

Town - County Briefs

Hon. W. D. Siler spent a few days in Wilkesboro last week.

Mrs. C. C. Hall has been kept at home several days by illness of her mother, Mrs. Murdock.

Mrs. Jude Womble of Haywood is the first Chathamite reported as having a mess of garden peas.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlas Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrell, and Mrs. George Brewer spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Dr. and Mrs. Chapin visited their daughter, Miss Miriam in Richmond during the week-end, the occasion of the visit being the latter's birthday anniversary.

Mesdames Clinton Bryan and Daniel L. Bell attended the meeting of the Legion Auxiliary at Raleigh Monday. They were accompanied to the capital city by Mr. Bryan.

A. C. Ray, Jr., who is a student at Union Theological Seminary, will supply at Jacksonville, Onslow county, during the summer vacation. The third Sunday in May, at the invitation of Pastor Moss, he will preach at the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church.

THE PARENT TEACHERS'

MEET HELD THURSDAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Thursday evening at the school building. Mrs. Shannonhouse, in the absence of the president, presided.

The chairman of the several departments gave their annual reports and the grade mothers gave theirs. The outstanding achievements of the year were:

A Christmas music program; lunch served teachers at county-wide teachers meeting; the securing and entertaining of the Carolina Playmakers; a Colonial entertainment at the school building, Feb. 22; the purchase of a victrola and song books for the school; the securing of Miss Binzel, a noted lecturer on child psychology for two of her splendid lectures; and the fitting up of a medicine chest for the first-aid department.

The grade mothers gave the following reports of work done in the grades:

First grade sold candy, took part in a program, made and sold bed spread, and secured some small donations. Total of \$17.50 secured by grade to be used for purchase of books for first grade library.

Second grade sold candy and took part in program, securing \$9.60, the use of which is undesignated.

The third grade took part in program, sold cake and candy, and with some private donations, secured \$14.40, use undesignated.

The fourth grade sold candy, pies, cakes, valentines, and with some small donations, secured, \$22.62, which is to be used in the purchase of books and maps for the grade.

There is no report for the fifth grade.

The sixth grade sold candy, and with donations, secured, \$13.65 to be used in purchase of books for the grade.

The seventh grade sold, candy, collected society fees, securing \$3.00, which was used to buy a dictionary for the grade room.

No reports from the eighth, 9th and 10th.

The eleventh grade won the \$5 premium for having the largest representation of parents for four meetings, made and sold a quilt, and in other ways secured enough to make their total \$42.00, which was used for lights on the outside of the school building, shubbery for the grounds, 100 plates and 75 cups and saucers for the use of the P. T. A.

A prize of one dollar each was given by Messrs. Waters and W. P. Horto to the two boys who brought the most members to the meeting.

After the business meeting, Supt. Thompson outlined the plan for a county-wide eight months school term. Mr. D. L. Bell outlines the manner of registration and the laws governing the voting.

A true sport is one who can chat lightly, smile and be at ease while watching the taximeter.

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SCHOOL NOTES

The third grade of the Pittsboro high school enjoyed the visit of their grade mother, Mrs. E. R. Hinton, who gave each one in the grade several Easter eggs.

On Tuesday afternoon the third grade had a spelling match. Bobbie Hinton and Rufus Crews were drawn as captains. Bobbie's side won. The following "stood up" till the end and were given an ice cream cone by their teacher: Gurney McIver, Thomas Harris, Everette Jordan, Foster Powell, Ethel Boone, Ollie Mae Cole, Thelma Thrift.

The following pupils have had perfect spelling lessons: Bobbie Hinton, Foster Powell, Claude Melvin, Everette Jordan, Grady Pickard Gurney McIver, Thomas Harris, Hilda Mills and Thelma Thrift.

CLUB NOTES

Due to the fact that the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs will be in session from the third to the 5th of May, the regular meeting of the Woman's Club of Pittsboro will not be held until the 11th day of May, 1927 at the club room, at four o'clock p. m.

