

FARMERS' MEETING

Institute to Be Held at Asheboro
Saturday, July 24.

INTERESTING PROGRAM IS ARRANGED.

Prominent Speakers to Attend--Every
Farmer in Randolph Should Attend.
--Other Institutes in This Section

The Farmers' Institute for Randolph county, held under the State Department of Agriculture will be held at the courthouse in Asheboro Saturday, July 24th, 1909.

The morning session begins at 10 o'clock sharp, and the afternoon session at 1:30 o'clock.

The object of a Farmers' Institute is to bring together the farmers in order that they may discuss and study the subjects relating to their business, such as the best methods of using fertilizers on various crops, the preparation and cultivation of the soil, stock raising and stock feeding, diseases of stock, grain and grass growing, trucking, fruit growing, improvement of worn soils, etc.

In addition to local speakers, J. L. Burgess, Agronomist, State Department of Agriculture; Dr. W. G. Christman, State Veterinarian, and T. E. Browne, of Bertie County, will discuss questions of interest. An interesting program has been arranged.

Other institutes, to be held in this section are:
Sanford, Monday July 26; Cameron, Tuesday 27th; Southern Pines Wednesday, 28th; High Point July 19th; Lexington, July 20.
July: Mon., 19, Carthage; Tue., 20, Raeford; Wed., 21, Star; Thur., 22, Elam; Fri., 23, Mt. Gilead; Sat., 24, Asheboro; Sun., 25, Denton; Tue., 27, Thomasville; Wed., 28, Chiswick Grove; Thur., 29, Albemarle; Fri., 30, Salisbury;

To Cancel Naturalization Papers.
District Attorney A. E. Holton is instituting suits for the cancellation of a number of naturalization papers in his district on the ground that the requirements of the law were not carried out by the clerks of the court who administered the oaths. At present he has two cases in Rowan county, one in Ashe, one in Transylvania and fifteen in Haywood.

Masonic Picnic at Thomasville.
The Thirty-First annual Masonic picnic will be held at Mocksville August 12th. The annual address will be delivered by Rev. J. E. Abernathy, D.D., of Winston-Salem. An elaborate program has been arranged including a concert by a class of orphans from the Oxford Orphanage.

New Bank and Railroad.
The Bank of Broadway, Lee county, has been chartered with an authorized capital of \$50,000 with \$5,000 paid in. J. F. Jones and others of Broadway are the incorporators.
The Sanford and Glendon Railroad Company filed an amendment with the Secretary of State changing its name to the Sanford and Troy Railroad Company.

Mr. Joyner Honored.
Prof. J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction for North Carolina was elected President of the National Educational Association at Denver, Col., Thursday. The election of Mr. Joyner is a complement to North Carolina as well as Mr. Joyner.

To Stop Near Beer Sale.
The Winston aldermen have passed an ordinance which may stop J. J. Dannenberg from selling "Near Beer" in the city without license. The new ordinance imposes a fine of \$50 every day for sale of near beer without license.

Prohibition at Greenville.
Since the establishment of prohibition at Greenville only 74 cases have been tried, since January 1st. For the six months prior when Greenville had a dispensary 238 cases were tried. The fines and costs were \$23.15 and \$210.88 respectively.

Guano Plant Burned.
The guano plant of the Southern Chemical Company, at Winston was damaged \$25,000 by fire Saturday. The plant will be immediately repaired and business continued.

MR. COWLES' ELECTION BILL.

Measure Introduced by the Tar Heel Representative Providing For the Re-enactment of the Reconstruction Statutes.

Democrats have become interested in a bill introduced by Representative Charles H. Cowles, of North Carolina providing for Federal control of elections. Mr. Cowles would re-enact seven sections of the "revised statutes" passed in reconstruction times to perpetuate Republicanism in the South. The purpose of the measure, the author declares, is to apply to citizens of his district who paid up their poll tax, but were not permitted to vote. This bill will be vigorously opposed when it comes up for consideration. South-erners will not let it pass if they can prevent it.

