

LATE NEWS
Fair Thursday.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

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Fourteen Killed.
Gladewater, Texas, April 29.—Fourteen men were believed killed late yesterday when the wild Sinclair No. 1 Cole oil well, two miles from here, exploded from a spark caused by friction. Ten others were injured, five probably fatally. Most of the injured were removed to a hospital at Longview. Tom Cole, part owner of the well, said he saw a spark caused by the friction of lowering tools into the well. He ran, but got only a few feet before the explosion dashed him to the ground, scaring his back and head.

Will Name New Solicitor Here At Meet Monday

Judge Weathers To Recommend

Commissioners Will Fill Newton Vacancy At Regular Board Session.

A new solicitor of the Cleveland county recorder's court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. Clint Newton will not be named until the county commissioners hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday.

This was announced today by A. E. Cline, chairman of the county commissioners. Earlier in the week it was believed that a special session of the county board might be held this week to fill the office.

Weather View.
It was also learned today that County Judge Maurice R. Weathers will make a recommendation to the board for the appointment.

According to the law such a recommendation should be made by the judge in case of a vacancy and then the appointment must be approved by him. Monday Judge Weathers stated that he would prefer not to recommend any particular candidate and would leave the appointment entirely with the commissioners. Since then, however, he has decided that he would make a recommendation as that procedure is suggested in the law covering the county court.

No Announcement.
Although he plans to recommend an appointment Judge Weathers would not say today just what candidate he would suggest as it is his desire to make no public announcement until he goes before the board Monday.

At least five candidates are known to be receptive applicants for the office. They are Attorneys W. S. Beam, C. B. McBrayer, P. Cleveland Gardner, Bynum Weathers and Horace Kennedy.

Change Planned.
Information has it that a legislative bill is now being prepared for making a change in the fee basis of the solicitor's office and perhaps other changes in connection with the county court. Full details of the bill, which will likely be introduced in the general assembly, should be available for Friday's Star.

Charge Attack On Young Girl

Paul Burgess Jailed At Rutherfordford For Alleged Assault On Girl.

Rutherfordford, April 29.—Paul Burgess, 22, son of G. P. Burgess, of Henrietta, was lodged in jail here yesterday facing a charge of criminally assaulting a 17-year-old white girl of near Cliffside.

He waived examination before County Recorder Fred McBrayer and will likely be tried here before Judge Hoyle Slink at the May term of criminal court.

Two physicians who examined the girl declared that an attack had been committed. Burgess is held in jail without bail.

It is understood that Burgess took the girl and another couple out for a ride Sunday night near Forest City. Returning he left one girl at her home in Caroleen, the man at his home in Henrietta and took the attacked girl north of Henrietta about a mile.

Ticket Ready For City Vote Here Monday

No School Board Contests

Three Contests For Board of Aldermen. Cox Does Not Announce.

When the filing time closed for the city election Monday a total of 14 candidates had formally announced, two for mayor, seven for the city board and five for the school board.

No new announcements were made just before the filing books closed, Dr. B. M. Jarrett, candidate for alderman in ward four, being the last to announce.

For School Board.
There will be no contests on the school board. Four of the announced candidates are members of the present board while the fifth, J. Lawrence Lackey, is without opposition. H. Clay Cox, present member of the school board in ward three, the Lackey ward, did not announce for re-election. In stating that he would not announce Mr. Cox said "Mr. Lackey is a friend and neighbor of mine and I think he would make the board a good member."

During his two years on the board Mr. Cox displayed much interest in the activities of the city schools and was a valuable member of the board.

Board Race.
John Schenck, jr., ward three alderman, is the only city board candidate without opposition. In ward one Alderman P. M. Washburn is opposed by J. F. Ledford, former alderman. In ward two R. D. Crowder and D. W. Royster are rival candidates, and in ward four Alderman Z. J. Thompson is opposed by Dr. B. M. Jarrett.

Print Tickets.
Tickets are being printed this week for Monday's election. Approximately 400 new voters have registered so far, Frank H. Kendall, city registrar, said today.

Full Ticket.
The full ticket for Monday's voting follows:
For mayor—S. A. McMurry and W. N. Dorsey.

