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NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION

Met at Wrightsville Beach Last Week—Headquarters at Oceanic Hotel—Secretary of the Navy Daniels Present—Concrete Ship Launched.

The North Carolina Press Association met at Wrightsville beach last week with headquarters at the Oceanic Hotel. The meeting was one of the best in the history of the association as well as one of the most interesting. Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, a member of the association, was present and addressed the editors. Mr. Daniels was given quite an oration by his brother editors and by the people of Wilmington. In his address he said that a new day dawned in this country when the first ship left American shores for Europe laden with American soldiers. He said that it was the duty of the press of the state and the nation to raise up before the people the new ideal and the new objective as it did when we were at war, crystallizing and focusing the public mind on the new objectives that replace the objective of victory that we have followed for two years.

Woman's suffrage, child labor laws that will give the children of the land their intended birthright, public health, hospitals that are as free as the public schools, a clear political life, and a conception of government as an organization of service and not as a punitive organization, were objectives held up to the editors. He urged them to go home and write about these things, with the vision of the world as it may be made, to work for them, until the vision comes true, as did the vision of victory that the press of the land held up before its people until it came.

Mr. Daniels paid a glowing tribute to the press when he said that the newspaper men of this country had been of incalculable value and aid to the Government during the war.

In speaking before the shipbuilders of Wilmington Mr. Daniels said that the American people realized the real meaning of sea power as never before. He assured the men that they will build a merchant marine that shall carry our commerce to the ends of the earth and again place our flag in every country of the world.

Another address of special interest was that of Dr. Jobe Taylor, a printer-publisher of Roanoke Rapids North Carolina. He traced the manufacture of print paper from the growth of the tree from which it is made until it goes on the press and in conclusion he urged that a live committee be appointed to urge forest preservation, elimination of waste and curtailment of forest fires.

Probably the most interesting event to the newspaper people was the launching of the Cape Fear, the first concrete ship to be built in North Carolina. It has required fifteen months of unremitting labor to build this ship. She is 263 feet long and 3,500 tons

gross register. The hull is built of reinforced concrete, as are the decks. Under full cargo she will draw 24 feet of water. Her equipment will be a 1,100 horsepower engine, supplied with steam from coal burning boilers. Her speed will be 11 knots. Within a few days she will be taken to Jacksonville, Fla., where her machinery will be installed.

The North Carolina editors witnessed the launching from the United States revenue cutter Seminole which sailed up the river from the Carolina Ship Yards where a most elaborate luncheon had been served and a tour of inspection had been made. The Seminole stood immediately in front of the concrete ship and waited for an hour after the time set for the launching while the workmen tugged away replacing the cradle which held her in place. Finally the alarm was given and the massive ship slid seaward into the water with tremendous force. The people were spellbound as she dipped almost over on one side and then to the other and then in a second's time she was in place and a tug boat began towing her down the river. The whistles of the factories blew as did those on the different boats in the river laden with people to witness the launching. Mrs. Lewis R. Ferguson, wife of the president of the Liberty Shipyard, was sponsor of the ship and indulged in the time honored custom of breaking the bottle of champagne on her keel as she started into the water.

The editors unanimously endorsed the league of nations. Quite a sensation was sprung when Parker Anderson, editor of the Greensboro Record and The Wilmington Dispatch, who was made a member of the association the day before, sprung objection to the 10th amendment in the league. He was given all sorts of indulgence and was so anxious to know the real sentiment of the individual members that he called for a vote by roll call. Again Mr. Anderson was indulged and to his entire satisfaction his own vote was recorded against it. Two other conditional votes were also recorded on the says. Mr. Anderson then made the motion to make it unanimous.

Mr. Z. V. Whitehead, president of the Association, left no stone unturned in preparing for the editors' comfort and welfare.

Mr. Rogers, proprietor of the Oceanic Hotel, gave a watermelon feast on Shell Island across the sound in honor of the editors, to which they were taken in gasoline launches.

As usual the editorial party enjoyed the dip in the deep blue sea and will look forward to the time when they can again return to the sea shore on their annual meeting.

