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Showers Likely. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy, probably local showers tonight and Thursday.

Mrs. LaFollette Dead. Washington, Aug. 19.—Mrs. Belle Castle LaFollette, "the counselor" of one of America's foremost political families, died here late yesterday as she had lived, in the background of the famous menfolks. The 72-year-old widow of "Fighting Bob" whose son and hers she saw take his senate seat, failed to rally from an operation for an intestinal ailment. Until Monday, but few persons had known she was in the hospital. Both sons—the senator and Gov. Philip LaFollette of Wisconsin—were at her bedside when the end came.

Farm Women To Entertain Club Members County

Big Picnic Thursday Eve Here

Four Civic Clubs To Be Guests Of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Members of four Cleveland county civic clubs, made up of the county's most representative citizens, will tomorrow, Thursday evening, learn—if they already do not know—that a real feast is one prepared of Cleveland county food by Cleveland county women.

At Cleveland Springs at 7 o'clock Thursday evening the 16 home demonstration clubs of the county will be hostesses to the members of the Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs of Shelby and the Civitan club of Kings Mountain at a real "live-at-home" picnic dinner.

The preparations for the program and menu are being made by Mrs. Irma P. Wallace, home demonstration agent, and officials of the several clubs.

Lever To Speak. A. F. Lever, of Columbia, S. C., former congressman and now field representative of the Federal farm board, will be the guest speaker of the evening.

Police Chief Gets Foot Race Action

Prisoner Slips Out Court House Door Is Caught After Five Blocks.

Police Chief McBride Poston is considerably heavier than he was when he came home from the World war, but frequently he encounters enough action to keep in condition. One of those unexpected work-outs came this morning.

O. D. Davis, white, had been convicted in county court on a worthless check charge. He was being held in custody until he could pay the checks and costs. Chief Poston started with him for the sheriff's office. In the main court lobby Davis suddenly side-stepped out a door and sped away. For five blocks through alleys and along main streets, the police chief pursued him finally catching him in the fill along the Jones place when other officers headed off the fleeing man.

Bullet Bounces Off Negro's Forehead

Additional proof that some colored people do have hard heads:

Late last night near Lawndale George Howard (col.) shot another negro in the head with a 33 special. The bullet struck on the right side of the forehead, but a slight flesh wound, and then bounced off.

The injured negro was reported to be all right today after "going to see the doctor." Howard is in jail. A family row started the shooting.

Mr. Lee To Manage Insurance Office

Mr. J. H. Lee, formerly of Shelby, has moved back from Lincoln to become manager of the Shelby office of the Metropolitan Insurance Company, office maintained in the bank building. Mr. Lee succeeds Mr. L. R. Cornevin who recently resigned his position with the Metropolitan. Mr. Lee has moved his family to the Harris cottage at 308 West Marion Street. The Shelby Metropolitan office is under the direction of Mr. M. O. Culpepper, head of the district office for this company at Gastonia.

Date Of County Farm Tour Set For Aug. 25

County Agent Plans For Big Party

All Farmers Invited To Join Party In Survey Of Some Leading Farms In Cleveland.

Cleveland county's first farm tour, in which a band of farmers will visit about over their county and see what is going on, is set for Tuesday, August 25, it was announced this week by R. W. Shoffner, farm agent.

Mr. Shoffner says that every man who can do so should bring his own automobile along and it is hoped that several hundred farmers will join in the tour.

Educational, Neighborly.

Certain farming methods are being used in some sections of the county that are not in use in other sections and it is believed the tour will prove educational as well as bringing the citizens of different sections closer to each other in common interests and friendships.

At Court House.

The tour is scheduled to start at the court house Tuesday morning, Aug. 25, at 9:30 o'clock. The first visit, it is said, will be to the B. Austell farm to look over his poultry plant. The next stop will be to B. P. Dixon's to see his alfalfa, lespedeza, and soy beans. From Dixon's the party will move on to Shuford Beam's at Waco about 11:30 where more lespedeza and the value of lime on soy beans will be seen.

Lunch will likely be eaten at the Beam farm and about 1:30 the party will set out for the Claude Falls place at Fallston for cotton-fertilizer demonstrations. Leaving there at 2:30 the party will go to R. W. Wilson's for cotton and soy bean variety tests. At 3:30 the tour will move to the R. G. Adams farm at Lattimore to see the lespedeza pasture and other things. The last stop on the tour will be at the G. L. Hamrick place to inspect his herd of cattle.

