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Cloudy And Colder. Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Rain this afternoon and tonight. Colder tonight. Saturday partly cloudy and cold.

Many Remedies? Charlotte, Dec. 4.—Earl Lanford, Charlotte man who has to swallow a steel ball every day, pull it into his stomach and back again to keep his esophagus open, is being besieged with "remedy" mail since a story of his predicament was published last week.

Robinson View. St. Louis, Dec. 4.—United States Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, in an interview yesterday said he did not believe the present congress will take vote either upon the submission of an amendment to repeal the 18th amendment or to modify the Volstead act.

Shelby Woman's Sister Is Burned To Death In Ga.

Mrs. Eugene Lewis And Young Son Die In Flames. Save Little Girl.

Rutherfordton, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Eugene Lewis, formerly of Union Mills, Rutherford county, was burned to death and her husband and two oldest children narrowly escaped death when their home was destroyed by fire at Appling, Ga., early Thursday morning, relatives here were informed yesterday.

Rescue Two Daughters. Mr. Lewis was aroused by the flames and smoke at 2:30 o'clock. He managed to carry the two oldest children, Dorothy, 10, and Eloise, 4, from the building, barely in time to save them. Meanwhile the flames had enveloped the bedroom where Mrs. Lewis and the baby were sleeping.

Mrs. Lewis was the daughter of the A. F. Cobb, of Rutherford county. She is survived by five brothers and a sister: F. F. Cobb of Port Pierce, Fla.; L. C. Cobb of Charlotte; Ernest and Charles Cobb, of near Union Mills; Arthur Cobb, of near Appling, Ga., and Mrs. Gertrude Goforth, of Shelby, lived in Rutherford.

Mrs. Lewis is a native of Rutherford county. Mrs. Lewis was 35 years old and an active church member.

Mrs. Lewis' body was found in the burned building, but the body of the baby was entirely consumed by the flames and could not be found, relatives were informed.

Locating Highway No. 150 to Polkville

Surveyors Finish Route To Polkville, Now Working On Marion End.

Locating engineers have made surveys locating highway No. 150 from Shelby to Polkville and are now working on the stretch between Polkville and the Rutherford county line. It was learned this morning from the Chief of the Surveying Staff, Mr. Stephenson. It is expected that the portion of the road in Cleveland county will be finished by Christmas.

After the first of the year the surveying group will devote its attention to locating that part of the road from the Rutherford county line to Marion. Just when the grading will be started, has not been announced.

It is thought the two grade crossings in the vicinity of the city pump station will be eliminated when the new road is definitely located. A survey leaves the old road (Lee street extension) near the old Hendrick place and keeps north of the Southern track until it crosses the river.

Light Court Docket. The usual hull that precedes a more active holiday season held forth again today in county recorder's court. Only two cases were booked for trial when the court convened this morning and one of the cases was postponed.

Drought Broken By Heavy Rains Thursday, Today

More Rain Here Than In Three Months

Rainfall In 24 Hours Equal To All Rain In Three Months. 2.61 Inches.

A rainfall of 2.61 inches from 6 o'clock Thursday morning until 8 o'clock this morning terminated a record drought of three months' standing in this section.

Yesterday's rain, in fact, was the heaviest one-day rain in Shelby in more than six months, according to the official rainfall report at the postoffice.

The downpour ended a long dry spell that has made it hard on farmers, hunters, and others and makes the outlook much brighter for the coming crops.

Last In July. The last rain of any consequence was in July and then only 2.10 inches fell during the entire month. August was unusually dry as was September, but October and November had no rainfall to speak of.

During the entire month of November the rainfall here was only .30 of an inch, and the rainfall in the last 24-hour period was almost equal to the total rainfall of the quarter covering September, October and November.

It was still raining intermittently today and by the hour of the weather reading this evening the rainfall of the two days may pass three inches.

Duke Alumni To Meet Week From Tonight In City

Rutherford Alumni May Gather Here With Cleveland Group For Annual Session.

Alumni of Duke university and old Trinity in Cleveland and Rutherford counties will meet in Shelby tonight week, Friday night, Dec. 11. Prof. J. H. Grigg, president of the Cleveland alumni association for Duke grads, says that the meeting place has not been definitely selected but that the gathering will in all probability be at the Hotel Charles Webb To Speak.

The chief speaker for the meeting here will be Prof. Albert Webb of the Duke faculty. Duke alumni all over the state and nation will hold their meetings on the same night.

Attorney J. R. Davis, of Kings Mountain, is vice president of the Cleveland chapter, and Miss Isobel Hoey, of Shelby is secretary.

Anthony's District Insurance Agents

John Anthony Joins Brother Here In Insurance and Real Estate Agency.

