

Showers Thursday
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Thunderstorms tonight and Thursday. Not much change in temperature.

Edison Better.

West Orange, N. J., Aug. 5.—Thomas A. Edison was so far recovered from his recent collapse late yesterday that his physicians permitted him to take a half hour auto ride through his estate. Smiling, the 84-year-old inventor walked unassisted to the car and climbed into the rear seat. He chose an open touring car in preference to a sedan. He was accompanied by Mrs. Edison, who sat beside him, and his son, Charles, who sat in front with the chauffeur. His son told newspapermen as much credit for the apparent recovery was due to the 84-year-old inventor's wife as to the doctors. He said Mrs. Edison had kept an almost constant vigil at his father's bedside.

Crops In Need Of Showers In The County Now

Late Corn Wilting Under Sun

Lack Of Rain Being Seriously Felt Just Now For First Time This Year.

A couple good soaking rains would be welcomed by Cleveland county farmers just now.

For the first time this year, it is said, crops in many sections of the county are in dire need of rain.

Corn Hurting.

Late corn, corn that did not get its first good growth before the recent dry weather, is said to be suffering worse than any other crop. Young corn, particularly in the No. 6 township section and immediately surrounding Shelby, is "barely making it" and needs rain badly. Cotton which was planted late is also in need of rain as are gardens and truck patches.

Several sections of the county have had showers in the last week or so that have helped, but the major portion of the county, according to farmers attending court this week, would be glad to have several good rains, it being pointed out that necessary moisture just at this time will mean much to the quantity and quality of the corn production in the county.

Mrs. R. M. Hoyle Buried Today

Widow of Noted Methodist Minister Dies Here At Home of Her Son, Caleb Hoyle.

Mrs. Rebecca Hoyle, widow of R. M. Hoyle, one of the outstanding ministers in the Western North Carolina conference during his lifetime, died here on Suttle street Tuesday morning at 4:45 at the home of her son, Caleb Hoyle, with whom she had been living since the death of her saintly husband about three years ago.

Mrs. Hoyle was 85 years of age and the oldest member of Central Methodist church since the death of Mrs. Rastus Riviere a few weeks ago. Before her marriage she was Miss Rebecca Wilson of this county. She was a faithful companion, a devoted mother and noble Christian woman whose influence for good mixed with that of her saintly husband who pioneered the Methodist cause throughout Western North Carolina.

Mrs. Hoyle is the last of the Wilson family. She is survived by one son, Caleb Hoyle, of Shelby, and one daughter, Mrs. J. Marvin Wells, of near Greensboro. One son, Joe Hoyle, died in the Fallston community a number of years ago. Her remains were taken this morning to Kings Mountain where the funeral was conducted at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. L. B. Hayes, pastor of Central Methodist church of this place and interment was in Mountain Rest cemetery beside her husband.

Memorial Service For Juniors Aug. 9

Shelby council 436 Jr. O. U. M. will hold a memorial service at Sulphur Springs Methodist church 3 p. m. Sunday, Aug. 9.

Opening Ode by Juniors; song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee"; prayer by Rev. J. B. Davis; Prof. Lawton Blanton will deliver the memorial address. Special selection will be sung by quartets and Dr. H. S. Plaster will render a violin solo.

Every member of council 436 is urged to be present and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services.

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County Wheat Crop Double Normal Year

Near 40,000 Bushels Sold Or Exchanged At Shelby Mill In July. Crop Three Times Larger Than 1930 Crop, Is Estimate. Price Better Here.

The wheat crop in Cleveland county this year was double that of the normal year and three times as large as the 1930 crop, in the opinion of W. G. Smart, of the Eagle Roller Mills, Shelby, who keeps in close touch with the size and quality of county wheat crops.

Those who believe Cleveland county farmers are not this year planning to live at home as they never have done in recent years should spend some time about a flour mill and see the wheat trucks and wagons rolling in, according to Mr. Smart.