Quite a goodly number of Pittsboro's club women expect to attend the state federation meeting which convenes in Durham next week.

The cotton parade sponsored by the Woman's club was held Tuesday the 19th. Prizes for the best costume were awarded as follows:

Prettiest costume for grown-ups: Mrs. Ernest A. Farrell; prettiest costume for girl, Miss Margaret Horne Brooks; prettiest costume for child, Master George Walker Blair.

The following public spirited men contributed money for the prizes: Messrs. Brooks and Eubanks; G. R. Pilkington; E. B. Hatch, Emery, W. H. Griffin; J. N. Peoples; I. A. Ray; W. R. Thompson, D. C. Beard and C. C. Hall.

VETERAN PASSES

Mr. James G. Norwood, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the county, died at his home in the upper part of the county Monday afternoon and was buried at Mount Pleasant church Tuesday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown of the Haw River circuit.

Mr. Norwood served two years in the Confederate army. He was a good soldier and a most excellent citizen. His wife has been dead quite a number of years. Since her death Miss Mettie Eubanks, a devoted niece, has lived with him and cheered his aging years.

He was an uncle of Mr. W. M. Eubanks, of the firm of Brooks & Eubanks, and was practically a second father to him and his brother Clyde and sisters Mettie and Mrs. W. F. Norwood, who spent much of their youth in their uncle's home, which was nearby that of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood never had any children of their own, and thus cherished these nephews and nieces, and this makes the death of their devoted uncle a severer bereavement to them.

TRIBUTE TO MESDAMES LONDON AND ANDERSON

The following beautiful tribute to Mrs. H. A. London, of Pittsboro, and her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Anderson, of Fayetteville, was written by Mrs. Fred Vaughan and appeared in the People's Advocate of Fayetteville in the issue of March 31:

When The Big Parade was given at LaFayette theatre several weeks ago, Mrs. John H. Anderson and her mother, Mrs. London, had seats adjoining mine and Mr. Vaughn's. Mrs. London sat by me. I had never met her before, but when she walked in with her head held high, her look of quiet assurance, and the stamp of the fine, cultured gentlewoman of the old South, I said to myself, "Here is a woman of some consequence." We were a little early, so we had time for a chat before the picture began. We talked of what we knew of the picture, and it was just as natural for Mrs. London to slip back from the World War to the Civil as it is for me to breathe. We were in the midst of the horrors of the 'Sixties before I knew it, skimmed lightly through the days of reconstruction, and landed at the last decade or so all in the space of 15 minutes.

As she talked, her bright eyes flashed, and her voice rang with such unmistakable oratorical timbre that I was not surprised when she told me of the part it was her

privilege to play in securing from the legislature the pension bills for the old veterans and their widows. I looked at Mrs. Anderson and said to myself, "Uh-huh, now I understand it."

By that I mean I have never been able to understand Mrs. Anderson's indefatigable energy. I have often wondered where she got the time for her public-spirited work. She has a home and a husband, a combination that keeps the ordinary woman busy, and in addition to that she has raised a boy, which, I am told, is a considerable job in itself. But with all her waking hours chucked full you would think that she never had a thought on earth that didn't center in and around and about the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mrs. London rocker her in the cradle of Confederacy; as the twig was bent so the tree has inclined. She is as efficient a wife, mother and housekeeper as State Historian of the U. D. C., and to that combination I take off my hat.

When her book, "North Carolina Women of the Confederacy," appeared last August, she sent us a copy which I put carefully away to read at my leisure and lost. I looked in every likely place and finally found it. The other night after supper I settled down with it for an hour's reading, and when I looked at the clock it was after eleven. I might write on indefinitely and give it the praise it so justly deserves, but I can't say more than that I lost myself in it for three hours. Aside from the historical data it is full of thrilling stories depicting the hardships of the women and their dauntless courage. It was a Herculean task to collect the matter from all sections of the state and whip it into shape as she so ably did. If there were no other history of North Carolina's achievements in the war of the 'Sixties, this vivid account of the state's splendid women and their sacrifices would show that the men were doing their part on the field of battle.

