

To End Thursday. Raleigh, May 27.—The North Carolina house and senate worked feverishly yesterday in an effort to adjourn sine die at the first possible moment. Weary legislators, worn by 140 days of squabbling, had hopes of quitting their five-month record-shattering session sometime today, or at the latest Thursday, bringing to a close the longest legislature in the history of the state.

No Woman Ever On Court Jury In This County

Names Never Placed On Jury List

Matter of Placing Names of Feminine Taxpayers On Jury List Up To Board.

No woman has ever served on a court jury in Cleveland county despite the fact that women have been serving on juries in other sections of the county for years.

A discussion of this topic arose at the court house this week when an officer declared that far more convictions could be secured with women on the various court juries, from the county court up to superior court.

Not On List.

Court jurors are drawn from a list of county taxpayers made up by the county commissioners, and presumably because no definite order was issued to make feminine jurors possible the names of women have never been entered on the list by the county board since the fairer sex started voting and taking an interest in politics.

A number of citizens discussing the subject expressed their desire to see the names of county women placed on the jury list, their interest being more from the standpoint of the novelty of it than anything else. It was not recalled that a woman has ever served on any jury in North Carolina.

Then the question arose: Would the women of Cleveland county desire to serve on juries if they were made eligible by the informal but simple procedure of placing their names on the jury list? Some would, others would not.

The fact that court convictions might be more numerous may make women jurors for this section a thing of the distant future, but the topic is being bandied about and could materialize into definite action without much trouble.

Mrs. Blanton Hurt In Auto Collision

Mr. and Mrs. Ceph Blanton In A Wreck Near Charlotte Monday Night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ceph Blanton, of Shelby, were injured Monday night about 10 o'clock in an automobile wreck on the Wilkinson Boulevard about six miles out from Charlotte when the car in which they were riding collided with that of John Burnham, of Chicago, Ill.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Blanton were taken to St. Peter's hospital, where their injuries were treated, and remained there overnight. Mr. Blanton was only slightly bruised and was able to leave the hospital Tuesday morning. Mrs. Blanton suffered several more serious lacerations and is still in the hospital. Mr. Burnham, who is a traveling representative for the Reliance Glove company, of Chicago, was uninjured.

Mr. Blanton returned to his home here Tuesday and it is hoped that Mrs. Blanton can come home today or tomorrow but it is likely that she will not be able to be out for some time.

Reelect Officers In School Council

Parent-Teacher Association Names Council. Gratifying Work Done.

A meeting of the special council of the Parent-Teacher associations of Shelby was held on Monday afternoon at the Washington school at which time the council officers who have served this year were re-elected for the next school year. They are: Mrs. John Schenk, Jr., president; Mrs. Harry Hudson, vice-president; Mrs. E. E. Post, reporter; Mrs. Hugh Mauney, secretary; and Mr. R. T. LeGrand, treasurer.

Gratifying reports were made from the individual associations about their work during the past year; it is felt that credit is largely due to them for standardizing the elementary schools here. Each of the local associations has affiliated with the state and national organizations and will be entitled to representation in these groups next year.

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Was Her Life Or His, Woman Says In Court

May Free Negress In Killing

Kings Mountain Woman Was Being Knocked And Choked When She Used Ice Pick.

Ruth Bratcher, 21-year-old negress, who killed her husband, Julie, aged 28, two miles south of Kings Mountain Sunday night, may go free unless the state can secure additional evidence by Tuesday of next week.

This was the ruling made by Recorder Maurice Weathers in county court yesterday when the woman was given a preliminary hearing. The evidence introduced revealed that the young negress took the life of her husband to save her own life.

She used an ice pick to stab him in the heart. According to witnesses Bratcher had the doors to their home locked and was knocking her down time after time and choking her. He was drinking, it was testified. Other testimony had it that he also had seized an axe. As she crawled up after being hit one time she grabbed the ice pick and stabbed him. It was not until several minutes later, she said, that she knew he was mortally wounded for he kept choking her. His hands gradually began to slip from her throat and then she realized that the ice pick had found its mark.

Dry Weather After 3.47 Inches Rainfall

On Four Days Last Week The Rainfall In Shelby Was 3.47 Inches.

