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EAR HEEL SCRAP BOOK

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Those who avail themselves of the privilege of hearing Dr. George Truett in Raleigh have a rare treat in store. We heard him first at Murphy among his own people. The meeting was held in an enormous tent. Every one went it seemed—all the townspeople and great caravans of buggies wagons and cars from every direction came out of the surrounding mountains. The sermons were the kind which go straight to every heart—simple, direct and true, but with a majestic simplicity and a rich eloquence all of their own.

Later—ten years later—we heard him in a Bible conference in Miami. Crowds attended his services there and he had lost none of his penetrating power and direct force. His simplicity and nobility of manner remained the same though he had been acclaimed by vast multitudes and by critics all over our land and in many foreign countries as one of the great preachers.

A quilled child, looking at the marvelously beautiful gardens planted and planned largely by a hunch-backed dwarf down at Charleston many years ago, might ponder the old lines, "Like begets like," and "Water seeks its own level." But this same child would realize when growing up that the lines applied there are elsewhere for the utterly lovely gardens could not have been conceived except for one possessing a beautiful spirit, an inner loveliness. That dwarf, dead man decades, and whose grave is there within the garden has given to the world a great masterpiece of beauty and a replica of his own beautiful soul no doubt. Wondering if any other personality found such a unique and charming last resting place as that of the man who lived at

... weather till the vines will commence in a few days in some sections of the berry belt much new acreage is being devoted to dewberries this year, many having added considerably to the number of vines they possess, and there being others just entering berry growing industry.

While planning on a huge crop, the growers are altogether in the dark as to what the prices are going to be. The opinion has been advanced that better prices than those paid the last few years would prevail, due to the fact that the berries may now be legally made up into wine. However, some growers are extremely doubtful that the repeal of the 18th amendment will materially affect their returns in berries, as they point out that despite the law 90 per cent of the crop has found its way into the wine vats under prohibition, according to statements made by representatives of the big northern commission houses.

The little town of Cameron will soon emerge from its lethargy and become transformed into a beehive of activity as the rush of the berry season gets under way. Berries are hauled all the way from Sanford to Cameron in order that they may be inspected "from Cameron," the largest dewberry shipping point in the world, as fruit thus marketed sells at premiums over that from other places.

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CIVIC LEADERS IN MEET WITH NEW WAREHOUSEMEN

Danville Warehouse Corporation Shows Interest In Possibilities of Market.

RE-DRYING PLANT TALKED

Civic Bodies Appoint Committee To Investigate Matter and Make Effort.

There is talk of a new tobacco warehouse being built in Sanford in order to stimulate the market by enlarging its facilities for handling all the tobacco that may be offered for sale here. The matter was discussed at length in the meeting of the Sanford Business Association last Thursday night. President T. S. Cross was instructed to meet with the heads of the organizations in the town Saturday morning and discuss the matter. C. D. Bright and A. A. McDonough, representatives of the Piedmont Warehouse Corporation, of Danville, Va., and discuss with them the question of building the proposed warehouse. All seemed to be enthusiastic over the proposition and felt that if carried out would prove a forward step for Sanford. The Piedmont Warehouse Corporation is one of the big tobacco concerns of Danville. It is said that if the warehouse is built it will be two or three times as big as any warehouse here. It was decided to apply for the necessary funds through the PWA. The committee of the Sanford civic club leaders has the matter in charge. It is expected that further developments will follow soon.

BERRY GROWERS VERY OPTIMISTIC

Cameron Community Will Soon Be Scene of Activity In Dewberry Marketing

The Express is informed that dewberry growers in Lee and Moore counties plan for a big crop this year.

POSTAL HOURS CHANGED

The Money Order window at the Sanford post office will be closed until further notice at 5 p. m. daily instead of 5:30. This curtailment of window service was necessary to maintain the daily schedule of tours in the post office following the 4-day leave without pay ordered by the Postmaster General which necessitated granting 80 minutes daily to each clerk. The Registry and General Delivery windows will remain open until 6 p. m.