Mr. J. A. Sharpe, of the Lumberton Robesonian, was elected president for the following year.

MEETING OF ROAD TRUSTEES

At a meeting of The Road Trustees on Tuesday Aug. 5th the following business was transacted:

One petition of citizens of Union Township, supported by a subscription list amount to \$977.00 for the construction of an improved road from a point on the High Pine road between High Pine church and R. O. Parks, leading South West via E. T. Callicutt's, J. M. Luther's and J. W. Callicutt's to C. Nance's store to intersect with the road recently graded from Nance's store to Bombay consisting of 3 1/2 miles. The road was granted with the understanding that the county pay one-half and citizens one-half of the expense, committee named for county, C. H. and E. W. Callicutt, C. W. Shaw and for the petitioners J. M. Luther, J. T. Callicutt and J. C. Nance, said petitioners to file bond for the execution of the Construction of said road. J. E. Brady was instructed to take necessary action to make the road leading from the Randleman Greensboro sand and clay road near Kelly Coltranes, to Coltranes Mill in a passable condition.

Bond filed for Worthville and Grays Chapel road accepted and approved. J. F. Routh, Geo. Pugh and J. W. Routh, committee for county and W. V. Ruth, J. P. Ruth and A. C. Ruth committee for petitioners.

RANDOLPH COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL

Much interest is being manifested in the Randolph summer school, conducted by Prof. Sentelle, of the Lumberton City school, assisted by an able body of teachers.

Something over one hundred teachers have been enrolled in the summer school, and a great amount of good is being accomplished.

Each days schedule has been carefully planned and the lectures along with the daily program are very interesting as well as profitable.

Last week Mr. J. S. Hohnes of the State Forestry Dept. gave an illustrated lecture on "Forest Preservation," in North Carolina which was very interesting.

Mrs. Cunningham, of the state safety League, Raleigh, also gave a very beneficial lecture on Fire Prevention. Leagues to be organized by our different schools throughout the county. Others are expected to lecture during the school. The following have enrolled since the last issue of The Courier, Misses Virginia Redding, and Clara Briles.

CHICAGO HERALD EXAMINER ASKS GOVERNOR BICKETT HOW MANY NEGROES NORTH CAROLINA CAN PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR

The Chicago-Herald Examiner following the race riot in Chicago last week telegraphed Governor Bickett asking how many negroes North Carolina could provide employment for. The Governor answering said that the South is the place for the Negro and that in North Carolina we are doing all we can to foster and promote the kindest relations between the races. In every field of industry, in education, in religion and before the law we are earnestly and honestly seeking to secure the same privileges and protection for the black people that is accorded the whites. Governor Bickett further states that the farmers, the lumbermen and the companies engaged in building public highways in North Carolina can easily absorb 25,000 negroes who desire to come to this state for the purpose of securing employment at remunerative wages, but he adds that if during their residence in Chicago any of these negroes have become tainted or intoxicated with dreams of social equality or political dominion it would be well for them to remain where they are, for in the South such things are forever impossible.

Mrs. Cornelia Bowden, of Ramseur Dead

Mrs. Cornelia Bowden, wife of the late Julius Bowden, died at her home in Ramseur last Friday night. Mrs. Bowden was about 58 years of age. In early life she was converted and joined the Methodist church, of which she has been a consistent member ever since. She was a quiet, unassuming Christian woman and it may be truly said of her: "She hath done what she could." She had the confidence and esteem of a host of friends. Her life was a benediction to her family and her influence will live in the minds and hearts of her friends and loved ones. For some time Mrs. Bowden had been in feeble health. Her husband died about five years ago. She is survived by eight children, namely: Mrs. Lizzie Whitehead, Ramseur, Mrs. Maggie Lashley, Monroe; Mrs. Ina Johnson, Greensboro; Mrs. Corrinna Long, Greensboro; Messrs. Ed Bowden, Roanoke Va.; Carl Bowden, Portsmouth, Va.; Platt Bowden, Greensboro; and Causey Bowden, Ramseur.

