

Showers Tuesday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday except probably showers Tuesday afternoon in extreme west. Somewhat warmer tonight.

Holman Killed. Omaha, Neb., May 18.—Death at nearly 300 miles an hour overtook Charles (Speed) Holman, veteran of the nation's airways, Sunday. Before 20,000 spectators at the Omaha air races, his plane smashed to the ground. Trapped in the fuselage, he was killed by the crash. Holder of records for consecutive looping, outside loops and barrel rolling, Holman was performing the latter stunt as he had many times before.

Taylor Raises Necessary Coin In Bank Affair

Former President of Bank Fifth To Be Freed By Order Of Court.

Rutherfordton, May 18.—J. L. Taylor, former president of the Rutherford County Bank and Trust company, Saturday paid his share in lieu of a sentence to the superior court presided over by Judge H. H. Sink. He paid in \$15,000 and thus ended the trial of the five bank officials who were convicted here in February of receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent. Taylor was given until noon Saturday to raise his amount. The other four defendants, K. S. Tanner, S. E. Elmore, T. F. Oates and W. B. Walker paid in \$2,000 last Wednesday, making a total of \$7,500 that the five men paid in that will go through the hands of the liquidating agent of the bank, Dr. John D. Biggs, as Judge Sink found it impractical to pay it out direct.

Signed By Friends. Not one of the checks presented to Judge Sink were signed by any of the defendants, but by their families and friends. Of the \$2,000 paid in by the four men, (first) \$4,500 was paid on the local bank, \$22,000 on Charlotte banks and \$28,000 on New York banks.

The \$7,500 which E. B. Doggett of Forest City put up, in the same manner, under the same charge was on the Mooresboro bank.

Assault Case. A special venire of 100 men from this county have been summoned to appear here today to hear the case of Paul Burgess, young white man of Henderson who will face serious statutory charges against a young white girl of that section. Much interest is being shown in this case. County Solicitor O. J. McKeown will assist State Solicitor J. W. Pless, Jr., while the firm of Quinn, Hamrick and Harris will represent Burgess, with Fred D. Hamrick in active charge.

Wiggins Free. Friday the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," in the charge of John Wiggins for attempted rape on his daughter. The case was hard fought. Wiggins was arrested several weeks ago on this charge and was held under bond. He is the husband of Ella Wiggins, deceased who lost her life at Bessemer City in a communist demonstration some time ago.

Shelby Man Catches 25-Pound Rock Fish

Here's the biggest fish story of the season—and the fish is in Shelby today for proof.

Fishing in Black River, near Andrews, South Carolina, over the week-end DeWitt Quinn, Shelby druggist, caught a rock fish that weighed almost 24 pounds when placed on the scales here today. At the time it was caught it weighed around 25 pounds. Not satisfied with the 25-pounder Mr. Quinn snagged another rock fish that weighed over nine pounds.

In the Quinn party were Dr. Tom Gold, and Messrs. Willis McMurry and Jack Dover.

Banks Will Close Here On Wednesday

All banks in Shelby and the county will be closed Wednesday, May 20, it was announced today, in observance of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Will Vamp Get Col. Hooper?

The same old love triangle? Will Miss Meadows, the rejuvenated flapper, win Col. Hooper away from his wife, Sophie? Ere the end of this week rumor has it that she will ask Col. Hooper to elope with her. She has already kissed him. Keep up with this interesting love triangle in "Toots and Casper," The Star's comic strip—Page Seven.

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1,000 Less Autos In County Now Than On April 1 1930

(Star News Bureau) Raleigh, May 18.—Motor vehicles in North Carolina decreased from a grand total of 284,647 on April 1, 1930, to 340,838 on April 1, 1931, a drop of 41,217, or from 238,647 automobiles and 45,408 trucks to 298,623 automobiles and 42,215 trucks, the records of Sprague Silver, director of the motor vehicle bureau, show. Motorcycles dropped from 785 to 737 and cars of non-residents decreased from 2,075 to 1,750. Almost every county in the state lost in numbers of automobiles and trucks. Cleveland county had 5,875 automobiles and 600 trucks on April 1, 1931, as compared with 6,850 automobiles and 675 trucks of the year before, Major Silver's records show.