The farm agent urges that all farmers make plans to go—"and bring along your lunch and your wife."

No. 3 Consolidated Plans Fun Friday

A big time is being planned at No. 3 Consolidated school on Friday of this week, the frolic to begin at 3:15. An ice cream feed as well as two ball games are on the program. The school team is planning to play another school, perhaps Mooresboro, then the truck drivers and faculty of No. 3 will play the school boys. The battery for the faculty will be Prof. Lawton Blanton pitcher and Dr. J. B. Davis, catcher. Watching the faculty and truck drivers running should furnish an eye full for everybody.

To Add Tax Penalty To Unpaid City Tax

At the meeting of the city council last night, it was ordered that a penalty of five per cent be added to all due and unpaid city taxes Sept. 1st. After September, another one per cent will be added as a penalty of all unpaid 1930 taxes and taxes due and unpaid for previous years.

He Grows Sunflowers Size Of Shade Trees

T. H. Brannon who lives on East Sumter street grows sunflowers that resemble shade trees in size. Taking the measurements of the two largest sunflowers on his lot, one measures 13 feet high and the other 12 feet. One has 120 heads and the other 105, although the heads are not all open and developed.

Optometrist Here With Dr. Morrison

Dr. W. S. Harselson has come to Shelby from Asheville to be associated with Dr. D. M. Morrison, optometrist. Dr. Alexander is a graduate of Clemson college of the 1928 class and also a graduate of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, in the class of last June.

IN TODAY'S STAR Editorial Topics, Page 4—"Can All You Can't" "Roosevelt and Tammany" Real Food, A-1 Cooks"

Heads Air Merger



F. G. Johnson (above), of Seattle, Wash., has been named president of the newly organized United Air Lines, formed by the merging of the National Air Transport, Boeing Air Transport, Pacific Air Transport and the Varney Air Lines. The combined companies operate about 120 planes, covering some 12,000,000 miles of air travel annually and carrying about 60 per cent of the nation's airmail.

Lions Club Will Assemble School Books This Year

Civic Club Seeks Second-Hand Book For Poor Students. Appeal Made.

The Shelby Lions club this week inaugurated a movement to collect second-hand school books to be given children who will not be able to purchase books next year.

In an appeal made to the general public the club announcement says: "With the opening of the city schools within the next few weeks, scores of children of school age will enter without means of buying the necessary text books. The Shelby Lions club realizing the importance of supplying these children with the necessary textbooks is planning a drive to collect second-hand school books from the citizens of Shelby. The Lions Club is only asking for second-hand books to be used in this work.

"Do you really desire to do something for the youngster who is anxious for an education? If so either get out those second-hand school books used by your child or mail the Lions Club a check for whatever amount you care to contribute to this very commendable project.

"Books or donations may be left with the secretary of the Club, Dr. Robt. L. Wilson in the Webb drug store or upon calling him and books will be called for.

"Will you do your part to put this matter over? Will you help some youngster obtain the necessary books for his years work in the public schools of the city?"

The drive is given the endorsement of the school officials and of the welfare department and the books will be distributed by school superintendents and principals where most needed.

Last year the club gathered together enough books for a circulating library for rural schools. Other books are now needed for the library and anyone who may have novels about their home are asked to contribute.

Canning At Peak In Ellenboro Section

Ellenboro, Aug. 18.—Canning with in the Ellenboro community was at its peak last week when thousands of cans of fruits and vegetables were canned for home consumption and for sale.

Most of the canning is still done in glass but many Ellenboro people are canning in tin which method gives better flavor in the case of many vegetables. More than 10,000 tin cans have been purchased for the members of the Ellenboro canning association to date by the agricultural teacher for the school.

Now is the time to prepare for winter and low priced cotton. Can now and be ready for winter should be the slogan for each community and family.

Would Reduce Cotton Crops By Tax Levy

Sarratt Would Tax Excess Bales

Cleveland County Farmer Offers Unique Plan For Assuring Slash In Acreage.

Charlotte, Aug. 19.—W. C. Sarratt of Earl, Cleveland county, prominent farmer and cotton grower, in Charlotte offers the suggestion that the various cotton-producing states set a uniform tax on cotton production and thereby bring about the desired reduction in acreage devoted to cotton. This year he expects to produce about 200 bales, he said.

