

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

There are said to be 781,000 war prisoners interned in Germany.

Mrs. Lanning, wife of Rev. J. Lanning, died suddenly at her home in Denton February 28.

The total appropriations of the recent General Assembly to State institutions amounted to \$3,000,000.

Columbia University, New York, with an enrollment of 14,000 students, is the largest school in the world.

Senator Overman will not join in any movement to change the rules so as to stop debate and force a vote in the Senate.

The cornerstone of the new house for the Church of the Covenant, Presbyterian, was laid in Greensboro, last Sunday afternoon.

Representative Daughton has recommended John L. Miller for postmaster at Concord. The unsuccessful candidates are Messrs. J. Sherrill and Wainhouse.

Prof. Charles Eames, who built the first crematory for the burning of the human body in this country, and brother of Dr. R. M. Eames, of Salisbury, died in a New York hospital last week.

The entire stock of merchandise of J. M. Daniels, of Wilson, was destroyed by fire last Saturday night, but was partially covered by insurance. The stock was valued at \$14,000, with \$9,000 insurance.

Harry K. Thaw was put on trial before the Supreme Court of New York last Monday on a charge of conspiracy, growing out of his escape from the State hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan.

Jose P. Walker, the Brunswick county outlaw who escaped six years ago from the jail at Southport, when he was awaiting trial for the murder of Sheriff Standland, of that county, was captured in Wilmington last Sunday.

Mr. S. L. Rogers, of Macon county, has been appointed Director of Census at Washington. Mr. Rogers was formerly a member of the North Carolina Corporation Commission and was Senator Simmons' manager during the campaign between him and Governor Kitchin.

Steps are being taken to make Healing Springs, near Denton, a popular summer resort. This is one of the best mineral springs in the South, and several prominent citizens of Lexington and other towns are erecting cottages there for use this summer.

In a recent letter to Postmaster General Burleson, Representative Mason, of Tennessee, chairman of the House Committee on Postoffices and Postroads, charges the railroads with making the Government pay twice as much for carrying the mails as they do for express traffic.

Monroe E. Phillips, a real estate dealer, of Columbus, Ga., ran amuck with an automatic shot gun on the streets of that town last Friday, killing five and wounding 32 others, one of whom has since died, finally being shot to death himself. He is thought to have gone insane as a result of financial difficulties.

President Wilson has selected May 19, as the date for the meeting in Washington of the ministers of finance and leading bankers of Central and South America with the financiers and treasury officials of the United States to discuss the establishment of more satisfactory financial and commercial relations between the nations of the Americas.

THE DIFFERENCE

Good Showing Where There Are Creameries Compared to Where There are None.

One county in Iowa, the one where the first co-operative creamery was established, has in two banks deposits to the value of \$2,976,000, and undivided profits, capital and surplus to the value of \$300,000. This county has more creameries than any other in the State. It is pre-eminently a successful dairy community, and the improved herds of dairy cattle are being introduced rapidly. Another county, one that has not had a creamery, and where dairying is abandoned because it represents too much work, has in its three banks \$178,000 as capital and surplus and undivided profits and \$540,000 on deposit.

In the former the deposits are 2,976,000, while in the latter, where there are no creameries, the deposits are \$840,000. In the county where creameries flourish the undivided profits in two banks is \$800,000, while in the three banks of the other county it represents \$178,000.

The other county where the creameries do not flourish is given over largely to grain farming and the feeding of some cattle and hogs each year. In both counties land values from a sale standpoint are about the same. From the standpoint of earning there is a decided difference.

DEATH OF E. H. FARRIS

Mr. Edward H. Farris, city editor of the High Point Enterprise, and a brother of Mr. J. J. Farris, died suddenly in Washington, N. C., last Sunday morning. Mr. Farris had gone to Washington on account of the illness of his wife's father, Mr. Willis, news of whose death came from the hospital soon after his arrival. Mr. Farris was apparently in his usual health, and while in his room resting from travel the news of his father-in-law's death was received. Going down stairs to comfort the family, he was seized with a pain in his heart and expired before medical aid could reach him.

GIRLS' CANNING CLUBS

The girl's demonstration work under the Federal Department of Agriculture began in 1910 when four counties in two states organized canning clubs. The plan first tried on a modest scale by a South Carolina woman was developed by Dr. Seaman L. Knapp, of the Department of Agriculture, who has been in charge of this work in the South. The work has produced much of the same results among the wives and daughters of farmers that the boys' corn clubs have brought about among the farmer boys.

