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Some news will travel farther than desirable without the aid of a newspaper.

The appointment of Hayes as Federal judge last week augurs the early appointment of a district attorney and a marshal, and there is little, or no, question that Lee and Chatham will furnish the men, Gavin of Sanford, and Jenkins of Siler City.

There is a satisfaction in having been the school mate of fellows who have later become governors, congressmen, and judges. The possession of the mental measure of those mighties is conducive to a greater respect for one's own mentality.

The rumors that Josephus Daniels favors Smith for president have been set at rest by a statement from Mr Daniels to the effect that he does not favor the nomination of any wet man for president. And that's that.

Wonder what Sinclair Lewis would say to that devoted band of Baptist missionaries who a third of a century ago made a determined resistance to the payment of fifty dollars a month salary by the Southern Baptist Mission Board to missionaries in China, insisting that only a fair living should be given themselves and others?

There are three Federal judges in North Carolina since the appointment week before last of J. J. Hayes as judge of the middle district, and they are all Wake Forest College men. Too, it is interesting to note that their vintages vary just as the dates of their appointments. Yates Webb is of the class of 1893, Meekins of the class of 1897, and Hayes of a considerably later date. By the way, Webb is another example of the success of a preacher's son, which may be added to the list reproduced by the Durham Herald, and reprinted in this paper.

Commissioner John Hill's determination to pave the Wake Forest Durham road before he does the Apex-Pittsboro one delays the perfecting of the short west to capital route but will turn no little travel from the north through Pittsboro, if there is any profit in an increase of tourist travel through a town. But the Zeb Vance highway is destined sooner or later to be one of the main arteries of travel from east to west. Raleigh is for it, and every town from Pittsboro to Lexington, and probably many westward of that important town.

We are quite sure that many folks in North Carolina would like to know the secret of a judge's legally acquiring the booze for his night caps. The interested ones referred to would like to practice the system. But for our own part, we should like to know if it can be done in order not to judge such a judge harshly. Drinkers necessitate buyers; buyers necessitate sellers; sellers necessitate makers; makers are the potential murderers of officers, e.g., Bud Davis and his gang. Moreover, how is it possible even to keep the stuff in one's room legally? Of course, if there is no judge who takes his nightcap, we can expect no such information as that stated as desirable. But if a judge cannot give the information, maybe some attorney who finds it possible to be soggy in the court room, as he is also an officer of the court, and perhaps a whilom law-maker, might give us the desired information. Now, we are not at all concerned at this time whether a judge or other officer of the court takes an occasional drink if he can do so without violating the law or aiding and abetting in its violation. But we do feel that a judicial officer and all other court officials should be above suspicion in the matter of the violation of all laws, and especially of that law whose violation is the mother of many other crimes.

FARMERS FAVOR RAZING THE TARIFF WALLS.

It is good to find the National Farm News, of Washington, D. C., declaring that the farmers of the west are aligning themselves against high tariffs. The Record has all along contended that there is no possibility of relief for the farmer except by removing the privileges of the protected industries. In the very nature of the case, there is no remedy in placing a tariff on the ordinary farm product, since this country exports instead of imports, wheat, corn, cotton, and meat, and every time an article like sugar receives the benefit of a tariff the burden is laid more heavily upon non-producers of that article. Says the National Farm News:

"A concerted effort on the part of agriculture leaders to batter down the present tariff walls which are protecting the industrial East at the next session of Congress now appears to be almost as certain as death and taxes.

Letters from readers of The National Farm News—the majority of which are coming from real "dirt" farmers—commenting on President Coolidge's veto of the farm relief bill, suggest the razing of the tariff walls as the only possible move to get agriculture on the same plane as other industry, or, in other words, if the industrial East insists on killing legislation intended to raise the farming industry to the same plane as occupied by the manufacturers, bankers, transportation companies and labor, then these industries must be pulled down on the same level as agriculture.

If the farmer is forced to sell his products in a world market they contend he should not be forced to spend the dollars he gets in a protected market. Hence, instead of the President's action proving a plague unto himself, as was predicted at the time, it has resulted in a move against the dearest possession of the Republican party—the protective tariff."