INDIANS PLAY TO-DAY.

Unusual Feature of Baseball Tonight at 8 o'clock.

The famous Cherokee Baseball Team will play the Asheboro team at the baseball park this afternoon at 3 o'clock and tonight at 8 o'clock. The Indians carry an electrical equipment of fifty 1,000-candle power arc lights, illuminating every corner of the field. The local team is in fine trim and will put up a good game. Admission 25 cents.

Killed Wife, Brother and Then Himself

On Tuesday Walter Williams, colored, 35 years old, living near Burgaw, shot and instantly killed Henry Hayes, his brother-in-law, his wife, Mary Williams, and then himself. Williams and his wife had not lived happily and three weeks ago agreed on peaceful separation.

Sunday he returned and accusing Hayes of the trouble he committed the murders.

Veteran's Lonely Death.

Col. Marcellus Pointer, a gallant Confederate veteran, died in his apartments in a Bowery Hotel in New York Saturday. He had with him personal letters from Gen. Joe Wheeler, McKinley, and other prominent men commending him for his gallantry. He was penniless and is supposed to have died from hunger. The Confederate Veterans Camp, of New York, took the body and buried it with honors.

Bush Creek Lumber Co.

Tuesday a charter was issued by the Secretary of State to the Bush Creek Lumber Company, of Franklinville, Randolph county, with an authorized capital stock of \$20,000, and will begin business with \$4,000. The incorporators are: C. H. Black, T. I. Fox, and D. S. Sumner, all of Franklinville.

Bristol Va., Declares For Saloons.

By a majority of 32 out of a total of 844 votes polled, the anti-prohibitionists won the local option election at Bristol, Va., last Thursday. Prohibition has prevailed for two years. The liquor men are already preparing to open both saloons and wholesale houses.

Morrison Trial Begins.

Walter Morrison, colored, was on Saturday placed on trial at Lumberton for an alleged criminal assault on Polly Rogers, a Croatian woman. The scene of the crime was a few miles from Elrod, about one month ago.

New N. C. Railroad President.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Carolina Railroad was held at Greensboro last week. Maj. Chas. M. Stedman was elected president; A. H. Eller of Winston-Salem, Secretary-Treasurer and J. W. Thompson, of Raleigh, Expert.

Policeman Shot.

Policeman Willet Miller was shot three times through the lungs, on Wednesday of last week at Blowing Rock, N. C. by a man named Baldwin who the officer tried to arrest for selling liquor. Miller cannot live.

Fasted 19 Days.

Hoping to overcome an illness by fasting Mrs. Lillian O. Hoag, of Los Angeles, Cal., broke a fast of 19 days last Tuesday. During that time she took no food and her first meal was a slice of cantaloupe.

Reports of tax listers shows an increase of \$500,000 in taxable property in Winston-Salem this year.

WHITNEY WORK TO RESUME.

The End of a Long Litigation Now in Sight.

Argument was concluded on last Friday at Salisbury by Messrs. Burton Craige and T. J. Jerome before Special Master, A. H. Price, in the remainder of exceptions in the noted Whitney case. On the 27th of this month before Judge Pritchard at Asheville the final argument will be heard after which his decision is soon expected and it is said that unless something unforeseen turns up work on the great power plant at Whitney will be resumed within a very short time after Judge Pritchard's decision is rendered. It is also said that the plans for resuming work have been perfected, including the financing of the project.

Local Tax Campaign.

Mr. Charles H. Mebane, of the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, made a report on the local tax campaign in the State for rural public schools for the year which ended July 1.

July 1, 1908, there were 402 local tax districts; July 1, 1907, 504, and July 1, 1906, there were 784, and now there are 900. In the 98 counties in the State 4 have no local tax districts; 94 have them, one or more, 6 having only one, 33 having two, 16 having six to 10, 11 having eleven to fifteen, 14 having eighteen to forty-seven. The total school fund for the fiscal year 1906-7 was \$2,863,218, and for the fiscal year 1907-8 was \$3,294,232, the increase being \$431,014.