Hoover Unpopularity Shown In 1930 Vote, Depriest Declares; Many Agree With Him On Views

Former G. O. P. Postmaster Holds To Stand Against Hoover In 1932.

George W. DePriest, former Republican postmaster, who recently declared that he would join Col. Horace Mann in opposing the nomination of Hoover in 1932, is not taking any back water. Hoover's unpopularity, Mr. DePriest intimated today in discussing informal remarks on his stand by Cleveland county Republican leaders, is as plain as the nose of the face of Mut in the Bud Fisher cartoon. Local Republican leaders who say otherwise are "only kidding themselves," he added. "I see by The Star," he stated, "that these local leaders are not being quoted officially, but in an informal manner they infer that I do not know what I am talking about when I say that Mr. Hoover is not acceptable to the rank and file of the Republican party in the South. They know I am right and they are only kidding themselves — kidding themselves to fool Republicans elsewhere because they cannot fool them here at home. Many Others. "They claim to think that I am the only Republican they know of who holds that attitude. To show them, I could furnish a list of those who agree with me were it not such."

College Finals Closing Today

Debates Today, Contests Tomorrow. Annual Address On Wednesday.

The commencement exercises of the Bowling Springs junior college were in full swing today following the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. R. A. Kelly, of Belmont, at the First Baptist church here yesterday.

Marine From Shelby Married In Newport

James Ernest Lowery, son of James P. Lowery of Shelby and Miss Hazel Cynthia Ray of Newport, Rhode Island, were married or are to be married here during the month of May, according to a report received by The Star from the license bureau in Newport. Mr. Lowery, the groom is a U. S. Marine.

Shelby Represented In Meeting At Rutherfordton; Boost Section

Over 100 Citizens Discuss Plans Of Increasing Tourist Travel.

Rutherfordton, May 18.—More than 100 representatives of organizations interested in increasing tourist travel in North Carolina gathered as guests of the Rutherford County club Friday night and heard a plan outlined by Dr. L. B. Morse, president of Chimney Rock, Inc.

Under the plan proposed by Dr. Morse the route from Washington, D. C., through Richmond, Raleigh, Greensboro, Salisbury, Charlotte, Gastonia, Kings Mountain and Rutherfordton will be designated as "The Capitol Parkway," properly marked with attractive enamel signs and a determined effort made to swing a greater volume of tourist travel to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park over the route instead of over other routes. A meeting of tourist travel advocates will be held at Richmond, Va., in the near future and permanent organization will be perfected at Greensboro afterwards. Dr. Morse was authorized to appoint a steering committee to handle details until organization is completed. Practically every county along N. C. highways 15 and 20 from Rowan

Gets U. S. Job



Chas. A. Burrus, well known Shelby attorney, was last week appointed probation officer for the Western North Carolina Federal court district. The appointment was made by Federal Judge E. Y. Webb. Mr. Burrus is the first probation officer to serve in the United States court in this district and because of his legal training is considered an efficient man for the office. He will continue his home in Shelby. (Star Photo.)

Webb Appoints Burrus To Job

Will Serve As Federal Probation Officers For Western North Carolina.

Attorney Chas. A. Burrus was on Saturday appointed federal probation officer for the Western North Carolina district of the United States court, it was announced Saturday from the office here of Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, who made the appointment.

Mr. Burrus in accepting the office will become the first regular probation officer for this court district. When court work in federal court districts so increases that the regular court officials are unable to observe and inspect probation cases it is the policy of the federal department of justice to name a special probation officer for this work. Some time ago Judge Webb, it is learned, was informed that the court work in the Western Carolina district had reached the point where it was considered that a probation officer was needed. Soon after receiving this information Judge Webb appointed Attorney Burrus.

