

Showers aturday. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Generally fair tonight and Saturday except local thunder-showers Saturday afternoon in southwest portion.

F. Torrence Dead

Information was received here this morning of the death at his home in Gastonia of Mr. Frost Torrence, owner of the Ideal Ice and Storage company in Shelby, Mr. Torrence was the father of Mrs. Torrence who formerly lived here. Death, it is understood, resulted from high blood pressure, coming at 2 o'clock this morning. Funeral services will be held at Gastonia at 11 Saturday.

Mrs. Abernethy Is Buried Today

Mother Of Shelby Minister Died At Mt. Holly Thursday, 68 Years Of Age.

Mrs. Alice Abernethy, mother of Rev. G. P. Abernethy of Shelby, died yesterday afternoon at her home near Mt. Holly after an illness of nearly a year from a complication of diseases.

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Hickory Grove Baptist church near Mt. Holly with Rev. W. B. McClure in charge. Rev. Mr. Abernethy, Mrs. Abernethy and children of Shelby are attending the services.

Mrs. Abernethy, who was 68 years of age and has visited here frequently, is survived by the following children: Rev. Mr. Abernethy, of Shelby; Birt, Lester, Sam Abernethy and Mrs. Albert Harkey, all of Mt. Holly, and Walter Abernethy of Crumpton. Thirty grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

County Native Dies In Burke

Mrs. Gwaltney, Aunt of Deputy Ed Dixon, Buried Today At Zion Church.

Morganton, July 31.—Mrs. J. S. Gwaltney, age 76 wife of the late Rev. J. S. Gwaltney, died here Wednesday night of heart trouble at the home of her son, Edgar Gwaltney, who lives near Morganton.

The deceased before marriage was Miss Lydia Ann Dixon, daughter of the late Col. Thomas M. Dixon of Beilwood, Cleveland County, where she was born on February 17, 1855.

The deceased leaves to mourn her loss four sons, two brothers and one sister. The sons are: Edgar Gwaltney, Morganton; Brucette Gwaltney, Fresno, Calif.; Dickerson Gwaltney, Raleigh; and J. Parks Gwaltney, of Weldon, N. C.; Frank L. Dixon of Henderson and Edgar W. Dixon, of Winston-Salem who are brothers and Mrs. Hattie Bess of Hendersonville, is a sister.

Funeral services were held in the Zion Baptist church at eleven o'clock Friday where she is a member. Deputy Sheriff Ed Dixon, of Shelby, attended the funeral services today of Mrs. Gwaltney, who was well known to many people in her native county.

Boiling Springs School Is Open

Prof. Huggins Heads High School Faculty. Other Teachers Given.

Boiling Springs, July 31.—The High school and Elementary school opened here Monday with a splendid attendance in both schools.

The following are the high school teachers: Prof. J. D. Huggins, Principal; Miss Eunice Kneese, Miss Ada Hamrick, and Mr. Blaine Rackley. The teachers at the Elementary school are as follows: Mrs. J. L. Jenkins, 7th grade; Miss Thelma Jolley, 6th grade; Miss Johnnie Male McBrayer, 4th and 5th grades; Mrs. J. H. Jones, 2nd and 3rd grades; Mrs. M. A. Jolley, 1st grade.

Remember?

When a nine-year-old boy published a newspaper in Shelby? He did all the writing and drew sketches of people mentioned in his news stories. When he published his paper he was seven years younger than was Clyde Hoy when he purchased and edited The Star at the age of 16. Turn to the "Around Our Town" column in today's Star for the story of the Shelby boy who was the youngest newspaper publisher and editor of his day.

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Present Portrait Of Judge J. L. Webb To County Here Thursday

Ceremony To Honor Late Jurist

Clyde Hoy To Present Portrait For Webb Family Here

An oil portrait of the late Judge James L. Webb, for near a half century a Superior court official in North Carolina and at the time of his death the most beloved citizen of Cleveland county, will be presented to the county at a ceremony at the court house next Thursday morning at 9:30.

The portrait, a striking likeness of the popular and big-hearted jurist, is a gift to the county from his family and will be presented officially by Clyde R. Hoy.

Warlick To Accept. Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, is expected to preside over the civil terms of court here next week and he is scheduled to accept the portrait for the county and for the Superior court of the State.

When the ceremony is brought to a close the portrait will be hung in the court room where for many years the late jurist served as a young lawyer and as solicitor of Superior court before he became a judge in which capacity he served for many years.

The portrait presentation is expected to draw hundreds of people from all walks of life.