Hayes Won't Run for Governor

It has been reported from time to time that William H. Hayes would resign the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee and run for the governorship of his native state, Indiana. Mr. Hayes has announced, however, that he will not do so and will continue to direct the Republican campaign.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEET

The board of commissioners met on Monday and the following business was transacted:

Accounts against the county audited, approved and ordered paid as shown in Disbursing Register No. 4, pages 8 to 10 and under order 817 to 917 inclusive. A committee composed of citizens from Brower township appeared asking for a bridge at Browers' Mill. Order was made for erection of bridge on condition that citizens furnish pillars and build same without cost to county.

Allowance to Welborn Presnell was raised to \$3 per month. Allowance of \$3 per month to P. Richardson discontinued account deceased.

Allowance of \$3 was made to Cornelia Richardson who is paralyzed, also \$3 allowance to Mrs. Emma C. York, who is taking care of her, both checks being sent to Mrs. Emma C. York, Ramseur, Route 2.

The following poll tax releases were ordered on account of being in the U. S. Army:

Astor McNeill, Franklinville; W. E. Richardson, Richland; Paul L. McPherson, Liberty, also special school tax \$1.35.

It is ordered that jurors including petit, grand and special veniremen and falis jurors when empanelled shall receive \$3 per day and mileage in accordance with Chapter 85 Public Laws of North Carolina, session 1919.

Free license which was granted to Causey Pugh to peddle medicine, ware and merchandise was renewed and ordered in force for one year from present date of expiration.

John Hunt, who has moved to Davidson county, was discontinued from outside pauper list.

An appropriation of \$66.66 per month beginning with July was ordered for farm demonstration work in county.

An appropriation of \$25 was made toward paying expense of public welfare officer to conference in Raleigh. Also an appropriation of \$12.50 per month was made toward expenses of public welfare officer.

TAX LEVY FOR 1919

It is ordered, that state and county taxes be levied and the same are hereby levied as follows for the year 1919: Ad valorem 25 2-3 cents for state purposes including pensions; 32 cents for public schools for state purposes, as provided by Section 1, Chapter 102, Public Laws 1919; 35 cents for public schools, for county purposes in compliance with Section 6, Chapter 102, Public Laws 1919; 17 1-2 cents for general county purposes; all under the general revenue law of the state; 20 cents for roads as provided by Section 17, Chapter 582, Public Local Laws 1915, and Chapter 190, Public Laws 1919; 2 1-3 cents for court house and jail indebtedness as provided under Chapter 789 Public Laws 1907; 1 1-2 cents for county home purposes as provided by Chapter 86 Public Laws 1919. Each and every item as above on every \$100 valuation of real and personal property in this county required to be listed under the revenue acts of the state. Also a tax of \$2 on each and every taxable poll. And there is also levied a license tax the same in amount as that levied for the state in each case where levied by the Machinery act, except as where otherwise provided.

Local Special School taxes levied as follows. Farmer, 30 and 90; Ramseur, 30 and 90; Coleridge, 20 and 60; Franklinville, 25 and 75; Liberty, 30 and 90; Walnut Grove, 10 and 30; Julian, 15 and 45; Cedar Square, 20 and 60; Lever Cross, 25 and 75; Caraway, 30 and 90; Oak Shade, 30 and 90; Sophia, 10 and 30; Providence 15 and 45; Pleasant Hill, 10 and 30; Shepherd, 10 and 30; Trinity, 30 and 90; Archdale, 16 2-3 and 50; Plainfield, 20 and 60; Center, 20 and 60; Cross Roads, 15 and 45; White Hall, 20 and 60; Charlotte, 10 and 30; Spero, 20 and 40.

On recommendation of the Board of Education the following districts are released from special school tax for the year 1919: Flint Hill, Glenola, Marlboro, Three Forks, Uwharrie, Wheatmore, Prospect, Redberry, Pleasant Grove, Mount Pleasant, High Rock and Trinity, colored.

It is ordered that expense of boarding prisoners be increased to 60 cents per day as provided in Chapter 118 Public Laws of 1919.

