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Showers Likely.
Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably showers in extreme west tonight and in west Thursday. Warmer in west tonight.

Edison Near Death.
West Orange, N. J., Oct. 7.—Death is only a few days away for Thomas A. Edison, his personal physician said yesterday. A bulletin by Dr. Hubert S. Howe, who has been in almost constant attendance at the 84-year-old inventor's bedside, followed an earlier announcement there was "little change" in Edison's condition. The bulletin described the mental condition of the "Wizard of Menlo Park" as "lethargic" and said he had lapsed into semi-consciousness. Dr. Howe's statement was a definite blow to the lingering hope of Edison's friends and admirers throughout the world that his life might be prolonged for a few more years.

Nurses Graduate On Friday Night; Parrott To Speak

Five Nurses To Graduate From School of Nursing Exercises In High School.

Five nurses will be graduated from the Shelby hospital school of nursing on Friday night of this week at exercises to be held in the high school auditorium. The Shelby hospital is in its ninth year and this is the seventh annual commencement for the school of nursing. Twenty-three nurses have been graduated from the institution. The five who are to receive their diplomas Friday night of this week are Margaret L. Allen of Shelby, Laura E. Shepherd of Wadesboro, Novella M. White of Shelby, Madge A. Punderburke, of Ansonville, Cassie L. Staten of Morven.

At the graduating exercises to be held Friday night, the principal speaker will be Dr. James M. Parrott of the state board of health. An interesting program has been prepared for the occasion.

March, selected, by Mrs. H. S. Plaster; invocation by Dr. Zeno Wall; chorus, "The Heavens Are Telling," by First Baptist choir; violin solo, "Romance," by Dr. H. S. Plaster; introduction of speaker by Mr. O. M. Mull; address by Dr. James M. Parrott; vocal solos: "The Mission of a Rose," "The Nightingale," by Mrs. Dale Kaiter; presentation of diplomas by Dr. J. W. Harbison; presentation of pins by Miss Ella H. MacNichols; presentation of medal by Miss Louise Dimm; valedictory by Miss Madge A. Punderburke; announcements by Mr. Clyde R. Hoey; benediction by Rev. H. N. McDiarmid; no flowers.

The audience is invited to an informal reception and square dance at Hotel Charles immediately following the exercises.

Shelby Boy News Bureau Head Now In Havana Office

Johnny McKnight Cuban Representative Of Associated Press. Covered Fighting.

Johnny P. McKnight, Shelby boy, Davidson graduate, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. McKnight, is now manager of the Associated Press bureau at Havana, Cuba. This information was conveyed in a recent letter to his parents here.

Young McKnight, who has worked for The Star, Wilmington papers and The Charlotte News, went with the Associated Press a number of months ago. More recently he was transferred to the Havana branch of the big news gathering organization. During the recent Cuban revolution McKnight was left in charge when the bureau manager became ill and he covered the major portion of the rebel battles with the government. As a result of his work he was made manager.

Shelby Coach Out After An Illness

Ready For Friday's Game With Hendersonville, Increasing Interest.

Coach Casey Morris, athletic director at the Shelby high school, was back at work yesterday after an illness of a day or so.

His return to the practice field yesterday added to the spirit of the Shelby football squad as it trains for the first big home game of the season here Friday afternoon with Hendersonville. Much interest is being shown in the opening grid tussle and a large crowd of local fans are expected out to see the contest.

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Delinquent Tax List Published By Board Order

Unpaid 1930 Taxes Around \$42,000

About \$12,000 Of Unpaid Amount Is Seaboard Railroad Taxes. Order New Books.

The county commissioners are today advertising, for sale Cleveland county property on which 1930 taxes have not as yet been paid. The delinquent list is published in this issue of the paper, and the property is to be sold at public auction on the first Monday in November.

The total of unpaid 1930 taxes, as published today, totals around \$42,000.

One Big Sum.
If the taxes of the Seaboard railroad were paid the delinquent list would be about the same as in previous years. Approximately \$13,000 of the \$42,000 is railroad tax. A. E. Cline, commission chairman, is still working on the matter with the receivers of the railroad and there is hopes that the sum will yet be paid. The unpaid amount is less than one-tenth of the full county levy of near \$480,000.

