

# THE NEWTON ENTERPRISE

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## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS EVENTS

Items Showing at a Glance What is Transpiring Throughout the State.

L. J. Pinkston, riding a motorcycle, collided with a train near Wadesboro. The train was not damaged.

Asheville aldermen have forbidden the use of megaphones by people who wish to advertise. No nuisance, anyhow.

Will Bell, colored, self-confessed member of B. N. Mann for purpose of robbery, was elected in the state prison last month.

Webb, brother of Congressman Yates Webb, has the family talent for getting elected. He is J. F. Hunt for mayor of Greensboro Thursday.

The Rutherford water and light system has \$700 cash on hand and \$2,000 a month and it makes money for the town.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Hensley was shot through the stomach by Grady Peterson, colored, when the officer tried to arrest him for being engaged in a drunken riot near Potosi, N. C., one night last week.

Be Smith, notorious negro leader in the days when the colored brother was cock of the walk in eastern Carolina, is dead at Newbern. His wealth is estimated variously from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Deputy Collector Bob Rhyne of Rutherfordton has a dull time. There are no tobacco factories for him to sell stamps to, and his chief occupation is catching moonshiners, and these have almost disappeared. He raised five stills in May and nine in June but none in July so far. Says he can't find 'em any more, as they've hid 'em too well.

For the 60th time Richard J. Jones of Wilmington was elected treasurer of the Odd Fellows and was installed with elaborate ceremonies Thursday night at Wilmington. He is over 90 years old, is the oldest Odd Fellow in age and in point of seniority in the state and has served as treasurer of the grand lodge for 35 years hand running. Every day he goes to his office and works like any other business man.

Frank Holt, the Cornell professor who attempted to assassinate J. Pierpont Morgan last Saturday morning, committed suicide Tuesday night by jumping out of the jail window to the cement paving fifty feet below. Early in the day he took the rubber from the end of a pencil, mashed the sides of the brass holder together and with it cut a vein in his wrist. He missed the artery and was discovered before much blood was lost. There is still a strong belief that he is the Harvard professor, Muentner, who murdered his wife in 1906. Several persons who knew Muentner at Harvard visited the jail Monday. All said the resemblance is very striking, but none would say positively that he was Muentner. His determination to kill himself lends strongly to the suspicion.

Deeds Filed for Record.

Simon Barger to Luther L. Barger, lot in Bobtown Hickory, \$100; Annie B. and R. P. Dakin to Z. B. Buchanan, lot on 12th street, Hickory, \$4,000; Sue A. and E. E. Anderson, lot on 12th street, Hickory, to Annie B. Dakin, \$1,200.

Mattie B. Boyd and J. R. Boyd to S. D. Campbell and Z. B. Buchanan, lot 1, block B, Town-land, Hickory, for \$300; same to same, for \$400, lot on Lincoln street, Hickory.

S. D. Campbell to A. A. Fry for \$515, lots 39 to 43, Will Fry land.

L. Cilley to Hickory Chair- and Manufacturing Co. for \$1,200, 2.9-10 acres adjoining company's land; W. R. Killian to C. H. Gaitner and P. A. Setzer, for \$1,500, brick store on 14th street Hickory; Pink Ekhard to R. E. Sigman, for \$600, in Highland.

## TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS

A Few of the Happenings of Local Interest—What Folks are Doing.

—The Mercury hears that Mr. Obe Ramsour will move to Shelby to live. Mr. Ramsour is a well-known farmer of Bandy's township.

—The steel awning at the Abernethy Cash Store was removed Thursday, in keeping with the order of the board of aldermen some time since, and a new one substituted.

—Capt. Peter Mull of Newton was here a few days last week visiting relatives and friends. He contemplates having another Confederate reunion this summer, this time at Mull's Grove in Lincoln county. The date will be the last of August or first of September.—Cleveland Star.

—The annual reunion of the Ramsours will be held August 25 at the old Ramsaur homestead where Thos. J. Ramsaur now lives, two and a half miles north of Lincolnton on the South Fork. Every is invited, especially all who are related to the Ramsaur clan.

—Train loads of horses continue to pass down the western road to Norfolk, the animals belonging to the English and French governments. These trains are run as sections of passenger trains but make better time than passengers. One went from Knoxville to Salisbury in 11 hours and covered the block between here and Claremont, six miles in eight minutes.

—Speaking of crop prospects, particularly of cotton prospects, Mr. M. M. Smyre, who is in the habit of making two bales the acre of cotton on a piece of his land at St. James, says he has already made up his mind to put all he makes on an acre this fall, into one bale. If this sort of thing obtains generally, the cotton crop will be mighty short.

