

Showers Promised. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy with local thunderstorms tonight or Saturday.

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Shelby's Hottest

The extended heat wave reached its most uncomfortable peak here yesterday, Thursday, July 2, although the official temperature recorded was not quite as high as that of Sunday, June 21. The mercury in the Ebeltoft thermometer climbed between 9 and 100 but due to the humidity the heat was more in evidence. A number of people were forced to quit work and others were unable to work steadily, but no serious effects from the torrid day were reported this morning. A rain late in the afternoon cooled things off somewhat, but after the shower the heat soon returned and today the mercury was climbing back in the high nineties.

Officers Leave To Get Two Men Caught In Texas

Allen and Poston Go After Men Wanted Here For Car Theft, Store Breaking.

Sheriff Irvin M. Allen and Police Chief McBride Poston left Shelby early today by automobile for Houston and Galveston, Texas, to bring back two young men wanted here for automobile larceny and store breaking.

The men are Ralph Foust, escaped convict, and Harley Painter. They are charged with breaking in the Eskridge garage here on the night of May 6 and stealing a new automobile and also on the charge of entering and robbing the Cohen department store.

The two men with a companion, who was later freed, were arrested at Houston, Texas a week or 10 days after the robbery here. They confessed to officers there, it is said, that they stole the new auto here. At first it was thought they would be tried in Federal court at Galveston, but this week local officers received another message from Texas and as a result left for the men today.

Thompson Along. The officers, traveling in Sheriff Allen's car, were accompanied by Alderman Z. J. Thompson. Mr. Thompson will stop off at Paris, Texas, to see his mother, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, who is a patient in the hospital there. Mrs. Thompson fell and broke her hip at Hugo, Oklahoma, last week and was taken to the Texas hospital.

Elmore-Osborne, New Auto Agency

Will Sell Chrysler and Plymouth. Show First Free-Wheeling Automobile.

Elmore-Osborne Motor Co., is the name of a new automobile agency formed in Shelby to handle Chrysler and Plymouth cars. Headquarters have been established with the Champion Oil Co., on West Warren street in the store room formerly occupied by the Beam Motor Co. The senior member of the firm is Mr. Lem Elmore who has been salesman for the Chevrolet for a number of years while the junior member of the firm is Mr. Tom Osborne who has also been auto salesman in Shelby for several years.

New Model Chryslers and Plymouth cars are now on the show room floor. The Plymouth model is the new free-wheeling, vibrationless motor, the first of its kind to be shown here. The free-wheeling device enables the driver to shift gears without pushing in the clutch. Gears can be shifted to any speed while the car is in motion, not even placing the foot on the clutch. No clutch movement is necessary except when the car starts from a dead stop. Considerable fuel is saved by coasting the car in the manner of the old coaster bicycles.

The vibrationless motor is swung to the frame with springs and rubber cushions, thus eliminating the body vibration from the motor.

Kings Mtn. Man Is Dead In New Jersey

A. K. Falls is being buried this afternoon at Kings Mountain in Mountain Rest cemetery after funeral services in Central Methodist church, conducted by Rev. John R. Church. Mr. Falls died in a hospital in Hoboken, N. J. Tuesday afternoon at age 59. He was a building contractor by trade and formerly lived in Kings Mountain.

Surviving are the following children: Clyde, of Hoboken, N. J.; Lawrence of Durham; Marion of Kings Mountain; Mrs. R. R. Baggett of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Ralph Weaver of Kings Mountain.

Road Set-Up For Cleveland Nearly Fixed

Broadway Lines Up Highway Workers

Foreman Named for Eight of The Ten Sections. Harill Heads Right of Way.

The organization set-up is nearly complete for the state maintenance of county roads in Cleveland county, it was announced today from the office of W. A. Broadway, engineer in charge of roads for Cleveland county. Foremen have been named for eight of the ten sections into which Cleveland county has been divided and by Saturday night the two additional foremen will have been named.

Captain Broadway went to Asheville today to the headquarters of division E to confer with Engineers Walker and Pototat on matters pertaining to the roads and in this conference the scale of wages to be paid the foremen will be set.

Claude Harill will be foreman of right-of-way, using floating forces of convicts to do special work in whatever part of the county they are sent. Clyde Poston will continue in charge of the convict camp on the northern edge of the city which has been taken over by the state.

T. C. Stockton has been made foreman of bridges and will have charge of bridge repairs and painting.

Road Section Foremen.

Section No. E-214 including Nos. 10 and 11 townships, J. H. Costner, foreman.

Section No. E-215 including Lantdale-Falston section, Worth Lattimore, foreman.

