

STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

J. B. Ivey, prominent business man of Charlotte, will construct a large dormitory at Lake Junaluska, the assembly grounds for the Methodist denomination of North Carolina.

Gordon H. Lilley, of Lenoir, on a recent visit to his native home stated that John Wannamaker of Philadelphia, of which firm Mr. Lilley is the advertising manager, spent over one million dollars each year on advertising alone.

The recent cold weather, accompanied by heavy frosts, has almost totally destroyed the fruit crops of the western section of the State; as well as causing heavy damage to the early truck crops of east Carolina.

Commissioners of Beaufort County last week voted to discontinue the office of whole time health officer in that county.

The North Carolina Sunday School Association last week was in session at the city of Raleigh for several days in the most successful convention ever held by the Association.

In the recent contest between the Christian Advocate, Methodist paper, and the Biblical Recorder, Baptist, the former won, by securing a wide margin of subscriptions. The M. E. Church at Lexington led the entire State in the number of new subscriptions sent in to the Advocate, having secured 104 new subscriptions.

Wages of operatives in several of the Greensboro cotton mills were last week reduced twenty per cent.

R. H. McComb, State College junior, was required to give bond in the sum of \$200, for his appearance before the May term of Wake Superior Court, for taking part in the recent outbreak of hazing at the college in Raleigh.

Bankers of Catawba County have offered to loan money to State Highway commission, for the construction of roads in that county.

"Little Ina", a dwarf, who has traveled several years with the Smith's Greater Shows and Johnnie Jones's Shows, died in Raleigh one day last week. She was only about 30 inches in height.

A flotilla of the Atlantic Fleet was off the shores of Morehead City last week. Fishing season at this popular resort has opened up within the past week.

Professor Collier Cobb, professor of Geology at the State University, returned to that institution one day last week, after having spent about eight months across the Pacific Ocean on a tour. He was given a royal welcome by the students of the University.

O. B. Ricks and L. B. Jordan, of Norfolk, Va., were acquitted of house breaking at Aulander last Thursday. They were accused of entering the home of W. D. Hoggard and stealing a safe, containing about fifteen hundred dollars.

Mrs. Essie B. Farmer, solicitor for the Orphan's Friend, paper published at the Oxford orphanage, has recently purchased a tourist hotel at Southern Pines. Mrs. Farmer will operate the hotel this season.

The city of Hickory recently sold \$175,000 of municipal improvement bonds to a bank of that city.

Truckers of eastern North Carolina, according to recent reports, will replant their crop, recently destroyed by frosts and cold weather.

Dr. A. B. Hawkins, the oldest living alumnus of the State University, died at his home in Raleigh last Thursday, at the age of ninety six years. He was graduated from the University in the year 1845.

Captain T. W. Mason, prominent North Carolinian, of Graysburg, Northampton County, died at his home on last Thursday, at a ripe old age.

Athletes of the Chapel High School won the State championship at the University in the high school finals,

held there last week end.

L. Gregory, 45-year old man of the city of Wilmington, was indicted one day last week, for having married a girl of less than fourteen years of age. The child's mother was also indicted for having sworn falsely as to the age of her daughter.

Wake Forest College debaters won over representatives of Davidson College, at a debate held in the auditorium of Meredith College, in Raleigh, last Friday night, by a two to one decision of the judges.

Hon. Samuel L. Rogers, for seven years director of the Federal Census Bureau, handed in his resignation to the Big Chief last week. Mr. Rogers is a native of Franklin, this state, and has made a wonderful record as director of the Census. He resigned in order that the Republican administration might appoint to that office one of their own political faith.

Dr. J. W. Peacock, prominent citizen of Thomasville, Davidson county, shot and killed J. E. Taylor, Chief of Police of that town, Saturday morning shooting him two times with a shot gun, from his office window. The physician then followed the seriously wounded man into a cafe nearby and proceeded to complete the job by shooting him several times with an automatic German pistol. He shot two times after the officer had fallen to the floor, dead in his tracks. A long standing feud was the evident cause of the shooting.