For alderman, ward one—P. M. Washburn, J. F. Ledford.
Ward two—D. W. Royster, R. D. Crowder.

Ward three—John F. Schenck, jr.
Ward four—Z. J. Thompson, B. M. Jarrett.

School Board.
Ward one—Roger Laughridge.
Ward two—Tom Gold.
Ward three—J. Lawrence Lackey.
Ward four—L. P. Holland.
Member-at-large—Thad C. Ford.

Boxer Is Out Of Ring For The Year

It was learned today that Babe Carr, young Shelby boxer and one of the most promising lightweights in the two Carolinas, will not be able to go in the ring any more this year due to injuries suffered in an auto wreck some weeks ago. Carr had two ribs cracked and his back injured and physicians here informed him that he cannot box any more during the year. He is planning on a vacation trip to Nevada until he is again able to enter the ring.

MacMillan Plans To Fly Across Atlantic And Back This Summer

To Take Another Pilot With Him On Jump In Swift Plane.

Los Angeles, April 29.—In the role of a trans-Atlantic flier whose goal is the first round trip crossing of the north Atlantic by airplane, Commander Donald M. MacMillan, veteran explorer of the Arctic, will attempt to fly back and forth between Boston and London this summer.

A swift monoplane, a Lockheed Vega, the same design of ship in which many transcontinental speed records have been set, will be used. It was announced today. A Los Angeles flier, Charles F. Rochelle, will pilot the ship.

Held in Triangle Shooting



The confession of James De Pew, slander debonair shiek, that he shot John T. Conlin during an attempted holdup to get funds for Mrs. Amy Conlin to enable her to seek a divorce in Reno, has brought to New York police a replica of the famous Synder-Gray triangle. The 40-year-old wife and 27-year-old accused man (both above) planned to marry as soon as the divorce mill at Reno cut the marital bonds, according to De Pew.

Rafe King Gets Many Flowers In Lancaster Jail; Stage All Set For Trial Opening Monday

Shelby Man Also Gets Samples of Lancaster Cooking. Little Delay Seen.

Since being moved to the Lancaster jail, to be ready for the opening of his second trial Monday, Rafe King, former Shelby man has received many flowers and samples of Lancaster cooking.

This is learned from a Yorkville Enquirer article concerning the approaching trial.

"The case of the state against Rafe King, indicted and convicted once for the murder of his wife at Sharon, will be called in the court of general sessions at Lancaster next Monday at 10 o'clock.

"The state and defense counsel both say they are ready for trial without any delay. The first trial at Chester elicited perhaps the most intense and most widespread public interest of any single trial ever held in this state. The indications are that interest in the second trial will equal that in the first trial held in July, 1929.

"The surroundings will be quite different this time, however. At Chester, the court house, telegraph and telephone facilities, and hotel accommodations were superior for the dozen star newspaper reporters covering the trial. At Lancaster all these are different. The court room will barely hold the people having a real and vested interest in the trial, without any curious spectators who numbered thousands from all over South Carolina at Chester.

"King has been in the Lancaster jail for a couple of weeks and says he finds the accommodations very satisfactory. His cell could not hold all the flowers he received, and they overflowed into the jail windows and even the floor of the corridor. He also was sent many samples.

Kings Mountain Has Two Candidates Now

Kings Mountain, April 29.—Breakaway from the usual custom followed by all politicians in the past of not announcing themselves for office until the day of the election, two men have filed notice of their candidacy for mayor of Kings Mountain.

W. K. Mauney, president and manager of the Mauney mills in Kings Mountain and B. S. Peeler, secretary of the Elmer Lumber company, have definitely announced themselves for mayor.

No one has given any notice of their candidacy for the city council or the city school board.

At the election, which will be held next Tuesday, there will be elected a mayor, five councilmen and three members of the city school board.

The present officers of the town are Wiley H. McGinnis, mayor; W. P. Fulton, Raymond Cline Joe Neisler, E. W. Griffin and G. D. Hambricht, city councilmen; and A. H. Patterson, Doris Mauney and Dr. L. P. Baker, members of city school board.