In compiling this history of North Carolina Women of the Confederacy, Mrs. Anderson has made a valuable contribution to the literature of the state.

ADVOCATES JENKINS ROAD

News and Observer.

To the Editor: It is a little more than three years now since the people in Davidson, Randolph, Chatham and a part of Wake county first began urging the State Highway Commissions to construct an East and West Highway through the centers of these counties from Lexington to Raleigh by way of Asheboro and Pittsboro. Since that time a hardsurfaced highway has been constructed from the county seat of Davidson county to Winston, a hardsurfaced highway has been constructed from the county seat of Randolph to Greensboro and the contract has been let for a hard surfaced highway from the county seat of Chatham county to Durham. These highways it will be noticed by referring to the map run north and south through the centers of these counties having Pinehurst as their southern objective. While it is agreed by all that these highways are of the greatest value to the state, it will hardly be questioned by any one that the four cities above mentioned were the most interested in seeing them constructed and are now the greatest beneficiaries.

The building of these highway has not lessened one whit the desire of our people for an East and West highway from Lexington to Raleigh. It is therefore with much pleasure that we learn that work is soon to begin on the eastern end of this route between Pittsboro and Raleigh. It is hoped by all friends of this route that the new survey will make the distance just as short as practicable. Those who travel this route most suggest that the survey should follow on leaving Pittsboro what is known as the Jenks Road until within a short distance of the county line and should then turn directly into Cary. To route this road as far south as Apex would be we feel an injustice to this section of the state and we believe that the state highway commission will agree with us when the matter has been carefully checked up.

President Grant during his entire term of office, did not make a single public address.

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LOCATION OF EXTENSION OF P. N. E. R. RAILWAY IS STILL "UP IN THE AIR"

Asheboro Courier.

Latest news from Washington is that the location of the proposed extension of the Piedmont and Northern electric railway from Charlotte, to which place it has already been extended from Spartanburg, S. C., is still up "in the air." From all appearances, it was evident only a few weeks ago that the extension would be made from Charlotte to Salisbury and the Lexington and thence to Winston-Salem. However, some ten days ago, the petition presented to the Interstate Commerce Commission by attorneys for the road asking for such extension was withdrawn.

Yesterday's news dispatch from Washington stated that the information coming from the Interstate Commerce Commission's offices was to the effect that it was not known in what direction the road would be extended. It was intimated that the road was in the market for the best bid. It is understood that the officials of the road are trying to get into Durham or Raleigh eventually.

In order that this end may be accomplished, local men are of the opinion that the best possible route for such extension would be from Charlotte by way of Albemarle and Asheboro across by Rameur, Franklinville and Pittsboro to Raleigh or Durham. A mass of data can be furnished by local men interested to show that the amount of shipping available along this suggested route would warrant the extension of the P. & N. through this territory.

It will be recalled by those conversant with the fact that the original North Carolina railroad survey across the state was from Raleigh through Chatham and Randolph counties, but that through the influence of Governor Morehead and the late Frank Caldwell the survey was changed and the road surveyed by Greensboro instead of Pittsboro and Asheboro. This northern bend in the road to reach Greensboro made the rail distance from Greensboro to Raleigh a matter of 81 miles. The distance from Asheboro to Raleigh by highway is 75 miles, or six miles nearer.

Since the location of the proposed extension of the P. & N. is up "in the air" Randolph people feel that they have an opportunity to realize the materialization of something which they have long wanted, a road running practically east and west through the county. Such road would shorten shipping distance and would serve varied industries along the route, besides giving an impetus to the establishment of new business enterprises along the route which would be served by the road.

While little expression can be gotten from the officials of the road relative to its proposed expansion, local men have not given up hope that eventually the P. & N. will be operating trains through Asheboro.

DON'T FORGET OLD COMMON SENSE.

Greensboro Patriot.

Operation of the new county government laws, which are expected almost to "revolutionize" some of the present methods, has just been the subject of a conference at Raleigh. We hope that the boys didn't decide to operate like some of the cities are operated.

