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Fair Saturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Saturday except probable showers on the coast.

Abandon Flight. Solomon, Alaska, July 10.—Two Texans, Reg Robbins and H. S. Jones, seeking \$25,000 for the first non-stop Seattle-to-Tokyo flight, were forced by unfavorable weather to abandon their attempt yesterday. The aviators ended their flight here, just 30 miles from Nome of gold rush fame, after bumpy weather balked attempts to take on enough gasoline to complete their journey to Tokyo. The monoplane Fort Worth and its refueling ship had made five contacts over Alaska when the flight was ended before the halfway mark was reached. Since leaving Seattle at 6:57 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time), Wednesday, the Fort Worth had covered 2,100 miles. It landed here after 26 hours and 53 minutes in the air. The fliers were still 3,000 miles from Tokyo, which they had expected to reach in 55 hours.

Notables Speak At Educational Meet; Smith On

1832 Candidates On Program. Shelby School Head To Make Address.

Supt. B. L. Smith of the Shelby schools is on the program Friday afternoon, July 17, at the State Educational Conference at Chapel Hill. His topic is "Education Makes an Environment Favorable to Business."

Raleigh, July 10.—A sort of "Who's Who in North Carolina" list of speakers will appear on the program of the seventh annual North Carolina Conference on Elementary Education at Chapel Hill July 16-17, as announced by M. C. S. Noble, Jr., of the State Department of Education.

While talks are limited to 10 minutes, the speakers are both numerous and prominent in many fields. For instance, the opening session Thursday night representatives of many groups, including agriculture, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and Charles F. Cates, president of the State Farmers Alliance; labor, R. R. Lawrence, president of the State Federation, and George Marshall, representing the machinists; banking, Robert M. Hanes, president of the N. C. Bankers Association; business, A. A. Schiffman, president N. C. Merchants Association; professions, Charles G. Rose, president N. C. Bar Association, and Dr. John B. Wright, president-elect of N. C. Medical Society, all summarized by Associate Justice George W. Connor, of N. C. Supreme Court. Guy B. Phillips, superintendent Greensboro schools, will preside, and N. W. Walker, dean of the University school of education, will welcome the visitors.

Jumping to the closing night, it looks like a sort of reenactment of the recent General Assembly session, with a few politicians and statesmen, if any, thrown in. Representative J. Walter Lambeth, Jr., Seventh N. C. district, will preside, while in the list of speakers are Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain, General Albert Cox and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, all prospective candidates for Governor; Senator

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Victim Of Trap-Gun At Bostic Is Tried

Three Young Men Given Hearing On Charge Of Attempted Robbery.

Rutherfordton, July 10.—Three young white men, Willis Johnson, Givens and George Harris, were before the county recorder, Fred McBrayer this week on charges of attempting to enter the store of Thompson-Biggerstaff of Bostic. They waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to superior court under a \$400 bond each. Givens made bail while Harris and Johnson are in jail here.

Harris, who attempted to enter the store was shot by a trap-gun which was concealed inside the store. His wounds were not serious.

Healthiest Girl And Boy At Meet

Are Competing In District Contest At Charlotte Today. 4-H Club Meet.

The healthiest 4-H club boy and girl in Cleveland county are today entered in the district contest at Charlotte.

They are Charles Palmer, son of Mr. Am Palmer, of Polkville, and Miss Elizabeth Wallace, daughter of Mrs. Irma Wallace. The latter accompanied the youngsters to the district contest.

City Used Less Water In June Than Last Year

Over Half Million Gallons Daily

Water Consumption Below That Of June, 1930, Despite Heat Wave.

The record June heat wave, in which there was a solid week with the mercury above 90, did not result in any extra consumption of water, according to the monthly report of Mr. R. V. Toms, city water superintendent.

A total of 176,567,000 gallons of water was consumed, a check at the water station reveals. This was almost a million gallons less than the 17,667,000 gallons used by the city in June, 1930.

Above Average. The June water consumption, however, was above that of the average month, the figures given above showing that Shelby used a little over a half million gallons of water per day during the month.

Biggest Month. The biggest water consumption of any month in the history of the city was August of last year when over 18 million gallons were consumed.