NEW MARSHAL IS SWORN IN ON SAT.

W. T. Dowd, New Marshal of Middle District Enters Duties of Office.

William T. Dowd, of this place, who was recently appointed U. S. Marshal of the Middle District of North Carolina, qualified and was inducted into office at Greensboro last Saturday. The oath of office was administered by Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the United States district court in his office at 12:22 p. m. The oath of office as new deputy marshals was also taken by the following: John H. Stephenson, of Southern Pines; Fred M. Lomax, of Kannapolis; Lawrence M. Huffman, of Burlington; Charles L. Vanstary, of Greensboro.

Mr. Dowd's bond was fixed at \$20,000. It was approved by Judge Hayes. Bonds were also given by the deputy marshals. The office of marshal pays an annual salary of \$4,600, less the reduction of 15 per cent generally prevailing in the government service.

Mr. and Mrs. Dowd have two children, Lillian and Helen. They are now attending the city schools here. Marshal Dowd will not move his family to Greensboro for the present. They will probably move to that city next fall.

Marshal Dowd, who is 46 years of age, was born on a farm in Moore county. For 15 years he was in the United States army. He was stationed at Newport harbor, Rhode Island, the greater part of the time during the world war. After the war he returned to North Carolina and became a traveling salesman, with headquarters

Birevillies

Mrs. D. E. McNeil is spending this week in Washington, D. C., with her son, P. E. McNeil.

The fire department was called to the home of Mrs. W. H. Gurley on Hawkins avenue Wednesday night, the house being threatened by fire which started from a stove flue. The flames were extinguished with but little damage.

County Auditor M. Clark went to Raleigh Wednesday to attend a meeting of officials representing 80 counties of the State. They met to discuss problems connected with the work of tax listing and assessing property. The conference will last two days.

The highway qualification committee of Charlotte is offering prizes for the most attractive mail box and group of mail boxes. The territory to be judged by the committee includes routes in both North and South Carolina. Each person owning a mail box on a highway is invited to try for a prize. Let mail box owners in Lee county try for one of these prizes.

Charles Hubbard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hubbard, of this place, who is a student at the University, won first place in the broad jump in the Southern Conference Indoor Track Meet at Chapel Hill last Saturday. This is not the same time that Charles has carried off honors in the track meets at Chapel Hill. He is one of the best athletes in the University.

Winter seems to give way to spring. The weather is warmer and it has continued on into March. One of the harest snows the people of Sanford ever witnessed fell Wednesday night. Had it all stayed on it would have equalled the snow of March snow in 1925. It melted after midnight.

JOHN BARLEYCORN PLAYS LEAD ROLE AT COUNTY COURT

Walter Gilmore Caught At Still In Full Operation By Lee County Officers.

WATCH DOGS FAILED MAN

The only violators of any State law to face charges in Recorder's Court were four men and one woman, all charged with violating the Prohibition Law, and all of the men defendants were convicted, the State taking a non pros as to the woman.

Walter Gilmore, white man from Greenwood Township, was first to face the court. Sheriff White was called and testified that he and his deputies came upon Gilmore at a cheaply constructed whiskey making outfit near Gilmore's home; that the little was boiling and producing the fiery fluid and that four stands of mash were being worked up. The Sheriff took Gilmore into custody and cut down his mash and destroyed six gallons of whiskey. Gilmore's plea was that up until a few weeks ago he had been on the level forces, and that that source of living having been cut off he was compelled to support his wife and six little children in some way. The court sentenced Gilmore to two years on the roads on each of two counts, suspending each, and then to 90 days at the county home for the third count. Superintendent McNeill of the County Home informed the Court that he needed several good workers in his farming operations for the county.