Extensive preparations are being made by the citizens of Henderson to entertain the annual convention of the Baraca-Philathea Association of North Carolina, which will hold forth during the last three days of this week, in that city.

The ninth annual convention of U. S. Good Roads Association convened in the city of Greensboro on Monday morning, with almost three thousand delegates present from all sections of the country. Many others are expected to attend the convention which is to be in session for five days this week.

Shriners of Raleigh are making extensive preparations for the approaching ceremonial session of the Sudan Temple, which will be held there on May 18 and 19.

Frank Parekr, Agricultural statistician of North Carolina, reports that the North Carolina tobacco acreage for this year has been cut only about 38 per cent, which, he states, is not a sufficient reduction to raise the standard of prices to be paid for the weed when the markets open next fall.

The entire North Carolina delegation in Congress voted against the emergency tariff bill, which was passed by Congress last week.

Members of the Old Hickory (30th) Division will make a tour of the European battlefields this summer, sailing from New York City on July 12. Many North Carolinians are expected to make the trip.

The town commissioners of Scotland Neck last week passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$250,000 worth of bonds for paving the streets of that town.

The State Medical Association will hold its annual meeting at Pinehurst during next week.

Zebulon V. Taylor, former mayor of Greensboro and prominent corporation official, died suddenly last Monday while riding in the private car of James B. Duke, the tobacco magnate.

Mecklenburg County on Tuesday voted for issuance of two million dollars for the construction of good roads in that county.

Hickory Township in Catawba county Tuesday voted \$500,000 bonds for road building.

A Tax of one-half per cent on the gallon on all gasoline sold in the state

High School Will Have Good Program For Finals

HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES TUESDAY, MAY 3RD.

Commencement Exercises Will Cover Period of Five Days, Beginning on Friday Night, April 29—President Harper of Elon to Make Literary Address.

The Ahoskie High School will close for the 1920-21 session on Tuesday, May 3, with the final exercises of the commencement program, which will consist of the graduation exercises, the annual address by Dr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, and the awarding of certificates. The commencement exercises, which stretches out over a period of five days, will begin with a play which will be given on next Friday night, April 29, announcement of which is made in our advertising columns this week.

The patrons of the school are fortunate that two highly pleasing speakers have been secured for the commencement. Besides Dr. Harper, who will make the annual literary address, Mr. H. S. Hilley, dean of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon, at the Baptist Church on Sunday morning, May 1, at eleven o'clock A. M.

The full program for commencement is as follows:

- Friday, April 29, 8:00 O'clock P. M. Play, "The Winning of Latane".
- Sunday, May 1, 11:00 o'clock A. M. The Baccalaureate Sermon, by H. S. Hilley, dean of Atlantic Christian College.
- Monday, May 2, 2:00 o'clock P. M. Essay, declamation and spelling contests.
- Monday, May 2, 8:00 o'clock P. M. Recital.
- Tuesday, May 3, 2:00 O'clock P. M. Recitation Contest.
- Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 O'clock P. M. Graduation exercises. Literary Address, by Dr. W. A. Harper, President of Elon College. Awarding medals, certificates and diplomas. Announcements.

MISS SAWYER IN A RECITAL

The Herald is in receipt of a handsomely printed invitation to the Senior Pianoforte Recital, to be given by Misses Ida Fowler and Sue Sawyer, in the Carolina College auditorium, at Maxton, on Thursday evening, the 26 of April.

Miss Sawyer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sawyer, of this city, Rev. Mr. Sawyer being the pastor of the Ahoskie Methodist Church. Miss Sawyer will receive her literary degree at Carolina College at the commencement, to be held in May.

went into effect Wednesday, for the purpose of building good roads.

David Blair, prominent lawyer and business man of Winston-Salem, will be named Commissioner of Internal Revenue by Secretary Mellon of the Treasury Department.

