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GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Wilmington is to have a baby hospital in the near future.

Gov. Craig and family will spend most of the summer in Asheville, which again becomes the "Summer Capital."

The plant of the Butte Socialist, of Butte, Montana, was dynamited last Friday.

Ex-Secretary of State William J. Bryan will be president of the Winona Assembly, the great western Chautauqua, which is to be reorganized soon.

Eugene Biggs, aged 14, was killed in an automobile-railroad accident at Victory Cotton Mill, two miles from Fayetteville, last Saturday.

General Julian S. Carr, of Durham, who has been boomed by a number of friends for governor next year, announces that he will not be a candidate.

Twelve persons lost their lives in a storm that swept over Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa, last Saturday night. Several others were seriously injured.

Prof. H. Hoyle Sink, who is a native of Davidson county, now teaching at Amoy, China, is a candidate for the office of United States Vice-Consul at that place.

A late report from Trieste, Austria, is that meat is selling for a dollar a pound there. There is said to be no bread, and the people are living on vegetables and fruit from Istria.

The United States has notified 21 of the world's principal nations that it intends the termination of the provisions of existing treaties, conflicting with the Seaman's Act passed by the last Congress.

Lieutenant Brainer and several sailors, missing from the German cruiser, Prinz Eitel, at Norfolk, will be dealt with by the government under the immigration laws, if they can be located.

Richard Olney, who was secretary of State in President Cleveland's administration is prominent among those mentioned as the probable successor to Mr. Bryan in President Wilson's Cabinet.

The Justices of the Peace of Montgomery county met in Troy, one day last week, with Mr. A. B. McCaskill in the chair, and elected the following Board of County Commissioners: Messrs. N. M. Thayer, G. M. Bruton, and E. L. Harris. Mr. Harris is the only new member of the board.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the celebration at Guilford Battle Ground, July 3. A monument to General Nathaniel Green is to be unveiled. A chorus of probably 100 voices, led by Prof. Wade R. Brown, director of music at the State Normal College, Greensboro, will sing national patriotic songs.

Former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan issued an address to "The German-Americans" last Friday, urging them to aid in maintaining peace between the United States and their fatherland by exerting their influence with the German government to persuade it not to take any steps that would lead in the direction of war.

A storm in the vicinity of Mooresville, one day last week, did damage that is estimated at \$3,000. Trees were uprooted, and buildings destroyed. A barn belonging to Mr. T. W. Kestler was struck by lightning and burned with a quantity of feed and one mule. Lella, the 14-year old daughter of Mr. Kestler was stunned by the lightning.

A violent wind and rain storm broke up the formal exercises of Confederate Memorial Day, in Arlington National Cemetery, last Saturday. President Wilson drove through the rain to be a guest of honor, but the exercises were abandoned except the placing of flowers on the graves in the Confederate section and the unveiling of a cross of flowers by two young girls.

Abel Carpenter, who died last week, at the age of 95, was probably Lincoln county's oldest male citizen.

In Montgomery county Superior court, last week, the case in which the Keeley Institute at Greensboro, was being sued for damages on account of the death in 1912 of a Mr. Coggins, was decided in favor of the defendant, there being no damage allowed. The man's death resulted from a fall while he was walking on the roof of a porch at the Keeley.

BARACA-PHILATHEA MEETING

On Monday evening of this week the Baraca and Philathea classes of the town had a union meeting at the M. P. church and organized a county union. Mr. Clyde Auman, of Seagrave was present and helped them to organize. The following officers were elected:

President, Clyde Auman, Seagrave; vice president, Miss Annie Moring, Asheboro; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Clarence Macon, Providence township.

Mr. Auman will act as field secretary during the summer, and will visit the various townships in the county to present the Baraca and Philathea work. The plan is to bring all townships together to complete the organization in August while the County Sunday school convention is in session and arrange for annual Baraca and Philathea conventions to be held some time during the winter months. This is a good cause and it is hoped people throughout the county will respond to the efforts that are being made.

RANDOLPH SUNDAY SCHOOLS

County Convention to be held in Ramseur, July 19th and 20th.

President L. F. Ross, of Asheboro; Secretary, F. M. Wright, of Moffitt; and Mr. M. E. Johnson, of Ramseur; composing the committee appointed to decide on the time and place for holding the Randolph County Sunday School Convention this year, met in Asheboro, last Tuesday, and decided to accept the invitation from Ramseur. Accordingly, the 26th annual Sunday School Convention for Randolph county will be held in that town, in the M. E. church, July 19th and 20, next. The committee in charge of the work are preparing a program, which will be published later.

