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NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM WEST HICKORY

Local and Personal Happenings of That Hustling Town and Community.

West Hickory, Aug. 25.—Everything is very quiet in our town and the work at the Ivey Mill is moving on fine with plenty of help in all departments.

Mr. J. M. Freeman, overseer of weaving, and M. C. Wilson went to Rutherfordton on business Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Arney is spending several days at Blowing Rock with relatives.

Prof. N. M. Cordell has gone to Cliffside to conduct a singing school.

Miss Callie Sparks of Cliffside, was the guest of Miss Ola Lawler Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lula Winkler is quite sick with typhoid fever.

Misses Lovie and Minnie Lewis of High Shoals, are here working in the mill.

Miss Marree Lail gave her brother, Zanny, a surprise birthday party last Friday evening. There was a large crowd of young people present and they all report a good time.

Little Raleigh Hahn is quite sick with typhoid fever.

Mr. Willie Lackey of Grand Rapids, Mich., is here visiting his mother, Mrs. M. J. Lackey.

Mr. Zeb Keever is here visiting his mother and brothers. He went to Texas five years ago and this is his first visit home since going away.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jones visited at Ball's Creek and attended the campmeeting.

Mr. Ted Berry and family and Miss Poteat, all of Draxel, were here several days last week visiting the family of Mr. P. Berry.

Mr. Boyce Martin of Charlotte, was here last week visiting Miss Minnie Berry.

Mrs. C. E. Pipes has been quite sick for several days.

Mrs. Minnie McKenize was taken to the Long Sanitorium at Statesville Sunday for treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Josephine Starnes gave her Sunday School class an ice cream party Saturday evening at her home. They all had a nice time.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. C. T. Sloope has returned to Memphis, Tenn., after a visit to his mother, Mrs. Mary Sloope, in this city.

Mrs. DeBriggs, Miss Bertha DeBriggs and Mr. Calvin DeBriggs have returned to their home in Memphis, Tenn., after spending several weeks here with their grandmother, Mrs. Mary Sloope.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harden left Tuesday for a ten day visit to Mr. Harden's father at Limestone, Tenn.

Lutheran Conference.

The district conference of the Lutheran congregations and pastors connected with the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States, will be held at St. Peter's church, near Catawba Springs, beginning today. Sessions will be held mornings and afternoons for three days. A program has been prepared on which appear well-known ministers of this division of the Lutheran denomination.

Don't call a man a fool—he may be foolish enough to fight.

Registration Improving.

The registration of births and deaths in North Carolina is improving rapidly. The returns for June and July are the best thus far recorded. For the month of June 2922 deaths were reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics and for July 2971. The Vital Statistics law was amended by the last legislature requiring that certificates of death be filed before a body could be buried. As a result the death registration has been improved about 25 per cent since the operation of the new law.

This does not mean that there are more deaths occurring than ever before, but simply that they are being better reported. There are still a large number of unreported deaths that occur in various parts of the state, but a more thorough enforcement of the law promises still further improvement along this line.

Birth registration in North Carolina is much better than death registration. During the first six months there were an average of 6113 births reported each month against 2560 deaths. The authorities point out that there is little indication of race suicide in these figures.

Refused Recognition.

Word has just been received by the Bureau of Vital Statistics that North Carolina has been refused admission to the registration area of the United States. This comes as the result of a two months' investigation made of the registration work in this state by Inspector Clifton C. Jerome of the Federal Census.

Death of Mr. D. R. Moore in Catawba.

Mr. Daniel Rhine Moore, one of the oldest and best known men in the county, died at his home on the Statesville road, near Buffalo Shoals, Saturday afternoon, 14th. He was 94 years old. The deceased is survived by one brother, Mr. J. R. Moore, and one sister, Mrs. Sallie Clark of Iredell county. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. G. Loftin Sunday morning at the residence, at 11 o'clock, and the interment was in the family burying ground.

Miss Lula Winkler Dead.

Miss Lula Winkler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Winkler, died at the home of her parents in West Hickory Tuesday afternoon following an illness of two weeks with typhoid fever. She deceased was 16 years of age.

The interment took place at Winkler's Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. O. Smith-deal, of the West Hickory Methodist Church.

John M. Reece Dies.

John Martin Reece, editor and publisher of the Greensboro Evening Patriot, died at his home in that city Tuesday following an illness of ten weeks. The funeral was held Wednesday. Editor Reece was one of the State's foremost newspaper men and had been in the harness for many years. He was 67 years of age.

NEWSY NOTES FROM CONOVER, ROUTE ONE.

Lutherans to Hold Conference in September—Personal Paragraphs.

Conover, R-1, Aug. 25.—Mt. Zion Congregation of the Ohio Lutheran church will entertain the Eastern Conference of the church about September 15. The Conference comprises several states. The church has installed a bell and made other preparations for the meeting of the conference. Rev. L. P. Probst a former pastor of Mt. Zion church, now stationed in Maryland, will attend.

