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GENERALLY FAIR. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday except local thunder-showers Tuesday afternoon in extreme southwest portion.

Heavy Fourth Toll New York, July 6.—The nation counted the cost of its 155th Independence Day celebration with a total of 270 lives. With all sections of the country sharing in the price of the annual independence observance, the highest loss of recent years was reached. The Mid-Atlantic states led with 62 lives lost, and the Mid-Western states were but a step behind with 61.

Fireworks, one the major cause for fatalities on the holiday, this year accounted for only six lives. But the injured from explosives totalled at least 368. The lakes and rivers exacted the largest toll—One hundred and nine lives were lost in drownings.

Highway Set-Up Near Complete

Ten Per Cent Cut In Pay Of Foremen—Each Division Has 75 to 85 Miles.

Each of the ten road divisions in Cleveland county has from 75 to 85 miles of county roads for up-keep says Capt. W. A. Broadway, road engineer in Cleveland who began his duties on July 1st when the state took over all county road in North Carolina. There is a foreman in each of the ten districts and he and his assistants will have a road machine, a maintenance machine and a tractor for each of the ten districts to be used in the up-keep of the 793 miles of road in the county.

Eight of the ten foremen were selected last week and their names announced in Friday's Star. Since then Capt. Broadway has selected Pressly McGill as foreman in the Kings Mountain district. Today he went to Grover to look into the appointment of a foreman in that district. When he is selected, the ten foremen for the ten districts will have been selected.

A Head of Other Counties. The organization of the highway set-up in Cleveland is said to be well ahead of any of the twenty counties in District E in Western North Carolina. These foremen are already at work on the roads but will be unable to do their best work until the machinery is assigned and the man power is assembled. All road men selected as foremen are experienced in road work, having worked in the townships under the old township system of road maintenance.

Cut In Wages. The wages of the foremen, however, have been cut approximately ten per cent from what they drew under the township system. It is understood that the policy of the new road commissioners in the state will be for lower wages throughout the state.

Capt. Broadway will not have the authority to select a mechanic to care for the machinery at the convict camp. It is understood that the chief mechanic at Marion will send a man or men here to repair the machinery when needed.

Miss Frankie New Found Dead In Bed

Passes At New Home On N. Washington Street. Cause Of Death Natural.

Miss Frankie New, daughter of C. S. New, was found dead in bed this morning at 8 o'clock at the New home on N. Washington street. Miss New had been in her usual health, but was subject to nervous attacks and died sometime during the night. No inquest was found necessary as the cause of her death was adjudged to be natural.

Miss New came to Shelby with her parents seven years ago, from Georgia. She was 30 years of age last January, a member of the Shelby Presbyterian church and an active worker in Sunday school. She was a beautiful character and had a host of friends who learn of her passing with great sorrow and regret.

Surviving are her father and step-mother, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. E. G. Rouse of Washington, D. C., Miss Helen New of Shelby, Henry and Randolph New, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Her father is working in Georgia and had not been located at noon today, so the funeral arrangements had not been made.

McCURRY CHILD DIES; BURIED HERE ON SUNDAY.

Robert Bruce, the eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCurry died Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of its parents one mile below Shelby. The child had been sick for some weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Second Baptist church by Revs. L. L. Jessup and Rush Padgett.

Second Quarter Gain In Postal Receipts Shown

June Quarter Gain 11 Percent

Postal Receipts At Shelby Office Gain Steadily Over Those Of 1930.

With half of the year gone the Shelby post office has already exceeded half of the quota necessary to maintain a first-class rating for the office and every month this year has shown a gain over the corresponding month of 1930, it was announced today by Postmaster J. H. Quinn.

The second quarter, which ended with June, had a gain in receipts over the same quarter last year of approximately 11 percent. The total receipts for the second quarter this year were \$10,903.2, or \$1,083.81 more than the \$9,820.11 receipts of the second quarter in 1930.

General Gain. The first quarter this year had total receipts of \$11,231.3, or \$2,504.67 more than the \$9,318.56 of the first quarter last year—a gain of 26.8 per cent.

Big Total. The receipts for the six months of this year total \$22,727.05, or only \$17,273 shy of the \$40,000 first-class quota. If the two remaining quarters of the year average only \$8,750 each the quota will be exceeded and the last quarter of the year, the holiday season, usually runs higher than all the others.

R. O. Curry Shot By Dr. Grigg Saturday

South Shelby Man Wounded In Arm By Dentist. Few Details Known.

