

WEEKLY RALEIGH LETTER

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, December 15.—The annual report of Collector of Internal Revenue J. W. Bailey just issued and the statement of Mr. Bailey in submitting it constitute a revelation as to whiskey manufacture and whiskey drinking that is a disgrace to all North Carolina.

Basing the statement on the figures furnished by his report, Mr. Bailey declares that the "output or manufacture of intoxicating liquor in North Carolina is now as great as at any time in the history of the state; that one-fifth of the illicit spirits destroyed in all of the 48 states was manufactured in the one state of North Carolina; that during the past year more than half of the fourteen thousand distilleries were captured and destroyed in this state and the states of South Carolina and Georgia; that he expects illicit distilleries to continue in the state of North Carolina to flourish; that anybody who has the price can get moonshine liquor and monkey rum in Raleigh, and he believes the same thing is true of very many other towns of the state. That the prohibition laws, state and national, are now doing but one thing, namely affecting the price and quality of the liquor made. And yet not one government agent has been charged with not doing his duty, the only criticism having been made by some courts that they were "too delulous" in enforcing the law.

Now, isn't that a pretty kettle of fish, and the most edacious of spell fish, for the state of North Carolina, one of the very first and most militant of all the states in the fight for both state and national prohibition, to be putting on exhibition at this stage of the game?

If collector Bailey's announcement is believed (and it should be, because it is based on facts and official figures) the question naturally arises, Will North Carolina arise and be the first state to attempt to repeal a bad law, even if it has become a part of the constitution? The biggest thing the North Carolina prohibition law did, was to rid the cities and towns of the open saloons, where the boys mostly learned to drink liquor. In the days of the saloon the youth were tempted. Now the boy who gets mean stiff, often of the poison variety, he does it out of pure meanness and the element of temptation does not enter into the transaction. The result is that the better class of young men become disgusted, if they survive the experiment, while the other sort are either killed or have their health ruined for life. It does seem that another way of dealing with the evil must be evolved.

Millboro Route 1.

The stamp mill has closed down until after the new year. In the meantime they are installing quite a lot of new machinery, and larger also. Put in a larger dynamo and a 75-horse power engine to saw the wood for a 125 horse power boiler. It is the largest and most interesting concern in the whole country. They have only been running 10 stamps so far, but in the near future they hope to be able to run all, which is 30.

Mr. Overton wants to run his mill both day and night which will call for night and day workers. He has returned to his home in Washington, D. C., until his mill is ready for operation. Mr. Overton also owns a stamp mill in Colorado.

Mr. John Reitzell was given a surprise dinner last Sunday by his friends. He had started to church and on meeting his brother and wife he turned again for home and found out what he had not expected. But on account of mud and water there would have been lots more to surprise him. Also it was not widely known, but those present numbered 40 or more.

Miss Carrie Richardson is improving very fast. She was on the sick list last week. The chicken pox is very thick through this section.

The prize fat hogs are dying all over the country along now, several through here. Mr. Ermie Allred killed one, 360 pounds; John Reitzell, two 438½ and the other 359 pounds.

Glennola Items.

Mr. J. G. Henson made a business trip to Asheboro Tuesday. Mr. John M. Furr and family, of Glennola, have moved to their new home in Cumberland, Va. Their son, Mr. Horace Furr, will remain here until New Year.

MR. H. A. PAGE, CHAIRMAN, EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL, APPEALS TO RANDOLPH COUNTY PEOPLE.

Mr. Henry A. Page, chairman of European Relief Council, is appealing to the citizenship of Randolph county to aid in saving European children. The need is most urgent and it is to be hoped that the people of Randolph will respond to this important call with the same good spirit, which is characteristic of them.

Buy the greatest Christmas gift in the world—the life of a little child—for your loved ones and friends. Millions of helpless, innocent children in Europe will perish unless the people of America come to their rescue immediately.

\$10 saves the life of one child until next harvest. \$100 saves the lives of 10 children until next harvest. Do your part to save them. Mail the certificate below, with your check NOW, and you will be sent a Christmas card bearing the following inscription:

"I am sending in your name food to a child in Europe," this is my Christmas gift to you."

Mr. Henry A. Page, North Carolina Chairman, European Relief Council, Aberdeen, N. C. I (We), N. C., desire to have the privilege of saving the life (lives) of . . . child (children) until next harvest, and check for \$. . . is inclosed for this purpose. This donation is a Christmas gift to

Court Still in Session in Asheboro

Randolph superior court is still in session. Only a few cases have been disposed of since our last issue. The murder case taking up a great deal of the time, an account of which is published elsewhere in this issue.

The following cases have been disposed of since our last issue: Shelly Stvres by his next friend, H. B. Stvres, vs. Acme Hosiery Mills, Inc; defendant receives damages of \$1813.00.

Crisie G. Walker vs. E. B. Steed; same dismissed by judgment of non suit and adjudged that plaintiff pay the costs of said action and defendant recover of plaintiff their costs to be taxed by clerk.

The case of Rattan Co. vs. Asheboro Chair Co. is being tried as we go to press. All other cases continued.

SCHOOL TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS TOMORROW

The Asheboro graded school will close tomorrow for the Christmas holidays. The different teachers will spend the holidays at their respective homes.

TRINITY NEWS.

John White is out with his engine sawing up the winter wood for the people of Trinity.

Miss Bertie White went to High Point Saturday, returning on the night train.

Little Dougan Clark Johnson, who now lives in High Point, has had a severe case of grippe. He is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborn Spencer took the train Friday morning for Salisbury. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer had been visiting relatives in Archdale.

Some dozen or more of Trinity men go to High Point on the train every morning. The roads are in such a condition that cars can not make it.

They are working on the road from High Point to Trinity. The road will probably be completed by spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ingram, of High Point, have been visiting in town recently.