Death of Mrs. Wiles.

Mrs. Louise A. Wiles, mother of E. A. Wiles, who is well known in Asheboro, died Saturday at the Twin-City Hospital, at Winston-Salem where she had been a patient sufferer for several weeks. She is survived by five children. The deceased was a lovable lady and numbered her friends by the score.

Blind Tiger Gets Seven Years.

Walter Hobbs, the notable "blind tiger" of Durham has been convicted and sentenced to seven years on the public roans of Durham county. 116 pints of whiskey were recently found in his possession.

Burned Town Records

City Treasurer C. S. May, of Rock Hill, S. C., is found \$18,000 short in his accounts. Before he confessed his shortage he burned check stub books, paid checks and vouchers as well as mutilating the cash book. The shortage covers two years and a half.

Death of H. M. Edred.

Hugh M. Edred, a prominent business man of Charlotte, died at Salisbury at the Whitehead Stokes Sanitarium Sunday following an operation for appendicitis. The body was interred at his old home in Stanley county.

Gulford to Erect Guide Posts

The Commissioners of Guilford county have decided to erect iron guide posts at crossings along the principle roads of the county. Besides directing the traveler the guide posts will give the distances to the principle cities in the county.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Wadesboro is competing with Lexington for the offices and shops of the new Southbound Railroad.

The Imperial Tobacco Company, a foreign syndicate, has purchased the leaf business of Coleman Brothers, at Winston-Salem.

It is estimated that the increase in taxable property in Guilford County will reach \$2,500,000 over last year.

Joe Heston, aged 12 years, was instantly killed by lightning at Hendersonville Tuesday morning. There were no scars left on the body of the boy.

Walter Morrison was convicted and sentenced to be executed September 10th. This is the first sentence to electrocution passed in the State.

A terrific storm passed over Jonesboro Tuesday afternoon, doing much damage. The lightning struck the Cotton Mill firing the building. The flames were extinguished before great damage was done. A fine pair of mules belonging to W. F. Lloyd was killed.

MURDERED STEP-FATHER.

Twelve-Year-Old Girl Commits Terrible Deed Near Selma.

Marie E. Pulley, aged 12 years, living three miles from Selma, murdered her step-father, Joe Pulley, Monday morning. The coroner's jury said "Joe Pulley came to his death by blows inflicted with an axe in the hands of Marie E. Pulley under great provocation and fear of personal injury." She is being held for investigation by the grand jury.

The jury based its verdict upon the following statement by the girl: That she had been for a couple of years treated numerically by her step-father and was in mortal fear that he would kill her, and Sunday night after he had told her that he would whip her half to death next morning and then drive her from home, she planned to kill him, and Monday morning, while he was sleeping on a pallet, she went into the yard, got an axe and struck him twice, crushing his skull.

Joe Pulley has been engaged at various times in his life in illicit distilling, daughter-beating, and has to his credit the killing of four men.

Stirs Up The Town.

Det. Ives, H. R. Thompson, of High Point, Detective Agency, has returned from North Wilkesboro, where he was the means of turning that town upside down. He went there to work on Blind Tigers and in a little over a week he caused the arrest of 23 men, many of them the most prominent men in the town, including two magistrates. Some of the men are wealthy and are raising a racket.

A special term of court has been ordered to try the cases and no doubt Wilkesboro will have one of the largest crowds in its history, when court meets.

State Election Board.

Governor Kitchin has appointed the members of the State Board of Elections, these being:

Messrs. Wilson G. Lamb, of Wilkesboro; J. D. Elliott, Hickory; J. C. Clifford, Dunn; A. B. Freeman, Hendersonville; and Clarence Call, of Wilkesboro. The first three are Democrats, the last two being Republicans.

The new members are Messrs. Clifford and Elliott, who succeed R. T. Claywell, of Morganton, and R. L. Smith, of Stanley.

Killed While at Play.

