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## NEW TRIAL

### Supreme Court Reverses Lower Court in Land Suit

The Supreme Court last week handed down an opinion granting the defendant a new trial in the case of Buckhorn Land & Timber Company vs. J. A. Yarbrough. This was one of the Harnett county land cases removed to this county several years ago and which was tried at the July, 1919, term of Chatham superior court. A new trial was granted because of the error of the presiding judge in allowing the plaintiff to introduce as evidence the notes of the surveyor (D. G. McDuffie, now deceased) which was used by plaintiff in locating the land. There are several other suits still pending which will doubtless be governed largely by the result of this one when tried again.

### House Burned

The dwelling house on the farm of the late Mr. Spence Taylor, on the western edge of town, which was occupied by Webb McClenahan, a very worthy colored man, was burned down last Friday evening at 6:30. A few of the cooking utensils were saved. There was no one at the house at the time except an old colored woman, and she seemed to be demented, and when citizens arrived at the fire from town the house was half burned but the old woman was at the well still drawing water. Her clothes were on fire, but she was so excited she did not know it. It is not known how the fire started.

### Pay Your Poll Tax

Under the constitution of the state, all persons liable to poll tax for the year 1919, must pay the same on or before the 1st day of May, or they will not be permitted to vote at the election this fall. Every one will be interested in the political campaign this year, and if your poll tax is not paid in time, you will not be permitted to exercise the right of suffrage. Don't neglect your poll tax another day. PAY IT NOW.

### Brought Back Home

Mr. A. B. Clark, who has been in the Sanford hospital for treatment for the past three weeks, was brought back home last Saturday. Mr. Clark has been suffering for some time with an incurable disease and it was his wish that he be brought back. He stood the trip remarkably well, considering his dangerous illness. Since his return he has greatly improved.

### Still Living

John Oats, of lower Randolph county, who was knocked in the head last week by a negro named Bill Glover, is still living, but in a precarious condition. A dispute arose between the two men about a small piece of dogwood when Glover struck Oats over the head with a large stick, inflicting a dangerous wound. The negro was lodged in jail here.

### Tower and Chimes at State College

From the numerous forms of memorials which have been proposed as a tribute to 33 former students at State College, Raleigh, it was decided to erect a tower and chimes on the college campus. The tower will probably be about 90 feet high and will cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, the clock \$4,000 and the chimes \$16,500.

## PRECINCT MEETING

### Center Township Democrats Elect Committee

The Center township precinct meeting of Democratic voters was held at the court house in Pittsboro last Saturday, March 27th. The following men were elected as the Center township precinct executive committee: J. W. Griffin, chairman, J. R. Milliken, S. D. Gilmore, A. D. Farrell and R. M. Connell.

The following men were elected as delegates to the County Democratic Convention to be held on April 3rd: J. M. Garner, A. D. Farrell, W. L. Johnson, J. R. Milliken, J. W. Griffin, E. H. Petty and W. P. Horton.

The following men were elected as alternates: J. D. Womble, Adolphus Thomas, Lacy Alston, Robert Hatcher, Jarv's Boone, J. O. Brown and W. H. Ward.

### Received Contract

Last Monday contracts were awarded at Greensboro to T. W. Chandler, of Virgilina, Va., for construction of project No. 99, Chatham county, this being a topsoil road extending 12.6 miles, between Pittsboro and the Orange county line. The price is \$34,546.92, and the contract pertains only to the highway, provision to be made later for the bridge work. The contractor has divided with Ragland Construction Co., and both forces are expected to be at work within two weeks.

### County Election Board

The state board of elections met at Raleigh on last Saturday and appointed the county boards of elections. The board of Chatham is composed of the following: C. C. Hamlet, Pittsboro; J. Wade Siler, Siler City, and J. G. Hammond, Pittsboro. The first two named are Democrats and the last is a Republican. The county board will meet here on April 17 to organize and appoint registrars and pollholders to serve in the June primary and general election.

### Church Notice

Saint Bartholomew's P. E. church, Rev. W. E. Allen, priest in charge. Services, Good Friday, 2 p. m. Saturday, Easter evening, 3:30 p. m. Easter Day, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All welcome to these services.

