

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST

Three Robeson county men under indictment for flogging two women have been declared not guilty, after a trial lasting several days. They were charged with having been members of the Ku Klux Klan. During the trial threatening letters were received by the judge and solicitor warning against so-called "persecution." One of the Klan officials was fined \$750 and given 90 days in jail for tampering with state's witnesses in the case.

North Carolina in rank in the value of articles manufactured by establishments whose products are valued at \$5,000 and over was the fifteenth state in the Union in 1921, according to figures just issued from Washington.

Senator Charles U. Harris of Wake county has declared that he will carry to the people the issue of flogging prisoners in the camps of that county unless the authorities ban the lash in all of its forms of correction.

Clarence Trus, of Greensboro, has been adjudged bankrupt after several years of millionaire life. He was formerly worth millions, being a contracting engineer of New York City.

According to the recent reports of the auditors employed to examine the treasury of North Carolina, on June 30, 1923, the State was running behind about \$710,000. However, the State legislative committee appointed to examine the figures estimates the State to be ahead more than \$200,000. The controversy between state officers is still raging since the audit has been made public. A. J. Maxwell is claiming an annual deficit of \$2,000,000 while Governor Morrison and the administration says the State is resting upon a firm foundation and has nothing to fear from its present system of financing and taxation.

An explosion in the power plant at Charlotte last Friday put its street car system out of operation for 18 hours.

A buckle on his belt saved the life of a policeman at Rocky Mount last Saturday. He was in a shooting duel with a negro who was being arrested and was fired upon, the shot striking the belt buckle and glancing off. The policeman killed the negro.

Dr. Hiram T. Hunter, of Wake Forest College, has left his post there to go to Galloway Normal School of which he was recently elected president.

More adjudications in bankruptcy were made during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, than ever before in the history of the district and the bankrupts discharged paid their creditors an average of only 11 cents on the dollar, according to the annual report of Capt. S. A. Ashe, clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Reports from all sections of the State say crops are in good shape, although rain was badly needed last week. Rains have fallen in a majority of the dry areas since that time, and the harvest is expected to take a boost as a result.

A quarter of million dollars will soon be spent on enlarging and improving the Rocky Mount cotton mills.

Thousands of Guilford county farmers and others in that territory listened to a speech by Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina, upon the occasion of a Co-operative Associations' rally and picnic held at Guilford battleground near Greensboro last Friday.

Secretary J. Paul Leonard, of the State Merchants' Association, says he will inaugurate an intensive campaign soon to organize more merchant associations in every section of North Carolina.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has made formal application to the Interstate Commerce Commission to operate the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad. The Coast Line recently effected a 99 year lease of this road, which will be operated in connection with the Louisville and Nashville, another subsidiary of the A. C. L.

Mrs. Georgia Bizzell, a Kinston woman, has just advised her husband that she is leaving China, where she has been for some time on a tour. The cruelties and barbarities of the Chinese have driven her to abandon the full trip as she had planned.

The Alamance county courthouse has been let for construction to the North Carolina Construction Company of Charlotte and New York, the building to cost \$179,770.

Owners of auction tobacco warehouses in Wilson have recently enlarged their floor space, looking to a record breaking season this year. The market will open there and in other larger towns in the belt on August 21st.

There are 1,400 National Guardsmen now at Camp Bragg, near Fayetteville for the annual two-weeks training period.

Thursday will be a big day in Southern Pines, where a big community rally and Good Roads Day will be staged. Hon. J. Elwood Cox will be the principal speaker.

A real budget for the State to be secured by legislative enactment instead of depending on the report of a commission which the General Assembly may follow or disregard as it chooses, seems likely to be one of the most far-reaching results to come from the recent audit of the State's finances, which required the services of 18 months for several months and which cost \$45,000.

One hundred and fifty acres of peanuts are being raised in Craven county in the campaign against the cotton boll weevil this year. Some large farmers have planted as many as 60 acres of peanuts, according to reports.

The shrimp season has begun along the coast in North Carolina, say reports from Southport, where boats are daily bringing in the little delicacies for use on the table.

A deed for more than a half million dollars has been turned over to the Christian Church in Burlington as a result of a campaign in that county for the support of the denomination.

