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A Fair Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: FAIR tonight and Saturday. Slightly warmer tonight and warmer Saturday in west and north portions.

Power Tax Bill

Raleigh, May 15.—The house of representatives yesterday passed on first reading, 50 to 48, including 12 pairs, the Ewing bill levying a tax of one half mill per kilowatt hour on all electric power produced or sold in North Carolina. The bill must be passed on second and third reading today and Saturday, and on three readings in the senate before it becomes law, as it is a revenue measure, and must be passed three times by each house. The bill levies a tax similar to the tax recently imposed by the South Carolina general assembly. It is estimated to raise approximately \$721,000 annually.

Mother Of Ten Died Yesterday

Broke Her Hip A Week Ago. Funeral Here On Sunday.

Mrs. A. C. Dorsey, 76 years of age, well known Shelby and Lincoln county woman and the mother of children prominent in this section, died yesterday evening at 6:40 in the Shelby hospital.

About a week ago Mrs. Dorsey fell and broke her hip. The injury and her age combined with complications resulted in her death.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. B. R. Dellinger. Burial will follow at Asbury Methodist church in Lincoln county. The services were delayed to await the arrival of a son, Mr. W. M. Dorsey, from Floydada, Texas.

Mrs. Dorsey was a native of Lincoln. Before marriage she was Miss Anna Catherine Warlick, daughter of Maxwell Warlick. Her husband, Mr. A. B. Dorsey, died 26 years ago. The family had lived in Lincoln county and at one time at Belwood, this county. Four years ago Mrs. Dorsey came to Shelby to make her home with Mrs. Dellinger. She was a loyal member of the Asbury church and a woman loved and admired by all who knew her.

Ten children survive as follows: W. M. Dorsey, Floydada, Texas; Mrs. J. B. Dorsey, Ballinger, Texas; Mrs. B. R. Dellinger, Mrs. B. F. Spangler, Messrs. J. N. and Robert Dorsey, of Shelby; Messrs. M. E. and F. C. Dorsey, of Forest City; Mrs. C. P. Bolick, of Burgaw, and Mrs. L. J. Seagle, of Vale.

Surviving also are three brothers, Messrs. H. D., J. R. and D. C. Warlick, all of Lincoln county.

Jury Deadlock In Pridmore Hearing

County Supervisor Killed Husband Of Shelby Woman In S. C.

Greenville, S. C., May 15.—Deadlocked after nearly 10 hours deliberation, the jurors holding the fate of A. Frank Pridmore, county supervisor, charged with the murder of Nick Sanders, highway engineer, at 10 o'clock last night were preparing to go to bed.

The case was given to the jury shortly after noon yesterday.

Attorneys for the state, arguing the case, asked for a conviction of murder, contending Pridmore shot an unarmed man without sufficient legal provocation. C. G. Wyche opened for the state and Solicitor J. G. Leatherwood closed.

Defense attorneys contended Pridmore had established that he shot in self-defense. The county supervisor's story was that he thought he had to shoot or get shot and so he fired on Sanders.

James D. Poag, J. D. Lanford and James H. Price represented Pridmore. Testimony was completed late yesterday.

Mrs. Sanders, widow of the slain man, now lives in Shelby and operates the Courtview Hotel.

Grover Girl Well; Has Pneumonia For Fifth Time

Mary Frances Hambright, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hambright is recovering from her fifth spell of pneumonia at her home where she has been desperately ill for ten days. Medical science says her repeated attacks of pneumonia is most rare. She is a strong, robust girl and in spite of her sickness has been able to make her grades at school. During this last spell of pneumonia her condition was critical for days and two graduate nurses and five physicians watched constantly at her bedside.

Mrs. R. M. Fain, grandmother of the girl came to Shelby this morning to take the bus for her home at Murphy after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hambright for ten days.

Hoover Retains Favor Of Local G. O. P. Rulers

Party Leaders Will Not Be Quoted

Say, However, That DePriest Is Only Dissenter They Know Of.

Officials of the Republican party in Cleveland county are maintaining their silence about the declaration of George W. DePriest, former county chairman and Shelby postmaster, that he will join Col. Horace Mann in opposing the renomination of President Herbert Hoover.

The party leaders, however, appear to be doing some unofficial thinking and talking.