The rainfall on four consecutive days of last week was 3.47 inches, according to official measurements obtained from the registration at the Shelby postoffice. Mr. James A. Wilson who keeps close tab on the weather and is somewhat of an astronomer says the hail storms of this past week indicate that dry weather will follow. In a recent article published in The Star Mr. Wilson said the long wet spell in May would come to a close with a hail storm for the same atmospheric condition which caused the hail will cause the dry weather.

It looks as if Mr. Wilson's diagnosis of the weather has come true. The weather began to warm up Tuesday morning and one of the warmest days of the month followed the hail of last week.

PAUL WHISNANT GOES TO HOSPITAL TODAY

Paul Whisnant, a popular and well-known employe at the First National Bank entered the Shelby Hospital today for treatment for a stomach trouble with which he is suffering.

CLOTH MILL TO PLAY CLOVER HERE SATURDAY

Cleveland Cloth mill will play Clover at baseball here at the high school baseball park Saturday. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock.

In Hospital.

Mr. Miller Harris, who has been quite ill since Saturday, was taken to the Shelby hospital late last night for treatment his many friends will regret to hear. Mr. Harris, an ex-service man, has not been in good health since the world war.

Decide This Week About Highway Equipment; Not Likely To Purchase

Will Not Pay For County Machinery, Return It If Change Is Made.

(Special to The Star.) Raleigh, May 27.—The problem of the disposition to be made of the machinery and equipment now in the hands of the various counties of the state and of the convict camps operated by many of them is expected to be taken up at the meeting of the state highway commission, called for Thursday and Friday by Chairman E. B. Jeffress.

During the past week state highway forces have been engaged in making an inventory and appraisal of machinery and equipment and of convict camps in many of the counties, and the reports of these investigators is expected at the meetings this week. Reports are that the commission has had full and complete cooperation from the counties

Tracks Of Negroes Cause Them To Be Bound Over In Store Robbery

A thief who noiselessly eased in and out on his victims is known in criminal circles as a footpad, but an odd rubber heel caused two negroes to be bound over to superior court on a store robber charge here late Monday. The men were Ralph Toms and Robert Carpenter and in superior court, as a result of being bound over by County Judge Maurice R. Weathers, they will face the charge of entering and robbing the A. Blanton wholesale house here last Thursday night.

Tracks made in a muddy alley at the store by a rubber heel worn down on one side and another shoe heel in which there was a cut offered evidence strong enough, the court ruled, to hold the two negroes for trial in the higher court. Eight cases of cigarettes were taken from the store in an automobile which, according to officers, made two trips to the store during the night of the robbery. It was first reported that it was "Fish" Carpenter who was arrested with Toms, but that was an error; it was Robert Carpenter, a brother of "Fish."

Highway Official Visits County To Appraise Road Machinery

Does Not Know What State Will Do With \$50,000 Worth Of Equipment In County.

A representative of the new State highway commission, which will take over all county roads on July 1, was in Cleveland county over the weekend to appraise the value of the road machinery and equipment of the road commissions in the 11 townships of the county.

The representative informed chairmen of the various road boards and county commissioners that he did not know whether the State commission would take over county road machinery or would make an offer for it. "They may or may not," he said in stating that all he knew was that he had been sent to this county and other counties to put an appraisal value on the equipment. This phase is a matter that is giving some thought to the Cleveland county road officials. They are wondering just what they will do with the equipment they have on hand now. When and if sold the money received for the road machinery will go into the sinking funds of the various townships to apply on present road indebtedness. This was made possible by a special act of the general assembly last month in connection with the taking over of county highways by the State. The sale of equipment in this county, it is pointed out, would have been easier handled had all the road commissions been combined in one. As it is now the 11 townships will have to dispose of their machinery in 11 different transactions.

Valuable Equipment. It is believed that all the road equipment in this county is worth around \$50,000. Mike L. Borders, chairman of the No. 6 commission, which has more equipment because of the chain gang force, says that in his opinion the No. 6 equipment alone is worth \$8,000 or more.

Few Mules. An interesting feature of the discussion about the road equipment in the county is the fact that only a few horses and mules are still used in road work. Not many years ago practically all of the road work was done by mules. Now the work is handled by tractors and motors. The only mules used in road work in the county is the pair on the No. 6 road force.

