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STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COMPILED FOR READERS OF THE HERALD

The small town of Whiteville voted overwhelmingly last Wednesday for the issuance of \$75,000 bonds for improvement of their school facilities.

Citizens of Scotland Neck have petitioned the town commissioners to continue the paving program recently initiated in the town. 25 blocks have already been paved.

Steve Seegar, an old and wealthy negro, of Monroe, paid two other negro brothers five dollars each to kill two negroes according to a confession made by the former to the sheriff.

William L. Turner, former fireman of the Coast Line railroad, of Wilmington has fully recovered, after having shot himself through the brains about three weeks ago. The bullet is now lodged in his brain.

M. R. Beaman, secretary of the N. C. Traffic Association, last week appeared before the Interstate Commerce Commission, protesting against the discriminatory rates charged the shippers of this State.

Hardware men of the two Carolinas held their annual meeting in Greensboro last week. There was a very optimistic tone throughout the meeting by the men in attendance.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner, president of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association, announces that he is much encouraged by the way the farmers of the State are lining up their forces in an effort to form a co-operative marketing association.

The spring ceremonial of Sudan Temple, of New Bern, is now in progress in Raleigh, having begun Wednesday, and lasting through two days.

North Carolina citizens paid out just thirty one millions of dollars in insurance premiums during the past twelve months, according to announcement just made by the commissioner of insurance.

President Harding has nominated Frank Linney, North Chairman of the State Republican Executive committee, to be district attorney of this State's western district. The Senate Judiciary committee who has charge of confirmation in the Senate, has refused to recommend his confirmation, basing their objections on the efforts Mr. Linney made last year to rid the State politics of the negro question. Senator Overman, a member of the committee, appeared in behalf of Mr. Linney, asking that he be given a hearing and his request was granted.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of the Louisville Seminary, was elected as President of the Southern Baptist Convention, which just concluded its annual meeting at Chattanooga, Tenn.

The North Carolina Division, Travelers Protective Association, held their annual meeting in Greensboro last week.

The Women's Missionary Conference of the Eastern North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church is being conducted this week at Fayetteville, a large representation being in attendance.

Durham citizens have become aroused to action by the rumors that the Southern Conservatory of Music was to be moved from that city, on account of lack of financial support by the citizens of Durham. They have made advances and are assured of retaining the Conservatory.

A. L. Fletcher, the head of the American Legion in North Carolina, is calling upon all whose names are on the slacker list through error to advise him that it may be corrected. His address is Raleigh.

Goldboro citizens are planning to vote on the issuance of \$500,000 bond election to be held on the 5th of July. The money will be spent on improving the schools of that city.

The 106th Annual convention of the diocese of North Carolina met in Durham last week. One of the main questions before the Diocese was the granting of women right to be elected to vestries of the Episcopal churches. The convention voted against the women.

The Wake County Board of Health

has issued a new regulation, requiring that all fountain drinks must be served in individual cups. No glasses are to be used.

Carteret County, whose commissioners recently made a 50 per cent horizontal cut in real estate valuations, has asked the State Tax Commission to allow them to "take it all back." Other counties are repenting of their action in making drastic cuts in valuation, realizing that sufficient revenue cannot be raised with the lowered valuations. Commissioners of all counties of the state will have an opportunity to revise their former rulings.

A tornado that swept over Sampson County last Saturday night killed 3 persons. Property damage has been estimated at fifty thousand dollars or more.

Associated press telegraph wires of all of the daily newspapers of the state were almost wholly out of order last Saturday night, on account of the electrical storm resulting from the aurora borealis.

A Cantaloupe Exchange has recently been organized in Scotland Neck, which will aid the farmers in marketing their crop of cantaloupe this season.

The sanitary inspectors of the N. C. Board of Health are renewing their activity in condemning the unsanitary privies, which do not meet the Board's requirements. Several persons throughout the state have been haled into court for their failure to construct the approved type of privy.

G. Herbert Smith, one of Wilmington's most prominent business men, was asphyxiated by the gas escaping from a heater at his home last Saturday night.

Citizens of Ayden are planning to have the liveliest tobacco market in years there this season.

The Raleigh postoffice was robbed of \$250,000 on Monday evening. Durward Johnson, an 18-year old boy of Raleigh, is being held without bail on the charge of stealing the amount.

The United States Supreme Court has reversed the decision of the lower courts, in the case in which the latter court would not enjoin the Federal Reserve Banks from collecting at par from the non-members. This is a partial victory for the state banks, in their controversy with the Federal Reserve system.

FIRST BASEBALL GAME OF SEASON WILL BE PLAYED HERE ON FRIDAY

Ahoskie Has Good Field and Fast Team. Will Play the Murfreesboro Team

Captain Brett, of the Ahoskie baseball team, had his men out on the field two days last week, for field practice. Owing to the weather no practice was held Monday afternoon, but on Tuesday and Wednesday the aspirants for berths on the Ahoskie team were again given the once over by Captain Brett. The diamond has been put in excellent shape, and is the fastest Ahoskie has had in many years. The outfield is far from being perfect, but will be touched up from time to time.