### Rudolph Ganz

Rudolph Ganz, the eminent Swiss pianist, who will be heard in recital at the Raleigh auditorium Wednesday, April 7, has been compared to so many people, by the critics of this country, that he is sometimes bewildered, as to his own identity. But Ganz wears his hair cut short, just like a human being. He has a delightful sense of humor, and many of these comparisons afforded him the opportunity for a good joke, and Ganz is not averse to having a joke told on himself, provided it is a good one.

It was in Los Angeles, that some witty scribe came out hailing Mr. Ganz as the Jay Gould of the piano, saying that he not only bore a striking resemblance to the great financier, but that he went at his piano playing in much the same fashion that the money king went after the control of the Erie railroad.

The people of the Corinth school district will serve a barbecue and fish dinner at Buckhorn Easter Monday. They will also have ice cream and cold drinks. Come and bring all the family.

Read the new ad in this issue of the Blair hotel property.

## BIG EDUCATIONAL RALLY

To Be Held at Pittsboro on Saturday, April 10th

On April 10 the last teachers meeting for the year will be held at Pittsboro, and in connection with this meeting a big educational rally will be held. Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, state high school inspector, and others will be present on that day.

All school committeemen especially are urged to be present as the school board will probably make plans for many consolidations for this summer. Whether you are in favor of consolidating your districts with other districts or not, we urge you to lend us your presence, and if you do not think we should consolidate, be here to tell us why. In the meantime, however, if you do not think that we can consolidate your district with other districts with advantage and interest, you can readily see that it will be your duty to be here and tell us so.

The time for talk in Chatham county is almost past, for with the present shortage of teachers, and with the outlook for another year somewhat gloomy for the entire state, you can see that the only sensible thing that we can do is to roll up our sleeves and go to work. We must have better schools. The people of Chatham county have never failed to do their duty as a whole when they realized just what their duty was, and the people from every section of the county are telling us that we are far too prosperous and far too wealthy to, in one single instance, neglect the school children.

Every child in the county has a right to demand the best school that the people can give him, and when we fail to do this we have committed, not only a crime against that child who is helpless to defend himself, but a crime against the state of North Carolina.

The exercises will begin at 10 o'clock. Please be on time.

W. R. THOMPSON,  
County Superintendent.

## Democratic Dates

For the convenience of the Democrats of Chatham county, The Record here-with gives the important dates that they should remember. Clip this out for reference.

APRIL 5TH—County convention at Pittsboro at 12 o'clock to elect delegates to state convention and perfect county organization.

APRIL 8—State convention at Raleigh.

APRIL 17—County board of elections meet at Pittsboro to organize. Appoint registrars and pollholders to serve in June primary and general election.

APRIL 24—State and district candidates must file notice of candidacy and pledge, on or before this date.

APRIL 29—Registration books open.

MAY 22—Registration books close at sunset.

JUNE 5—Candidates to file statement of expenses and contributions. General primary for nominations of candidates.

JUNE 7—Board of county canvassers to meet at Pittsboro at 10 a. m. to canvass result of primary.

## Big Land Sale

One of the biggest land sales took place here Tuesday when Mr. Rufus Johnson bought 75 or 80 acres from Mr. B. Noe just east of the oil mill here. The price paid was \$12,500. This land is to be cut up in lots and sold.

## The Boll Weevil

Mr. Paul Barringer, who was in Raleigh Monday, was handed a map by State Entomologist Sherman which showed the counties that have been reached by the boll weevil in this state. The boll weevil is as near us as Robeson county and Mr. Sherman figures that it will reach Lee county in 1921, but that it will take three years for it to reach the maximum damage—15 per cent. This is small in comparison to the damage the boll weevil has been doing in some parts of the cotton belt. It is to be hoped by the time the pesky little insect has reached this part of the state something will be done to put it out of business. —Sanford Express.

## VOICE FROM THE VAULT

### Official Story of the Blowing Up of the Lusitania

Like a voice from the vaults of the dead the official story of the destruction of the Lusitania, written on the afternoon of May 7, 1915, by the German commander directing the fateful shot that day is not given to the world. Jotted down in brief sentences, within the tiny cabin of the submarine by Lieutenant Schwieger, is the story "How I Sank the Lusitania."

This arch-fiend is now dead. The log shows that Schwieger was ordered to the Irish sea to harass shipping off Liverpool. Fuel ran short and he started back to Wilhelmshaven when he suddenly met the Lusitania.