Drop a letter in the Moncure postoffice at four-thirty p. m. and one in the Pittsboro office at the same time, and the former can go around by Wilmington, Goldsboro and Raleigh and be back to Moncure within a few minutes of the time that the latter would reach Moncure to start its journey. The three mails out of Pittsboro daily are practically the value of only one mail to Sanford in the afternoon or early evening. If the Durham-Pittsboro-Siler City truck were turned to Sanford instead of to Siler City and would make a second trip from Pittsboro to Sanford in the afternoon before returning to Durham, Pittsboro would have all the mail facilities it needs without the railroad's carrying any mail at all, and Siler City would receive Pittsboro mail twice a day instead of once. Mail arriving at Sanford at nine a. m. could go north immediately, south on the S. A. L. at the same hour as it does now, while it would go south on the Atlantic Coast Line at the same hour, and north through Cummock, Gulf, Goldston, Bear Creek, Bonlee, Ore Hill, Siler City, and to Greensboro that afternoon at two o'clock. Mail arriving at Sanford at four-thirty in the afternoon would make early north and south connection on the S. A. L., and leave for Siler City and Greensboro early the next morning. But if it is desirable that mail pass directly from Pittsboro to Siler City, the Bennett star route might be extended from Siler City to Pittsboro. Again, the attention of Congressman Pou is called to the deplorable mail facilities here, and he is here asked to lend his assistance in getting instituted a routing that will remedy the situation.

It seemed to be taken for granted ten days ago that the Southern forces of China would fight its way steadily to Peking, the old capital of China, but the Northerners turned upon their pursuers and hurled them back to the Yangtze. More than 200 warships, large and small, are assembled at the various ports to protect foreign interests, but neither army, one may be sure, is giving much thought to the foreigners. The danger to the latter is in the horde of unorganized ruffians who may think the conflict between the two armed hosts gives them a golden opportunity to loot. Missionaries far in the interior are the ones in greatest danger in such a time as this, and there are several North Carolinians who are far inland, many days from the protected Pacific ports.

DELAY OF LETTER SPOILS LAST WEEK'S RECORD.

Last week we wrote an editorial setting forth the deplorable outgoing mail facilities here. The letter containing that editorial and the bulk of the county news for the week was mailed here Tuesday evening and should have been in the hands of the printer Wednesday morning. But he got it Saturday evening. Thus was more than the editorial set forth proved. We have not only the equivalent of only one outgoing mail a day, but one of the three services which go to make the equivalent of one outgoing mail, and the most important one of the three, is uncertain.

The northbound mail that goes to Moncure in the evening must go to Aberdeen, where it is supposed to be transferred to the northbound train, reaching Raleigh early in the night. Evidently, the sack containing the Pittsboro mail failed to be transferred, with the consequence that it traveled on southward—how far one cannot guess. It might have gone to Cuba, apparently, to get back to the printer Saturday afternoon. But the editorial is appearing this week, and it is all the more timely. But the delay of the letter carrying the bulk of the county news to our printer almost ruined last week's paper. The deplorable outgoing mail facilities have proven the worst difficulty we have had in publishing the Record since the fire destroyed the plant.

Pittsboro is in a triangle the three legs of which are the railroad from Raleigh to Greensboro, that from Greensboro to Sanford, and that from Sanford to Raleigh. There are three outgoing mails, one to Siler City, one to Durham, and one to Moncure, all points on the legs of the triangle. The consequence is that the three outgoing mails amount in effect to only one to an apex of the triangle. One mail going to Sanford in the afternoon, say leaving here at four p. m., would amount to the equivalent of the three. A letter mailed in Sanford anytime before nine o'clock at night would be delivered in Durham at practically the same time as one mailed to Durham here at one-thirty p. m., as the latter arrives in Durham too late for city delivery that day. And mailed at Sanford at the time indicated it would reach Raleigh practically at the same time, and therefore have the same chance for north, east, and southeast speeding forward as if sent to Durham at one-thirty. Accordingly Sanford is the logical outlet for Pittsboro mail. And the service will be all that the old town needs if the suggestion in another editorial be adopted, namely, that the Siler City mail truck go on to Sanford in the morning, return to Pittsboro, make a second trip to Sanford in the afternoon, return and take the mail back to Durham. In that case, there would be no need for any other mail facilities. The train mail to Moncure might be discontinued, and the saving thus made would doubtless more than compensate for the additional expense of the second trip of the truck to Sanford, for the additional time of the carrier would be the chief cost, as the wear and tear on the truck and the amount of gas used in making two trips to Sanford a day would amount to very little more over the paved 17 1-2 miles to Sanford than 1-2 trip over the soil-top road to Siler City, which too is 17 1-2 miles.

