

North Carolina: Generally fair Friday and Saturday except scattered afternoon thundershowers; little change in temperature.

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Shelby City Hall May Be Enlarged In Works Program

Need More Space, Says Woodson

New Fire Department, Larger Offices Seen Possible Under WPA Set Up

Plans for remodeling city hall are being prepared for consideration of the mayor and board of aldermen and will likely be submitted soon to WPA of PWA authorities.

More space for the fire department is needed, Major Woodson said, more space for storage, and more space for offices.

At the present, hundreds of dollars in equipment and supplies is without space for storage.

This is not one of the plans that will be submitted when the mayor and engineer Dan Frazer go to Raleigh Monday to confer with federal officials.

55 Persons Killed As U.S. Celebrates Independence Day

Motoring Takes 27, Drowning 16, Only One Fireworks Death Reported

The nation gave up 55 lives yesterday as it celebrated its 159th Independence day, a preliminary survey disclosed last night.

Only one death directly traceable to fireworks—widely outlawed in the wake of recent "sane fourth" campaigns—was included in the tabulation.

Hundreds sustain burns. Hundreds of children, men and women were burned or maimed by carelessly handled fireworks and at Evansville, Ind., a small boy died Wednesday of burns received in a fire started by a firecracker.

In Washington where the sale of fireworks was forbidden by law, 14 persons were injured by them, in Rock Island, Ill., eight youths suffered wounds, and in scores of other cities and towns there were one or more casualties.

Auto Racers Die. Three automobile racers were killed in Pennsylvania; another died in Georgia, a passenger crashed to his death in a plane at Belmont, Ill.; a Utah train wreck cost three lives and two persons died from heat in Minnesota as the nation celebrated.

In California autoing accidents caused seven deaths. Some 250 holiday passengers were shaken up and more than a dozen slightly injured in New York when a ferry rammed her pier.

Morning Cotton LETTER

NEW YORK, July 5.—The Liverpool market is sharply lower today which cables state is due to selling induced by the Italian situation and the lower wheat prices there.

E. A. PIERCE & CO. THE MARKETS Cotton, spot — 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 Cotton Seed, wagon, ton — 32.00 Cotton Seed, ton, car lot — 35.00

Gardner Sees Business Gain Ahead for Mills

O Max Gardner, former Governor of North Carolina, now counsel for the Cotton Textile Institute and the rayon association, said at his home here today that he was "tremendously hopeful that the textile interests of the nation would show signs of improvement under normal conditions from now on."

Mr. Gardner will return to Washington Sunday, but said he would be back to Shelby later in the month for a regular vacation.

The normal increase of business during July, September and August, when we are making winter materials, should be expected," he said, "and I think we will get it. There's no question but that the textiles had a mighty bad six months, previous to July 1, but we should be over that now."

He had no comment to make on issues now before the federal government in Washington.

Postal Receipts In 34% Increase In Kings Mountain

Figures Received From J. S. Ware Show Gain of More Than Three Thousand Dollars

KINGS MOUNTAIN, July 5.—The postal receipts of the local post office for the fiscal year ending June 30th, was \$15,742.91, compared with \$11,754.88 for the previous year according to J. S. Ware, Postmaster. This being an increase of \$3,988.03 or almost 34 percent.

The receipts for the first half of the year, 1934, were \$5,296.89 and for the first half of the year, 1935, the receipts were \$7,622.67, or an increase of \$1,325.78. As a rule the receipts for the last half of the year are much larger than the first half.

All post offices that have receipts totaling during the calendar year as much as \$16,000.00 rate an active assistant postmaster and it looks as if the Kings Mountain Post Office will succeed this year in securing the necessary amount of business to get an active assistant postmaster.

Besides the postal receipts already mentioned, the local postoffice, has sold \$4,031.25 worth of bonds. This is the cash amount received by the local post office, the maturity value of these bonds would be a little over \$5,000.00. The sale of these bonds did not start until March 1, 1935.

The local post office had on Postal Saving Deposit June 30th, 1935 the sum of \$19,645.00. The following are the amounts of deposits for each of the years of June 30th: 1932, \$5,748.00; 1933, \$10,780.08; 1934, \$13,489.00; 1935, \$19,645.00.

Driver Is Uninjured As Truck Turns Over

Carl Blanton, driver for the Shelby Supply Company, was only slightly bruised when the big truck he was driving overturned on the Cleveland Springs Road Wednesday. The truck was struck by a car operated by a colored man, he said.

