

Showers Saturday.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Local thunderstorms Saturday in southwest portion.

Cannon's Appeal.
Dallas, Tex., May 8.—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, asked the church today for vindication of his activities against the liquor traffic.

Bishop Cannon declared that in the last presidential election he openly opposed Gov. Alfred E. Smith's election "not as chairman of your board on temperance and social reform, but as an individual citizen with a record of 40 years of active anti-liquor warfare." Taking the position that the general conference had gone on record as opposing liquor in every legitimate fashion, Bishop Cannon reported that despite the church rulings, the board had taken no part in the campaign and that no funds of the church had been used. He asked, however, that the church go on record as to taking part in campaigns in the future.

Primary Draws Small Interest As Voting Nears

Little Enthusiasm Over Contests

Candidates Active But Voters Not Inclined To Tear Shirts And Worry.

With the day of the primary less than a month off politicians hereabouts are inclined to scratch their heads and wonder about the lack of enthusiasm being shown by Cleveland county voters.

The voters of the county may be planning to toss a big vote in against some candidate or for another candidate, but if such be the case, they are not letting the information out, and, as a result, candidates are wondering just how they stand.

Least Ever Here.

One man closely identified with county politics for years stated today that "I have never seen less interest with a primary so near. In days gone by a big portion of the citizenship got considerably worked up over the ballot battles and one could hear political talk on all sides. Now very little politics is being talked except that being done by the candidates. All over the county when asked voters will reply saying that I haven't thought much about it and don't know yet just how I'll vote. That has the candidates, those who anticipate close races, wondering quite a bit as to the outcome. It's hard to make predictions when the voters are not talking."

The warmest prospective race, judging by the little gossip heard among voters, will be that for solicitor of county court in which three candidates are seeking the office. The remaining county races, with the exception of interest in some sections over the race for recorder, are drawing very little conversation.

Senatorial Race.

Likewise there isn't half as much interest being shown in the Simmons-Bailey senatorial race as was expected. County Democrats seem inclined not to tear up their ranks by raising too much heat over a couple of party candidates. Active work is going on for both senatorial candidates and workers on both sides of the race are optimistic. Some Bailey men are of the opinion that the Raleigh man will get a big majority in Cleveland. Known Simmons men are inclined to admit that Simmons will run second to Bailey, but they will add that it will be far from a run-away and that Simmons will be pretty close to Bailey when the votes are counted.

Just how many votes will be cast is a guessing matter, and the guesses range all the way from 6,000 to 7,000. Had the usual interest been shown there might have been close to the 7,000 voted in the not primary of two years ago, but as it is 6,500 votes will cover the balloting time by the Democrats. Just how many Republicans will go to the polls to vote for one of their senatorial candidates can hardly be guessed at. Bailey men are happy because the Republicans will have senatorial candidates of their own, because they contend that there been no Republican candidates many Republicans would have managed to vote for Simmons to express their appreciation for his stand in 1928 when the Republican party carried the State.

There may be a surprisingly big vote on June 7 and much late-day interest shown in the several races before that time, but the signs do not indicate it just now.

MRS. MAUNAY SERIOUSLY SICK IN SHELBY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Eva Maunay, of Lawndale, is seriously ill in the Shelby hospital. She took a blood transfusion this morning and will undergo an operation when her condition improves.

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Shelby Plays Mt. Airy Here Saturday For Western Title; Farris Homer Defeats Spencer

Morris Has Built Another Winner



Championship Game Played Here

Local Youngsters Only Team Ever To Play For Fourth Title. Spencer Good.

Tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon the Shelby high baseball team will play Mt. Airy in Shelby for the western baseball championship in class B. The game will start at 3:45, and it is the first time that any high school team in the state has played for its fourth championship. In case of rain the game will be played Monday.

The Casey Morris outfit won its way to the final game by defeating Spencer here Wednesday 8 to 5 in a game that kept hundreds of fans in suspense from start to finish. The Spencer team is the smartest, heaviest-hitting club Shelby has encountered this season, and in winning their fifteenth victory of the season the Shelby boys were forced to exert themselves to the limit.

Farris Clicks Again.

Hal Farris, the popular captain and catcher of the 1929 champions, was again the difference between the opposing outfits. His line drive over leftfield fence in the seventh inning with a teammate on base gave Shelby the runs needed to win, and it was his ability to pick Spencer runners off the base paths that prevented Spencer from winning in the final frames.

See Close Game.

The Saturday's struggle should be the fastest high school game ever staged here as it is the first time that a western championship game has been played here. Mt. Airy this week defeated Bessmer 2 to 1 to win the right to meet Shelby Saturday for the western crown.

When the Morrismen trot on the field here Saturday afternoon before what promises to be a record crowd of baseball fans it will be the fourth time that Shelby high colors have gone into the western finals, a record for the state. Two times under Coach Morris the locals have won the western title and then the North Carolina crown, and a state championship was won under Coach Dick Gurley the year before Morris came to Shelby.

That Spencer Game.

Fans in this section have their eyes on tomorrow's treat but they still shudder as the mind goes back to the hectic struggle Wednesday with Coach Cheek's Spencermen. Sherrill Hamrick, Shelby's crack

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Urge City To Act On Gas Franchise

Kiwani Club Insists On City Officials Giving Consideration To Propositions

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis club last night a resolution was unanimously adopted urging the city officials to give consideration to the letting of a franchise to some outside gas company to build and operate a gas plant in Shelby. The club will ask that a notice be placed in some publication devoted to the gas industry, notifying companies that Shelby is open to propositions and when all propositions are in, the Kiwanis club asks that the city let franchise to the company making the most advantageous proposition to the city. President Lineberger appointed a committee to convey the resolution to the city fathers and urge their immediate action.

The party will look over the route from Shelby through Sharon and Bolling Springs, the Lovelace bridge across Broad river and the road leading into No. 1 townships.

A new highway to serve Nos. 2 and 1 townships has been assured by the highway officials but the routing is problematical. The purpose of the visit of these officials today is to determine somewhat on the route.

BIRTHDAY DINNER AT HOME OF W. E. WRIGHT

There will be a birthday dinner at the home of W. E. Wright on route 4, Shelby on Sunday, May 11, in honor of Mrs. Wright and daughter, Mrs. Ledford.

Lincoln County Men Arrested In "Jake" Cases By Federal Officer

Evan Houser Works Up Evidence On Sale Of "Jake" Others To Be Made.

Charlotte.—Investigation of numerous cases of "jake" paralysis which appeared in this section last month resulted this week in issuance of warrants for a number of alleged vendors of the bootleg Jamaica ginger blamed for the paralysis.

First of the warrants to be served was upon J. E. Robinson, of Lincoln county, who lives near High Shoals where a score of cases of paralysis were reported.

Robinson will be given a preliminary hearing before a United States commissioner at Lincolnton Saturday.

Punch That May Bring Victory



That mighty fist which Max Schmeling proudly shows his manager, Joe Jacobs, may win the German fighter the title of world's heavyweight champion. Schmeling just arrived in New

York where he will meet Jack Sharkey at the Yankee Stadium, June 12, in a benefit fund bout.

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