

Cloudy Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday.

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Drowns At Lanier. Spartanburg, S. C., June 12.—Paul Simpson, well known young business man of Spartanburg, was drowned in Lake Lanier late Thursday afternoon when, wading into the lake, he stepped suddenly into a deep basin. The accident occurred shortly before 4:30 o'clock and the body was recovered within 20 minutes. Members of the Piedmont Council Camp of Boy Scouts, located on the lake, tried for more than two hours to revive him but their efforts were unavailing. There was no pulmotor in Tryon, it was said.

Negro To Chair For Attack On Girl At Grover

Was Baptized At Columbia Yesterday To "Be Ready For Gawd."

Columbia, S. C., June 12.—With a quavering cry, "I wanna be ready for Gawd," J. P. Moore, 22-year-old Gaffney negro who was to be electrocuted at the state penitentiary here at 10 o'clock today for criminal assault on a white woman of Cherokee county, was baptized yesterday afternoon.

The girl who was attacked lives just a short distance from Grover, Cleveland county, but across the line in South Carolina.

Rev. T. H. Broadus, negro assistant chaplain of the penitentiary baptized Moore in an improvised wooden vat in the penitentiary yard a few hours after Governor Blackwood announced at the capitol that he would not halt the electrocution because alienists declare Moore sane and mentally responsible.

Examination Made. Dr. E. L. Harger of the state hospital examined Moore at the request of Solicitor S. R. Watt of Spartanburg, who prosecuted him. A group of negro preachers also urged the governor to do "anything concerning clemency."

Dr. Harger stated in his report that "no evidence of insanity was found. The negro's mental development is that of a normal person between the ages of 9 and 10." The mental age ascertained is that of a large group of normal negroes, the doctor stated.

Moore was the first person to go to the electric chair this year without an appeal to the state supreme court or formal petition to the governor. All seven negroes who preceded him secured such procedure in vain. Moore wrote President Hoover to ask him to intervene, but was informed that the president could not suspend a state sentence.

Protests Innocent. Moore continued to protest his innocence yesterday afternoon before being led back to the death cell for his last night on earth. No relatives of the woman Moore attacked will be among the limited group of spectators.

Moore was well known to officers in this county and was in jail here several months ago.

Rutherford County Cuts Teachers Pay

Ten Per Cent Reduction Approved By Rutherford School Officials.

Rutherford, June 12.—Every teacher and school official will have his salary reduced ten per cent in Rutherford county, next school year, it was learned here this week. The school board of the Rutherfordton-Beth-Spindale consolidated schools has inaugurated a ten per cent cut. Even bus drivers will be cut ten per cent next term.

Three teachers will be dropped from the system, including the teacher of public school music. The reduction will mean a saving of around \$5,000 per year to this district alone. The board has made every cut possible.

Supt. L. E. Spikes has been re-elected, as have his four principals as follows: F. W. Jarvis, Central high school; W. R. Hill, principal, Rutherfordton elementary school; P. H. Huss, Ruth elementary school and R. L. Leary, Spindale elementary school. Only three teachers resigned and three were not re-elected.

Sams Tells Method Of Handling Bees

At two meetings held in this county Wednesday Prof. C. L. Sams, State bee specialist, gave demonstrations as to the proper method of handling bees. One demonstration was held at the Luther McSwain home and was attended by about 15 farmers. Another was held at the J. C. Bowen home and around 20 farmers who have been attended.

No Observance Here On Fourth Is Planned Now

Community Picnic Is Being Talked

Fourth Comes On Saturday And Merchants Will Not Close. May Picnic Monday.

Shelby will have no formal program in observance of July Fourth. The Fourth this year falls on Saturday and local merchants will not close for the day, or any part thereof, The Star is informed.

It has been a number of years since Shelby has staged a formal observance of Independence Day which is one of the outstanding annual events in many sections of America.

Discuss Picnic. Shelby merchants, who consider it unwise to close on Saturday, are talking, however, about observing the Fourth two days later, on Monday, July 6, with some form of community picnic.

"Each year," one business man says, "several of the local business houses close for an afternoon or a day and give their employes a picnic. I think it would be a good idea this year for all the local business houses to close all day on Monday after the Fourth, or a part of the day and join together in a community picnic and outing. Such an occasion should do much to advance community cooperation and good will in addition to the pleasure of the outing."

Whether such an affair will be held is not known now in that Monday is two days after the Fourth but several business men who give their employes an outing each year are discussing the matter.

For several years Shelby people have celebrated the Fourth by closing shop and motoring off on a fishing or pleasure trip. Since the Fourth is on Saturday this year this custom will not be followed.

Shelby Singers To National Festival

Portion Of Central Methodist Choir To Enter Westminster Music Festival.

Eight representatives of the choir of the Central Methodist church are leaving over the week-end for Ithaca, N. Y., to participate in the annual Westminster national musical festival.