Already there has been enough wheat brought to the local mills, he says, to assure that there will be no bread shortage in the county this year.

"During the month of July," Mr. Smart said, "the Eagle mill bought or exchanged flour for 38,340 bushels of Cleveland county wheat. This is approximately 15,000 bushels more than we ever purchased or exchanged flour for in any other month."

The quality of the wheat produced in the county this year is said to be "extra good."

While wheat is not bringing what farmers consider a good price anywhere it is bringing a better price here than anywhere else.

"We haven't paid less than 70 cents anytime this year," Mr. Smart stated.

It is pointed out that this is near double the price being received by Western grain farmers as no freight charge is deducted from the wheat sold here as is done in the Western wheat belt.

Other grain crops in the county, observers believe, were increased this year in proportion to the wheat increase.

Invite Bulwinkle, Morrison To City About Post Office

Desire To Speed Up Needed Attraction For Post Office In City.

United States Senator Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia, have been invited to attend the Shelby Kiwanis meeting Thursday night week as honor guests of the club.

The object of the meeting, which Kiwanians are not attempting to "keep on the mum," is to speed along the proposed and needed addition to the Shelby post office.

The last congress appropriated \$80,000 for enlargement of the local office. Since that time the matter has drifted along. Working space in the local office, which jumped into a first-class rating since the present building was erected, is cramped, and Postmaster Quinn and his force could use much more working space right now. The proposed addition will include a third story for Federal court rooms and offices in addition to larger floor space for the postal employees.

It is hoped, if they accept the invitation here, to get Senator Morrison and Congressman Bulwinkle behind the movement to start construction at an early date.

To Survey Shelby-Marion Highway At Once, Highway Commission Says

Commissioner Will Neal Hopes To Have The Route Surfaced This Fall.

A surfaced highway from Shelby to Marion, opening up fertile sections in three counties, may become a reality this fall. At least, the State Highway Commission has decided, according to information given The Star today, to make a survey of the proposed route in the immediate future.

Highway Commissioner Will Neal, of Marion, telephoned from Raleigh just before noon today to inform Representative Henry B. Edwards that the highway commission at a meeting there had decided to start a survey of the road at once.

Representative Edwards has been working with citizens of Cleveland, McDowell and Rutherford for some time to bring about the construction of this link. A meeting of five civic clubs was held in Shelby several weeks ago at which the importance of the road was pointed out. E. B. Jeffress, highway chairman, Commissioner Neal and road engineers were present.

The proposed highway would go

Dental Society In Monthly Meet Here

Two Rutherford County Dentists Speak On Society In Their County.

Eight dentists attended a banquet of the Cleveland County Dental society held last night at the Hotel Charles, the first to be held since the organization of the society here about a month ago. Dr. E. N. Biggerstaff of Spindale and Dr. C. S. McCall of Forest City outlined the work of the society in Rutherford county.

Following the addresses by the visiting dentists, there was a round table discussion. It is planned to hold monthly meetings of the Cleveland County Dental society of which Dr. Pitt Beam is president and Dr. Hugh Plaster is secretary-treasurer.

Tried To Trade A Stolen Article Back Where Taken

City police today arrested Joe Wortman, of the upper county section, on the charge of stealing a ratchet screwdriver at the Montgomery Ward store.

Wortman was apprehended, it is said, when he attempted to trade the screw driver back to the store, saying he was not satisfied with it and wanted his money back. He is scheduled to be given a hearing tonight in county court.

3 Cases Attempted Rape Before County Court Tuesday Night

Two Negroes Held Without Bond For Attempted Assault On 15-Year-Old White Girl Near Boiling Springs Monday. Married Woman Charges Father-In-Law With Attempt.

Three men, one white and two negroes, were given preliminary hearings in county recorder's court here last night on the charge of assault with intent to rape. The alleged victim of the two negroes was a 15-year-old white girl of the Boiling Springs section, and the prosecuting witness against the white man was his daughter-in-law.