He was surprised to see a great liner in that course. The mighty liner, reflected in the mirror of the periscope, with four great funnels, was evidently one of the floating palaces of the Atlantic. "Following a sharp command, the great 'C' torpedo was fired at 700 meters. It strikes. A gaping hole is torn in the liner's starboard side, behind the bridge, followed by a terrific explosion.

"Second explosion from the ship's hold, debris and water spurt skywards, ship keels over. Tremendous excitement aboard. Appears officers have lost their heads. Unable to launch life boats."

Schwieger was tempted to fire a second shot, but shrank from firing another "into a throng of struggling humanity." Submarines leave.

The terse account contradicts Germany's subsequent announcement that the captain did not know he was firing on a passenger vessel, but indicates he did not know stricken ship was Lusitania until after fatal shot was fired.

The diary is written over Schwieger's signature, and the very lack of sentiment in the epochal narrative stands in weird contrast to the shock which the sinking of the Lusitania, with a loss of 1,955 lives, gave to civilization.

Schwieger coolly worked on his diary, considering the horror of his act a part of the day's work. He figured the marine bearings and noted success and made comments.

These are official facts, contained in the official diary which Schwieger utilized in making the report of his voyage to the great staff of the Imperial German Navy.

There are twelve pages of typewritten manuscript, accompanied by maps and charts.

I am not at liberty to explain how we secured possession of these important papers from the naval archives for 36 hours to enable me to have them photographed, but that's comparatively unimportant.

The favorite tactics of merchant ships menaced by submarines was to speed ahead on a zig-zag course, attacking the U-boat without waiting to learn the name of its quarry, would then get affront the vessel and give a mortal blow. This apparently explains why Schwieger did not seek to identify the Lusitania before firing on her.

The log shows that on May 6 the U-boat sunk the steamship Candidate, from Liverpool; then sunk an unknown English ship of about 6,000 tons; May 7, only two torpedoes left; sighted huge passenger liner which afterwards proved to be the Lusitania. Continuing on return voyage, sighted a large Cunard freighter, fired the other torpedo, but missed.

Two years afterward Schwieger was decorated with the insignia granted only for "extraordinary bravery and heroism," the highest honor with the gift of the German military. Schwieger was lost at sea in 1917.

## MEMORIAL DIPLOMAS

### To Be Delivered in Person Easter Sunday

The Chatham County Post of the American Legion has French memorial diplomas for the following: Eastus Clayton Poe, for Mrs. M. D. Holt, Jesse C. Durham, for Mr. Lonnie Durham, John W. Moore, for Mr. D. A. Moore, Carson Smith, for Mrs. Minnie Phillips, William D. White, for D. B. White, Eugene Laster, for Mrs. Laura Laster.

It has been deemed most fitting that religious service signalize the delivery of these diplomas, therefore, they will be delivered in person at the Methodist church in Pittsboro Easter Sunday, April 4, at 11 o'clock.

The government of France, as a mark of its deep appreciation to those who gave their lives that democracy might live and as an expression of sympathy toward those who have been bereaved, is distributing to the next of kin of each soldier who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war an engraved memorial diploma bearing the name of the deceased and an inscription of which the following is a translation:

To the memory of

[Name]

of the United States of America  
Who Died for Liberty During the  
Great War

The Homage of France

The President of the Republic  
P. Poincare

Inscribed on these diplomas is a beautiful group of symbols.

The principal figure of the group symbolizes the soul and spirit of the American army which helped France to maintain alive the flame of the torch of liberty and justice.

The sword is not in the scabbard but ready at any moment to protect and defend the weak and oppressed, symbolized in the group to the left by a mother holding her baby to her breast, and to insure freedom and justice to the coming generations, represented by the figure of the kneeling boy, praying and thanking God for deliverance.

At the right the figure of a man, chained and shackled, symbolizes the spirit of evil and the victory over our enemies. Also at the right, crowning the spirit of America, stands Glory, who rejoices with the old war veteran, standing to the left of the principal figure, symbolizing the armies, which are always ready to fight for the good of humanity.

Universal fame is symbolized by the winged figure flying over the group and trumpeting to the world the great triumph in which the United States participated. The American eagle, poised on the staff of Peace, watches zealously, and stands ready to swoop in case our enemies again endeavor to disturb the peace of the world, so dearly acquired.