Dr. Knapp saw in the idea a means of bringing a new interest into the home, of bringing about co-operation between mother and daughter in domestic tasks, of encouraging rural families to provide better food at lower cost by utilizing the products of orchard and garden, of providing girls a way of earning money, and of furnishing teachers a method of helping entire communities.

The canning clubs have grown to have 40,000 girls as members under the supervision of nearly 400 women agents, in the fifteen Southern States alone. The yield from gardens for last year has been estimated at \$284,880.81. Nearly \$200,000 of this is profit. The average profit per member was \$23.00.

The plan is simple. Each girl takes one-tenth of an acre, and is taught how to select the seed, plant, cultivate and perfect the growth of the tomato. In the meantime, portable canning outfits are provided to be set up out of doors, and trained teachers of domestic science instruct the local teachers in the best methods.

When the tomatoes are ripe, the girls come together, now at one home now at another, to can the fruit, when they are taught the necessity of scrupulous cleanliness; they sterilize utensils and cans, seal and label, and indeed manufacture a product that finds ready sale.

In speaking of this work, one of the big dailies says: "The imperceptible indirect gains are certainly not less important. Canning club day is a social occasion. Mother prepares something a little extra for luncheon, and asks the aid and instruction of the teacher in charge of the canning club. The home is 'tidied up,' tables are properly set out and decorated, bouquets of wild flowers appear here and there about the rooms. The boys come; mothers and fathers come, the neighborhood is there."

"Thus social interest is kindled about the doing of something worthwhile. There follows a spirit of mutual helpfulness, mutual concern, mutual affection. This sort of thing lays the foundation for co-operation in larger and more important things—in the church, in the school, in charities, in business."

After the first year, if the girls are successful, they are taught to grow other vegetables than the tomato.

Randolph county had several successful canning clubs last year, and it is to be hoped will have more this year.

THE HOME GARDEN

There is no part of a farm that will produce as large returns in making a good living cheaply as the garden.

The garden should be located as near the kitchen as possible for the convenience of the housewife, and should be well fenced to a height of six feet or more to keep out fowls and animals. The space should be large; if not all needed for vegetables, part can be planted in general crops, which is better than having a garden too small. Some space may well be given to small fruits, such as strawberries, blackberries, currants, etc.

When the soil and subsoil are dry enough to be plowed, the ground should be broken from eight to twelve inches deep and harrowed the same day. The soil should be made rich preferably by heavy applications of stable manure, balanced with a hundred pounds of acid phosphate to every two-horse load of manure, applied before breaking. Some commercial fertilizer with an analysis suitable to the special crops to be grown will sometimes be necessary in addition.

A man who depends upon hoeing done by his women will usually have a poor garden. The rows should be far enough apart to allow a horse to pass between them; and if the garden is oblong shaped, the horse can be used to better advantage.

Horticultural Circular No. 3, Garden Plants and Rotation, contains some valuable and timely hints to prospective gardeners. This circular is free upon application to Mr. W. Hott, State Horticulturist, Raleigh, N. C.

WHOOPIING COUGH

Well—everyone knows the effect of Pine Forests on Coughs. Dr. Ell's Pine Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for Whooping Cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all Coughs and Colds. 25c. at your Druggist.

LUMBER IN DEMAND

The French Government has been asking mills in the Northwest what they can do in the way of furnishing five hundred million feet—one hundred and fifty shiploads—of lumber for delivery between this and next December. Other nations at war are sending agents all over the world to inquire about lumber. Nothing uses up lumber so fast as war, and Europe has been short of trees a hundred years. It is a reasonable supposition that the great destruction being wrought by the present struggle in Europe will draw heavily upon our forests as well as the forests of South America, and that the price will rapidly advance as soon as peace is declared.

Mr. Michael Sowers, of Davidson county, died recently at the age of 92.

New Business College

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The Modern Business College, the recognized Business Institution of North and South Carolina, with headquarters at Reidsville, N. C., will open a branch college in Asheboro as soon as 25 students are enrolled. A 5-months' term will be taught, which is plenty of time to complete a course. School will be in session 5 days and 5 nights in each week.

