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Meeting Called In Tarboro To Discuss River Dredging

Tarboro, April 28.—A meeting at which plans will be formulated for making Tar river permanently navigable will be held at the courthouse here at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Representatives from Rocky Mount, Greenville, Wilson, Leggett, Scotland Neck and other places which would be commercially benefitted will be invited to attend the gathering.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather data which will be presented to federal engineers in an attempt to convince the government of the wisdom of keeping the river dredged the year round.

It has long been a recognized fact that lower freight rates for towns bordering on or near the river as far upstream as Rocky Mount would be brought about by the navigability of the stream.

Announce Queen In Health Event

West Edgecombe Girl Is Crowned "Queen of Health" At Annual Meet

Tarboro, April 30.—Miss Geraldine Robbins, West Edgecombe high school senior, wore the crown of "Queen of Health" today following an annual meeting of Edgecombe 4-H clubs at the central high school here Saturday.

Miss Robbins won out over candidates from all other schools of the county in the health contest, one of the features of the annual gathering. Dr. R. E. Broadway, county health officer, judged the entries.

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J. A. Abernathy, county school superintendent, welcomed the club members and the response was delivered by Miss Louise Bunn of the West Edgecombe junior club.

Funeral Is Held For Small Child

William Franklin Parrish of Nash County Victim of "Unloaded Gun"

William Franklin Parrish, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parrish, another victim of the "unloaded" shot-gun was buried in the family cemetery near the Nash county home of his parents late Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services preceded the interment and were conducted from the home at 3 o'clock with J. B. Ferrell, Free Will Baptist minister of Nash county, officiating.

The child was shot late Monday afternoon while he was playing with a shotgun which he had removed from a rack on the walls in the Parrish home. Accidentally pulling the trigger, the gun fired and he shot himself in the head.

He was rushed immediately to a local hospital where he died two hours later. His father, Mr. Parrish, is a well known Free Will Baptist minister of Nash county.

In addition to his mother and father, the boy is survived by four sisters, Selma, Glenn, Estelle, and Margaret.

TRANSYLVANIA'S OLDEST CITIZEN

Transylvania's oldest resident, William W. Hamlin celebrated his 101st birthday anniversary at the home of his son, Ben Hamlin, near Brevard, Wednesday of the past week.

Mr. Hamlin, born April 18, 1833, has been in very poor health for the past several years and had little part in the celebration of his birth anniversary. He spent the day as he has the last thousand or more—sitting peacefully in a rocker in front of the tiny fire that he insists upon having built each day until the real summer weather is felt.

A son of the late Jimmie and Phoebe Hamlin, "Uncle Bill" was born and reared within a mile of his present home. His wife, who was before their marriage Miss Elizabeth Barnett, of Hendersonville, has been dead for 20 years. "Uncle Bill" has since then made his home with his son. The son is 75 years of age, is hale and hearty and boasts he can do as much hard work as the "next one."

MASONRY NEWS

The annual meeting of the York Rite Bodies will be held at the Masonic Temple at Wilmington, on May 8, 9 and 10. The city of Wilmington will act as host to the visitors. The local chapter and commander will send representatives to this meeting, in addition to Mr. G. T. Matthews, district Deputy Grand High Priest of the 14th district, and Mr. D. E. Bullock, Grand Master of the third Veil, who will also attend.

Thomas Dixon, who made \$1,250,000 on writings, is penniless.

WE CANNOT FATHOM OUT THE REASONING

The Press reports appearing in Wednesday's daily papers, under the title of "Highway Surplus Eases General Fund Deficit," substantiates the prediction of the Rocky Mount Herald last week, in which it stated that the Highway fund showed a cash balance of \$10,510,516.76, as of March 31st, 1934, and that if the figures were known last week they would be even greater at that time than as of March 31st, so according to the Wednesday report the estimated revenue for the Highway fund for the year ending June 31st, 1934, was \$19,000,000.