The most valuable portion of the road machinery in the county is the tractors. Many of the townships have two tractors and all have at least one. Other valuable equipment includes drags and scrapes.

Little Miss Louise Hardin is recovering nicely from an attack of scarlet fever.

Will Start Paving Work Here Thursday

Contractors will in the morning start putting down the treated surface on 10 road projects, totalling six miles, in No. 6 township in and about Shelby.

The grading, or a major portion of it, has already been completed by the No. 6 forces, Mike L. Borders and Tom Cornwell, of the No. 6 road board, stated today. The contractors will move their machinery here from Kings Mountain Thursday morning and start to work if the weather permits. The six miles of improved roads, important travel links in and about Shelby, will be on the same type as is highway 18 south of Shelby.

Kings Mountain Man Shot At Darlington

Young Girl Involved As Coker Overseer Shoots Melvin Proctor.

Darlington, May 27.—A coroner's jury here Monday night ordered J. Cokers Flowers, 45, overseer for the David P. Coker farms at Hartsville, held for murder following the fatal shooting Sunday afternoon of Melvin M. Proctor, 32, at a filling station in the Antioch section of Darlington county.

At the inquest testimony was produced that Flowers charged Proctor "had ruined his daughter" and was on his way to take her from her home when met by Flowers at the filling station.

Proctor, a married man, was originally from Kings Mountain, and had been a furniture salesman at Hartsville for the past three years. He is survived by a widow and four children.

He was instantly killed by a load of buckshot and small shot mixed, fired from a shotgun at 20 feet. One buckshot entered his heart and others broke both arms and riddled the body.

Willie Stokes, who was with Proctor, was struck under the shoulder blade by a stray buckshot and is in a Florence hospital. His condition is not serious. Flowers is in jail but will apply for bond.

It was brought out at the inquest that Proctor was armed with a 45-caliber pistol which he had no opportunity to use in the affray. Proctor's body was taken to Kings Mountain.

"Dad" Cavas Leaves On Trip To Europe

K. (Dad) Cavas, well known and popular native Greek who has lived in Shelby for several years, is leaving today for a trip back home. Before going for a visit in his native land of Greece "Dad" will go to Paris and Vienna for medical treatment. He has been in poor health for months and had just returned to Shelby from Hot Springs.

"Dad's" eating stand, on South LaFayette street, will continue in operation and "Dad" hopes to return to Shelby "the best town he ever struck," if his health permits.

Judge Webb Has A Hole-In-One On Golf Course

Playing on the Billmore Forest course at Asheville Saturday Federal Judge E. Yates Webb entered the golfing hall of fame by making a hole-in-one on a 220-yard hole. In making the unusual shot he used a brassie given him by the district attorney's office. Due to the federal jurist's modesty about his feat it was not learned here until today.

Teachers' Pay Cut 10 Percent By Legislature

Denies Increase For Next Year

All Possible Economy Must Be Carried Out Before Salaries Are Cut.

Raleigh, May 27.—A school machinery bill for state operation of the constitutional six months' term was passed by the senate yesterday and the house last night, but must go back to the senate for concurrence in a house amendment.

The measure limits cuts in teachers' salaries to 10 per cent, but considerably increases the teacher load. The house amendment adopted last night by a vote of 41 to 22 reduced the emergency school fund from \$200,000 a year to \$150,000. Both houses approved the bill on oral votes.

The house last night killed an amendment offered by Representative Seawell of Lee to abolish the state board of equalization and transfer its duties to the department of education.

Under the school bill the equalization board will distribute the school money to the counties.

The bill will require an appropriation of \$16,500,000 annually. In addition it calls for the expenditure of \$1,250,000, partly for state aid in extended terms.

It limits cuts in the salaries of teachers, superintendents, and principals to 10 per cent and also decreases for the years 1931-32, and 1932-33.

By increasing the teacher load and requiring principals of schools with less than 40 teachers to do teaching, the bill reduces the number of teachers by 1,320.

All possible economies are required before any salary reduction is enforced. The graduated scale of salaries in the Hancock bill of 1929 is made the state schedule.

Counties and special charter school districts are permitted to levy additional taxes to provide schools above the state standard and to provide for extended terms.

