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Street Fight Told In Blow-by-Blow Account in Court

Freeman Tried Today For Newman Attack

Solicitor Spurling Arrives To Take On Two Murder Cases And Incendiary Trial.

A sketchy blow-by-blow account of the battle between Charles Freeman, taxi driver and ex-wrestler, and Justice of the Peace Roy Newman, in which Newman was sent to the hospital several months ago, regaled more than 500 fight fans in the court house this morning. Freeman is being tried on an indictment for secret assault, in which it is alleged that he attacked Newman with knucks, fists and feet. Defense attorney Cleveland Gardner aimed at the body of the Newman testimony with a long procession of witnesses, but Peyton McSwain, from the Newman corner, disabled some of them with a cross examination of rapid fire questions.

Denies Kicking

Freeman freely admits beating Newman, but asserts that the encounter was no more than a street fight, with no malice aforethought, and that he did not kick him or attack him with deadly weapons. The case rested at noon pending the appearance of Dr. Sam Schenck, who was in the operating room and was thus not available to testify.

Judge Thomas J. Shaw, venerable retired jurist sitting under a special commission from Governor Whitinghaus for the one week's term, called the audience to order several times as they grew boisterous during the cross examination.

Spurling On Hand

Solicitor S. S. Spurling of Lenoir, who missed the first two days because of influenza, appeared today, looking fit and hearty as usual. Solicitor of the Recorder's Court C. C. (Cobby Horn) has been prosecuting cases during his absence, running through the docket with remarkable speed and eliciting commitments from the bar.

Two Murder Trials

Solicitor Spurling has two murder trials, those of Jack Parks and George Bankhead, and a barn burning case, in which Henry Swink is accused of setting fire to a building owned by Asor Pruett.

Nine convictions have been recorded. They are:

- Sam Nivens, who plead guilty to larceny, six months.
- Green Green, larceny, mistrial.
- Vard Wall, jail delivery, three months.
- Ab McDowell, violation prohibition laws, six months.
- Woodrow Jackson, forgery. He plead guilty to passing bad checks and received a six months sentence.
- John Self, violation prohibition laws, six months.
- Fred Wilson, public drunkenness, 30 days.
- Marlan Rothel, driving while drunk, four months.
- Maggie Martin, violation prohibition laws, six months.
- Approximately 50 capias instantas have been issued for defendants who failed to appear.

Late News

THE MARKET'S
Cotton, spot 11 1/2 to 12 1/2
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$45.00
Cotton seed, car, ton \$48.00

Generally Fair

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday, preceded by rain on northeast coast Wednesday morning; colder in east and central portions Wednesday; warmer Thursday.

Terror In Havana

A new wave of terrorism broke in Havana late yesterday after Lieut. Col. Jose Pedraza, military governor of the province, ordered all pedestrians and motorists off the streets after nine p. m. This was believed to be an effort to nip in the bud any nocturnal movement against the president's government.

Roland Holland Takes New Position

Roland Holland, member of the city council, left Monday to become superintendent of two of the Morgan chain of mills at Laurinburg and Laurel, S. C.

Mrs. Holland and the children will join him at the end of the school term.

Ex-Shelby Pastor Presents Dancing Girls In Church

Arthur Brisbane, world's highest paid columnist is thought to refer to Dr. R. L. Lemon, former pastor of the First Baptist church in the following extract from his column released throughout the United States and published Monday:
"The Reverend Dr. Lemon, of Columbia, Mo., plans to stimulate church attendance. This Sunday '10 pretty dancing girls interpret the old hymns.' While the congregation sings, the 10 lovely ones dance. Some old

hymns, 'Dare to Be a Daniel,' 'Pull for the Shore,' 'There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day,' 'Shall We Gather at the River,' might all acquire new meaning, interpreted by 10 lovely dancing girls. 'Rock of Ages' would be harder. The 10 girls selected to dance are all students of Christian college, where Miss Sally Rand studied before she invented her fan and bubble dances. Either of those dances would fill a church but neither would be suitable for the interpretation of hymns."