Lutheran Church Announces Meeting

Regular services for the Third Sunday after Trinity will be held at the Ascension Lutheran church at 11:00 with Robert Shelby of Gastonia speaking. Sunday school will be at 10:00 and the Luther League at 6:30 in the evening. There will be no regular evening service.

Cole Blease Attacks Roosevelt Policies In Forest City Speech

FOREST CITY, July 5.—Cole L. Blease, former United States senator and twice governor of South Carolina, denounced the national administration in a Fourth of July address here yesterday for what he termed its encroachment upon states' rights.

The veteran South Carolina campaigner said he had retired from politics but might re-enter "to fight for states' rights if the occasion demands," on Wednesday before at Columbia, he said he might oppose Senator James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, for re-nomination. Blease attacked the Wagner labor bill, now up for the President's signature as a "curse to the south,"

Licenses Issued For Slot Machines In Kings Mountain

City Council Moves Monday Night

City Council Moves To Collect Revenue From Machines; Rates Scale Given

Slot machines, so far as the town government of Kings Mountain goes will be legal and subject to license, according to an action taken Monday night by the city Council. Only three had been issued this morning, according to the City Hall attaches.

Joe Neisler, mayor pro-tem, presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor J. E. Herndon, and the board prepared a scale of licenses for slot machine operation, which is to be double that of the previous year.

License Rates Owners of 1 cent machines will pay \$10 per year, 5 cent machines \$20 per year, 10 cent machines \$40 per year and more than 20 cent machines \$60 per year.

The machines are licensed to be operated in a lawful manner, but should the machines be found at a latter date to be operated in an unlawful manner, no part of the license paid shall be refunded. The license tax for theatres was raised from \$20.00 per year to \$50.00 per year.

The tax on motor shows was changed so that the licenses now range from \$3.75 for a two vehicle show to \$27.50 for a 30 to 50 vehicle show.

The tax was also changed on Rail road shows or circuses. The license now ranging from \$15.00 for two car show to \$150.00 for more than a 50 car show. All schedule B licenses are regulated by the state.

Drivers License Machinery Being Set Up For State

New Act To Be Enforced Some Time In August By New Highway Division

RALEIGH, July 5.—The new division of highway safety to be set up to enforce the drivers' license law enacted by the last general assembly will begin within 30 to 60 days, probably some time in August, to issue the driver's licenses required under the law, Arthur D. Fulk, recently named as director of the division, announces.

Machinery for addressing and numbering the permanent licenses had been ordered and will be set up and in operation in a month or two. Licenses are not required under the law until November 1, and persons who have driven cars for as much as one year will receive them without charge up to that date. Later those applying will be charged \$1. Badges will be used by chauffeurs, and these will cost \$2 each.

Nearly 150 men are now being trained under direction of Captain Charles D. Fargier at the State Fair grounds, from which a sufficient number will be selected to increase the present State Highway Patrol 121 members, and these officers and men will enforce the drivers' license law.

John P. Mull Made District President

John P. Mull, secretary-treasurer of the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan Association has been notified of his appointment as president of the ninth district, comprising the counties of Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba, Iredell and Gaston.

New Feature Begins In The Star Today

Today The Star begins a new feature—hymns for the ages—fifteen in number, immortal deathless because they have been used throughout the Christian world and breathe forth the individual heart-cry of the human race. These articles tell of the circumstances under which these immortal hymns were written, when and by whom and a short biographical sketch of the author. You sing or hear them sung often. Follow this series, and better acquaint yourself with these hymns.

Reunion After Record Flight



After making the longest continuous airplane flight on record, 653 hours 33 minutes, the Key brothers, Fred and Al, of Meridian, Miss., had a happy reunion with their wives who had managed the commissary department on the ground. The brothers are planning a vaudeville tour.

Farmers Reaping Silver In Golden Sheaves of Wheat

Extra Dollars Harvested In Thousands Of Bushels Of Grain, At Least A Third Above Average Production

Cleveland farmers are harvesting extra dollars this year in the form of thousands of bushels of golden wheat—a crop conservatively estimated by farm leaders to be at least a third bigger than any recorded production.

An estimate of last year's wheat crop, prepared in the office of the county agent, showed that the county raised 107,761 bushels of wheat on 9,326 acres of land, or approximately 13 bushels per acre.