The team promises to be a winner and there is every reason to believe that the season of 1921 will be satisfactory from a local standpoint. The infield will be selected from the following aspirants: Captain Brett, Paul Dukes, Claude Dukes, H. B. Chapin, Graham Newsome, Jamie Sears. The outfield has a large list of candidates, including Lee and Herbert Copeland, Julian Parker, Dawey Cherry, C. C. Sessoms, Jim Powell and others. The boxmen will include Graham Newsome, Lee Copeland, and John Boseman with George Burgess as the probable receiver.

A game has been tentatively scheduled with the Murfreesboro team for Friday, and will be played on the local lot. Ahoskie has already defeated Murfreesboro in one game, on the latter's own diamond. Other games are in the making with Windsor, Poylesville, Kelford and Tarboro.

RUTS

By DR FRANK R. CRANE

Ruts are grooves made in the road by vehicles gone before.

They are easy to get into and hard to get out of. They are useful for plodding carts, dangerous for fast drivers and fatal for bicycles or motorcycles. So they are both good and bad.

A railroad track is nothing but two parallel steel ruts. The huge train can spin safely along at fifty miles an hour simply because it has lost its liberty. It sticks to the ruts.

The river keeps in its sky-rut; so do all etaoin The river keeps in its rut, or channel; when it escapes it plays havoc.

The sun keeps in its sky-rut; so do all the stars and so does the earth itself.

The train is an organized, communal carrier; the bicycle is individual; hence ruts are good for the safe movement of men in masses, but bad for individual action.

Thus all institutions are on ruts. The advantage of an institution is that it will keep on going in the direction it was first pushed.

It is good for people who dislike thinking and dread responsibility.

Colleges run in the ruts of past generations. Many of them have become practically useless. Unable to change their course, they have been shunted into obsolescence.

There are religious organizations which are also merely running down ancient grooves, reverently inefficient, uselessly respectable.

Politics is rutty. The public can always more easily be induced to do what it has been in the habit of doing than to try anything new. At least they know the evils of the old; the evils of the new are untried.

Nations run in ruts. They make war, and go on getting ready for war, for only one reason: they always have. The task of inducing nations to disarm and appeal to law is enormous, because it implies persuading nations to think.

Sticking to one's rut is the best cheap substitute for intelligence. Many an "able business man" is no more than an old moss-back who goes on doing what he has always done.

The poet, the prophet and the adventurous youth are trying to get things out of ruts. They are rightly called dangerous citizens. For most people belong in ruts, and when they get out, they are unable to guide themselves.

Reforming mankind is interesting. But there is not much money in it.

The ruttiest thing in the world is money. A money-man becomes great in his ability to refuse: Great fortunes are built up only rarely by ability and enterprise and brains; they come usually by declining to budge.

Energetic folk occasionally make inroads upon prosperity, but the nabobs of Wall Street and the Bank of England are sitters; money gravitates to them.

Freedom, individuality, independence, originality, bold ideas and high dreams put in practice are the luxuries of the poor. They are for the walkers and the bicyclists; if you would be a leading citizen you must ride on the train.

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RECEIVES CITATION

Recent news despatches contained in the State papers tell of citation for bravery of action on the part of Capt. John F. Williams, ex-service man of the World War. Former Captain Williams, who married Miss Dorris Jenkins, of this city, has been awarded the highest military decoration given by the King of Belgium.

BARACA CLASS GIVES TO THE STARVING CHINESE

The Baraca Class of the Ahoskie Baptist Church took a special collection for the starving Chinese at their Sunday morning meeting. The collection amounted to \$20.60. Several new members were added to the class last Sunday morning; and the class will make every effort to bring into their room and at their Sunday morning class many of the young men of the town, who do not attend Sunday school at all.

A cordial invitation is extended by the class members to every young man, resident or visitor, to meet with the class next Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

FARMERS ARE BEHIND

The incessant rains that have fallen during the entire month of May have delayed farmers in this section in the planting of their crop of peanuts. Other crops are slow to "come up" with the prevailing weather conditions of the month. The farmers are at least ten days behind with their work at this time.

However the clearing weather on Monday has given the farmer signs of hopefulness and they are taking advantage of the opportunity.

BRANNING MILL RESUMES WORK ON LARGE SCALE

The Branning Manufacturing Company's large lumber factory here resumed operations Monday, after having been closed down for repairs and additions for the past four weeks. A new boiler and other additions have been made. The factory will run on full time from now on, and will add several new employees to take care of their increased volume of work.

668 Cures Biliousness.—adv.

Chautauqua Will Begin Here Next Wednesday, 25th.

CHILDREN'S PARADE OR FRIDAY MORNING 10:30

Swarthmore Chautauqua Will Begin in Ahoskie Next Wednesday and Continue Five Days and Nights—Season Tickets Are Selling Good Eight Tickets Given Away to Boys and Girls.