—Tuesday afternoon there was a case in the county court in which Mr. R. L. James of Catawba was suing his brother, Mr. John H. James, for possession of some material left over after the plaintiff's house near Catawba was built. The court gave the plaintiff possession, or the equivalent, \$30, in cash, and the defendant paid the \$30 and the cost of the action.

—Bam Corpening and Maggie Pendelton, colored, visited the court house Friday, which is hanging day, and secured license to marry; and obtained the services of Rev. W. W. Rowe, who was near-by, and were married in the register's office. The explosive name of the groom caught the crowd who witnessed the nuptials and it was "Bam, Bam, Bam" on all hands for awhile.

—Lincoln News: "Mr. D. A. Yoder, of Route 2, was in the city Wednesday on business. He reports splendid prospects for a big yield of corn this year, especially if the good seasons continue. Mr. S. L. Ritchey, of Jacobs Fork, Catawba, was in town Tuesday enroute to Wadesboro. He remarked to a News man that there was the most wonderful improvement in Lincoln speaking especially of the good roads. He said progress should be spelled with a big P when it comes to Lincoln."

—A force of seven men has arrived to remove the telephone poles from around the square, and change the lines so as to conform to the order of the board of aldermen which demanded that the poles be off the square in 60 days. The cable lines will be run from the exchange in the Shuford National bank building to Fifth street, thence east to Copal street, thence south to Second street, and along Second street to Main street on and south. It will take two weeks to do the job and will cost about \$2,000 for work, material and all expense. The removal of the line is to beautify the public square, which has been elegantly paved and lighted at night with a "white way" that would do credit to any town.

## NEWS OF THE COUNTY

Terrell Items.

Terrell, July 11.—The third conference of the Rock Spring circuit was held at Rehobeth July 3. The presiding elder Mr. J. R. Scroggs, was not able to attend, so he sent Mr. Richardson of Mt. Holly in his place. The members of the conference and the trustees of the camp ground agreed that camp meeting will begin on Monday, Aug. 2 and continue through Friday Aug. 6.

Tuesday evening, June 29, Miss Minnie Wilson delightfully entertained a number of the young people at her home, Greenwood. After spending several hours playing games on the lawn, ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Helen Wilson of Sherrill's Ford is spending a few days in Davidson as a guest of Miss Johnnie Shelton.

Miss Winnie Gabriel and Mr. Neil Sherrill motored to Statesville to the picnic of July 5.

Terrell now has a well organized ball team. The boys played a game with Cornelius team on the home ground, Saturday, June 26. The Cornelius team was badly dally defeated. Saturday, July 3, they played at Monogram with Monogram team and the score was 7 to 3 in favor of Terrell. Next Saturday they play the Cooleemee team at Cooleemee.

A number of men surveying for the Southern Power Company are encamped near the Mooresville toll bridge.

With Our Subscribers.

Tuesday Mr. D. E. Yount of Route 3, Hickory, called and left a dollar. Mr. Yount says, "The paper is very welcome and more satisfactory since it comes twice a week." So say they all. Mr. Yount brought Rev. J. P. Miller with him, who had been visiting in the county. Mr. Miller was enroute to Charlotte where he had been a teacher in Elizabeth College. Since the removal of that institution to Roanoke, Va., he has accepted a pastorate at Tryon, Pa.

Among the new ones this week is Mr. Lee Bandy of Route 2, Newton. They are coming in, one by one. Another new one is Russell Whitener, who is cutting the wheat crop in Oklahoma, along side of Claude Lutz, of Newton.

Mr. George Moose is among the renewers this week, as is Mr. W. A. Setzer, an old soldier who visited town Monday.

Mr. W. F. Honeycutt of Gastonia is a new name this week. Mr. Honeycutt is one of the foremen in the Dunn cotton mill.

Mr. J. S. Rudisill of Cliffside favors the office with three "bucks", paying up and forward.

## REVIEW OF WORLD EVENTS

Wide Survey of General News Given in Paragraphs for Quick Reading.

Moved by speeches from alleged prominent speakers from the south, the Christian Endeavor Society in session at Chicago Thursday, voted to extend the hand of fellowship to the negro.

Fire on board the steamer Minnehaha, loaded with munitions of war, is thought to have been caused by a secretly placed bomb of some kind. There were 15,000 tons of explosives on board. The ship put into Halifax, with the fire under control.

The government, convinced the German-owned wireless station at Sayville, N. J., though which it is possible to communicate with Berlin, was being used in an unneutral manner by the Germans, has taken it over and it is now in the hands of American naval officers.