The negroes charged with attempted assault on the white girl were Javan and James Thompson, aged 19 and 17 respectively. They were remanded to jail to await superior court trial without bond by County Judge Maurice Weathers.

According to the evidence presented, the young white girl was en route to the mail box when the two negro youths accosted her and carried her into an adjoining patch of woods. As they held her hands, it was testified, she told them someone was coming and they became frightened and ran without accomplishing their alleged purpose. The negroes were arrested and brought to jail here yesterday. They denied being near the spot where the alleged attempt was made and denied evening seeing the white girl there. The alleged incident was said to have taken place about 5:30 Monday afternoon.

Other Assault. In the other assault case, Joe Grigg, middle-aged man of No. 4 township, was charged with an attempt upon his daughter-in-law, whose husband, son of the defendant, at the time, July 17, was said to have been serving on the chain gang. According to the prosecuting witness the defendant had approached her and made an attempt on that day but was interrupted when his wife, mother-in-law of the prosecuting witness, came into the room. The defendant did not take the stand but when questioned informally by the judge stated that they had merely "been caught up" with and that as a result the charge was filed. The daughter-in-law appears to be about 25.

The case was sent to Superior court and the defendant placed under a \$500 bond.

Secret Assault. A case that drew many spectators to the session of county court last night was that centering about a brawl between Jess Smith and Coley Freeman, employees of a local textile plant. Smith was charged with a secret assault, evidence showing that Freeman was cut or stabbed with a knife. The affair took place Monday. Other evidence presented tended to show that Freeman had a knife, Smith was fined \$10 and the costs and ordered to pay Freeman's medi-

Fix County's Tax Levy At Meet Saturday

The Cleveland county tax rate for the year will be fixed at a special meeting of the county commissioners Saturday morning of this week, it was announced today by A. E. Cline, commission chairman.

The commissioners, Messrs. George Lattimore, R. L. Weathers and Cline, met for their regular monthly session Monday, but the session was devoted entirely to routine monthly business. There was little definite discussion of the tax levy and budget Monday due to the fact that the tax lists have not completed their final tabulation necessary before the levy can be fixed.

Full valuation may not be ready for the Saturday meeting, it is feared, as the Corporation Commission has as yet to certify valuation on railroad property in the county and other properties.

A sizable reduction on real estate is anticipated when the board determines the levy Saturday.

Webb Portrait To Be Unveiled Thursday At 10

Governor's Son To Pull Cord

Unveiling Ceremony At Court House Tomorrow At 10. Presentation By Hoey.

A handsome oil portrait of the late Judge James I. Webb—"Judge Jim"—to his home county—will be unveiled in the Cleveland county court house Thursday morning at 10 o'clock when O. Max Gardner, Jr., son of Governor and Mrs. Gardner and grandson of the veteran jurist, pulls the cord that will release the curtain over the painting.

The portrait is being presented to the county by the widow and children of the beloved jurist who served for near a half century as solicitor and judge of the Superior court in North Carolina. The presentation ceremony not only has aroused wide interest in this county but is expected to draw prominent visitors from several sections of the State.

Hoey To Talk.

The painting will be presented to the county by Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, who will speak for the Webb family. The gift will be accepted by Judge Wilson Warlick, of Newton, who was elected judge to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Webb.

It is hoped that a great granddaughter of the jurist, little Miss Gwendolyn Gardner Burgess, can also participate in the program.

The hour for the presentation and unveiling was first set for 9:30 but later changed to 10 o'clock, at the request of the Webb family, so that more time might be given people over the country to get here for the unveiling.

Immediate members of the family who plan to attend the unveiling are Mrs. Webb, widow of the jurist, provided her health permits; Mrs. O. Max Gardner, a daughter, and Governor Gardner and four children—James Webb, Mrs. Eugene Burgess, Ralph and O. Max, Jr.—Mrs. Madge Webb Riley, another daughter; Federal Judge E. Yates Webb, a brother, and Mrs. Webb; Mrs. C. B. Partin, of Gaffney, a niece, and Mr. Partin, and Mr. Eugene Burgess.

