

Showers In West
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight. Tuesday partly cloudy, probably local showers in extreme west portion. Not much change in temperature.

Governor Leaves.
Governor O. Max Gardner month's vacation with his home folks came to an end today and the governor is leaving this afternoon for Raleigh and expects to be back at his desk tomorrow. On Friday Governor Gardner spoke at a Smoky Mountain national park banquet in Asheville and on Saturday at the Boone highway celebration. The major portion of his vacation was spent in Shelby or on short trips to Western North Carolina.

Teacher Freed Of Assault In Whipping Case

Ledford "Not Guilty" Jury Says

Verdict Returned In Little Over Half Hour. Court House Packed For Trial.

A court case that drew the largest court audience to Shelby in four or five years ended just before 6 o'clock Friday afternoon when a jury in county court returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the trial of Prof. C. A. Ledford on an assault charge.

The case grew out of a whipping given by the Belwood consolidated school principal to Hubert Huffman, 10-year-old student, on August 13.

Much Interest.
The prosecution, represented by Capt. Peyton McSwain, contended that "more force than was necessary" was used in administering the punishment, introducing evidence to show that there were stripes on the youth's body several days after the whipping. The defense, represented by Judge B. T. Falls, contended that the conduct of the pupil was enough to justify the whipping and that it was not an unmerciful beating. The boy was whipped, according to evidence, when Prof. Ledford was called to one room of the school by a feminine teacher who had been troubled by the boy who it was charged kept opening his coat jacket and exposing his body. He had given trouble before, it was said, and had been warned that if he did not obey the rules the next infraction would bring on a whipping.

The Belwood community was very much interested in the case and people from that section filled the court house for the trial which lasted all day Friday.

Chicken Thieves Get Active Again

Chicken thieves are again furnishing considerable activity for local officers and courts. Three colored men were sentenced in county court Saturday for chicken stealing and another was arrested early today.

In county court Saturday Judge M. R. Weathers gave Dick, Jolly, Dick Bear and James Hoskins four months each on the charge of stealing chickens from a roost in the northeast section of the city last week. Will Shippey, colored, was arrested early today when he appeared at a local poultry house with seven dominickers believed to have been stolen. Police Chief McBride Poston has the chickens at his office for identification by the owner. Shipped just finished serving a chain gang sentence for chicken stealing Tuesday of last week.

Other Cases.
County court held forth almost all day Saturday after an all-day session Friday. "Black Boy" Esau, colored, was given 60 days for attempted robbery of the Carolina colored cafe last week. A year or more ago he was given a sentence for stealing 24 cents from a house in the Lattimore section.

"Bubbles" Walker, colored, of Asheville and South Carolina, was bound over to superior court, under a \$500 bond, on the charge of being connected with the robbery of the Wright-Baker department store and the D. H. Cline garage here in June. Mark Washburn, colored, and Grace Payne, negro, are already being held in jail here in connection with the same robberies. They were brought back from Cincinnati while Walker was arrested later in Asheville.

Mr. Dellinger Opens Corn And Flour Mill

Mr. J. N. Dellinger has started Shelby's newest industrial plant, a corn and flour mill in a building one block west of the Southern railway, just off highway No. 20 and to the rear of Mr. Dellinger's old home. The mill manufactures flour, corn meal and feedstuffs, and also does custom grinding. Boyce and Everett Dellinger and Grady Blanton are in charge of the operation of the plant.

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Prepare for Opening City Schools Sept. 7

Two Teachers Resign; Cancel Debt

No Definite Guarantee Yet For Music Instructor, Operating Funds Cut Down.

The city schools will open the 1931-32 session Monday, September 7. The buildings are being placed in order, the teachers' meetings planned, materials secured, and preparations for the opening made.

The Dudley Plumbing company is installing new boilers in the high school and Washington school. The boilers are Kewanee made and should give desired results.

Old Debt Cancelled

The citizens of Shelby will be glad to know that the last vestige of the old floating debt upon the Shelby public schools has now been wiped out. A twenty-six thousand dollar bond issue which was authorized by the local government commission of the state of North Carolina has enabled the school board to pay off the note at the First National bank in the amount of \$25,473, and an item of past due interest in the amount of \$29.72.