Prepare New Books.
At the meeting of the board this week it was also ordered that the new 1931 tax books be turned over direct to Sheriff I. M. Allen so that he may begin collecting 1931 taxes. It was unofficially stated today, however, that the compilation of the 1931 tax books, which has been going on for some time, is not as yet complete.

Other motions passed by the board included the following: that Clem Hoyle be allowed \$5 for support of crippled child; that Rachel Connor be allowed \$5 for support; that Charles Matt Smith be allowed \$35 for transportation and clothing to enter the state school for the blind for one year; and that the board chairman be authorized to sign the county school budget for current expense, capital outlay and debt service. Mary Gibson was allowed \$15 from the Mother's Aid fund.

City To Allow Tax Discount This Year

City School Budget Approved. Engineer Submits Drawing For New Cemetery.

To city tax payers who pay their 1931 taxes early this fall, the city officials last night ordered that a discount be granted during the months of October and November. The same schedule of discounts and penalties that apply to county taxes were authorized, as follows: one per cent discount in October, one-half of one per cent in November, per payments in December and January, one per cent penalty in February, two per cent penalty in March, three per cent in April and four per cent in May of next year. The city school budget was approved and the city officials discussed putting on the finishing coat of top treatment to the tar and gravel roads put down in Shelby and suburbs in June and July of this year. The mayor was authorized to confer with the state highway commission, but no action was taken at last night's meeting on spending money for this purpose at this time.

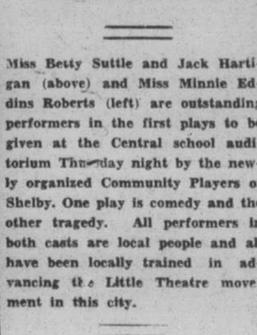
Engineer Dan Frazier offered a plan for the development of the newly acquired addition to Sunset cemetery which was purchased this spring. The board or a committee from the board will look over the ground before any definite plan of development is approved.

McSwain Prospects Good In 1932 Race, Raleigh Observer Believes

Has State-Wide Support. Only Opposition From Supporters Of Sales Tax.

(J. C. Baskerville in Charlotte News)
Raleigh, Oct. 7.—The formal announcement by State Senator Peyton McSwain of Shelby that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for attorney-general in the primary next June, issued Sunday, did not come as such of a surprise here where it has been expected for some time. It has been known that McSwain has been busy sounding out the situation through the piedmont and western counties for several months—prob-

Appear In Plays Here



Miss Betty Suttle and Jack Hartigan (above) and Miss Minnie Edkins Roberts (left) are outstanding performers in the first plays to be given at the Central school auditorium Thursday night by the newly organized Community Players of Shelby. One play is comedy and the other tragedy. All performers in both cases are local people and all have been locally trained in advancing the Little Theatre movement in this city.

Young Blonde Attempts Suicide Over Love Affair; Expected To Recover

Jurors Drawn For Next Court

Judge Walter Moore will preside over the next term of the Cleveland county superior court which convene in Shelby on November 2nd. At the monthly meeting of the county board of commissioners held Monday of this week, the jurors were drawn for the two weeks of court as follows:

- First Week.
No. 1.—R. E. McCraw.
No. 2.—H. F. Hamrick, C. P. Morehead and C. M. Hamrick.
No. 3.—L. F. King, T. C. Ellis and W. L. Wilson.
No. 4.—W. M. Ledford, Wright H. Harmon, W. M. Williams, H. F. Huffstetler, W. A. Dover and Charles P. Conner.
No. 5.—W. Hunter Ware and W. D. Putnam.
No. 6.—W. W. Martin, Everette Whiskant, J. D. Wood, W. C. Willis, R. R. Champion, F. C. Rollins and John R. Mauney.
No. 7.—M. H. Greene, B. B. Cabaniss, Wade E. Harrill and W. W. Humphries.
No. 8.—J. E. Horn, G. W. Powell, A. A. McEntire and W. J. Bridges.
No. 9.—Ernest Bridges, A. Broadus Wright, D. T. Wallace and G. C. Hord.
No. 10.—W. F. Self.
No. 11.—John S. Hunt.
Second Week.
No. 1.—Fay Mosteller.
No. 2.—G. M. Whiskant.
No. 3.—Charles Lowery.
No. 4.—L. A. Kiser and J. N. Smith.
No. 5.—L. E. Dellinger and J. E. Hovis.
No. 6.—C. C. Carpenter, J. L. Hawkins and Oscar Patterson.
No. 7.—Forrest S. Crowder and C. G. Bridges.
No. 8.—E. Frank Grigg and Claude Melton.
No. 9.—Forrest Bowen and E. H. Elliott.
No. 10.—M. A. King.
No. 11.—R. L. Carpenter.