Numerous adventurous young Americans are reported as having been forced into English armies, upon their arrival on cattle boats in England. One case, that of Steve B. Tessier of this state and Louisiana, reports that he woke up from a souse to find himself enlisted and the American officials are trying to get him out.

The English government is moved to protest against the action of this country in stopping recruiting for the English armies, declaring that furnishing money to go to England on is not recruiting. She wants this country to let her send home anybody who wants to join the army. Five men have been indicted for recruiting in violation of neutrality laws.

County Bills for June.

The bills presented to the county commissioners for June and ordered paid were: Newton light department, \$5.49; Catawba County News, job printing and advertising, \$9.50; Scott & McCollough, auditors, balance due of \$56.90; Phone rents \$5.99; Clapp's Drug store \$3.20; Gilbert Cline, blacksmith work, \$13.50; C. K. Edwards, deputy, expense of taking Will Ross to jail, \$3.70; Times-Mercury, count calendar \$4, advertisement 50 cents; Enterprise, advertising, \$1.40; Edwards & Broughton, printers, tax books, \$14; Abernethy Hwd. Co., \$1.50, plaster and express; Rhyne Hardware Co., \$45.23; cross index book \$64; Dr. Shipp, county physician, \$44.67; Newton Elec. Co., plumbing for jail, \$8.20; clerk's office expense \$2.80; C. D. Drum Co., \$9.14; Holbrooks & Seagle, teaming, \$8; Terrapin creek bridge, \$650; county home expense \$2.15; closets at home, \$14.09; J. H. James, material for Lyles creek bridge at Catawba, \$41.18; G. A. Arndt, lumber for Stine ford bridge, \$6.14; F. B. Ingold, hardware, \$5; Piedmont Wagon Co., \$3.60; Conover roller mill \$20; sheriff's office \$25.68; janitor for court house, \$12.60; W. E. Houser, work at court house, \$2.25; jail, \$10.52; piers for Lyles creek bridge \$513.33; Mill creek bridge \$285; Clark's creek bridge \$265—total \$1,264.19; jail fees for month, \$80.90. The bills of most of the tax listers were paid at the rate of 4 cents the name and \$2.50 per day for assessors and listers.

The body of Frank Holt, who committed suicide Tuesday night was on Wednesday positively identified by detectives who had measurements and pictures of Muentner as the Harvard man who was charged with killing his wife. It was also found out that he had a short time before he attacked Mr. Morgan, bought 60 sticks of dynamite. What he did with the greater part, is causing much curiosity. He wrote his wife in Texas that he had used it in setting bombs in two passenger ships, the Louvonia and Philadelphia; on their way to Europe. She notified ship officers and the ships were searched and no dynamite found.

A good evidence of the rising prosperity of the South is found the statement just issued by the Southern Railroad from its head office in Washington. Its operating income in May 1915 was, \$1,337,535; in May 1914, \$955,897, an increase of \$381,638. And in this connection we invite every reader to read the article on first page, "Oncoming Tide of Prosperity." It is from the Washington Post, an independent paper that Republicans quoted very freely last year, because of its criticism of the Wilson administration and its pessimistic forecasts of business. The Post is now telling a very different tale, so optimistic that even Republicans ought to be convinced.

## AMONG CATAWBA'S NEIGHBORS

News Items From Surrounding Counties—What the Folks are Doing.

C. T. Cain, new city manager of Morganton, has taken charge, succeeding R. W. Pipkin.

Jacob Monroe Saine died in Lincoln county July 3rd, in his 63rd year. A wife and one child survive.

Lawyer L. C. Caldwell, who is also mayor of Statesville, has a farm on Fourth creek where he sowed 37 bushels of wheat on 30 acres of land and threshed out 500 bushels.

Rev. Dr. W. S. Wilson, pastor of the Mooresville Presbyterian church, has gone with his family to Marion and Black Mountain to spend a month before taking up his duties as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lincolnton.

Coroner Warlick of Lincoln and Coroner Hovis of Mecklenburg complain of dull times. The Mecklenburg man says they ruined his office when they cut off whiskey and cocaine from the negroes. No inquests are being held.

Mrs. Kate Shuford of Lincolnton last week learned of the death in Wynne, Ark., of Mrs. Eliza R. Dixon July 5th. She was 72 years old, a native of Lincoln, having been a sister of the late Henry Ramsey, and was the last of her immediate family.

Machinery for the silk mill of the Waldensians at Valdease has been held up by the war, in Switzerland, and Senator Simmons, who has been working on the case, announces that the English government has offered to get it started toward America.

A. D. Brawley of Iredell planted one-eighth of an acre in onions this year and gathered more than 50 bushels, or at the rate of over 400 bushels to the acre. A dozen of them weighed 19½ pounds. The seed were sown in September and the plants re-set in November.