Red Cross Health Nursing Likened to Public Utility

By MISS HARTE OLIVER
Red Cross Nurse
Red Cross public health nursing in Cleveland county is a community service to the individual, the family and the community. This service includes the interpretation of medical, sanitary and social procedures for correction of defects, prevention of disease and promotion of health.

It is a self evident fact that the basis of useful service is health. Efficient work is impossible when health is affected. Many a person will spend a year in depression because of some minor ailment.
At this time of year everywhere in Cleveland county there is planting. Farmers planting seed for food with the expert advice of Mr. (Continued on page eight)

Free Employment Aid Is Proposed; Would Help City

Local Employment Office Give Figures; Bill In Leg- islature.

A step toward the possibility of free employment service to men and women who work for a living was revealed today by C. M. Baber, in charge of the Federal Re-employment office here.
Mr. Baber has moved his office from the court house into part of the office occupied by the county agent in the basement of the Hotel Charles building.
Work Now Done
According to a statement issued from the office there are now 1,478 men and women on the active list in this office. Of this number 191 are women. Several hundred others have been contacted and have found work through this office since its establishment last fall. The office is now trying to help equalize Shelby unemployed with the need for farm hands at this season.

Chosen From 11 Counties As Most Successful With Rural Troops.

Because of the past success of rural boy scout troops in this county Cleveland has been chosen by the national council to be used as a model in the Piedmont district council in further work done by this boys organization.
This information was made known today through Captain E. L. Smith, commissioner for the council and M. A. Spangler, president of the Shelby district. R. M. Schiele, of Gastonia is Piedmont council executive.

Study Methods

R. W. Shoffner has been appointed chairman of a board to promote and to study methods of promoting scouting in rural troops of which Cleveland has most of any county in a district of 11 other counties.
The 11 counties which will study methods of rural boy scouts in Cleveland are Gaston, Rutherford, Lincoln, Burke, McDowell, Catawba, Caldwell, Iredell and Alexander.

First Troop

Scouting began in Cleveland county more than 25 years ago when a special charter was granted a troop in Kings Mountain directly from Baden Powell, British founder of the organization. Troops here have just concluded celebration of the 25th anniversary of the American organization.

The first rural troop, so far as is known, was organized at Double Springs by Arthur McSwain in 1922, but it was re-organized with a charter issued to Lattimore when school consolidation began. Other troops were organized at Piedmont, Polkville, Mooresboro, Earl, Belwood and perhaps other places several years ago.
Belwood has the distinction of producing one scout, Alvin Propst, who has been awarded every merit badge and scoutmaster's award offered by the organization. He now has more than 100 of the badges.
Shelby, for city troops, has been one of the strongest scout towns in the district since the organization of the district council in 1924.

Mrs. Ambrose Cline who has been a patient for nine weeks in the Shelby hospital with a broken thigh, was able to be removed on Tuesday to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mike L. Borders on the Cleveland Springs road.

County to Turn Bond Salesman; Offers \$28,000 at Four Per Cent

Cleveland county becomes bond salesman today, for the first time in some years.
An issue of \$28,000, maturing between March 1, 1936 and April 1, 1944, and totalling \$28,000 is offered in one and two thousand dollar bonds, with four per cent interest.
Troy McKinney, county auditor, has mailed circulars to leading bond houses throughout the state and in the eastern markets, and anticipates premiums on his offerings.
These are the bonds which will supply the money for the negro

school, part of the Dover school and the high school arcade. The city board of education's note for \$13,000 secures its share of the expense, the county gives \$15,000, and the Dover mill \$8,000 for the Dover school.
The bonds will be sold to the highest bidder by officials of the Local Government Commission at their office in Raleigh as soon as the certificates are obtained from the engraver in Cleveland, Ohio.
An interesting note in this: two of the bonds, one for a thousand

Legislators O. K. Hospital For T. B.; Budget In Doubt

Set up \$100,000 Fund For Maintenance

Monetary Committees Make Little Headway; Expect Hearing On Beer Bill Thursday.

