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CLAY COUNTY COURT BEING HELD THIS WEEK

The Gibbey is Exonerated By the Court—Will Probably Adjourn On Friday

Asheville, April 17.—Clay County court is in session this week with P. A. McElroy presiding. Aside from a few minor suits and judgments, the only case of importance coming up at this term was in which Charlie Gibbey, of Asheville, was charged with manslaughter for the killing of John Isom last year. The defendant was acquitted. The court is expected to adjourn Friday afternoon.

Murphy Branch To Be Included In Southern Extension Program

According to announcements recently made by General Manager R. W. Townson, of the Southern Railway, in its extensive program of construction of new track and siding, the company will include one or two points on the Murphy Branch. All work is under way on the track of this division, making them so that they will withstand heavier engines, which will make it possible to pull longer and faster trains to Murphy. In the new program announced, will be the construction of storage tracks at Addie.

Tree Puts Out Hedge Between Library And Court House

A street and sanitary force of the town planted out this week a row of bushes between the court and the west corner of the library building, in order to obscure the view of the vacant lot, jail, etc., from the front street. Col. J. D. ... kindly furnished the hedge.

M. Fain Building House On Old Site

R. M. Fain has begun the building a new dwelling house on the site of the old Murphy Mills. It is recalled that Mr. Fain's house was destroyed by fire a few months ago. The new structure will be erected on the same site. It will be a two-story dwelling, it is understood.

Women's Club To Meet Wednesday

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Club will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3:15, according to announcement of officers of the club. The announcement expresses the hope that there would be good attendance of the women at the meeting.

Timber Tree Generation Sees State Forest Go Up In Smoke

A total area of North Carolina 10,000,000 acres, of which 21,500,000 are in potential timber lands. Of these, 1,000,000 acres are in other uses now and for a long time to grow timber or nothing.

Timber area 7,380,000 acres of merchantable timber; 11,580,000 acres producing more or less young timber and 4,200,000 acres are lands that have been deforested, neglected or until they are no longer a drag to their owners.

For this condition, which already has reduced North Carolina from 4th to 9th place as a timber producer within six years and caused a 44 per cent decrease in production in spite of a doubling of the price of merchantable timber, the only answer is more growth and a redemption of idle lands to their economic employment.

Yet for the protection of forest lands a practice that costs 21,000,000 acres of forest lands worth billions of dollars every tree generation, the State of North Carolina now expends for forest fire prevention \$25,200—or

Wilson High School Wins Final Debate At Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, April 11.—Wilson high school's debating team won the state championship in debating here tonight when it was awarded a decision over the Durham high school team in a discussion of the question, "Resolved, That the Inter-Alleed War Debts Should Be Cancelled." Wilson's team upheld the affirmative of the question while the Durham young people defended the negative. Representing Wilson were Miss Katherine Ware and Fred Carr, and the members of the Durham team were Miss Lucille Mulholland and Everett Weatherspoon. This is the second time that Wilson has won the state championship during the twelve years in which this debate has been conducted. Durham has likewise won the state championship twice, and is the only school to have won twice in succession, and therefore, the only school that has in its permanent possession one of the Aycock loving cups. The winner each year has the name of the school and the names of the debaters inscribed on the cup and if any school wins the debate any two successive years, the cup becomes its property.

Dr. H. N. Wells Has Spanish Coin Dated 1712

A Spanish coin bearing the date of 1712 was brought to The Scout office a few days ago by Dr. H. N. Wells, who came into possession of it in 1902. The coin was found in Valleytown Township.

Dr. Wells came across it a few days ago when looking through his valuable papers. The denomination of the coin cannot be determined on account of its being worn. It is about the size of a dime and much thinner, showing the imprint of age and use.

The coin is 212 years old. To make a comparison, it was coined twenty years before George Washington was born and sixty years before the Revolutionary War. It has been suggested that perhaps Desoto and his band lost the coin when they came this way on their explorations of discovery, but obviously this could not have been the case, because Desoto died in 1542, nearly two hundred years before the coin was made. At any rate, this is a valuable coin.

