

Today's North Carolina Weather Report: Fair tonight, Tuesday increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature. Possibly followed by rain in extreme west in afternoon or night.

Lindbergh Clue

Hopewell, N. J., April 4.—Some event of importance seems about to take place in the Lindbergh kidnapping affair, judging by the secrecy that has shrouded activities over the week-end. Col. Lindbergh left the estate Saturday night for the first time since his little son was kidnapped and it was not stated where he had gone. Yesterday two of the three Norfolk citizens working for the return of the baby were absent from their homes and believed to be in conference or seeking a conference with representatives of the kidnapers. The hunt for the child turned again to Europe as a representative of the New Jersey police arrived in London to confer with Scotland Yard detectives.

Passion Play To Be Presented In City Apr. 21-22

Freiburg's Presentation Coming Under Auspices of Woman's Club Here.

The "Passion Play" will be presented here at the high school auditorium, April 21 and 22, under the auspices of the Woman's club. The members of the "Passion Play" company believe they have a mission to perform. They wish to reach the great majority of the people rather than the exclusive minority. Living the history of the New Testament days, the religious element in their action, to them, has become a vigorous actuality. They know in old Freiburg this play is theirs. Little changed in text from the play of centuries ago, they know that it was performed in front of the Cathedral in 1284, long before America was discovered. They had few pleasures, few forms of entertainment. The people had nothing. The noble, walked within his castle, alone enjoyed the meagre luxuries of the day and because they had so little and their masters, comparatively so much, it was the people who turned eagerly to such spectacles as the "Passion Play" of Freiburg. In Europe in the middle ages there was no entertainment to compare with it. Freiburg presented the purest form of the "Passion Play" in its days of full glory. History and legend credited it with being the outstanding example of medieval magnificence. In the present production, no expense has been spared to make it the most beautiful and elaborate spectacle ever presented to an American audience. Six hundred costumes are carried by the company for the large extra list of people used. Among the ensemble of this sublime spectacle we find twenty young ladies as Angels, while twenty or more appear as water carriers, with their jugs and gourd many as Virgins, and followers of the Master. A great nondescript crowd of men, women and children are dressed in the period of the times and yet the Freiburgers go farther than that to carry the atmosphere of this sacred drama to the hearts of both its portrayers and its audience. The stage crew and ushers of the theatre are likewise garbed in the robes of the various groups represented during those last seven days of our Master's life on earth.

Frank Costner Dies; Buried At Fallston

Native Of Beams Mill Section Died At Cherryville At Age 68 Years.

Franklin Costner, a native of the Beams Mill section of Cleveland county, died at his home at Cherryville on April 1st at the age of 68 years, nine months and eight days. Mr. Costner was married to Miss Amanda Daugherty in 1907 and to this union were born three children, one son and two daughters, Alvin, Addie and Ada, who survive with one grandson. Besides his wife and children Mr. Costner is survived by four brothers, Thomas, Julius and Perry of the Beams Mill community and Alexander Costner of Double Shoals, one sister, Mrs. Sylvanus "Gardner" of Shelby, together with a host of relatives and friends. The remains were buried at Friendship church cemetery, Fallston on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Grose of Cherryville.

Hamrick Given Support County Republican Meet

Casstevens Is New Chairman

Cleveland Republicans Endorse Jake Newell, Back Jonas, Ride Morrison and Bailey.

Cleveland county Republicans had quite a time of it in their convention here Friday. They elected new officers, extolled the record of the Republican party since the Civil war, praised the Hoover administration, endorsed Fred Hamrick, a native son for district attorney, endorsed Jake F. Newell as the G. O. P. senate candidate, ignoring a former county chairman in so doing, and took a filing at Senator Cameron Morrison and J. W. Bailey for opposing the nomination of Chas. A. Jonas.

The meeting, held in the Hoey building on East Warren street, was presided over by H. Clay Cox with Deputy Marshal F. B. Hamrick acting as secretary.