Time Shaw, another white man, pleaded guilty to possession of a small quantity of whiskey found in his home in a search and seizure war that he denied possession of a large quantity found in about four hundred gallons of his home. Officers testified that upon complaint they swore out a warrant for Shaw's premises, but failing to find the small quantity of whiskey, he was arrested and taken to jail for 90 days and assigned to duties at the county home.

DISBANDING OF CWA TO BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 30

HEARSE DAMAGED

Wednesday while Mr. Chas. P. Rogers, undertaker, was carrying the body of Mr. William A. Glass, from the Lee County Hospital, where he died that morning, to his home near Cool Springs, a negro, Grady Ferguson, while driving a Buick ran into his hearse near Cool Springs, damaging it. One of the wheels was badly damaged, also the running works of the hearse. The Buick was also damaged. Ferguson was accompanied by Ellen Brown. Ferguson admitted being at fault in causing the wreck, but disappeared and has not been seen since. Mr. Rogers has had warrants issued for both. Fortunately no one was injured in the wreck.

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS THE NEXT

Now We'll Ask You One—Who Will Be The First Candidate To Announce?

The political season will soon be open in this county if the signs of the times count for anything. Last week the State Democratic Executive Committee met in Raleigh and set June 2nd for the primary, June 9th for the precinct meetings, June 11th for the county conventions and June 21st for the State Convention. The precinct meetings are held to elect a committee from each precinct and attend to matters in their voting district. The chairman of each precinct is a member of the county executive committee, and this committee selects the county chairman.

The Express has stated that the political talk is beginning to start and the politicians are starting to hold up a number of prospective candidates who have been mentioned for county of-

NEW METHOD OF RELIEF WORK TO BE INSTITUTED

Government To Cease Operations Through The CWA By March 30th.

MANY THOUSANDS PAID OUT

According to present plans the Civil Works Administration program is expected to end March 30th, a full month ahead of the scheduled closing recently announced by President Roosevelt.

Calling at the headquarters of the CWA in this place yesterday we obtained a lot of figures from those in charge which should be of interest to our readers. At one time since the first of January there were 469 men and 30 women employed in Lee county on the different projects under CWA, making all told 499. This lasted till February 23rd, when 144 were dropped from the roll and were out of employment unless they found it elsewhere. On March 3rd, 128 more were dropped; on March 9th, 29, and today, 16th, another batch of 29 will be dropped from the roll, making a total of 330 discharged from the work. This leaves still on the roll 143 men and 26 women. Should the present program be carried out they will be dropped from week to week till they will all be discharged by the month. It would be interesting to know the amount of money paid out to these people by the government during the two months or more. It ran into thousands of dollars and how much of it was saved by them for their families or others dependent upon them?

The Express is informed by Miss Henry and others in charge of the circumstances on the roll so that their families would not suffer for the necessities of life. It is announced by the government that a new plan will be worked out to give the thousands of people out of work employment.

Demobilization will continue during the next four weeks as originally planned and announced last week. It was pointed out virtually all of the 1,500,000 persons who will be on the payrolls March 30 will be in the cities. The plan for demobilization calls for far more rapid disbanding of work forces in the country than in cities.

This is due to the fact that farm work is beginning and with better weather most of the rural workers will find some sort of occupation.

The persons who will be transferred to work divisions will cease to be federal employees. They will become employees of the state and local relief organizations. While on civil works they were classed as federal employees and as such received the benefits of federal insurance in event of accident or death. They were paid by government checks through the veterans bureau disbursing officer. Hopkins said a new plan for payment was being worked out.

Only those who can show need will be employed under the new plan. The need will be checked by the staff or local relief administration acting under the state administration. Only one person in a family will be given work. Only able-bodied persons will be given jobs; others being cared for by direct relief.

The federal emergency relief administration will allot funds to the various states on the basis of needs. This money will be spent by local and state administrations which also will be required to supply a share of the cost of operation.

Wages will be the local prevailing rate but not less than 30 cents an hour. Hours of labor will be 24 a week.