Appropriations bill conferees will meet again today to decide whether he state will approximate \$15,200,000 or \$16,500,000 for the current expenses of the six months school term.

The conferees had a report containing the lower figure signed and ready to submit last night, when they were informed of Dr. A. T. Allen's statement before the house education committee that the higher figure was absolutely necessary to carry into effect the compromise school bill passed yesterday by both houses.

The difference between the two figures, Dr. Allen said, is the difference between a 10 per cent cut in teachers salaries and a 20 per cent cut. The school bill limits the cut to 10 per cent.

Mrs. Lattimore Dies At Age Of 94 Years

One of the County's Oldest Women Passes Near Lawdale. Buried At Bethel.

(Special to The Star.) Mrs. Sarah London Lattimore, wife of the late Samuel Lattimore, of Cleveland county, died on Tuesday afternoon, April 28 at the age of 94. She had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Canipe, of near Lawdale, for a number of years.

She leaves to mourn her going, four daughters, Mrs. W. C. Biggerstaff and Mrs. Ida Wright, of Lincoln county, Mrs. R. Q. Whisnant and Mrs. John Canipe, of Cleveland county, and one son, John Lattimore of Cleveland county, also twenty-five grandchildren, among them being the Rev. S. E. Wright of Warrenton, and Mrs. Rufy, wife of Rev. W. E. Rufy, of Asheville, a large number of great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

She was for 81 years a member of Palm Tree Methodist church and was laid to rest in the cemetery at New Bethel Baptist church by the side of her husband who died some 40 years ago.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. E. E. Snow, pastor of the Belwood church.

Did It for Dear Old Volstead



Because a toast in wine to the new President of France was proposed at a banquet staged for visiting American mayors at Havre City Hall, Mayor and Mrs. John C. Porter (above) of Los Angeles, walked out and left the party flat. Porter said that he and his wife intended to uphold the United States Constitution by not drinking while abroad.

Farmers Replanting Storm Swept Fields

Several Hundred Acres Of Cotton Replanted Monday And Tuesday In Hail-Stricken Sections. Another Hail Storm Hits In No. 9 Community.

Cotton planters clicked off row after row from early morn until late dusk in sections of five Cleveland county townships Monday and Tuesday as scores of farmers not damaged by the hail, wind and rain storms last week helped their stricken neighbors replant several hundred acres of cotton and other crops.

The "help-your-neighbor-week," sponsored by the rural churches, The Star and county leaders, concentrated itself in two days of activity. Late yesterday it was stated by Farm Agent Shoffner that practically all the replanting that would be done was already finished.

Early Monday and Tuesday farmers not hit by the storm carried their stock, their planters and their seed to communities where hail had battered the growing crops to shreds or where heavy rains had washed out all signs of rows. Just how many acres were replanted during the two days cannot be told, but the work done on the Am Palmer farm is an example of that done in all the storm-stricken communities. On Monday with neighbors lending every assistance possible 75 acres of cotton were replanted there and other fields worked to give the battered crops a chance to come back.

In the up-county section, around Polkville, Lawndale, Fallston, and Beams Mill, the principle damage done last week was by hail. In the No. 2 and No. 3 township sections the major damage was caused by washing. In the latter section many acres have been replanted. In both stricken areas some of the crops after a day or two of sunshine were not as badly damaged as they appeared to be at first.

As other communities were repairing as much as possible the damage of last week another hail storm struck the No. 9 township section just above No. 6 about mid-afternoon Tuesday. The worst damage was done on the farm of Dick Spangler and in that immediate section, it is said. As soon as the land is dry enough neighbors have already volunteered to go in with their full forces and help replant.

The damage done wheat and other grain crops, however, cannot be repaired and it is in this phase that the farmers are the hardest hit. One farmer had a fine crop of barley and was expecting 2,500 or 3,000 bushels and then the wind and hail storm almost wiped out the entire crop.

Mrs. Rafe King Paints Chairs In Prison

Columbia, S. C., May 27.—Rafe King, sentenced to life imprisonment for murder of his wife, Faye Wilson King, has been assigned to work in the paint department of the state penitentiary chair department.

