

Generally Fair. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday except for local thunder-showers Tuesday afternoon in south-west portion.

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Depend On Prayer.

Newport, Tenn., July 27.—Prayer appeared to be winning a victory last night for Cleophus Clevenger, 9-year-old son of James Clevenger, of near Newport, bitten last Wednesday by a copperhead snake. Members of the Clevenger family, who belong to a religious sect, have steadfastly spurned medical treatment. While scores of persons have been praying for the lad's recovery, physicians, acquainted with the details of the case, said he had little chance to survive. The boy was not expected to live through the night. Members of his family said he was much improved and that the swelling in the leg where the boy was bitten was much reduced. The boy was bitten while picking blackberries. His father refused to allow him to be given medical treatment from the start. Residents of Newport, indignant over the case, sought to invoke the law and have the boy taken to a hospital. The child is reported to have suffered horribly.

S. A. L. Agent Stroup Dies; Funeral Today

Seaboard Agent Passes Suddenly With Heart Trouble—Leaves Wife and Four Children.

C. M. Stroup, popular agent for the Seaboard Air-Line Railway at this place, died Saturday night at 10 o'clock at his home on N. Lafayette street after an illness of about 48 hours. Mr. Stroup had been suffering with angina pectoris but had been about his work until Saturday when he had a turn for the worse.

Mr. Stroup was 39 years old and came to Shelby 14 months ago from Hamlet to become station agent here. He was a quiet, business-like man, loved by his associates and by the business men who had dealings in his office. He was calm in his manner, punctual and business-like. For 19 years he had been in the employ of the Seaboard and was highly esteemed by his superiors.

Mr. Stroup was married to Miss Strickland of Monroe who survives with four children, Bill age 18, Cara age 16, Nellie Jane age 11, and Dora Margaret age 9. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Stroup live at Stanley Creek and his body was taken there this morning for interment at 10 o'clock, services to be conducted by Rev. Mr. Rimmer.

Active pall bearers were S. H. Adams trainmaster, L. P. King, assistant division freight agent, A. J. Brown section foreman, W. W. G. Smart former Seaboard agent, G. W. Rowe agent at Stanley Creek, J. G. Mauney, J. F. Hildruth and Elisha McBrayer all of the Stanley office.

Lackey Elected G. O. P. Head

Succeeds H. Clay Cox As County Leader. Britannia Is Secretary.

Dr. W. J. Lackey, of Fallston, is the new chairman of the Republican party in Cleveland county, according to information given The Star today.

He was elected, it was reported, at a special meeting of the county executive committee held Friday night. He succeeds H. Clay Cox who has moved to Mars Hill.

The resignation of H. Camnitz as secretary of the committee was accepted after much debate. A resolution was adopted expressing the appreciation of the party for his efficient work as secretary. C. A. Brittain, of Casar, was then elected secretary.

J. B. Horn was elected committeeman for No. 7 township to succeed Spurgeon Walker. R. A. Lackey was made committeeman for No. 9, R. Price was named No. 11 committeeman to take the place of C. A. Brittain.

County Court To Operate At Night

Will Hold Sessions In Evenings While Superior Court Is On.

Shelby is to have a novelty in court sessions this week.

The county recorder's court will hold forth each night at 7:30 o'clock instead of in the morning due to the fact that the Superior court is in session in the main court room during the day.

Several cases in which there is considerable public interest are scheduled to be aired at the night sessions during the week.

8,000 Children Back To School Today In County

Long Term Schools Begin Year

Start Early To Close For Cotton Picking. 32 Colored Schools Also Open.

The vacation season was over today for more than 8,000 Cleveland county children as they packed up their books and headed back to school.

Thirteen long-term schools, three or four short term schools and 32 colored schools opened their doors this morning and resumed work, according to County Superintendent J. H. Grigg.

Enrollment Gains

Mr. Grigg said just before noon that an enrollment increase in all sections of the county is already indicated. The number of new students will complicate matters to a certain extent, for a time at least, as the schools opening today lost seven or eight teachers from last year's force because of the legislative enactment increasing the teacher load. Which is to say that last year's enrollment plus the gain in students this year will of necessity be taught by at least seven less teachers.