AN OLD TEST WITH THE USUAL RESULT

Drop a lighted match in a barrel of water and presto, the light is "finie", harking back to the days when we "parley Francaise". Drop a lighted match in a barrel of gasoline, and, well a blaze will spring up like magic, singe whiskers, eyebrows, and the like, and if the blaze is in town the fire alarm will bring peaceable citizens out on the run, to say nothing of the fire wagon and the fire department.

And a lighted match is sure test for gasoline. If the light goes out the stuff, if water and gasoline are the two substances under question, is water. If whiskers are burned and the fire department brought out on the jump and the hearts of the citizens of the town jump up in their throats and there are visions of sleeping out under the stars after the home is burned, then the stuff is gasoline.

Well, all this is to say that some of Barnum's kind-what did Barnum say anyway-made this test in Asheboro Saturday. The result is chronicled above. The test worked, the town was excited for the minute, and then lauded, the whiskers give a faint odor of something scorched, and its all over.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE SATURDAY MORNING

A destructive fire swept thru the Central Motor Company in the Stedman building early Saturday morning. The automobiles stored in the garage, eighteen in number, were seriously damaged, probably to the extent of an average of \$300 on each car. The floor in the back part of the building, where the fire originated, was damaged severely and the rest of the woodwork over the entire building suffered from fire and water. The office of the company, situated in the corner farthest from the fire, escaped. The garage equipment was almost totally destroyed. Fortunately the gasoline tank was not reached.

The fire was discovered on the work table in the back part of the building a few minutes after one o'clock in the morning by Ed Sykes at the power house. Clint Hayworth, owner of the garage, had left the garage only a few minutes before the fire was discovered. He had returned late from High Point, having driven home from that city upon returning from Camp Jackson where he had been called as a witness at the trial of Jeremiah Cox and Astor McNeill, two deserters. He had made final inspection of the building for the night and had started home. The fire alarm was sounded only a few minutes later and he ran back up street only to discover that it was his business that was in danger. He endeavored to extinguish the flames with fire extinguisher and was succeeding until the extinguisher he was using gave out and while he reached back after another the heat from the blaze broke the window glass near and the wind rushed thru spreading the flames from a space only about four feet square to all parts of the building.

Mr. Hayworth suffered burns on his hands and around his head and neck while attempting to get a Ford automobile which was obstructing the passageway started. Had he been able to have gotten the car out of the way many of those damaged could have been driven out without injury.

The fire department acquitted itself in a most admirable manner. Only a few minutes elapsed from the time of the sounding of the alarm until the hose was playing a stream of water on the fire from different angles. Within a short time the flames were under complete control.

Few, if any, of the automobiles damaged were insured. There was no insurance on the garage equipment. The building, which was damaged to the extent of a thousand dollars or more, is insured.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

Rev. W. M. Smith preached two very helpful sermons at the M. E. Church Sunday.

Some of our people attended protracted meeting at Pleasant Grove Sunday.

A new Ford car was stolen from Mr. J. H. Marley last Wednesday night.

Mr. R. D. Garrison has moved the Thomas livery stables on corner of the street near the M. E. church to Hughes barn northwest of the depot.

Ray and Alma Jones, of Peasant Garden, spent Friday and Saturday in town.

Everly Martindale, who has a position with the Southern Railway company, spent Thursday in town with relatives.

An interesting meeting of Victor Council J. O. was held at the Masonic hall Saturday night. Ice cream and other refreshments were served.

Mr. S. M. Buie and children, of Winston-Salem, spent Saturday night and Sunday in town.

Mr. C. M. Pruett made a business trip to Greensboro Monday.

R. S. Craven, Hattie, Julia, Grace and Hayward Craven and Lathe and Catherine Julian attended a lawn party at B. F. Gray's, near Cedar Falls, Saturday night.

Mr. F. D. Luther is visiting home folks in Montgomery county this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martindale, of Greensboro, spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Messrs. A. H. Burgess and Haywood Parks made a trip to the peach orchard near Eagle Springs Saturday.

Several of our former citizens of Revolution are in town for a few days vacation.