The late jurist, known as "Judge Jim" to his home county and surrounding sections, due to his long public career and pleasant disposition was a friend to practically every family in his home county. His funeral last fall brought a mammoth crowd of sorrowing people to Shelby, evincing the fact that the home people loved no one better than the stately, tender "Judge Jim," the son of a minister who became the dean of North Carolina's judges.

Among the many expected for the presentation will be the widow of Judge Webb, his daughter, Mrs. O. Max Gardner, first lady of the State, and her husband, Governor Gardner. The Gardners will be here all next week, the first week of the chief executive's vacation. In addition to these and other members of the family, there will be court officials from other sections, and veteran associates of the man whose portrait will remain in the tribunal where he tempered mercy with justice for many years.

All members of the local bar association will also participate in the ceremonies together with officials of the Superior court present for the second week of the term. Present, too, will be the jurist's younger brother, Federal Judge E. Yates Webb.

Hoyey Talk. The presentation talk of Hoyey is already an anticipated event. Ordinary men have difficulty in expressing their innermost feelings and sentiment, all Cleveland county loved "Judge Jim," and the people of the county expect Mr. Hoyey to say for them that which they feel. They remember, in that anticipation, his brief eulogy at the Webb funeral, a quiet gestureless oration that has already taken its place in county legends.

"Wet" Platform Of Reynolds Will Help Morrison In Senate Contest

Will Take Smithites And Anti-Smith Voters In Morrison Camp.

Raleigh, July 31.—With Robert R. Reynolds, of Asheville, formally in the race against Senator Cameron Morrison for the Democratic nomination for Senator next June, and with Frank D. Grist also "going strong" and confident that he will be able to defeat the field with the slogan that "Cam can buy you, but don't let him," observers here are confident that neither Tam Bowie, of West Jefferson, Ashe county, nor Aubrey L. Brooks, of Greensboro, will now enter the race. In fact, the more seasoned observers here maintain that Reynolds and Grist will split the protest vote against Morrison and that he will be renominated by a majority of from 100,000 to 200,000. If 300,000 Democratic votes are cast in the primary, Reynolds and Grist together will get about 100,000 and Morrison the other 200,000, old political heads here say. According to present indications they do not believe Grist will get more than 20,000 votes, probably not more than 10,000. Reynolds may get as many as 90,000 votes, the number he got when he ran against Senator Overman five years ago, perhaps even 100,000, but not more than that, according to seasoned opinion here.

County Gets His Portrait



At a ceremony here Thursday at the court house an oil painting of the late Judge J. L. Webb will be presented to the county of Cleveland by Mrs. Webb and her daughters, Mrs. O. Max Gardner and Mrs. Madae Webb Riley. The portrait to be formally presented by Clyde R. Hoyey, will be hung in the court room.

County's Oldest Woman Celebrates 100th Birthday

Cleveland county's oldest woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Houser, will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday. An all day picnic with short speeches and a sermon will be held at Elizabeth Baptist church three miles East of Shelby in honor of Mrs. Houser. She is living at present with her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Borders near the church.

An invitation is extended to all old people of the county, whether they are related to Mrs. Houser or not, so the birthday celebration will be a sort of gathering, not only of relatives and friends, but of the county's oldest people.

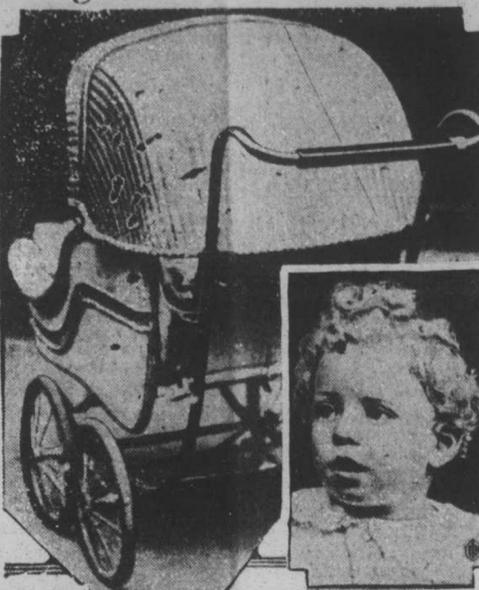
Young Snakes Come From Slain Snake

Seven young snakes, of varying sizes, crawled from the mouth of a large snake killed yesterday afternoon by Mrs. J. R. Osburn in the yard of her home on the Cleveland Springs road. The slain snake was thought to be a highland moccasin.