Mr. Sarratt's plan, he believes, would go a long way toward stabilizing the price of cotton by "canning" it, as he termed it. His plan which he calls "A Recipe to 'Can' Cotton," follows:

"For all governors and lawmakers of the cotton-producing states: Instead of plowing up or allowing to waste uncropped, as suggested by some, it should be canned by immediate and strictly uniform legislation by all the several cotton-producing states and should have the hearty approval and co-operation of President Hoover and the farm board for various reasons.

Urges Uniform Laws.

"Make the law, or rather the laws, strictly uniform and to apply only to the crop raised in the year 1932, ginned from June 1, 1932, to June 1, 1933, or any part ginned thereafter if grown in the year 1932; to be collected by the ginners at the time ginned and said funds to be paid into the state treasury.

Each cotton-producing state put a minimum tax to five cents a pound on (gross) lint cotton ginned, based on the first government indicated yield for the United States for 1932, to 1,000,000 bales, with one-fourth cent a pound to be added for each one-fourth million or fraction thereof as indicated over a million.

Equitable Tax.

"An indicated yield of 1,000,001 bales, for instance, would cost the producer 5 1-4 cents a pound. A 5,000,000 indicated yield would cost the producer a tax of nine cents a pound. This would make those who hogged the trough pay dearly and to the advantage of those that played fairly.

"This plan should first have the approval of the governors of all cotton-producing states. Then each governor should put the plan as unanimously agreed upon by them and give all legislators to understand that nothing was to be taken from or added to by any state; and if each governor found there was a majority for the plan, then it would justify calling special sessions and on the same day, otherwise it would be a failure.

No Other Legislation.

"All legislators should be made to understand that there would be no other legislation or agitation under any circumstances until at least this was finished in all states, which should be on the same day and same hour.

"I suggest Governor Sterling (Texas) as the leader, with Governor Gardner his assistant, as they are both able and in almost the two extreme sections of the cotton-producing area. This plan, if passed would at least bring the price of cotton to the cost of production and would be a general stabilizer.

"The whole business and financial structure is now much like a tract of land with a perfectly good title but with all corners lost, with other adjoining properties the same way. Find the corner of one tract and all the rest can be located or made.

"Stabilize cotton and business and industry will find its bearing here and throughout the world. It should

Clue to Nungesser's Fate



John Gaucher (left) and L. V. Allers are shown reading the note they found in a Cognac bottle off Fire Island, near New York. The note, reproduced below, is believed to be from C. M. Nungesser and Maj. Francois Coll, the intrepid French fliers who took off from Paris on May 8, 1927, on a non-stop flight to New York. They were never heard of again. Translated from the French the note reads: "Sinking at this moment in Labrador." It bears a signature believed to be that of Coll.

Capt. Peyton McSwain Says He Will Run For Attorney General

Shelby Man Admits In Salisbury That He Is A Candidate Now.

Salisbury, Aug. 19.—Peyton McSwain, of Shelby, expects to be a candidate for attorney general of North Carolina in 1932. The Post learned yesterday.

Mr. McSwain admitted that he questioned by a Post reporter but expected to be in the race when said that he did not care to make a formal announcement as the primaries were too far off to begin an active campaign.

Although here to address the Rotary club Mr. McSwain spent most of the day talking to former friends whom he knew while a student at the University of North Carolina and as a soldier with the wildcat division in France.

Mr. McSwain was one of the key men in the senate during the famous legislative battle over taxes this year. He has been active in the North Carolina general assembly for the past ten years when he was elected to the house from Cleveland county.

Mr. McSwain is a brother of Pat McSwain, assistant manager of the Capitol theatre here.

He was born in Shelby in 1885 and admitted to the bar in 1916 and has practiced law in Shelby since that date with the exception of the war years when he served with the 322nd infantry of the 81st division.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, a Shriner, member of A. F. of A. M., Oasis Temple and the American Legion.

During his ten years of service in the legislature, he has acquired many friends and is expected by his friends here to make a successful campaign.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen left Tuesday morning for their home in Wilmington. Mr. Allen came up for the week-end and was accompanied home by Mrs. Allen who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. L. Grice here.

It was agreed that each legislator be paid expenses and for time served only, which should not exceed six or eight days.

Greater Unity Urged In Southern States Necessary For Progress, Gardner Declares

Charlotte, Aug. 19.—Gov. O. Max Gardner, in a statement issued here by the Southeastern Economic Council called upon the southeastern states to "develop their possibilities" for the "benefit of the entire section."

"Modern means of communication and transportation have undermined the very basis of social, political and economic isolation," the governor said. "Just as America is finding herself irresistibly drawn into the main currents of world thought and politics by business, so do the states and sections of

City Sets Tax Rate; McMurry Is Manager

Sum Allotted For Managerial Work But McMurry Not To Draw Additional Salary, He Says. Tax Division Shown.