Name Officers.

W. R. Casstevens, Shelby salesman, was elected chairman of the county executive committee. He succeeds Mr. Cox, who has been the party leader here for 10 years. T. B. Richards, of Lawndale, was elected vice chairman, and Dr. W. J. Lackey, of Fallston, secretary. The executive committee was named as follows: No. 1 township—Gilbert Jones; No. 2—F. B. Hamrick; No. 3—J. C. Bridges; No. 4—B. G. Logan; No. 5—C. C. Carpenter; No. 6—V. A. Costner; No. 7—A. J. Jolley; No. 8—B. I. Towery; No. 9—W. J. Lackey; No. 10—O. C.

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Episcopal Church Suspends Services

Attendance And Support Will Not Justify Services Here Any Longer.

Lack of attendance and support of the Episcopal church here caused Father Mack of Rutherfordton to announce last night that services would be discontinued for the present. This is a mission church and the membership is so small that it was impossible to have a rector in active charge. Rev. J. B. Sill and Father Mack of Rutherfordton have been supplying the pulpit recently, but the membership is so small, it was decided to suspend services for the time being. Local Episcopalians were asked to motor to Rutherfordton to attend services. There, an active church holds regular services with Father Mack in charge.

At last night's service at the local Episcopal church only eight people were in the congregation, four of these coming down from Rutherfordton with Father Mack.

Republicans Draft Jonas For Congress

Cox Re-elected Chairman Of District Hamrick On State Executive Body.

At the Republican congressional convention at Marshall Saturday the convention drafted Chas. A. Jonas, of Lincolnton, as the party's choice for the congressional nomination. A resolution urged the former congressman to make the race. If he will not accept the nomination, a committee was named to select another nominee.

H. Clay Cox, of Shelby and Mars Hill, was re-elected district chairman. Deputy Marshal F. B. Hamrick, of Bolling Springs, was named to the State executive committee, and Postmaster J. H. Quinn, of Shelby, was named on the credentials and finance committees.

Depriest Unruffled By Convention Action Of Cleveland Republicans

Did Not Ask Endorsement Of Convention In Race For Senate, He Says.

George W. Depriest, a former chairman of the Republican party in Cleveland county, is not in the least perturbed by the refusal of the Cleveland county convention to endorse his prospective candidacy for the United States Senate, he said in a statement today. In fact, he says, there was no refusal or ignoring because "I did not ask them to endorse me, I did not expect it, and I did not desire it." Mr. Depriest, former Shelby postmaster, let it be known some time ago that he was considering opposing Jake Newell for the G. O. P. senate nomination. When the county convention met here Friday a resolution was passed endorsing Newell and the Cleveland man was not mentioned therein. "Some," Depriest said in his statement, "may wonder about that, not knowing what happened. I did not ask to be endorsed and made no attempt for it. It is not necessary to have the endorsement of this county convention or any other to become a candidate. All that is necessary is for me to file my intention and my plans are about in shape to do this soon. Then I will carry my appeal and my candidacy to the people as it should be instead of leaving it up to an organization directed by Federal office-holders."

After Ordeal in Drill Hole



Made in the Miami, Okla., hospital, this photo shows three-year-old Gerald Collins, the boy who was rescued from his precarious position in a drill hole of the local zinc and lead mine, with his mother, Mrs. Paul Collins. Although bruises constitute the boy's major injuries from his twelve-hour ordeal in the hole, physicians are taking precautions against the lad's contracting pneumonia.

Candidates Begin To Shoot At Each Other

Maxwell, Ehringhaus And Fountain Start Warm Personal Thrusts

M. R. DUNNAGAN Star News Bureau

Raleigh, April 4.—With less than nine weeks to go until the June 4 primary, the Democratic candidates for governor, all three active on the platform, are beginning to hurl bolts at each other, moderate ones usually in good humor, but at times with sarcasm and derision for the positions taken on public questions—enough to show more and warmer thrusts will follow.

Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain is called down, particularly by A. J. Maxwell, for making such a fuss over the short ballot, which is opposed by all three candidates, who agree on several points, namely: removal of the 15-cent property tax for schools, revaluation of property.

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Three Hurt In Auto Collision

Three people were severely injured and one or two slightly injured in an auto collision about two o'clock this afternoon just beyond Buffalo on the Waco road.

Two of the injured women were brought to the Shelby hospital in an ambulance and another in a private auto that was passing. The two women brought in the ambulance were said to be Violet Sisk and Julia Cody, said to be of Cherryville. They were in one of the cars that collided and a Mrs. Barber, said to be of Mt. Airy, was in the other car. Mr. Barber was not brought to the hospital but was said to be slightly injured. The cars were badly wrecked. Just how serious the injuries of the three women are had not been determined by hospital surgeons when this was written.

Second Blaze Hits Chief's Residence

Around \$1,000 Damage Done Saturday To Home Of McBride Poston.

The second blaze in a week's time visited the home of Police Chief and Mrs. McBride Poston on the Cleveland Springs road late Saturday afternoon and did a damage around \$1,000.

The blaze started on the rear porch, from wiring according to one belief, and spread over the porch and into the main section of the house. Firemen had a difficult time in getting the flames under control and the damage perhaps would have been larger had it not been a brick residence.

Earlier in the week, on Monday, there was a slight damage in the same home from a closet fire.

Woman Unconscious More Than 2 Weeks

Mrs. Sarah Emery, critically hurt in an auto accident two weeks ago yesterday, was reported to be about the same today at the Shelby hospital. She has been unconscious or only partly conscious since she ran into the side of a passing auto in an attempt to keep her little daughter from being injured.

T. W. Ebeltoft Died Saturday After Illness

Veteran Business Man Buried Sunday

Bookstore Dealer Here Two Score Years. Was Former Baptist Minister.

T. W. Ebeltoft, one of Shelby's veteran business men and for years one of the best known figures of the city, died about noon Saturday in the Shelby hospital. He had been a patient there for two weeks, death resulting from infirmities of age and a gradual decline in health.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday, Sunday, afternoon at the First Baptist church with the pastor, Dr. Zeno Wall in charge. Interment was in Sunset cemetery. Active pall-bearers were J. P. Austell, Jake Rudasill, Paul Webb, Ralph Royster, H. M. Loy, Harris Hardin, Dr. Tom Brice Mitchell and Grover Rollins. Honorary pall-bearers were C. C. Blanton, J. T. Bowman, R. L. Ryburn, Clyde Hoey, J. F. Roberts, Abner Nix, George Blanton, R. T. LeGrand and Roy Sisk.

Mr. Ebeltoft, for years a Baptist minister before coming to Shelby, was 83 years of age.

Widely Known.

He was born in Mobile, Alabama, Norwegian parentage. He was educated for the ministry and in young manhood entered the Baptist ministry. Just before coming to Shelby to make his home he was pastor of the First Baptist church at Fayetteville, this State. In Shelby he opened a grocery store and bookstore. For many years the Ebeltoft grocery was the leading grocery of the city. In later years he centered his business on books, magazines and school books. For three decades school children of this section have purchased their supplies at the Ebeltoft stand in the Miller block, on Warren street, facing the square. There, too, have friends gathered through the course of a lifetime to chat with the man who came to be known as "the Sage of Shelby."

Possessed of a unique mentality and a thorough education his counsel and advice were often sought. Few men were ever more popular and more respected among their acquaintances. Despite the fact that he was of a retiring disposition and kept close to his business, he was widely known. When he was taken to the hospital just a short time prior to his death it was his first trip away from his store in years. So much a part of the life of up-town Shelby had he become that it was as a landmark gone.

He rallied somewhat after being carried to the hospital and there was visited by many friends who were hoping that he would recover. A day or two before his death, however, he began to weaken and his passing was anticipated.