First Methodist Church Philathea Notes

Notwithstanding the fact that a large number of our girls attended the Ball's Creek campmeeting, we had thirty-six present and nine visitors. Mrs. W. F. Fogle taught our class and Miss Erroll Bolch will teach next Sunday. They are substitutes while Mr. West is away.

We were glad to have Miss Erroll Bolch with us Sunday. She has been visiting her brother in Marshville and friends in Charlotte.

Misses Jennie and Annie Rhinehardt have returned from Kings Mountain and Bessemer city. They report a delightful time.

Cuts Throat in Attempt to Pass Pedestrian.

Durham, Aug. 24.—Wesley Rigbee, a negro from the northern part of the county, was riding a bicycle along the road and attempted to pass another negro walking with a long old-fashioned scythe across his shoulder, the blade struck Rigbee just under the chin and nearly cut his head off.

Rev. J. A. Yount is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Moretz, at Sands, Watauga county.

Mrs. J. A. Yount and two daughters are visiting relatives in Baltimore Md.

Report of Librarian

Total number of books in library 63.
Total number of books added during month 2.
Total number of books taken out during month 12.
Report of Reporter
Number of articles contributed during past month, 4. Papers using same: Hickory Democrat.
Report of Charity Committee
Number of visits to sick 14.
Number of bouquets carried to sick 3.
Number of visits to strangers 1.
Number of visits to the aged 2.
Relief given 1 basket fruit.
Relief given 1 basket of grapes.

Report of Secretary

Number of members on roll at beginning of month 61.
Number of members dropped during month 3.
Number of members added during month 4.
Net loss or gain, gain 4.
Average attendance for month 40.
Average collection for month \$4.94.

Report of Guest Registrar

Visitors during past month 23.

Report of Treasurer

Expenditures during past month \$5.50.
Balance on hand \$11.64.

Matters of News.

Mrs. W. C. Riley of Concord and Mrs. Joseph Call of Asheville were slightly injured Saturday night when the automobile in which they were riding went over a 40-foot embankment.

A buggy occupied by Luther Stone, his wife and two children was struck by a train at a crossing near Kittrell Vance county. The mother and baby were killed; husband seriously injured and 3-year-old son slightly hurt.

John Green was arrested in Boone last week, charged with trying to kill his stepchild. He is said to have thrown the child against the wall and broken its thigh and to have attempted to poison it with carbolic acid.

ALLIES HEARTENED BY GERMAN NAVAL LOSSES

Destruction of Fleet in Gulf of Riga of Very Much Importance.

The German naval reverses in the Gulf of Riga and Baltic Sea, the German capture of Ossowetz and a British naval bombardment of the German naval base at Zeebrugge, furnished a series of news features with temporarily diverted attention from the gravity of the issues growing out of the sinking of the Arabic, according to a dispatch from London.

The German version of the Riga battle has not yet been given out but the definiteness of the official Russian report on the sinking or crippling of the German battle cruiser Moltke, two other cruisers and eight torpedo-boats has sent a wave of enthusiasm throughout the country and dispelled the depression over the Russian retreat on land.

Aside from the loss of the German ships, the naval engagement is regarded chiefly important for the strategic effect on the land operations in the German sweep eastward toward Petrograd, which military observers now consider as having been checked and possibly irreparably defeated.

The German center has pressed forward steadily until Prince Leopold is near the Russian new line of defense, but the military observers say the entire campaign hinged on the vast enveloping movement of von Hindenburg's forces in the north. They had succeeded in pushing far beyond Riga, to Jacobstadt on the Ovina, but the Russians hold on the Gulf of Riga and of the great naval base of Riga was a continual menace in their rear.

This, the military observers say, led to the shifting of a number of German ships, including the Moltke, from the North Sea to the Baltic, with the purpose of controlling Riga and thus protecting a German land advance on Petrograd. The result of the naval battle, appears definitely to have defeated the German objective, according to the observers, who say that aside from the loss of the ships the gulf and the naval base of Riga still are in Russian hands and menace von Hindenburg's further advance toward Petrograd.

The capture of Ossowetz gives the Germans another stronghold, only Grodno and Brest-Litovsk remaining in the central section. It also gives them the main point on the railway to Bielsk and Brest-Litovsk.

Special reports from Petrograd indicate that the Russian position at Brest-Litovsk gradually is becoming untenable and that the public is being prepared for its abandonment.

Only meager details have been received concerning the British bombardment of the German submarine base of Zeebrugge and neighboring points on the Belgian coast. Berlin reports 40 British Admiralty as yet has had no statement. The firing lasted several hours, the German heavy artillery answering the British fire.

That there has been French naval activity in the same locality is shown in the Paris official communication, which announces the sinking of a German torpedo-boat destroyer off Ostend by two French torpedo-boats.

In the west there have been no notable changes.

NOTICE.

Every man who has the interest of Hickory at heart is requested to come out to the BOOSTERS' MEETING tonight. You need not think because you belong to something else you are not wanted. We want everybody to come and help. The meeting will be called promptly at eight o'clock. COMMITTEE.

The Stranger in Our Midst.

