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## TAR HEEL SCRAP BOOK

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### MARCH QUIZ

1. March seems to have been a great month for the advent into this world of Presidents of the U. S. A. How many can you name?
2. Name a great naturalist who was born in March and one who died in March.
3. Name two great writers who were born in March and one who died.
4. Two Statesmen who died and two who were born in the third month?
5. Name two sculptors, two composers and one painter given to the world in March?

Standing on the threshold of March wondering if it will be any windier than these other months we've been experiencing. Time was when the weather man could be more or less counted upon to conserve the winds and hurl them at us in March. But evidently the third month has no monopoly on winds any more.

The exquisite book, by Sugimoto, former instructor in Japanese language and history at Columbia University, "The Daughter of Naikin," refers to Japanese tea as "liquid jade." This reminds us that the puttering little Chinaman who served us tea once years ago in San Francisco's Chinatown must have believed his brand to be that good.

Spending two weeks in Frisco, we provided for one whole day about that fascinating Chinatown. Our party was composed of a Southerner who had resided there for the past twenty years, her daughter, her nephew and my humble scribbler.

This Southern lady who had decided to cast her lot permanently with the West, was a reader for a large publishing house. She was headed down with excitement to see the city cat shows and that sort of thing.

bidding us to become really acquainted with her adopted city.

However, she considered us too much of a tenderfoot to do Chinatown without her expert guidance. It was a day of marvelous experiences to one just out of Tarheelia and who had seen little else.

Finally tired, we sought a quiet place where we might imbibe a cup of tea and decide what to do with the evening before us.

A huge oval tea sign hung over a narrow, unobtrusive doorway—stairs, wooden, green ones led up to the second floor.

This place was very bare. The floor was of rough boards. A few tables were scattered here and there miscellaneous—no two alike. A green vine or two trailed from a glass dish perched upon a tiny shelf. An ivory bowl by the window contained one highly scented hyacinth.

We stood upon the barren threshold—feeling that we had intruded and should go downstairs. But at this moment a world-weary, disconsolate, be-asked Chinaman appeared from behind a tiny bamboo screen. He was the genuine article we reflected, queue and all.

Obedying his motions we seated ourselves at a round bare bamboo table and ordered tea.

The Chinaman in his matting sandals padder away behind his screen—was gone for an hour or two (or so it seemed to us prescientists, if you are listening in) and returned with a minute green pot of tea which was steaming so violently we thought the lid would pop off.

Then he brought a miniature bowl of very thin and tasteless little hard cakes, and supplemented this with a doll tea-set plate sparsely filled with salted almonds. He then poured the tea into our bowl-shaped handleless cups and departed.

The tea was perfectly clear, perfect ly thin and transparent; it was green and certainly must have been liquid jade for the bill was \$4.50.

We "see by the papers" as the irrepressible Will would put it, that Columbia University economists have discovered after much investigation that the sales tax is a fluke. This was our own private opinion and we are glad to learn that these brainy statisticians and economists de luxe arrived at the same conclusion after prolonged investigation.

We want that tax repealed. We get tired having to order all our purchases from sales taxless states. Beats going in debt tho say we.

The U. S. Geographic Board has gotten out a paper covered book of eight or nine hundred pages of decisions for spelling 25,000 place names. (Continued On Page Five.)

## PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR 1935 ASSEMBLY FACE MANY PROBLEMS

### CANDIDATES TO FACE SERIOUS PROBLEMS NOW

Candidates Slow To Announce For Coming State Legislature of N. C.

### CHANCE TO WIN OR LOSE

Many and varied are the problems whose difficulties will confront the members of the 1935 legislature in its bi-annual session next year. The readjustment of the school problems the revision of the sales tax, the Turlington act, teachers' salaries, and the merging of counties will be among the greater problems facing members and one may rest assured that the prospective candidate for the 1935 legislature will have his platform scrutinized closely by keen political observers before he is declared the winner in the election next August.