Severe wind, hail, and rain storms visited several sections of Eastern North Carolina last Sunday afternoon. In the farming regions around Mount Olive and Goldsboro many of the growing crops were seriously damaged by the heavy rains, and hail, the latter cutting the young crops to pieces.

Walter E. Brock, prominent attorney of Wadesboro, will manage the North Carolina campaign of William G. McAdoo, for the Democratic nomination as President.

Contract has been awarded for a new dormitory at State College to cost \$164,000. The money was appropriated by the last legislature, the total for this college being more than one million dollars.

An increase of approximately \$22,000,000 is estimated for the 1923 valuations of real and personal property in Buncombe County.

According to the reports of auditors, the city of Asheville is about \$125,000 short in its current revenues, to meet city expenses.

Auditors are now at work examining the books of the Lenoir county treasury. The cost of auditing will be more than \$5,000 when completed.

According to tobaccoists of the Kinston section, the quality of the 1923 crop will be exceptionally good. It is much better, they say, than it has been for several years.

"North Carolina is a wonder. Any one who doubts this should go east where the crops are magnificent and practically every available acre being worked," is a statement made to the Associated Press by Frank Parker, Farm Statistician, who has recently returned to his office in Raleigh after a trip through the eastern counties.

Three quarters of a million bushels of oysters have been planted in the bays and sounds of eastern Carolina under the expanded program of the North Carolina Fisheries Commission. The oyster industry is expected to become a chief business of eastern North Carolina.

Bids will be received on a new courthouse for Wilson county when the commissioners meet next week.

Many tobacco buyers have recently migrated from the North Carolina tobacco centers to the markets in South Carolina. The season has already opened in the latter State.

GROUP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT WINDSOR

County Commissioners of Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Washington and Beaufort have been invited and requested to hold a joint meeting in Windsor, August 3, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of listening to a proposal from the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce to advertise Eastern Carolina. Letters have been mailed to the commissioners of these counties from the headquarters of the Eastern Carolina Chamber at Kinston inviting them to attend the meeting and consider the plan to be outlined.

A similar plan has already been presented to several county boards, with the result that it has been lauded as the most comprehensive advertising and promotion plan yet devised.

Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of the chamber, is sure the plan will be endorsed when heard at Windsor. He invites every commissioner to be there, and has also extended a general invitation to business men throughout the territory embraced in the call.

MURFREESBORO NEWS

The foolish fears of what may happen, I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.
—Elizabeth B. Browning.

Sunday night Murfreesboro was showered with a blessing in the form of a good-sized rain, and the first of any appreciable amount since May. Much of the vegetable kingdom had parched, and everything with life had begun to droop.

Mrs. Rives Childs of Lynchburg, Va., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. U. Vaughan. Mrs. Childs has recently arrived from Russia of which country she is a native. Her husband, a nephew of Mrs. Vaughan, is a member of the American Relief Expedition in Russia. Mr. and Mrs. Childs recently married in that country and are in America on their bridal trip.

Dr. R. E. Clark of Pittsboro preached Sunday morning and evening in the Baptist church here, delivering two helpful sermons. While in Murfreesboro Dr. Clark was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Weaver.

Mrs. D. G. Bond of Norfolk is the house guest of Mrs. W. E. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell and their son, George, spent Sunday in Elizabeth City with relatives of Mrs. Campbell.

Attorneys D. C. Barnes, Stanley Winborne, L. J. Lawrence, Mr. E. W. Whitley and others were in Winton Monday on important business.

Mr. W. H. Folk and son, Stephen, of Washington, D. C., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ferguson.

Mrs. M. E. Worrell has returned home from Richmond, Va., where she was a guest of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Vinson of Menola were visitors last Friday of Mrs. Ella Pierce.

Miss Katherine Chetty has returned from Suffolk where she spent some time in the home of her uncle, Mr. B. E. Parker.

Misses Fannie and Kate Jenkins have returned from Raleigh where they were guests of Mrs. J. Claxton Brett.

Mr. Roger Watson of Norfolk, who spent the week-end in Winton with his wife, who is visiting her sister, came over to Murfreesboro Sunday and spent the day with his mother.

