

# MAJ. W.A. GRAHAM SUBMITS REPORT

### Comment on the General Situation as to Field and Fruit Crops in State.

### WEST'S APPLE LANDS ARE IN MUCH DEMAND

### As Are Black Lands of East—Slow Progress in Jail Survey Deplored.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Raleigh, June 4.—Major W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, today submitted to the board in semi-annual meeting the progress of the work in his department. The financial statement shows receipts from December 1 to June 1 of \$200,210.59 and disbursements of \$112,937.43, leaving a balance counting the outstanding warrants of \$87,273.16. There was a big increase in the amount of fertilizer used in the state, the figures from December to June being 760,583 tons, as against 620,512 tons for the corresponding period a year ago.

Commenting on crop and fruit conditions, the commissioner says that the season has been too dry for a good stand of cotton and corn to be secured in some parts of the state, but the preparation of the land is equal to if not the best in the state's history. Good prospects are declared for wheat and clover, smaller prospects for oats, and a small crop of fruit. Apples will average about 40 per cent of a crop and peaches 30. Frost and storms and the large crop last year are responsible for the shortage.

Major Graham says over 500,000 barrels of apples were moved by the railroads in the state last year. The state has also increased its lead in the production of cotton per acre, the average going from 247 to 315 pounds. South Carolina is now fifteenth among the states in the value of its agricultural products. Great advances have been made among the farmers and this is due, in a measure, to the demonstrations and institute work. Commissioner Graham thinks that the successful farmer is not the man who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow in the field, but who applies knowledge and science to his land.

Commissioner Graham deplors the fact that the general assembly failed to authorize the department to erect a much-needed building at its own expense. The commissioner says he thought it must be put in an item in a bill requiring the department to pay \$25,000 for a building at the A. and M. college, the commissioner being "committed" after everything was determined on at the farm.

Speaking of immigration the commissioner said that the opportunities offered by the state are attracting many people, especially the farmers in the northwestern part of the country. The black lands of the west and the apple lands of the west are most sought after.

Commissioner Graham recommends that the positions of botanist and agronomist be combined and that a skilled agronomist and botanist be secured at a salary of \$2200. Seed selection and improvement would be handled by this division.

Commissioner Graham suggests that the assistant director of test farms be not filled, the assistant not being needed in his opinion. This assistant does little more than keep books, the commissioner says, and merely duplicates what is done at the farm.

The commissioner heartily approves the plan for calling an international convention to correct the abuse growing out of debiting for bagging and tie-up bales of cotton. With regard to soil survey work, the commissioner deplors the slow progress being made, due to the few men in the field. The federal government, which is co-operating with the state, has agreed to increase its force if the state will do so, and Major Graham urges the employment of Dr. N. A. Corey, in charge

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of the work in Ohio, to take charge of the work here. The salary should be made \$3000. He would make the soil survey work a distinct division.

In addition to the report of Commissioner Graham, the board received the reports of the various division heads. Much of tomorrow will be taken up with these reports. Few salary matters will be handled at this time, the board having agreed not to pass on this question at the June meeting except in case of an emergency.

Deserted by its neatly-dressed mother, a month old infant boy is in a little cot at Rex hospital while the police officers are searching for the woman. Lulu Collins, who left the child in a hotel Turner Monday afternoon. The only tangible clues that the police have to work on are a bottle of paragon purchased from the "East Durham fruit company," the fragments of a note written by the woman and left on the bed in her room and the photographs of two young women and an elderly woman found in a handbag containing a quantity of baby clothing.

Where the woman is from could not be learned. She told the clerk that her home was in Mason, Ga., and others that she had fled from Norfolk. She was apparently about 25 years old and registered at the hotel about noon Monday. It was the crying of the deserted baby that caused the search for the mother and the subsequent information that she had left the child to the hotel people.

