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Same Old Story. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Showers tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Ask Cannon Out. Nashville, Tenn., May 1.—"Communications," asking resignation of Bishop James Cannon, jr., will be laid before the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, which met here today.

To Seek First Degree Penalty In King Hearing. May Or May Not Go On Stand. Evidence Introduced In First Trial Not Competent In New Trial.

Rafe King, Shelby man, may or may not go on the witness stand in his second trial which begins Monday at Lancaster, South Carolina.

Last week a dispatch from York stated that King desired to testify in his own defense. One of his attorneys, Clyde R. Hoy, asked yesterday whether his client would be a witness stated that "it will likely depend upon the course the hearing takes and other developments."

None of the evidence in the first trial will be competent at the hearing next week except where the same witnesses go on the stand and testify. One or two of the witnesses at the first trial have died since then and their testimony will not be a part of the new case.

There is much interest in the case in Shelby and over Cleveland county as King, who was convicted and sentenced to death at the first trial on the charge of killing his wife, had lived here practically all of his life and his wife was once a teacher in the city schools. A number of Shelby people will spend a major portion of next week in Lancaster attending the hearing.

No Compromise. A dispatch Thursday from York said:

"Widespread reports that the state would be willing to compromise the case against Rafe King for some punishment lighter than the death sentence were emphatically denied here today by Solicitor W. Gist Finley.

"They are absolutely without foundation," was Solicitor Finley's comment on the reports. He said the state would be satisfied with nothing less than the death penalty.

"He also said reports to the effect that there will be a postponement of the case are incorrect."

Scout Honor Court Here Monday Night. Will Be Last Court of Honor Until Fall. Others At Summer Camp.

The Shelby district court of honor of the Piedmont council of the Boy Scouts of America will be held at the county court house on Monday night, May 4th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. This will be the last court of honor meeting at Shelby until the fall, all courts of honor during the summer being held at the Piedmont Boy Scout camp at Lake Lanier.

Troops from Shelby, Lattimore, Belwood, Lawndale, Polkville, and Mooresboro have been invited to attend and participate in the work of the court of honor.

Joe Whisnant is chairman of the local court of honor and the following are members of the court: W. E. Abernethy, Arthur Benoy, Jean Schenck, Charles Hoy, Dale Kalter, Lindsey Dall, Ralph Royster, Z. J. Thompson, John McClure, John McArthur, Dr. Thos. Mitchell, L. P. Holland, Max Washburn, Herman Eskridge, R. W. Shoffner, Willis McMurry and John P. Toms. B. L. Smith is vice president of the Piedmont council and Everett Houser is chairman of the Shelby district committee.

Mrs. Putnam Dies At Dover; Bury Saturday

Mrs. S. A. Putnam died Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at her home in the Dover mill village, following an illness of five months. Mrs. Putnam was 29 years of age and has been living here for six years, coming from Grier, S. C. She is survived by her husband and one five months old child and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sumner of Grier, S. C. The body will be taken to Grier for interment Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Putnam has been a member of the Methodist church for twelve years.

Whiskey Cases Top Others In County Court

Convict In 118 Of 136 Cases. Over Half of All Cases Tried By Recorder Weathers Deal With Liquor.

Prohibition law violations contributed more than half of the work done by the Cleveland county recorder's court, according to the April report of Judge Maurice R. Weathers.

A total of 136 cases were disposed of during the month and of that number 69 cases dealt with some form of prohibition charge. Forty-five of the 69 defendants in whiskey cases were charged with being drunk and disorderly, while 24 were charged with manufacturing, retailing, transporting or possessing whiskey.

Assaults Second. Assault cases ranked second with a total of 18. Ten larceny charges ranked third, and eight worthless check cases ranked fourth in number.

Many Convictions. During the month the county court is believed to have established a record in percentage of convictions. In the 136 cases tried only 18 defendants were acquitted, which is to say that there were 118 convictions in 136 cases.

Another unusual feature was that during the month the county court sent only two cases to the superior court docket on appeals or bonds.

Charges in the cases tried during the month were as follows: Prohibition charges, 69; assault, 18; larceny, 10; worthless checks, eight; gambling, seven; fornication and adultery, six; breaking and entering, five; reckless driving, four; abductions, two; forgery, two; improper license, two; non-support, two; vagrancy, one.

Former City Woman Dies In Henderson

Mrs. Bernard Starnback, nee Lois Beam, died Thursday morning at her home in Henderson, following an attack of pneumonia and complications. Mrs. Starnback was the daughter of Mrs. J. P. Beam and the late Dr. Beam of this place. She is survived by her husband and two small daughters, three brothers, Gordon, Claude and Will Beam, two sisters, Mrs. Fletcher Daniels of Valdosta, Ga., and Mrs. Ethel McGee, of Memphis, Tenn.

