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## First Photo Of Moscow Parley



Captain Anthony Eden • Maxim Litvinov

Russia pledged its co-operation to England in preserving the peace of Europe when Captain Anthony Eden, left, British lord privy seal, conferred with Maxim Litvinov, right, Soviet commissar for foreign affairs at Stresa. Plans are being completed for an international peace parley at Stresa, where Germany is expected to make an offer to accept its present boundaries for the next 10 years.

## Silver Communion Service Stolen From Shelby Church

A thief or thieves entered the Episcopal church of the Redeemer, at LaFayette and Graham street, sometime Saturday and stole the silver communion service, the Rev. J. B. Sill, reported to the police Sunday morning.

The service consisted of two silver pieces, the chalice, a small stemmed cup, and the little plate from which the wafers are served. They are used in celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Police investigated immediately, but found no clues. The Rev. Mr. Sill, who is staying at the Cleveland Hotel, offers a reward for the return of the precious silver.

## Eton Starts Two Shifts; Strike Cases In Court

The recorder's court had a full day and a packed court house of spectators growing out of seven or more assault cases as a result of the labor strike at the Eton mill. Court will reconvene at 2 o'clock to hear four assault cases against Reuben Jones, H. D. Guinn, Durham Grigg and Arthur Huskey, growing out of the strike.

This morning Coley Freeman, taxi driver, charged with reckless driving at the mill gate where picket lines were formed, was given one month under a verdict for violating the traffic laws. Sentence was suspended upon payment of cost and appeal was noted to the superior court by Freeman.

Mabel Gibson and Mrs. L. P. Davis

## Catawba County Man Is Appointed New Agent Here

### J. S. Wilkins Succeeds Robert W. Shoffner

#### Latter Gets Outstanding Promotion As State Director For TVA Agricultural Work.

J. S. Wilkins, assistant agent in Catawba county for the past four years, will succeed Robert W. Shoffner, who resigned on Saturday to become state agricultural director for the Tennessee Valley authority, as county agent here, the board of commissioners announced this morning.

He will undertake his new duties immediately, it was said. Bob Shoffner's resignation at mid-day Saturday came unexpectedly and was received with deep regret by Cleveland county farmers, whose guiding spirit he became during six crucial years in agriculture. When he came to this county, after serving three months as assistant agent in Madison county, the task of the average county agent was not complicated by cotton reduction, nor was it a No. 1 post in county affairs, as it soon became.

Through the depression and on into the recovery program, however, the county agents assumed gigantic, important duties, culminating in the vast cotton reduction program. Shoffner handled this program so effectively for Cleveland that only a few months ago a large group of farmers chipped in to buy him a new automobile.

Appointment of the Cleveland agent to the TVA post is one of the outstanding promotions in the state. He will become farm management supervisor for all TVA projects throughout North Carolina. In these projects, fertilizer will be furnished from Muscle Shoals and numerous experiments will be conducted. He will work through the assistant county agents in 15 counties at the outset.

Headquarters for the TVA are in Knoxville, but for several weeks, Mr. Shoffner said, he will remain here, and will probably establish a temporary office. TVA projects are being carried out in North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Kentucky.

## 230 Prison Years Set In 4 Cases

In the four major cases tried here during the two weeks criminal term, which was completed at the cost of almost all the civil docket, Judge Don Phillips sentenced offenders to a maximum total of 230 years in state prison.

The highway robbers, Frank Bradley, Broadus Mauney, T. B. Postest, Raymond Puckett, C. D. Thornton and M. B. Thornton, received a total of 130 years. Henry Swink, Charles Canipe and Raymond York, convicted of second degree murder, will serve 25 years. Vic Lee, Ezell Wood, L. L. Mintz and Slim Dawson, 40 years total—if they serve the maximum number of years, which they won't, if they get credit for good behavior—is 230 years.