The Anthony & Anthony real estate agency here announces today that hereafter the firm will deal in life insurance with John A. Anthony, Jr., in charge of that department. The firm will act as district agents for the Lincoln National Life Insurance company. John A. Anthony, Jr., recently became associated with his brother, Oliver S. Anthony, who has conducted a realty office here for years.

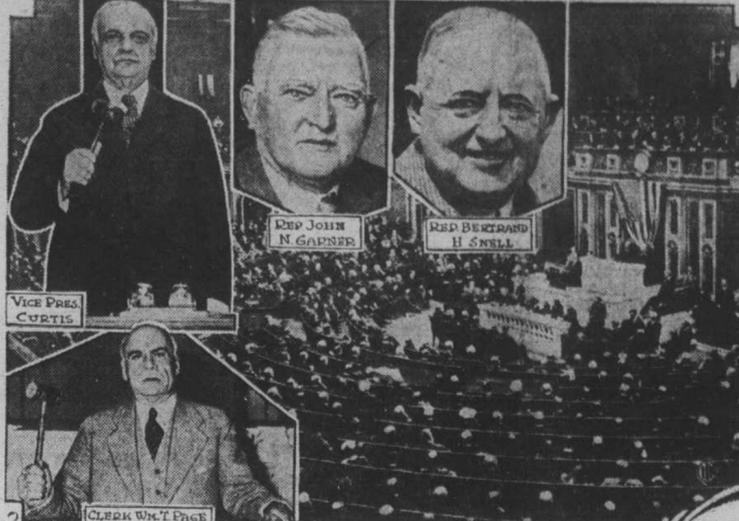
Forest City Girl Winning Fame On Poems; Attending College Now

Merle Price, 20, Has Poems Published In Leading Magazines. Good Student.

Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 4.—Although only 20 years old, Miss Merle Price of Forest City, N. C., is a poetess of some note. Still in school—she is a senior at Limestone college here—she has already published a volume of verse and contributed to several well known magazines of verse.

Several of her poems are included in the Anthology of American College Verse now in process of publication; she has contributed to Poetry World, one of the leading poetry magazines in the United States; and is a member of the Rebel Poets, international poets and poetess' society. She also is a member of the Verse Writers Guild

Clerk "Speaker" Will Open Congress



When Congress opens on December 7 the unique experience of being "king for a day" will be enjoyed by Clerk William T. Page, whose gavel will call the House to order pending the election of a Speaker to fill the position left vacant by the death of Nicholas Longworth.

Bailey Takes Senate Seat Monday

No Contest Now, Perhaps Later. Jonas Appointment Hanging Fire.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Josiah W. Bailey of North Carolina arrived in Washington yesterday preparatory to taking up his duties in the upper chamber when congress convenes Monday.

The junior North Carolina senator, who was preceded by his colleague Senator Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, expects to take his seat without challenge, despite the contest brought by former Representative George M. Pritchard of Asheville, his Republican opponent in the November, 1930, elections.

Neither Senator Morrison nor Senator Bailey had anything to say on the fight that looms over the confirmation of former Representative Charles A. Jonas of Lincoln as United States district attorney for the western district of the state. Senator Morrison is on record as opposing the nomination.

The Lincoln man's appointment was sent to the senate near the close of the last session but failed to find final consideration after Senator Morrison raised objections. He was given a recess appointment by President Hoover after the session adjourned.

Members of the North Carolina Key Club To Elect Officers On Monday

The Key club, Shelby social organization for young men, will elect new officers at a regular meeting of club members to be held Monday night.

Earl Hamrick is the present chairman of the board of governors and Chas. Woodson is secretary.

Mrs. Putnam Again Heads County Federation Demonstration Clubs In Washington

Annual Achievement Day Program Yesterday Well Attended Despite Rain.

The annual gala event of Achievement Day, of the home demonstration clubs of Cleveland county was held yesterday at the South Shelby school and was attended by 96 women despite the inclement weather.

The president and secretary, Mrs. Foy Putnam and Mrs. Boyd Harrelson, presided at the session.

The feature of the business portion of the program was the re-election of Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Harrelson as chief federation officers. Mrs. Huff Hamrick, of Boiling Springs, was elected vice president; Mrs. J. D. Elliott, of Shelby, treasurer, and Mrs. Hunter Ware, of Kings Mountain, reporter.

The devotional opening of the day's program was led by Rev. L. L. Jessup, pastor of the Second Baptist church. Miss Selma Webb, principal of the South Shelby school, delivered the message of welcome, and the appreciative response was by Mrs. C. C. Stamey, of Fallston.

Miss Annie C. Broughton brought a message from the Gaston county federation, and Mrs. Irma Wallace made the response to this.

Mrs. J. A. Rudasill was the speaker of the occasion, and in her speech gave a beautiful idea of home and how it should be managed. This was peculiarly applicable as the club women are just closing a year in home management work.

