

Tuesday Fair. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight, probably rain in northeast. Fair and warmer Tuesday.

Breach Widens. Rome, May 31.—The breach between the Italian government and the Vatican widened tonight with the receipt of information that four bombs were exploded near Catholic property at Bologna, with Premier Mussolini continuing to close Catholic action clubs throughout Italy and with Pope Pius XI denouncing Fascist education as "given to hate" irreverence and to violence.

Liquor Cases Again Lead In County Dockets

Over Half Of Cases About Whiskey

Recorder's Court Convicts 150 Of 158 Tried During Month Of May Much Gambling.

Cases developing from some form of violation of the prohibition law again led all other cases tried in the Cleveland county recorder's court during the month of May.

In fact, the records of Deputy Clerk Chas. Woodson show that over half of the cases handled by the tribunal operated by Judge Maurice Weathers and Solicitor W. Speight Beam were whiskey cases.

Gambling took second place. Of the 158 cases docketed during May, 86 were connected with booze.

Approximately 150 of the 158 defendants tried during the month were convicted.

In the whiskey classification there were 42 charges of prohibition law violation, 39 charges of public drunkenness, and five charges of operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey.

Charges tried during the month, as classified, were as follows:

- Violating prohibition law, 42; public drunkenness, 39; assault, 15; gambling, 13; breaching and entering, 6; larceny, 6; driving drunk, 5; worthless checks, 5; assault with deadly weapon, 4; adultery, 4; non-support, 3; murder, 2; f and a, 2; carrying concealed weapons, 2; disorderly house, 2; general disturbance, 1; beating board bill, 1; operating gambling house, 1; forgery, 1; auto without proper license, 1; profanity and trespassing, 1; civil matter, 1.

Washington School Has Final Program

Margaret Hamrick And Harold Bettis Win Prizes. Graduating Exercises Held.

The annual reading and declamation contests of the Washington school were held last week in the school auditorium.

The two winners, Miss Margaret Hamrick and Harold Bettis, were presented five dollar savings accounts by Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, First National president. Others in the contest and on the program were Sam Ledford, Ruby Anthony, Ruth Kimbrell, Jeanette Post.

In the class day exercises Friday the introduction was by Margaret Hamrick, the welcome by Keith Shull, the history by Sam Ledford, will and testament by Marguerite Wall, farewell by Tennie Miller.

Tennie Miller won the Mrs. T. W. Hamrick spelling medal as the best grade speller and it was presented by Margaret Hamrick daughter of the donor. Clifford Parker won the H. Clay Cox, prize as the most proficient in arithmetic, William Leonard was presented the prize for perfect spelling in the fifth grade by his teacher Miss A. Alexander. "Grade daddies" gave treats to the third and sixth grades.

Ushers were Alphonsine Harris, chief; Marjorie Lutz, Bobby Lutz, Annabeth Jones, Richard Jones.

Native Shelby Boy Moves Up In World

Relatives here have been informed that Mr. Robert Beam, of Raleigh, water inspector for the State Board of Health, has been notified that he is one of the seven men who have passed the examination for assistant sanitary engineer, grade of assistant surgeon, in the United States Public Health Service. Mr. Beam received his notification from Telfair Clark, acting surgeon general, who said that he and his companions would be called in the Federal service when vacancies occur. He is a graduate of State college and the son of Mr. D. Augustus Beam.

Masonic Meeting.

A special communication of Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. will be held Tuesday night for work in the second degree.

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City Officials Will Slash All Salaries

New Regime Goes In Office Today

Total Salary Cut Around \$5,000 Annually. Several Changes Will Be Made.

A reduction in expenses and a general economy program in keeping with the times were assured today by city officials who were sworn into office to conduct Shelby affairs for two months.

Those sworn in today were Mayor S. A. McMurry, reelected last month; three former aldermen, P. M. Washburn, John Schenck, Jr., and Z. J. Thompson, and one new alderman, D. W. Royster. In with the city officials went a school board made up of Roger Laughridge, Dr. Tom Gold, J. Lawrence Lackey, L. P. Holland, and Thad C. Ford.

To Cut Salaries.