It was estimated this morning that of the 8,000 children returning to school today were white a little more than 3,000 were colored.

The schools, following a custom of the county for the aid of agricultural sections, open in the summer and operate for some time so that they may close at cotton-picking time thus permitting the children to aid in harvesting the cotton.

Long-term schools opening today were Grover, Boiling Springs, Waco, No. 3, Lattimore, Mooresboro, No. 8, Piedmont, Fallston, Bellwood, Casar, Moriah and Dover.

Revival Services On Shelby Circuit

Rev. R. L. Forbis To Begin Three Revivals. Randall Reunion At Pine Grove.

Beginning at El Bethel this evening, July 27, at eight o'clock, and each day this week services will be held at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. E. E. Snow will do the preaching.

Services will begin at Surphur Springs next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. each day. Preaching by the pastor.

A revival will begin at Sharon the second Sunday night in August and each day following 1 a. m. and 8 p. m. Preaching by the pastor.

The Randall reunion will be held at Pine Grove church next Sunday. There will be preaching at eleven, dinner on the grounds, singing in the afternoon by a quartet from Spartansburg and other singers.

Revival services at Pine Grove will begin on Wednesday evening at 8 p. m. following the third Sunday in August. We extend the public a cordial invitation to all the above services.

Bob Reynolds Seeking Senate Nomination As 'Wet' Candidate

Asheville Lawyer Announces As Rival For Morrison And Grist.

"Our Bob" Reynolds, widely known Asheville lawyer, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate on a wet platform.

The announcement was made late Saturday. With Reynolds in the race there are now three announced candidates: Senator Cameron Morrison, appointed to the office by Governor Gardner; and Frank Grist, now commissioner of labor. Prediction is that Tam C. Bowie will also run and Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, is being widely talked.

In announcing Mr. Reynolds, who once polled a good vote in opposing the late Senator Overman, expresses outright opposition to the prohibition law.

"I favor a modification of the national prohibition laws, and if elected to the United States senate, I shall use the power and influence of that great office to effect a change in this unfortunate enactment," declared Mr. Reynolds in his formal statement. "I believe the ends of real temperance and sobriety have been defeated by the attempt to enforce artificial restraint upon a people who were reared in liberty and

tolerance. "I never believed in second primaries," he said. "They are always of considerable expense to the people of the state. They take money and they take the time of the citizens. I believe the high man in the first primary should be given the honor of representing his party in the election. "I will make this proposition: I am perfectly willing to leave it to the high man in the first primary if the other candidates will agree to it. I hope the others will agree. "Political Hyperboly."

Continuing his definition of the platform he has chosen to run upon, Mr. Reynolds declared that "I am not half so strongly in favor of a revision of our prohibition laws as I am opposed to the evils they have brought into existence. My appeal, therefore, is not to the liquor interests or to the moral degenerates, but rather to straight thinking citizens who are sick and weary from our calamitous dose of political hypocrisy which has been handed to us for 13 years from a tarnished spoon of morality."

Lesser planks in his platform are advocacy of federal operation of interstate highways of the nation; a general reduction in the tariff; stricter immigration laws; and "conscientious prosecution" of violators of the Sherman anti-trust laws.

Dr. Bobo Scruggs Dies Here; Buried At Rutherfordton

Prominent Young Physician Succumbs After Long Illness. First Death In Family.

At Rutherfordton this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock Dr. Bobo Scruggs, well known young Shelby physician will be buried, services to be held at the First Baptist church of that place. Dr. Scruggs, 38 years of age died in the Shelby hospital Saturday night at 11:30 o'clock following a decline in health extending over a period of two years. Dr. Scruggs had improved some and was able to be on the streets two days before the end came. He suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

He came to Shelby two and a half years ago to practice medicine, coming from Cliffside, where he had practiced successfully for nine years. Dr. Scruggs was a member of the Baptist church and a Shriner. He received his education at Wake Forest college, University of North Carolina and the Jefferson Medical college in Philadelphia.

Dr. Scruggs was one of 13 children and his death was the first in the family. Early Sunday morning his remains were taken to the home of his parents at Rutherfordton.