Shelby Men Visit Winston Fair Today

A delegation of Shelby men left this morning for Winston-Salem to attend the Forsyth County Fair now in progress there. Those who went are John Schenck, Jr., S. A. McMurry, A. E. Cline, R. W. Shoffner, J. S. Dorton, Robert Hord, C. R. Doggett, C. A. Reppert, Dan Frazier, Grover Beam, Oscar Patterson and Chevous Lowrance. Dr. Reppert was official starter for the horse races here at the Cleveland County Fair last week.

Kiwanis Program At Morgan's Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan will entertain the Kiwanis club Thursday evening at its weekly luncheon meeting. The luncheon fee will be donated to the community charity fund for distribution by the central committee to help care for the needy during the winter. O. M. Mull and S. A. McMurry will have charge of the program at the Morgan home.

No Holiday In Shelby Offices In Postal Work

Clerks Alternating In Half Day Off

Six Clerks Get Half Day Off Each Week But Windows Remain Open.

The 41-hour postal law will not bring on a Saturday half holiday at the Shelby post office as it being done at a number of neighboring post offices. The only change in local mail service brought about by the 41-hour law will be that no mail will be delivered by city carriers on Saturday afternoons. They have no substitutes and only by taking Saturday afternoon off each week can they get the half day holiday given them under the new law.

The law, passed by the last Congress, is mandatory and all the clerks in the local office will get their half day off each week, Postmaster J. H. Quinn states, but they will take day about. In this manner all windows at the office will be open every day in the week as usual.

The law, however, permits the clerical force of the office to take their half day off on the same day provided there is a weekly holiday on the part of a majority of the local business houses. Should Shelby business houses close a half day each week next summer it is likely then that Shelby postal employees would take the same half day as their holiday. But unless such occurs, the force, the postmaster states, will continue to alternate as is being done now.

District Governor Attends Lions Club

Sheriff And Deputies Guests Of Shelby Club. Boost Respect For Law.

The Shelby Lions club last night held a preparatory meeting at the Hotel Charles leading up to their big meeting on Tuesday night, Oct. 20, when a law enforcement program will be put on.

Sheriff Irvin M. Allen and four deputies were guests of the club last night. At the October 20th meeting it is hoped to have the sheriff and all deputies and as many members of the Shelby police department present as possible. Efforts are being made to secure Prof. Albert Coates, of the University law school to speak on the value of citizens cooperating with officials in adding to the respect for law and order.

Hugh G. Mitchell, of Statesville, district governor of the Lions club, was the guest and chief speaker at the meeting last night. He spoke on Americanism as based upon the prevalence of law and justice in society. Another guest was Rev. H. N. McDiarmid, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Baptists Meet Starts Thursday

Expected That Membership Of 42 Churches Will Show New Record.

When the Kings Mountain Baptist association meets Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Zion Baptist church six miles north of Shelby in annual session, it is expected that the reports from the 42 churches which comprise the association will show a new record in church membership. All church reports have been sent in to J. V. Devenny, the church clerk, who is tabulating the church statistics and the total membership is expected to run well over 11,000.

Rev. John W. Suttle, moderator for the past 17 years, will preside over the sessions which will be morning, afternoon and night on Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Suttle presides with dispatch and keeps the program up to schedule.