"Details have not been fully worked out, and will not be until our first formal meeting tomorrow night," Mayor McMurry said today, "but we have talked it over and the city payroll will be cut down between five and six thousand dollars per year. We believe the times and conditions demand it and the cut is being made from the mayor down."

To Cut Force.

It was also learned by The Star that the force of employees will be lessened by two or three. Just who these will be it was not announced today, pending the first regular session of the board Tuesday night. Those employees who are let go will be given, it was explained, sufficient notice so that they may seek other employment without being lopped off the payroll without notice. There is much conjecture about the city as to who will be given notices, but officials were keeping mum today and will, they say, until their official action is recorded on the minutes of the first June business meeting.

In furthering the economy program a department or so may be combined from the supervision standpoint. It was stated, however, that proposed changes and perhaps consolidations would not decrease general service to taxpayers.

The proposed economy program is in keeping with new governmental regulations as the last session of the general assembly passed a law making local government advisory commissions somewhat of a guardian for municipal and county governments. Heretofore unusual expenditures of money, bond sales, and such cannot be carried out by municipalities without permission of the central commission.

News of the cut of five thousand dollars in the annual city payroll has leaked out to a certain extent and has received the commendation of many citizens. "Business houses and industrial firms have already reduced salaries and wages," one man said, "and new officials taking office in cities and towns in this section have also reduced their payrolls. The move here will meet with general approval, or I am badly mistaken."

City Merchants Boost "Cotton Week" Carolina Products Beginning Today

Visitors to Shelby stores and business houses this week will have the opportunity of seeing cotton goods boosted and displayed as never before, and what is more the majority of articles on display will be Carolina made goods.

Practically all Shelby merchants are cooperating on "National Cotton Week" and "Made in North Carolina Week" beginning today. The two movements are being concentrated in one and all citizens are urged to take advantage of the various displays.

It is pointed out that the displays at local stores should be of more than ordinary interest in this section as Cleveland county is not only the largest cotton-producing county in the state but is the home of many industrial plants creating cotton into wearing apparel.

Several score cities and towns in the state have announced that their merchants are this week pushing the event, the aim of which is to acquaint the people of North Carolina with what is made in their state; to increase the sale of home-made goods to local consumers; and, in the long run, to bring about industrial diversification.

Governor Gardner has officially set aside June 1-6 as "Made in North Carolina Week" by proclamation. The same week has been designated as "National Cotton Week" by the

Will Open Curb Market In City Saturday, June 6

Home Demonstration Clubs Will Test Out Curb Market Idea.

A curb market, where farm women may exhibit their products for house wives of Shelby, will be given its first trial in Shelby Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, home demonstration agent, stated today that the home demonstration clubs of Cleveland county will sponsor an open curb market on the vacant lot on North Morgan street adjoining the Southern Public Utilities headquarters.

Although the market is sponsored by the demonstration clubs all farm women may enter articles to be sold. The lot is being furnished for the test through the courtesy of Mr. Chas. L. Eskridge.

Sell Anything.

In addition to produce, vegetables, fruits, canned goods, garden foods and other things, all types of articles may be placed on the market for sale. It is likely that many women will enter various types of handwork and other products of household arts. It is expected, too, that some of the county's finest cooking will be exhibited for sale as a number of the club women are planning to offer cakes, pies and other delicacies.

Shelby women are invited to visit the market during the day as a stimulus to a movement which it is hoped will add to the convenience of both seller and buyer and will make possible another source of income for farm wives.

Saturday all entrants of articles to be sold at the market will be given temporary regulations and rules. Milk and uninspected meats cannot be placed on the market, but chickens, dressed or undressed, may be placed there for sale.

Grover Minister Is Honored By Degree

Rev. Mr. Dendy Given Degree By Oglethorpe University At Atlanta.

It is of interest in this section to note that Rev. J. T. Dendy, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Grover, was honored at the recent commencement exercises at Oglethorpe university, Atlanta, with the degree of doctor of divinity.

He was a fellow student with Dr. Jacobs at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina. He is a member of the board of founders of Oglethorpe and a brother to Prof. W. E. Dendy, principal of Atlanta's University school for boys.

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For 25 Years



Dr. Zeno Wall (above) yesterday celebrated his 25th year in the ministry by returning to the rural church where he preached his first sermon a quarter of a century ago.