It will be observed that the town commissioners are advertising the proposition to issue \$40,000 in bonds to put in waterworks in Pittsboro. If 25 per cent. of the voters do not petition for an election on the matter, the bonds may be issued without an election, thus saving the expense of such an election. That is well enough. If you do not favor the proposition, get busy. But apparently the time has come for Pittsboro to make this modern improvement. The effect upon the rate of insurance will largely compensate for the raise in tax rates. The ordinance does not look to the institution of sewerage but only to a water supply. A number of homes at present have private water supplies and septic tanks for sewerage, and the same sewerage tanks can be used with the town water supply, while others may avail themselves of the town water for sewage by putting in sewage tanks.

Soybean hay will make as good gains with livestock as alfalfa hay and there are no heavy freight charges to pay when the soybeans are raised on the home farm.

THE MISSISSIPPI ON THE RAMPAGE.

The flood in the Mississippi is a record-breaker and threatens to do immense damage. Already the levees have broken in several places and turned the flood into the low lands, covering many square miles of territory. Still the river is rising, and only the breakages in the upper stretches of the river prevent the most destructive flood in Louisiana of many years. Every drop of water that leaves the river and takes to the lowlands above the Louisiana line lessens the strain on the levees in that state to a degree. But the water from a break is worse than if there were no levees and the flood gradually covered the lowlands reaching many miles from the river. The flow from a break is like a mill tail and it is difficult for the population to escape and save their stock. Thousands have already been driven from their homes.

As suggested last week, the reply of Governor Al. Smith to C. C. Marshall's letter asking for an explanation of the apparent conflict between allegiance to the Catholic hierarchy and that to the U. S. constitution is an important document and will be largely decisive in the matter of his securing the Democratic nomination for the presidency. The essence of Governor Smith's reply is that the doctrines of the Catholic church and the decrees of the pope have as little to do with a Catholic's relationship to the constitution as has, for instance, the Baptists' refusal to fellowship professed Christians who have not been immersed, or the refusal of the Episcopal church to fellowship divorced persons who have remarried. Just as Baptists refuse to recognize sprinkling as baptism, or even immersion by a non-immersed minister as true baptism, so the Catholics decline to recognize any baptism except that by their own priests. And as the Episcopalians decline to accept divorce by civil authority as justification for remarriage, the Catholics decline to accept civil marriage as the equivalent of a church marriage. And as the Episcopal refusal to fellowship a divorced person who has remarried has nothing under the sun to do with the latter's civil relations or rights, so has the Roman Catholic view of the necessity of church marriage by a priest nothing at all to do with any person's civil rights or obligations. Also the Catholics dictate what their members must believe to retain membership, but not what others must believe, except to become Catholics; so does every other church dictate what its members must believe and not believe. These illustrations are not Governor Smith's, but are used because they seem to give in an understandable way the gist of the argument of the governor.

It used to be the practice of a salaried man in the South to measure the worthiness of his salary by the number of bales of cotton to which it was equivalent. \$50 a month was conceived of as a most excellent salary, as it was the equivalent in a year of a whole lot more cotton than one man could make on his own land and with his own team. And it would be no bad measure today. The officer who gets \$5,000 a year is getting the equivalent of 60 to 75 bales of cotton without any expense being counted for land, cultivation, and gathering. That is a pretty good crop for the strength of some of the \$5,000 men. Wouldn't it be interesting to see some of those pork-eaters out trying to earn a living by their own labor and initiative?

JURY LIST.