At last night's meeting of the city council, the city's tax rate of \$1.15 was divided for the various purposes, after a 10 cent reduction had been authorized about two weeks ago from a total rate of \$1.25 last year to \$1.15 this year.

Shelby Debt Is \$1,182,000 Now, Audit Reveals

Cash Disbursements For City In 13 Months Over \$300,000.

The magnitude of the city's business is revealed in the annual audit of the City of Shelby as prepared by Geo. G. Scott and Co., certified accountants of Charlotte, who have just completed the audit of the city's books which show that the cash disbursements for the thirteen-month period, ending June 30, to be \$324,210.80.

The audit covers a thirteen month period rather than a year, because the last General Assembly passed a general act requiring all cities to end their fiscal year with June 30th. Shelby had been closing her year's books with May 30th.

Revenue for the general fund amounts to \$129,460, the largest single amount of which is receipts from property tax which amounts to \$96,825.54 of the foregoing amount. The largest single revenue which the city has is from electric service which amounted during the 13 month period to \$137,223. Other sources of revenue to the light department brought the total receipts for this department during the 13 month period to \$141,278.96. The city paid the Duke Power Company for current consumed \$63,556.23 during the 13 month period.

It is revealed in the report that the water department brought in a revenue of \$42,021.06.

According to the audit the bonded indebtedness of the city at the end of the fiscal year June 30th was \$1,182,000. There had been retired during the past year \$69,000 and paid on bonded interest the past year \$68,495. During the coming year the city will have \$59,000 in bonds to retire and \$62,285 interest on bonded indebtedness to pay, making a total of \$121,285 in bonded debt obligations to meet during this present fiscal year.

The audit is in file in the city hall and is open for public inspection to tax payers. Mayor McMurry says a condensed summary of the audit is being prepared by the auditors for publication in a newspaper as is required by law.

Store In Entered At Kings Mtn.

About \$700 Worth Of Goods Taken From Store. Most All Clothing.

Kings Mountain, Aug. 19.—Robbers entered the store of the King Mountain Mercantile Co. Sunday night and stole merchandise valued from \$700 to \$800. Entrance was made through the back by breaking a glass.

Among the goods stolen were 15 men's suits, 40 ladies' silk dresses, 50 pairs of shoes, eight dozen men's shirts and a quantity of small accessories. No arrests have been made and no clue as to who the robbers were has been discovered yet. According to the Manager John Anton, the goods taken were the best quality of good in the store.

Negroes Use Knife, Bottle In Battle

Joe Good and Beaver Clinton, both colored of Kings Mountain, are in the county jail here waiting until their injuries and wounds improve to the extent that they may attend a court hearing as defendants. They engaged in a fight last night at Kings Mountain, one using a knife, officers say, while the other used a soda-pop bottle. One was carved up considerably while the other had a leg badly bruised by a bottle.

Condrey Child Dies Of Whooping Cough

Betty Lou, fourteen months old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Condrey who lives on N. Washington St., died at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning of whooping cough and pneumonia. Funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Double Springs Baptist church.

Legion Broadcasts On Fire Prevention

Radio fans in this section are urged to tune in Saturday night, August 22, at 8:30 on the fire prevention program to be broadcast by the American Legion. WBT at Charlotte is one of the stations in the hook-up.

Inspection On.

City Fire Chief J. E. Robinson states that the annual fire inspection of the buildings in the business section of the city is to get underway at once.

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Made City Manager. At the regular monthly meeting of the city council the first Tuesday night of this month, Mayor McMurry was elected city manager, and the budget for the present year was adopted. In the budget the sum of \$3,600 is set aside as combined salary of the mayor and city manager and this has given rise to the rumor that the mayor's salary has been increased to \$3,600 a year.

Only In Budget. When Mayor McMurry was approached about this matter, he stated: "My salary remains as heretofore, \$200 per month or \$2,400 a year. That amount for city manager was put in the budget in order to provide for any emergencies that might arise, just as other estimated expenditures were set up higher than we expect them to be. The board has not discussed any increase in salary in session and I have asked for no salary increase, but the appropriation has been made in the budget and if the financial condition of the city should justify, I could be paid an increase."

Mayor McMurry reiterated that he had not asked for a salary increase, that such a subject had not been discussed in the meeting assembled and that his present salary is as formerly, \$200 per month.

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