Those going are Mr. Dale Kalter, choir director, and Mrs. Kalter, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. Reid Young, Mr. Charles Wall, Mrs. S. M. Gault and Mrs. Louise Gault, the latter of Union, S. C. The Kalters and Mrs. Young leave Saturday and will go by Dayton, Ohio, for a brief visit with Mr. Kalter's relatives. The others leave Sunday morning.

Approximately 10,000 voices will participate in the big event. Mr. and Mrs. Kalter are graduates of the Westminster school and were members of the Westminster choir on an international tour. The local group participates in the event at the invitation of the Westminster school.

Shelby Boys Among Graduates At Duke

Three Shelby boys were members of the large graduating class at Duke university this week. They were Messrs. Alex George, Milton Loy and Troy McKinney.

Polkville Girl Wins First Honors In District Essay Contest Thursday

Vera Arwood To Represent District In State Contest. Winner Once Before.

Miss Vera Arwood, Polkville high school girl, yesterday won district honors in the state-wide essay contest on cooperative marketing held in Charlotte. As the result of winning honors in the district, which embraces six counties, Miss Arwood will go to Raleigh to represent the district in the finals. The winner of the state contest will be given \$50 and a free trip to Washington.

Year before last Miss Arwood won district honors and was second in the final state contest in Raleigh. The following Charlotte dispatch tells of yesterday's contest: "The future of the southern cotton farmer—if he is to have any future—depends upon his ability to co-operate with his fellows in pro-

To Arrest Motorists Who Follow Fire Trucks And Delay Firemen

Unless Shelby motorists stop chasing after fire trucks when they respond to alarms they will be haled into court and fined, Fire Chief J. R. Robinson said today.

"Recently," the fire chief stated, "so many automobiles got in behind the trucks, and some times ahead of them, that we are delayed getting to a fire not to mention the danger of such tactics. I have asked Police Chief Poston to help us stop this practice. Traffic gets so congested with spectators going to a fire that the volunteer firemen can make no time getting there. The stopping of this practice will assure better fire protection to the property owner and less chance of physical hurt to the spectators who crowd in."

Insane Man Here On Hunger Strike; No Food In 3 Days

Fred Ledford, of No. Two township, who is being held in the county jail here because of insanity, has been on a hunger strike for three days. Sheriff Irvin M. Allen says that regular attempts are made each day to get Ledford to eat but he refuses to touch the food served him.

George McSwain Of Lattimore Is Buried Thursday

One of That Community's Most Esteemed Citizens. Successful Farmer.

(Special to The Star.)

Lattimore, June 12.—Our little village and community are deeply grieved and saddened on account of the death of one of our most highly esteemed and best loved citizens, Mr. George Griffin McSwain, which occurred at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home near this place on June 2. He suffered a severe paralytic stroke since which time the end had been daily expected.

In his passing the community has suffered an irreparable loss. He was noted especially for his charitable disposition. He was one of our most successful farmers, being both economic and progressive. Being of a cheerful and jovial disposition and having a kind word for everyone, his friends are numbered by the hundreds.

Was 55 Years of Age. "Uncle George," by which name he is familiarly known, was born, reared and spent the greater portion of his life in and near Lattimore. His age was 55 years, six months and 24 days. He joined the Baptist church in early manhood and was a faithful and devoted Christian.

Besides his widow, who before marriage, was Miss Matilda Webb, daughter of the late Willis Webb, he is survived by nine children, five sons and four daughters, as follows: Mrs. Otis Hembree, of Maysville, Ga., route 2, Otis McSwain, of Shelby, R-4; Mrs. Novella Smart and Mrs. Aida Patterson, of Shelby, Frank McSwain, of Lattimore, and Miss Bufie, Arlon, Lawrence and Henderson McSwain. His aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Short, of Shelby, who on her next birthday, December 20, will have passed her 92nd mile post, still survives. He also leaves one full sister, Mrs. S. B. Cooper, of Shelby; one half brother, Charlie McSwain, of Shelby, and three half sisters, Mrs. Hanna Kennedy, Mrs. Rebecca Scruggs and Mrs. Mary Tate of Clifside. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. D. Harrill from the Lattimore Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after which interment was made at the cemetery by the Junior Order, of which he was a charter member. Pall bearers were Prof. Lawton Blanton, Dr. R. L. Hunt, Messrs. R. R. Hewitt, J. M. Blanton, Thurman Blanton and A. L. Calton. The hundreds in attendance and the numerous floral offerings attested the esteem in which he was held by his host of friends. All the family have the sympathy of their many friends in their great bereavement.