Mrs. Mary Searcy Of South Shelby Dies

Funeral Tuesday At Race Path Church In Rutherford County. Was 85 Years Old.

Mrs. Mary Searcy died at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of her daughter Mrs. Rody Manley in South Shelby with whom she had been making her home since coming to Shelby about a year ago. She had been sick three months. Mrs. Searcy was 85 years of age. Her husband died a number of years ago, and about a year ago she moved to Shelby from Spindale, Rutherford county.

Henry Bivins Dies; Funeral Tuesday

Seventy-Eight Year Old Resident Of Lily Mill Village, Native Of County.

Henry Bivins, age 78 years, died at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Lily mill village, following an illness of eight weeks with heart trouble. Mr. Bivins had been a member of the St. Paul Methodist church for a half century. He was born and reared in that section, but moved to Shelby shortly after his wife died three years ago.

Reep Acquitted In County Court

Cleet Reep, of Lincoln county, was freed of a liquor charge by a jury in the county court here Friday. Reep was arrested Friday week ago with Charlie Morrison in connection with a supply of whiskey stored near Shelby.

Shelby Schools Praised Highly By Inspector

All Schools Here Now Standard

Libraries With 3,800 Volumes Cited. Parent-Teacher Group Helped Much.

All the elementary schools in Shelby are now on the standard list, according to a letter to Supt. B. L. Smith from Miss Susan Fulghum, state inspector, in which the local schools are given high praise. Miss Fulghum was especially complimentary regarding library facilities, class room system and the general equipment and operation of the schools.

The biggest item of worthwhile equipment in the city schools is the library, in each school. The schools have 3,800 volumes in all and the books are extensively used with good results.

School officials give a major portion of the credit for the library facilities to the various Parent-Teacher associations of the city as they and affiliated organizations have contributed more than \$3,000.

Letter Of Praise. Miss Fulghum's letter to Supt. Smith follows: "It was indeed a pleasure to visit the Shelby elementary schools with you last week, and we are glad to have these schools on the accredited list. I was very favorably impressed with the fine spirit of the teachers and pupils, and with their eagerness in cooperating in working for good schools. I was also very favorably impressed with the class room work observed."

"I understand that the Parent-Teacher associations of the city are responsible for the very excellent libraries which have been provided in all of the schools. It was indeed a pleasure to check on the use of the libraries, and to see that there is a wide-spread interest in reading good books in all the schools. One can scarcely estimate the priceless value in the lives of the children of the hundreds of fine books which have been read this year by the children in the Shelby schools. I hope so much that each year there will be provision for adding to the libraries, and that before many years go by, definite provision will be made for a trained librarian to give at least part of her services in each of the schools."

"I hope that within a year or two the work in music can be strengthened by providing for a special music teacher who would guide this work in all the city schools."

"I want to congratulate you upon the success of your year's work. I think that Shelby is indeed fortunate in having your services. We are happy to have the Shelby schools on the accredited list as standard elementary schools."

Typical American Family



Here we have the typical American family of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill J. Brown spending a typically quiet, pleasant evening in their Indianapolis home. After a nationwide survey this family was selected as one which most nearly duplicated in every respect the 29,000,000 families in the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Brown's two children are John, aged 13, and Louise, aged fifteen. Their sports are golf and tennis.

Assembly May Reach Compromise Today; Bribery Probe Brings Out Little More Than "Loose Talk"

May Cut Land Tax To 15 Cents In New School Revenue Proposal Talked Now.

Raleigh, May 18.—The North Carolina senate and house of representatives have been passing the ball back and forth rapidly for several days, with the most hopeful signs yet appearing that it will come to rest on compromising central lines, while Senator Hallett, S. Ward, of Beaufort, investigating charges of attempts at corruption and bribery of senators, has found little more than the usual "loose talk" which might be expected.

