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Fair And Warmer.

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday, Warmer tonight.

Critiques Dry Law.

Testifying before the congressional judiciary committee investigating prohibition enforcement, W. W. Ball, editor of the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier, declared that "national prohibition is worse than the old saloon at its worst" since more young people are drinking now than ever before.

Jones Now Has Field To Self

Withdrawal of Jimison Leaves Hamilton Jones as Democratic Congressional Entrant.

With the withdrawal of Attorney Tom P. Jimison of Charlotte from the ninth district democratic congressional race, Attorney Hamilton C. Jones of Charlotte now has the field to himself. Mr. Jimison, first democratic candidate in the district to announce for congress, withdrew recently "in the interest of party harmony."

Statements last week from Gastonia and Hickory indicated that Major Bulwinkle, former congressman, had about decided to again seek the democratic nomination in the June primary, but as yet he has not formally and definitely tossed his hat into the arena. His definite announcement is withheld, according to reports, until the end of the Wiggins trial.

Mr. Jones has considerable support among democratic leaders in this county, but it is remembered that in bygone primaries and elections Congressman Bulwinkle was always among the candidates having the largest majorities in this county.

Wm Lineberger New Head of Riding Club

Succeeds Will Arey at Annual Election of Riding Club Officers. Directors Named.

Mr. Wm. Lineberger, local banker, is the new president of the Shelby Riding Club, a local organization, composed of men and women fond of horse-back riding. Mr. Lineberger succeeds Mr. Will G. Arey as head of the club which has a fine community barn and club rooms in east Shelby.

Other officers elected at a meeting of the club held Monday night were: Messrs. C. C. Blanton and Ralph Hoey, vice-presidents; Mr. Joe Suttle, secretary-treasurer. Directors named were: Messrs. J. L. Lackey, W. H. Arey, D. R. S. Frazer, Grover Beam and D. E. Honeycutt.

Sister-in-Law of Mrs. Ernest Hoey is Dead

Mrs. Thos. Henkel Died Early Yesterday at Hickory. Husband And Son Survive.

Mrs. S. Ernest Hoey was notified yesterday of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Thos. L. Henkel at her home in Hickory. Mrs. Henkel died about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning of heart trouble. She is survived by her husband and one son, Glenn.

Funeral services for Mrs. Henkel will be held at the First Baptist church in Hickory Thursday morning and interment will be in Oakwood cemetery there. Mrs. Henkel was a member of the First Baptist church there and active in Hickory church and social circles.

DANCE AT COMPANY K ARMORY FRIDAY NIGHT

Round and square dancing will be enjoyed at Company K armory hall in the Gardner building Friday night, March 7th. Ladies will be admitted free.

Remember What Was Happening in Shelby Ten Years Ago?

Ten years ago yesterday one of Shelby's leading citizen died.

Many things that happened just a decade ago may have slipped your mind.

TODAY THE STAR starts publishing again a "Just 10 Years Ago" column. Look for it in this and succeeding issues.

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To Roads For Driving Buggy While Drinking

Buggy Ride Takes Him to Gang

Recorder Kennedy Rules That Intoxicated Driving Applies to Buggy Driver.

The fellow who wrote that ditty "Thanks for the Buggy Ride" should make the acquaintance of a white man by the name of Bryson hailing from the Kings Mountain section.

Last week-end Bryson went out for a drive in his buggy, and that buggy ride, after several detours, one to the county court room, seemed destined to end up at the No. 6 township chain gang camp.

Violated Law.

Bryson's drive became an out-of-the-ordinary buggy ride because he took on some several drinks, it came out in court, before he took his ride, and because County Judge Horace Kennedy ruled that an intoxicated man at the reins in a buggy is violating the law just as much as an intoxicated man at the steering wheel of an automobile. Rather, according to the county judge, the law made the ruling and not the county court.

Of course a drunken driver in a buggy may not be as dangerous on the highway as a drunken driver in a car, but Judge Kennedy peered into his law books and found that the law says "vehicle" and does not restrict itself to "motor vehicle."

Driving Privileges Revoked.