Four hundred and twenty-five dollars was paid McDaniel Lewis of Greensboro for services in connection with the issue, including bond, attorney fees, printing of bonds, advertising, etc. Seventy-five dollars was paid D. Z. Newton, school attorney, for services in connection with the transaction. The premium of fifty-eight dollars and accrued interest from the date of issue were applied on the interest upon the note for a similar period. The school board is very happy to have got this matter placed in regular channels and removed from the hapazard way of handling it in which it has been handled. They are also glad that the rate of interest secured is less than what has been being paid on the note which will mean a considerable saving to the community.

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Junior College Opens Tomorrow

Boiling Springs junior college, this county, will open its 1931-32 season Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with a mass meeting in the college auditorium. Registration hours will be from 2 until 6 in the afternoon.

The first chapel program will be held Wednesday morning at 10:30 with Dr. Zeno Wall, college president in charge. All friends and alumni of the institution are invited to attend the first chapel.

Book List For Shelby Schools; No Change Made

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Getting Together In Cleveland



Farmers Inspect Soy Beans

At the Bob Wilson farm between Fallston and Belwood last Thursday, 150 farmers inspected the demonstration patches of cotton and soy beans. Mr. Wilson has eleven varieties of soy beans under test and this picture shows the rows in the foreground. One of the prettiest sights to behold in the way of farming is to stand where these farmers are standing and see the soy beans, the shoulder-high cotton and the dark green field of corn in the background, corn that is so high it looks like a young forest.



Children Eat Watermelon

Here are several hundred children Shelby and suburbs who enjoyed the free watermelon feast given by County Coroner Roscoe Lutz last Thursday. They assembled here in the city and were carried in trucks to the Albert Dedmon pasture just north of Shelby. Did they get enough? Yum, yum, ask the kiddies and they'll tell you they got their tummies full.

Corn Exhibit At Fair This Fall Will Be Boosted By Big Corn Crop

Cleveland Makes Largest Crop In Years. Exhibit Advice Given.

One of the largest corn crops made in Cleveland county in years is expected to increase the interest in the corn exhibits at the Cleveland county fair, which opens Tuesday, Sept. 29, and also increase the number of entries.

The feature exhibit of the corn department is the 200-ear exhibit and County Agent R. W. Shoffner is anxious to have as many entries in this exhibit as possible. There are several smaller exhibits in the corn department ranging from single ears to 25-ear exhibits.

Exhibit Advice. Advice about preparing the exhibits is given as follows by the farm agent: "Don't make the mistake that many people make in preparing corn for the fair or any other show. In fact, the time to start preparing and collecting your corn for a fair would be at the time of planting; that would be to plant good seed. At this time, the corn is practically made. I would recommend not pulling fodder or cutting the tops of the corn that you will exhibit, or let the ear get thoroughly ripe before doing so. The best method would be letting the ear ripen and select the corn in the field and cut off the stalk. Put this corn away some place where rats or any destructive enemy will not get it."

As a matter of fact Jule did not claim that he was the first man in history to make syrup of watermelon juice. He merely said that it was something new for this section, and it is. However, The Charlotte Observer joints in with the others to remind, as follows, that it has been made elsewhere before: "The Cleveland county farmer who came to town with a sample of watermelon syrup, enjoyed distinction as 'originator' for a brief period, only, for through The Rockingham Post-Dispatch comes word that the Cleveland county syrup-maker is just 15 years behind the times. It was that long ago that Mrs. W. B. Covington won first premium at the Richmond county fair with a dozen jars of watermelon syrup, and credit for pioneering in that line goes to her."

Oil Mill Installs 500 H. P. Boiler

A 500 Corliss engine has been installed at the Southern Cotton Oil company's Shelby plant here and is now ready for operation when new cotton seed come on the market. Capt. J. Frank Jenkins, manager of the plant says he has discarded electric power, except for lighting purposes, and resorted to steam which he declares will affect a great saving in the cost of operation, according to the experience of other seed mills in the cotton belt. A Babcock tube boiler has been installed to generate steam for the twin Corliss engine. The boiler will consume about 150 tons of coal a week when the full plant is in operation.

To provide for the new generation plant, an engine and boiler room have been built at the local plant.

State Patrolman Breaks His Leg; Is Second Wreck

Joe Singleton, Shelby Boy, Badly Injured On Motorcycle Friday Evening.

Gilmore (Joe) Singleton, state highway patrolman and a Shelby boy, was injured for the second time in 20 days when his motorcycle turned over with him Friday evening on a curve at Minneapolis, about 20 miles from Boone.