### The School Situation

The school situation looms as one of the most important problems confronting the legislature in its next session. The curtailment of the appropriations for the various state supported institutions during the past several years is expected to bring about a strong fight among those who favor larger appropriations for the University. For the last three years the state University has been getting along in a hit and miss fashion on several hundred thousand dollars less than it should receive as a leading educational institution in the nation. As the oldest state university in America it had built up a splendid reputation among the world's scholars which has been considerably impaired by the current depression.

The eight months school term will face another battle from those who favor shorter terms for the State.

the school system, and if returned to the House by his constituents again this year, will be a leader in economy measures in his effort to secure gubernatorial recognition for his 1935 campaign.

A third problem of the schools which will face revision is the pay of school teachers. While no school in North Carolina has had to close its doors, this being the only state in the entire union to keep every school open, there has been the aid of a lightened pay roll for the teachers of the state. At present teachers' salaries are at their lowest ebb and every effort will be made to have their salaries raised in the next legislature. The sympathies of the state are with the teachers to a great extent and this problem will in all probability be an easy one to settle.

### The Sales Tax

The biggest fight in the 1935 legislature will naturally center around the sales tax. In theory the sales tax is the fairest method of taxation, but in its present form it has developed into more of a nuisance than anything else. Its methods of collection covers the entire fault in the sales tax. The sales tax hits hardest the man who buys the most, which must be the man who has the most money to spend. Taxing every citizen regardless of age or income it is much fairer than a tax which hits a particular class. It has been estimated that the passage of the sales tax allows the state of North Carolina to collect taxes from 38,000 negroes in the city of Winston-Salem alone who have never paid a cent of taxes before. The state gives to the negro an education and it is only fair that he should pay some taxes. This plea has been the basis for the present state administration's bid to make the sales tax popular and it has its many points.

The collection of the sales tax is the chief point in its unpopularity. If the state had adopted some means of collection through the use of stamps or placing the tax between the manufacturer and the jobber it would be far more popular than it is now. Placing it under the eye of the every day citizen has made it a sore spot and caused considerable opposition to it. It is needless to say that there will be many a bill introduced in the 1935 legislature for its revision and for its complete abolition. In all probability the sales tax is here to stay, but its revision is essential and will face final settlement next year.

It is further needless to say that an effort will be made by the wet (Continued On Page Eight.)

### EVERYBODY SEEMS HAPPY DOWN SANFORD WAY

The following paragraph is taken from the "Political Pinwheel," a department which is published in The Raleigh Evening Times: "Senator T. S. (Lux) Cross and Representative O. P. Makepeace, of Lee, must have 'known the score' when they pushed through the last General Assembly their bill for that county to use scrip for certain purposes. The scrip is now redeemed and everybody seems happy down Sanford way."

## THIEVES FAIL IN EFFORT GET CAR

### E. M. Underwood Frightens 3 Would-Be Auto Thieves Tuesday Morning.

Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock Mr. E. M. Underwood, Sr., shot at three thieves while they were trying to steal his Buick car. Early in the night Mrs. Underwood came down town and, upon her return parked the car in the driveway near the garage, leaving the key in the car. Later she went for Mr. Underwood, who was down town at the time. After they returned they missed the key and Mr. Underwood suspected that something was wrong. Later Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Underwood, Jr., drove to the home in their Ford and parked it between the street and Mr. Underwood's father's car. Mr. E. M. Underwood, Sr., loaded a shot gun that he kept in the home with birdshot and prepared to give the thieves a warm reception should they return. He had not long to wait. Soon after midnight three men, as stated above, made their appearance at the garage and moved the Buick.

Mr. Underwood went to the front door, but was delayed in getting it open by the night latch being on. They heard him opening the door and by the time he rushed to the porch they were making their way across Mr. O. P. Makepeace's front yard. He fired at them as they disappeared. It is thought that they went to Gulf street and left in a car that was in waiting for them. They had their nerve with them.

## LOCAL MAN WILL TAKE OVER OFFICE

U. S. District Attorney J. Ray McCrary, of Lexington, has resigned his office effective with June 30, according to a Washington dispatch to Sunday's dailies. Previous dispatches had stated that the department of justice had asked for the resignation of Mr. McCrary to pave the way for the appointment of Carlisle Higgins, of Sparta, a Democrat, to the middle district post.