Others who plan to attend include Mr. and Mrs. Bate Gardner, of Gastonia, the former a brother of the Governor; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bost, of Raleigh, the former Raleigh correspondent for The Greensboro News; Mrs. J. F. Alexander and Misses Margaret and Nell Young, of Forest City.

The portrait, which will be hung in the main court room before 10 o'clock tomorrow, was painted by Louis Freeman, prominent artist of New York City.

Free Will Baptists Begin Meeting Here

Revival services at the Tabernacle on South Washington street will begin Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. E. I. Beachboard, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church at Caroleen will start the revival services. After Sunday the services will be held each night at 7:45. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Stolen Cigarettes Are Recovered Here

Some sleuthing on the part of railway detectives and city and county officers over the last week-end resulted in the finding of 152 cartons of Lucky Strike cigarettes stolen from a railroad car at Charlotte.

The trail of the "hot" cigarettes, as they are termed by officers, led to this county when John and Roland Tait, Charlotte white men, said they were sold by them to Vernon Harris, filling station proprietor near Lawndale. The 152 cartons were finally found at Cherryville by Seaboard Detective Carl Johnson and Harris Johnson's father, a Southern detective, Police Chief McBride Poston and county officers aided in the round-up. The Tait's are to be given a hearing in Charlotte Thursday with Harris. It is said, appearing as a witness against them. One of the Tait's, after the trip to Shelby, showed officers where more of the stolen tobacco was secreted near Charlotte.

Grows A 20 Pound Cantaloupe in County

A twenty pound cantaloupe is some "loper," but one weighing this much has been grown by J. A. Smith, farmer of the Sharon section. Mr. Smith was showing this mammoth cantaloupe here yesterday and after scores of people marvelled at its size and perfection, it was suggested that he try to keep it on cold storage for exhibit at the county fair. Mr. Smith says it is the Nixon variety of seed. Although it is of huge size, it is perfect in shape, color and cantaloupe odor.

City Tax Is Cut 10c; Approve 1931 Budget

Tax Rate Cut Five Cents More Than Expected. Privilege Taxes Reduced Fifty Per Cent. Property Valuation Off A Million Dollars.

A reduction of 10c on the \$100 property valuation, a fifty per cent cut in the privilege tax revenue and approval of the 1931 budget, constituted the business of the city aldermen in regular monthly session last night.

Continue Suits Against Shelby; Start Baber Case

The tax rate reduction is five cents more than was expected. Mayor McMurtry announced ten days ago that he expected to recommend a cut of five cents on the rate, but after a more thorough going over and cutting of appropriations, he recommended that the rate be reduced 10c on the \$100 property valuation. This means that the city's tax rate will be \$1.15 as compared with \$1.25 last year.

O. M. Suttle who has been listing the city property for taxes reported that the total valuation of real and personal property in Shelby is \$9,170,000. Outside the city limits, but in special charter school district No. 33 which is a part of the city school district there is listed for taxes for school purposes \$686,000. The valuation of real and personal property in the city is off about a million dollars from last year's total.

Privilege Taxes Cut. The privilege tax schedule was agreed upon at the meeting last night and slashed about fifty per cent from last year. In 1930 the city realized about \$6,000 from privilege taxes, but many of the schedules were cut and others eliminated so that about \$3,000 will be collected from this source this year.

Over \$1,000 a Day. The cost of running the city is over \$1,000 a day, according to the budget approved last night. Total appropriations amount to \$327,865.00, which is raised as follows: \$101,806.41 from taxes; light revenues \$124,200; water department revenues \$33,625; general revenues \$24,583 (most of which amount is from street and sidewalk paving assessments); \$43,649.59 is taken from the surplus carried over from last year. These figures reveal what a giant business institution the city is.

