will knock off the county total cannot be forecast, but the weather is hurting and those who estimated 60,000 bales or more some weeks back are now wondering if another 53,000 bale crop will not be pretty good, after all.

Negro's Skull Gets Crushed From Blow Inflicted By Wife

Johnny Sims In Serious Condition At Hospital, Wife Is In Jail Cell.

Johnny Sims, colored man, and his wife, Dannie Mae, had a "falling out" shortly after 9 o'clock last night, and apparently they decided not to get along together.

Anyway, they are not together today. Johnny is in the Shelby hospital with his skull fractured, and has just a so-so chance of pulling through. Meantime the wife is in the county jail charged with deadly assault, a charge that may be more serious should Johnny die.

When Police Chief Poston and other officers arrived near the Southern station, where the brawl took place, Johnny's head was laid open, across the top, caused, it is said, by a blow inflicted by Dannie Mae when she felled him with an iron brace used on telegraph poles. A portion of the skull was driven down upon the brain, but at the hospital today at noon it was said that the negro was conscious and seemed somewhat improved.

Easom Will Lead Singing At Central Methodist Meeting

Horace Easom, musical director of the First Baptist church, will lead the singing during the week's evangelistic services which begin Sunday, October 6, at Central Methodist church here, it is announced by Dr. H. K. Boyer, pastor of the church.

The preaching for the meeting will be done by Dr. Plato Durham of Emory university. Dr. Durham is a native of Shelby and one of the south's outstanding ministers and orators. Dr. Boyer says that reports coming to him have it that many people from adjoining counties, and some from adjoining states, will visit Shelby during the week to hear Dr. Durham.

Some Ministers Think It Credible And Others The Reverse. Not Courts Business.

Charlotte.—Declaring that a witness should not be disqualified in the courts because of lack of belief in God, several Charlotte ministers, orthodox pastors of leading churches, make almost startling statements. Others cling to old beliefs that belief in God is a requisite to making statements on the witness stands.

A bishop, a pastor of the biggest congregation in the city and pastor of a fashionable Myers Park church are among those who declare that announced belief in God is not a requisite for veracity.

Rev. W. W. Peele, D. D., pastor of First Methodist church, formerly Methodist pastor in Durham, is among the liberals. He said: "In the first place, a man may be a good citizen without being able to say that he believes in God. In the second instance, he may be able to tell the truth, though he must honestly declare that he does not believe in God. The business of the court is not to ascertain whether a man is an atheist or not but to find the facts in the case being tried. I do not believe that a statement that a belief in God is necessary in order to get from a witness his knowledge of the facts. I understand, of course, that at present behind the law is an

City To Sell Bonds To Amount \$98,000

\$58,000 Are School Bonds And \$40,000 Are For Water Works. Sale October 5.

Ninety-eight thousand dollars worth of city bonds will be offered for sale at the city hall at noon on October 5, the bonds to run over a period of years and to bear a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent.

Of this amount \$58,000 of the bonds are to cover the school deficit that has accumulated over a period of years in special charter district No. 33. These bonds were authorized by vote of the people a few months ago will not cover the accumulated deficit amounting to approximately \$70,000 as revealed by the audit recently made by certified accountants and published in The Star.

The remainder of the bond sale, amounting to \$40,000 is to pay for repairs and improvements at the city water station. Work on repairing the pumps and making certain improvements was started under the last administration and has just been completed.

The legality of the bonds has been approved by the well known bond attorneys, Messrs. Storey, Thordike, Palmer and Dodge of Boston, Mass. The city reserves the right to reject all bids.

Key Gone, Thieves Abandon Stolen Car

Mrs. Julius Elliott, who lives with her brother J. H. Ponder on North LaFayette street, carried the key to her Chevrolet car with her into the house last night, and for that reason she still owns a car today.

This morning the car was missing from its parking place in the backyard. Deputy Ed Dixon was called and after learning that the car was locked he started his search on the Casar road. Down at the foot of the Hopper's park hill he found the car abandoned by the roadside. The thieves apparently rolled the car down the hill hoping it would start. When the motor failed to start, it was apparently abandoned.

Lutheran Mascot, Black Bear, Not To Visit Shelby

Hickory—"Frisky", the Mountain Bear of the Lenoir-Rhyne college camp, will not accompany the Mountain Bear football squad to Shelby Saturday for the P. C. game at the fair, Coach Gurley announced today.