TAKES 4 STITCHES TO SEW UP NEGRO'S THROAT

Jeff Sanford, a negro of the Polkville-Lawdale section, barely escaped death early Wednesday night when he was slashed about the throat and neck by another negro. More than 40 stitches were required to sew up his wounds at the Shelby hospital. Sanford was able to leave for his home yesterday.

Gang Bullets Fell Children



Ruthless New York gang warfare took a new and outrageous toll when one child was killed and four others were seriously wounded under the rain of bullets from a heavily armed and speeding gangster "execution" car. The bullet-riddled carriage (above) in which Michael Bevelacqua (insert), pretty 3-year-old, lay sleeping when the gang assassins opened fire, plainly shows the holes through which bullets tore into the lad. He is expected to die. Michael Vingalli, 5, already has been claimed by death in the terrible tragedy. The gangsters' intended victims escaped unhurt.

Terrific Heat Holds

The most long-drawn-out heat wave in years continues to hold forth in the Shelby section as it does throughout a major portion of America.

All week the mercury in the Ebeltoft store has been considerably above 90, and yesterday, with the thermometer registering 98 in the afternoon, was considered one of the "hottest" days of the year.

Over State. Charlotte, July 31.—North Carolina, roasted for weeks by a continuous heat wave, yesterday was caught in a crest of the wave that sent the mercury around the 100-degree mark. The thermometer soared to 105 degrees in Albemarle and set a new record for July there. Stores of the town closed in the afternoon and employes took a half day for recreation.

Shelby Man Now Heads Va. Press

Rufus Roberts, Native Of Shelby Is Elected President Virginia Press Association.

Rufus G. Roberts, publisher of the Virginia Star at Culpepper, Va., has been elected president of the Virginia Press Association for the ensuing year. The annual meeting of the press association of the Old Dominion at which Mr. Roberts was elected, was held last week at the \$200,000 Mimslyn Hotel in Luray, Va.

Mr. Roberts is a son of Mrs. Eliza Roberts of Shelby and a brother of Mrs. Talmage Gardner and Mrs. Herman Eskridge of this place. Another sister is Mrs. R. G. Linder of Canton and another brother is Charlie Roberts, secretary-treasurer of the Charles Mill at Red Springs.

It is interesting to recall that Lee B. Weathers, editor of The Star at Shelby served as president of the North Carolina Press Association in 1929. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Weathers were boyhood friends in Shelby, but little did they know when they played together that they would follow the newspaper business and become president of the Press Associations of the two states of North Carolina and Virginia.

Mr. Roberts has been publisher of the Virginia Star at Culpepper, Va., for a number of years. His paper is one of the leading weekly journals of the Old Dominion. Mr. Roberts is also a member of the Virginia State Conservation and Development Commission.

INJURED DRUGGIST OUT OF SHELBY HOSPITAL

Mr. Glenn Yoder, pharmacist at Stephenson's drug store, was able to leave the Shelby hospital yesterday and is now recuperating at his home near Newton. Mr. Yoder had his leg fractured in an auto collision near Cherryville two weeks ago Sunday night.

Mr. Virgil Cox, of Mars Hill, is here visiting Mr. Carlos Young.

Jury Fails To Get Verdict In Wilkinson Case

Mistrial After 20 Hours Deadlock

Jurors Debate Auto Death Case All Night And Half Day, Raise Bond.

The case of Paul Wilkinson, young white man of South Carolina, charged with involuntary manslaughter in connection with the fatal injury of Mr. Tom Wright, aged citizen of Mooresboro, this county, ended in a mistrial at noon here today.

After 20 hours the jury which heard the evidence in the case came into the court room and informed Judge Walter Moore, of Superior court, that it was hopelessly deadlocked and could not agree upon a verdict.

To Next Court. As a result of the mistrial the case, which has already been on the docket for near half dozen terms, will go over until the fall term of court here.

Judge Moore, however, increased Wilkinson's bond from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Highway Tragedy. The aged Mooresboro citizen, well known throughout the county was killed more than a year and one-half ago when he was struck, it is alleged by an automobile driven by young Wilkinson.

The defense contended that the car driven by Wilkinson was hit by another car and knocked against the aged man.

The case was hotly contested throughout.

All Night Jury.

The case was given to the jury just before 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Late in the evening the court was informed that no decision had been reached. The jury was then sent to the hotel to spend the night. This morning when court opened the jurors were no nearer together than they were yesterday evening. As the day grew older still no word came from the jury room. About mid-morning the jury filed in for additional instructions from Judge Moore, but just at noon it was announced that no verdict had been reached or could be reached. It was then, the jury having had the case over 20 hours, that Judge Moore ordered a mistrial.