Some Appropriations. Some of the appropriations to the various departments include \$123,685 for debt service or the payment of bonds and interest falling due during the year; \$3,700 for salaries of aldermen, mayor and expenses of municipal car; \$360 for public library; \$150 for fuel for city hall; \$2,500 for insurance; \$500 for legal services; \$10,150 for the treasurer and the operation of the office; \$9,150 for the police department; \$7,050 for the fire department; \$15,950 for street maintenance; \$8,925 for the cemetery; \$1,800 for public welfare; \$17,025 for the water department; \$74,500 for the light department; \$4,650 for the city auditor; \$3,100 for gas and oil and building repairs; \$13,750 for contingent fund and \$30,000 for city schools.

In the budget \$6,000 is appropriated as a donation for the city school building repairs which are now under way at the various buildings, putting the building in condition for the opening of school in September.

The privilege tax schedule as finally approved will be published in Friday's Star.

Shelby Coach Will Aid Carolina School

Chapel Hill, Aug. 5.—Roy Wilson ("Casey") Morris, popular coach at Shelby High, and one of the best known athletes ever turned out at Carolina, has been added to the staff of instruction, it was announced today, for the University of North Carolina's tenth annual Coaching school to be held here Aug. 17-25.

Morris will have charge of instructing the high school coaches in the coaching of baseball, leaving Bill Carney, Carolina's backfield mentor, free to devote his time to instructing in football. The newly retained mentor played football and baseball here for four years from 1920 to 1925, rising as few men have done to the captaincy of both sports. He has had signal success coaching State championship nines at Shelby since graduation here.

Mrs. Houser Celebrates 100th Anniversary Sunday At Elizabeth

Andy Borders is chairman of the flower committee for the day. A message from the pastor, Rev. H. E. Waldrop, will follow the special music. Concluding the morning program will be another song, "No More Goodbyes," sung by Miss Sue Borders, Aileen Wilson, Carl and Herman Mauney.

After dinner on the grounds there will be a song and prayer service. A feature of the song service will be one of Tom Dixon's old songs rendered by Charlie Alexander. Then will come an address by Dr. Zeno Wall. Concluding numbers will be furnished by the quartet from the First Baptist church at Kings Mountain.

There will be a morning program, dinner on the grounds, and another program in the afternoon. The entire program has been carefully prepared with the major idea of making it interesting for elderly people.

In the morning the program will open with song and a prayer by Rev. Lawrence Roberts. This will be followed by a special song, "Speak Gently to the Old," swung by Mrs. Clarence Gardner, Mrs. Max Spake, Mrs. Max Wilson, Mrs. Andy Borders and Messrs. Mike Borders and Jim Allen. Another special song will be rendered by Mrs. H. E. Waldrop and Mrs. C. D. Thackston. Mrs.

Native Of County Died Early Today

F. M. Dixon, Native of Belwood Section, Died At Hendersonville This Morning.

Mr. F. M. Dixon, a native of Belwood, Cleveland county, died this morning at 10 o'clock at his home at Hendersonville, according to a message received by his nephew, Deputy Ed Dixon, of Shelby.

Mr. Dixon had been living at Hendersonville for about 24 years and death resulted, it is said, from infirmities of old age.

Funeral services are to be held there Thursday morning at 11 o'clock and a number of relatives from this county plan to attend.

Mr. Dixon is survived by his widow who before marriage was Miss Amelia Thompson, daughter of the late Dr. Sam Thompson of the Belwood section. Surviving also are seven children, one of whom lives in this county. They are Dr. Guy Dixon, of Hendersonville; Mrs. Eury Smith, of the Sharon section of this county; a married daughter, Lillian, who lives at Asheville; Ab Dixon, of Hendersonville and formerly of Shelby; Everette Dixon and Misses Lottir and Lula Dixon, also of Hendersonville.

Sunday School Rally At Beulah Aug. 22

The annual Sunday school rally for Cherryville circuit will be observed at Beulah Methodist church on Saturday, August 22nd.