R. O. Curry, Shelby mill employee, was wounded in left arm late Saturday night by a pistol shot said to have been fired by Dr. T. O. Grigg, well known Shelby dentist.

The shooting, according to officers, took place in the street near the home of Ernest Putnam. Dr. Grigg, officers said this morning, has not been apprehended since the shooting. The wound is not considered a very serious one, it is said.

Full details of the shooting or the cause for it are not known, officers state. Dr. Grigg, they say, drove up near Putnam home and called Curry. The latter did not, it is said, come to the car when first called. Later Mr. Putnam came to the car and then called Curry, saying that he was the one Dr. Grigg wished to see. When Curry walked to the car, Putnam and Curry say, Dr. Grigg jerked up his pistol and started to shoot. Curry grabbed for the gun but was struck in the arm. Curry and Putnam got the gun and Putnam turned Grigg loose, he says when the latter said he would leave. Grigg then drove off and Curry was taken to a physician to have his wound treated.

No argument preceded the shooting, it is said.

Canipe Improving Somewhat Slowly

Walter Canipe, young white man who was accidentally shot in the leg here week before last, was said to show some improvement today at the Shelby hospital. Canipe was shot when a shotgun in the auto of Deputy Bob Kendrick was accidentally discharged while officers were unloading some captured liquor. The bone in Canipe's right leg was broken by the blow from the load of shot.

Cream Can Used For Still Nabbed

Deputy Andy P. Mead learned Saturday that more beverages than cream can be put up, or, rather, brewed in a cream can.

In No. 10 Township Saturday Deputy Mead Found and Captured a Whiskey Distillery

That was made of a 10-gallon creamery can. It was a nicely built little still with a copper cap and worm. About 40 gallons of beer was destroyed by the officer, but two men who were coming up with some water managed to escape.

Royster Heads Rural Mail Carriers Of State

Thomas S. Royster of Bessemer City was re-elected president of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers Association at the annual meeting which adjourned Friday in Fayetteville. Mr. Royster is a brother of Dr. S. S. Royster of Shelby. He lives near Bessemer City. The next meeting of the rural carriers will be held at North Wilkesboro.

Attending the Fayetteville meeting from Cleveland county were V. Hawkins of Shelby, a former president of the association, Mr. Collins of Groter, and A. A. Richards of Casar. A delegate from Kings Mountain is also reported to have attended the convention last week.

Man With Bullet In Head Is Still Alive

One hundred and ten hours after he shot himself twice in the head Emory G. Denham, Ora mill loom fixer, was still alive in the Shelby hospital this afternoon at 1:30. He seems, however, to be growing weaker. Denham shot himself last Thursday morning, 30 minutes after midnight, after he had become crazed on homebrew and bay rum and had shot his wife, Gertrude, to death. One steel jacket bullet tore its way completely through his head and the other bullet lodged in his head. When he was rushed to the hospital it was not thought that he could survive more than a few hours. His resistance and the determined manner in which the unconscious man clings to life is considered very remarkable and unusual by surgeons.

Local Company Awaits School Budget Blanks

Company K Outfit Goes To Morehead City For Annual Two Weeks Training.

Company K, Shelby militia unit, left Saturday over the Seaboard for the annual summer encampment at Camp Glenn, Morehead City. The company roster included three commissioned officers, 12 non-commissioned officers and 82 men.

Those making the trip were: Commanding Officer, Capt. Peyton McSwain; First Lieutenant Henry C. Long; Second Lieutenant Andrew W. McMurry; First Sergeant Lawrence Runyans. Sergeants: Claude M. Conner, Andrew O. Eaker, Loy S. Hoffman, Arlo McFarland, Fred W. Noblitt, Forrest R. Warwick; corporals: Ernest Carter, Chives A. Lowrance, Arthur U. McKee, Ben P. Wilson, Willie B. Wright; privates, first class: Purvis Barrett, Ray E. Brown, Grady G. Green, Thompson M. Grigg, Charles D. Hicks, Everett W. Howell, William M. Huffman, James W. Irvin, Odus Irvin, Clarence G. Queen, George Weathers; private: Claude E. Allen, James C. Blanton, Guy B. Brown, Arthur B. Byers, Logan J. Carr, James M. Chandler, Bynum P. Cook, Sam Dayberry, Bonnie B. Dean, Robert L. Dover, William G. Duncan, Robert G. Ellis, Forrest J. Grayson, Charlie G. Green, William F. Hamrick, Hubert Hoffman Isaac H. Jackson, David P. Ledford, Horace Lowrance, William E. Morrison, J. C. McCraw, Tildon McKee, Coren H. McSwain, Joseph G. McSwain, Curtis Nance, Joseph Nance, Forrest B. Newton, Roland R. Newton, Marvin G. Noblitt, Carl C. Smawley, Cleatus W. Smith, Jerome F. Spangler, Marvin Turner, George W. Upton, Monroe M. Upton, Orle M. Valentine, Alfred R. Ward, Cecil W. Wilson, Guy H. Wortman, Lawrence W. Wortman.