Only two or three other firms in the city have been in business as long or longer than the veteran bookstore proprietor and he was known to three generations of people in his adopted home.

In his immediate family he is survived by his widow and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft.

John F. Wright Dies In Shelby Hospital

Passes Away This Morning. Funeral Tomorrow At Zion Baptist Church

John F. Wright who lived for years in the Zion community and was a faithful tenant on the plantation of the late Albert Weathers died this morning in the Shelby hospital where he had been a patient for two weeks. He had pneumonia and complications arose. Mr. Wright was 68 years old.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Zion Baptist church and interment will be beside his wife who died two and a half years ago. Before marriage his wife was Miss Rosa Powell. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. B. C. Justice, Miss Susan Wright and one son, J. Fred Wright who lives just west of the Ora Mill. Rev. D. F. Putnam will conduct the funeral services. He joined Pleasant Ridge Baptist church 18 years ago.

Not Miss A School Day In Five Years

Rural Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jones of No. 1 township has not missed a day from school in five years. Holly Springs school in No. 1 township closed last week and among the pupils there were five who had not missed a single day during the present school year, but the Jones boy holds a record of not having missed a day in five years.

Little Girl Killed By Auto While Playing In Street; Driver Is Not Held Responsible For Tragic Death

Virginia Weaver Died On Saturday

12-Year-Old Girl Succumbs To Long Illness. Funeral This Afternoon.

Virginia Weaver, aged 12 years, died Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock after an illness of 19 months. She was a member of the Second Baptist church and the funeral services were held there this afternoon at 2 o'clock, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. L. Jessup.

The three-year-old girl, injured about the head and internally, died about 9:30 Sunday morning in the Shelby hospital where she was taken by the car driver just after the accident, which took place about 4:30 in the afternoon.

Termed Unavoidable.

The tragic accident was considered unavoidable and Nix, the car driver was freed of blame by Police Chief McBride Poston, after the officer had made an investigation and talked to several eye-witnesses.

The little girl and some companions were playing by the street edge, the officer was informed, near the former Lewis store on Gardner street. Suddenly the little girl ran or walked into the street just in front of the Nix car. She was knocked down and one wheel passed over her body, the police chief was informed. Three or four people witnessed the tragedy and stated that the automobile was not travelling over 15 miles per hour and that the driver could not prevent the accident.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3:30 at the Weldon Gantt home at Eastside and burial was in Sunset cemetery.

The little girl is survived by her father, who is employed by the K. & S. Trucking firm; her mother and two brothers.

Farmer Dropped Dead On Friday

James Parker, of Pleasant Hill Section, Buried At Ross Grove Saturday

James Parker, well known 60-year-old farmer of the Pleasant Hill section, dropped dead just after noon Friday, death resulting from heart trouble.

Mr. Parker, a native of Tennessee, had lived in the county many years and was widely known. Funeral services were held at Ross Grove church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, being conducted by Revs. H. E. Waldrop, W. T. Brown, and W. E. Low. Mr. Parker had been a faithful member of that church since young manhood.

The deceased was twice married. His first wife, Miss Matilda Rippy, dying 15 years ago. The following children of the first union survive: Mrs. Phila Davis, Mrs. Clayton Johnson, Brady, Gidney, Sam Dewey and Bate Parker. Surviving also is the widow, who was Miss Oia Philbeck, and one son by that union, Summey Parker. Nineteen grandchildren and a sister and a brother—Mrs. John Hutchins and George Parker, both of Gastonia—also survive.

James Dye Dies Suddenly Friday At Lawndale Home

Was Long Time Employee Of Textile Mill There. Buried At Palm Tree Church

James Dye, one of the oldest employees in point of service at the textile plant at Lawndale, died suddenly at his home in Lawndale Thursday morning. Mr. Dye had been ill for some time and had been forced to quit work about 4:30 in the morning when his daughter Miss Ida Dye arose, she found him dead in bed. Indications were that he had been dead several hours.