Mr. McCrary's appointment was a political one, he being named as a Republican. He succeeded Mr. E. L. Gayn, of Sanford, in the spring of 1932. Customarily district attorneys are appointed for four years, but this district was created late in the second Coolidge administration and the first appointee served for four years, leaving Mr. McCrary only about a year of the Hoover administration. He will have served almost sixteen months in the Roosevelt administration when his resignation becomes effective.

Bryce R. Holt, of Greensboro, and R. S. McNeill, of Mocksville, will be named assistant district attorneys, it is announced.

Mr. W. T. Dowd, of this place, who was recently appointed marshal of this district by President Roosevelt, will take charge of the office about the first of next week, his appointment having been confirmed by the United States Senate last Thursday. While his official headquarters will be in Greensboro, Mr. Dowd will continue to make Sanford his home.

### TO SPONSOR PICTURE

The Senior Class of Sanford High School will sponsor a picture entitled "The Prizefighter and the Lady," featuring Max Baer, Myrna Loy, Primo Carnera and Jack Dempsey, to be shown at the Temple Theatre on Thursday and Friday, March 8th and 9th. Admission 10c and 15c.

## WITNESSES

If the witnesses survived the cold spell that prevailed during the past three or four weeks they are

A fire alarm carried the fire department to the home of W. J. Byerly on Oakwood avenue Thursday afternoon, but when the company reached the scene of the fire it was found that the roof in a chimney was on fire and no damage done.

Some of the local dealers have had fertilizer shipped in and stored ready to be moved to the farmers when the farmers are ready to buy and begin making preparation for pitching their crops. It is thought that the farmers will not buy much fertilizer as they did last year when the government has limited the acreage to cotton and tobacco.

Instead of preaching at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. Frank Hawkins filled the appointment of Rev. Leon Larkin at Steele Street Methodist church at 7:30, preaching to both congregations. Mr. Larkin, who had a deep cold, has about recovered, the people of the town will be pleased to learn.

Richard H. Hamilton, son of the late Rev. K. D. Hamilton, who was for two years preceding his death, pastor of Steele Street Methodist church, died at his home in Louisville, Ky., Feb. 25th, at the age of 48 years. Mr. Holmes is survived by his wife and one child. His brother of Mrs. W. M. Cade, of this place, and Miss Maude Holmes, of Raleigh. Mr. Holmes served as a captain in the World War and held the rank of adjutant in the reserve corps at the time of his death.

Headquarters of one of the towns in the area had hit by the cold weather.

and Power Company at Henderson was put out of commission by the wires and poles being down from the weight of the ice. As the company experienced no trouble here the local linesmen went to Henderson the first of the week to assist in restoring the lines.

Continued cold weather which has spelled death to all reasonable vegetables, killing salads and other green foods, has meant that prices for sweet potatoes have boomed upward, in some instances prices to 60 cents. Not only is there a demand on near by markets, but trucks from Virginia and other neighboring States have been scouring North Carolina in search for potatoes. The present price level is much higher than the prices received for potatoes last year.

The Cunningham house on Hawkins Avenue caught fire about 9 o'clock Tuesday night, but the fire department reached the scene in time to save the building before much damage was done. The fire was discovered in the roof and it is thought that it caught from a chimney. The flames were extinguished by the use of chemicals. The house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Neill Underwood. This was the second alarm sent in for the day.

It is reported that Charles Ross, of Lillington, who, at present is making his headquarters in Raleigh, where he is connected with the State Highway Commission, will enter the race for the judgeship in this district. It now looks like there will be one or more candidates in the race from each county in the district. The woods are full of candidates for the solicitorship. About all the newspapers in the district are carrying the pictures of the candidates for the two offices. If some of them look like their pictures they should not show their faces to the voters if they hope to get elected.