The receipts for ten months of this legislative year ending April 30th, 1934, has already totaled \$19,386,698.44, which is already \$386,698.44 in excess of the yearly estimate of \$19,000,000. We have two months more to go with the heavy spring buying and travel and it may be conservatively estimated that we may reasonably expect that we shall receive \$4,000,000, which would give an increase above the estimate of \$4,386,698.44, and with economies and savings by reason of the Federal aid there will probably be seven or eight million dollars which will not be used or needed by the Highway operations. Yet the Governor, week before last made the statement here in his address that a sales tax would be necessary even if all the State aided Colleges and Schools were closed, all the State Hospitals and training schools closed and all the health work discontinued.

In the face of the above figures we do not see why a gross sales tax should be necessary nor can we fathom out the reasoning of the Governor's mind on this question.

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CROSSING SHOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION

About four weeks ago one of the most horrible wrecks that this community has ever witnessed occurred on route No. 40, two miles north of this city where the Scotland Neck and Leggetts road leads off from route No. 40.

We are not advised as to the circumstances and facts which surround this wreck, but we have visited this crossing and we do not see from the dangerous condition of this crossing and the approach why a larger number of wrecks have not already occurred. The intersection is badly constructed, the view is cut off and it is practically impossible to turn from the Leggetts road to the north without placing the traveler in jeopardy from high-powered and fast moving cars.

This crossing should certainly receive the attention of the Highway Commission and if the said Commission is not advertent to the condition of this crossing, then public authorities should bring it to the attention of the said Commission.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

- CONGRESSMEN NEED VOTES.
- PRESIDENT IN CONTROL.
- JAPAN'S NEW POLICY.
- FOR TOBACCO CONTROL.
- DEFICIT FALLS SHORT.
- MUNITIONS INQUIRY.
- SIGN COTTON CONTROL.
- PRESIDENT ON SILVER.

With one-third of the Senate and the entire membership of the House facing battles for reelection in November, one need not be surprised if, in their zeal to do something to get votes, the congressmen make a display of themselves. Into this situation the President is attempting to inject a steadying influence.

He would prevent, if possible, anything like the McLeod bill, which would repay one hundred per cent to every depositor who lost money in closed banks; the Frazier-Lemke bill, which would have the government underwrite every farm mortgage and take over credits, giving the farmers the cash; and, reamortization of silver, although he is not unwilling to declare a fixed monetary base ratio of silver to gold with the other nations.

There is no doubt that there is a real conflict going on between the Chief Executive and certain members of Congress who would pass measures that he thinks would handicap his economic policy but which they think would be "life savers" at the polls. The President naturally desires a "working majority" in the next congress and he must therefore preserve friendliness with those who support his policies.

On the other hand, the popularity of the President throughout the country is phenomenal and few congressmen care to face the electorate in definite opposition to him. For this reason, even some Republicans prefer not to draw the line too tightly. Moreover, all congressmen realize that there is a common benefit to be obtained through proper cooperation between the Congress and the President. While the President is generally credited with power to prevent enactment of proposals lead-

ing directly to compulsory inflation, most observers expect him to do this as gently and painlessly as possible in view of all the circumstances involved.

Considerable interest has attached to the recent enunciation of Japanese foreign policy, setting forth the position that the responsibility for peace in the Far East is Japan's, with plain intimation that the Island Empire expects to follow her own plans for the "pacification" of China and, therefore, protests against any loans, assistance, training or sales of materials which might be factors in disturbing the peace. The pronouncement specifically concerns the United States, Great Britain and other nations which have enormous interests in China and, under the Nine-Power treaty, are entitled to equal rights in China.

Secretary Wallace endorses the Kerr limitation plan for tobacco control. Under it a tax of twenty-five per cent of the market value would be levied on all tobacco sold, with the provision that farmers joining in the voluntary plan would receive tax payment warrants for the amount of their allotments. Non-cooperating farmers and those wishing to sell more than their quota would be without the warrants and, therefore, would have to pay the tax.