100 Percent. "Other than Mr. DePriest, I have not heard a single Cleveland county Republican say that he is opposed to Mr. Hoover," one of the veteran leaders stated today, but would not be quoted officially. "There are differences of opinion in all parties over candidates, but my opinion is that our next convention will be near 100 percent for President Hoover."

In officials circles here the Republicans do not appear to be taking the DePriest bolt away from Hoover very seriously. He is, they intimate, no longer the political power he once was, and although they do not say it outright they leave the impression that his influence was somewhat overrated by The Charlotte Observer political writer.

Meantime Mr. DePriest gives his way and adds little to his previous observation that "the rank and file of the Republicans are as much opposed to Mr. Hoover as are the Democrats." Although official reply has not been made to his statement, he apparently gets a chuckle out of the silence that has enveloped party leaders. It may be because he has other remarks up his sleeve to unload if a reply is made. As he looks at it, it is his privilege to favor whom he may.

Two Gas Service Station For Shell; One For Atlantic

One Going Up On East Warren And One On West Warren St. Atlantic Station on Graham

Three new gasoline service stations are in process of erection in Shelby, two for the Shell Petroleum Co. on Warren street and one for the Washburn Oil company which will soon introduce "White Flash" for the Atlantic Refining Co. The White Flash station is located on West Graham street to the rear of the Carolina theatre, and the two Shell stations are on Highway No. 20—one site is the old Lineberger property near the county jail and the other is the Falls property opposite the Standard Oil station on West Warren. Grading is now being done for the two Shell stations and construction work will start shortly.

It is understood that the Carolina Oil Co. of Lincoln that has the distribution of Shell gas in this territory has appointed Dwight Houser as sub-distributor in Cleveland county and that many new Shell stations are being added under an aggressive policy instituted by this company.

Negro Who Attacked Grover Girl First Cherokee Man Sent To Chair

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Oh! For the Life—



The Navy should receive a spurt in enlistments after this picture gets out. The life of a sailor can't be so dull, even afloat, for here is Ethel Merman, Broadway show star, entertaining the crew of the U. S. S. Salt Lake City in port at New York. The gobs evidently don't have to seek beauty and talent—it comes to them.

Arrest Negroes Following Crash

Two Colored Men Injured When Car Plows Into Bank West Of Shelby.

Thursday, the 14th, was more of a tough luck day for John Camp and Henry Guyton, colored, than was Wednesday the 13th.

Thursday morning Camp and Guyton, both pretty well "lit" according to officers, were riding in Will Ager's automobile on Highway 20 west of Shelby. They very near ran into another car, it is said, and to keep from doing so headed into a high bank by the side of the road near Brushy Creek. The car was considerably damaged and both men were injured. After being treated at the Shelby hospital they were taken to jail.

The arrest was made by Constable Lindsay Dixon who passed by soon after the wreck.

Operetta To Be Given Here May 22

All Departments Of City Schools To Be Represented In The Cast.

"The Belle of Barcelona" is the name of an operetta to be given in the high school auditorium Friday evening, May 22nd, according to an announcement made today by O. B. Lewis, director of music. In preparation for the operetta, all electrical equipment on the stage is being rebuilt and an entirely new Spanish plaza provided that will be equal to that of any road show.

It is stated that the operetta will have in its personnel representatives from all departments of the school and that the high school orchestra which won the state championship at Greensboro will be used for accompaniments. Dr. H. S. Plaster will play the violin, Mrs. Ben Suttle will assist with the Songs and music, Miss Muholland is directing in dramatic arts, Miss Wilson is assisting in criticism and Everett Toms is heading the scientific department.

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Replant Cotton For Better Stand

Considerable cotton acreage is being re-planted in Cleveland county to get a better stand and in some places it has been found necessary to replant corn. All of this was due to the cold, rainy weather which beat down the corn that was up, crusted the cotton ground and prevented it from coming up. Where cotton is not being replanted, harrows are being dragged across the rows to break the crust and soften the soil.

Girl Hikers Get Youths In Trouble At Kings Mountain

S. C. Boys Picked Pennsylvania Girls Up At Duncan. Given Fine Here.

Two Pennsylvania Dutch girl hitch-hikers got two young South Carolina men "in Dutch" in Cleveland county court yesterday.

The men were J. A. Chandler and Robert Taylor, of Duncan, S. C., and the feminine hitch-hikers, both attractive-looking gave their names as Fern Dorsh and Della Shavely. They appeared to be about 18 or 20 years of age.