Phaup Putting Material On Lot For Dwelling

Material is being placed on the J. H. Phaup lot near the Presbyterian church for the construction of a handsome dwelling house. It will be of brick construction, of the bungalow type and modern in its every appointment. The plans and specifications have been completed and the work will be gotten under way as soon as the material can be procured.

POULTRY SPECIALIST TO VISIT CHEROKEE COUNTY NEXT WEEK

According to arrangements just completed by County Agent H. H. Ellis, Poultry Extension Specialist E. G. Warden, of the State Extension Department, will be in this county to further poultry interests from the 21st to the 25th of this month. Agents Ellis and Warden will visit the various parts of the county and hold meetings and make talks to those interested in improved methods of caring for poultry.

Arrangements have been completed for holding meetings at the following places during Mr. Warden's stay in the county:

Monday, April 21, at 2 p. m., eastern time, office of Tri-County News, at Andrews.

Tuesday, April 22nd, at 9 a. m., central time, at Kinsey school building; Ranger school building at 1 p. m., central time, Tuesday, April 22nd

On Wednesday, April 23rd, at 9 o'clock meeting, by central time, will

EXPERTS OF FIVE NATIONS DEVISE PLAN FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

Reparations Solutions Proposed That Would Restore Prosperity and Aid U. S.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ROWS WITH SENATE

British Labor Government Down But Not Entirely Out of The Game

By David Loth

New York, April 14.—The civilized world, torn and distracted by war, has been put on the path that leads to at least reasonable prosperity and as much peace as was enjoyed before 1914. The next few weeks will show whether the world has learned enough in suffering to follow that path.

The path has been pointed out by a committee of international reparation experts after three months work. The problem of how much indemnity Germany must pay France and the other war victors has kept the rest of the world from economic recovery. It has been unfortunately coupled with unreasonable French efforts to make Germany pay impossible sums and stubborn German resistance to even fair demands.

We in America have been as much concerned as anyone. A good part of our agricultural difficulties are easily traced to European chaos. Our surplus products, once sold, are now turned back on the home market and the price consequently forced down by just that much. Commerce suffers with agriculture in Europe's inability to buy its own.

Now a way has been shown by which Europe may become out customer to the same degree she was before the war. The experts, drawn from the United States, England, France, Italy and Belgium, have hit upon a method which they believe will enable Germany to pay France without ruining herself.

The experts have examined the situation impartially. They say their report is a purely business document. Fortunately it is not, for the question cannot be settled without taking into account the political factors. Undoubtedly the experts bore these in mind and the result shows it, for their report can be accepted without forcing any country to admit a diplomatic or political defeat.

Summary of Plan.
In brief, the report suggests that German currency be stabilized by establishment of a new bank for issuing it. Half the directors would be foreigners so as to prevent tampering by the German Government. Berlin would be prevented from spending more than its income by a system of supervision over its finances. The chief supervisor would probably be an American. At first Germany is to pay only expenses of the Allied armies of occupation and certain payments in kind. After that she pays more and more each year until the total reaches \$525,000,000 annually in 1929. This money is to be obtained by issuing bonds against German railways and big industries, these bonds to be turned over to the Allied Agents.

Taxes are to be raised, too, so the

W. J. Townson Erecting House In Ice Plant Section

Mr. W. J. Townson is erecting a dwelling house on lots recently acquired from the Meroney heirs on the Bellevue road and just beyond the ice plant, though on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Townson recently moved to Murphy from near Culberson. He is the father of Messrs. E. L., D. W., J. C. and George Townson, who have been in business here for several years.

Gardners Complain About Chickens Running at Large

"Complaints are being registered about chickens running at large," remarked Mayor W. M. Fain the other day, with whom irate gardeners are lodging complaints. The question of poultry running at large has been quiet for some time until the touch of spring during the last two weeks started planting operations over the town and now the demand that all fowls be confined, is most insistent. The Mayor has announced his intention of rigidly enforcing the city ordinance requiring that all fowls be kept confined, and it is felt that the warning will be all that will be necessary to cause owners of chickens to see that their fowls cannot escape.

Woman's Club To Take Over Park In Square

The Woman's Club will assume the responsibility for improving and beautifying the park in the center of the public square, according to statements recently made by prominent club women of the town. A committee, headed by Mrs. John E. Fain, will be in active charge of the work. Grass seed and flowering plants are being procured, it is understood.