Tax Sale Not Decided; Board Studying List

May Advertise Property For Sale In July or Wait Until Fall. More Listing Time.

When they adjourned for lunch at 1 o'clock this afternoon the Cleveland county commissioners were still undecided as to when they would advertise and sell property for unpaid taxes.

A decision in the matter will be made today, however, it was declared by members of the board.

Two procedures may result. The advertising and sale of property for taxes has already been postponed for a month due to general business conditions. Today the board may decide to go ahead and start advertising unpaid taxes on Monday, June 8, and then conduct the sale on Monday, July 6.

Again the board may consider it best to wait until early fall to handle the tax sales. The proposition has been giving the commissioners considerable thought, and they desire to talk it over from all angles before reaching a final decision. Due to the regular list of callers and delegations this morning the board had very little time in which to discuss the tax problem before noon. It will be given their first attention this afternoon.

Much Paid. If one large corporation would pay its taxes, The Star learned today, the unpaid tax total would be only a little larger this year than it was last year and has been for years.

This corporation is now being operated by receivers who say they will pay the \$13,000 tax debt at the earliest possible moment.

Listing Time. Saturday was the last day for listing taxes this year but as the work is behind the commissioners will likely extend the listing time for another week or 10 days. This move had not been made before the noon recess, but it is known that the members of the board are agreed that a short extension of time should be given to list personal property not yet listed. Citizens who have not listed are urged to do so at once so that the budget may be prepared.

Mrs. James Buried At Oak Grove Church

Mrs. Mary E. Jenkins James, aged 76 years, died Friday at the home of her step granddaughter, Mrs. D. H. Connor, in the St. Peters section of this county.

Funeral services were held Sunday at noon at Oak Grove church near Ellenboro where Mrs. James had been a member for years. Rev. W. G. Camp, of Cherryville, and Rev. Mr. Snow had charge of the services.

Her husband, Robert G. James, died in 1922. Mrs. James a native of the section near Ellenboro, had been living in this county for some time.

Two sisters, Misses Nancy and Jenny Jenkins, survive. Surviving also are the following step children: William James, Caroleen; Robert James, Cliffside; R. E. James, Splendale; Mrs. Lancaster; Caroleen; Maynard, Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Gossett, Chesnee; Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Hawkins, Charlotte; Mrs. MacEllenboro. Twenty-seven step grand children also survive.

Wall Observes His 25th Year In Church Work

Returns Where He First Preached

Shelby Minister Has Preached Over 3,000 Sermons Since First One May 30, 1906.

Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby and president of Bowling Springs junior college, yesterday celebrated his 25th anniversary in the ministry by preaching once more in the pulpit of Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, this county, where he preached his first sermon on May 30, 1906.

With a fourth of a century of active ministry behind him, during which time he has become a leader in his denomination, Dr. Wall today and yesterday received the congratulations and well wishes of scores of friends and admirers.

Remarkable Record.

In the 25 years Dr. Wall has preached over 3,000 sermons, better than 120 per year, has held 125 revivals, performed 175 marriage ceremonies, delivered 315 special addresses, conducted 650 funerals, has seen over 5,000 conversions, has baptized 2,431, has ordained 52 preachers, and has travelled over three million miles in the service of the ministry.

Dr. Wall was born in Rutherford county on August 20, 1882; he was baptized July 21, 1898 by Rev. A. C. Irvin near High Shoals Baptist church; he was ordained July 8, 1908 in the Baptist church at Cliffside; he was educated at Mars Hill college and the Southern Baptist Theological seminary; he has held the following pastorates: Marshall Baptist church, Marshall, N. C., Mt. Olive Baptist church, Mt. Olive, Miss., First Baptist church, Columbia, Miss., The College church, Clinton, Miss., First Baptist church, Goldsboro, N. C., First Baptist church, Shelby, N. C.

He, too, has been honored by his denomination in serving as Enlistment secretary of the Home Mission Board for one year; Vice president Baptist State convention of N. C.; Vice president Baptist Hospital, Secretary Board of Trustees of Mississippi college, Secretary Board of Trustees of Mississippi Baptist hospital, Chaplain 140 Field Artillery during World War; and in addition to his duties in his heavy pastorate here serves as President of Bowling Springs junior college. On May 24, 1917 Mississippi college conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Two Shelby Men Injured In Car Wreck Sunday

Max Connor, Badly Hurt, And Charlie Webb, Leg Fractured, In Gastonia Hospital.