Section No. E-216 including Polkville and adjacent territory, Willis Jonas, foreman.

Section No. E-217 including No. 6 township outside of Shelby, Will Devine, foreman.

Section No. E-218 including Waco, Buffalo and St. Paul territory, D. J. Barrett, foreman.

Section No. E-219 including Lattimore, Mooresboro, and city of Shelby, F. Y. Jones, foreman.

Section No. E-220 including Kings Mountain territory, foreman to be named.

Section No. E-221 including Nos. 1 and 2 townships, C. I. Putnam, foreman.

Section No. E-222 including Patterson Springs and Earl, R. L. Hause, foreman.

Section No. E-223 including Grover and vicinity, foreman to be named.

Each of these foremen will have three assistants who will devote their time to the up-keep of the county road system taken over by the state on July 1. It is thought that the section foremen will have the privilege of selecting their assistants and when necessary these foremen will hire additional labor at the current labor scale.

Here Working For New Mail Outlet

Mr. C. F. Honeycutt, of Greensboro, chief clerk of the railway mail in this division, was in Shelby yesterday investigating a method of improving Shelby's outgoing mail service. His visit here followed the removal of the 9:40 p. m. bus, Shelby to Gastonia, on which mail was carried. The removal of this bus left Shelby without east or south-bound mail service from 6:16 in the evening until 6:35 the following morning.

Shelby Stores Open Saturday But Will Close For Holiday On Monday

Expect Shopping Crowds Saturday. No Formal Events For Fourth Here.

Shelby stores and business houses will remain open tomorrow, Saturday, July 4, for the convenience of the customary Saturday shopping crowds, but will be closed all day Monday with employees and employers taking the day as a belated holiday.

The only exception to the open Fourth will be the closing of the banks, the post office and some of the county offices.

All business will be suspended in several nearby towns and cities on the Fourth, but Shelby business houses are today reminding their patrons that they will be open for the usual Saturday hours.

That part of Shelby which will observe the Fourth by tak-

Jurist New Lions Club President



Judge Maurice R. Weathers, county recorder, has just been installed as president of the Shelby Lions club, succeeding Mr. C. C. Horn, jr.

Judge Weathers New Head Lions

New Officers Installed By Local Civic Club. Dr. Wilson Is Secretary.

Judge Maurice Weathers was installed as president of the Shelby Lions club at the meeting of the club this week. He succeeds Mr. C. C. Horn, jr.

Other officers elected were: C. G. White, first vice president; Loy Thompson, second vice president; Dr. Robert Wilson, secretary; Tommy C. Harill, lion tamer; J. W. Osborne, tall twister.

Another active year in the history of the club was achieved during the administration of Mr. Horn, and Shelby's youngest civic organization anticipates still another progressive year under the leadership of the new president.

Kiwanis Club Talks New Highway Plans

More state highways was the subject of the discussion at the Kiwanis club last night, the club having centered its efforts on trying to get No. 190 paved through Polkville, Golden Valley and on to Marion. E. B. Jeffers, state highway commissioner, has been invited to address a joint meeting of the Rotary, Kiwanis and Kiwanis clubs Thursday night, July 16th. The committee in charge to confer with the city aldermen relative to gas plant for Shelby was not ready to report.

Ladies night schedule for July 9, has been postponed indefinitely because of the extreme weather.

Canipe Improving At Hospital Here

Walter Canipe, young white man, who was shot in the right leg last week when a shotgun in the automobile of Deputy Bob Kendrick was accidentally discharged, was said to be showing gradual improvement at the Shelby hospital today. No complications have developed, it is said, in the leg which was fractured by the load of shot.

Canipe was leaning against the car of the officer watching a load of captured liquor being removed when the gun was jarred in some manner and was discharged.

Taxi Business Proves Costly Under New Plan

May Lower Number Shelby Taxis

Tax Owners Required To Insure Car and Passengers Against Accident Damage.

A dozen or so Shelby taxi drivers, already having a struggle to make ends meet, had their operating expenses materially increased the first of this month when a new state law took effect requiring them to insure their taxis, their passengers, etc., against likely accident damage.

The required insurance if taken through the state department of revenue will cost each taxi operator approximately \$96 per year. This expense added to those already required to operate public automobiles may put several local taxis out of business, it is understood.

Near \$200 Expense. The annual insurance premium added to the existing cost of state, county and city public car licenses will call for around \$200 per year in license and fees before a taxi driver may operate a car. This expense, taxi operators say, leaves them with the hope for only a scant margin of profit, if that.