It is understood funeral and interment takes place today at Henderson.

Weathers Withdraws From Solicitor Race

Attorney Bynum E. Weathers who was one of the six local attorneys to file his application for county solicitor to fill out the unexpired term of the late J. Clint Newton, has withdrawn his application for the position. Appointment will probably be made Monday by the county commissioners upon the recommendation of the county judge, M. R. Weathers. Mr. Bynum Weathers withdraws his application in order to relieve his father who is a member of the county board of commissioners which makes the appointment, from any embarrassment in the matter.

Likely To Postpone Revaluation Of Property In This County This Year

Revaluation Left Up To Commissioners. Would Be Expensive Now.

Revaluation of property in Cleveland county, scheduled for this year, will likely be postponed. The Star learned today.

The general assembly this week left the matter up to the commissioners of the 100 counties and they may carry on the revaluation program this year or postpone it until a time they consider more favorable. It is known here that the Cleveland county commissioners do not consider it a good time to make the revaluation. First of all, the revaluation program would be a rather expensive job and would cost close to \$10,000, an expenditure the county would avoid with times as they are. In the second place it is contended that property values are too fluctuating now for definite and correct values to be fixed.

Up To Boards. Raleigh, May 1.—The quadren-

Heiress Jailed in Killing



Prison fare doesn't seem very appetizing to Miss Helen Joy Morgan, heiress to a million-dollar fortune, shown in Flint, Mich., where she is being held in connection with the slaying of her sweetheart, Leslie Casteel (inset). In her arraignment she pleaded not guilty.

Farmers To Plant 5,000 Acres Pedigreed Cotton Seed Here

These Seed Will Be Sold For Re-planting. Grown Under Strict Supervision.

Between 5,000 and 5,500 acres of land in Cleveland county will this year be planted in Cleveland Big Boll No. 5 strains 2 and 3 from which seed will be grown for sale for re-planting next year.

It is understood that about 2,000 acres will be put in for the Coker Seed farm at Hartsville, S. C., while other farmers will raise seed for the Dover Gin Co., on some 3,000 to 3,500 acres on the same basis offered by the Coker Seed Co.

Last year about 4,000 acres of cotton land was planted in the territory west of Shelby for the Coker Seed Co., under their personal supervision and between 75,000 and 80,000 bushels of pedigreed seed produced on this acreage is now being sold throughout the cotton belt by the Coker Company.

Farmers who grow these pure bred seed realize about double the price of the seed sold for crushing purposes. Every precaution is taken to keep the seed pure and unadulterated and the cotton is ginned on a gin which handles no other cotton but the one particular kind.

Many other farmers are growing pure bred cotton seed which they market on their own accord, but this year there will be the largest acreage ever planted of pedigreed seed for planting. It is understood that the Cleveland Big Boll Strain 5 grows a cotton which measures an inch and a sixteenth in staple. This longer staple cotton of course brings a premium on the market.

Cleveland county is known throughout the cotton belt for its pure-bred seed and its uniform staple of cotton.

SPECIAL SINGING SUNDAY AT REBETH MEMORIAL

The Deal family from Connelly Springs, the Lawndale quartet and Mr. Chess Smith and family will be at the Rebeth church next Sunday, which is memorial day, to render several musical numbers.

Lattimore Flower Garden Gets Notice

The tulip gardens of Mr. Gideon Price, at Lattimore, are attracting considerable attention in neighboring counties.

The following is from the Avenue column of The Gastonia Gazette: "It is worth a trip up to Lattimore to see the tulip garden of Mr. Gideon Price, the rural mail carrier who has 25,000 tulips in bloom," said Fred M. Allen.

"One can run up there in an hour and if a body can get off long enough before dark to get up there and see his display of flowers, it is well worth it. John Beal and I went up yesterday. While many of the tulips are gone, there are still hundreds and hundreds in bloom. Mr. Price knows the names of all the different varieties. He said there were three or four hundred people at his place Sunday."

Few Forecasts Are Being Made On Monday Vote

1,719 People Voted In 1929. Over 500 New Voters Will Be Registered. Vote May Be Heavy Or Light.

STAR WILL COMPILE ELECTION RETURNS

Following the paper's usual custom, The Star will on Monday evening compile the returns of the city election and will be able to give out the results just as soon as the votes are counted. No extra will be issued, but the results may be secured by telephoning No. 11 or watching The Star bulletin board.

So little is being said about Monday's city election in Shelby that the political dopsters are puzzled, and being puzzled they are offering few predictions.

One campaigner bobs up with the opinion that the vote Monday will be heavier than it was in 1929. Another worker will immediately scoff at such a prediction and forecast that the total vote will do well to pass 1,000, and at best will not go over 1,500.