Little Miss Thelma Griffith is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Louis Griffith of near the town.

Among those who attended the Methodist Quarterly Conference last Tuesday in Union were Rev. and Mrs. Larkin, Mrs. U. Vaughan, Mrs. E. B. Hill, Mrs. E. N. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ferguson and members of the Epworth League.

Miss May Horn of Pendleton was here last week to see her sister, Mrs. J. A. Boyette.

Miss Edna Joyner spent several days last week with Miss Willie May Byrd, near Mapleton.

Mrs. H. M. White is entertaining guests from Holland, Va.

Many from Murfreesboro have attended, at times, a revival (tent meeting) conducted by the evangelist Lightbourne, at Boykins during the past three weeks. The services have been much enjoyed.

Mr. D. C. Joyner has returned from Potocasi where he visited his son, Mr. Harvey Joyner.

Miss Jennie Ferguson spent several days of last week as the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. C. Ferguson.

Miss Elizabeth Watson spent the week-end visiting her sister, Mrs. Bailey Barnes in Ahsokie and Mrs. R. F. Benthall in Aulander.

Mrs. Howard Evans is visiting her aunt in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Vaughan spent Sunday night in Winton in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Brett and three children were week-end visitors of Mrs. Brett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Futrell.

Dr. Larkin of Weldon was a week-end guest of his brother, Rev. L. C. Larkin, returning home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Parker spent Sunday afternoon with relatives in Como.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Denham and Mr. Carl Ferguson of Suffolk, Va., arrived Friday by auto and spent until Monday with Mrs. Denham's mother and brother.

Miss Frances Lawrence who has been visiting friends and relatives in Boykins, has returned home.

Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, Mrs. D. G. Bond and Miss Kate Jenkins left Monday to spend some time in Windsor visiting Mrs. Jenkins' brother, Mr. W. K. Parker.

Mr. K. S. DeLoach of Norfolk, who is visiting Mrs. Luther Joyner in Severn, is spending a few days with friends in Murfreesboro.

Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Sullivan, after concluding a visit with friends in this section, returned home Saturday accompanied by Mrs. P. C. Parker who will be their house guest.

Miss Gladys Wade, after a week spent as guest of Mrs. Mary Beasley, returned to Margarettsville.

Misses Mary Babb and Meryl Britton have returned home from Norfolk where they spent ten days with friends.

Miss Elma Rawlings of Lawrenceville, Va., is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. R. P. Buford.

Miss Mary Whitley spent a week with her sister, Mrs. Gladstone Story of near Ahsokie, returning home Saturday.

Miss Georgia Mae Bryant, who has been working with the Hertford Mercantile Company, has left to spend her vacation with friends in Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Mrs. P. C. Brett of Ahsokie is here to spend some time with relatives.

The Baptist Aid Society gave a lawn party last Thursday evening in the town park. It was well attended and from the refreshments sold, the ladies cleared about twenty dollars.

Mr. Percy Underwood Injured

Mr. Percy Underwood was quite badly hurt last Saturday afternoon when a pair of mules which he was working in the woods, ran away and threw him. Some of the injuries were badly bruised arms and a heavy cut across the face. With a physician's aid, he was bandaged up and is now cheerfully recovering.

Mr. Henry Adams Dies

Mr. Henry Adams died rather suddenly last Saturday, while sitting up, in the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon at Mapleton. The body was taken on Saturday to Pitt county for burial. Mr. Adams had been afflicted for some years with dropsy.

ADMINISTRATION NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of John Futrell, deceased, late of Hertford County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned at Winton, N. C., for payment on or before 15th day of June, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

H. E. BLACK, Administrator.
This June 15, 1923. 6-22-23-6t.

FOR SALE

Having accepted a position with the Virginia State Highway Commission which necessitates my being in and around Richmond, Va., most of my time after September 1st; I offer for sale my farm near Murfreesboro, adjoining Chowan College. Farm improvements include a large orchard and pecan grove, good eight room dwelling with lights and all necessary outbuildings and sufficient farming implements to run a three-horse crop. Also 50 pure bred hogs and one cattle, 1 mule and three horses.

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