The last legislature made things harder for drunken drivers by saying that the minimum punishment for driving on the highway while intoxicated should be a fine of \$50 or two months labor on public works. There wasn't anything else for the recorder to do but pop a \$50 fine on the buggy driver. And the law requires, too, that judges take away driving privileges for a certain time from convicted drunken drivers, and, therefore, to the sentence he added "and the defendant is not to drive again for three months." The judge did not make it clear whether he meant an auto, a buggy, or both; he merely said "not to drive again on the public highway for three months."

And at that juncture this story would end ordinarily, for court sentences are usually the end of a story. But as it happened Bryson, the buggy driver, did not have enough available cash to pay the \$50 fine plus the costs, and it now seems as if his buggy ride may necessitate two months work building roads, streets and bridges in No. 6 Township.

Marrying Judge of York, S. C., is Dead

Married More Couples Each Year Than York Has Inhabitants, Widely Known.

York, S. C.—The marrying judge of "Cupid's Corner" is dead. Captain George Preston Smith, who for three years has held the position of probate judge and whose record has brought York the name of "Cupid's Corner," died here Monday.

During his term of office, he never failed to issue more marriage licenses each year than the town of York boasts inhabitants.

His total for 1928 and 1929 was 5,332. Of this number, he actually performed the ceremony for almost 5,000 couples.

He was especially popular with North Carolina couples, where the laws compelling medical examinations and four-day publication of marriage intentions has proven unpopular with a part of the love lorn.

Uneducated Fill Court Dockets

The best antidote for crime is education, according to an observation made in the county court here by Recorder Horace Kennedy.

A few weeks back Recorder Kennedy read the results of a survey made at the state prison by Governor Gardner. That survey revealed that there are very few, if any, high school graduates among the state convicts, and the Cleveland county judge decided to do a bit of investigating the whys and wherefores of crime himself.

During a recent session of the Cleveland county court 15 defendants faced the bar of justice. Judge Kennedy asked

Home Life Too Tame Becomes Bandit Queen



Mrs. Amelia Bascon, 19-year-old wife and mother of Springfield, Mass., who says she found life with her husband, a mill hand, and her 10-months-old son "too tame," and so turned to banditry. After leading four youths in fifty-five robberies "for the thrill" she was arrested in New York. (International Newsreel)

Dialect Reader Comes To City

Mrs. Aiken To Give Entertainment Here Thursday Evening. Very Talented.

Mrs. Joel S. Aiken, noted dialect reader and entertainer, will come to Shelby Thursday evening, March 6, to give a delightful program, "An Evening in Dixie," at the Central high school auditorium under the auspices of the Shelby Woman's club.

Mrs. Aiken specializes in negro dialect and her repertoire is distinctive and pleasing. Born and reared in the heart of the Old South she knows the negro thoroughly and appreciates the humor and pathos as well as the deep spiritual instincts of the race. Her singing of negro spirituals and bandanna songs class her as one of the outstanding interpreters of negro songs of the day.

Mrs. Aiken will bring a wide and varied program, mostly humorous but well balanced. She will be assisted by some of the best local talent of the city and it is hoped a large audience will be present.

The following newspaper comments are a few of the many that indicate the delight always experienced by Mrs. Aiken's audiences:

"Mrs. Aiken delighted her many hearers by her sincere interpretations and the inimitable reading of 'honest to goodness' dialect an adulterated by any trimmings. As a writer of dialect Mrs. Aiken belongs to be classed along with Thomas Nelson Page and Irvin Russell—Carroll Free Press.

"Mrs. Aiken, herself a writer of recognition, possesses much ability as a reader and interpreter of negro dialect and her selections and renditions bespoke an artist's talent. Negro spirituals added color to the plantation life so vividly portrayed by the entertainer." —Camden Chronicle.

DUKE LOSES IN TITLE GAME FOR CAGE CROWN

The basketball quint representing the University of Alabama last night won the Southern basketball title by defeating the Duke university five 31-24 in the final game of the Atlanta tournament. Duke has been in the conference only two years and has gone to the finals both times before losing.

Some Chance Of District G. O. P. Gathering Here

Republicans Gathered Here In 1928

Jonas Was Nominated In Shelby In 1928 And Successful Campaign Plans Made Here.

If the Republicans of the ninth congressional district are superstitious, there is a likelihood that the ninth district G. O. P. convention held here in 1928 may return in April this year.