(Special to The Star.) Gastonia, June 1.—Max Connor, former Shelby football star, is in a hospital here seriously injured and his companion Charlie Webb, Shelby business man and son of J. E. Webb, Gastonia and Shelby theatre man, has a fractured right leg as the result of an auto collision near here at 11:30 last night.

The crash took place two or three miles west of Gastonia, on highway 20, between Gastonia and Bessemer City.

Connor is badly lacerated about the head and neck but it was said this morning that he was expected to live, although his condition was very serious when first taken to the hospital.

According to Webb, who was driving his own car west toward Shelby, the other car headed east and occupied by two Gastonia boys and two Belmont girls, suddenly turned into a side road and the two cars crashed together as the east-bound car turned in the path of the Webb car. Connor was hurled through the glass.

Three of the four occupants of the other car are also in the hospital. Ruth Sparks, of Belmont, one of the girls, has a head injury. Leckie Langley, the other Belmont girl, has a fractured arm. Luther Russell, of Gastonia, has minor injuries and lacerations. Bob Stowe, the other Gastonia, was able to leave the hospital after treatment.

A portion of Connor's right ear was cut off, it was said, and he had bad cuts on the head and throat. It was unofficially stated that it was not believed that Webb could have prevented the crash.

Won't Fight; Denied Papers



Because they refused to swear to fight for the United States in case of war, Miss Marie Averill Bland, a New York nurse, and Professor Douglas Clyde Mackintosh, of Yale University, both above, were denied citizenship by the U. S. Supreme Court by a 5 to 4 vote. Professor Mackintosh, a Canadian Baptist minister, saw service during the World War. In seeking naturalization he said he would fight for the United States if he thought the war was just. Miss Bland said her religious scruples prevented her from fighting under any conditions.

Value Of Farm Land Decreases In County

Worth Slightly Less Than In 1925 But More Than In 1920. Farm Buildings Are Worth More Now. Decline Shown In Livestock, Chickens, Hogs, Food Crops.

Agricultural Cleveland county has gained in some places and lost ground in other phases since 1920 and 1925, according to the 1930 farm census just released to The Star. The major gains are shown in an increase in value of farm buildings, a better division of farms, and an increasing potato crop. The decline covers a lower value on farm land, more tenant-farmed acres, and a fall-off in hay and grain crops.

There are now 5,181 individual farms in the county, or 1,116 more than in 1920 and 50 more than in 1925.

Per Acre Value. A total of 242,902 acres is used in farming, a smaller acreage than 10 years ago or five years ago. The present average farm is 46.9 acres, or smaller than it was in 1920. The average Cleveland farm is now worth \$3,576, according to the census valuation, or near \$1,000 less per farm in 1920 or 1925. The per acre value is \$76.38, a dollar less per acre than in 1925 but six dollars per acre than in 1920.

The total value of all farm lands and buildings, as listed by the census takers for 1930 was \$18,527,732, note quite two million less than in 1925 and almost a million more than in 1920. The land alone is valued at two million less now than in 1925, but only a half million less than in 1920.

Gain Here. Farm buildings in 1930 were valued a half million more than in 1925 and a million and a quarter more than in 1920.

Size of Farms. There are more farms ranging from 20 acres to 49 acres than any other size, showing a more intensive cultivation. There are, however, over 300 farms ranging from 100 to 174 acres.

The size of county farms is listed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Size of Farms, Number. Rows include Under 3 acres, 3 to 9 acres, 10 to 19 acres, 20 to 49 acres.

1,147 Laws Passed By Unusual Session Of N. C. Assembly; Remarkable Meet

In Many Respect Legislature Set Records. Many Important Laws In Number.

Raleigh, June 1.—The North Carolina general assembly, which adjourned on the evening of May 27, was, in many respects, one of the most remarkable sessions ever held by a law making body in North Carolina, not only in the length of the session, but in the type of legislation and deviation from normal policies which it achieved.