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C. S. Young Quits Grocery Firm To Farm

Vice President To Succeed Him

Has Been With A. Blanton Grocery For 22 Years. Succeeded By Chas. W. Laughridge.

C. S. Young, for 22 years an official of the A. Blanton Grocery Co., wholesalers, has resigned his position as manager to devote his time to his farming interests and will be succeeded by Chas. W. Laughridge, vice president of the company. Mr. Laughridge has been a member of the firm for 30 years and takes charge as active manager this week when Mr. Young relinquishes his post to give personal attention to his farm and a sub-division which he intends to develop on the western edge of the city.

The A. Blanton Grocery Co. is one of the oldest wholesale grocery firms in Western Carolina and at one time maintained warehouses and branch offices at Morganton, Spruce Pine, Marion and Shelby. Efforts are now centered on the stores at Shelby and Marion—the Shelby store being the larger of the two.

All Serve Long.
Mr. Young received his early training in the mercantile business with the Stamey brothers at Fallston. Mr. Laughridge came to Shelby from McDowell county, the home of his friend and co-founder of the business, the late Ab Blanton.

All members of the organization have served faithfully with the firm through a period of many years so Mr. Young naturally severs his business relations with regret. Mr. Laughridge who becomes manager is the oldest in point of years of service having rounded out a connection of 30 years; Mr. Young has served 22 years; Roger Laughridge 23 years; Miss Foy Moore 12 years; Connelly Eskridge 15 years; Hugh Mauney 11 years; Grady Mauney 9 years and Leland Jones 8 years, a total of 131 years.

Mr. Young who turns to farming has 221 acres on the western edge of the city. This acreage constituted the Whisman and Wray farms. Then in No. 3 township he has 40 acres which will command his attention.

Cleveland Students Get College Honors

Two Cleveland county young people were honored last week by being chosen to head the B. Y. P. U. departments of their respective colleges. Miss Elizabeth Elam of Kings Mtn., director of the work at Meredith college, and A. V. Washburn jr., of the Double Springs section, director of the work at Wake Forest. These young people are making fine records in their school work and are to be congratulated upon this fine opportunity for service.

District Club Meeting Here

Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs In Three Counties Meets Saturday.

On Saturday, May 2nd, the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs for the 4th district will meet at the South Shelby school from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m.

This is the first meeting of the district and it is hoped that every club member in the three counties will attend. Each lady will bring box lunch and these will be spread together as is the usual custom with all federation meetings.

An interesting program is being prepared which will be followed by a business meeting. The president of each club and one member, named by the president, are asked to come by ten-forty-five in order to be ready for opening at eleven prompt.

Eskridge Elected Bankers' Official

Shelby Banker Second Vice-President Of State Banking Group.

Mr. Forrest Eskridge, cashier of the Shelby First National Bank and Union Trust Company, was yesterday elected second vice-president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association at their annual convention at Pinehurst.

Mr. Eskridge was previously third vice president and his moving up means that in 1933 he will become president of the association. R. M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, was elected president; Robert N. Page, of Aberdeen, first vice president; and E. B. Crow, of Raleigh, third vice-president.

Office Change



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Sam O. Andrews, Well Known Citizen, Shot Himself Early Today

Used .32 Pistol To End Life In Bedroom This Morning. Declining Health Brought On Worry. Funeral Services To Be Held On Thursday Afternoon.

Samuel O. Andrews, well known 67-year-old Shelby man, grandson of the man who gave the land on which the city is built, fatally shot himself this morning at 8:30 o'clock while in the bedroom of his home on South Washington street.

Lattimore Case Appeal Heard

Briefs Taken Up Yesterday By Supreme Court. Decision Later.

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The appeal was not argued orally but was submitted in legal briefs. It will be a week or 10 days and possibly longer before the high court will hand down a decision.

The legal questions on which the appeal was based centered, it is said, to a considerable extent around the jury charge.

Lattimore Finals Start On Friday

Three-Act Play Friday Night. Annual Address Saturday By Dr. Wall.

Commencement exercises are on this week-end at the Lattimore high school with the major portion of the finals program Friday night and Saturday.

Friday night at 8 o'clock the high school will present an entertaining three-act play, "The Belle of Barcelona." About 45 students will participate in the play.