Forest City Wheat 64 Inches In Height

Forest City, June 12.—Joe P. Hardin, who resides on Harmon street in this city, has perhaps some of the finest wheat in Rutherford county. He has one and one-half acres of purple straw wheat, which is growing on land that was not fertilized. The wheat was planted on land on which corn grew last year. Part of the wheat is 64 inches high, and all of it is well headed and will produce a big yield. Mr. Hardin has entered the wheat contest which is being sponsored in this county.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hamrick and little daughter, Betty Jean, from Charlotte, has been visiting Mrs. Susan Hamrick of Bolling Springs.

State Working Out Method Of Running Schools

Districts May Add To Their Levy

Combination of Bus Lines And Smaller Schools Expected To Effect Saving.

Raleigh, June 12.—The first step in the taking over the six-months school term by the state has been taken with the sending out of the preliminary organization sheets to every county superintendent by the state board of equalization. On these sheets, which were mailed out Tuesday night, the county superintendents must list each school, white and colored, elementary and high school, and give the enrollment and average daily attendance for each for the six months term in 1929-30 and 1930-31. They must also give the number of teachers they were allowed for each school and for the entire county under the Hancock act, also the number of additional teachers employed, if any, and the fund from which they were paid.

In addition to these facts, the board of equalization is also asking that a road map of the county be attached and that all the present school bus routes be indicated on these maps. Under the new school law in which the board of equalization is virtually charged with the supervision of the public schools of the state for the duration of the six-months terms, it is given the power to reroute school bus lines, to consolidate schools and take many other steps if by so doing the cost of operation can be reduced without injuring the efficiency of the schools.

One of the most important provisions in the new school law, according to several members of the board of equalization, is the section which provides that bus transportation shall not be provided for children who live within a mile and a half of a school. It is estimated that this will eliminate approximately 50,000 miles of school bus travel daily and save about \$750 a day in the operation of school buses. The cost records show that it costs approximately fifteen cents a mile to operate a school bus. If 50,000 miles of unnecessary travel can be eliminated daily as a result of the new law and by rerouting school bus lines, the saving will be \$750 a day and perhaps more.

Overlapping Seen. "We have already come across numerous cases of overlapping of school bus routes and the unnecessary maintenance of small schools," said LeRoy Martin, executive secretary of the board of equalization. "One county superintendent wrote me this week telling of maintaining two small high schools, one with four teachers and 80 pupils and one with three teachers and 35 pupils, within four miles of each other, which he has been trying to combine for several years, but because of local community feeling he had not been able to combine them, since the smaller community would not consent to it. Under the new law, of course, they will be combined into one school, and the smaller three-teacher high school eliminated at a material saving."

"Another superintendent has written me that under the new law he will be able to discontinue two small high schools in his county without adding any additional teachers in any of the other county high schools and without increasing his transportation expense a single dollar. Heretofore, because of local politics

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Limestone Teacher Talks To Kiwanians

Dr. W. Y. Massey, teacher of sociology in Limestone college, Gaffney, S. C., was the speaker last night before the Kiwanis club in its weekly luncheon. After a few suggestions on mental hygiene, Dr. Massey spoke on "Our Belongings," in which he pointed out that every citizen belongs to his ancestors, belongs to his family, belongs to his community, belongs to the organizations with which he has identified himself, belongs to the future. It was a scholarly deliverance and presented a line of thought which had never before been presented at the Kiwanis club.

Ladies night will be held on the evening of July 9th.

Go Down In Tourney.

Whitelaw Kendall and Joe Singleton, Shelby tennis players, were eliminated in the doubles play of the Mid-Dixie tournament this week at Spartanburg. The local team won the first set but were trounced in the next two.

Cupid Wins in Baby Wrangle



Mr. and Mrs. William Watkins, of Chicago, are shown here as they were remarried by Judge Francis Borrelli (center). Mrs. Watkins is holding Charles, one of the innocent storm centers in the famous "Watkins-Bamberger" baby mix-up in Chicago last Summer. The children, at birth, were switched by mistake in a hospital and ensuing charges and counter-charges caused rifts in the marital bliss of both families.

Shelby Negro Convict Shot While Trying To Escape At Prison Farm

Odell Eskridge, Sent Up For Robbery, Badly Wounded In Head.

Raleigh, June 12.—Two convicts are in the hospital at State's prison here seriously wounded as a result of an attempt to escape from the quarry in which they were being worked at Stokesdale, Guilford county, late Tuesday.

Odell Eskridge, Cleveland county negro, was in a critical condition with gunshot wounds in his head and Sylvester Williams, Wake county negro, was suffering from wounds in the arms, legs and thighs.

Prison officials said the two men tried to break from the quarry pit in which they were working and were stopped by a volley of shot fired by several guards.

Eskridge entered prison in October 1929, to serve 3 3/4 to 5 years for breaking and entering. Williams entered in October, 1928, to serve 7 to 10 years for highway robbery.

