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**FIRE TRAPS.**

There is a vast difference between constructive criticism and "knocking." There are quite a few dilapidated, eye sore, miserable, unsightly fire traps in the way of old frame buildings in the heart of our business section that ought to be done away with at once. Fire insurance is made considerable heavier on this account and there are so many reasons why they should be abolished that space forbids mentioning them here. Let's enforce the ordinances against these frame structures.

**NEWS FROM RALEIGH.**

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, N. C., August 10. — Governor McLean, after seven strenuous months as Chief Executive, left last week for a three weeks' stay in the woods of Minnesota. The State Prison answered some of its critics with a statement reviewing the past four years. Corporation Commissioner Maxwell stated the rate decreases ordered for freight moving from the Southeast was a great victory for North Carolina. The State Department of Labor and Printing came to the fore again with charges against Commissioner Grist of favoritism in placing printing and former Governor Moore, from Charlotte issued a state meeting in which he declared he would go into deficit issue with Governor McLean when the latter returns from his vacation and announced he would have some fact for the people. These were the outstanding events in a rather quiet week at the Capital City. Governor McLean stated when leaving he would be gone not less than two weeks nor more than three weeks and announced he would be at a camp for exercise to replenish his physical vigor. It is known about the capital he went to Minnesota, though no announcement was made from the Executive office. Constitutionally, J. Elmer Long of Durham, is now Governor. Though the functions are being exercised, as heretofore, when the Governor leaves the State, by those in charge of the Governor's office.

In an effort to discount some of its critics' charges, chiefly those made by the News and Observer in a crusade against Superintendent George Ross Pou, a statement was issued from the prison in which the increases in prison population, decreases in physically able prisoners decrease in revenue and increase in maintenance and various health and social service reforms made during the past four years were cited as reasons why there was an inability to run the prison without drawing on the State Treasury. Against any possible deficit, Mr. Pou set the various improvements cited as being worthwhile.

Corporation Commissioner Maxwell, probably the leading freight rate expert of the State, issued a statement after the Interstate Commerce Commission had ordered rates for this section reduced, in which he said the decrease was "a great victory" for North Carolina. Mr. Maxwell was asked some time ago to sit with the Commission in determining these rates but when he saw the trend of affairs he got off and appeared for North Carolina. He declared shippers of North Carolina, which was specially favored in the reductions, will find the new rates of inestimable value.

Commissioner of Labor and Printing Grist was charged during the week by the Capital Printing Company with giving more than a rightful share of printing under the contracts to Edwards and Broughton Company. Mr. Grist declares the charges untrue and called on Governor McLean to have them thoroughly investigated by the Printing Commission. The Edwards and Broughton Company, it is generally reported in Raleigh, strongly supported Grist for election at the last primary and at that time such a condition as has arisen

was quite freely predicted. Mr. Grist, however, is standing by the records of his office he says which will show the charges untrue. His assistant, who was formerly employed by the Edwards and Broughton Company, "has not a word to say" about the charges.

Former Governor Morrison from Charlotte issued a statement in which he declared the "accrual" basis deficit of approximately \$3,125,000 which the State Auditor says exists should be reduced still further by credits of uncollected taxes. Mr. Morrison says he will go into the matter further when Governor McLean returns to the State and give the executive an opportunity to use the data or answer if he sees fit.

The voters of Wake county are to pass upon the proposition of loaning the State Highway Commission \$1,500,000 for the paving of routes 21, 90 and 91 leading out of Raleigh. A special election is soon to be held and the prospects seem favorable for advocates of the measure.

Chairman John G. Dawson, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, came out squarely for a fixed State policy for Caswell Training School at Kinston. The Chairman feels that it is not receiving a square deal. Others share with him a like conclusion, and something is likely to happen.

The number of auto licenses issued this year in excess of last is 25,200, or thereabouts, according to reports from the license bureau of the Department of Revenue. Assuming that a title goes with each license it is easy to figure the reason for putting in over-time during the final days of the "rush period." The law now requires that trucks be licensed and there are nearly forty thousand of these. But the rush is over and the license bureau is enjoying a brief "respite."

For a little while on last Tuesday morning Raleigh was at the mercy of the most terrific storm the city has experienced in years, during which the wind reached a velocity of forty-nine miles an hour. Trees planted on capital square during Vance's time were uprooted, light and telephone wires dislocated and basements in various parts of the city were flooded. Throughout the city trees were blown down, or lost branches and traffic was blocked for hours. The housing over one of the elevator shafts in the Supreme court building gave way and demolished a large skylight the damage being estimated at around \$1,000.

It is announced by A. L. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., field agent for the Julius Rosenwald fund for the promotion of Negro education, that North Carolina leads all other southern states in this work, there being 494 schools and fourteen teachers' homes, representing a total expenditure of more than \$2,000,000. The North Carolina schools employ 1,331 teachers and care for 89,895 pupils. Of the amount expended for this purpose in the State North Carolina negroes are said to have contributed \$134,471; the white folks \$65,157; the public school authorities \$1,428,589 and Mr. Rosenwald \$390,836.