It was in April 1928 that the Republicans of this district met at Cleveland Springs hotel, nominated Chas. A. Jonas for congress, mapped out their campaign plans, and sent a Republican to congress from this normally democratic district for the first time in years. It is generally understood among the Republicans of the district that Jonas will be re-nominated, and in view of that understanding local Republicans reason that since the district G. O. P. started its most successful campaign in Shelby two years ago it should meet here again to map out a drive for sending Congressman Jonas back into office.

Not Decided Yet.

So far as local Republican leaders know, no definite plans regarding the April convention have been formulated. Postmaster J. H. Quinn, prominent Cleveland county Republican, stated today that the county Republican executive committee has not as yet made any overtures to convention officials with the idea of bringing convention back here, but he added that Cleveland Republicans would be glad to have the convention this year again.

"Shelby is about midway in the district," Mr. Quinn reasons, "and is in convenient travelling distance for delegates in any of the counties in the district."

In 1928 the Republicans of this district held one of the liveliest sessions on record at the Cleveland Springs hotel but since that time the Cleveland Springs hotel has been destroyed by fire. However, local Republicans are ready to show Republicans of the other counties in the district that the new Hotey Charles has ample and convenient facilities for entertaining the convention this year.

Mr. S. T. Henry, of Spruce Pine, district chairman, will in all likelihood set the date and place of the meeting. Mr. Henry expressed pleasure at the reception given the convention in 1928, and since that time he has been one of the chief backers in the mountain counties of the Cleveland county fairs. Contacts made by him here in connection with the fair and the convenient location of Shelby for delegates from other counties may tend to influence him to bring the biennial gathering to Shelby.

Webb Theatre to Buy New 'Talkie' Machine

Western Electric Sound Equipment To Be Installed By First Of Month.

Mr. Claude Webb, proprietor of the Webb theatre, is announcing the prospective installation of Western Electric sound equipment, to be installed about the first of April.

According to Mr. Webb's statement, this is the best of all the apparatus for sound reproduction yet perfected, and the most costly. "Wherever it is used," Mr. Webb told The Star, "business is good with the theatres. It is the last word in perfection in the modern show world."

He went on to say that he expects engineers to arrive in Shelby this week to make a survey of his theatre, and that he expects the new equipment to be ready for service by the first of next month.

Cleveland Couple Married in Gaffney

Only one Cleveland county couple secured marriage license in Gaffney last week according to The Gaffney Ledger. This couple was Glenn Smith and Mary Lérichne, both of Kings Mountain.

Simmons Manager For District Not Appointed as Yet

Shelby Man Listed On Simmons Committee Does Not Attend Charlotte Meeting.

Who will be Senator Simmons' campaign manager for this, the ninth congressional district?

Five counties in the district, not including Cleveland, were represented in a meeting held yesterday at Charlotte at which it was said that Mr. Simmons' district leader in his fight against J. W. Bailey would be named today or during the week.

Yesterday's Charlotte News in listing the members of the district committee which would likely select a Simmons manager included the name of V. E. McDaniels of Shelby, but a report of the meeting in the Observer today did not name Mr. McDaniels among those attending.

Wray On Committee.

Members of the committee present were Frank McInch, of Charlotte; R. R. Ray, of McAdenville; C. F. Kirksey, of Morganton; Mrs. T. J. McNeely, of Lincolnton, and Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia.

Ground Hog Backed Up By Blum's as to Bad March Weather

Bitter Cold And Storms Ahead During Month Says Famous Old Almanac.

Last week there were those about Shelby and Cleveland county who gave the ground hog and his prophetic ability the horse laugh. Regular spring days, buds bursting out, blooms showing up here and there.

Then came Sunday and a howling March wind. Regular winter weather. And the ground hog, no doubt, let out a chuckle much like a horse laughs when mildly amused.

And, according to Blums, an almanac that has been relied upon by farmers for more than 100 years, the ground hog has any number of chuckles or hee-haws coming his way before the end of March.

In fact, Blum's backs up everything the ground hog said, or did not say when he saw his shadow on February 2 and darted back in his hole while predicting six weeks of rough weather. And Blum's says it a little stronger. Instead of ushering in Miss Springtime on March 16, the end of the ground hog season, Blum's predicts other cold snaps right up until the end of the month.