RALEIGH, March 13.—Final approval for the construction of a state tuberculosis sanatorium, with a \$10,000 appropriation for 1935-36 and \$100,000 for maintenance through 1937 was given last night by the legislature.

In the meantime, monetary committees made little progress toward balancing the proposed budget for the next two years. It now appears that revenue and appropriation measures may be introduced in the house with the money-spending act approximately \$2,800,000 larger than the finance bill.

Revenues Short.

The revenue measure in its present form will provide approximately \$31,217,000 for the first and \$31,492,000 for the second year of the next biennium. This is more than \$2,800,000 short of the \$32,311,120 and \$33,293,795 in allocating respectively, that have been tentatively approved by the joint appropriations group.

The appropriations group has included a 25-per-cent horizontal salary increase for all state employees, including teachers.

An expected hearing on a measure to raise the legal limit on alcoholic content of beer from 3.2 per cent to five per cent was postponed to Thursday, the same day the senate has set consideration of the Hill liquor-stores bill as a special order.

The joint finance committee rescheduled one of its money-raising features today when it voted to limit the amount of sales tax on one class of goods to 10 per cent.

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Will Buy 12,000 Tons Fertilizer For Cotton Crop

Would Be 550 Car Loads; Does Not Include Other Crops; Many Home Mix.

Preparations for the production of more than 40,000 bales of cotton in Cleveland, the banner cotton county are shaping up rapidly, if the purchase of commercial fertilizer means anything.

A sweeping estimate released from the office of the county agent R. W. Shoffner today indicated that approximately 12,000 tons of various kinds of cotton fertilizer will be purchased here within the next few days. The town and county is just swarming with agents for every known brand.

500 Per Acre

The calculations do not include a large amount which will be purchased for corn, grains and garden crops, but were based on the 78,000 acreage of the county in cotton. Of this number of acres some 55,000 will be planted in cotton this year. Most farmers put from 400 to 500 pounds per acre under their crop at planting and others side-dress later.

Twelve thousand tons would be approximately 550 cars, and at a cost of the round figure of \$20 per ton would aggregate the sum of \$240,000.

Mix At Home

Mr. Shoffner indicated, however, that there will be more than the usual amount of home-mixed fertilizers used this year. Most farmers think they can mix for \$6 to \$10 per ton cheaper.
Acid phosphates, nitrates, and potash will be sources used, as few growers will have the usual cotton seed meal this year, as prices have been too high.

Side-dressings this spring will be in the form of sulfates and nitrates. Brands used will be almost as varied as the farms, and analyses will range from 10-2-2 to 10-5-5 or even higher. It is thought that potash applications will be heavier in the county this year.

Chief D. D. Wilkins Is Back In Uniform

Chipper in a blue uniform, Chief of Police D. D. Wilkins was at his desk early this morning and later appeared in court. He has recovered from a month's illness from influenza, two weeks of which he spent in the hospital.

New Baby Bonds Go Slowly Here

The government's new Baby Bonds aren't popular in Shelby. Postmaster J. H. Quinn, asked for a report on their sales this morning, said that only \$350 worth has been sold since they were first offered March 1. This is an increase of only \$50 over the first day's sales.

Asked for a report on postal savings deposits, the postmaster gave a happier reply. Since Mar. 1, more than \$6,000 has been deposited in new and old accounts, he said. The total deposited here comes to nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

Students To Vie In Essay Contest On Alcohol Evil

Methodist Mission Group Offers Four Prizes For Writers And Poster Artists.

Announcement has just been made that the Woman's Missionary society of the Central Methodist church will sponsor essay and poster contests in the Shelby public schools on the subject of temperance.

It is the hope of the committee to promote the dissemination of information on the evil effects of alcoholism and narcoticism, and the benefits of temperance.

Four Prizes Offered.