Stacey W. Wade, Insurance Commissioner, has collected this year license taxes from insurance companies aggregating \$491,298.15, an increase of \$20,903.97 over the first half of 1924. Commissioner Wade hands the daily collections to Commission Doughton, of the Department of Revenue, instead of making daily deposits to the credit of the State Treasurer. This is thought to be a faster and better way.

Franklin Sherman, of the State Division of Entomology, reports that "boll weevil operations" are more noticeable this year than last; that the infestation of cotton fields is found principally in the southern and eastern counties of the State, the western area having practically escaped serious infection. "Dusting" is offensive to this menacing bug and Mr. Sherman says much of this has been done.

The State College Textile school is to be expanded to the extent of requiring two additional expert instructors, it is announced by Dean Thomas Nelson of that institution. Prof. I. Moyniaux, of the Manchester Technical school, England, and Prof. A. H. Grimshaw, of the New Bedford, (Massachusetts) Textile school are the new additions to the staff. The summer school recently ended consisted of instructions in yarn manufacturing, weaving, textile designing and fabric analysis, and was very well attended.

The North Carolina Society of Engineers concluded a two-day convention in Morehead City on Saturday. Quite a number of Raleigh members of the organization went down on invitation of Secretary W. Vance Baise, himself being a resident of this city. The principal addresses were by Secretary of State Everett, Dr. W. C. Riddick, Dean of Engineering of State College, and H. C. Shirley, Chairman of the Virginia Highway Commission. Hon. Chas. S. Wallace, of Morehead, made the address of welcome and local committees "did the rest" during the interim between meetings.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett, wife of the former governor, was recently unopposedly elected Commissioner of Public Welfare for Wake county to succeed herself. The election was for a period of two years.

Pardon Commissioner Hoyle Sink announces that he will hear no clemency applications except in emergency cases during the absence of Governor McLean. Mr. Sink expects to devote his full time to the work of the Salary and Wage Commission, in the meantime. He succeeded Sam L. Rogers as executive secretary on the death of the latter and has since been serving the State in a dual capacity.

**A LETTER FROM MRS. QUEEN**

Charlottesville, Va., Aug. 5, 1925.

Dear Carolina Mountaineer:  
 As I have returned to Charlottesville from a delightful visit to the friends and loved one in the Carolinas, and have just seen the Tarheel friends at Kents Store, find all enjoying life, and good health. I take this opportunity of writing all who said "write to me."

This is to you and to the ones whom I failed to meet. I answer you that I enjoyed every day of the eight weeks. We talked of the problems of life, of the wonderful changes that are taking place all around us, and of the general fruition of life. Occasionally the trend led to evolution, and the evolutionist. I am not well enough informed to cope with the scientist, but as I read the Bible, I think I understand enough of its teachings to know what we must do to inherit Eternal life. We are taught "that the way is so plain that a fool may not err therein."

We read in the Bible, that the eight souls saved in the ark, were of the creation that was in the image and likeness of God. Descendants of Seth, whom God said, "was created in the likeness of Adam, his father." Cain for his transgression, was banished to the land of Nod. If any of his descendants were saved, they must have been termed beasts. Possibly, apes, baboons, or monkeys.

Friends, I feel sure that our ancestors were in the image and likeness of God, because He says so.

If the evolutionist wants to claim as his ancestors, the ape or monkey, all right, but please let him keep his doctrine to himself. Our children must be taught the plain truths of the Bible. To break down the testimonies of the Bible is to usher in heathenism.

The Bible is the pledge and charter of civil liberty. By obedience to its teachings we live the life eternal, but by disobedience we reach its punishments. We are awed and again overjoyed at things we are not able to explain. There's terror in the roar of the thunder and the slink of the tornado. There's beauty in the sparkling dewdrop, and even the tiniest flower that hangs from its frail stem. There's so much beauty and grandeur in nature that we perceive the hand of God in even the tiniest flower. God made everything that's necessary for man's comfort and pleasure in this life. Then how ungrateful are we if we fail to fully acknowledge Him.

The tree of life was unguarded before Adam's transgression. Through transgression came the law and by the law we are judged. This life is granted us as a preparatory state for that richer and fuller life that is to be. "Who ever beheld the starbedecked dome of night.

With its myriads of twinkling stars, And looked upon them shining, Nor turned to earth without rejoicing; Or wished for wings to fly away To live in their eternal day?"

We are unconsciously looking onward and upward for a beckoning hand. May we all so live this life that when our associations are ended here we may meet in that land where congregations never break up and associations have no end.

Yours ever,  
 MOLLIE E. QUEEN.

**FROM FINES CREEK.**

Mr. Bradley of western New Jersey and W. B. Nolan have been very busy for the last few days buying milk cows. They bought fifty fresh cows and 75 calves. We are glad to hear Mr. Bradley come to our county as he has left five thousand dollars with the good farmers of our county.