Several Million Potato Plants Put Out In Cleveland County This Year

Sweet potatoes will play a big role in the live-at-home activity of Cleveland county farmers this year. Potato plants have been hard to secure, but Shelby dealers declared today that at least two or three million plants have been put out in the county. Anything near the exact number cannot be estimated because scores of farmers bedded their own plants this year and were not forced to purchase on the public market.

The Ab Jackson store and the R. E. Campbell stores have sold close to a half million plants each. At Campbell's store it was stated that a million or two more plants could have been sold if they could have been secured.

Mr. Jackson made several trips to Georgia for his own plants, bringing back about 100,000 plants each time. Other dealers, such as John Beam, bed their own plants and have sold large quantities.

A number of farmers have made trips with trucks to Georgia to secure their own plants. Last week Tom Webb brought back 100,000 plants and sold them on the streets in Shelby within a short time and made another trip back to Georgia for more.

With the plants coming from so many different sources it cannot be determined just how many have been put in in the county, but it is generally predicted that it will be one of the largest crops in several years.

Brummitt Will Deliver Address Here This Eve

Shelby Schools Stage Finals Program

Several Graders Move Up Thursday. Other School Events Through Friday Finals.

The commencement program of the Shelby high school, which opened with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday will be in full swing this evening and on through the graduating exercises Friday night.

At the Central school auditorium this evening Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general of North Carolina, will deliver the annual address to the senior class. A large audience is expected for this feature of the finals.

Thursday morning the seventh grade graduates of the city school will become high school students as they are presented with their seventh grade certificates and admission to the eighth grade.

On Thursday afternoon the senior class, of which Hubert Wilson is president, will stage its class day exercises. This will include the class song and other class features, and also an address by Prof. J. H. Grigg, county superintendent.

Thursday evening school students will compete for the Forrest Esbridge declamation medal and the John R. Dover reading medal. The entrants in the declamation contest are Paul Arrowood, Glenn Simmons, Wray Hawkins, and Mal Spangler, Jr. The contestants for the Dover reading medal are Esther Ann Quinn, Mary Lillian Speck, Margaret Louise McNeely and Mildred McSwain.

The freshman-sophomore junior debating contest will be held Friday morning. The contestants are Loris Dover, Annie Ruth Dellinger, Edwina Gidney, Sadie Laughridge, Charles Waldrop and Sara Louise Falls.

Debaters Compete. Friday afternoon the members of the two Shelby triangular debating teams will compete with each other for the O. Max Gardner medal. They are Sara Louise Falls, Matilda Jenks, William Ingram and Sara Thompson.

Senior Night. Friday night will come the closing program, the graduation exercises. Hubert Wilson will preside and make the president's address. The salutatory will be by Frances Carver and the valedictory by Sara Thompson. The value of extra-curricular activities will be presented by the following seniors: Matilda Jenks, debating; Palmer McSwain, three-team captain, athletics; Louise Miller, creative writing; James Shepard, dramatics; John Corbett and Pegram Holland, music.

The medals, prizes and honors for the seniors will be presented by Prof. Walter E. Abernethy, principal. Supt. B. L. Smith will present the diplomas to the graduates, and Shelby high will have turned out another class of students.

Two Awards Unknown. The winners of the two most coveted awards will not be known until presented. They are the Max Washburn cup for the senior boy with the best all around record in scholarship, conduct and extra-curricular.

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Attempt Made To Collect Money In Rutherford Matter

Charlotte Men Seek \$30,000 From Bankers There To Satisfy Claim.

Charlotte, May 27.—J. Frank Flowers, Charlotte attorney, said last night an effort would be made today at a hearing in Rutherfordton to locate enough assets to satisfy a judgment for \$30,000, he said certain clients of his held against five Rutherford county citizens.

Flowers said clients, whom he did not name, held the judgment against Kenneth Tanner, S. B. Tanner, Jr., J. P. Oates, S. E. Elmore and B. B. Doggett.

Kenneth Tanner, Mr. Oates and Mr. Elmore with two other men recently delivered \$75,000 to Judge Hoyle H. Sink to escape a threatened prison term following their conviction of bank law violations. The money was to be turned over to the liquidating agent for the defunct Rutherford Bank and Trust company for distribution to creditors of the bank.

Mr. Flowers said the hearing would be held to determine whether the judgment held by his clients did not entitle them to a part of the \$75,000.