Eskridge had quite a criminal record in Shelby and was sent to prison, according to Police Chief Poston, on charges in connection with the robbery of Quinn's drug store, Pender's, and the Ingram-Liles store.

Putnam New Pastor Big Springs Church

Rev. D. F. Putnam has accepted the pastorate of Big Springs Baptist church just over the Cleveland county line from No. 8 township in Rutherford county. This church was constituted in 1812 and is one of the oldest churches in this entire section. Rev. A. C. Irvin and Rev. D. G. Washburn have been pastors of this church for the past quarter of a century. Zion Baptist church, six miles north of Shelby is the oldest Baptist church in the Kings Mountain Baptist association, but Big Springs in the Sandy Run association is older.

Last General Assembly Was Costly; Expenses Will Pass Quarter Million

Clerks, Pages And Other Employees Drew Pay For Each Day Assembly Was In Session.

Raleigh, June 12.—The 1931 general assembly will probably go down as the most expensive in the history of the state, since its total cost is expected to exceed \$250,000 or some \$50,000 more than was appropriated for it.

The cost of salaries and mileage alone already amounts to \$215,272, according to figures obtained today from the office of State Auditor Baxter Durham. When the cost of printing and various other expenses are added to this amount, the total will probably exceed \$250,000. The cost of printing the various bills, the senate and house Journal and the Public Laws of 1929 amounted to approximately \$30,000. Since the months instead of two months, it is expected that the printing costs will be materially larger, probably nearer \$35,000 than \$20,000. This does not include the thousands of dollars spent in printing reports of various sorts in anticipation of the meeting of the general assembly, which can be easily estimated at \$50,000 or more.

Cleveland Goes In Division "E" Of N. C. Roads

Headquarters To Be At Asheville

J. C. Walker Heads Highway Work In District. Betts Is His Aide.

Cleveland county has been placed in Division E of the five administrative divisions of the reorganized North Carolina Highway system.

Headquarters of Division E will be in Asheville and at a meeting of the State commissioners in Raleigh yesterday J. C. Walker of Asheville was named head of the division with T. T. Betts as his assistant.

Other counties in this division are Rutherford, Folk, Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson, Macon, Clay, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Haywood, Madison, Buncombe, Yancey, McDowell, Mitchell, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga, and Ashe.

Other counties adjoining Cleveland are in Division D as follows: Montgomery, Richmond, Anson, Union, Stanly, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Lincoln, Catawba, Alexander, Wilkes, Alleghany, Surry, Yadkin, Iredell, Davie, Rowan.

H. E. Noell, of Marion, has been named to head Division D. The selection of the headquarters will probably be announced within a short time. F. S. Klutz has been selected as the assistant to Mr. Noell.

A resolution setting forth that the commission intended to abide by the spirit of the 1931 road law in that it represented the state at large and that no individual member represented any particular section was adopted.

Grover Citizen Buried Today

Mr. John M. Beam Lays Down For A Nap and Enters Sleep Eternal Funeral Today.

Laying down for a nap at his home at Grover, John M. Beam, prominent farmer of that section entered sleep eternal Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Mr. Beam had suffered an attack of acute indigestion the night before and feeling bad next morning, he lay down for sleep from which he never waked. Mr. Beam was 73 years of age and one of the leading citizens of the Grover section where he had spent all of his life.

He was a member of the Grover Baptist church, but in the absence of his own church pastor, the funeral was conducted this afternoon by Rev. Mr. Dendy, pastor of the Presbyterian church. He is survived by his wife and the following children, Carroll, Vester, Grady, Mrs. Chas. Bookout, Mrs. Craven Crump, seven grandchildren, two brothers and seven sisters.

Interment will be in the cemetery at Bethlehem Baptist church this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Hoey To Prosecute Slayer Of Officer

Smart To Be Given Hearing At Rutherfordton On Saturday.

Rutherfordton, June 12.—Fred Smart, who is charged with killing Chief Austin A. Price of Forest City last Saturday night, will be given a preliminary hearing here Saturday at 2 p. m., in the court house before County Recorder Fred McBrayer.

A warrant has been sworn out here charging Smart with murder in the first degree.

C. O. Riddings of Forest City will be chief counsel in the prosecution. He will be assisted by Judge J. L. Murphy of Hickory, Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby and R. R. Glanton of Forest City. Friends of the dead officer around Stony Point have employed Judge Murphy while the town of Forest City has employed Hoey. Smart will be represented by Hamrick and Harris of this place.

It was discovered here yesterday from court records that Smart was convicted before Recorder McBrayer May 30 on a charge of driving an automobile under the influence of whiskey. Chief Price asked that judgment be continued for 30 days, which was done at his request.

Smart was in court here about a year ago on similar charge.

Mrs. G. G. Lovelace has just returned from Fayetteville where she has been visiting her nephew, Mr. ...