It is a bad omen that the German papers published in this country continue to view the whole controversy from the standpoint of Berlin. They are anxious about Germany's interests in conducting the war; they are not anxious about the rights of the United States. Their editorials find satisfaction and conviction in whatever emanates from the Wilhelmstrasse magnates, while they intimate very broadly that our Government is prejudiced, hypocritical, unneutral, subservient to England, indifferent to fact, and so on, ad nauseam. Our freedom of the press enables them to malize the Administration at Washington, but does not enable them even to criticize fairly the rulers of Berlin. It is perfectly plain that in case of a break with Germany many of these so-called American Germans will be unable either to curb their zeal for the old country or to shake off their habit of implicit and instinctive obedience to its orders. We have had many examples of this lately in the endless small "accidents" to war property of the United States, in the bombs found on vessels loading for England and France, and in the foolish-frantic activities of all these alleged peace, truth, and neutrality leagues. These things may be only coincidences, but they are altogether too many such coincidences. It is high time that our citizens of Germanic origin and Germanic sympathies pull themselves together and show that they care about the United States. The next few months are going to be a very critical season for those whose hearts own a foreign and an antagonistic allegiance.—Colliers Weekly.

To Save The Babies.

The Catawba Medical Society went on record as favoring tentative plans suggested some time ago by the State Board of Health to endeavor to inaugurate some special, intensive work on child hygiene in that county, dealing especially with care and feeding of infants and summer diarrhoeal diseases. If the plan is finally adopted, it will probably mean the employment of a specialist on children's diseases for several months or even a year. It is hoped that such a specialist may be secured from the U. S. Public Health Service of the Children's Bureau. This specialist would devote the major part of his efforts in assisting the practicing physicians of the county in applying the best modern methods in the treatment and prevention of children's diseases. He will also hold reading, study and lecture courses for the mother's clubs, and carry on such other work as may appear necessary looking toward lowering our present high infant death rate, so far as is known, if this plan is adopted it will be the first work of this nature ever adopted in this country.

The County Medical Society also endorsed a plan of rural quarantine for Catawba County to be undertaken jointly by the county and state authorities. —Bulletin State Board of Health.

James Frye to Newton.

The executive committee of Catawba College met on Friday and elected Mr. James Frye, of Hickory, to fill the vacancy in the faculty caused by the resignation of Mr. J. J. Ingle. Mr. Frye is a graduate of Lenoir College and comes highly endorsed by that institution. The News welcomes Mr. Frye to our town. We hope he will put his heart and his soul into the work of Catawba College. This is what an institution needs at this day and time—men and women who are concerned about what they are putting into the schools more than what they get out of them.—Catawba County News.

Japan Will Aid Russia to Prosecute The War

The Associated Press learns that Japan has decided to employ all available governmental and private resources for increasing the output of munitions for the Allies, particularly Russia. The Japanese Government believes the time has arrived for more concerted action against the enemies of Japan and her Allies.

The Kokumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss details, but allowed it to be understood that this assistance would take the form of the forwarding of greater supplies of munitions."

No Change In The Mexican Situation.

While the Pan-American conferees await further replies to their peace appeal to Mexican leaders, the stage apparently is being set for a decisive battle between Carranza and Villa in Central Mexico.

Meantime it was announced a few days ago that Carranza who has not yet made answer to the peace proposals, would leave Vera Cruz, re-establish his government at Mexico City and demand recognition for it from the United States. But it is emphatically asserted that he will not accept the peace proposals.

The annual meeting of Reformed church people at Matthews of interest to Catawba and Lincoln county citizens, will begin on the evening of September 3 with a sermon by Dr. Murphy, and will close on the afternoon of September 5. Sermons will be preached by Revs. W. H. McNairy, of Lincolnton, J. D. Andrews and W. W. Rowe, of New Hope. Matthews is an ancient meeting place and many people attend each year.

The grand jury of Johnson County Superior Court has returned indictments for embezzlement, false pretense and forgery against L. H. Allred, the lawyer legislator of Smithfield who recently went to the bad. Allred disappeared some months ago.

EASTMAN COMPANY IS ADJUDGED A MONOPOLY

Decision Was Rendered in Famous Kodak Anti-Trust Case Yesterday.

Buffalo, Aug. 24.—The Eastman Kodak company, of Rochester, was declared a monopoly in violation of the Sherman law in a decision today by Judge John R. Hazel of the federal court. The decision grants the company an opportunity to present a plan "for the abrogation of the illegal monopoly" on the first day of the November term.

Judge Hazel in his opinion stated that, while it appeared that no irremedial hardships would result from a separation of the present business into two or more separate companies, it was not at this time intended to indicate either a dissolution, division or reorganization.

It no doubt is possible, he said, that an adequate measure of relief might result from injuring the unfair practices of the terms of sale agreements and of a separation of the business, but the defendants should have an opportunity to present to the court on the first day of the 1915 November term, a plan for the abrogation of the illegal monopoly unduly and unreasonably restraining interstate trade and commerce, or if an appeal from this interlocutory decree is taken to the Supreme court and this decision is affirmed, such plan is to be presented within 60 days from the filing of the mandate.

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