Mr. Dye was 74 years of age and was a faithful member of Palm Tree Methodist church for 43 years. He was twice married, his second wife, who before marriage was Miss Yount of Lincoln county, having preceded him to the grave two years ago.

Surviving are six children Ida and Willie Dye, Mrs. Mary Eaker, Mrs. Charles Wease, Mrs. Spurgeon Laughlin and Mrs. Randall. Funeral services were conducted Friday by Revs. W. A. Rollins, assisted by Rev. E. E. Snow and interment was in the Palm Tree Methodist church cemetery.

Community Players Production On Friday Evening; Rehearse 7 Weeks

Around 40 People Interested In Dramatic Work. "Love-In-A-Mist" Title.

Everything is in readiness for the presentation of the Community Players mid-season production, "Love-In-A-Mist," on Friday evening, April 8, at the high school auditorium.

Rehearsals in the workshop have been underway for more than seven weeks and, in the opinion of the group's directors, the comedy promises to be the outstanding performance thus far of the Shelby playmakers. The new play is entirely different from anything the players have yet undertaken in that it employs more modern con-

Wife Contests Her Husband's Divorce Action

First Contested Suit In History Here

Husband Charges Adultery. School Teacher Sues Telegraph Company Over Job.

The second week of Superior court convened here this morning to take up the civil calendar and the numerous divorce suits filed and it was revealed that the calendar for the day included the first contested divorce case in the history of the local court.

The suit is that of Van Buren Wilson, Forest City insurance man, against his wife, Annie Wilson. The complaint is adultery and the wife, who now lives in it, said, at Lincolnton, is fighting the action.

The plaintiff is represented by Judge Maurice R. Weathers and the defendant by Attorney C. R. Jonas, Jr., of Lincolnton. Hearing of the evidence, scheduled for this morning got underway in the afternoon.

The alleged violation of the marriage vows are said to have taken place two or three years ago and the suit has been hanging fire on the local calendar for several terms of court. The wife, it is said, denies any misconduct but has filed no counter suit, merely fighting the suit of the husband.

Many Divorces.

Scores of divorces have been granted in the Superior court here in the last five years, but this is the first contested action. The calendar for the week includes a total of nine divorce cases, three of which were disposed of Friday after the criminal docket was completed. Three other divorces, all uncontested, were disposed of in a short period of time this morning.

Teacher Sues.

Another suit of interest on the calendar for the week is the action filed against the Western Union by Miss Evelyn Jolley. The plaintiff is a school teacher, the daughter of A. I. Jolley, of Mooresboro. It is her contention that some time ago a school superintendent in Eastern Carolina sent a message offering her a position as teacher and asking her to reply by wire. She contends that she did reply by wire, accepting the job, but that the wire was never delivered and she therefore lost the position.

There are a number of suits of minor interest on the calendar, but no large sum of money is involved.

William Mote Died Saturday

City Employee Dies In Shelby Hospital Of Pneumonia. Funeral Sunday.

William Anderson Mote, 29, an employee of the city street department, died in the Shelby hospital Saturday morning after an illness with pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and were conducted by Rev. W. C. Campbell. Interment was in Zoar cemetery.

Mr. Mote was twice married. His second wife was Miss Rosa May Lee, who survives along with two children, Thomas and Vera.

The deceased had been employed by the city for some time prior to his illness and was well known about the town and popular with his fellow workers and friends.

Cooking School To Open Here Tonight

The first of a series of cooking school lectures, sponsored by Pendleton's, will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Woman's club rooms of the Masonic temple. Mrs. Beulah Mackey Yates, well known home economics expert, will conduct the school which will cover cooking and demonstrations in electrical refrigeration and cooking. Two other meetings will be held, one Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 and the other Wednesday at the same hour. House wives of Shelby and section are invited to attend.

American Legion To Meet Tuesday Night

A meeting of the Warren Hoyle Post of the American Legion will be held Tuesday night in the court house. The hour is 8 o'clock and members are urged to attend.

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