Mrs. Scruggs, his wife, who was Miss Kate Hillard of Little Rock, Ark., before their marriage in January, 1929, received a message Friday notifying her of the death of her step-mother in Little Rock.

Surviving are five brothers: Dr. W. Marvin Scruggs, Dr. W. N. Scruggs and Dr. C. J. Scruggs of Charlotte, V. P. Scruggs, Robert Scruggs, of Rutherfordton; and seven sisters, Mrs. W. M. Moore, of Cowpens, S. C.; Mrs. Robert Harston, Mrs. Mal Wilson, Miss Rosalie Scruggs, Miss Gwendolyn Scruggs and Miss Frances Scruggs of Rutherfordton, and Mrs. T. W. Proffitt of Richmond.

Jno. G. Blanton Buried On Sunday

Well Known Farmer Of Flint Hill Section Succumbs, Buried At Sharon Sunday.

Mr. John G. Blanton, well known farmer of the Flint Hill community, died Saturday morning at 6 o'clock and was buried Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Sharon Methodist church, the funeral service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Forbis. Mr. Blanton was 68 years of age and was twice married. His first wife preceded him to the grave about 35 years ago.

Mr. Blanton was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Surviving are his wife and four children, one little boy whom he took to rear, 17 grand children and a number of relatives and friends. Mr. Blanton was converted when 17 years of age and joined Sharon Methodist church. He expressed himself as ready to go.

A large crowd attended the funeral services and many pretty flowers attested the esteem in which he was held.

Lindberghs Ready for Hop to Orient



Weeks of preparation have brought Colonel Charles E. Lindbergh and Mrs. Lindbergh to the point where they think they will hop off on their flight to the Orient very soon. Their ambitious aerial adventure will take them from New York to Tokyo over a route which does not necessitate any dangerous water jumps. Their first stop out of New York will be Ottawa, Canada, thence to Moose Factory,



on to Aklavik at the mouth of the Mackenzie River and then to Nome. The next hop will take them across the Bering Sea and down the coast of Kamchatka. From there they will follow the string of small islands south to Nemuro on the northern coast of Yezo, Japan, and then on to Tokyo. The proposed route is outlined above, with a photo of Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh at left and their speedy Lockheed Sirius monoplane at right.

Judge Moore Holds Superior Court Here

Taxi Liability Row Undecided

Shelby taxi drivers who have not purchased accident liability insurance will not have to do so for a week or so yet—perhaps not then.

Dispatches from Raleigh inform that the protest injunction against the enforcement of the taxi liability insurance is now being considered by Judge W. C. Harris. The last legislature required that all automobiles have financial ability established to meet possible accident costs. It is argued that the law does not cover for-hire cars.

The insurance, according to local taxi men, would be a heavy burden for them and would likely drive a number of drivers here out of business as it will elsewhere.

Judge Harris took the matter under consideration Saturday. He announced that he would grant a temporary injunction restraining enforcement for 10 days.

To Celebrate Road Opening

Salisbury Will Ask Shelby And Other Towns To Participate In Great Event.

Salisbury is planning to celebrate the opening of highway No. 150 the later part of September and has written The Star in Shelby to know if the local citizens will be interested in entering floats and otherwise participating in the event.

No. 150 is the new road extending from Shelby through Lincolnton and Mooresville to Salisbury, where it connects with No. 10, the "main street" of North Carolina extending from the mountains to the sea. No. 150 is paved from Shelby to Lincolnton, but construction work is now under way to pave a link from Lincolnton to the Cabarrus county line in the direction of Mooresville. When this link is completed, No. 150 will be paved from Shelby to Salisbury, thus affording a shorter distance to Greensboro and points north.

The construction of No. 150 enables travel going to Salisbury, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh to avoid the congested traffic at Gastonia, Charlotte, Concord, etc. It will shorten the distance between Shelby and Salisbury by about 15 miles and greatly reduce the traveling time because of less traffic and large cities.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lineberger and family spent yesterday in Asheville.

W. K. Crook Foreman Of Grand Jury. Court Running Smoothly Now.

The summer term of Superior court convened in Shelby today with Judge Walter Moore presiding. Good behavior cases and other matters of that type were rapidly disposed of this morning and by noon the court was down to business.

Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling, of Lenoir, is prosecuting and Mr. W. K. Crook, of Kings Mountain, is foreman of the grand jury which began its deliberations early today. Deputy Jerry Runyan is again serving as court official.

Brief Charge

Judge Moore, who operates his court in a very efficient manner and has little if any lost motion on court procedure, delivered a very brief charge to the grand jury. What he did say, however, was to the point.

Early in the grind today Judge Moore let it be known that court orders and sentences are something to be carried out. Defendants at the last term who were given the alternative of paying fines and costs or taking road sentences were given little heed today when they came in and reported that they had not paid up and asked for additional time. They were ordered in custody of officers to take their alternative sentences.

No cases of major importance had been reached early this afternoon.

Three killing cases are on the docket. In one a negro woman charged with stabbing her husband to death with an ice pick. She is Ruth Brackett of the Kings Mtn. section. In another Woodward Glenn is charged with killing a man who was with "his woman." The third case is that of Paul Wilkinson, young South Carolina man, in which the charge against him is in connection with the death of a woman.

Widow Of Former County Sheriff Dies

Mrs. Jennie Logan, Widow Of Ex-Sheriff B. F. Logan Dies In Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. Jennie Logan, widow of ex-Sheriff B. F. Logan, of Cleveland county, died Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of her son, Ben F. Logan in Rock Hill, S. C. She was 83 years of age last January.

Mrs. Logan's husband died 41 years ago. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. W. Josh Roberts, Mrs. T. C. Hardin, both of this county, Mrs. D. S. Ramseur of Blacksburg, S. C., one son Ben F. Logan, Three sons, John, Gordon and B. J. Logan, preceded her to the grave.

The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment was in the cemetery at Patterson Springs.

A number of relatives survive in Cleveland county and a large crowd attended the funeral services.

Excursions To Run In August

Baptist Excursion To Thomasville And Methodist Excursion To Winston-Salem.

Two Sunday school excursions will operate in August to the Baptist orphanage (Mills Home) at Thomasville and the Methodist Orphanage (Children's Home) at Winston-Salem over the Southern railway lines, according to an announcement made today by R. H. Graham, district passenger agent.

Both excursions will operate from Grover in Cleveland county, stopping at Kings Mountain where other Cleveland county passengers will be taken on.

The Methodist excursion will operate on Saturday August 8th, leaving Grover at 7 a. m. and Kings Mountain at 7:15, arriving at Winston-Salem at 11:10. Returning, this train will leave Winston-Salem at 4:30. The round trip fare from Grover or Kings Mountain is \$1.50.

The Baptist excursion will leave Grover at 7 a. m. on Thursday August 20th and Kings Mountain at 7:15, arriving at Thomasville at 10:25. This special train will leave Thomasville on return at 4:15.

Special baggage cars will be provided on both excursions for refreshments and picnic baskets and at Thomasville and Winston-Salem, ample time will be allowed for visits to the orphanages.

61 Killed, 411 Hurt In Auto Crashes In State During June

Speed, Recklessness and Bootleg Liquors Principal Causes of Accidents.

Raleigh, July 27.—Recklessness, speed and a refusal to consider the safety of the "other fellow," with a dash of "prohibition liquor," killed 61 persons in automobile accidents in North Carolina in June and seriously injured 411 others, according to figures released by Major Sprague Silver, chief of the automobile license division of the department of revenue. There were 268 accidents, 58 of them in which fatalities occurred. A total of 405 drivers were involved in these accidents, with 75 drivers figuring in fatal accidents.

More Than Last June

In June, 1930, only 57 were killed and 408 injured, although there were 40,000 more automobiles registered and on the highways of the state a year ago than there are now. For the six months ending June 30, 1931, a total of 305 persons were killed and 2,132 injured, as compared with 338 killed and 1,985 injured during the first six months of 1930. This indicates that 33 more persons were killed the first six months of 1931 than the first six months of 1930, though many more were injured this year. But this apparent decrease in deaths is actually an increase of about 20 percent, when the decrease in the

number of cars on the road is taken into consideration, Major Silver points out.