Arrest Negro Charged With Attempt Assault

Kings Mountain, July 9.—Deputy Sheriff Charlie Shepherd and H. C. Hicks of Grover arrested George Thomason, 24-year old negro in a patch of woods near here Wednesday afternoon on a charge of attempted criminal assault on a white woman at Blacksburg about ten days ago. The negro made good his escape at the time of the alleged crime and had been hiding in the woods near Archdale three miles south of here until he was arrested yesterday. Officers stated that he was taken to Blacksburg and was identified by the woman, and water later taken to the county jail at Gaffney.

Hear Compensation Cases Here Today

Three compensation cases are to be heard in Shelby today before Industrial Commissioner J. Dewey Dorsett. They are as follows: Shelby, July 10, 3 P.M.: Roy Sanders vs. Dover Mill Co.; C. W. Brown vs. Dover Mill Co.; Forest Davis vs. Cleveland Mill Power Co.

Johnson Memorial To Begin Revival

Beginning next Sunday and continuing throughout the week Johnson Memorial Methodist church will hold revival service each evening at 7:45. Services to be held in the school building at Eastside. The pastor, Rev. W. R. Jenkins will be assisted by Rev. J. W. Groce from Cherryville.

Counties And Cities Have Authority To Cut Salaries, Wages 10 Percent

Legislature Left Powers of Wage-Cutting To Governing Bodies.

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Director Johnson quotes section 21, chapter 429, Public Laws of 1931, which is the appropriation act, as follows:

"That whenever the salary of any officer or employee of any county, city, town, or other municipality has been fixed by the legislative enactment, the governing body of such county, city, town or other municipality may reduce such salary by an amount not to exceed ten per cent of the salary so fixed; provided, this section shall not apply to salaries of teachers or other officers of the public schools." The governing bodies, Director Johnson points out, already had the authority to reduce salaries, not fixed by legislative enactment. Salaries of school officials and teachers are eliminated from this provision, because another set passed providing that salaries of school officials and teachers shall not be cut in excess of 10 per cent, and not that much if funds are available. Officials are of the belief now that salaries of such school people will be cut the 10 per cent permitted at first, and if, after, it is found that funds will be available to pay them more, the amount of excess available will be prorated.

Raleigh people are disturbed because the budget bureau and personnel division have cut wages of employees of the board of public buildings and grounds, including janitors, messengers, custodians, elevator operators and other such work for all departments, 20 per cent, rather than 10 per cent, and even question the authority.

The joint appropriations committees of house and senate, in the meeting of February 12, has this in its minutes: "(1) Building and grounds—Motion made and carried that wages be reduced 20 percent instead of 10 per cent, which makes a reduction of \$4,200 each year."

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As U. S. Finance Met French



Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon is shown at left with Pierre Etienne Flandin, French Minister of Finance, when the two representatives of their governments met for the first time in Paris to discuss the one-year war debt holiday proposed by President Hoover. Latest dispatches indicate that an accord has been reached between the United States and France through negotiations carried on by Secretary Mellon.

Nearly A Thousand Books Read Monthly At Public Library

While Finances Run Low—Patronage and Interest in Library Continues High.

Between 800 and 1,000 books are read by patrons each month at the Shelby Public Library according to the semi-annual report just issued by Miss Stella Murchison, librarian. While finances are running low, patronage and interest are growing in the library and the month by month report indicates that it is serving a great clientele in the community.

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Daniels And Ehringhaus Appear Main Rivals For Governorship

Royster Again On Board Of Railroad

Shelby Man A Director. Mrs. Bickett President Of N. C. Road.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina railroad held yesterday at Greensboro Mr. D. W. Royster, of Shelby, was re-elected as a director. Mrs. T. W. Bickett, wife of the late governor, was re-elected president of the road by the private stockholders and the state-controlled shares. Mr. D. F. Giles, of Marion, was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Royster was accompanied to Greensboro by Renn Drum, who represented Governor Gardner as proxy in casting the vote for the stateowned shares.

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Crops Helped Much By Rain; Wheat Is Good

Replanted Sections Show Up Well

Good Stands In Replanted Fields, Very Little Behind. Wheat Yield.

Crops in Cleveland county are looking better after the recent rains and the general showers of Thursday than they have at any time this year, according to farmers who have visited the office of R. W. Shoffner, county agent, this week.

The hot weather followed by rains at the opportune time made June and early July an ideal season and all crops, particularly corn and cotton, are growing rapidly.

"It's the biggest corn crop I've seen in Cleveland county in many years," one farmer said, "but the best thing about it is that the corn looks so fine. To look at the corn in this county now one would think it a champion corn county instead of a champion cotton county."