The entire group is framed by a border of oak and laurel leaves, which are always awarded the victors.

At the foot of the cenotaph the flags of France and America are draped and joined together by a wreath, which is the mark of gratitude and homage that France pays to our sons who gave their lives for liberty and justice.

The lines engraved on the wall behind the group are taken from one of Victor Hugo's famous poems, and when translated reads:

For those who devoutly died for their country

It is right that the people come and pray at their tombs.

The Chatham County Post of the American Legion cordially invites the public to attend this service.

## School Fund Sufficient

The department of education has sent out a letter to all county superintendents of schools stating that the augmented educational fund provided for the six months school term for North Carolina will be amply sufficient to take care of all needs of the department of education. The thirty-two cent tax for school purposes provides about three and a half million dollars, and that, according to figures compiled by the clerks of the department, will be amply sufficient to meet all the needs.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the school auditorium. A full attendance is desired.

## SERVANTS DE LUXE

### Demand as High as \$25 Per Week and More

Introducing "the servant girl de luxe." Gone, but not forgotten, is the husky "hired girl" who used to cook corned beef and cabbage for a whole farm of men folks at \$1.50 per week and glad to get it. And gone also is the "mother's helper," who stormed throughout the week, from Monday washing to Saturday night pork and beans for \$5 and extra pie for the policeman.

Why talk about high wages for munition workers when kitchen "queens" are receiving from \$10 to \$25 a week—with board and room, a private bath and car fare to church and movies. That is exactly the situation. Various employment agencies in big cities of the east divulge the precious information that \$10, \$15 and \$18 a week is the "set-back" for general housework; and it is very general housework at that. No laundry, no heavy cleaning, extra service for large dinners and no care of the children.

Then there is the cook who draws from \$12 to \$25, and the second maid, who will guarantee to dust your victrolas and check your hat for \$9 a week. And if you want to hire a nice helpful family—man and wife and children—they will condescend to eat your tenderloin and ride to church in your Rolls-Boycer for \$100 a month—and in some. Lest you forget—they must have special evenings for the movies, and special nights for using the piano, and the privilege of the library, including the latest magazine and evening paper. These are the facts which the average housewife must meet. And the worst is yet to come. A domestic workers' union is in progress of formation; the maids want bonuses and collective bargaining, and all the rest. Think of a servant girl strike, with the cooks all walking out before breakfast, or in the middle of a company dinner!

## A Good Citizen

"A good citizen is one who is willing at all times to make some sacrifice of his time, means and convenience to advance the common welfare, and has such an abiding interest in this that he is always watchful and needs no urging to do his duty."—Ex-Gov. Judson A. Harmon, Ohio.

## Photographs of Graves

Hundreds of fathers and mothers in the southeast who lost sons in the war will receive in the near future photographs of the graves where their boys are buried.

American Red Cross photographers took photographs of 75,000 different graves in France that were marked with the names of the dead. Each photograph has been carefully checked with the war department records in Washington, and the name and address of the next of kin obtained. The Red Cross now has 75,000 envelopes, each containing a photograph of a grave, ready to send to the relatives. Every photograph is enclosed in a folder setting forth salient facts in connection with the soldier's service.

## N. C. Cotton Crop

The U. S. department of agriculture reports the crop of the state as ginned to March 20th, 855,465 bales for this year as compared with 919,336 bales for 1918.

The counties rank as follows: First, Robeson, 66,505 bales. Second, Johnston, 49,441 bales. Third, Scotland, 37,972 bales. Fourth, Sampson, 34,969 bales. Fifth, Anson, 30,601 bales. Sixth, Union, 29,727 bales. Seventh, Harnett, 28,222. Eighth, Halifax, 27,862. Ninth, Mecklenburg, 25,961. Tenth, Wake, 23,208.

Thirty-three counties reported the amount ginned in 1919 less than that in 1918.

The ginning for the past three years for Chatham and other nearby counties is:

	1917	1918	1919
Chatham,	5,413	8,142	7,077
Randolph	633	974	735
Johnston	39,532	51,746	49,441
Lee	7,700	7,176	7,037

Governor Marshall H. Holcombe, Republican, has flatly refused to call a special session of the General Assembly to act on the federal suffrage amendment.