Mr. A. H. McVier spent a few days in New York recently on business. He thought that he picked his time to go when the weather was mild, but when he arrived in the metropolis he found a terrible blizzard sweeping over the city and all business practically paralyzed. The weather was so bitterly cold that people were afraid to expose themselves much on the streets lest they freeze to death. While he was there the thermometer registered 15 to 18 degrees below zero. It was the worst tie-up that New York has experienced in years and the weather has been intensely cold since that time.

## HOSPITAL GETS GOODLY SUM FROM PICTURE

Junior Chamber of Commerce Presents Hospital With \$175 From Picture.

### HARTNESS TALKS ON NEED

Local Institution Badly In Need of Funds For Varied Program of Activities.

The Sanlee Theatre was full to overflowing last Sunday afternoon with the people to attend the picture put on for the benefit of the Lee County Hospital. It was given under the auspices of the Sanford Junior Chamber of Commerce. After all expenses were met the sum of \$175 was turned over to the hospital people to be used in connection with the work. This money was badly needed and will be a great help to the hospital. It goes without saying that the management of the hospital and all others connected with the institution greatly appreciate the work of the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Sanlee Theatre for making it possible to raise these funds.

Mr. W. R. Hartness, a member of the board of directors of the hospital, made a talk before the picture was shown, giving a brief history and work of the institution and telling of its needs.

## CLUB CONTINUES HISTORICAL TALKS

Despite the intensely cold weather the Kiwanis Club was well attended at its meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night. Vice President R. G. Sowers was again called to the chair by President J. E. Brinn. He "expurgated" some more before turning the program over to D. B. Teague, chairman of the program committee. As expurgate means to purge or purify, it is to be presumed that the club is in better shape than before.

One of the players of his number one championship squad of the 1933 season, Coach Crutchfield took practically an entire new squad and developed an eastern championship team. There is probably no coach in North Carolina who has made a record comparable to Mr. Crutchfield's record since he has been in Jonesboro.

The students and patrons of Jonesboro High School are indebted to him for the record that has been made in the name of the school, so hats off to C. J. Crutchfield.

## FORMER RESIDENT GETS PROMOTION

Many of the people of Sanford will remember Dr. J. D. (Jack) Ray, who made his home in this place when he was a boy. After finishing school here he took a course as a veterinarian and went West, locating in Kansas City. Like many other young men, who, upon reaching their majority, went to other sections of the country and gained promotion in some profession or calling, Dr. Ray has by steady habits and efficient work been promoted from time to time in his work and now holds an important position in a great company in the West. We quote the following announcement from a leaflet which also carries his picture: "On January 1st, 1934, Dr. J. D. (Jack) Ray, of Kansas City, Missouri, becomes associated with the Corn State Serum Company, of Omaha, Nebraska. He will have charge of investigation and diagnosis, a new department created by the purpose of rendering a diagnostic service for practicing veterinarians."

Dr. Ray is eminently qualified for this service as he has been associated with Dr. A. T. Kinsley for sixteen years in field investigation and laboratory diagnosis. Dr. Ray retains his financial interest in the Kinsley Laboratories of Kansas City, and will continue to supervise the production of Kinsley Biologics. "Dr. and Mrs. Ray will reside in Omaha after January the First."

## MAN ASSAULTS AN 8-YEAR OLD GIRL

It comes to light that Howard Edwards, 24-year old white man, criminally assaulted his wife's sister, Agnes White, 8 years of age, near Tramway on Saturday, February 17th. It is alleged that Edwards committed the assault while the girl was waiting on his wife while she was sick. It is stated that she was afraid to tell her people of the crime as he had warned her to say nothing about the matter. Members of the family discovered that there was something the matter. Members of the family told them that he had committed the assault.

The girl was brought to the Lee County Hospital for treatment. It is stated that she was found to be in a serious condition. Edwards was placed under arrest and committed to jail without bond. He will be given a preliminary hearing before J. R. Rives, Esq., Friday.

## CONTINUE REDUCTIONS ON CWA PROJECTS IN COUNTY



## JONESBORO QUINT LOSES FINAL GAME

Jonesboro Lads Lost Game To Dobson At Hill Tuesday Night; Score 42-21.