While playing around an old fly-wheel at the Charlotte Pipe and Foundry Co's plant Friday George Grady, a 15 year old boy fell, striking his head on a rock and died instantly. The pathetic story of his death was told by a playmate who was with him.

George Hall Is Taken.

George Hall, of Salisbury, who was convicted in 1906 of participating in the triple lynching that occurred there that year and who escaped from the penitentiary last October, was arrested in Spartanburg, S. C., last week and was returned to Raleigh Saturday to serve out his unexpired term.

Head of South Carolina Agricultural College Resigns.

Dr. P. H. Mell, for five years president of Clemson College, South Carolina Agricultural Institution, has tendered his resignation. Dr. Mell's action is the result of a clash between the president and the military commandant, which assumed disturbing proportions.

Cheraw to Wadesboro.

The Atlantic Coast Line will build a line from Cheraw to Wadesboro, a distance of 25 miles. The work will be completed as rapidly as possible. Eighty five pound rail will be laid.

Met Death by a Fall.

Samuel Sarratt, a prominent farmer of Cherokee county, South Carolina fell from the portico of the second story of his residence last week breaking his neck. He slept on the portico and at some time during the night he fell, the body being found in the morning.

Lee Angel, a negro employee of the Southern, was run down and killed by an engineer at Asheville Thursday. With an arm full of bolts he attempted to cross the track, not noticing the approach of the engine.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Raleigh now claims 29,000 inhabitants.

The Winston-Salem Journal has purchased the Starbuck building at Winston-Salem and will move into its new home about August 1st.

Mrs. Coulter, sister of Junius Gray, of High Point, died at her home in Kentucky Saturday. The deceased was reared near High Point.

Judge Boyd has re-appointed J. H. James U. S. Commissioner at Yadkinville Yadkin county.

Messrs. Penry Thompson and Grimes are preparing to erect a modern hotel at Lexington on the site of the March Hotel which was recently burned.

A mass meeting for the citizens of Lee county will be held at Sanford for July 20, to take immediate steps for improving the public roads of the county.

Mrs. James Jones, of Rural Hall, was bitten by a snake Saturday, and Sunday the swelling covered her whole body. Her condition is critical.

The Announcement of the engagement of J. Elmer Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Long, of Graham and Miss Lesie Ernie Peary, was made at Durham Friday.

The Lexington Dispatch says that seven trains No. 36, passed Lexington Sunday laden with watermelons, and peaches being shipped to Northern markets.

Julian Price, manager of Greensboro Life Insurance Company, Greensboro, was last week indicted among others in Norfolk, Va. for being a member of a firm dealing in futures.

Joseph C. Stephens shot and killed E. K. Shield at Wilmington Friday. These men were rivals in business and the homicide is the result of this rivalry.

W. C. Hamilton, a prominent citizen of Cordele, Ga., committed suicide Sunday by shooting himself. Domestic troubles is the supposed cause.

E. J. Johnson, a well known horse dealer, fell from his buggy near Littleton last week and was killed. His head was dragged over a rocky road for several hundred feet.

Mrs. Samuel J. Springer, of Wilmington, attempted suicide at Wilmington last Thursday, by stabbing herself with a pair of scissors just below the throat. Extreme nervousness was the cause.

The stock of goods belonging to W. L. Kirkman, Walburg, Davidson county, was destroyed by fire Thursday. The stock was valued at \$5,000.

A huge boiler of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, at Charlotte exploded Thursday. John James, a colored workman was seriously hurt. Two others were seriously injured.

Miss Mary E. Morgan, daughter of Senator Morgan, of Alabama, died Monday at Blowing Rock, where she and a sister had come to spend the summer. The remains were taken to Selma, Ala. for interment.

Sam Gibson, a Concord negro, shot and killed his wife Sunday night mistaking her for a burglar. She, unable to open the door, had gone out of the house through a window and was returning when he fired.

Chester Hughes a young business man of Elon College and Miss Lila Ridd, of Burlington surprised their friends Saturday by quietly stealing to the home of Rev. J. D. Andrews where they were married. Both are popular in their respective homes.