The new requirement is generally considered a good one as it protects not only the taxi owner against damage suits but also protects his passengers and other cars that may be damaged in collisions with his taxi. The insurance required would cover all damage resulting from any manner of accident. The \$96 premium is said to insure the taxi in such instances to the extent of \$10,000.

Taxi operators are not required to take the insurance, it is understood, if they can put up a protection bond of \$5,000.

Just how many of the local taxi men will pay the required premium, at \$8 per month and remain in business, and just how many may seek other occupations could not be determined today. The majority of them plan, however, to remain in the taxi business, paying the premium by the month although two months premium is required in advance. Some of the local operators are hopeful, it is reported, of securing the necessary insurance through local agencies at a cheaper rate than the \$96 if handled through the state.

Police Force Sheds Coats For Comfort

Heavy Coats Too Much For Patrolmen As Record Sun Bears Down.

Policing while all wrapped up in heavy uniform coats and the heat around 100 is no cinch of a job. And for that reason Police Chief McBride Poston and his force shed their coats yesterday and worked their beats in regulation blue shirts.

All members of the force are not fitted in regulation shirts as yet but will be within a day or so. In the meantime they are wearing the nearest thing to the regulation shirt that they can find.

The change, made for the comfort of the officers, is widely commended over the city.

Kendall Opens Shell Gas Station Saturday

Frank H. Kendall has leased the new Shell gasoline and service station on West Warren street and has a formal opening on Saturday. This station is located on the E. T. Falls lot about two blocks west from the square on Highway No. 20. Mr. Kendall was former head of the parts department of the Chevrolet here for several years. His assistant at the station will be Ed Nolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nolan of Shelby. Mr. Kendall has named the new station the Shell-by Service Station.

Ball Players Have Money Stolen Here

The Western Carolina league game here yesterday between the Shelby and Rhodhiss clubs proved quite expensive to several members of the two teams. The players dressed for the game at the bathroom of the new Bolin barbershop, near the Masonic temple, and turned their money and watches over to Son Parks, negro employe at the bathroom, to be kept for them at the barbershop. When they returned Parks was gone and has not been seen since. His haul, officers say, totals more than \$80.

Believe This Or Not; Hail Stones Last For 39 Days

Gaffney, July 3.—Skeptical about the stories from the Dorkins Mill area about the length of time hail stones had remained there, former Magistrate Floyd L. Baker, motored last Sunday afternoon to the place owned by D. B. Wood to the house occupied by Jim Garner, overseer, thence back to a little valley beyond the barn where they found under leaves of a fallen tree hailstones as big as pigeon eggs. Mr. Baker picked up a coffee can of these and brought them back to Gaffney. They had fallen during a hailstorm 39 days ago and had survived temperature of over one hundred degrees.

Homebrew-Crazed Ora Mill Man Kills Wife, Then Shoots Himself; Leave Nine Children

Arrest Strange Negro Here For Boiling A Cat

Shelby early last night gasped at the most unusual incident that has taken place here in years when a young negro man, either demented by hunger or acting under the superstitious influence of believing himself to be a witch doctor, was arrested for boiling a black cat while the cat was alive.

The arrest was made by Sheriff Irvin M. Allen and Policeman Burgin Putnam at the rock quarry, several blocks east of the court square.

Hunger Or Witchcraft? At first, and according to the negro's own story, it was believed that he was boiling the cat for the purpose of eating it. The astounding story as it spread about town brought scores of people to the city hall to see the negro and his weird cooking. Later it was reasoned by some that superstition, common to the blacks in the lower South Carolina regions, below Anderson, where the negro came from, was behind the odd happening.

Around 7 o'clock officers were informed that something unusual was taking place at the old rock quarry. When the two officers reached the scene they found that the negro had a fire built under an old bucket in which some animal was boiling. When queried, he told the officers that he was cooking an opossum to eat. The legs of the animal, protruding from the bucket of boiling water, did not look like a possum to the officers and they pulled it out. It proved to be a black cat, with the fur still on.

As he was brought to jail the negro said that he had been walking from below Anderson, had been without anything to eat for two days, was almost famished and was cooking the cat to eat.

Colored people here, however, although refusing to discuss the incident very much, say that a certain bone of a black cat, if the cat is boiled alive to get the bone, is believed to bring good luck, and many think this motive, an attempt to get the good luck charm, was behind the strange occurrence. After being brought to town the famished negro was given a good meal and spent the night in jail. He was given breakfast again this morning, would talk very little about the cat today, and was still about town at last report.

Some time after the arrest officers learned that the negro appeared at the home of a lady who lives on South DeKalb street late yesterday afternoon and said he understood she had a cat to give away. The woman, it is said, gave him the cat with the admonition that he treat it kindly.