All over the county crops are now in excellent condition, but in the section between Lawndale and Casar it is said that crops have never been better.

Some Wheat.

Another indication of the successful manner in which Cleveland county farmers have turned to wheat and grain crops this year is shown in the record yield of Otho Cline, one of the county's best farmers. On 3-4 acres Mr. Cline made 360 bushels of wheat. Had some of the wheat not been blown down it is believed the tract would have easily produced 400 bushels.

Making Come-Back.

Two sections of the county hard hit by the hail and wind storm a month or more ago are staging a real come-back, according to the county agent. Neighbors assisted stricken farmers in replanting corn and cotton and the replanted crops are said to be coming along remarkably well. They appear to be very little behind the crops planted in the regular season.

Officers Back From Long Car Trip To Texas

Sheriff Allen And Chief Poston Bring Prisoners Back From Houston.

Raleigh, July 10.—The contest for the Democratic nomination for governor in the primary next spring will be between J. C. B. Ehringhaus of Elizabeth City and Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, or the candidate to whom he decides to give his support, according to some of the ablest and best informed political students here.

There is no doubt but Mr. Daniels would like to become governor of North Carolina, especially since he demonstrated his power over the 1931 general assembly and was largely responsible for keeping it here five months instead of 60 days, although he was defeated in his effort to compel the imposition of a luxury sales tax. There is also no denying the fact that in many sections of eastern North Carolina, especially in those counties in which his morning newspaper circulates, Mr. Daniels is the hero of the hour and at the present time could be elected to almost any office. For his vitriolic attacks upon the power companies, the tobacco companies and big corporations and his advocacy of the movement to take taxes off of property and put them on the corporations and to compel corporate business to pay the tax burden of the state, have proved popular in most sections of eastern North Carolina, with the exception of the north eastern corner, where Ehringhaus comes from.

His At Western Section.

Mr. Daniels is fully aware of his strength in the eastern part of the state. He is also aware of his unpopularity in the Piedmont counties.

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Paper Says He Will Not Run For Governor

Raleigh, July 9.—The News and Observer says the possibility of A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue being a candidate for governor in 1932 "is being discounted by a group which ordinarily might be expected to be the first to know about it and the first to give support."

The paper referred to the repute tax collectors working under Mr. Maxwell in the state. It says that at a meeting he held here last week, the probability of Mr. Maxwell becoming a candidate was not discussed. It adds that the deputies "would be the first to discuss it."

New Night Policeman To Succeed Mr. Hicks

Kings Mountain, July 9.—R. D. Goforth, a former resident of Kings Mountain, who has been living in North Dakota for the past year, has been elected night policeman for the town of Kings Mountain, succeeding H. C. Hicks who left the force July 1. This action was taken by the city council at their regular meeting this week. Goforth will take up his duties here within ten days. He served on the police force here about three months before he went west a year ago.

"U. S. Is Greatest"



"The greatest nation now existing on the face of the earth," that was the high compliment paid the United States by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald (above), of Great Britain. The Premier, in speaking before the Independence Day dinner of the American Society in London, not only accorded the U. S. first honors, but highly praised President Hoover for his debt holiday plan.

Young Farmers, Farm Girls To Gather Tuesday

4-H Club Encampment At Bolling Springs. Good Enrollment Desired.

Next week is the big week for young Cleveland county farmers and farm girls with the four-day summer training encampment of the 4-H clubs at Bolling Springs college.

The young farmers will be given practical instruction in general farm work and the handling of livestock, and the 4-H girls will receive instructions in general household work, canning, and other work about the farm home.

County Agent R. W. Shoffner and Home Agent Mrs. Irma Wallace will be assisted in handling the classes by Misses Evelyn Huggin and Sara Lee Hamrick.

The encampment opens Tuesday, July 14, and continues through Friday. An enrollment of near 100 is hoped for.

Sharon Boys Seek Baseball Contest

The junior baseball team of the Sharon section is seeking baseball contests for next week. The Sharon youngsters are anxious to take on any junior team hereabouts on any open date. Other teams are asked to get in touch with Sammy Hamrick, Shelby R-3.

FOUR-LEGGED CHICKEN LIVING AND THRIVING.

Mr. Kim Williams of the Beam's Mill community hatched a four legged chicken about four weeks ago and the chick is still living and thriving. It is unable to use two of its legs, located just to the rear of its natural extremities. It

Fast Travelling.