**AT KIRKPATRICK LODGE.**

Quite a number of the Kirkpatricks with relatives and friends spent last week at C. F. Kirkpatrick's lodge on Crabtree. Those in the party were: Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hoke of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Pfeiffer and Miss Pfeiffer of Sylvania, Ga., Mrs. F. W. Rogers and Miss Moseille Huff of Picolet, S. C., Mrs. W. W. Lancaster and Miss Emma Lancaster of Spartanburg and Toy Lancaster of Canton.

Wanted to buy 50 fresh milk cows. See W. B. Nolan, Crabtree, R. 1 2t-pd.

**SHOWER FOR BRIDE ELECT**

Miss Isabella McDowell, who is to be married next Wednesday to Mr. Kelley Elmore, was given a very delightful party Tuesday by Miss Ruth Wyche.

The afternoon was spent in chatting and in embroidering tea towels for the bride-to-be. Toward the close of the affair little Miss Florence Hartsfield and Robt. Wyche, Jr. entered with a tiny daisy decked chariot in which were heaped many useful and attractive gifts.

The color scheme yellow and white, was carried out in minutest detail—in the house decorations and in the ice course served.

Those enjoying Miss Wyche's hospitality besides the honoree were: Misses Alice and Lois Harold, Bess and Daisy Boyd, Hoola Wyche, Jocelyn McDowell, Mildred Crawford, Mesdames Henry Fox, Jr., Roy Martin, Bess Mason, Robert Wyche, Thomas Hardin of Knoxville, Hartsfield and Davis of West Palm Beach.

**MR. BREEDING ILL.**

The many friends of Mr. T. C. Breeding learn with regret of his continued illness at his home on Boundary street. Mr. Breeding has not fully recovered from an operation which he underwent sometime ago and a relapse with complications has occurred. Latest reports, however, are very favorable.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY.**

Master Fred Moody Carey of Hartford, Conn., celebrated his fifth birthday Friday afternoon with a party at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. James M. Moody.

After an afternoon of games the children were invited into the dining room to cut the birthday cake—a beautiful yellow cake with five yellow candles. The favors and the candies also carried out the color motif.

During the afternoon the mothers of the young guests played bridge.

Those invited were: Mary Alice Dungan, Nancy Isenhour, Amy Catharine and Robert Coin Emily Siler, Bobby Platt, Hesselins and Bill Swift, John and Robert House, Margaret Eliza Mohr, Joy Ann Cole, James Clayton Carey, Catherine Martin, Carolyn Ward, Ernest Withers, Jr., Homer Platt, Jr., Thad Chapin, Jr., Blanche Howell and Anna Lokot.

**CLYDE CULLINGS.**

The water system of Clyde is completed and quite a number have installed water in their residences and places of business.

Mr. Rush, who bought part of the J. A. Collins farm, is erecting a modern residence just opposite J. L. Morgan's home.

West Brothers have bought the J. W. Morgan lot and house on Main street where they are installing water and making other improvements.

The writer, a prognosticator, observed moon signs last night telling him that there would be a wedding in Clyde township within the next few days. Let all who are interested take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

The Medford Reunion the last Saturday in August will as usual be a large occasion. The addresses, jokes, music and other features will make it a day of considerable interest. The "tribe" will be present.

More than \$4,000.00 has already been expended in the erection of a new Baptist church here. The brick work will be finished within the next six or eight days, after which work will begin at once on the roof. The structure will cost not less than \$12,000.00.

M. B. S.

**OPENING OF CLYDE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Clyde High School, which is now on the accredited list, will begin its next session Aug. 17th.

**We are late this Issue Because we have not had Sufficient Electrical Power to run our Machinery.**

**NOTICE.**

Having qualified as administrator of J. L. Grahl, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate of the said J. L. Grahl, deceased, are hereby notified to file said claims with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Haywood County, on or before August 4, 1926, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery of such claims. All persons indebted to the said estate are hereby notified to pay said indebtedness to the undersigned. This 4th day of August, 1925.  
 W. A. GRAHL,  
 Administrator of the Estate of J. L. Grahl, deceased.



Little Miss Mary Francis Phillips of Miami, Fla., who will be featured in a beautiful Rose Toe Dance in "A Little Bit of Broadway"

**Onward and Upward**

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne  
 I wish more men somehow would learn  
 The value of a great ideal.  
 I wish that all of us could feel  
 The earnestness and faith that burn  
 Within the heart of him who holds  
 A worthy purpose for his guide.  
 For him the gates of joy stand wide  
 And genuine success unfolds.

To him there is but one demand  
 Upon his labor and his thought;  
 He counts that progress dearly bought  
 Which values most the gain at hand,  
 And so obscures all higher goals.  
 He knows that only as men climb  
 Toward things exalted and sublime  
 Will fortune richly bless their souls.



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