Fatal Auto Wreck Sunday In County

Foster Kinney Killed Near Kings Mountain When Car Hits Truck; Brother Hurt.

(Special to The Star.) Kings Mountain, July 6.—One man was killed and another is in a Gastonia hospital seriously injured as a result of a collision on highway No. 20, one mile east of Kings Mountain, about 8:45 o'clock Sunday morning. Foster Kinney, 25, of Winston-Salem was instantly killed. Collis Kinney, a brother, is in the City hospital in Gastonia with a broken leg and other injuries. Raleigh Kinney, 22, another brother of the dead man, and driver of the death car received head injuries and bruises, but was released from the hospital after treatment.

City May Pass Up Privilege Taxes

Already Agreed That Most of the Privilege Taxes Will Be Abandoned.

It is generally agreed among members of the city board of aldermen that many of the privilege taxes which have been charged in the city in the past will be abandoned this year. The city has been realizing between \$6,000 and \$10,000 from privilege taxes levied against various types of business, but with business conditions hard on merchants and business houses, the city has about decided to abandon a general privilege tax schedule.

Heretofore these privilege taxes have included partially every form of business activity from butcher to banker, plumber to printer. The privilege tax is allowable by law and can equal in amount the privilege taxes charged by the state, but since the city has cut its expenses, the city fathers feel that they can continue to operate the city government and spare the business men of Shelby of this customary tax.

Alderman Z. J. Thompson will not be present at the monthly meeting Tuesday night, he being at the bedside of his mother Mrs. W. H. Thompson in Paris, Texas, but all other members of the council are expected and action may be taken on the privilege tax schedule.

Consolidated Schools Open Summer Term Here July 27th

Eleven consolidated schools of the county will open summer terms on July 27th and teach until cotton harvest begins and the school children are needed in the cotton fields to harvest what the farmers expect to be another crop bordering around the record in size.

When the cotton harvest begins the schools will suspend for approximately six weeks to allow the children to help in the fields, then resume again and finish out the eight months term.

Supt. J. H. Grigg says a few of the six months schools will likely have summer sessions for the first time this year if the new school law will permit.

The eleven consolidated schools which open in Cleveland on July 27th are Lettimore, Polkville (No. 8); Casar, Belwood, Falston, Piedmont, Waco, Grover, Mooresboro, Boiling Springs and Moriah.

Court Judges Selected For Cleveland Co.

Four Courts For The Year

Judges Moore, McElroy Schenck and Finley To Hold Terms Here.

Raleigh, July 6.—The court calendar for North Carolina, showed all courts in each of the 100 counties from July 1, 1931, to June 30, 1933, except those called during the period as special terms, has been completed by Henry M. London, legislative reference librarian, and is being sent to judges, clerks of court and others interested in the terms.

The calendar shows what judge will preside, whether the terms will last for one, two or three weeks, whether they are for trial of civil or original cases, or both, and whether special judges will have to be assigned, since some of the terms were ordered by the General Assembly and conflict with other terms in the district.

The schedule of hearings for the various districts in the N.C. Supreme Court, the times and places of meetings of the Federal Courts and of the Fourth District, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, are also shown.

Cleveland county courts will be presided over this fall by Judge Walter E. Moore, next spring by Judge Pender A. McElroy, the fall of 1932 by Judge Michael Schenck, and the spring of 1933 by Judge T. B. Finley. The schedule of the terms follows:

Fall 1931, July 27, two weeks mixed; September 21, one week civil, special judge to be assigned; November 2, one week mixed; spring 1932, January 11, one week mixed; March 28, two weeks mixed; fall 1932, July 25, two weeks mixed; September 19, one week civil, special judge to be assigned; October 31, two weeks mixed; spring 1933, January 9, one week mixed; March 27, two weeks mixed.

Merchant, Cripple Engaged In Scuffle

John M. Best Appeals From Fine of \$25 and Costs to Upper Court.