B. F. W. Bessant, of Boston, Mass., has been elected general manager of the Thomasville Light and Power Co. C. E. Leek, of Greensboro, is Secretary and Treasurer. The company is rendering good service to its patrons.

Two prisoners escaped from the Franklin county jail at Lenoir, Monday morning early. A crowd was left by some workmen was used in forcing the cells open. One negro, El Evening, is still at large.

THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Great Progress Shown in Superintendent's Report.

FISCAL YEAR THE BEST YET.

More New Buildings--Larger Salaries--Enrollment and Average Attendance Higher--Greater Progress in All Lines.

The school year ending June 30 was unusually successful in many respects. The reports compiled by the County Superintendent will show that more money has been spent for rural school houses, salaries have been better, the enrollment and average attendance higher, and more progress made in other lines.

The total amount of the county school funds from all sources was \$31,840.14. Of this amount \$16,937.49 was received from the regular county property and poll taxes and \$1,388.11 from fines, forfeitures, penalties, etc. The total local taxes in rural school districts was \$3,337.77. From the State the schools received \$8,661.37--1,401.95 from the first \$100,000 and \$2,174.42 from the second \$100,000; \$85.00 for libraries, \$1,000 for high schools and \$4,000 from loan fund for building purposes. The private donations amounted to \$570.00, and there were small amounts received from private examinations and other sources.

In addition to the money paid out of the county treasury \$7,300 was raised by private donations for buildings and increasing the school term. The amount of revenue derived from local taxation in Asheboro, Randleman, Franklinville and Ramseur is not included in this report, and is not considered a part of the general county school fund.

There was spent for teaching and supervision \$16,394.19--\$13,980.38 paid to white teachers, \$1,644.56 to colored teachers, and \$769.25 as the expense of supervision. For buildings and supplies \$9,571.10 were spent. Of this amount \$285.49 was for fuel; \$580.28 for furniture, desks, etc.; \$187.00 for libraries, \$25.00 for insurance, \$1,682.20 as installment on loan fund, \$6,577.61 for new buildings, etc. (white), and \$233.52 for the same purpose (colored). The total spent for administration was \$1,290.21. Of this amount \$613.64 was the treasurer's commission, \$111.80 for mileage and per diem of County Board, \$222.78 for expenses of board, \$66.94 for taking census, \$245.00 for institutes, and a small balance of about \$30.00 for other expenses, including attorney's fees, recording deeds, etc., \$2,000 was the amount of the apportionment for public high schools. Of this amount \$1,000 was appropriated to Trinity, \$500 to Liberty, and \$500 to Farmer. The amount paid to city schools was \$2,039.42, all of which makes a total of \$31,295.82 for expenditures, leaving a balance of \$544.32 at the close of the year.

The statistical report shows the value of the rural school property to be \$48,206.13, the white school property being at \$46,102.61 and the colored at \$2,103.52. During the year 7 new houses have been built at a cost of \$13,933.52. Fifteen houses are now furnished with patent desks.

The average length of the school term in days was 89.63. The average term in the local tax districts was 112.84 days. Randolph now has 32 rural libraries, the total number of volumes being 4,027. Eight new libraries have been added this last year. The increase in local tax districts is striking. Two years ago there were 6 districts under special tax, one year ago there were 14, and now there are 24. Of this number 7 are operating under special charter and 17 under the general law.

The total number of white school children in the rural districts of the county is 7,592--3,912 boys and 3,680 girls. Of this number 5,412 were enrolled with an average attendance of 87.84. It is a pleasure to know that of the white children between the ages of 12 and 21 in the county only 42 are reported as illiterates (man neither read or write), 25 of these being boys and 17 girls.

There are 1,190 colored children in the rural districts of the county--608 boys and 582 girls. The rural enrollment was 831--394 boys and 439 girls, and the average attendance 86.14. The number of colored illiterates is 71--51 boys, 20 girls.