The hefty black bear, which has a den on the college campus, weighs too much to take along with the team on road trips, but will be seen on the field for local games.

(Other sport news will be found on page three of The Star today. Details of the opening game for Shelby high, and the big college game here Saturday.)

New Highway May Stop At S. C. Border?

Reports Are That New Highway South Has No Way To Get Out Of State.

The new state highway, No. 18, from Shelby south to the South Carolina line may one of these days find itself all dressed up with nowhere to go.

In fact, the dressing, or the top-soil, is on now, but reports have it that the newly constructed highway, about the routing of which there was considerable controversy, has no outlet so far into South Carolina after it reaches the state line—and it is already there.

Where the new highway strikes the South Carolina line there is no state highway in South Carolina in which the new road may pour out its traffic. When the highway was decided upon an agreement of some kind was reached with South Carolina highway officials whereby the understanding was that the sister state to the south would build a road which would connect with the new North Carolina highway and carry the traffic to the Dravo bridge, where the road would cross the river and tap the South Carolina highway.

But therein comes the Jonah, as the reports have it. At present South Carolina announcements have it that that state is not ready to build a connecting road between the point where highway No. 18 hits the border and the Dravo bridge. There is a road on the South Carolina side which could connect with the new highway it is said and serve as a part of the link until another is built by that state, but the reports have it that that road is a plantation road, not a public road, and that the plantation owner is unwilling to permit the use of his

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This record attendance came through a maze of handicaps. Practically all day there was a slight but steady drizzle of rain and many spots about the 56-acre fair tract were blanketed in mud. But opening day was school day and thousands of school children took advantage of free admission and attended along with parents and relatives.

Back Again Today. First indications today were that it would be another discouraging wet day to dampen the enthusiasm of what promised to be a record fair week for any one county in the south, but the weather man forecast fair weather for the afternoon and for Thursday, and early this morning highway 20, both east and west, was thronged with packed cars heading for the fair grounds. Yesterday's mammoth crowd gave the fair, more colorful than ever before, valuable advertising and with fair weather for the remaining days the event may as yet stack up its greatest success.

The Fashion Show. Practically the same program of exhibits, judging, farm shows, amusements, racing, free acts and fireworks will hold sway tomorrow. Then on Friday comes the event the women of this section have been planning and preparing for weeks—the cotton fashion show. At 9:30 Friday morning the fashion parade, with society taking a hand, will show to the thousands that dainty womanhood can still be garbed in cotton and be beautifully dressed, and beautiful.

Football Saturday. The big feature of the closing day Saturday will be the section's first college football clash. The game, starting at 2:15 will be played between the Mountain Bears of Lenoir-Rhyne college, coached by Dick Gurley, and the Presbyterian college eleven, of Clinton, S. C., coached by Walter Johnson, one of the south's most successful coaches. The South Carolina eleven holds the odds but the hundreds planning to see the game know that the Lutheran eleven from Lenoir-Rhyne will make a great fight in its first contest with the famous and scrapping P. C. eleven. The upper end of the big grandstand, that portion nearest the playing field, in the infield of the race track, will be used to seat spectators, while hundreds of others will be turned in the gates to the sidelines in the inside of the race infield.

A Record Crowd. "There isn't any doubt but what the gigantic crowd last night was the largest ever packed in the fair ground," Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair secretary, said today. "and during the day yesterday the gatekeepers and other workers about the ground tell me the crowd was practically as large as attended on opening day last year. That being the case we estimate this morning that between 37,000 and 40,000 people were at the fair yesterday. That's not so bad, you know, considering the weather, and I think most of them enjoyed the day. If the weather man will give us a bit of sunshine we'll give them more pleasure and enjoyment during the remaining days. Just think what a crowd we might have entertained had it not been for the rain—but there are other days during the week and it seems as if Cleveland county fair is so well known already that rainy weather will not keep them away."

All the new conveniences and additions since last year met with the approval of the big crowd, and the livestock exhibits, the farm displays, the commercial booths, the shows, and the amusement features were highly praised by scores and scores of people, many of them from section miles distant from Shelby.

(Note: Detailed accounts of the farm and commercial displays will be found on page two of this issue.)