John M. Best, Shelby merchant and E. J. Warren, crippled beggar, engaged in an affray in front of the Best store Friday afternoon when Mr. Best ordered the cripple to abandon his post in front of the store. The cripple issued a warrant and Mr. Best was fined \$25 and costs in recorder's court this morning. He took an appeal to the Supreme court.

Mr. Best swore that after the argument, the cripple struck the first blow, striking him on the leg with his wooden walkers. Mr. Best struck the cripple and toppled him over. The cripple who lives in Wilmington where he owns his own home; swore that the merchant struck the first blow.

4-H Club Camp To Open Next Week

Club Boys And Girls Gather At Boiling Springs College On Tuesday, 14th.

The annual summer encampment of the 4-H club boys and girls in Cleveland county will open at Boiling Springs college on Tuesday, July 14, it was announced today by County Agent R. W. Shoffner.

Notices were mailed out this week. The encampment and courses will be directed by Mr. Shoffner, Mrs. Irma Wallace, demonstration agent, and Miss Evelyn Huggins. Eighty-two boys and girls attended the camp last summer and another large enrollment is anticipated this year.

Local Contractors Get Rock Hill Award

C. A. Morrison and Son, Shelby contractors were the low bidders a few days ago and received the contract for a \$20,000 addition to the dining room of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C. The addition is to be about 300 more students at meal time.

Morrison and Son, have executed a number of large contracts this year, having finished a school building at Leaksville, a \$20,000 residence at Chester, S. C. and are now completing No. 3 township high school building between Patterson Springs and Earl of Cleveland county. The Morrison company is preparing bids on five postoffice buildings in upper Georgia, these bids to be opened at an early date.

WITH MCWHIRTERS. Mr. Hoyt Nichols, well known barber, has joined the tonsorial force at the Palace barber shop operated by the McWhirters, Ambrose and Roscoe.

Three Inches Of Rainfall In June

June was not such an unusually dry month in Shelby and Cleveland county after all.

The monthly rainfall report issued from the Federal building here reveals that a total of 3.01 inches of rain fell for the month which should be about four inches, but the three inches was enough to prevent drought damage although more would have been welcomed by farmers and gardeners.

According to the report there were seven rainy days, the heaviest rainfall, 1.64 inches, came on June 15.

A. M. Kistler Of Burke Is Dead; Was Road Head

Wealthy Citizen of Morganton. Was Road Commission In This District.

A. M. Kistler, former road commissioner in this district, died unexpectedly Sunday morning at 5 o'clock at the Grace hospital at Morganton where he had been a patient for the last ten days or two weeks. He had undergone an operation but was thought to have recovered to the point where he was out of danger, when a sudden turn for the worse came and he died from a heart attack.

Mr. Kistler was one of Morganton's most influential citizens, having helped to promote and support many of the industrial and philanthropic undertakings of the past 20 years.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at Grace Episcopal church and burial will take place in the family burying plot at Morganton. Mr. Kistler was thrice married and his wife who was Miss Mamie Collett of Morganton and two sons, Chas. E. and Fred survive.

Mrs. Ledford Is Buried At Sharon

Wife of Leonard Ledford Succumbs At Age 51 Years—Bad Health For 12 Years.

Mrs. Dortha Ledford, wife of Leonard Ledford, died Friday July 2nd, at her home four miles north of Shelby on the Lawndale road. She had been in bad health for the past twelve years.

Mrs. Ledford was the daughter of Joseph Byers and was born July 29th, 1879. She was nearing her 52nd birthday when she died. On August 22nd 1897 she was married to Leonard Ledford and to this union were born six children, four sons and two daughters, all of whom survive together with seven grand children and two sisters.

In early life Mrs. Ledford joined Sulphur Springs Methodist church but later transferred her membership to Sharon where she remained a member until her death. She was widely connected and a lovely Christian character whose influence for good will live on and on.

Little Girl Dies At Kings Mountain

Kings Mountain, July 6.—Little Laura Elizabeth Hoyle, nine years of age, died Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hoyle, on Piedmont avenue. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 at the residence with Dr. T. L. Justice officiating. Interment is to be at Mountain Rest cemetery.

The little girl is survived by her parents, two sisters—Louise and Betty, and one brother, Gathler.

Fourth Here Not Marred By Deaths

Shelby and section celebrated the Fourth in a quiet manner and so far as could be determined today there were no holiday fatalities or serious accidents in this section.