The young patrolman, en route to the Boone highway celebration from Asheville, suffered a broken right leg in the crash.

Jinx Follows Him

A jinx seems to be pursuing Singleton, who was added to the patrol force this summer. On August 8, while en route from Shelby to Marion on his motorcycle to report for duty, his motorcycle skidded and crashed into a bridge near Marion. He received bad lacerations and bruises in the crash and has been recuperating at his home here.

Cycle Trouble

Friday he and another patrolman left Asheville for Boone to help handle the traffic at the highway gathering there where Governor Gardner was on the program.

At Minneapolis, some distance from Boone, the patrolmen started around a curve. Singleton, it is said, attempted to cut off his gas but in some manner the gas feed hung up and the speed of the motorcycle was not checked before it hit the curve and flipped over. The patrolman with his right leg badly fractured was placed in a truck and rushed to the hospital at Banner Elk. He suffered so en route to the hospital that he had numerous chills and was for a time in serious condition. He was visited yesterday by his mother, Mrs. L. S. Friday, and Mr. Friday and his sister, Miss Olive Singleton. They found him to be recovering somewhat from the shock of the injury and the anesthetic administered thereafter. He will have to remain in the hospital, however, for at least six weeks. Due to his well muscled limbs it was found necessary to pull the overlapping fractured bones apart with weights and hold them in that position so that the bone might knit together.

Three Injured As Elevator Plunges Down Three Floors

Two White Men And One Colored Hurt At Dover Mill On Saturday.

Two white men and one colored man were injured early Saturday morning when a freight elevator at the Dover mill, west of Shelby, fell three floors or about 35 feet.

The injured were Fred Shytle, broken ribs; Colin Page, toe mashed and other bruises; and Broadus Thompson, colored, broken right leg.

The elevator fell, it is said, just as the gate opening on the third floor of the plant.

Given Treatment. Shytle was in a semi-conscious condition for some time after being taken to the hospital but was said to be conscious and considerably improved today. Page's injuries did not necessitate his entering the hospital, and the colored man was taken to his home after having his fractured leg set. The fracture was just below the right knee.

Mrs. Gantt Enjoys Her 97th Birthday

Two Hundred Attend Anniversary Of Widow Of Confederate Veteran.

Around 200 people, the majority of them relatives, attended the celebration Sunday of Mrs. Mary Gantt's 97th birthday at her home in west Shelby. Among those present were the seven of her 10 children who are still living.

Mrs. Gantt, one of the oldest residents of the county, is an unusual lady and has a wide acquaintance. She is unusually alert physically and mentally for her age. Behind her is a remarkable career. Her husband, a Confederate veteran, died 18 years ago and since that time Mrs. Gantt has made her own way and reared her children by operating a little store, very popular in that section of the city, which she still operates.

Bridges Infant Dies; Buried At Union

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bridges died Saturday at noon and was buried Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Union Baptist church, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Zeno Wall. Mr. Bridges works at the Piedmont cafe. Before marriage, Mrs. Bridges was Miss Evelyn Moss.

Clyde Hoey Announces He Will Not Seek Senate Seat; Desires No Public Office, He Declares

Does Not Choose

His Decision Disappointing To Many Supporters. Will Stick By Party.

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THRIFT SUGGESTIONS

Sow a turnip patch now while the season is in the ground. Both tops and turnips make good food. The turnips can be hilled for winter use. The surplus makes good hog feed.

Save all surplus vegetables and fruits. Dried peaches and apples will come in useful this winter and it costs nothing but a little effort to dry them. All surplus vegetables should be canned.

Let's talk and practice thrift in Cleveland county. The harvest has been abundant and if you have saved enough for your own use, encourage your neighbor who might not have been as thrifty as you to save the surplus. Give your neighbors some if you have too much for your own use.

Add your influence to the campaign for thrift and economy in Cleveland in order that there might be no hungry mouths this winter.

The first effort on the part of the committee will be to get a thrift campaign going in the county. School children will be asked to carry the message to their parents in the hope that all will save enough food and feedstuffs to carry them through the winter. Means will be used to keep up the morale of the people and later on the citizens will be asked to give preference in their charity to people who live among us rather than to strangers who come in from elsewhere. Should there be any overcropping of communism, this committee will consider ways and means to combat it and promote employment as much as possible.