After defeating Roanoke Rapids 37-7 for the Eastern class B championship, the Jonesboro basket ball team lost to Dobson at Chapel Hill Tuesday night by a 42-21 score. This will give Dobson the championship of Class B schools of North Carolina.

Dobson clearly outplayed Jonesboro in this game and held a 25-7 lead at the half. However, Jonesboro came back fighting in the second half and played on even terms with the tall and rugged mountaineers during this period.

Folger led Dobson with 18 points; Womble was high scorer for Jonesboro with 12 points.

Until this loss Jonesboro had not been defeated in 38 contests among high school teams during this and last year. The team will enter the State College Tournament next week. The success of the basket ball team during the present season, in a large measure, may be attributed to its

## CWA PROJECTS COME IN FOR A DRASTIC SLASH

Several Lee Projects Are Curtailed By Reduction of CWA Employees.

### EXPRESS MANY OPINIONS

One hundred and forty-four CWA workers were taken off the government payroll in Lee County last week, reducing the number to 355 from a total of 499. It is stated that reductions will continue each week until May 1st, by which time the entire CWA force is expected to be demobilized. As the CWA work is discontinued, the relief rolls increase, but when the weather opens up and farm work begins, some of those being taken off the CWA expect to find employment.

By cutting off workers a number of projects have been affected in Lee county, in fact some of them have been abandoned for the time being, if not permanently. Among the projects abandoned or forces reduced for the time being in this county are the construction of the approach to the Avent's Ferry bridge and the golf course near Sanford. The bridge project was abandoned, cutting off 40 men, and the golf course of workers was cut from 20 to 10 men. It is hoped that a full force of laborers will be kept at work on the swimming pool till it is finished. It is thought that it will be finished by the middle or latter part of the summer. Work on the approach to the Avent's Ferry bridge was discontinued at a time when the job could have been finished at a comparatively small cost. The ground is dry and the dirt that is placed on the fill is easily handled. When it is wet it is difficult to move it.

manently by the CWA forces, it will be necessary for the county or State Highway Commission to finish the project.

A good lot of money has gained circulation in Sanford and this section through laborers employed by the CWA. One business house alone took in about \$3,000.00 from this source during the past two months. Others have also profited by it to a substantial degree.

According to the dispatches the Civil Works Administration has directed eight administrators to drop 377,500 workers in the county tomorrow, reducing the civil works forces to 2,607,000 men and women. The cuts ordered did not include employees on federal projects. These were sent to the various States by the Federal departments which are supervising Federal projects. About 120,000 workers will remain on projects March 2nd and about 40,000 will remain on emergency educational work, in addition to those regularly employed by civil works.

State administrators have been instructed to follow the same rules and regulations as laid down for demobilization of 575,000 civil works employees. These rules require that major reduction be made in communities where seasonal operations for re-employment are greater or in communities where there is the least industrial unemployment.

Those in least need of employment or in whose immediate family another member is working are to be dropped first. The administrators also are instructed to discontinue least desirable projects first and to make any new employment for replacement or other purposes on the basis of need. Wage rates and hours of labor remain unchanged. Each of the Carolinas was directed to drop 10,000 workers, leaving 34,500 for South Carolina and 43,000 for North Carolina.

### NO RECORDER'S COURT

When Judge T. J. McPherson went to the court house Tuesday morning to hold Recorder's Court he found that there was no docket to work on. This is the first time this thing has happened in the history of the court. Are the people of Lee County becoming more law abiding or has the weather been too cold during the past few weeks for the lawbreakers to carry on their work.

The Express is informed that the blockaders can not make liquor in weather like this as beer which the liquor is made will freeze.

Mrs. H. F. Makepeace has been quite sick for several days. Her friends will delight to know of her improvement.

### MRS. MATTIE STONE

Funeral services were held at Poplar Springs Methodist church Wednesday at 2 o'clock for Mrs. Mattie Stone who died at her home near the church Monday. Rev. J. E. Blalock conducted the funeral.

Mrs. Stone was the widow of the late John Stone and died at the age of 71 years. Mrs. Stone was a splendid Christian woman who will be greatly missed by her 12 children, grand children and many friends.