Postal Clerks Get Shorter Week Now

City Clerks And Carriers Get Half Day Off Each Week Beginning On First.

July 1 was more than just the first of another month to postal clerks in the Shelby post office and city mail carriers. Beginning Wednesday, due to an act of the last congress, all postal employes had their working week cut from 48 to 44 hours. This means that at the Shelby post office six regular clerks, the assistant postmaster, three city carriers and the two building custodians will have a half day off each week.

Two Aviators Complete Greatest Feat In History of Aviation, Experts Say.

Roosevelt Field, N. Y., July 3.—Cutting the round-the-world record from almost 22 days to little more than a week, Wiley Post and Harold Gatty landed at dusk Wednesday night on this field they left at dawn on an earth-girdling race against time less than nine days ago.

Their welcome was so boisterous that the flyers fled the field. In near riotous scenes, police struggled to preserve order, and fists were swung in angry altercations which threatened to develop into a serious disturbance.

It was dusk before Post and Gatty arrived. The western sky was painted in rich pinks as the big white plane came like a giant arrow out of the sunset. At 7:44 p. m. E. S. T., the flyers first were sighted. Three

Young Daughter Relates Details Of Tragedy Here

Relates Story of How Drink-Crazed Father Killed Her Mother, Shot Self.

Details of the shooting of Mrs. Gertrude Denham, in the Ora mill village early Thursday morning, by her husband who then shot himself, are related to piece together as the young children were so terrified by the midnight happenings which ruined their happy home that they can hardly get it straight. The story told by the older girl, Frances, 17, upon whom the drink-nursed father first started to vent his demonical wrath, was related as follows yesterday at the Lutz and Jackson undertaking parlors where she sat near the body of her mother and awaited word of her father's condition from the hospital.

"Daddy," she said, her voice hesitant and quivering from the terrible ordeal through which she had passed, "had—well, you may as well say, had been drinking since Saturday. Just drinking, drinking, drinking. We knew what condition he was in and we said very little to him and were as quiet as we could be. He was drinking home brew and bay rum and he just kept drinking every few minutes.

Left Home. "Tuesday morning he left home. Where he went we never did know. Late that night, about 11:30, he came back and was still drinking. He wouldn't go to bed but piled down on the floor and went to sleep. When we got up Wednesday morning he went over and got on the bed but didn't take off his clothes.

Wanted To "Fuss." "All day Wednesday and Wednesday evening he kept drinking and seemed to try to make all us mad, particularly mamma and me. We wouldn't argue with him so he couldn't pick a fuss. He would lie down about 10 minutes then get up and take another drink of home brew or bay rum.

Mad At Boy. "About dark he was standing where he could see out the front door and I was standing in the front door. That's when I reckon he got mad at me. A boy walked in the yard and daddy saw him. He asked me who it was and I told him I didn't know. He said, 'By God, I'll find out if I have to cut him to pieces.' Then he pulled out his knife but I wouldn't let him out the door because I didn't want him to get in trouble. He got mad about it then went to get another drink. Later in the night we all went to bed, but he didn't go except to lie down a little bit at a time.

Gun To Her Head. "The next thing I knew, that was about 12:30 Thursday morning, a scream woke me up. He was standing over my bed with a gun close to my head. Mamma ran into the room and tried to keep him from shooting me.

"He said 'I am going to shoot her.' Mamma told him to shoot her but not shoot me. He then said he would shoot us both and himself. He never said why he was going to shoot me. Mamma started scuffling with him to get the gun away from

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Tragedy Early Thursday Morning Near Shelby May Make Orphans Of Nine Children, Youngest Only 15 Months Old, Started To Kill Daughter.

Another pathetic tragedy stalked into the Ora textile village, west of Shelby, just after midnight Thursday morning when Emory Gibson Denham, 43-year-old textile worker, crazed by a four-day debauch on homebrew and bay rum, shot and killed his 35-year-old wife, Gertrude, then sent two steel-jacket bullets plowing into his own head.

Mrs. Denham, struggling with her drink-crazed husband to prevent him from shooting his 17-year-old daughter, Frances, was instantly killed when shot in the head, but Denham after firing two bullets in his head, one of which plowed its way completely through, was still living in the hospital here today 35 hours after shooting himself, but there is scant hope of his recovery.

Helpless Victims. When Denham dies—and physicians say he has practically no chance—his wild midnight rampage will have orphaned nine young children, ranging from 17 years down to the 15-months old baby. Seven of these youngsters were in the house when their mother was slain, and several of them witnessed the tragic happening, fearing that they, too, might be killed by the father who turned maniac.