At the Shelby hospital today it was said that not a single accident case had been entered there. There was no formal program here and those who took the day off attended baseball games, golfed, fished, or remained at home for a quiet day.

Judge Orders Court Fees To Follow Law

Car Thief Caught After Fast Chase Along Highway 18

Young Man Drove Off Car Of William Hagley With Owner Watching. Siren Used.

Raymon Smith, young white man formerly employed in a local textile plant was arrested on an automobile larceny charge Saturday night, the arrest taking place after city officers ran him 10 miles along Highway 18 to Falston before they caught him.

The car taken was the property of William Hagley, Warren street tailor. Hagley was standing in his place of business when Smith crawled into the Hagley car, parked opposite the court house, and drove away. Mrs. Hagley saw the speeding car head out North Washington street and notified officers of the direction taken.

Fast Running. Policemen B. O. Hamrick and Paul Stamey, riding in the police car, got behind Smith in the stolen car just about the city limits north of Shelby going out Highway 18. For 10 miles the police car kept right behind the speeding car ahead, both traveling at a mile-a-minute clip. Just before reaching Falston, Officer Hamrick began blowing the siren of the police car. The screaming siren apparently unnerved Smith and just as he was in the heart of Falston he pulled the stolen car to the side of the road and gave up.

He did not attempt to deny that his intention was to steal the car, but he told officers that he would not have done so had he not been drinking.

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Mr. Gladden To Be Buried At Patterson

Thomas W. Gladden Dies Sunday Night—Three Sons, Two Daughters Survive.

After a lingering illness of several weeks death overtook Mr. Thomas W. Gladden a valued citizen of the Patterson Springs section, Sunday evening about nine.

Mr. Gladden was born January 5, 1861. On November 5, 1878 he was married to Mary Eliza Murray. To this union eight children were born. This wife and three children have preceded him to the grave. One child died in infancy. Mrs. Gladden died July 27 1913, a son W. A. Gladden died a few years ago, and Mrs. Myrtle McSwain, a daughter, passed away just one month ago.

He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Florence Falls Gladden, to whom he was married March 5, 1917; one sister, Mrs. C. I. Allen of Tallapoosa, Ga., three sons, N. B. Marion, and Jack Gladden of Shelby, and two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Dover of Patterson Springs and Mrs. G. V. Hawkins of Shelby. Twenty-two grand children, and five great grand children also survive.

Rules 'Per Diem' Fee To Be Illegal

Order Says Bills of Cost Must Be Made Out by Clerk In County Court.

The controversy which centered about the legality of the method of filling out bills of cost in the Cleveland county recorder's court came to a head late last week when Judge Maurice R. Weathers ordered that hereafter all bills of cost be made out by the clerk and not by deputies.

In his ruling Judge Weathers also stated that in filling out the costs the clerk should allow only those fees permitted by law. It had been contended that by the method heretofore used certain fees were allowed which should not have been. No intentional wrong doing on the part of anyone was suggested by citizens who protested against these fees they contended should not be allowed, as up until recently, when a deputy clerk was appointed, there had been no particular person designated to fill out the bills and as a result they were filled out by anyone who happened to have time to do so.

No Schedule. No schedule of permissible costs and fees had ever been drawn out for the county court and until the ruling last week there was no set form to go by.

In handing out his order in court last week Judge Weathers did not specify what fees he termed legal and what illegal. He merely stated that the bills should be filled out by the clerk and that they should be according to law.

No 'Per Diem'

He did state, however, that in his opinion officers should not be allowed the \$2 per diem fee that has been a portion of the court costs in the majority of cases heretofore. The recorder added, too, that his opinion was that an officer was not entitled to a 50 cent fee for issuing a subpoena for himself to appear as a witness in a case.

Judge Weathers did not rule on any other items in the bills of costs, leaving the working out of a complete schedule of costs to be interpreted and made out by the clerk or county attorney.

Considerable Sum. If only the two items mentioned above—the per diem charge and the subpoena fee—are disallowed the total costs of each case in county court will be reduced about \$2.50, and with a hundred or more cases tried each month this will amount to a considerable sum in the course of a year.

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While a youth he joined the Baptist church, and through the many years of his useful life he has been an active member.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday morning, July 7, at the Gladden home, by his pastor, Rev. Dr. J. B. Davis. Immediately following the services the remains will be laid to rest beside his first wife in the cemetery of the Patterson (Sulphur) Springs Methodist Church.

Mr. Gladden lived a beautiful life and was a leader whose influence will be missed.