Court officials and officers from Cherokee county, South Carolina, came here to testify to Wilkinson's character which was good, they said, with the exception of the fact that he drank occasionally. At the term of court when the case was first docketed for trial it was continued for the defense because, it was said in the court room, the defendant was temporarily afflicted with "jake" paralysis. Since then it has been continued for both the State and defense. This time the failure of a jury to agree sent the trial on to another court.

Hayes Speaker At Sherrill Reunion

Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of Shelby's Central Methodist church, will make the principal address at the annual reunion of the Sherrill family at Ball's Creek camp ground today. The Sherrill reunion is one of the largest family affairs in this section of North Carolina and several other well known speakers are on the program.

N. C. Farmers Deserting Old Money Crop System Of Running Their Farms

They Are Diversifying Along All Lines. Results Soon To Be Seen.

Raleigh, July 31.—Requests for information received by the state department of agriculture indicate clearly that farmers of the state are deserting the old "money crops" and are diversifying in large numbers.

This statement is made in the leading article in the Agriculture Review, published by the department. The article is written by William H. Richardson, farm editor, and sums up conditions as reported to the department and indicated by the types of requests received.

Mr. Richardson attributed the change largely to the economic hardships which the farmer has suffered in recent years as a result of over production of staple crops. He declares the farmers of

Terms Totalling 45 Years In Prison, On Gang Given By Judge

Majority Of Sentences For Stealing. Only One Defendant Gets Off With Costs In Judge Moore's Court. Wind Up Criminal Docket Today.

When Superior court had ground its way to the end of the criminal docket here today, 15 defendants had been given prison and gang sentences totalling 45 years and nine months. Nine of the 15 defendants sentenced by Judge Walter Moore were convicted on some type of larceny charge and the nine were given sentences totalling 35 1-2 years.

Call Name Death Chair Victim In Superior Court

One defendant was called out in Superior court here yesterday who can never be brought back for trial.

He was J. F. Moore, negro and he was electrocuted at Columbia, S. C., just a short time ago for assaulting a white woman near Grover but just across the line in South Carolina.

The charge against him here was breaking and entering the home of T. M. Dumas, in No. 4 township, in October, 1930, and stealing an overcoat, watch and ring. The case was marked "no pros."

Free Man Here Of Seduction Charge

Haynes Freed When Prosecuting Witness Shown To Have Another Child.

Wayne Haynes, white, of the up-county section, was freed in county recorder's court here Wednesday night of a charge of seduction under promise of marriage.

Judge Maurice Weathers ordered a verdict of not guilty when it was shown that the prosecuting witness, an expectant mother, was the mother of another four-year-old child out of matrimony.

Three Deaths In 48 Hours In A Family

Three deaths in 48 hours, added to the sorrow of Mrs. Bobo Scruggs of Shelby over the week-end. Mrs. Scruggs before her marriage to Dr. Scroggs of Shelby was Miss Kate Hillard of Little Rock, Ark. She received a telegram on Friday announcing the death of her step-mother in Little Rock. On Saturday night her husband died here in the Shelby hospital and was buried Sunday at Rutherfordton. The day her husband died, she received a message announcing the drowning of her brother in Texas.

Liquor Cases. Very few liquor cases came up before the week's criminal court.

Grover Patterson was given six months for violating the State prohibition law, and C. C. Morrison was given a sentence of similar length on the same charge.

A colored woman, by the name of Carrouthers, was given a 12 months sentence on whiskey count but there are indications that this sentence may be altered before the court session comes to a close.

Only one convicted defendant in Judge Moore's court was fortunate enough to get off with payment of the costs. He was convicted of driving an automobile with improper license, but was warned that he would be given a sentence unless the costs and other court orders are paid and fulfilled by the fall court term.

The four-day court grind filled the jail with nine prisoners for the State prison and ten for the chain gang.

The killing charge against Rippy and Ellis in connection with the death of a negro in No. 3 township, who was shot while it is alleged he was stealing corn, was continued.

With the criminal docket being completed today court adjourned until Monday when it will take up the civil calendar. Judge Wilson Warlick will preside at the civil session.

Bethlehem Church To Celebrate Soon

On August 9th It Will Celebrate The 100th Anniversary Of Its Founding.

On August 9th Bethlehem church between Kings Mountain and Grover will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. An appropriate all-day service will be arranged by Rev. C. J. Black, pastor. Services will begin at 9:45 and continue throughout the day with a picnic dinner on the ground.

Bethlehem is in sight of the King Mountain battleground and is rich in history. Some of the most prominent men of the section descended from the heroes who fought so grandly there. The church has a membership of 400 and a house of worship as good as any country church in the state.

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