The Last Vote. In 1929 the citizens of Shelby cast 1,719 votes. The highest vote was cast for alderman in ward one where there were three candidates making a run-off race necessary. In the mayor's race two years ago 1,712 votes were cast.

At that time the total registration within the city was around 2,600, of which 467 were new voters were registered that year.

So far this year approximately 500 new voters have been registered. This number will likely be increased by tomorrow evening. Therefore if interest in this year's city ballot battle were as keen as it was two years ago, the total vote cast should be around 2,000. That's the question: Is there as much interest as in 1929? Opinions differ.

Figures In 1929.

The vote for 1929, with the exception of the ward two vote which was erroneously omitted in The Star report, was as follows: For mayor—S. A. McMurry 1,000; W. N. Dorsey 459; E. L. Beam 253. Ward one, Alderman—(run-off) P. M. Washburn, 752; J. F. Ledford 222.

Ward two, alderman—Ab Jackson winner over J. F. Jenkins. Ward three, alderman—J. P. Schenck, Jr., 937; W. A. Broadway, 741. Ward four, alderman—Z. J.

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Two Contested Races In Kings Mt. Election

There will at least be two contested offices in the Kings Mountain election to be held Monday. W. K. Mauney and B. S. Peeler are both seeking the office of mayor. Six men are running for the council, while only five are to be elected. These candidates are B. A. Smith, W. P. Fulton, D. G. Hambricht, J. M. Patterson, J. B. Mauney, Glee Bridges.

For the first time, the school board will have five members instead of three. This was brought about by the consolidation of schools. The five candidates for the school board are A. H. Patterson, D. C. Mauney, L. P. Baker, J. L. Mauney and H. H. Houston.

Miss Beverly Attends Her Mother's Funeral

Miss Etta Beverly, head nurse at the Shelby hospital was called to her home in Anson county this week to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Beverly who died there on Tuesday. Miss Beverly was accompanied to Lilesville by her niece Miss Frances Staten. The funeral was held Wednesday and Miss Staten has returned, but Miss Beverly is remaining over for a few days.

New Justices Added In No. 10 Township

A bill has been introduced in legislation this week by Representative Henry B. Edwards which is supplemental to the omnibus bill for justices of the peace. The amendment adds three justices for a period of two years in No. 10 township. They are J. H. Costner, John T. Warlick, and M. N. Gantt.

Sweeping Reduction In Taxes On Land In County As Result Of Shift

Final Passage Luxury Tax Measure Appears Sure; Assembly Near End

Place Solicitor On Salary; Name A Deputy Clerk

County Court Solicitor To Get \$1,800. Charlie Woodson Is Deputy Clerk.

A bill passed the senate and the house today in Raleigh which places the solicitor recorder's court in Cleveland county on a salary basis instead of fees and created the office of deputy clerk for recorder's court and superior court.

The salary of the solicitor was fixed at \$1,800 per year. A new solicitor will be appointed Monday to succeed the late J. Clint Newton.

Charlie J. Woodson is named as deputy clerk to fill the office created by the bill.

The saving made by changing the solicitor from a fee basis to a salary will take care of the \$1,200 salary to be paid the deputy court clerk, it is said.

The bill making the changes will be published in full in Monday's Star. The news of the passage of the bill came to The Star in a long distance telephone call at 2 o'clock from M. R. Dunnagan, The Star's Raleigh correspondent.

O. M. Mull Speaks On State-Wide Laws

O. M. Mull, former state executive counselor, spoke last night at the weekly Kiwanis club luncheon, giving a review of the state-wide laws enacted by the present general assembly. Chiefly he gave a resume of the more important measures sponsored by the administration and his address was highly informative and instructive.

If the proposed commodity tax becomes a law whereby the state takes over the county road systems and the six months schools, the matter of property valuations will no longer be any concern of the state, thus ending a long controversy as to the difference in values in the various counties, said Mr. Mull.

Negro Wreck Victims Of Sunday Live On

Fuschia Dogwood and her nephew George Turner remain unconscious at the Shelby hospital as a result of injuries they received in an auto accident Sunday while driving across the highway at the fair ground. Both have skull fractures. The woman took a turn for the worse last night and it was thought she would not last through the night but she was some better this morning. Neither of the wreck victims has spoken but apparently recognized members of the family at their bedside.

Price Agreed Upon For Forest Land To Go In Smoky Mountain Park

93,000 Acres of Forest To Become Part of Government Park Soon.

Washington, D. C., May 1.—Timberland totaling 93,000 acres in the heart of the Great Smoky Mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee will pass into the keeping of the government within a few weeks for perpetual preservation in the greatest national park of the east.