State Treasurer Lacy is preparing for an issue of \$1,142,500 in North Carolina four per cent bonds, bids for which will be opened June 11 at noon. It is not thought that the state will have any trouble floating the issue as the last bonds offered were subscribed nearly four times. The bonds will take care of deficits and appropriations at public institutions.

Insurance Commissioner Young thinks it would be the part of wisdom for municipalities to restrict pressing clubs to territory on the outside of the fire district. He said that he had noticed that a great many fire organizations in pressing clubs, which under careless management are a menace to the community, and he felt that towns and cities would do well to pass restrictive ordinances as some of the more progressive have done. The recent fire at Axton caused the commissioner to offer this advice.

**Banking Laws Discussed.**

By Associated Press. St. Paul, June 3.—Uniform banking laws that the possibility of future legislation that will regulate the bank director more stringently were discussed by members of the National Association of Supervisors of State Banks, the annual convention of which is in progress here today.

Several speakers were on the afternoon program, which also included a general discussion of banking laws.

## BERNARD WINNER, ON FIRST BALLOT

### City Caucus Makes but Little Change — Judge Stevens Substitute Police Judge.

At last night's caucus of the mayor and the board of aldermen, Silas G. Bernard was chosen as corporation counsel to succeed J. Frazier Glenn. Only three other changes were made: P. Stikeleather was named as vice mayor to succeed R. L. Fitzpatrick, who is no longer a member of the board; W. P. Towe succeeds W. H. Wyatt as patrolman; and Judge H. E. Stevens succeeds S. G. Bernard as substitute police judge.

Interest was centered almost entirely in the contest for the place of corporation counsel, but Mr. Bernard received the appointment on the first ballot, contrary to the opinion expressed by some that several ballots would be necessary to make an appointment. Mr. Bernard is said to have received five votes, Mr. Glenn three and J. W. Haynes one.

The appointments follow: Vice mayor—F. Stikeleather. Mayor tax collector—J. W. Eldson. City clerk and auditor—J. M. Clark. Assistant city clerk—Miss L. G. Williams.

Corporation counsel—Silas G. Bernard. Water superintendent—William Francis. Assistant water superintendent—W. V. Wilson. Meter reader—J. R. Quinton. Intake warden—W. A. Burnett. Assistant intake warden—Bart S. Burnett.

Fire chief—J. H. Wood. Assistant fire chief—L. W. Jeanerette. Superintendent fire alarm—Ralph Hampton. Market keeper and assistant meat inspector—W. E. Patton. City engineer—B. M. Lee. Electrical inspector—Ralph Hampton. Fire warden and building inspector—Caleb Leonard.

Members of board of health—Dr. L. R. McBrayer and Dr. E. B. Glenn. Matron—Miss Donnie Blackwell. Janitor—R. F. Blackwell. Superintendent of streets—J. T. Coatie. City school commission—H. C. Allen and C. G. Lee. Chief of police—D. K. Lyerly. Substitute police judge—H. B.

Stevens. Clerk Police court—F. L. Conder. Sergeant—W. G. McDowell. Police captains—M. Sprouse and Fred Jones. Patrolmen—1. C. G. Lanning; 2. J. E. Murdock; 3. W. H. Centerfit; 4. C. E. Novell; 7. B. M. Collins; 8. J. S. Leveritt; 9. M. Y. Angel; 10. W. W. Britt; 11. J. N. Bradley; 12. E. A. Hall; 13. C. J. Inzie; 14. W. P. Towe; 15. H. T. Dillingham; 16. C. L. Pinner; new men, B. L. McLean and H. E. Miller.

## MR. DUNHAM FURNISHES VICTROLAS AT MEETINGS

### Which Y. M. C. A. Conducts at Various Manufacturing Plants During Week.

At the meeting last night of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., the resignation of C. H. Burt, assistant secretary for almost two years, was accepted, and a resolution of thanks for the work which he has done while here was adopted by the board. R. W. Hammerslough, who has been office secretary for some time past, was appointed to succeed Mr. Burt, and James Coleman, a young Asheville boy, will take up Mr. Hammerslough's work until a permanent successor is named. Mr. Burt will leave for his new position at Spray, N. C., the latter part of this week.