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O. E. FREEMAN

At Ashlyn Hotel

GUILFORD BASEBALL SCHEDULE

A very satisfactory schedule has been arranged for the coming baseball season. Two trips will be made out of the State, the first in South Carolina, and the second in Virginia. On these trips we meet Emory & Henry, and Wofford Colleges for the first time, and we again meet the strong University of South Carolina, and Virginia College teams. Guilford has suffered unusually heavy losses this year in baseball. Only two of last year's baseball men are back, and around these two coach Shore is daily engaged in developing a new team. The athletic field is overflowing with material, and as to who will make the team, no one cares to prophesy. With this new material it is probable that coach Shore will have a good team developed by the opening of the season on March 19.

The schedule is as follows:
March 19—Bingham (Mebane) at Guilford.
March 24—Eaton at Guilford.
March 31—Belmont at Belmont.
April 1—Wofford at Spartanburg, S. C.
April 2—University of South Carolina at Columbia, S. C.
April 3—University of South Carolina at Columbia, S. C.
April 5—Eaton (Monday) at Greensboro.
April 7—N. C. A. & M. at Raleigh.
April 13—Greensboro League at Greensboro.
April 17—N. C. A. & M. at Greensboro.
April 20—Winston League at Winston.

April 21—Roanoke at Salem, Va.
April 22—V. P. I. at Blacksburg, Va.
April 23—V. P. I. at Blacksburg, Va.
April 24—Emory & Henry at Emory, Va.
April 27—University of South Carolina at Guilford.
April 28—Wofford at Guilford.
April 30—University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
May 1—Wake Forest at Wake Forest.

BE HONEST FIRST

In an address at Wake Forest, recently, Dr. Edwin M. Potest, President of Furman University, and a brother of Dr. Potest, of Wake Forest said: "And what will you do young gentlemen when the temptation comes? I will tell you this and I wish I could write it in words of fire, it is better never to reach the heights of business, in politics, in learning than to find upon reaching them that you have corrupted your soul because you have played the game with the devil's tactics and under his control." The speaker declared that the temptations of young men are those of the flesh, of appetite and of passion, but also declared that the demands of the flesh are not so imperative as the command to obey God.

DIED NEAR GREENSBORO

Miss Martha Coe died at her home, six miles from Greensboro, last Sunday, from pneumonia. The deceased was a daughter of the late Wesley A. Coe, and was 66 years of age. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. W. C. Kennett, Liberty; and Mrs. P. F. McCulloch, of Greensboro.

"PAPER REFUSED"

If there is a less courteous way of terminating a subscription than by refusing to take the paper from the postoffice or to receive it from the carrier, we have never yet heard of it. No one caring to preserve his self-respect would adopt such a course if he stopped to consider a moment, for he could not help seeing that the most elementary of courtesy demanded that he should intimate directly to the editor or publisher his desire and purpose. But the matter becomes more serious when the subscription whose discontinuance is thus rudely sought is in arrears for a greater length of time. In such a case it is downright dishonesty. He who refuses to receive his paper is saying to the publisher that he doesn't intend to have anything more to do with him—even to paying him what he owes him. But do Christians ever do this? We-e-e-1-1, we don't know whether Christians do it or not, but we'll make affidavit to the fact that some church members do it, and we'll summon every religious newspaper editor and publisher in the land to back up the affidavit. Stop your paper, if you must, friends; but do it in a courteous, honest, Christian way.—Zion's Advocate.

The United States Government, acting in Great Britain's request, has asked Germany for permission to have an American, chosen by Ambassador Page at London, visit the camps in Germany, where British prisoners of war are detained, and report on their condition.

A LEGAL BATTLE

School Teacher, Red-headed Boy, the Switch and the Lawyers.
(From The Siler City Grit.)

On or about the 15th day of February, one Jimmie Adams, a young Auburn-headed youth of 12 years was given corporal punishment by his teacher, Miss Lena Brown, at Shady Grove School, two miles west of Staley, in Randolph County.

The parents of the youth contended that he was whipped unmercifully and accordingly a warrant was sworn out against the teacher charging her with assault and battery. Last Saturday the case came up for trial before Squire R. C. Palmer. The case was heard in the school house at Staley, and the building was packed. Much interest was manifested, so much so that United States District Attorney W. C. Hammer was retained to defend, and Solicitor of the Fourth District W. D. Siler, was present to prosecute. The trial began at 10 o'clock, and many witnesses were examined, and then the two legal lights set the woods afire with their burning oratory and fierce invective. The district attorney spoke for an hour and a half, while the solicitor only entertained the audience for an hour. The district attorney boomed and thundered from his six feet, five inches height, while the solicitor chirped and assed back from his five feet, five. Finally after a session of several hours the trial ended with judges deciding in favor of the teacher.