## \$24,200 Case Won By Mrs. Ebeltoft

Mrs. Lila Springs Ebeltoft won a \$24,200 judgment against A. Burwell, president of the Burwell-Walker company, of Charlotte, in Superior court last week. She was suing to recover on an investment of \$20,000, made by the purchase of four certificates of 50 shares each, par value \$100, dated Jan. 1, 1920, and maturing, according to the certificates, Jan. 1, 1930.

On April 17, 1930, according to the bill of complaint, Mr. Burwell obtained an extension of time, but again failed to pay principal and interest.

## Appeals Hold Up Arson Sentences

Appeals have been taken in the barn burning cases, in which seven men were sentenced to serve long terms in state prison. This means that the men will not go immediately to Raleigh, but will be held in the Cleveland county jail for approximately 90 more days.

## Promoted



Robert W. Shoffner, county Farm Agent, who has resigned to become state director for TVA agricultural projects.

## K. & S. Driver Dies As 2 Trucks Hit Near Baltimore

### W. T. Brent, 28, Killed In Night As Vehicles Crash On Curve Near Baltimore.

A crash in the night as two huge inter-state trucks met on a bottleneck curve section of the Philadelphia road near Baltimore city line early Saturday proved fatal for W. T. Brent, 28 year old relief driver for the K. and S. Trucking company of Shelby.

Brent was asleep in a bunk in the trailer of the vehicle, driven by Earl Robertson, 25, Kannapolis, which crashed into a tree after sideswiping a van owned by a Baltimore firm, and driven by Valentine Schell, 26.

## Home In Virginia

Funeral services for young Brent were held today at his home in Arrington, Va. He had been employed here about six months.

## Twelve Divorces Are Granted Here

Twelve divorces were granted during the term of Superior court ending here Saturday under Judge Don Phillips. They were: Lytle Finch Bobo from W. F. Bobo, Willard Brackett Champion from Delmar Champion.

## Roland Holland Will Not Be A Candidate

Roland Holland, alderman from Ward 1 asks The Star to say that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself. Mr. Holland has a lucrative job with a mill at Laurinburg and is away from the city except on week-ends. He was here Saturday and Sunday with his family and stated that he appreciates the support his friends gave him the last election, but his absence from the city precludes his running again.

## Would Include Soil Erosion And Reforestation Projects In PWA Allotments Says R. W. Shoffner

Concerted action should be taken at once by Cleveland county to include soil erosion and reforestation projects in the list recently submitted to the Federal government in its four billion public works program, according to a statement issued today by Director-elect R. W. Shoffner, of the TVA agricultural division.

## Phillips Presides As Prison Probe Is Opened Today

### Will Hear Witnesses On Cruelty Charge

#### Jurist Who Held Court Here On Bench As Frozen Feet Scandal Is Heard.

Judge Don Phillips of Rockingham, whose business-like conduct of a two weeks' term of Superior court here was widely praised by members of the Shelby bar, this morning opened the prison camp hearing in Charlotte.

Captain Henry Little, J. A. Rape, "Doc" Eudy and T. M. Gordon are charged with improper handling of convicts in their charge at the Mecklenburg prison camp. All four are accused of having been involved in placing Woodrow Wilson Shropshire and Robert Barnes in solitary confinement last winter, during which, the men testify, their feet froze. Amputations were necessary, and the scandal broke.

Barnes who is still in the hospital at Raleigh has been pronounced by prison physicians as too ill to make the trip to Charlotte. The men said to have been beaten are also expected to be on hand to give such evidence as may be required.

In addition to oral evidence there will be a mass of findings by various officials who have investigated the affair of the "frozen" feet available to the hearing presided over by Judge Phillips.

A special legislative committee conducted an exhaustive investigation into the Mecklenburg prison camp situation and the findings of this group will be in the hands of Solicitor Carpenter and his associates, Arthur Goodwin and Charles W. Bundy, for use in conducting the hearing.

Judge Phillips will hear all evidence presented in the matter and then determine whether or not the defendants are subject to prosecution. If he finds that they are, then the grand jury will take up the bills presented by Solicitor Carpenter and undertake to decide if they should be found true or not true.