The committee expresses a desire that the pastors of the various churches in the county, when arranging for special meetings, will take into consideration the time of the Sunday School Convention, July 19th and 20th, and so arrange as to have no conflicts. A special effort will be made to make this one of the best conventions that have ever been held.

The North Carolina Good Roads Association will meet in Asheville, July 14th, 15th and 16th.

Mr. E. Poole, a prominent citizen of Greensboro, and native of England, died last Monday, aged 48 years.

The recent report of the Superintendent of the State Hospital, at Morganton, shows there are more than 1,400 patients in the hospital now.

According to a recent estimate by the manager of a lyceum bureau, ex-Secretary of State W. J. Bryan can earn \$137,000 a year as a lecturer.

Governor Craig has appointed Miss Annie Fry, of Greensboro, sponsor for North Carolina at the unveiling of the Nathaniel Green monument, at Guilford Battleground, July 3d.

A strike of 14,500 employees of the surface and elevated street car systems of Chicago was ordered last Saturday night. Increased wages is the demand of the strikers.

Mr. J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, who has been boomed as a candidate for Governor on the Republican ticket next year, has announced that he will not be in the field.

The Census Bureau has announced that the amount of cotton used during the past May, exclusive of linters, exceeded that used during May 1914, by about 30,000 bales.

Reports from the Bureau of Census, Washington, D. C., show that North Carolina now has a greater per cent. of native born people than any other state in the Union.

The United States has been formally notified by General Villa, on behalf of the Mexican convention forces that he had telegraphed General Carranza, urging a conference for the restoration of peace and a constitutional government in Mexico.

A general invitation to "all Missourians" has been issued for the wedding of Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark, June 30th. It is declared impossible to issue individual invitations to all those who should be included.

Mayor Fred I. Sutton, of Kinston, has been arrested upon the order of Judge T. C. Wooten, of the Recorder's Court, and recognized for his appearance in court next week, on the charge of exceeding his authority when he released two men from custody, arrested for a trifling misdemeanor.

What Will Happen to Your R. F. D. Route July 1

July 1st the Post Office Department will discontinue or reduce service on all rural routes that are not receiving the required number of pieces of mail per month.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BOOST YOUR OWN ROUTE AND EACH PARTY MUST DO HIS SHARE.

Our Route Building Offer

For the next 20 days so as to get all papers started by July 1st, we are offering with a full year's subscription to The Courier, a six month's subscription to North Carolina's and the South's greatest farm paper, The Progressive Farmer.

\$1.50 Value

For the next 20 days to help you build up your route both papers—78 papers—all for only 97c.

Fill out the following blank, attach money order and we will get both papers started going at once:

To The Courier,
Asheboro, N. C.:
Find enclosed 97c. in payment for The Courier one year and The Progressive Farmer six months.

Signed
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The 36th annual meeting of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association is in session at Durham.

The University of North Carolina summer school, under the management of Director N. W. Walker, opened last Tuesday.

One North Carolinian, Mr. C. M. Busbee, of Raleigh, is among the 164 graduates at West Point, this week.

The 14th annual convention of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association will be held in Asheville, June 23d and 24th.

The Summer Forestry Association, under the management of the North Carolina Forestry Association, will be held at Montreat, July 6th to 9th.

Admiral Fullon, superintendent of the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, is under the grave charge of tampering with the evidence of witnesses before the court of inquiry investigating irregularities in examination papers at the Naval Academy.

Settlement of the first of a number of claims filed against Great Britain by American cotton shippers whose cargoes have been seized was announced last Friday by the British embassy in Washington. Fifty-nine thousand pounds of cotton, shipped on the steamers, Dido and Livonia, have been paid for at ten cents a pound.

Nunery King, convicted in Federal Court at Greensboro, last week, of retailing and sentenced to three months in the Guilford county jail, petitioned Judge Boyd to change the sentence to a year in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, and the Judge complied with his request and added one day making the sentence a year and a day.

Chester Banks, a negro, will be tried this week in Guilford county Superior court, on the charge of first degree burglary, the penalty for which is death. There is strong circumstantial evidence that the accused man entered the home of Mrs. Lewey, near McLeansville, during the night time, for the purpose of robbery, and when detected choked the woman and escaped.

Mrs. Albert Baker and son, of Duplin county, are under bond, charged with the crime of attempted murder. The son held Herbert Carter, a nineteen-year old boy while the mother cut his throat intending to kill. It is thought the boy will recover. Carter had recently joined a church and had since confessed to improper relations with Mrs. Baker, who is old enough to be his mother, a fact which probably accounts for the crime.