According to the story related in court, the girl hitch-hikers, both carrying suitcases, were picked up in South Carolina Wednesday afternoon by the two boys who promised to ride them as far as Charlotte Between Duncan, S. C., and Kings Mountain, this county, the girls said the boys stopped at a filling station to get a pint of whiskey. In the early night the party reached Kings Mountain and it was there, the girls claimed, that the boys made a proposition about spending the night. The girls refused and then the boys it was said, took them to a boarding house and let them out. At this point the girls claimed they found one of their suit cases missing and an argument started. Policeman Clay Hicks arrived on the scene and arrested the men on charges preferred by the girls in connection with the missing suit case and for driving a car while under the influence of liquor.

Chandler, the driver, was fined \$50 and the costs of the liquor charge, and Taylor was taxed with the costs and ordered to pay the girls \$20 for the missing suit case.

Hereafter the South Carolina men will more than likely ignore the inviting thumbs of hitch-hikers—particularly if they are feminine thumbs.

To Start Work On New School Monday

Intended To Start This Week But Water Supply Was Not Ready.

C. A. Morrison and Son, Shelby contractors, will start construction work Monday on the new \$25,000 consolidated high school building in No. 3 township.

It was planned to start construction this week, Clarence Morrison says, but the well being dug had not struck water and the opening of operations was delayed. Work will start Monday, however, it is said, if the necessary water has to be hauled.

Alumni Banquet Saturday Eve At Boiling Springs

Highsmith To Make Annual Address

Baccalaureate Sermon In Shelby Sunday Morning. Kelly To Preach.

The commencement program for the Boiling Springs junior college and high school gets underway this evening when the class day and graduating exercises will be held for the high school department.

Saturday evening at 8 o'clock alumni of the old school and of the new college will assemble for their annual banquet, one of the biggest events of the finals program each year.

Sermon Here.

The baccalaureate sermon for the college will be preached in the First Baptist church in Shelby Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Dr. R. A. Kelly, of Belmont.

The commencement program will continue through Wednesday of next week.

The various societies of the college will hold their annual debates Monday morning and afternoon. The oratorical and recitation contests will be held Tuesday morning and afternoon and the annual play will be staged Tuesday evening.

Annual Exercises. The graduation exercises of the junior college will be held at 10:15 Wednesday morning, and the annual address will be delivered at 11 o'clock by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh.

Chief marshals for the commencement are Wyman Crawley and Gertrude Philbeck. The marshals are R. K. Ledbetter, Boyd Hames, Eunice Hamrick, Margaret Stockton, Lois Hamrick, Allen Wilson, Felix Hamrick, Lillian Whisnant, Thelma Bishop and Edison Noggles.

Dr. R. A. Kelly At First Baptist

Boiling Springs College To Be Guest. Dr. Wall To Preach Sunday Evening.

The baccalaureate sermon for Boiling Springs junior college, will be delivered at the First Baptist church, on Sunday morning, by Dr. R. A. Kelly, of Belmont. The college faculty and student body will be present and attend in a body.

The full day's program at the church will open at 9:30 o'clock with the Sunday school. The attendance has been reaching near nine hundred each Sunday. With the guests next Sunday a large crowd is expected at this hour when the Bible will be taught in the nine department.

At seven o'clock in the evening the seventeen B. Y. P. U.'s are expecting four hundred in the training service. Programs are being planned for each unit and every member as well as visitors will be expected to attend.

Dr. Wall will bring the message in the preaching service, which begins at eight o'clock. A large crowd greeted the pastor on last Sunday evening and the public is invited to all services of the church.

Mr. Essom announces a splendid musical program. In both the morning and evening services the large chorus choir with several soloists will be heard. The ladies quartet and male chorus will be featured in Sunday's services.

Gets 60 Day Term For Speedy Driving

In county court yesterday Lee Coley, colored truck driver, was given a 60-day sentence for speeding, reckless driving and operating an automobile with a truck license tag. Policeman Paul Stacey attempted to catch Coley in the section near the cemetery Wednesday night, but Coley opened up the car he was driving and sped away. The officer gave pursuit and the chase up one street and out another through the suburbs lasted for some time.

Rev. L. E. Snipes At Second Baptist

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. L. L. Jessup, who is attending the Southern Baptist convention in Birmingham, Ala., Rev. L. E. Snipes will fill the pulpit at the Second Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no morning preaching service. Sunday school at 9:45 with R. H. Wilson superintendent. The general B. Y. P. U. organizations will meet at 6:30 o'clock.