The Secretary made it clear that the measure does not contain the prohibitive tax feature of the cotton control act, that it does not seek to compel involuntary compliance through such a tax but permits non-cooperators to grow tobacco and taxes them in an amount which will bring their net income in line with what they would have probably received in the absence of an adjustment program.

Expenditures for emergency purposes are falling far short of predictions and it is estimated that the deficit at the end of the fiscal year will not be much in excess of four billion dollars. In January, the President intimated that it might exceed seven billion dollars. With these figures, it should be understood that the PWA outlay is not as heavy as anticipated and that more than one billion dollars (Please turn to page six)

Polls To Open At 8. A.M. Here

Polls in the municipal primary election will open at 8 o'clock this morning and will close at sunset.

Mr. W. W. Ricks, chairman of the city board of elections, said he had conferred with all candidates and that the hours agreed upon were satisfactory to them.

Meanwhile, observers predicted the heaviest balloting in the history of municipal primaries here will be evidenced due to the interest which has been aroused over the contest for the two recorder's court offices, the judge's, and prosecuting attorney's jobs.

Judge Ben H. Thomas and Solicitor Norman Gold, present holders of the court offices and candidates for re-election, are being strenuously opposed by Sam L. Arrington, present vice recorder, and Lynwood Elmore, local attorney. These candidates, of course, will be voted on in all wards of the city while the second ward undergoes the additional throes of an aldermanic contest in which R. C. Brake, incumbent, is opposed by Arthur Weathers.

Aldermen in other wards are unopposed and automatically are re-elected to office without the necessity of a contest.

Arrange Rites For Mrs. Sarah H. Kea

Last Rites for Local Woman to Be Held From Home on Wilson Road

Last rites for Mrs. Sarah E. Kea, wife of the late G. A. Kea, were held from the home of her grandson, Jesse Wells, No. 1510 Wilson road, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. G. W. Perry, pastor of the local First Methodist church, officiating.

The burial followed the services, in Proctors cemetery in Edgecombe county.

Mrs. Kea had made her home in Rocky Mount for the past thirty-five years and before living here, was a resident of Smithfield, Va. She was 69 years of age.

Her death occurred suddenly Tuesday morning at her home on Wilson road, where she had apparently been in good health.

Mrs. Kea is survived by one sister, Mrs. G. W. Goodson, of Toledo, Ohio; one step-daughter, Mrs. W. A. Proctor of Rocky Mount, and a number of grandchildren, among whom is Mr. Wells.

ABOUT THE POST OFFICE

Mr. T. O. Seward, postal clerk, has returned to work after being out several weeks with the measles.

Miss Molly Reams, money order clerk, has not worked for the past few days because of sickness.

Applications for office of postmaster will be received until May 15th. The blanks may be obtained at the local post office from Mr. A. D. Cuthrell, local civil service secretary. Several people have already received these forms.

Mr. K. M. Mangum, night clerk, has been off duty because of a severe cold.

The mail receipts show a considerable gain the past month over the corresponding month of last year. On the other hand the postal savings show a considerable loss. Many thousands of dollars more have been drawn out than deposited.

BOY SLAIN IN GUN FIGHT

Lincoln, Neb.—Shot during a running fight between police and three desperadoes, twelve-year-old Lucren Marshall was fatally wounded while walking home from school with his twin sister.

Stanly County is said to lead the State in the number of farmers following a well-defined rotation of crops. Forty-two men in ten townships are conducting the demonstrations.

Attorney-General Continues Attacks On State Constitution

Daniels Says U.S. Can Pick Courses

New Deal, Old Deal or Raw Deal Alternatives Confronting People

Atlanta, April 28.—Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico returning home for a vacation, says the United States today has the choice of only three possible economic courses.

"We must either stick by the new deal, go back to the old deal that put us in the depression or accept a raw deal at the hands of the opponents of the new deal," he said.

The ambassador and Mrs. Daniels passed through Atlanta last night on their way to Raleigh, N. C., for a five-weeks rest.

Daniels referred to a conversation with a fellow passenger on the train, a hardware merchant who was criticizing the new deal.