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Among those being mentioned and urged for appointment to the U. S. Circuit Court judgeship, made vacant by the death of Judge Pritchard, are Judge Henry G. Connor, democrat, and Judge W. P. Bynum and Hon. J. J. Britt, republicans.

Dirty Shows Are Denounced By Local Minister

LOCAL PASTOR SCORES COMMON CARNIVALS

Rev. Collins Does not Understand Why Indecent and Dirty Shows Are Allowed Free Rein in Ahoskie—Cannot Agree with Secretary Middleton in Statement.

Rev. Fred T. Collins, of the Baptist Church, speaking from that passage of scripture, found in the book of Amos, 5th chapter and 15th verse—"Hate the evil and love the good"—on last Sunday night, told his congregation that he was unable to understand why, with so many Baptists in and around Ahoskie, most any old kind of "varmint, vulture, or other disgraceful, dirty contemptible and vulgar object of prey" could "light down" in Ahoskie, flourish for a season, and wing its flight onward, without any interference by the authorities of the town. Although Mr. Collins did not name any specific case, it was generally understood that he is referring to the combination carnival, leg show, and portable assignation house that spent two days in Ahoskie last week, on Copeland's vacant lot, right in the heart of the town.

In the course of his sermon Sunday night, Mr. Collins could not agree with Secretary Middleton, who, at the Sunday School Conference held here about two weeks ago, asserted that "nearly everybody in the West Chohan Association were christians". The local pastor would switch things around. He believed there were less christians in the West Chohan Association than in any association within the entire State. Although he was not sure and was unable to offer the proof, he said he believed there was more monkey rum making in this section than in any section of the State; and more gambling and more other vices of the devil.

Mr. Collins feared a gradual and sure return to the tendency of formal religion, and cautioned his people against the substitution of "mere formal religion" for the religion of the heart, only the latter being the true religion.

It was his belief that the people of this section, and of the West Chohan Association, did not have enough of the true religion, as evidenced by their attitude towards the good and the evil. They do not hate the evil, according to the local pastor; for, if they did, he said, the presence of such dirty, common and degrading shows such as was here last week would not be tolerated, nor would the garage and service station men believe that they were doing a good turn when they vendored their gasoline on Sunday.

Death of Hertford County Citizen

Mr. W. E. Miller, one of the oldest citizens of the Mill Neck section of Hertford County, died last Thursday, after an illness of several months. He had suffered from many ailments since last fall, and the end was not unexpected by his relatives, who had been a this bedside constantly since he was first stricken.

Mr. Miller was a staunch friend of the Herald, and until he was stricken with sickness this last time, he was a frequent visitor to this office, if he happened to be in Ahoskie at any time. He frequently reminded us of his devotion to the cause of the county paper, and was a faithful subscriber since the very earliest days of the Herald. The Herald extends its sincerest sympathy to the relatives of the deceased.

Superior Court Now in Session For Two Weeks

JUDGE CRANMER PRESIDING OVER COURT

Presiding Judge Holding First Term of Hertford County Court—Pays Particular Attention to Liquor Violations, Gambling, Speeding, and Carrying Concealed Weapons.

The regular two weeks' session of Hertford County Superior Court convened in Winton last Monday morning, with judge E. H. Cranmer, presiding. The opening session began at 10 o'clock, and only a few minutes were required to impanel the grand jury, not a single excuse was offered, and all qualified, with Mr. W. A. Perry, of Harrellsville, foreman.

Judge Cranmer, presiding over his first term of superior court in Hertford County, expressed a keen delight at being with the people of this county, and also expressed high regard for this district's judge of the Superior Court, John H. Kerr, of Warrenton.

Although his charge to the grand jury was not so lengthy as most charges are, it was practical and impressive to a high degree. His preamble dealt with the necessity for law; and the part that christianity and law has had in the shaping of human conduct. He frequently quoted from biblical passages, and told the grand jury that we were indebted to the christian churches of the world for what progress we had made in the law and order of the present day. He likewise stressed the importance of the home; and asserted that, if the mothers and fathers were 'good people,' there need be no worry about the children.