Andrew Windsor and Ed Tolbert, brothers-in-law in Iredell county, had a fight Wednesday afternoon that was "vigorous." Tolbert is a tenant on Windsor's farm. Windsor told him to water a horse at a certain point in the branch, but Tolbert watered it somewhere else, and after they went from the field to the barn, the fight occurred. Windsor used a blade on Tolbert's head and Tolbert stuck a knife in Windsor and drew it across his breast nine inches. Tolbert is in jail.

Memorial to Caldwell.

It was briefly mentioned in the last issue of The Landmark that the State Press Association, at Montreat last week, endorsed a proposition for the erection of a monument to the late J. P. Caldwell, long time editor of the Landmark and the Charlotte Observer. A committee composed of Editors Archibald Johnson of Charity and Children, H. B. Varner of the Lexington Dispatch, Wade H. Harris of the Charlotte Observer, Jas. H. Caine of the Asheville Citizen and R. R. Clark of the Landmark was appointed to take the matter in hand and arrange the details. Until this committee can meet and arrange its plans, no authorized statement can be made as to the procedure, but it can be said that the idea is to offer the friends and admirers of Mr. Caldwell an opportunity to contribute to a memorial to be erected to his memory, as it is known that he had many friends who desire this privilege. The form of the memorial will of course be determined after the necessary funds are raised.—Statesville Landmark.

Marion Butler has made his usual pre-campaign announcement from his home in Washington that Republicans will again sweep North Carolina next year. Yes, Butler's form of sweeping will be repeated by the usual 25,000 to 50,000 Democratic majority.

## NAVAL LOSSES OF GREAT WAR

Allies Have Seen a Hundred Million Dollars Sink Beneath the Waves.

After 10 months of war, says an Associated Press dispatch from London, the losses suffered by the contending navies present some interesting points for speculation, affording a comparison of the various offensive weapons in the naval struggle, and showing how costly it is to the countries concerned to indulge in minor encounters.

Summarizing the losses under types of vessels, Great Britain and her allies have been deprived of the services of eight battleships, 14 cruisers, four gunboats, six destroyers, 10 submarines, 14 boats and six armed merchantmen and auxiliaries.

Separating the losses under the various causes, neglecting auxiliaries and armed merchantmen, the torpedo has destroyed 131,000 tons of allied vessels, the mine 50,000 tons, gunfire 27,000 tons and 22,000 tons have been lost in various other ways.

The German, Austrian and Turkish fleets have been deprived of 13,000 tons of war vessels by means of the torpedo, 23,000 tons of the mine 81,000 tons by gunfire, and 13,000 tons from various other causes.

These figures show that England her allies have lost 230,000 tons of naval fighting material approximately \$100,000,000, while the Teuton and Turkish losses total 140,000 tons, worth about \$60,000,000.

The figures also show that the miscellaneous losses officially recorded are proximately the same on both sides, while from torpedo, gun and mine the British and their allies have lost nearly double the tonnage that their opponents have lost by the same causes. By torpedo the British losses are 10 more than those of the other side, which shows clearly how important a part that weapon plays.

In gunfire England has established a long lead chiefly because the German ships at large when war was declared have been destroyed by this means. In the armed merchantmen and auxiliary class the net register tonnage of allied ships destroyed amounts to 30,000, while the German, Austrian and Turkish losses stand at approximately double that figure. The total financial loss in this instance amounts to about \$15,000,000.

Thus 10 months of skirmishing and preliminary actions, leading to no definite result so far as the question of naval supremacy is concerned, has brought about the destruction of about 460,000 tons of warships, costing \$175,000,000.

North Carolina Excursion to Richmond.

The Southern railway will operate the annual July North Carolina excursion to Richmond, Va., Wednesday, July 14. The round trip fare from Newton, Hickory, Morganton and other points near, is \$5. The special train, consisting of first class coaches and Pullman cars will leave Charlotte at 9:15 p. m., July 14, arriving at Richmond at 7:30 a. m., July 15. Returning, tickets will be good on any regular train leaving Richmond up to and including train No. 11, at 11:15 p. m., July 17. Regular trains on branch lines will be used to connect with junctions. Local agents will give the rate from any point. The outing is very attractive, allowing three days and two nights, giving a chance for side trips to Old Point, Washington, Baltimore, etc. Pullman reservations should be made in advance. Address R. H. DeButts, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

A Laurinburg dispatch Wednesday says that ex-Judge W. A. Neal has started proceedings against E. J. Tillman editor of the Laurinburg News and J. L. James for conspiracy to defame his character. The suit will be based on articles recently appearing in the News.