No other session has lasted for 121 legislative days, except the 1808-09 reconstruction period session of 143 days from which 12 days of Christmas recess must be taken leaving only 136 days. It establishes a new record for length and developed into an endurance test.

No other session has taken from the local units and vested in the state more authority, particularly in the maintenance of roads and schools and in the administration of county, city, town and local district fiscal affairs. These local units gave up authority and autonomy to a greater extent than ever before, trading in their distress much loose, inefficient and ineffective administration for what is expected to be greater concentrated and more ef-

Schools Finals Close As Class Of '31 Goes On

74 Girls, Boys Get High Diplomas

James Shepard and Sara Thompson Get Cups as Leading Students.

The class of 1931—74 in all, 43 girls and 32 boys—is no more an active part of the Shelby high school. The 74 youngsters were given their diplomas and their final high school awards and honors in a colorful program at the Central high school auditorium Friday evening as the last feature of the Shelby commencement season.

The graduation exercises differed somewhat from those of the past and the seniors in leaving left behind them their best for the school and it works, particularly in regard to extra-curricular activities.

Honors Given. Other than the actual awarding of diplomas, the announcement of the major awards of the evening was the center of interest. To Miss Sara Thompson, valedictorian of her class and winner of the Lüneburger scholarship medal for the best work over four years, went the Mrs. Clyde E. Kopy cup, the highest award Shelby high holds out to the best all-around girl.

James Shepard, marathlete, brilliant student, typical gentleman, and active participant in many school activities, won the companion award, the Max Washburn cup for the best all-around boy. It is an annual custom for the school to award these honors. The two winners are picked on a secret vote by the entire high school faculty in which every phase of work and conduct plays a part, and each year Shelby stands up and vents enthusiasm for two such outstanding youngsters. The awards in years gone by have gone to children in all walks of life, among them a cotton mill boy who has made good and a lad who now lives in the governor's mansion.

In the last contest held Friday Miss Margaret Louise McNeely won the J. R. Dover reading medal and Ray Hawkins won the Forrest Eskridge declamation medal. Among the other awards was that to Miss Lorraine Grigg, best student in the teacher training department.

Last Program.

Invocation by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, of the Presbyterian church, opened the last program of the graduating class. The salutatory by Miss Frances Carver came next, then the president's address by Hubert Wilson. A group of seniors, all leaders in their activities, told the audience of the value of extra-curricular activities. They were Matilda Jenks, Palmer McSwain, Louise Miller, James Shepard, John Corbett and Pegram Holland. The activities they covered were debating, athletics, creative writing, dramatics, and music. Miss Sara Thompson gave the valedictory and the awards were then announced and distributed by Principal W. E. Abernethy. The final act, before the benediction by Rev. L. L. Jessup, of the Second Baptist church, was the presentation of the 74 diplomas by Supt. E. L. Smith, popular head of the city school system. Seated on the stage with the capped and gowned seniors was the class mascot, little Miss Beth Swafford.

The Graduates. The following are the seniors who received diplomas:

- Lillie Lena Allen, Gladie Love Austell, Helen Florence Bass, Boyd Hampton Blanton Jr., Edith Muriel Blanton, Jane Elizabeth Blanton, Evelyn Virginia Blanton, Annie Mae Bobbitt, Hiramie Borders, Virginia Betty Cabaniss, William Alfred Cabaniss, Annie Gladys Callahan, Mildred Jeanette Camp, Frances Demitria Carver, John Oscar Corbett Jr., Julia Elizabeth Cox.

Dorothy Geneva Dedmon, Walter Lee Devine, Margaret Katherine Dixon, Adelaide June Elam, Alfred

Honor Society For High School Here

At the graduation exercises of the Shelby high school it was announced that the Shelby high school has been accorded a chapter in the National Honor Society for Secondary Schools. The society has four purposes: To promote scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The 10 seniors and three juniors awarded membership the first year were: Seniors May Lattimore, Matilda Jenks, Elizabeth Blanton, William Ingram, Frances Carver, Ormie Lee White, John Irvin, Jr., Milla Putnam, Felix Gee and Sara Thompson; juniors Edwina Gidney, Torrey Trust, Sara Louise Falls,

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