From the 4th to the 6th of March, says Blum's, the weather will be mild, but on the 6th there will be cold storms. The 7th to the 10th will be a severe storm period "with unusually cold winds or a blizzard." Two mild days are promised from the 11th through the 13th, but beginning on the 13th and continuing through the 16th cold and some stormy weather is forecast. Mild weather is assured for the 17 to 20, but from the 20th to the 23rd, says Blum's, comes the solitaneous storm of the "line storm." From the 24th to the 27th there will be a cold wave with high winds, and very cold weather is promised from the 28th to the 31st.

So, if Blum's is to be believed, the ground hog could have slapped on an extra fortnight or so of woodchuck weather. Anyway, this endorsement of the prophetic marmot might be pasted up for future reference.

Legion Here Backs New School Building

Ex-Service Men Endorse Clyde R. Hoey's Outlined Plan For Needed Building.

At their meeting last night the Warren Hoyle Post of the American Legion became the first civic organization in the city to officially endorse the new Shelby high school building plan outlined to a meeting of the Parent-Teacher association, some time back.

In pledging whole-hearted support to the movement for a new high school at the present time when construction costs are low there was not a single dissenting vote cast, according to Tom Abernethy, commander of the post.

Spangler Showing Rapid Improvement

Summie Spangler, who has been critically ill at the Shelby hospital, suffering with blood poison, is showing some improvement and hopes are now entertained for his recovery. His improvement is slow, however, but all signs are more hopeful and indications are now that he will recover.

Queen of Michigan Carnival



However famous it may be for its peaches during the Summer months, this Michigan city in the heart of the famous fruit country is of the opinion that it can also boast of its Winter peaches. Here is one of the latter, recently crowned Queen of the Annual Winter Carnival. She is Miss Eloise Campbell. (International Newsreel)

Prettiest Girl, Best Looking Boy, Etc., Picked By Shelby Seniors

Elizabeth Gidney Named As Prettiest Girl in Class. Thirty-Seven Superlatives.

Elizabeth Gidney is the prettiest girl in the senior class of the Shelby high school, according to the version of her classmates when polled, and the same poll named Alfred Eskridge as the most handsome boy.

In addition to picking the prettiest girl and the best-looking boy the Shelby high seniors listed 35 other superlatives found among their class mates. They found: Most attractive girl, Sara Dellinger; most popular girl, Sara Dellinger; best natured girl, Mary Faye Dellinger; best natured boy, H. Clay Cox; wittiest girl, Marietta Hoyle; wittiest boy, Haleg Poston; cutest girl, Ruth Thompson; cutest boy, Hal Farris; daintiest girl, Reba Hamrick; most dignified boy, John Best; most influential girl, Peg LeGrand; most influential boy, Zeno Wall; most indifferent girl, Maggie McGowan; most indifferent boy, John Best; most intelligent girl, Mildred McKinney; most intelligent boy, Clyde Wright; most dependable girl, Elsie Gidney; most dependable boy, Robert Reid.

"Woman hater," John Best; "man hater," Maggie McGowan; most athletic girl, Hal Sparks; most athletic boy, Hal Farris; best all round girl, Peg LeGrand; best all round boy, Zeno Wall; most talented girl, Ruth Thompson; most talented boy, Ed Smith; biggest, Bert, Ann Elmore; sheik, Charles Switzer; boy with best physique, Hal Farris; most studious girl, Ray Gibbs; most studious boy, Clyde Wright; most courteous boy, John Hendrick; sweetest girl, Elsie Gidney.

At Pleasant Grove. There will be Sunday school at Pleasant Grove church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and preaching services at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

"Aunt Eliza", Popular Old-Time Slave, Dead; Sold For \$1,111

Cleveland History of Slave Times Recalled. Twins Once Sold For \$2,800.

(By JAMES C. ELLIOTT.)

One of the last of the old time slaves, "Aunt Eliza" Elliott, as she was affectionately called by her white folks, born about 1840, a slave in the Gidney family of Capt. John W. and Or Chancey Gidney, died Feb. 27, 1930 at Mrs. Walter Lattimore's where she had made her home for more than thirty years.