Bar Association in Session in Greensboro This Week

The 21st annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association is in session in Greensboro this week with headquarters at the O. Henry Hotel. Men of national prominence including Former Attorney General Gregory and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel T. Ansel were among the speakers. Greensboro has made extensive plans for the entertainment of the lawyers of the state.

Mr. Cleo B. Burgess, Former Randolph Citizen, Dead

Mr. Cleo B. Burgess died at his home at Guilford College, July 26th and was buried at Moriah church on the 27th. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Milloway. Mr. Burgess was a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Burgess, of Ramseur. He had been a resident of Guilford county for the past twelve years. Mr. Burgess was born and reared in Randolph county. He is survived by his wife, his father and two brothers, namely, Rufus C. and Julius E. Burgess. He was a splendid man and was greatly beloved in his community.

RALEIGH LETTER

Race Riots — Reducing Cost of Living

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, August 5.—The "race riot" feeling (imported from Chicago) like an unwholesome epidemic, has been trying to make some headway in Raleigh and some other places in the State. A few nights ago the report reached the uptown people that negroes in the fourth black ward were out "drilling." When newspaper men and the police investigated they were told that the squads out "drilling" were members of some secret negro society or "lodge" and the drilling was a part of the exercises called for in their ritual.

Saturday night and Sunday the word was passed among the more ignorant of both races that something was to be pulled off at given hours—that the "signal" was to be the firing of guns a certain number of times in various quarters of the city. The result was that some of the more timid people grew unduly nervous and some families "locked up the house and went to bed as soon after dark as possible."

Locally speaking there has been no justification for the false reports circulated by alarmists, other than the feeling that has been aroused among the people after reading newspaper accounts of the riots in Washington and Chicago. Raleigh has been fairly free of "race troubles", except in occasionally individual cases, and there do not appear to be any real prospects of any now.

That Chicago is anxious to get rid of some of its negro population is proved by the telegram sent by a Chicago newspaper to Governor Bickett and the governors of some other Southern States, asking if these states could furnish employment to thousands of negroes now residing in the "riot city." None of the governors replied to the message.

Chance to Buy Meat of Government. Beginning Monday August 18th, the U. S. government will place on sale to individuals and families all over the country millions of pounds of bacon (in crates and in 12 pound tins) and other meats, and millions of canned beef and vegetables, at the prices paid by the war department wholesale. This means a big reduction in present retail prices.

The sales will be conducted through the postmasters and postoffice employees, who will furnish price lists and other particulars. Any reader of this paper deciding to purchase should see the postmaster of their town. The provisions at present are stored in great warehouses and refrigerating plants at Newport News, and Baltimore, and a dozen other places, further removed from the North Carolina "zone" of supply.

High Cost of Living is getting some hard knocks at present and the pending or threatened "crisis" is bound to bring about a lower price level soon—and the sooner the better for all and for our country's good.

FARMERS' AND FARM WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

We have just closed three very successful farmers' and farm women's institutes in the county. They have proved so beneficial that I have decided to put on additional ones. These will be held as follows:

Cedar Falls, Monday night, August 11.

Parks' Cross Roads, Tuesday, August 12.

Cedar Grove, Tuesday night, August 12.

Shepherd school house, Wednesday, August 13.

I can not give the personnel of the party but will say that I will have two men to help me and two women. Mr. A. C. Kimrey, of the Dairy Field Office, will be along and will use as his subject: "The Breeding, Development, Care and Feeding of Livestock on the Farm." I expect to have some men from the agronomy department to discuss crop rotation. I expect to talk about co-operative marketing, cover crops, the use of lime, and the fertilizing of wheat.

Mrs. Hargrave, county nurse, will have charge of the women's institute. Mrs. Hargrave will use as her subject: "The Care of Babies and Young Children." Also "Food in the Home." We will have some home demonstration agent to help her, probably Mrs. Penny, home demonstration agent of Davidson county.

These day meetings will start promptly at ten o'clock standard time. The night meetings at 8 o'clock standard time.

Tobacco Growers' Meeting August 15.

I am glad to announce to the tobacco growers of the county that I have arranged for a tobacco meeting to be held in the court house Friday, August 15. E. G. Moss, of Oxford Experiment Station, will discuss tobacco culture in general and especially the curing and fertilizing of it.