Announcement was made at this meeting of the arrangement for weekly meetings at the plant of the American Furniture Manufacturing company, and the speakers to be invited to the various week day meetings in automobiles. It was stated that these meetings are proving most successful, and H. A. Dunham agreed to furnish Victrolas for the music at these meetings.

It was also decided by the directors to have a filing system installed in the library of the association building, and as soon as possible to purchase modern book cases and fixtures for the library and reading room.

The reports submitted last night of the work for the past month proved most satisfactory to the directors. The attendance of men at the weekly Bible classes for men was 381; at the men's Bible classes, 85; at the extension Bible class for boys, 95; at gymnasium classes, 822; individual exercises taken by 88 men; 53 boys participated in seven games of indoor baseball; 297 boys took part in the 17 games of outdoor baseball; 1491 men and boys attended the meetings held outside the association building; situations were secured for two; five visits were made to the sick; and 47 boys took part in the work of the gardening club.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT THE HOME INDUSTRIAL

### Excellent Program of Music Rendered—Certificates are Awarded to Class.

The commencement exercises of the Home Industrial school were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Oakland Heights Presbyterian church, where a large number of Asheville people gathered to hear the excellent program of music and witness the presentation of certificates to the members of the graduating class.

Dr. John C. Campbell of the Russell Sage foundation presented the certificates to the young lady graduates, but preceding this he delivered a short address.

The members of the graduating class to whom certificates were awarded were:

Misses Clara Alice Burleson, Bessie May Burnett, Yuda Estelle Bishop, Blanche Alberta Carver, Jennie Oelatta Crenshaw, Odell Dellinger, Pearl Hochstetler, Olive Jarrett Evans, Anna Julie Marie Fletcher, Sarah Maude Maxwell, Elizabeth Misner, Pearl Elizabeth Parker, Anna Rogers, Laura Virginia Swink, Annie Dudley Shelton, Mary Edith Shelton, Annie Claude Wynne and Vera Eugenia Yandle.

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will be a large number of matters of great importance to be taken up, and it is desired that the local association be well represented. For this reason the President Neely asks that if any of the delegates he has named find that they cannot attend to report to him at the association and he will name others. The association will appropriate \$10 to each of the delegates attending to help pay expenses.

She's alive all right—for she smiles—but where's her body? At the Depot on Depot Side.

### Obtained Historic Timbers.

By Associated Press. Washington, June 2.—Students of the Wilson Normal school were out early today, watering vines freshly planted and trained on a pergola of historic interest. The timbers of the structure are those which were used in the "court of honor" on Pennsylvania avenue when President Wilson was inaugurated.

It was not known until today just what had become of the lumber used in the decorative effect before the White House on March 4. It develops that the Normal school authorities had seized the opportunity to get the material with which to form a barrier between the school buildings and the adjoining gardens.

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At the Depot—Depot Side.

## THE WEATHER

TEMPERATURE	Lowest	Highest
	last night	yes'd'y.
Asheville	60	81
Atlanta	64	86
Augusta	68	86
Baltimore	70	82
Birmingham	64	88
Boston	62	78
Charleston	68	82
Charlotte	68	84
Chicago	62	74
Denver	50	78
Galveston	76	82
Jacksonville	70	88
Key West	74	86
Knoxville	62	86
Louisville	62	84
Mobile	76	96
Montgomery	68	94
New Orleans	72	90
New York	66	72
Oklahoma	70	90
Raleigh	70	86
Savannah	70	84
Tampa	70	88
Washington	66	84
Wilmington	70	84

Normal for this date: Temperature 67 degrees. Precipitation .15 inch. Forecasts until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Local showers tonight or Thursday.