A third additional acreage allowed by rental of land to the government through the AAA, with the same average yield, would put the yield at 161,642 bushels, which at the current price will bring county farmers well over \$150,000 from cotton lands.

At the present there are approximately 80 threshing outfits in the county threshing from two to three thousand bushels of oats, wheat and rye per week, each using crews

varying from eight to twenty men, and all using every moment of spare daylight time to harvest the huge grain crop.

Mills Are Busy. Flour mills in the county are crowded with "custom" and "toll" wheat, from daylight until far into the night as farmers bring grain for flour, or to sell. Attachments at these mills say farmers who have ofered no wheat for 15 years are now bringing in quantities of the finest in the county.

The Eagle Roller Mill, said to be the biggest custom grinding mill in the Carolinas is now at the peak of

Virulence of Black Widow Doubted by Clevelanders

Quiet Fourth With No Accidents Here

July 4th was quiet in Shelby. Mercantile establishments suspended business for the day and the postoffice, banks, court house and offices closed shop to observe the holiday.

The streets were almost deserted with people and motor vehicles. Those who did not remain at home for the day, motored to the mountains or the seacoast or enjoyed some form of recreation, such as attending baseball games, golfing and celebrating in Rutherford county where Hon. Cole Blease spoke and entertainment features were provided at the Rutherford Fair Grounds.

There were no major accidents in this vicinity. At least, no injured patients were admitted to the Shelby Hospital and Highway Patrolman H. A. Greenway who patrolled No. 20 between Shelby and Asheville stated this morning that he did not see a single accident on the road.

All of the textile mills that have been running, continued operation in this area yesterday. Some of them, however, expect to shut down for a week during the summer to overhaul machinery or curtail because of lack of sufficient business.

Don't Slap Sheriff—He Is Much Too Hot

Court house attaches usually enjoy a slap on the back. It's a gesture of friendship that sometimes means political support.

But don't go slapping Sheriff Raymond Cline or County Auditor Troy V. McKinney on the back this week. These two gentlemen, since their return from Rainbow Lake, have been cringing expertly from the hands of friends who decline to take their burning predicament seriously.

Yes, it's sunburn, the hot and stinging, red and blistering kind. Mr. Cline and Mr. McKinney doefully said this morning that they just didn't see how they could keep their shirts on any longer.

Whether the "Black Widow" spider is a deadly poisonous insect or not is a question that a tentative experiment by reporters on The Cleveland Star probably will never determine.

Five of the Black Widows, imprisoned in glass jars, are now on exhibition at the office. They have disposed of roaches and flies in shortest order, but no one—let alone members of the staff—has offered to submit an arm to be chewed by a spider.

Spectators Calm As Fire Destroys Huge Grandstand

Forest City Structure Is Total Loss

2,500 Inf Audience March Out To Safety As Announcers Cry "No Danger."

Forest City's county fair grandstand was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon during the Fourth of July celebration, but 2,500 spectators walked quietly to safety while two radio announcers told them there was no danger.

To their presence of mind is credited the fact that there were no injuries while the \$6,500 structure went up in flames. The announcers were F. F. Black and Ralph Putnam. They spoke calmly from the judges' stand, the crowd followed their instructions, and a stampede was averted.

The fire started at 5:30, and at one time the entire grandstand was ablaze. It spread to nearby structures, setting fire to nearby concessions. Six of these were destroyed, and the ferris wheel was damaged.

A number of Shelby and Cleveland county people attended the Forest City celebration, where Cole Blease was the principal speaker.

Roland Mayse, Spindale policeman, said he had been told the fire was deliberately started by some small boys. An investigation will be made.

Oswald Davis, 40 Buried Monday; Ill Since April

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 4:00 at the Norman's Grove Baptist church for Oswald Davis, 40 year old resident of Rockdale-Davis's Chapel community. His death came Sunday after a lingering illness of several months.

Confined to his bed since April 1, Mrs. Davis had been suffering with pneumonia, pleurisy, spinal meningitis, and other troubles. Surviving Mr. Davis are his wife Mrs. Ada Willis Davis, his father B. A. Davis, three brothers and three sisters. They are B. D. Davis of Lincolnton, O. H. and Roland Davis of Rockdale; Annie, Essie, and Pearl Mae Davis at home.

Mr. Davis joined Norman's Grove church early in manhood and has been a faithful member until the time of his death. His mother preceded him to the grave 11 years ago. He was the first of the family, aside from her, to die. A large crowd was present to pay respects to the quiet humble peace-loving resident of that community.