"I asked him how his business compared with the same period a year ago," Daniels said, "and he admitted it had increased 88 per cent. I told him that anything that would increase my business 88 per cent was all right with me, even though there were a few minor points I didn't agree with."

The ambassador was Secretary of the Navy during the Wilson administration and President Roosevelt was then Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Asked whether the president was showing results of the training he received while his assistant in the navy department, Daniels said, "That young man had plenty of training of his own. He didn't need any from me."

President Roosevelt is extremely popular in Mexico and all over South America, Daniels said. "They liked his phrase 'good neighbor instead of 'big brother' and the president's action in consulting with the Latin-American nations before acting in the Cuban situation also pleased them a lot."

CHARTER GRANTED TO PINETOPS BANKING FIRM

Raleigh, April 28.—The Pinetops Banking Company of Pinetops was granted a charter today by Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade.

The bank will do a commercial and savings business under authorized capital of \$25,000, with the entire amount subscribed by Henry C. Bourne, Henry Clark Bridgers and J. W. Brown and others of Pinetops.

The Pitt County Loan and Insurance company of Ayden was also granted a charter by the secretary of state.

The company will do a general real estate and insurance business under authorized capital of \$10,000, of which \$1,500 is subscribed by J. H. Ross, R. H. Cox and Kathleen Cox of Ayden.

FERTILIZER TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT CURB MARKET

Mr. R. M. Sanford, local representative of the Swift Fertilizer Company will give a sack of special garden fertilizer, tomorrow.

On next Wednesday at the Curb Market Mr. Sanford will offer as a prize, a ten pound package of Vigors, one of his company's products.

The Curb Market is one of Rocky Mount's leading and most notable institutions, being under the able leadership of Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon.

TRIPLET CALVES BORN

A Guernsey cow belonging to Revel Aiken, of Valdesa, Burke county, a few days ago, gave birth to three healthy, well-formed heifer calves.

Nazis plan to forbid the divorce of parents.

Greenville, April 28.—Attorney General Dennis G. Brummitt, addressing a meeting of the fair tax association here today, again assailed the proposed new state constitution for North Carolina on the grounds it does not contain enough constitutional restrictions, checks and balances on officials and taxation.

Mr. Brummitt pointed out that one school of thought believes a constitution should deal in generalities only and that there should be a centralization of governmental power while the other school, including himself, thinks a constitution should express fundamental principles and then with definiteness and clarity apportion the powers of government to be exercised by different departments and officers.

As in previous speeches, Mr. Brummitt attacked the proposed constitution for not definitely specifying that an auditor or comptroller, elected by the people, should audit all state funds. He pointed out that the treasurer is now spending a sixteen million dollar school fund and auditing the accounts of his own spending.

"There isn't a corporation, church or Sunday school in North Carolina that would permit its treasurer to audit his own accounts," he asserted.

Again, Mr. Brummitt warned that the proposed constitution gives the legislature authority to bestow power on the governor by which the chief executive could appoint every officer in every county, town and municipality in the state and that the appointive school board would have power to select every school teacher in the state.

Throughout his address Mr. Brummitt referred to recent speeches and articles in favor of the proposed new basic law by Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell, Judge John J. Parker and Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, and then pointed out his reasons for disagreeing with the men.

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MRS. JORDAN OPENS INN

Mrs. Bettie West Jordan has opened a new tea room opposite the city lake on route 90. The tea room will be known as Lake View Inn. Mrs. Jordan, who has operated a tea room heretofore in Rocky Mount is well known to the public. She is making a specialty of fried chicken dinners and no doubt lovers of fried chicken will make regular visits to Lake View Inn for those good dinners. See Mrs. Jordan's advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

LIGHTNING STROKE

Washington, April 23.—Martna Snowden Waters, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Waters, was struck by lightning and killed yesterday while playing on the porch of Grover S. Woolard's home six miles from here.

Two children were not injured, but Mrs. Woolard was shocked and temporarily blinded.

Italians kill ten Greeks in rioting on Rhodes island.