Representatives of the park commissions of the two states reached an agreement Wednesday with the Champion Fibre company, owner of the forest land, on the price to be paid. The sum was not announced because condemnation proceedings on adjoining tracts are now under way, but is known to run into millions. The deal will be consummated within 10 days or two weeks.

The tract involved contains 18 miles of the main Smoky range and the finest mountain peaks in the area. Among them are Le Conte, 6,593 feet high; Mt. Guyot, 6,221 feet, and Clingman's Dome, 6,642

General Assembly May End Session Next Wednesday, Senate Approves.

Raleigh, May 1.—Sales tax proponents continued their journey to victory yesterday with the conferees' revenue measure, including a luxury sales tax, sweeping through its second house reading by a 67 to 41 vote.

The measure comes up for a third and final reading today, and all indications pointed to its passage with its ultimate adoption by the senate almost a certainty to close the endurance session of the general assembly some time next week.

Total \$5,000,000 Short.

Commissioner of Revenue Maxwell estimates the conferees' bill to raise approximately \$25,000,000 while the appropriations bill now pending in conference spends approximately \$30,000,000 a year, including the \$18,500,000 annual fund to support the six months' school under the MacLean law to relieve land of ad valorem taxation.

Proponents of the luxury sales tax, which collects its greatest amount from a 20 per cent tax on cigarettes, tobacco, and soft drinks, estimate it will yield \$9,000,000 annually to balance the appropriations measure.

The house, instead of considering the conferees' bill, discussed the parliamentary point of whether it could be amended.

Argue For Amendment.

The proponents of the theory that it could be amended, led by Ervin of Burke, McRae of Mecklenburg, Brooks and Young of Durham, contended that the new matter included in the conference report was open to amendment.

As it originally passed the house, the revenue bill included a general sales tax of one per cent. This was stricken from the bill by the senate to send it to committee for a 14-day deadlock, which was broken yesterday with the conferees' acceptance of the luxury sales tax.

Moves to amend the bill in the house were voted down by a two-thirds majority when Speaker Willis Smith was appealed from.

The senate Wednesday night adopted the conference report by 27 to 22, and if this vote holds in the upper house, it is possible for the house to pass the bill on final reading today, with three more days necessary for senate readings.

Adjournment of the assembly was set for next Wednesday, when it will be 120 days old—just double the sixty days for which the legislators are paid \$10 a day.

Aged Woman, Union Section, Dies, Age 84

Miss Jane Mode, 84 years of age, died Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock at the home of her nephew, J. M. Mode in the Union community and was buried Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. Miss Mode was a member for many years of Palm Tree Methodist church near Lawndale. One sister, Susan, survives.

Legion Will Stage Membership Drive

Post Now Has More Members Than Ever Before. Colored Post Planned.

Next week the Warren Hoyle American Legion Post is planning intensive membership campaign in which it is hoped to get practically all ex-service men in this section in the organization.

The post now has 228 members, more than ever before since it was first organized.

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To Cut School Tax 47 Cents

Exact Amount of Reduction Cannot Be Determined Yet. To Slash Road Tax.

Sweeping reductions in taxes on real estate will come about in Cleveland county by reason of the state taking over the county roads of North Carolina and the state taking over the six months school term throughout the state, but it cannot be determined yet just what the tax reduction on land will be until the county commissioners do some calculating.

Already the bill has passed and become a law whereby the state maintains the county road system of 40,000 miles by an increase in the gasoline tax from five to six cents, which tax was levied beginning April 1.

Conferees from the house and senate have agreed on a revenue bill which shifts taxes from land and puts it on so-called luxuries, from which the state will obtain revenue to run the school six months out of each year. It is highly probable that this revenue bill will pass both house and senate and be enacted into law within a few days.

State Uses Gas Tax.

There is much local speculation as to just what tax reduction there will be on land. As each township has its own highway district and a separate levy, County Accountant A. E. Cline says the reduction that will come by reason of the state maintaining county roads will vary in each township. Under the one cent gasoline tax which went on for county uses two years ago, Cleveland secured a refund of about \$35,000—this representing one cent per gal-

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Forest City Team Plays Shelby Here

Important Group Championship Game Scheduled For City Park Today.

It was announced at noon today that if the Forest City-Shelby game was rained out this afternoon it would be played here Saturday afternoon.

Unless inclement weather prevents the Forest City and Shelby high school baseball teams are booked to oppose each other here this afternoon for the group championship in the State title race.

Both clubs have won State titles in the past and both have strong aggregations this year. Baseball interest is high in both towns and reports have it that a large group of Forest City fans will accompany the Rutherford team here for the contest.

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Attend Meeting Of Lions Club

Dr. Robert L. Wilson and Messrs. Loy Thompson and Bill Osborne, of the Shelby Lions club, attended the inter-city meeting of the Lion's clubs of the thirty-first district of North Carolina, at Gastonia Wednesday night.