Favor Bond Issue For \$30,000 PWA Building At K. M.

KINGS MOUNTAIN, July 5.—The Town Council in their regular meeting last Monday night adopted a resolution for the purpose of issuing bonds in the amount of about \$30,000.00 to build a new city hall for Kings Mountain.

It has not been decided yet the exact cost of erecting, the new city hall but it will be in the neighborhood of \$30,000.00. The city hall is to be erected under the P. W. A. Plan, whereby the Government will furnish 45 per cent of the cost free and loan the balance of 55 per cent at 4 percent interest.

If present plans are followed the building will be of brick construction. The location of the new city hall has not been definitely decided.

Farmers Rush to Pre-Pay Taxes, And County Finds It Loses Money

Cleveland residents are paying their taxes so fast that the county is losing money by it in what is probably a unique tax-collection situation.

More than \$8,000 has been paid in 1935 taxes during the past few weeks, the commissioners said this morning. These are paid-in-advance taxes, money that goes into the \$198,730 budget for the fiscal year just begun, and the taxpayers get a premium for paying in advance.

That's the trouble. The county doesn't need the money now. In fact, Cleveland has a cool \$100,000 cash in the bank today. Moreover,

Relief Head



Hugh S. Johnson With plenty to do in transferring New York's great army of unemployed from relief roles to pay-rolls, Hugh S. Johnson, above, former NRA chief, found his new job at New York's federal works progress administrator rather warm.

Lee Dover Loses Livestock in Fire Of Unknown Origin

Four Mules, Two Hogs, 125 Bushels Of Wheat and Other Personal Effects Are Lost.

A fire of unknown origin destroyed the barn on the Lane Putnam farm just south of Shelby, Wednesday night at 10 o'clock, destroying the barn, the property of Mrs. Euren Yarboro, daughter of the late Lane Putnam, and causing heavy loss to the renter Lee Dover.

Mr. Dover lost four mules, two hogs, 125 bushels of wheat, a fine crop of oats, farming tools, harness, etc. It is understood that he had no insurance protection, but Mrs. Yarboro carried some insurance on the building.

The Dovers had retired for the night when a passing motorist saw the flame and gave the alarm. The city's fire truck responded to the call but was powerless to save the building.

Mr. Dover is a very industrious farmer and has his barn filled with valuable property. A cow had to be pulled from the burning building, and those who gathered at the scene managed to save the wagon from the shed.

Dover-Ora Prayer Services Saturday

Prayer services will be held at the Dover Mill at 7:30 Saturday night with Ben Morgan in charge. At the Ora village Elis Lemmons will be in charge of a similar meeting. Everyone is invited to one of these meetings.

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Liberal Terms In view of the more liberal grant terms under the new PWA program 45 percent of the total cost of the project—the state directors were advised to notify applications into the various PWA State offices without delay.

Projects will continue to be examined on their merits, as was the practice under the original PWA program, but cities, towns, schools districts and other public bodies which file applications for loans and grants, "or grants only, now will stand a better chance of getting consideration than those communities which may hold back in hope of receiving even more liberal conditions.

The state directors were told, Mr. Baily said, that allocation of the \$4,000,000,000 fund has already begun and that speed is getting men to work on useful projects is one of the prime considerations guiding the Advisory Committee on Allotments in its recommendations to President Roosevelt.

Directors were also informed by PWA headquarters in Washington that in qualifying projects for consideration the estimated cost per man is to be computed on the basis of the 45 percent grant. The committee on allotments, of which Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes is chairman, has already recommended and President Roosevelt has approved a group of non-Federal projects which were qualified under the new program by computing the cost per year per man to the Government on the basis of the 45 percent grant. In other words Mr. Baily said, neither the 55 percent loan made by PWA nor the 55 percent raised by the applicant, as the case may be, is to be taken into consideration in figuring the cost of the project to the Government.

Good PWA projects are not to be excluded from consideration, inasmuch as the President already has made clear that the cost per man year of \$1140 is an average and applies to money from the new fund only. In this connection the PWA Division of Economics and Statistics recently made a study of 4,081 PWA projects actually completed and in use which showed, that on the existing basis of a 45 percent grant, the average cost to the Federal Government on keeping a man at work a year on the construction site would be \$950, or well within the limit set under the new program.

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