Postal Receipts Here Ahead Of 1930 Business; May Gaining

Postal receipts may not be a true barometer of business conditions, but if they in any way reflect general business conditions, then business in Shelby is considerably better this year than it was in 1930.

A steady gain in postal receipts is shown at the Shelby post office over corresponding months of last year, it was announced today by Postmaster J. H. Quinn.

In the quarter ending March

31 the gain shown over the first quarter last year was 23 percent—the biggest quarterly gain in the history of the office.

The postal receipts for April, this year, revealed a gain of 11 percent over April, 1930.

So far the May business is holding up well, it is said, and indications are that the May gain over last year should be close to the gain shown in April.

Shelby Kiwanians Hear How N. C. Mutes Are Taught To Talk

Demonstration Given Here By Students From School For The Deaf At Morganton.

While scientific development has made silent pictures talk, equally marvelous progress has been made in the methods of teaching and educating the deaf and dumb to talk and sing. This wonderful achievement was demonstrated last night at the Kiwanis club's weekly luncheon when students in the school for the deaf at Morganton rendered the program, the subject of which was "The Underprivileged Child."

They Talk And Sing.

Supt. Goodwin and the Educational Director, Miss Joiner, brought with them 14 bright faced children ranging in ages from seven to 15 years, and the program they rendered, proved beyond a doubt that the dumb can talk and sing and read lips. All of this has been brought about by a shift in the method of teaching from the manual or sign language, a system whereby the deaf and dumb communicate with their fingers, hands, facial expression and shoulders, to a new system known as the oral method whereby children are taught sound and can sing in an

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Joseph P. Roark Is Buried; Died Here

Aged Man Passes At Home Of His Daughter, Mrs. John I. Moore On S. DeKalb.

Joseph Parker Roark, age 79 years and ten months, died about noon Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John I. Moore on South DeKalb street with whom he had been making his home. Mr. Roark was born in South Carolina, the son of William and Carrie Moss Roark, sometime ago, leaving surviving the one daughter, Mrs. Moore, 13 grand children and 5 great grand children.

Mr. Roark joined Grover Baptist church 35 years ago and his remains were carried to Grover for interment this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Funeral service will be conducted by Rev. W. E. Purron.

New Justice For No. 4 Township

(Star News Bureau.)

Raleigh, May 15.—Representative Edwards introduced a bill in the general assembly Thursday to name an additional justice of the peace in Cleveland county, number four township, O. T. Hayes. The bill was placed on the calendar.

Tax Listers In Cleveland County Will Not Miss Any Automobiles

Have Power Now To Get Names Of Owners From Revenue Bureau.

Raleigh, May 15.—Cabarrus, Cleveland, Iredell, Moore, McDowell, Rowan and Rutherford are among the 32 counties of the state included in the provisions of the bill passed by both houses of the general assembly and ratified Wednesday, which permits tax listers of those counties to call for and have delivered to them by the commissioner of revenue the names and addresses of all owners of automobiles in such counties, as of April 1 each year.

The bill was originally introduced to apply to Buncombe county only, a state-wide bill of like nature, sponsored by the North Carolina tax relief association, having been killed. The Buncombe bill almost met a like fate, but was brought out after two or three months and was passed, the other 31 counties being added. The argument was that less than half the automobiles in some coun-

Jury Trials On In County Court

Jury Trials Held Each Friday As Provided By Change In Court.

This is jury trial day in the Cleveland county recorder's court. Eight jury cases were scheduled for trial in addition to other cases when the court convened this morning.

Due to a recent change in the county court regulations, made by the present general assembly, one day each week—Friday—is set aside for jury trials. Jurors who serve each Friday are drawn from the jury box in the same manner as jurors are drawn for Superior court. Heretofore no special day was set for jury trials and six jurors were picked up out of court spectators.

By the new method 12 jurors must be used as in the higher courts and must be drawn and served with summons.

Jurors drawn for today's court session were: Chesley Hendricks, L. A. Blanton, Jr., Chas. L. Dover, Will Davis, R. Z. Riviere, H. S. Plaster, Ambrose McWhirter, Roy Propst, Alton Hopper, Frank Baber, Hoyle Alexander, and Marvin Eskridge.

Highway Officer Catches Two Men

Lieut. Vernon Picks Up Men And Woman In Car After A Chase.