## Cloth Mill Plans Big Warehouse

A two-story brick warehouse will be erected by the Cleveland Cloth Mill. It was learned today from O. M. Mull, manager. The building will be located next to the Cloth Mill boarding house and be connected with a tramway across the road to the second floor of the main mill.

## Casar Child Dies Of Cancer In Eye

Little Clarence Wortman, two year old son of Leroy Wortman, died Wednesday night after an illness of several weeks with cancer. His eye had been removed some time ago, and his face swelled till it burst before he died. He had suffered intense pain for several days. He was buried at Corinth Baptist church Thursday. He leaves a father, mother and two brothers.

## City Planning Board Will Be Appointed By Six Civic Groups

### Representatives Appear Before Mayor And Aldermen; To Select Three Or Five Members For Commission

Creation of a City Planning Commission of three or five members to be appointed by Shelby civic organizations will follow as the result of a conference Saturday between the mayor and board of aldermen and representatives of eight Shelby civic groups.

## Kid Dempsey



That she inherited the physical condition which helped make her dad the topnotch heavyweight of the world, is evidenced by the pink chubbyness of little Joan Hannah Dempsey, shown here with her mother. And Jack Dempsey's pride and joy seemed to enjoy her camera debut.

Representatives of the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Woman's club, American legion, Legion auxiliary, chamber of commerce and merchants association, acting upon the unanimous recommendation of their organizations in a joint meeting March 19, appeared before the board.

They recommended appointment of the planning commission, whose duties would be to "investigate, devise, advise and create projects of worth-while nature to be submitted to the mayor and board of aldermen for their approval."

They also asked that the planning commission be empowered to prepare sketches, plans and specifications for the projects, and that the expenses of an engineer, not exceeding \$500, be borne by the city.

All of these recommendations

## Mrs. C. Hamrick Dies From Stroke; Funeral Tuesday

### Passed At Hospital This Morning After Arrival There; Husband And Two Children.

Mrs. Daisy Green Hamrick, wife of Clyde Hamrick, died this morning at 8:10 o'clock at the Shelby hospital shortly after her arrival there, following a stroke of paralysis Saturday night at her home on West Warren street. She never regained consciousness.

Mrs. Hamrick was 46 years of age and was born at Bolling Springs, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Green. At the age of 14 years she joined the Baptist church and remained a faithful and devoted member. She was married to Clyde Hamrick in 1904 and he survives with two children, Joseph E. Hamrick and Ruby Louise Hamrick. Seven years ago the family moved to Shelby and Mrs. Hamrick transferred her membership to the First Baptist church where she was a faithful and loyal member.

Also surviving are four brothers and one sister: L. C. Green of Washington, D. C., E. O. Green of Chesterfield, S. C., A. T. Green of Drayton, S. C., D. B. Green and Mrs. C. W. Pearson of Pacolet Mills, S. C.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Bolling Springs by Dr. Zeno Wall, her pastor, assisted by the Rev. L. E. Priddy of Charlotte and Rev. J. L. Jenkins of that church. Interment will be in the cemetery there.

## Hester Addison Found Dead In Road, Is Buried

Funeral services were held yesterday at two o'clock at Eckridge Grove, colored Baptist church for Hester Addison, 55, whose body was found Friday night on the Shelby-Polkville highway just west of the Little River bridge.

Suspicion of death by accident or suicide were dismissed when no bruises were found on the body and when a physician pronounced it heart failure. Too, the colored woman was not so far from her home, having been living near the abattoir.

Some small boys found the body about 10 p. m. and it is thought she had succumbed on her way up to the Dover mill village.

She was a widow and is survived by seven children. Estelle Sweetenburg lives in Shelby and Jerome Addison lives in York, S. C. Other children are scattered over several states.

Weather forecast for North Carolina: Rain Monday; Tuesday partly cloudy and slightly warmer.

THE MARKETS  
Cotton seed, 11 to 11 1/2  
Cotton seed, car, ton \$46.00  
Cotton seed, wagon, ton \$37.00

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