The following named citizens have been drawn as jurors for the term of court beginning May 16: John H. Williams, Oakland township; R. A. Hearn, L. D. Thompson, J. A. Norwood, B. W. Mann, Baldwin township; W. H. Seagroves, Williams; S. S. Edwards, W. R. Fox, L. J. Brooks, W. J. Hackney, Carl Killiland, Matthews; Wilson Yates, C. E. McKoy, F. L. Thrailkill, C. E. Goodwin, J. A. Horton, New Hope; Frank Perry, Harry Wood, J. W. Lindley, John Crutchfield, L. N. Glenn, Hadley; E. T. Hackney, Albright; W. P. Hanner, P. C. Brady, Herbert Willet, H. I. Carter, Bear Creek; W. A. Andrews, W. C. Johnson, B. E. Dowd, D. C. Brooks, Hickory Mountain; Chas. Wicker, D. W. Smith, W. H. Murray, C. G. Oldham, Gulf; H. B. Jones, Geo. W. Brewer, O. T. Cooper, A. B. Robinson, T. W. Hackney, Center; Robt. H. Wicker, Haw River; J. W. Bland, Z. B. Utley, M. G. Smith, Cape Fear.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

There will be a memorial service held at the old Rock Springs cemetery, one mile north of Pittsboro, on the first Sunday in May, beginning at ten a. m. Speaking by Messrs. J. L. Griffin, A. C. Ray, and V. R. Johnson, and a sermon by Pastor W. F. Cates. Dinner will be served on the grounds. Rock Spring church is next to the oldest church in the Sandy Creek Baptist association, and is rich in history and tradition. Note the service will be at the cemetery and not at the church.

Tom Tarheel says spraying is certainly good fruit insurance.

Marriage License.

The marriage business has picked up the past week, as indicated by the number of license issued as compared with former weeks, when scarcely one a week was issued. The following have bought license since our last issue:

- O. D. Riddle and Sadie Hall, the groom of Moncure, Rt. 1, and the bride from Jonesboro. L. C. Brown and Bessie Siler, both of Siler City. Ethel Brown and Swannie Hayes, Bennett. Roy Tripp and Laure Cole, both of Bynum. Brady Walker, of Greensboro, and Pauline Staley, Liberty. W. R. Chambers, Apex, R.F.D., and Hazel Bolling, Chapel Hill. Irving Reed, Walnut Cove, and Ruby Cox, Stanley. Presnell Foushee, Spencer, and Florence Andrews, Siler City. Rt. Three. T. J. Hill and Noisy Oatney, colored, both of Moncure.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of the authority and power upon him conferred by a certain deed of trust executed by O. A. Palmer and his wife, Mattie C. Palmer, to Daniel L. Bell, trustee, bearing date of April 9th, 1926, and registered in the office of the register of deeds for Chatham county in book "GR" at page 19, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, and the holder of the bond thereby secured having requested a sale of the lands therein conveyed, the undersigned, trustee as aforesaid, will on

MONDAY, MAY 23RD, 1927, at twelve o'clock noon, at the court house door of Chatham county in Pittsboro, N. C., sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, those two certain tracts of land in Gulf township, Chatham county, North Carolina, which are bounded and described as follows: First tract.—Beginning on the Bank of Deep River on the mouth of a branch, corner of S. S. Lakey land, and running up said branch 20 poles to a white oak; thence north 26 degrees west 224 poles to a pine and hickory; thence north Pomona Terra Cotta Co., line to a red oak, corner of old Wm. Malone, 50 acres tract; thence with his line to the Dowd line; thence south with the same to a post oak and maple on the bank of McLeod Creek; thence down the said Creek to Deep River; thence down said river its various courses to the beginning; containing by estimation 283 acres, more or less. This tract of land being deeded to said O. A. Palmer as per deed recorded in office of register of deeds of Chatham county in book "EJ", page \$70, Nov. 21st 1917.

Second tract:—Beginning at a white oak on the Stinson road, running north 14 west 74 poles to G. A. Murchison corner, ash and oak pointers; thence west 114 poles to a stone corner in the field, Murchison corner; thence north four degrees east 61 poles to a stone in a bottom just below two persimmon trees; thence west 100 poles to an ash on the bank of McLeod creek; thence down said creek as it meanders to a pine stump and the Stinson road at the ford of said creek; thence eastwardly with the Stinson road 195 poles to the first station; containing 117 1-8 acres, more or less. This land was deeded to O. A. Palmer by a deed registered in book "FL" at page 147.

These two tracts of land will be sold subject to a prior mortgage, or deed of trust, executed to Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank, of Raleigh, N. C., securing an indebtedness of \$5,500.00.

Place of sale—Court house door, Pittsboro, N. C. Time of sale—Monday, May 23rd, 1927, twelve o'clock, noon. This April 15th., 1927. DANIEL BELL, Trustee. April 21st, 5tc

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