She reared her children and grandchildren and I saw her sold on the block at Mrs. Gidney's sale about 1854, then a 14 year old girl. She brought \$1,111.00. Jonas Bedford bought her. She married a young Elliott negro and took his name. She was a good cook and was always in demand on special occasions and ready to care for the sick and bereaved. Her father, Dick Withrow, passed from the Wells to

Withrows. He was a mulatto and a blacksmith and worked in John Wiley's carriage shop at Rutherfordton. After the war, he lived in Shelby. He was always true to his white folks. Her youngest son, Sam, with whom she lived was of a similar type. About thirty years ago at a horse back parade in Shelby, Sam rode in the parade. Sam still holds the old home with the Lattimores. He is an industrious, faithful and prosperous negro. He has a good team of mules, a fine car and money in the bank.

Twins Bring \$2,800. At Mrs. Gidney's sale, he brought \$1,000. Martin Goode bought him. He had a wife at Goodes. About five years later I saw him sold again for \$1,000 at Martin Goode's sale. Rev. A. P. Avant bought him and at the same sale I saw a young mulatto woman, Mariah, with twin boys one year old in her arms, sold for \$2,800. A Mr. Wright, who mar-

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Annual Contest For Reciters On Here Friday Eve

Thirteen Girls To Seek Prize

High School Girls Contest For Selma Webb Recitation And Essay Medals.

Girls from 13 Cleveland county high schools will gather in the Central school auditorium here Friday night, of this week, at 7:30 o'clock to contest for the annual Selma Webb recitation medal.

The winner of the annual Selma Webb essay contest will also be announced as a part of the program. With entrants from all sections of the county there is much interest in the Webb contests this year and the Central auditorium is expected to be filled for the event.

Entrants Listed.

The following schools will be represented: Earl—Mary Sue Austell, subject "Hagar"; Mooresboro—Mildred Green, "Alameda"; Belwood—Flora Ivester, "Death of Uncle Tom"; Kings Mountain—reciter to be selected yet; Shelby—reciter not yet selected; Grover—Annis Randall, "The Ninth Run of the Overland"; Lattimore—Edna Harrill, "Dick"; Fallston—not selected; "Waco—Dorothy Smith, "The Soul of the Violin"; Patterson Springs—Marie Davis, subject not given; Cassar—Ruby Carpenter, "The Gypsy Flower Girl"; Piedmont—selection not yet announced; and Bolling Springs selection not yet made public.

Musical Program.

In addition to the recitations there will be musical selections by the Shelby high school orchestra and a chorus from Lattimore.

Out-of-town judges will decide the winners it is announced by Mr. J. H. Grigg, county superintendent of schools.

Select Newton For Tax Office

Present Tax Supervisor Re-Appointed. Tax Listers Will Be Named Soon.

Mr. W. R. Newton was re-appointed tax supervisor for Cleveland county at the meeting of the county commissioners held this week. It was announced today by A. E. Gilio, commission chairman, who adds that Mr. Newton has accepted.

One change in connection with his work will likely be made, the commissioners decided. Heretofore Mr. Newton has been lister for No. 6 township in addition to his duties as supervisor, but the commissioners this year plan to add a lister.

Name Old Listers.

It was also decided by the board that as many of the present listers as possible would be re-appointed in the 11 townships of the county.

County tax listing will start on April 1. Regular listing procedure will be followed this year with re-assessment listing next year.

Matinee Late in Day For High School Girls

The Carolina theatre through Manager Sipe today announced a matinee policy at the theatre resulting from the theatres hope to aid school officials in preventing the cutting of classes in the afternoon by school girls. Recently the theatre has been holding a 10 cent matinee in the afternoon, 1 to 2 o'clock, for women and girls. Numerous girls, Manager Sipe learns, have been cutting school in the afternoon to see the bargain performance. Hereafter as a result, he says, another matinee will be held for 10 cents from 3 to 4 o'clock for the benefit of school girls. The 1 to 2 matinee will be continued also.

Weather Holds Up Baseball Training

A return touch of winter weather this week has delayed the early season baseball practice already started by Coach Casey Morris at the Shelby High school. Last week with several typical spring days Coach Morris had been working out around 25 candidates in the effort to rebuild his state championship team and he already had his squad taking hitting and infield practice and the hurlers warming up. The biting wind this week, however, has been too chilly for the hopefuls seeking Shelby's fourth title to keep up their limbering-up exercises.