Nothing of outstanding importance is due to come up. One or two new churches were admitted to membership last year, but none has applied this year. Mr. McMillan representing the Mills Home at Thomsville and Dr. C. E. Madry representing the state mission board are expected to be present.

Masonic Notice.
Cleveland lodge 202 A. F. and A. M. will meet Friday night for work in the second degree.

Postal Receipts Here Continue To Gain Over Those Of Last Year

Uncle Sam's business as transacted at the Shelby post office is showing no effects of the business depression.

When the third quarter of the year ended with September postal receipts at the Shelby office, according to announcement by Postmaster J. H. Quinn, the total postal receipts for 1931 were considerably ahead of those of 1930. Likewise, the third quarter, comprising the months of July, August and September, was more than a thousand dollars better than the corresponding quarter last year. The third quarter receipts this

year totalled \$10,635.08. Last year they were \$9,547.57. This is a gain of \$1,087.51.

Good Ayr Year.
The first quarter of the year brought in the best increase, approximately 23 percent. The third quarter gain was around 15 percent, and there was a gain in the second quarter. The year's gain will be one of the best ever shown at the local office, provided the fourth quarter holds up to the others. There is no danger, with the increase to date, of the local office losing its first-class ranking, the minimum quota of which is \$40,000.

Rare Collection Of Antiques And Relics Shown At The Fair

Chairs And Tables Used By George Washington. Interesting Exhibit.

One of the outstanding booths in the exhibit buildings at the Cleveland county fair last week was the collection of antiques and relics displayed in an attractive manner in the manufacturers hall. Thousands visited this booth which carried a wide collection of all kinds of antiques and relics gathered by Mrs. Oscar M. Suttle and Mrs. W. H. Blanton, department heads.

Some of the outstanding exhibits in this department, which deserve special mention include the following:

In the line of brass there was to be found a brass kettle used by Judge Avery for making coffee on the stage coach when he travelled from Asheville to Salisbury to hold court. This was judged the best piece of brass in the booth this year. When the oldest house in Irredell county was torn down, a brass candlestick on display was found between the ceiling and weather boarding where it was

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Fire Trucks Called Out Twice Tuesday

City firemen, who have had a lull in fire fighting recently, had quite a bit of action yesterday. Around 8 in the morning the trucks were called to the Freedman negro residential section where a woodshed was considerably damaged by fire. About noon one truck was called to West Shelby to extinguish a grass blaze there.

With no rain in some time and everything dry, firemen consider it fortunate that there have been only a few fires. Due to the fact that wooden buildings are dry and inflammable now, and also as many furnaces are being started up for the first time, Fire Chief Robinson urges all citizens to exercise every precaution in preventing a blaze.

Injured Patrolman In Hospital Here

Gilmore (Joe) Singleton, State highway patrolman, who had his right leg broken in a motorcycle accident some weeks ago, is now a patient in the Shelby hospital. He was taken to the Banner Elk hospital after the accident in the mountain section, but was returned here last week so that he might be near his family. His leg is said to be recovering nicely but he will be in the hospital for some time yet.

Acquitted On Homebrew Charge Then Stopped As He Starts Away With Jug

Jury Falls To Convict When Alcoholic Percentage Not Shown. Officers Intervene.

When a man is freed on a homebrew charge has he the right to take the evidence, which was the brew, back home with him? This query caused a considerable stir in county court late yesterday afternoon and also in the main first floor lobby of the court house.

A resident of the Belmont mill village by the name of Huffstetler was up on a charge of making homebrew, a jug of amber-colored liquid being found in his home. A jury acquitted him of the charge, members of the jury stating later that they did so because State evidence failed to convict in that it did not show the alcoholic percentage of the brew if any. The acquitted defendant then started home with his brew, but was halted in the first-floor lobby by Deputies Ben Cooper and Bob Kendrick who took the jar and its contents away from him, and stated that they would have the brew given a government test and then charge the freed man with transporting if the test revealed more than the legal amount of alcohol. The incident caused a controversy, the owner of the brew claiming that County Judge M. R. Weatherly told him he could take the jug on back home since a jury had found him not guilty. The brew, however, was left in the custody of officers when the judge was informed of the incident. They reiterated their intention of having it tested, but lawyers for the defendant scoffed at the idea that he could be tried again over the brew as he had already been freed. The brew may contain too much alcohol now, they said, but evidence failed to show that it did when taken from the Huffstetler home.