Sheriff Allen and Chief Poston left Shelby Friday of last week and covered the hundreds of miles by auto and were back home by 11:30 Wednesday night. On their last day of driving, Wednesday, they covered 697 miles.

The two officers thoroughly enjoyed their trip and praised the courtesy and hospitality shown them by officers and citizens in Texas and the Southwest.

Only at a point in Arkansas and other states did they see cotton that exceeds the local crop or is ahead of it, although the crop in those sections is usually a couple weeks ahead of the crop here.

Counties To Save Money On Tires Through New N. C. Purchasing Plan

Saving Will Be On Tires For School Trucks, And For Busses.

(Special to The Star.) Raleigh, July 10.—Counties will be saved from 30 to 50 per cent of the amount they have been spending for automobile tires through the operation of the division of purchase and contract, even at the price that have been paid by the state highway department, according to W. Z. Betts, or several years purchasing agent for that department, and still in charge under Director A. S. Brower.

Mr. Betts made the statement in connection with his announcement that the division will receive bids until 10 o'clock July 17 for 9,980 pneumatic tires, 10,430 pneumatic tubes and 200 solid tires, the largest order for automobile tires ever made in North Carolina.

These tires are for county trucks and busses, county and state highway equipment and for all of the

County To Miss Gas Tax Levy This Year

County Not To Pay For Burial Of Paupers Now

Will Furnish Coffins Instead. Will Be Made By County Convicts.

Hereafter the county of Cleveland will not make appropriations for the burial of paupers as has been the custom in the county for many years.

At the last meeting of the board of commissioners—A. E. Cline, Geo. Lattimore and R. L. Weathers—announced that the custom of allowing \$10 for expenses in each pauper funeral will be discontinued.

Another Plan.

This does not mean that the county will not take care of burying paupers. Hereafter, however, the county will furnish the coffin in cases where it is deemed necessary, or, in other words, in cases where heretofore a \$10 appropriation will be made.

The change is expected to prove a saving to the county in that under the new plan the coffins will be made by county convicts working at the county home. Under the new road system the State road forces will not work convicts who have terms shorter than 60 days and these short-term convicts will be employed by the county in making coffins or in carrying on other work at the several county institutions.

County Court Has Jury Trials Today

Court Room Filled With Spectators This Morn. No Big Cases.

"Jury day" in the Cleveland county recorder's court drew a large crowd of spectators to the court room here today. The rain yesterday and general interest in cases booked today attracted one of the largest crowds ever to attend the lower court when no case of major importance was docketed.

A big portion of the morning session was given over to the trial of Boyd Bostic, of No. 2 township, on a forcible trespass charge, a large number of No. 2 citizens being present for the hearing.

Among the cases booked for the afternoon is vagrancy charge against "Kitten" Alley, white girl.

Eight jury cases in all are scheduled to be disposed of during the day.

Believe It Or Not, A Rock That Bends

Believe it or not, James Kendrick, young son of Gus Kendrick, in Shelby has a rock that bends. The rock was given to him by a traveling salesman who says he got it at some town over west of Winston-Salem. It measures about 18 inches in length. Hold it on the ends and it will bend fully an inch or more and is rather limber to handle. James is showing it to his friends and proves that it will bend in any one's hand.

Large Crowd Attends Lattimore Funeral

Eight Hundred People Attend Funeral of Tom Lattimore, Prominent S. C. Man.

A crowd estimated at 800 attended the funeral Thursday of Tom Lattimore, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Lattimore of the Polkville community who died in Shelby under an anesthetic on Tuesday of this week. Mr. Lattimore, 30 year old graduate of State college, Raleigh, and superintendent of a cotton mill at Kershaw, S. C., was a native of Cleveland and loved by all who knew him here and in South Carolina.

He was a teacher of a men's Bible class in a Baptist Sunday school in Kershaw and a number of his friends came up for the funeral. The funeral was conducted by three ministers from Kershaw, assisted by Rev. D. F. Putnam and all paid high and deserving tributes to his splendid life of usefulness in the community where he lived.

His body was buried at the Lattimore burying ground under a mound of beautiful flowers sent in by friends from the two Carolinas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hamrick and two children, of Asheville returned to their home yesterday after a visit of a few days here with Mrs. Hamrick's mother, Mrs. A. R. Putnam.