Safe blowers visited the town of Cleveland, Rowan county, last Sunday night, broke open the money drawer in the freight depot but failed to get anything, as the drawer was empty; then blew open the safe in the store of W. W. Roseman & Co., securing about seventy dollars in money and several checks which they threw away and made good their escape without leaving any clue as to their identity. About \$65.00 of the money taken belonged to the government, it being the custom to lock up the postoffice money in the Roseman safe.

PROF. HOLT DEAD

Prof. J. Allen Holt, head of Oak Ridge Institute, and one of the most prominent educators of the State, died at his home, last Tuesday evening, after a period of declining health for several months, and acute illness for a few days.

Prof. Holt was 62 years of age. He was a brother of Prof. M. H. Holt, and the two brothers were for many years in control of Oak Ridge Institute. Two sons, Prof. Earl Holt and Clyde R. Holt, and one daughter, Mrs. Gwynn, of Mt. Airy, survive.

MEETING NORTH CAROLINA EDITORS

Arrangements are now almost complete for the meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, at Montreat and Black Mountain, June 30, and July 1-2.

In addition to the other feature previously announced, a delightful musical program will be rendered on Thursday evening, by Prof. Adams and his chorus of 40 or 50 voices. The Mt. Mitchell trip will be taken on Friday. Secretary Sherrill and others most earnestly express the hope that every member will be present at the opening session Wednesday night, and remain till the close Saturday.

Social Event at Thomasville

The following item, clipped from a Sunday paper, will be of interest to the many Randolph friends and relatives of the hostess and guest of honor:

"On Saturday evening Mrs. G. T. Cochrane, delightfully entertained a large number of young people in honor of her house-guest, Miss Jaunita Kearns, of Farmer. The attractive home was in gala attire, daisies being prettily arranged in the parlor and the crimson rambler roses in the other rooms. Dainty and attractive hand painted cards distributed for the game of rook. Miniature bouquets of sweet peas tied with ribbon were given as favors to each guest. Delightful brick ice cream and wafers were served. Mrs. Cochrane fully sustained her reputation as a charming hostess."

NORTH CAROLINA'S GREAT WHEAT CROP

Estimates of the Department of Agriculture give North Carolina 10,800,000 bushels of wheat, which if sold at an average of \$1.46 a bushel would mean about \$15,760,000, or nearly twice as much as last year's crop was worth. The crop this year surpasses last year's crop about 3,000,000 bushels, and is nearly double the average crop for a period of five years before that time.

State Senator F. P. Hobgood, Jr., one of the leading members of the Greensboro bar, has been appointed a special attorney in the Department of Justice, at a salary of \$7,500 a year, and will be assigned to work with Hon. E. J. Justice on the Pacific coast.

STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY

The 62nd annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, is in session in Greensboro Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 15th, 16th and 17th. Special efforts to entertain the crowd are being made by the hotels, which are giving special rates.

The opening session of the Medical Society was held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Grand Opera House, called to order by Dr. T. J. Battle, chairman of the local committee on arrangements. The invocation was offered by Dr. Chas. W. Byrd, pastor of West Market street M. E. church. Mayor T. J. Murphy made the address of welcome, and Dr. Benjamin K. Hays, of Oxford, responded. The president's annual address was delivered by Dr. L. B. McBrayer, of Sanatorium, N. C. The report of the committee on arrangements, composed of Dr. J. T. J. Battle and Dr. W. M. Jones, was made at this time.

The social features of the meeting began with a reception Tuesday afternoon by the Southern Life and Trust Company, in their offices on the top floor of the Southern Life and Trust Building. Tuesday night, a reception was given by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Long, at their residence on Church street. Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock special cars carried the physicians to the State Normal and Industrial College, where they were met by President J. I. Foust, and conducted on a tour of inspection of the buildings, grounds, laundry, kitchen, dairy, etc., of this model plant that has done and is doing so much for the citizenship of North Carolina. Afterwards supper was served in the college dining room, the lecturer and entertainer, Karl Jansen, discussed the subject: "Two ways of Selling Goods." After supper, in the college auditorium, the report of the committee on obituaries was read. This was followed by the annual essay, by Dr. Mary E. Lapham, of Highland, on the subject: "The Present Status of Tubercular Knowledge." The annual oration followed by Dr. J. M. Northington, of Broadman, whose subject was "The Internationalized Profession."

A meeting that was of broad interest, and to which the public was invited was held in the county courthouse Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Col. James H. Southgate, of Durham, spoke on "The Sick Boy in the Family." Dr. H. F. Long, of Statesville, spoke on "The First Essential in Fighting the Great White Plague—An Early Diagnosis," and Dr. Thompson Frazier, of Asheville, on "What the State and You can do for the Consumptives." Health exhibits of North Carolina, Georgia, South Carolina, Jacksonville, Fla., and Asheville Boards of Health, were opened for the week in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. These exhibits illustrate, in an interesting and graphic way, diseases, their ways and manners of communication, and means of prevention. They cover, as far as can be done by illustrations, models, etc., the science of disease prevention and health preservation.