The presiding judge did not enumerate the evolution of the laws nor did he spend much time in expaining the various statutes. But, he did call especial attention to a few of the more blatant violations of the law, among which were whiskey making and selling, gambling and toting pistols. He also called attention to automobile speeding on the highways. His first observation regarding illicit liquor making and selling was: "the person who is not a prohibitionist is not a good citizen; for prohibition is the law of our land and we, having helped to make the laws, as good citizens, must uphold them."

Following his charge to the grand jury which lasted less than an hour, the criminal docket was taken up, with Solicitor Midyette directing the State's prosecution.

PLAY BY LOCAL TALENT WELL ACTED AND PLAYED BEFORE LARGE CROWD

"The Miller's Daughter", a play in four acts, given by local talent in the school auditorium last Friday night, was witnessed by a large house, although the inclement weather helped to keep away many who would otherwise have attended. The proceeds amounted to about seventy dollars, which will be used by the Betterment Association for the benefit of the school.

The play was one of the best, if not the very best, in amateur acting, that has ever been given here. Every actor in the play performed well, and there was no dull moments. While the entire cast of characters came high being "stars, the brightest 'satellite'" of them all was Miss Nona Cowan, one of the teachers, acting the part of "Beauty Lynne." As a wooer of men, the most highly efficient vampire of the Twentieth Century could not "hold her a light." Special music between the acts was

Primary For The Town and School Officers Monday

REGISTRATION BOOKS CLOSE SATURDAY NIGHT

Entire Town Council and Mayor to Be Nominated, Also Two School Trustees, Next Monday—Dr. C. G. Powell Not A Candidate for Re-election as Trustee.

The town and school district primary will be held next Monday, April 25th, from 3 to 6 o'clock p. m., in the store formerly occupied by Z. V. Bellamy's fountain, next to his present stand, on Main Street. At this primary, the voters of Ahoskie will cast ballots for three commissioners and a mayor for the term of two years; while the school district voters will vote for two trustees of the local graded school. The registration books, which have been open for the past three weeks, will close on Saturday of this week at sunset.

The present town council is composed of the following: W. L. Curtis, mayor; Geo. J. Newbern, H. W. Stokes, and R. B. Taylor, commissioners. The terms of Dr. C. G. Powell and H. W. Stokes expire as school trustees this spring, and two trustees are to be nominated for these positions. The election will follow on Monday, May 2nd., at which time the two highest candidates for each office enumerated will stack up against each other for the final decision of the voters of town and school district.

According to Registrar, Mr. Paul W. Holloman, few women have registered in either the town or the school district registration books. There has been a noticeable lack of interest by the women voters, and on Wednesday of this week less than a dozen women had registered, with only two or three days more in which to do it.

There are no openly avowed candidates for any of the town offices, or offices of school trustee. There is an almost undivided sentiment for the retention of the town's present mayor, Mr. Walter Curtis, although several other local citizens have been mentioned for the office, among them being J. R. Garrett, Robt. Holloman, E. J. Gerock and Attorney W. R. Johnson. For commissioners there have been mentioned about as many as there are citizens in the town, and when the ballots are counted on next Monday, there will undoubtedly be votes for a wide range of favorites for these offices. For trustees, little talk of candidates has been heard, and it is probable that the present incumbents will again be nominated for the positions which they now hold.

Since the above paragraph was written, the editor of this paper has been informed by Dr. C. G. Powell, school trustee for several years, that he will not be a candidate for re-nomination to that office.

rendered by Misses Earle Lawrence and Myrtle Powell and Mrs. Stanley Leary, the latter graciously responding to the encore of the audience. The Ahoskie renowned "Black Cat" quartette, composed of Howard Basing, James Vinson, Claire Greens, and Johnnie Britton, captured the major applause of the evening, between the third and final acts. They were several times brought back to the stage for encores with which they were well supplied. Their fame was heightened considerably by successfully executing their repertoire of songs with out giving their audiences "Sweet Adeline."

A few dozen 600 break a cold.—adv.

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