Mr. S. T. Bouldin, of Trinity, and Mr. George Robbins, of Progress, will also be present. Both of these men have the reputation of producing as fine tobacco as goes on the Winston floor.

The meeting will be held in the court house and will start promptly at 10 o'clock standard time.

RAMSEUR NEWS

Death of Aged Lady—Other News
Mr. J. W. Steele, of Revolution, was a visitor here Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Kesler, of Thomasville, made an interesting and instructive speech on the orphanage Sunday morning at the Baptist church.

Mr. W. F. Johnson and family, of Greensboro, spent the week end with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Count Smith, of Proximity, were welcome visitors at W. H. Finniasons Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Marsh and children, of High Point, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. W. C. Capel, of Troy, was in town Sunday afternoon. W. H. Watkins, Jr., came with him after being in South Carolina for several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Baldwin, of Greensboro, spent a day or two with his mother, Mrs. J. P. Baldwin, last week.

Mr. J. D. Hardin went to Greensboro last week.

Miss Lizzie Smith and the little folks of the Methodist Sunday School went on a picnic Monday.

Mr. W. F. Coble, of Greensboro, spent Sunday at Dr. Tates.

Marley and Cavness are building a splendid addition to their store on Liberty St.

Mr. Marvin Hedric of S. C. was a visitor at Dr. Tates' last week.

Mrs. Joe Demson and family of Greensboro spent a few days here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baldwin are spending a few days at Greensboro.

Miss Bertha Burgess of Burlington spent some time with relatives this week.

Mrs. Nellie Cochran of Charlotte, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Spoon here this week.

Miss Bessie Brantley is spending some time with friends at Sanford and other points.

The Epworth League gave a very enjoyable lawn party at Dr. N. F. Marsh's Saturday night.

Miss Sarah Steed gave a delightful Graduating Music Recital at the school auditorium Tuesday night.

Mosses Motor Co. is expecting to build a handsome Garage on College street soon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Copeland are on an extended trip to Washington, Norfolk and other places of interest last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pope and son of Washington D.C. are visiting Mr. W. H. King and family here.

Mr. Waldo Copeland, of Greensboro, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Willett and family of Bear Creek visited Mrs. F. L. Trogdon and father here Sunday.

Mr. J. F. Aiken of Greensboro spent Sunday here with parents.

Rev. and Mrs. Rivenbark are away this week engaged in revival work.

Misses Ida and Lina West are taking a vacation at Asheville this week.

Miss Elizabeth Grady, of Orangeburg, S. C., who visited relatives and friends here, was honored by Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Marley and Miss Margaret by very enjoyable parties at their respective homes last week.

Mr. H. T. Brady made a business trip to Greensboro and other points last week.

Mr. E. C. Watkins went to Greensboro on business one day last week.

Misses Aline Dixon and Lucile Forrester and Messrs. Joe and Lane Forrester spent a few days at Greenville, S. C., visiting Mrs. W. O. Forrester.

Mr. Roscoe Brower and family, of Jordan, spent Saturday night her with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Burgess.

Mr. J. C. Luther and family and Mr. Paul Aiken, of Liberty, were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. I. D. Wagger, a former merchant of Ramseur, now of Randleman, was in town Sunday.

Messrs. W. F. Smith and R. D. Kearns went to Greensboro recently, where Mr. Smith purchased a new Oldsmobile.

The funeral of Mrs. Cornelia Bowden was conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. M. Smith. A large attendance at M. E. church. Burial here.

Asheboro to Have Veterinary Surgeon
Dr. G. M. Edwards, of Wadesboro, who graduated more than a year ago at the Kansas City Veterinary College, at Kansas City, Mo., will locate in Asheboro. Dr. Edwards will arrive in Asheboro about the 15th or 20th of August.

Montgomery County to Have a New Court House
The county commissioners of Montgomery county have recently awarded a contract for a court house and jail. The contract for the brick work was let to J. W. Steut, of Sanford, Benton & Benton, of Wilson, are the architects.