- Four prizes as follows, will be offered:
1. For the best essay submitted by a high school pupil a prize of \$5 will be given.
 2. For the best essay submitted by a grammar grade pupil in grades 5-7, a prize of \$2.50 will be given.
 3. For the best poster submitted by a pupil in grades 1-4 a prize of \$1 will be given.
 4. For the best essay submitted by a pupil of the graded school a prize of \$2.50 will be given.

Regulations.

Other rules are as follows: All essays and posters should be designed to portray the benefits of temperance, the evil effects of intemperance, the proper uses of grain and fruit or some other phase of the question.

Essays and posters should be the work of the pupil. (Only suggestions and corrections are permissible.) High school essays should not exceed 1,000 words; grammar grade essays should not exceed 500 words. Posters should be made on 22x28 inch cardboard.

Posters may be water colors, pencil or pen sketches, or cut-outs.

All essays and posters should be turned in to the superintendent of schools on or before April 12.

Names of contestants should be attached to contest materials by clips or pins but not written on them.

The superintendent of schools will appoint the judge, whose decisions will be final.

Before placing essays and posters in the hands of judges, numbers will be given them corresponding to numbers recorded with the names which will be kept in the office of the superintendent.

Basis Of Judging.

The following basis of evaluating essays will be used:

- I. Subject matter and contents—80%.
- II. English form—30%.
- A. Spelling.
- B. Grammatical correctness.
- C. Punctuation.
- III. Appearance of manuscript—10%.
- A. Neatness.
- B. Legibility.

The following basis of evaluating posters will be used:

- I. Idea expressed—60%.
- II. Artistic appearance—30%.
- III. Neatness—10%.

Annual School For Midwives Is Set For April 11

The annual training school for some 25 or more midwives in Cleveland county will be held this year on April 11, according to a decision reached Monday in a meeting of the county board of health.

At this time a full day will be spent by teachers in giving instruction to Cleveland county women of this profession, and permits will be issued for legal practice next year.

U. S. Will Renew Loans On Cotton Senator Declares

Smith Assertion Seen As Stabilizer

Break In Market May Be Probed As Washington Awaits Word From White House.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—A flat assertion yesterday by Senator Smith, Democrat of South Carolina, that the government's 12-cent cotton loan would be renewed on this year's crop appears as a possible stabilizer for a market that has fluctuated wildly during the last two days.

But Secretary Wallace, Chester C. Davis, farm administrator, and other officials involved met Smith's brief statement to newspaper men with the same silence that characterized their attitude throughout the day, despite rumored statements.

Davis declined to discuss Smith's prediction. His only statement concerning the cotton situation was: "There is no immediate change contemplated in the government's cotton policy."

Other officials would say only that the Commodity Credit corporation which makes the loans had not discussed their continuation. They pointed out that last year's loan announcement was not made until August.

May Probe Price Break.

Those quarters of the capital most interested in cotton were on tip-toes much of the day in the expectation of some official statement as to future plans. Senator Smith had reported that a statement would be forthcoming from the White House.

At the executive mansion, however, it was said that any such statement would come from Secretary Wallace or one of his aides. But at the AAA, officials said nothing of the kind was contemplated.

Officials instead asserted that any announcement at present regarding a loan policy would be premature and added that a guarantee of continuing the loans would undoubtedly have the effect of stimulating production this year.

Smith, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, told newspaper men who asked him about the cotton situation that the loan would be continued but he would add no details.

He did say, however, that he would ask a senate investigation into the precipitate break in cotton prices which provoked concern on Capitol Hill.

The break was attributed by some to rumors that the government intended to change its lending policy and that the Bankhead act, compulsory cotton control law, would be further liberalized.

"I want to find out where these reports originated," Smith said. "I will ask my committee to report a resolution asking senate investigation of the whole mess if I have to subpoena cotton exchange officials as well as officials of the department of agriculture."

Hoey Resting Better From A Heart Attack

While the condition of S. E. Hoey, foreman and secretary of The Star Publishing Co. remains serious, he was resting better this morning and had a fair night of sleep under the influence of drugs. He suffered a heart attack Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock while at work in the office.