We understand that the introduction of "business is business" idea. That, as everybody knows, meant hog it all if possible.

"Business methods," efficiency experts, follow to install "pep," smooth, classy economists — book learned and never themselves having shown for themselves any business ability — are supposed to be the factors that brought about the change. But it should be remembered that no efficiency expert or pep fellow can take the place of good, plain sense, common sense. This common sense is uncommonly scarce in the persons of people who sit down and with a piece of paper and a lead pencil figure out a better way to do anything than any way that has ever been tried.

Don't forget old common sense, boys.

Efficiency, so-called, may have a great reputation, but the end old common sense has to furnish the beans and bacon for the efficiency experts or they go hungry.

Business methods, so-called, are all right if they can stand up, but when they collapse who is it that is called in to get things going again?

It's old common sense who is called in.

Don't forget that the accumulated experience of the centuries is worth something. Oh, not worth as much as the ideas of some sawdust brained efficiency expert, but still worth something.

Don't forget that even an efficiency expert isn't infallible except in the mind of one person—himself. Don't forget that, throwing a monkey-wrench in the wheels, even if efficiently done by an efficiency expert, will cause some damage.

And, finally, don't forget that nobody is sitting up late at night to welcome some revolution. The world will continue to revolve without any revolution right now.

Time To Pay Taxes Is Here

All unpaid taxes in the county will be advertised within the next three weeks. The Finance Act of the last legislature adds a penalty of 20 per cent to all taxes due the county, so the tax collector has no option in the matter except to collect all due taxes, plus the penalty. This will add quite a bit of costs to all delinquents, so they can save themselves this extra amount by paying before property is advertised. Sale for unpaid taxes will be made on the first Monday in June, and advertising started one month earlier. You can save yourself considerable money and trouble by paying up before advertising begins.

GRUMBLING.

Grumbling is general. So it is not to be otherwise than expected when our leaders call an election to vote taxes to give the country children equal opportunities with the town children. We begin to grumble, though some are paying much more now and many who are paying less are benefitting from what the other pay. It is hard to pay taxes, but it is worse not to give the children an opportunity.

Last year I was telling a young man that one of my boys was completing the high school course and he remarked that he didn't know country children ever finished high school. Yet we grumble about taking all the schools to town. However, I believe the town people would send their children to the country if the conditions were reversed.

Out here in the country where I live it did use to be a rare thing for a boy to be prepared for college. Yet we grumble and say we need our boys, that eight months is too long. And we do, but we can manage to get along without them, for I am crippled up and should need mine as much as anybody does, but I try to keep them in school. It is hard for us to think we can do without the children, but we can if we have their interest enough at heart. In the nine years of my affliction I have felt the need of more education so many times that I have often wished I could have had the advantages of today when I was a boy.

HENRY F. DURHAM.

VETERANS BORROW \$15,000.00 MONTHLY ON INSURANCE

A reunion of the soldiers who fought in France under Albert J. Cox in the 113th Field Artillery will be held at Fort Bragg August 12 and 13 if plans announced by Capt. A. L. Fletcher go through to completion. Tentative plans were adopted recently at a meeting with Major Robert M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem, chairman of the reunion committee.

Plans call for the assemblage of the various units of the outfit at their home stations. The trip to Fort Bragg will be made by automobile.

Veterans of Batteries A and B of New Bern and Washington respectively will be mustered by Major Thad G. Stem, of Oxford.

Battery E. of Lenoir and Battery F. of Mooresville will be looked after by Major A. L. Bulwinkle, of Gastonia.

Major L. P. McLendon, of Durham, is slated to bring in Battery C. of Durham, and Battery D. of Wadesboro and Monroe.

The supply and headquarters companies, both of Raleigh, will be under the command of Captain Fletcher. The Sanitary department will be headed by Sergeant Joe

Rural schools of Cumberland county will feature cotton dresses at commencement exercises this spring. Sixty-four girls who are members of the Stedman home demonstration club are wearing cotton hose.

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