Mrs. Huff Hamrick, accompanied at the piano by Miss Zulla Walker, had charge of the song period, which is growing more and more popular with the club women.

Lunch was in charge of Mrs. B. O. Randall and the presidents of the other clubs. The main course was served on plates but the dessert course was served cafeteria style. Miss Violet Goforth had charge of the coffee which was served with sugar and cream from a table in the center of the large home economics room.

The afternoon session was opened with a vocal solo by Mrs. Grady Lovelace accompanied by Mrs. Earl Hamrick.

Next came the treat of the day, a play "When Fern Returns" put on by El Bethel club under the leadership of Mrs. Boyd Harrelson, who was chairman of the program committee. This play had for its main theme home management. All of the characters were well portrayed.

Mrs. Ben Goforth as Fern, Mrs. Harmon and Miss Dessie McSwain the two school girls, Mrs. Boyd Harrelson, the mother, Mrs. Frank Goforth the father and Miss Jessie Black the small boy.

The prizes were awarded to the following clubs: Patterson Grove, first; Polkville, second, and El Bethel, third. Special commendation was given ten other clubs. In fact there was only a shade of difference between the ten considered for first place.

Officers Capture 60 Gallon Gaston Still

(By E. R. GAMBLE.) Kings Mountain, Dec. 3.—A sixty-gallon capacity steam operated still, in full blast, was captured Wednesday morning by Gaston county officers and local deputies.

Two men A. A. Lockridge and Zep Bennett, who were at work at the still were arrested and taken to Gaston county. The still was found just across the life in Gaston about two miles from Kings Mountain.

About sixty gallons of mash and beer was poured out and about five gallons of whiskey and the copper outfit was taken as evidence.

Esckridge Named Kiwanis Leader Here Last Night

Henry Edwards Elected Vice-President of Club. Hamrick Treasurer Again.

Forrest Esckridge, cashier of the First National bank and the Union Trust company, is the president-elect of the Shelby Kiwanis club, succeeding Paul Webb, sr.

He was elected as head of the city's oldest civic organization at the regular meeting of the club held last night at the Hotel Charles. The club followed its usual procedure in elevating its new president from the vice-presidency.

Other Officers. Henry B. Edwards, attorney and Cleveland county representative to the legislature, was elected vice-president to succeed Mr. Esckridge.

C. Rush Hamrick was re-elected treasurer, and Paul Webb, the retiring president, was elected district trustee to succeed Dr. J. S. Dorton.

Directors named were: J. S. Dorton, Earl Hamrick, Clyde R. Hoey, R. T. LeGrand, J. D. Lineberger, S. F. Parker and B. L. Smith.

The club secretary is to be appointed at the first meeting of the directorate, which will be held some time this month. Chas. A. Burus, attorney and federal probation officer, has served as secretary since the organization of the club.

Average Farm In This County Only 46 Acres

Lead Kiwanis



Forrest Esckridge (top), Shelby banker, was last night elected president of the Kiwanis club, and Henry B. Edwards (below), attorney, was named vice president. (Star Photos)

Cleveland Farms Have Decreased 16 Acres In Size In Ten-Year Period.

The average farm in Cleveland, North Carolina's largest cotton-growing county, consists of only 46 acres.

A survey of North Carolina farms by the University News Letter reveals that only five other counties in the state have smaller average farms.

Show Decrease. In 1920, the department of Rural-Social Economics found, the average size of the farms in Cleveland county was 62.9 acres, or 16.9 acres larger than in 1930. Taking the state as a whole, the average farm consists of 64.5 acres or 10 acres less than the average farm in 1920.

The average size of Catawba county farms is 66 acres, of Gaston farms 63 acres, of Rutherford farms 62.5 acres, and in Lincoln 56.5 acres.

Moore county has the largest farms, averaging 105 acres, and Wilson the smallest, averaging 38.3 acres. Robeson, Pitt, Nash, Greene and Wilson are the five of the 100 counties having smaller farms than Cleveland.

Keep Shrinking. Commenting on the survey, the News Letter says: "North Carolina is one of the few states where farms persist in growing smaller. During the last ten years our farms have shrunk in size by ten acres, dropping from 74.2 acres per farm to 64.5 acres per farm. Ever since the Civil war farms in North Carolina have steadily declined in size, from 355 acres per farm in 1860 to 64.5 acres per farm in 1930, and from 97 cultivated acres per farm to 21.2 cultivated acres per farm."

"On the other hand farms in the United States generally are growing larger. During the last ten years the average farm in the United States has increased in size by nine acres. There has been a large increase in the large farms for the United States, while there are few large farms to be found in North Carolina. We have a few large holdings, but not many large farms. A farm is all the land farmed by one person with the assistance of members of his family or with hired labor."