Continue Death Case; Recorder Has Busy Time

Yarbrough Is Bound Over In Cutting

Man Given Sentence By Judge For Contempt Of Court. Try Many Cases.

Clearing the decks, or the docket, after fair week has given the Cleveland county recorder's court overtime work this week, the sessions Monday and Tuesday being featured by several interesting cases and unusual incidents.

Monday's court grind disposed of the record number of 32 cases. Tuesday's session, jury day, had 21 cases booked for disposal, but quite a number were continued. Despite the number of continued cases the court was in session practically all day.

Ledbetter-Russ Trial

One of the cases continued was the Ledbetter-Russ killing affair, which drew quite a number of spectators from the eastern section of the county. The cases center about a brawl in the Jason Ledbetter yard near Buffalo mill village, on the evening of September 26 at which time Odus Ledbetter was shot to death. The trial was continued until next Tuesday because Clyde R. Hoey, Ledbetter attorney, was out of town. Judge B. T. Falls represents the Russes. Young Ledbetter was fatally shot by his father, according to officers, when Cyrus Russ and his sons, Irvin and W. A., came to the Ledbetter home to make young Ledbetter marry a daughter of the elder Russ. While the Russes and young Ledbetter were scuffling in the yard, Ledbetter's father is said to have entered the house, secured his gun and fired into the group. Two of the Russes were hit by some of the shot, but a portion of the load struck Ledbetter's son and killed him. The elder Ledbetter, as a result of the tragedy, is charged with assault upon the Russes with intent to kill. The Russes, in turn, are charged with assaulting and attempting to take away young Ledbetter who was accidentally killed by his father. The shooting was one of the most tragic affairs in the history of the county and the preliminary hearing next Tuesday will likely draw a large crowd.

Try Cutting Case.

Maxie Yarbrough, young white man, was yesterday given a preliminary hearing on two charges. On the charge of cutting J. T. Dycus, young Shelby man, on Sunday night, Sept. 20, he was bound to Superior court under a \$1,000 bond. On the charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of whiskey he was fined \$50, his car forfeited and he is forbidden to drive for six months. Yarbrough is alleged to have slashed Dycus while he and Dycus and another youth were en route to Cherryville to see some girls.

Contempt Affair.

An incident that occurred during Monday's session of court drew considerable attention. Wylie Costner was given a jail sentence by Recorder M. R. Weatherly following words between the two and an alleged outburst in the court room. A brother of Costner's had a suspended sentence put into effect by the court. It is said, as court was adjourning Costner approached the recorder to talk about the case. Heated words followed but the matter was passed up at the time. Later the judge, it is said, was informed that Costner had made other remarks. At a later session of the court Costner on the stand did not deny the remarks and was told that in order to maintain the proper respect for the court he would be fined \$10 for contempt of court. He stated then, it is said, that he would go to jail before he would pay a cent. A ten day sentence was then imposed. His mother arose court attendants said, and said something which drew the court's attention. When the recorder said something to her Costner is alleged to have broken in again with additional remarks, whereupon his sentence was increased to 30 days. Unofficial reports today had it that the sentence might be lessened by the court, but no formal notice to that effect had been made public when this was written. Relatives of the young man, who is said to have had a good reputation heretofore, have expressed regret over the matter and although believing he talked hastily said that he would not have done so except that he temporarily lost his head.

Bounty Is Offered For Hawks, Crows

about the bounty offered for predatory wild life, County Game Warden H. C. Long announced today that bounty will be paid as follows for the heads of the following: 25 cents for Cooper's and sharp-shinned hawks; 15 cents for crows, and \$2 for widcats. Dr. A. Pitts Beam, Isaak Walton official, is offering \$2.50 in gold to the person who brings in the most heads of predatory wild life. He reminds, too, that stray cats roaming the fields will do more damage than hawks.