WORLD'S FIRST CITIZEN

President Wilson so Characterized by The London Daily News—Unqualified Praise from Paris.

In a two-column tribute to President Wilson, Alfred G. Gardiner, editor of the London Daily News, says: "No man in the democratic world today is so entirely governed by principle and moral sanctions. President Wilson is not merely the first citizen of the United States, but the first citizen of the world. He makes mistakes no doubt for he is human, but they never are the mistakes of a weak man; they are never the mistakes of a political gambler or one touched by sordid motives of ambition."

Unqualified admiration for the firm, dignified and courteous tone of President Wilson's note to Germany is expressed by the Paris newspapers. While it is considered in no sense an ultimatum the press considers the language so clear as to leave no room for dilatory tactics or a complex controversy.

Safe crackers blew open the safe in the Forest City postoffice, last Thursday night and took between \$25 and \$30 worth of stamps and several dollars in money. The postmaster does not know just how much money was taken, as the robbers carried away the account book. A man claiming his name to be Matheeny has been arrested on suspicion.

N. C. PRESS ASSOCIATION

THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION TO MEET AT MONTREAT JUNE 30 TO JULY 2, 1915—THE PROGRAM.

Following is the tentative program of the 42nd annual session of the North Carolina Press Association, Montreat, June 30-July 1-2, 1915. All sessions should begin promptly:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30.
Evening Session, 8:30 o'clock.

Prayer.
Address of Welcome by Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D.

Response to Address of Welcome by Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children.

Report of Executive Committee; Election of new members; Reading of Messages.

Address of the President, William C. Hammer, Esq.

THURSDAY, JULY 1.

Morning Session, 9:30 o'clock.
"Advantages and Disadvantages of the Clubbing System"—H. C. Martin, of the Lenoir News.

"The Best Methods of Securing Circulation"—R. F. Beasley, of the Monroe Journal.

"Extension Activities in Our University"—Prof. E. C. Branson.

"The Importance of the Editorial Page"—A. Johnson, of Charity and Children.

"The Field of the Country Weekly"—S. T. Meares, of Bladen Journal.

"Why Not Cash in Advance for Subscriptions?"—James W. Atkins, of the Gastonia Gazette, and J. A. Sharp, of Lumberton Robersonian.

"The Fellow on the Outside Looking In"—James H. Cowan, of the Wilmington Dispatch.

Afternoon Session, 2:30 O'clock
"Newspapers and Town Booming"—J. F. Hurley, of the Salisbury Post.

"Veteran Personalities of North Carolina Journalism"—B. H. De Priest, of the Shelby Highlander.

Address by Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Memoir of Thad. R. Manning, by J. A. Robinson.

"Various Ways of Securing Free Publicity"—J. V. Simms, of the Charlotte Observer.

Paper by Miss Lucile Smith, editor of Skyland.

Paper by A. F. Johnson, of the Louisville Times.

Evening Session, 8:30 O'clock.
Annual Poem—Wm. Laurie Hill.

Annual Oration: "The New Flight"—Sanford Martin, of the Winston-Salem Journal.

A musical program, arranged by Mr. Adams, will be rendered in connection with the program of the Press Association.

FRIDAY, JULY 2.
On Friday a trip to Mount Mitchell will be taken over the railroad to that point, consuming the entire day.

SATURDAY, JULY 3.
On Saturday a barbecue and picnic dinner will be tendered the editorial party by the citizens of Black Mountain.

TO ALTER BLOCKADE

Great Britain Gives Assurance That American Shipping to Holland, Denmark and Sweden Will not be Interfered With.

The announcement in the American Press that President Wilson was preparing to send a new note to Great Britain, demanding that England refrain from interfering with American shipping to neutral countries, appears to have had a salutary effect in London.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador at Washington, has given Acting-Secretary of State Lansing what might be called informal assurance that his government will soon alter its long range blockade in so far as it applies to American commerce.

Ambassador Rice is said to have strongly intimated to Secretary Lansing that under the new plan, American shipping to Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden will be given safe transit and will not be held up or detained in British ports. If this is done it will have a good effect on cotton prices. The unwarrantable detention of American cargoes, it is claimed, has seriously depressed the price of cotton and practically made it impossible for our cargoes to reach a market.

In the Central Carolina Fair held in Greensboro, there will be a special department for the members of the Girl's Canning Clubs of the State.