For North Carolina: Local showers tonight or Thursday, light to moderate variable winds.

**General Conditions (Past 24 Hours).** An area of low pressure overlies the Atlantic states with the center of the depression over the north Atlantic coast. The storm has caused showers in the east Gulf and Atlantic states and the Ohio valley. Scattered showers have occurred in the Plateau district, the Rocky Mountain region and the Plateau district, the Rocky Mountain region and the Plains states. It is somewhat cooler in the Lake region and heavy frost is reported in northern Michigan. Temperature changes have been slight throughout the southern states. Barometric conditions indicate local showers for Asheville and vicinity tonight or Thursday. T. R. TAYLOR, Observer.

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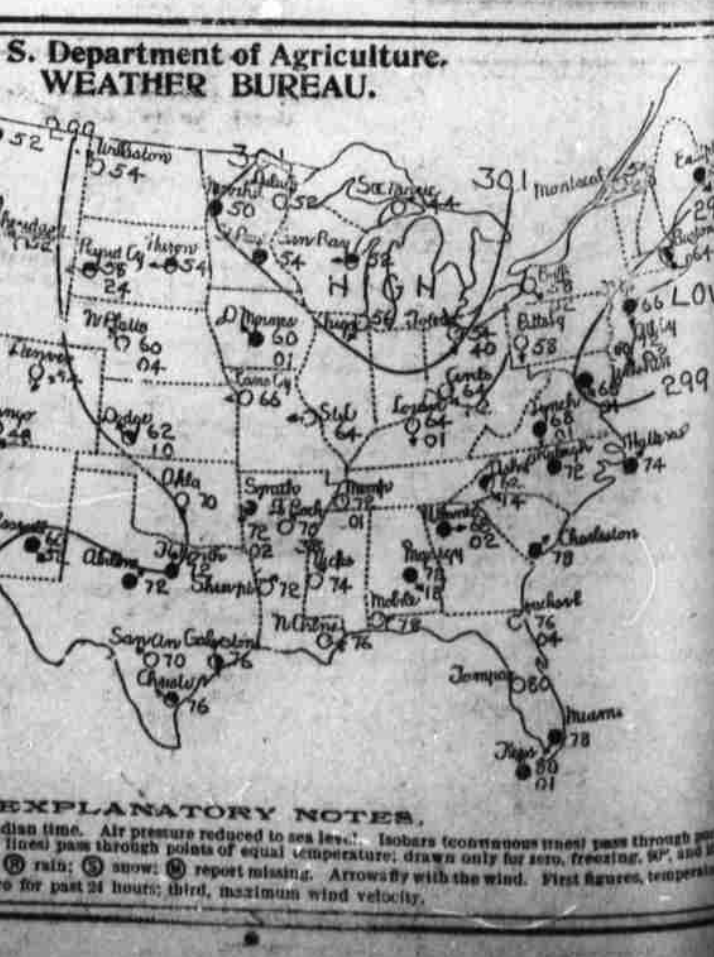
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## ASHEVILLE EAGLES TO HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

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Marcus Erwin will act as toastmaster at the banquet and among the respondents to toasts will be: Dr. E. R. Morris, Morris Meyers, C. S. Reynolds, J. H. Lange, U. S. Miller, W. H. Baird and E. M. Mitchell. On the morning following the banquet ground will be broken on North Main street for the erection of the new Eagles' home, which is to be erected at a cost of about \$25,000.

## DELEGATES NAMED

From Local Merchants Association to Attend State Convention at Wrightsville Beach. President J. W. Neely of the Asheville Merchants' association has named the following men as a delegation to attend the annual convention of the state association, to be held at Wrightsville Beach June 19-20: L. L. Jenkins, H. W. Redwood, Archibald Nichols, Frank M. Weaver, J. E. Reator, H. A. Dunham, C. Sawyer, Frank Hoffman, S. P. Burton and A. M. Field.

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