Shoppers Flood Shelby On First Clear Saturday

Believe it or not—it did not rain in Shelby Saturday for the first Saturday in 12 weeks.

One result of the 11 consecutive rainy Saturdays was that Shelby streets were packed and jammed all day Saturday with week-end shoppers. Traffic congestion in the business district was the heaviest since last fall and in the afternoon the streets and business houses were filled with the largest shopping crowds since the holiday season.

Auxiliary Prepares For Poppy Sale; Each Poppy Aids Veterans

Funds Will Help Disabled Veterans Of World War. Sale On May 23.

Work of preparing for the annual poppy sale of the American Legion auxiliary went into full swing today when the memorial poppies which will be worn on Poppy Day, May 23, in honor of the World War dead, were received at auxiliary headquarters here. The little red flowers, packed in neat boxes, came from Oteen where they were made by disabled veterans under auxiliary direction. They must be counted and arranged for distribution to the volunteer workers who will offer them on the streets on Poppy Day.

Two Negroes Missing In Shooting Affair

Shelby police had an unusual problem on their hands today. They are seeking a colored man who shot another Sunday night, but that's only half of it; they are also looking for the man who was shot. On Buffalo street about 9 o'clock Sunday night officers are informed that Odell Mack, who has been handy with his gun heretofore, took a crack with his pistol at Ab Little. Odell missed and then it was Ab's turn. Ab used a shot gun and didn't miss. The shot drilled Odell about the thighs, officers say, and since that time officers haven't been able to locate either one of them.

Catch Two Men In Texas With Car From City

Painter And Foust Being Held

Stole New Automobile From Eskridge Garage Here. Moody With Them.

It is a long distance from Shelby to Houston, Texas, but the long arm of the law reached out late last week and nabbed two men there who are wanted in Shelby for stealing an automobile and for store-breaking.

Friday evening Police Chief McBride Poston received a telegram from J. K. Irwin, detective chief at Houston, stating Harley Painter, Ralph Foust and L. L. Moody were being held there with a Ford automobile they admitted stealing from the Eskridge garage in Shelby. Both, it was added, admitted that they were escaped convicts.

Another wire came from the Houston detective Saturday informing that Painter and Foust would fight extradition to this state and that Moody has been exonerated of any part in the auto theft. The second wire also stated that the federal department of justice would also prosecute them for the car theft under the Dyer act.

Negro Slayer To High Court

Woodward Glenn Brought Back And Tried In Recorder's Court.

Local officers are also anxious to get them back for it is alleged that they broke in and robbed the Cohen store here the same night and perhaps had participated in the robbery of the C. H. Reinhart store and other local stores. The automobile, a new coupe with a dealer's tag on it, was stolen from the Eskridge garage, West Marion street on the night of Wednesday, May 6.

Sanders Slayer Gets Three Years

Fridmore Sentenced For Shooting Husband of Shelby Woman.

Greenville, May 18.—A. F. Fridmore, county supervisor, Friday was found guilty of manslaughter for killing Nick Saunders, road engineer, last summer.

The jury which returned its verdict at 10:03 a. m., after deliberating all night, recommended mercy. The verdict carries a penalty of from two to 20 years imprisonment in the discretion of the judge. Judge T. J. Maudin sentenced Fridmore to three years imprisonment.

Sanders Slayer Gets Three Years

James H. Price, chief of defense counsel, said an appeal would be made to the supreme court upon five allegations of error at law. No motion for a new trial was made, however. Price said the trial had been fair and impartial. Fridmore was released upon bond of \$5,000 pending the perfection of the appeal to the supreme court.

Fridmore was silent when the verdict was returned, but one of his daughters wept. There was no demonstration in the court room. The man Fridmore killed was the husband of Mrs. Sanders who operates the Courtview hotel in Shelby.