The new system, Hopkins said, today, will make it possible for state and federal governments to plan relief projects over longer periods than was possible under CWA.

The CWA, he said, was a temporary expedient, whereas the new plan is designed for long range operation.

Work to be done under the program will be much the same as under CWA. Hopkins estimated that 80 per cent of the CWA projects will be eligible for continuance under the new arrangements.

The National Bank of Sanford has been designated by the Director of Postal Savings as a Postal Savings Depository for the Post Office Department.

PRESIDENT BRINN DISCUSSES TAXES

Kiwanians Meet In Jonesboro And Hear Brinn Discuss Tax Situation.

The Kiwanis Club was served supper by the ladies of the Jonesboro Baptist church last Friday night. There was a good attendance as there always is when the club goes to Jonesboro. They know they are going to be well fed. They were certainly not disappointed in this respect. Friday. The supper was well prepared and well served.

BARACA CLASS BARBECUE

The quarterly barbecue of the Baraca Class of the First Baptist Church will be held at J. R. Riley's club house on Deep River Friday, March 16th, at 6:30. All members urged to attend. Please be on time.

OFFICERS CAPTURE WHISKEY OUTFITS

Lee Sheriff Gets Results In Two Raids Made in County Past Few Days.

Last Friday Sheriff Ernest White and Deputies Henry Poe and M. J. Thomas made a raid over near Morris pond and taking Walter Gilmore, who was operating a 50-gallon submarine still, by surprise, captured him before he could get away from the still. Sheriff White slipped up on him while he was asleep. He had to face two guard dogs, but they also failed to wake up in time to give the alarm and enable their master to make a get-away. This was the first time the officers of this county had to contend with guard dogs at a still. Gilmore said he expected to kill them when given an opportunity because they failed to give the alarm when he needed their protection. The officers destroyed some 200 gallons of beer and five gallons of liquor. The still was in full blast when the officers made the raid. Gilmore gave bond for his appearance at court.

DOLLAR DAYS

The Express carries this week a page advertisement for Edrds department store. They are offering many rare bargains in Dollar Day goods on Friday, Saturday and Monday. It will pay you to call and examine their stock before you buy anything in their line.

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MRS. ELIZABETH G. BLACK

Mrs. Elizabeth Gilmore Black, formerly a resident of Sanford, died Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Stanley, in Rocky Mount, where she has made her home for some time. The remains were brought to Sanford Tuesday and interred that afternoon in the cemetery of Cool Springs Baptist church by the side of her husband, K. W. Black, who died five years ago. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Childress, assisted by Rev. F. C. Hawkins. Pall bearers were her nephews: Messrs. D. D. Riddle, Roland Monroe, L. A. McIver, M. E. Poe, Charles McDuffie and Fred Poe.

Before her marriage Mrs. Black was Miss Elizabeth Gilmore. February 3rd, she was seventy-five years of age. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. W. H. Stanley, of Rocky Mount; and Mrs. J. B. Talley; one son, Koonce Black, of Delco; one sister, Mrs. D. J. Riddle, of Sanford; one brother, D. K. Gilmore, of Munford, Ala., and seven grand children.

Mrs. Black was a faithful and devoted member of the First Baptist church of Sanford. She was a woman of strong character, who discharged her duty and obligations with unwavering courage. She, in large part, raised four families of children all of whom were devoted to her and who will miss her.

Miss Lucile Cheek has returned after a six weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. N. J. Dalk, of Hickory Mountain.

Miss Cornelia Cheek, who is teaching at Mt. Gilead, spent the week end here with her sister, Miss Lucile Cheek.

Mr. N. A. McEachern and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. N. A. McEachern, Jr., of St. Paul, spent a few days here visiting relatives of Mrs. McEachern.

Mrs. Marvin Kelly and son, Joe, are visiting relatives in Florida.

Rev. and Mrs. A. V. Gibson visited friends in Whiteville last week.