Masons Meet Friday Night

The Masons will meet Friday night, March 15, in a called communication for work in the first degree. The presence of the members is desired at this meeting, and all visiting Masons are invited.

Jaunita, Aged 10, Rides Train And Tells Officers A Whopper

Miss Juanita Perry, aged 10, of J. H. Carroll on North Washington street, the young lady was taken on an automobile tour of the city, which she admired. Then she was re-addressed back to her frantic mother in Marion.

It seems that she had waited around the Marion station several hours for the train, and had purchased a ticket. When greeted here by Mr. Suttle, she said:

"Some mean old men kidnapped me and tied me up in a sack. I didn't run away."
But Juanita had run away. The Southern conductor, who'd kept an eye on the child, said he thought he would have been aware of it if she had been sitting there all that time with a sack over her head. Mark it down to you and romance—and Spring fever.

Plans Approved For 36 Bed Addition To Hospital; Money Here

Will Retire



Lady Astor, of London, native daughter of Virginia and the first woman to sit in the British parliament, has indicated that she will retire from public life at the end of her present term. She has represented the constituency of Plymouth since 1919 and has been one of the most publicized liberals in the English house.

Three Story Brick Addition On East; Doctors Invited

Thirty six more beds will be provided at the 42 bed Shelby Public Hospital, enlarging the institution to 78 bed capacity, according to plans approved last night by the trustees.

Tentative plans were submitted by C. C. Cook and Son, Charlotte architects and approved by the trustees, physicians of the county and hospital staff. Funds for the addition were given by Hatcher Webb, the Duke Foundation and the late A. C. Miller.

Extends 65 Feet

The present building will be extended 65 feet on the east, this addition to be three stories, the top floor to be the maternity section provided by the Hatcher Webb donation as a memorial to his mother.

The second floor, on the same level as the present main floor will provide offices, private rooms and wards, while the ground floor, all above level of the land, will be for colored patients.

It is planned to renovate and enlarge the present colored unit for contagious diseases.

Another main entrance will be provided at the east end of the present building where the solarium or sun-parlor is located. A solarium will be built on the east end of the new unit.

Cost \$30,000

C. B. Hoey, chairman of the board of trustees, stated this morning that the improvements will cost approximately \$30,000, furnished as follows: \$10,000 by Mr. Webb, \$12,500 by the Duke Foundation, \$2,500 by the A. C. Miller estate and \$5,000 by the hospital.

The addition will conform in style of architecture with the present building and will have heat and automatic sprinkler system, making the entire plant fireproof.

Architect Hook says he will try to complete the final plans and specifications by April 1 so that bids can be advertised for and the contract let by April 15.

Several physicians of the county accepted the general invitation to attend the meeting with the trustees and approved the plans.

Nollie Washburn, Bostic Merchant, Dies In New York

Succumbs Suddenly In Home Of Of Daughter; Ex-Commissioner In Rutherford.

RUTHERFORDTON, March 13.—E. Nollie Washburn, banker, merchant, church leader and former county commissioner of Rutherford, who lived near Bostic, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Martin, in New York City Monday afternoon. He went there a week ago to visit his daughter, became ill Sunday and died suddenly. His body is expected to arrive today.

Mr. Washburn is survived by his wife, four sons, E. N. Washburn, Jr., John, Ruben, and Ben Washburn, four daughters, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Berge Neal of Sunshine, Mrs. George Harris, Hickory, and Miss Alice Washburn, at home; one brother, John Washburn; three sisters, Mrs. O. B. Biggerstaff, Forest City, Mrs. Tatum Hollifield, Bostic, and Mrs. Charles Davis, Sunshine.

Mr. Washburn was one of Rutherford's best-known citizens. He was president of the Bostic bank and had many other business interests.

Mr. Toms Seriously Ill In Hospital

L. C. Toms of Lattimore, who formerly worked for the Blue Ridge Ice Cream Company is seriously ill in the Rutherford hospital with ulcerate stomach. It is understood that his brothers were called to the hospital this morning for a blood test to see if either has blood that will match to give the patient transfusion.