Chautauqua will begin in Ahoskie next Wednesday, May 25th, continuing through six days, including Sunday, when a divine service will be given in the tent on Sunday afternoon. The opening attraction, which will begin at three o'clock in the afternoon, will be a lecture by the Superintendent, a musical concert by the Mendelssohn Orchestral Club, followed by the Junior Chautauqua. Among other noteworthy attractions during the five afternoons and nights will be lectures by D. Thomas Curtis, a former war correspondent, Chancellor George Henry Bradford, one of the country's foremost lecturers, and Walfrid Lindstrom, a former chaplain of the U. S. Army. The musical attractions include the Mendelssohn Orchestral Club, Clarke Concert Party, the Irish Minstrels, the Philadelphia Artists, and the Dunbar Male Quartette and Bell Ringers. On Saturday night, which will be the fourth night, the play, "Nothing but the Truth", will be given. This play is even funnier than "It pays to Advertise" of last year's program, which alone was worth the price of a season ticket.

This is the Tenth Anniversary of the Swarthmore Chautauqua, and the association has booked the best attractions ever on the circuit before. Every attraction will be of the highest order, and the whole five days, and Sunday, will present the season's treat for the lovers of good music, and instructive and entertaining lectures.

One of the best features of Chautauqua week is Junior Chautauqua, and the association will have with them two young ladies who will devote their entire time to the junior chautauqua work. Every boy and girl of the town and community is invited to join with every other boy and girl and get in on the junior work. The Junior Pageant will be given on the last afternoon.

Miss Edna Freeman, advance representative in Ahoskie now and will be here until the opening of chautauqua at Ahoskie. She wants every boy and girl of the community to meet her at the school building Friday morning sharply at half past ten o'clock. From there the chautauqua parade will begin—children will remember the parade of last year, and Miss Freeman who arranged it.

Nine tickets will be given away to children who are in the parade, as follows: The best decorated pony in the parade, the best decorated bicycle in the parade, and the best dressed girl or boy on foot; and six tickets will be given to the drawers of lucky numbers.

The chautauqua this year promises to be a success from every standpoint, and season tickets are selling good. Past experience teaches that a season ticket is a money saver, and in order to secure one, it must be purchased before the opening hour of chautauqua.

ATTENDING SHRINERS MEET

Nobles Claude Vann, Duke Euro, Dr. A. W. Greene, and L. T. Sumner left Wednesday morning, to attend the annual meeting of the Mystic Shrine, which will be held on May 19.

Novices S. M. Applebaum and H. B. Chapin also left the same day, to take the initiation.

Mothers Club Will Meet

The Mothers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. E. E. Taylor on Tuesday afternoon, May 24th, at four o'clock.

Rev. Mr. North Makes Plea for Methodist Schools

MAKES EDUCATION PLEA TO LOCAL METHODISTS

Secretary of the Educational Drive of Eastern Conference Makes Interesting Talk on Denominational Colleges and Universities—Methodists to Raise Thirty Three Millions for Higher Education.

Rev. Harry M. North, secretary of the M. E. Church's Educational Drive of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, occupied the local Methodist pulpit on Sunday night, and for an hour spoke to a large audience on the importance of the denominational institutions of higher learning, and the necessity of support from the denomination. In the selection of Rev. Mr. North for field secretary the Methodists of this Conference have hit upon a happy selection; for he is particularly fitted to solicit support for an institution from which he received his degree, after leaving his home on foot, without any funds—Trinity college is his alma mater. His short sketch of himself helped mightily in the effectiveness of his appeal, made later in his speech.

His observation on the results of the financial depression pointed to a closer understanding between man and God, and as between man and man. Rev. Mr. North could not imagine the man of God throwing up his hands in despair when "hard times" came upon him. This, he said, was to be expected of the person who did not walk within the realm of christianity. He pointed out that Sunday School and church attendance had greatly increased since the financial depression had set in; and he opined that the turn in the tide of men's affairs would result in good, rather than ultimate harm.

His sincere wish was a hope that "The Center of Learning" might be transferred to the United States, to the South, and finally, to North Carolina. He believed that the South was inherently fitted to become that center, which formerly rested in Germany. He likewise deplored the fact that North Carolina boys and girls had to leave the State to round out their higher education. He wanted to see these educational advantages added to the North Carolina colleges.

Mr. North was very kindly towards the State institutions and commended the late legislature in providing sufficient funds for them; but, he added, the State owes and pledges its moral support to the denominational colleges. He pointed out that out of the 22 institutions of higher learning in the State, 17 of them belonged to the church denominations, and among these the Methodist denomination owned and supported 7. This proportion, he said, was kept up throughout the country. With an overwhelming percentage of the colleges denominational institutions, he urged that the members of the Methodist denomination, which supported the larger number of these, rally to the support of their educational institutions, and when the time came to pledge, he pleaded with the Ahoskie Methodists to raise their quota.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE STARVING CHINESE

There will be a musical concert at the Ahoskie High School auditorium Friday night, May 20th., at eight o'clock, by home talent.

The program will consist of songs, recitations, drills and minstrels. The famed "Black Cat Quartette", a local organization, will also feature the program.

The admission fee will be only fifteen and twenty five cents, and the proceeds will go for the benefit of the Starving Chinese.