After an eight-mile auto chase late on Highway 20, east, into Shelby yesterday morning Lieut. Vernon of the highway patrol caught an automobile in which two men and a woman were riding and arrested the men on a liquor charge.

The men were recorded on the court docket as J. P. Holler, the driver, of Kings Mountain, and A. R. Lane, of Rutherford county.

Sanitary Market In New Location

The Sanitary Market moved this week into a new location, and now occupies the store room formerly occupied by the American Railway Express in the Royster building on S. Washington street next to Quinn's drug store. Mr. Crowder has been operating a market in the J. N. Dellinger store in the Arcade building for the past ten years.

Woman, Age 91, Returns To Texas

Although ninety one years of age Mrs. W. A. Wesson left Shelby Thursday to make her return trip to Texas alone. She came in four weeks ago for a visit with her daughters, Mrs. M. D. Hopper of Shelby and Mrs. Will Gibbons, of Gastonia. On her coming trip she was accompanied by Mrs. Borders, a daughter, but Mrs. Borders is remaining here and this left Mrs. Wesson to make the trip to Texas alone. However, she was perfectly willing to undertake the journey unaccompanied.

Mr. Harold Griffin, of Samsoun, Turkey, and Mr. I. C. Griffin, Jr., of Chapel Hill, are visiting friends here for a few days.

Bribery Probe Brings Denial From Reynolds

No Real Evidence Found Yet

Tobacco Official Denies Offering Money To A State Senator.

Raleigh, May 15.—Seeking to trace to their source the rumors that North Carolina senators have been subjected to attempts at bribery and corruption, the special senate investigating committee continued its hearing yesterday without producing any new evidence other than that one Goldsboro attorney told another he "could get a fee" if he used his influence to defeat the luxury tax.

In the main the testimony yesterday was in denial of statements and allegations made Thursday by various witnesses.

W. N. Reynolds, of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company, telegraphed the committee that he had asked David H. Pope, chairman of the Wake county board of commissioners to present to Senator John Hinsdale of Wake, "some of the reasons why North Carolina should not pass a luxury tax" and confirmed Pope's testimony that he "did not offer him any consideration or authorize him to offer Mr. Hinsdale anything or to make any trade whatever in the matter."

Could Get Fee.

J. J. Hatch, an attorney of Goldsboro, testified that he told Faison Thomson, another Goldsboro attorney, that he thought if he used his influence to help defeat the luxury tax he "could get a fee." Hatch said no mention was made of paying a senator any sum at all.

At the first hearing Senator Hinsdale testified that he was told by Pope that Reynolds had said Hinsdale could have "anything he wanted"—if he would "let up" in his right for passage of the Hinsdale luxury tax imposing a levy on cigars.

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Postpone Trial In Lynch Case

Widow And Youth Were Indicted For Slaying In Rutherford County.

Rutherfordford, May 15.—Trial of Mrs. John M. Lynch and John Paul Searcy, 20, for the murder of the woman's husband which had been set for next week was Wednesday afternoon rendered uncertain by announcement that the state would take a nol pro with leave in the charges.

Solicitor J. Will Pless made the announcement in superior court which is presided over by Judge Hoyle H. Sink. True bills were returned against Mrs. Lynch and Searcy Tuesday. It was asserted that the state does not have sufficient evidence to bring the case to trial.

A true bill also has been returned against Paul Burgess, 22, of Henrietta, who faces trial on a charge of rape against a white girl. It is likely the trial will not be called until next week. Attorney F. D. Hamrick will appear for Burgess and County Solicitor O. J. Mooneyham will assist Solicitor Pless in the prosecution.

Judge Sink will preside over court in another county next week and his place will probably be taken by Judge Michael Schenck.

Dr. Boyer To Preach At Central Church

Sunday morning in the absence of Rev. L. B. Hayes, Dr. H. K. Boyer a former pastor of Central Methodist church, will lead the morning worship service.

In the evening at 8:00 o'clock there will be a "Layman Church Loyalty Program," and a program of special music by the adult choir. Miss Frances White, director of Limestone college choir, which has made quite an enviable reputation for itself, will be guest soloist of the evening. All friends and visitors are cordially invited.

Club Women Give Program At School

The Shelby Woman's club sponsored the health education program at the chapel exercises of the Shelby High school today, the topic being the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis. Mrs. R. L. Ryburn and Dr. E. B. Lattimore were the speakers.