Call Stock Law Election May 24th

At the meeting of the County Commissioners last week a stock law election was ordered for the boundary in Murphy Township lying on Owl and Hanging Dog Creeks and surrounding the store of Olen Davis at Grandview.

The boundary is fully set out in the order for the election, which will be held on the 24th day of May. A new registration has been ordered for the election and the books have been ordered kept open at Olen Davis' store for four successive Saturdays preceding the election, beginning Saturday, April 19th.

BIRCH.

Mr. Wade Stiles of Gastonia is at home with his father for the summer.

Mr. Ed Brockman, of Gastonia, is visiting friends and relatives at Birch for a few days.

Mr. Thomas Payne has completed his new barn.

Mr. O. P. McClure made a business trip to Suit last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Barton spent Sunday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor, at Lenoir.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Green spent Saturday night with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Payne.

The Sunday school is growing at Beech Creek. Let everybody come and keep it growing. Everybody is welcome.

Mr. Sam Green is very busy these days hauling shingles.

Fred B. Avoca has broken the record for planting potatoes on Beech Creek. He put out twenty-five bushels.

Boyd W. has established a new barber shop at Birch.

DEMOCRATS HELD CO. CONVENTION LAST SATURDAY

Delegates Named to State Convention—Officers of Executive Committee Renamed

The Democratic County Convention, meeting in the court house last Saturday at noon, elected delegates to the State Convention, which met in Raleigh Thursday of this week, and instructed for delegate to the national convention. Mrs. Giles Cover and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Walker, of Andrews; Mr. M. L. Mauney, of Peachtree, and Dr. J. N. Hill, of Murphy were the delegates elected to the State convention. All of the delegates left for Raleigh Wednesday morning, except Dr. J. N. Hill, who found it impossible to get away from his practice.

The convention instructed its delegation to vote for Walter E. Moore as the delegate from this Congressional district to the national convention. Mr. Moore is a native of Jackson County. Phil Cox of Asheville, and W. W. Neal, of Marion, are also seeking to be named as a delegate to the national convention in New York in June.

The convention reelected Mr. C. B. Hill as chairman of the county executive committee and Mr. A. L. Martin as secretary.

Government Sends Kilgore To Europe

Raleigh, N. C., April 14.—According to an announcement from the State College of Agriculture, Dean W. B. Kilgore, director of the Experiment Station and Extension Service, has been selected by the Federal Department of Agriculture as one of nine delegates to represent the United States at the general assembly of the International Institute of Agriculture to be held in Rome, Italy, during the month of May. This trip is arranged for by the Department of State and all expenses are paid by direct appropriation from Congress. The United States maintains a permanent delegate at this Institute and sends its proportionate share of delegates to the general assemblies which meet once every five years.

It is considered a very high honor to receive an appointment of this kind and generally only those who have rendered outstanding services to a commonwealth or the nation are considered for the honor. It is felt that Dr. Kilgore because of his years of earnest endeavor to improve farming practices in North Carolina and because of his long connection with the agricultural educational work of the State has won this deserved honor. He plans to join the other delegates at New York City and sail for Italy on April 18th. He will return about the first of June.

The International Institute is supported by about 60 nations all of whom send delegates to the general assemblies. It is housed in a permanent building at Rome and donated by the Italian nation. The institute is the outgrowth of the dream of an American, David Lubin, who saw the need for a great international clearing house of agricultural information and who prevailed on the King of Italy to bring the institute into being. Mr. Lubin was for many years permanent delegate from the United States and spent the last years of his life in making the plan a success.

WOLF CREEK.

Mrs. Mattie Thomas, who was reported as being very sick, from here last week, died on Wednesday morning of the same. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Macedonia church (the Rev. F. R. Carter conducting the funeral services).

Mr. Ranson Mull and his brother, "Buddy," both of Copperhill, spent Sunday with their sister here, Mrs. Joseph Henson.

Some of our Sunday school that have been hibernating all the winter, are coming into life again. It is too bad that they cannot live the year around, and be active all the while.

Word has reached here that Mrs. Oscar Simonds, of Isabella, a former citizen of this place, is seriously sick with pneumonia, following a case of the flu.