Saturday Afternoon.
The annual address to the graduating class will be made Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the Shelby First Baptist church.

Diplomas will be awarded the graduates at that time.

Saturday night the senior class will present a three-act comedy, "Nothing But the Truth." The comedy will begin at 8 o'clock.

All exercises will be held in the high school auditorium and Prof. Lawton Blanton, other members of the faculty, the seniors and other students extend a general invitation for the public to attend.

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Moonshiners May Have Killed Young Rutherford Farmer Near Henrietta

Body of Carl Hensley Found Near Site Where Large Still Was Confiscated.

Forest City, April 29.—It was understood here yesterday afternoon that officers are working on the clue that Carl Hensley, 23-year-old farmer, who was found lying unconscious on a side road in the Pea Ridge section of this county Monday morning, and who died in a few minutes after being found, was ambushed by moonshiners who feared that he would tell officers of their activities.

Sheriff J. E. McFarland was still investigating the case and could not be reached by phone. The sheriff's office could not give out much information about the case but stated that a 75-gallon capacity copper still had been captured; about 100 years from where Hensley was found.

One Man Arrested.
One man was arrested, Private Hardin, and a warrant has been issued for another man charged with

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Mr. Andrews, a member of one of the most prominent families of this section and widely connected in Cleveland and Rutherford counties, had been in declining health for several years. His health had not improved any after an operation a year or so ago and for a month or two he had been unable to continue his work.

Heard Muffled Shot.
About the time other members of his family started to call him to breakfast this morning they heard a muffled report in his bedroom on the second floor which sounded as if a chair had fallen over. Rushing to the room he was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood, a bullet wound in his right temple. He was still living but unconscious.

A hurried call was made for an ambulance and Dr. Tom Brice Mitchell, a neighbor, was called. About the time the ambulance arrived it was decided that moving him then would increase the flow of blood and hasten his death. He died about 20 minutes later, or around 90 minutes after the shot was heard.

The gun used was a .32 pistol, the property of a son. It had been around the residence for some months but no .32 cartridges were known to have been in the house. Mr. Andrews yesterday afternoon had made an inquiry of Deputy Jerry Runyan about some .32 cartridges and learned that the officer used a .38 calibre gun instead of a .32. Presumption is that he then purchased or secured some .32 cartridges somewhere in the city.

Members of the family knew that he had been in ill health and somewhat worried about himself but that he had not realized the worry was bearing so heavily upon him.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 4:30 at the residence, conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. N. McDiarmid of the Presbyterian church. Burial will follow in Sunset cemetery.

Survivors.
His widow, who was Miss Emma Hamrick, a daughter of the late Sheriff M. N. Hamrick, and the following children survive: Messrs. William and Robert Andrews, of Shelby; Miss Sue Andrews, of Charlotte, who was at home this week; and Mrs. Joe Lacy, of Montgomery, Alabama.

Surviving also is one sister, Mrs. J. L. Webb, widow of Judge James L. Webb. Mrs. Webb and her daughter, Mrs. O. Max Gardner, were in New York on a visit. They were located there this morning, however, and will reach Shelby in time for the funeral services tomorrow.

Mr. Andrews, who was known by hundreds of people in Cleveland and Rutherford counties, was the son of the late Dr. W. F. Andrews, one of Shelby's primary citizens and leaders. He was the grandson of Mr. Jimmy Love, prominent landowner, who gave the plot of ground on which Shelby is erected.

The family has been prominent in county affairs for many years and the tragic death of Mr. Andrews this morning cast a pall of gloom over the section. He was a kind-hearted, cheerful man who was highly esteemed by his hundreds of friends. Although not in good health for some time he was a regular visitor in the business section and was one of the best known figures in uptown Shelby. The South Washington residential section of Shelby was originally a portion of the Love-Andrews family and the Andrews family had always lived there.

Partly Dressed.
Other members of the family going down to breakfast this morning noticed, it is said, that he had started to arise and before the muffled report in the room was heard they had wondered why he had not come on down. When found he was partly clothed.

Miss Margaret Tedder, age 11 years, experienced a thrill yesterday when she pulled a two-point bus from Lake Lure.

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