Drinking Since Saturday. The first news officers received of the tragedy was after 1 o'clock Thursday morning when Sheriff Allen was called and sent Deputy Bob Kendrick to the Ora village. At that time it was known that Denham was on a rampage but it was not known that he had killed his wife and shot himself as neighbors dared not try to enter the house, not realizing that Denham himself was lying on the floor seriously and perhaps mortally shot. Deputy Kendrick, going to the house with residents of the village, forced his way into the back door and found the body of Mrs. Denham lying on the floor, a bullet hole in her left temple. Lying near her was her husband who appeared to be dead. He immediately put in a call for Coroner Roscoe Lutz and the Lutz ambulance driven by Charlie Austell and Oliver Harris hurried to the home. About that time it was realized that Denham was still breathing although he had two bullet holes in his head and he was rushed to the hospital.

Denham, officers were informed, had been drinking homebrew and bay rum since Saturday and had been in ill humor all day Wednesday and Wednesday night before his family retired.

Started For Girl. About 30 minutes after midnight the oldest girl, Frances, who was sleeping in a room next door to her mother, was awakened when she heard her mother yelling at her

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Note Issue For No. 3 School

County Will Sell Note For \$25,000 Pay Cost of New Consolidated School House.

A note for \$25,000 will be sold in Raleigh at 10 o'clock July 9th by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina on behalf of the county of Cleveland to pay for the No. 3 township high school building now under construction between Patterson Springs and Earl. A. E. Cline, county accountant, stated this morning that this note will be a short term note to be repaid around the first of next year when the school building money will be borrowed from the state building fund at Raleigh.

The note or notes will be awarded at the lowest interest rate for which a bid of par and accrued interest is received.

It is understood that the new school building is well along in construction, the roof being ready to put on. C. A. Morrison and Son, Shelby contractors have the general contract for the work and it is expected that the building will be completed and ready for occupancy when school opens in the fall.

When the \$25,000 is secured from the state school building loan fund, the note which is offered for sale in Raleigh on July 9th will be paid off.

Mr. Evans Hartgrove, of Charlotte, is spending this week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartgrove.

Post And Gatty Fly Around World In Eight Days And Fifteen Hours

Minutes and a half later, after three circling the field with their wing lights glowing against the purple eastern sky, they set the plane lightly down half a mile from the administration building.

Four Days In Air. Elapsed time of the 16,000 mile flight around the world, a flight which famous aviators tonight called the greatest achievement in the history of aviation, was just eight days, 15 hours and 51 minutes. The previous world circling record, established by the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin two years ago, was almost 22 days. Post and Gatty, although they took almost nine days to get around the world, spent only four days, 10 hours and eight minutes of this time in the air.

Up to the time the flyers arrived, the crowd had seemed small compared to the one that rushed four years ago to cheer Lindbergh and the flyers first were sighted. Three

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Auto Tag Sales Gain As Tags Go For Half Price

Sale of automobile license plates at the local license bureau at the Carolina Motor club office picked up rapidly Wednesday, July 1, as tags began selling for half price.

Between 75 and 100 tags were sold yesterday, according to Chas. R. Eskridge, bureau manager, whose offices are in the Beam block, on North Washington street, in the building formerly occupied by the James Tiddy shop.

To secure a tag for half price for the remainder of the year the auto owner must show that the car has not been driven since last December 31 or has just been purchased. With tags going for half price it is expected that a large number of autos which have been stored this year will be taken out, tagged, and operated for the remainder of the year.

Sister Of Former Shelby Chief Dies

Miss Katie W. Jetton, 76, died at the home of her nephew, Joseph Jetton, at Reepsville, Lincoln county, Wednesday morning at 3:36 o'clock. She suffered a stroke of paralysis ten days ago and never fully recovered, death finally relieving the sufferer.

Two brothers, James Jetton merchant, of Reepsville, and Harvey Jetton, of Lincoln, survive. Harvey Jetton was chief of police in the city of Shelby for a number of years.

Court House Closes 4th; Others Monday

Offices in the county court house will be closed on Saturday, July 4, as well as the Eagle Roller mill and banks at noted elsewhere in today's store.

All building and loan offices and dental offices will be closed on Monday instead of Saturday. Shareholders are asked to make B. and L. payments on Saturday (tomorrow).

GAME IS CHANGED.

The Saturday morning game between Rhodhiss and the Cleveland Cloth mill, in the Western Carolina league, scheduled to be played at Rhodhiss, has been changed and will be played in Shelby. The change was made because of the death of a Rhodhiss official. The game will start at the city park at 10 tomorrow morning. OTHER SPORT NEWS ON PAGE 9.