Five fatal accidents were caused by intoxicated drivers, while 25 non-fatal accidents were attributed to drunken drivers. Six non-fatal accidents were caused by drivers going asleep at the wheel.

Twenty-seven fatal accidents were attributed to reckless driving and excessive speed, while 55 non-fatal accidents were attributed to these same causes. Two persons were killed by hit-and-run drivers while 14 were injured by hit-and-run cars. Three fatal accidents were caused by drivers on the wrong side of the road, with 18 non-fatal accidents from this same cause. Five persons were killed and 22 injured when drivers lost control of cars.

Pedestrians as usual provided much fodder for the reckless motorists, with 18 pedestrians killed and 39 injured during June. Two children were killed and 13 injured while playing in streets or roadways.

As usual, collisions took the heaviest toll, with 13 killed and 351 injured in collision with other cars, while one person was killed and eight injured in collisions with trains at railroad crossings. Two were killed and 20 injured in collisions with other vehicles.

Jury Fails To Fix Blame In Death Of Phillips At Kings Mt.

Inquest Jury Says Shot Was Fired By Unknown Hand. Solicitor May Take Steps Now If Testimony Justifies.

TO INVESTIGATE DEATH

Solicitor Spurgeon Spurling of Superior court told The Star at 2 o'clock this afternoon that he hoped to get to Kings Mountain late in the afternoon today to investigate certain details in connection with the fatal shooting there last Monday evening of T. J. Phillips, Lenoir automobile dealer. A coroner's jury declared that Phillips came to his death at unknown hands and the matter has since rested there. The solicitor says he will first go through the evidence of the inquest and the coroner's verdict and then examine several witnesses. If the Superior court session here today holds until late afternoon his investigation of the much discussed death will likely be made some other afternoon during the week.

Failing to accept the death of Thomas J. Phillips as suicide, the coroner's jury which reviewed the testimony at Kings Mountain Friday afternoon, says Phillips came to his death from a pistol shot fired by an "unknown hand."

Lightning Strikes At Pleasant Grove

Lightning struck Pleasant Grove Baptist church at Beams Mill shortly after the congregation had been dismissed on Sunday, split the steeple and did considerable damage to the building, it was reported in Shelby this morning. The building was so damaged, the evening hour of worship was held at Mulla Chapel Sunday night. Had the storm broken 30 minutes earlier, it would have found the congregation worshipping, but fortunately no one was hurt by the bolt.

Just before the noon hour yesterday lightning struck the mammoth oak tree at the side of Mrs. Jessie Ramseur's home on West Warren street. The tree was dealt a death blow, it is thought. This was one of the largest oaks in Shelby, uniform ly shaped and with a broad spread, making it one of the most beautiful trees in Shelby.

Denham Children Are Given Homes

The nine Denham children, orphaned recently by a double shooting tragedy in the Oro mill village, just west of Shelby, are facing a brighter future than they were just after the tragedy in which their mother and father died. The oldest boy and girl will make their own way and are employed. Six of the others were given homes by Cleveland county people and the other will be entered in an institution.

The oldest, a girl, is 17 and the youngest is 15 months of age. All are intelligent and healthy and were fortunate enough to be placed in good homes, according to Welfare Officer J. B. Smith.

Hold Bridgeman For Auto Theft; Helms To Road

Learn That Car Was Stolen From Bridgeman's Brother In High Point.

Gus Helms is doing a three months "stretch" on the chain gang for attempted robbery of the C. H. Reinhardt store in South Shelby, has been taken to High Point to face an auto larceny charge.

Helms and Bridgeman were arrested here early Friday morning by Policeman Marshall Moore who they were starting, it is claimed, to break in the Reinhardt store. Nearby officers found a Chevrolet coup in which the two were thought to have been traveling and officers reached the conclusion that it was a stolen car.

Stolen From Brother?

Later it was learned that the car had been stolen from Bridgeman's brother, John, in High Point and had been reported as stolen. As a result of this information the car and Bridgeman were turned over to High Point officers and he will be tried there. In county court Saturday morning Helms was given three months on the State road forces.

Bridgeman, who has quite a criminal record, once lived in Shelby. He and Helms had served together on the Gaston chain gang and Bridgeman also has a penitentiary "stretch" in his past record.

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