"Of the one hundred counties in the state, eighty-eight experienced a decline in the average size of farms during the last decade.

Farms Too Small. "It is obvious that farms in North Carolina are too small. We rank

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Sell License Tags On A Weight Basis At Shelby Bureau

New Tags Go On Sale 16th Of This Month. Approximate Cost Given.

Automobile owners of the Shelby section will find that the new 1931 license plates will vary in price from what they did last year. This year the plates will be sold on the basis of the weight of the cars.

The new plates will go on sale at the Esckridge garage, with Charles Esckridge as manager, on Wednesday, December 16. Mr. Esckridge will attend a conference of district managers at Morganton on the 15th, at which time he will secure final instructions for handling the plates.

Selling the tags on a weight basis, instead of the former motor horsepower basis, will revise the scale somewhat, the Carolina Motor club informs. In many instances car owners will be required to pay more than heretofore, while in other cases the tax will be less.

The Cost Now. A minimum cost of \$12.50 is fixed for automobiles and \$15 for trucks. These figures range upward at the rate of approximately 50 cents per hundred pounds when applied to cars, the weights figured on the basis of the factory figures.

A different scale obtains for trucks. Thus, a 2,200-pound car tag will cost \$12.50, a 3,200-pound car tag \$17.60, a 4,200-pound automobile \$23.10, a 5,200-pound \$28.50 and so on.

In other words, a tag for a two-door 1930 Ford sedan, weighing approximately 2,295 pounds, will cost \$13.20; a tag for the same type and model Chevrolet \$13.75; a Pontiac of the same type and model \$14.30, and so on up according to the weight.

Tags for Dodges will cost from \$14.50 to \$16.50, Buicks from \$14.50 to \$25.30, the average Chrysler tag will cost around \$21.45, while the 16-cylinder Cadillac, one of the heaviest cars on the market, will cost from \$31.90 to \$33. The Plymouth and Essex are in the Chevrolet and

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Plato Richards Out Of Hospital

Lincoln Man Alleged To Have Been Cut By Brother Is Better.

A message from Lenoir today stated that Plato Richards, of that county, who was severely cut in a brawl at the home of his brother, Ed, west of Belwood, in Cleveland county, last Saturday night was better and had left the hospital there for his home.

A rumor was about Shelby early today that Richards had died from a knife wound in his stomach, but the later report showed that the rumor was without foundation of fact.

Richards was stabbed, or cut, in the stomach, officers were informed, when he and his brother, Ed, mixed over some affair connected with the settlement of their mother's estate. Ed Richards, his wife and two sons are under bond in the matter.

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Japan Objects To Two Features Of Peace Plan; Counter Proposal

Paris, Dec. 4.—Prospects for early settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict receded further last night when it was learned that Japan was steadfastly objecting to two features of the League of Nations proposal for an international commission of inquiry.

Tokyo's note had not been officially communicated to league authorities but the Japanese delegation let it be known that Japan cannot accept one provision of the settlement resolution and one stipulation of the declaration by Aristide Briand, council chairman, which will accompany it.

The commission of inquiry, Tokyo insists, should not be empowered to report to the league council any alleged failure of the Japanese

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Have Not Set Date To Open At Night

Merchants May Start Remaining Open, Evenings About 15th Of Month.

Shelby merchants have not as yet set a date when they will begin keeping their stores open in the evenings to accommodate the holiday trade.

Each year it is a custom of the local merchants to keep their stores open for several hours each evening for a week or two before Christmas in order to give people who work during the day hours an opportunity to do their gift shopping. Today it was said that the evening schedule might start around the 15th, 10 days before Christmas, and about the same time the city will put up the string of Yule lights around the court square.

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Mrs. Webb Ninety Years Old Today

Mrs. David Webb, West Marion street is four score years and ten today. She was receiving the felicitations of her many friends on her ninetieth birthday at her home and feeling fairly well for one of her years. Mrs. Webb is the widow of David Webb, prominent merchant here in the early days of the city. She is the mother of eleven children.

Players Make Plans For February Show

The Shelby Community Players met last night to discuss plans for their next public play production. Two one-act plays were selected by the group for inside workshop productions and several popular three-act plays were put before the reading committee for an appropriate selection for the next public presentation, which, according to present plans of the club, will be given in late February.

Brother-In-Law Mrs. Hoey Died Thursday

J. B. Boyd, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Frank Hoey, died yesterday at his home in Thomson, Georgia, according to a message sent Mrs. Hoey here. He had been ill for several years and is survived by a widow and five children. Funeral services were held there this afternoon.

POLKVILLE LADIES CLUB MEETS TUESDAY

The Polkville Ladies club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 8, with Mrs. Tommie Willis. The meeting will start at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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