Mrs. Emma Welborn has sold out her stock of goods in North Trinity and soon the store will go under some other name, but we have not been informed yet as to name of firm.

Miss Troy Sapp was visiting in Trinity last Friday evening. Troy comes over every day to school. She lives in Hopewell neighborhood.

Mrs. Parker of the Parker house has not been very well for some time.

The Boy Scouts little building has been finished, and is in as secluded a place as could be desired. They can all gather in the little hut and discuss ways and means, with nothing to interrupt them.

They expect to have a Xmas tree here Xmas.

Pleasant Garden Items.

Mr. C. H. Groom has moved his family to Groomtown.

Prof. and Mrs. Idol are all smiles, it's a girl.

Mrs. Ernest Kirkman and two children are very sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Noel Neelley visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Neelley Sunday night.

Mr. John C. Kennett died here at his home Dec. 4. He leaves a wife and six children, one brother Mr. J. F. Kennett, of Florida, and one sister, Miss Sarah Kennett, of this place.

Funeral services were conducted at the M. E. church here Sunday, Dec. 5 at 3 o'clock. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: H. L. Cobb, W. Chas. Kirkman, J. C. Neelley, J. E. Jones, T. R. Foust and W. B. Bess.

TO THE CHILDREN OF RANDOLPH COUNTY

Miss Julia Ross, chairman Randolph county committee, N. S. State College writes:

Last fall there were 2,000 boys and girls refused entrance to college in North Carolina. With the number of high school graduates increasing and the capacities of the colleges remaining unchanged it is estimated that at least 3,500 boys and girls will be turned away from our colleges next fall. In the last two and one-half centuries North Carolina has spent only fourteen million dollars for higher education while she paid in taxes last year \$163,000,000. It is not that North Carolina does not have the money to provide higher education for her boys and girls. It is that she does not realize how few of her high school graduates are able to enter college because the colleges cannot accommodate them.

The students of the state colleges ask you as citizens of North Carolina to realize the need of an appropriation from the state for higher education and to show your realization by asking your representatives to the legislature to vote for this bill.

Julia Ross, Anna Gregson, Sara Gregson, Ethel Kearns, Margaret White, Jewel Sumner, Jaunita Kearns, Kate Bulla, Carrie Brittain, Sarah Dosier, Grizelle Moore, Louisa Sherwood, Mabel Crutchfield.

Since the receipt of the above we have similar letters from Mr. Jesse Robbins, of the State University and H. P. Brower of the A. and E. College.

Western Randolph News.

Rev. T. B. Johnson will fill his regular appointment at Prospect next Sunday.

Mr. T. S. Eouldin made a business trip to Thomasville last Saturday.

There will be a Christmas tree at Unity Chapel Friday night, December 24. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. J. F. Black was the guest of Mrs. J. G. Redding Friday.

Whooping cough is raging in this community.

C. W. Wilson killed large pointer last week that tipped the scales at 300 pounds.

Miss Grace Burton went to Thomasville shopping Saturday.

J. P. Reddick who has been in the High Point hospital for the past three weeks for treatment is very ill.

Miss Ruth Burton, who is attending Trinity high school, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burton.

The school at Millers school house is progressing nicely. Miss Ruth Sapp is teacher.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Mendelhall, December 10, a girl.

MISTRIAL IN HUFFMAN CASE

The trial of Wm. Huffman last week in the superior court of this county resulted in a hung jury, the jury being almost evenly divided upon accidental and manslaughter. The evidence in the case would be given but for the lack of space in The Courier.

If space can be found in our next issue of The Courier we may give the testimony of that of the leading witnesses. Judge Lane fixed the bond of Huffman at \$2,000.00. The bond will be given this week and Mr. Huffman and his family will return to Rockingham county where they have lived most of their lives.

The trial will be at the next criminal term of Randolph superior court fourth Monday after the first Monday in March.

Christmas Tree at Charlotte.

There will be a Christmas tree at Charlotte M. P. church on Friday afternoon December 24 at 2:30 o'clock. Exercises will be given by the children of the community. Everybody is invited to come and help make the tree a success.

WEST ASHEBORO.

Mr. Leo Barker has purchased a new sedan car.

Mr. Clarence Johnson spent a few days at his home last week.

Mr. John L. Johnson and Mr. Jim Wood killed two hogs each last week. Mr. Johnson's hogs weighed 606 lbs. Mr. Wood's hogs weighed 650 pounds.

The ladies of West Asheboro gave Mrs. E. B. Ausley, of Franklinville, a glorious poundage recently which was much appreciated. Rice, sugar, coffee, milk, potatoes, oatmeal, beans, soda, salt, and many other articles were included in the poundage.

Mr. Charles Curry, of near Lexington, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Loflin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gibson spent Saturday in Greensboro.

Mr. J. L. Johnson spent the weekend at his home.

Mrs. Will Armstrong is spending a few days near Spero.

To Submit Plans for Presbyterian Church Here.

Mr. Harry Barton, of Greensboro, was in Asheboro last week conferring with the building committee of the Presbyterian church concerning plans for the new church. Mr. Barton is an architect and will draft plans and submit them in the near future.

Ireland is more than twice the size of Denmark and Switzerland combined.

FARMER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kearns visited in High Point on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Misses Kate and Cammie Nance, of Denton, spent Sunday with home folks at Farmer.

Prof. Robert Dann, of Guilford College, was in Farmer Monday on business connected with the Sunday school work in the Friends church. His appointment at Science Hill, which was to have been on the 18th and 19th of December has been changed to January 22nd and 23rd.

Farmer and Denton teams played an interesting game of basket ball here last Friday, the Farmer team winning.

Farmer people witnessed a surprise marriage on Sunday afternoon, when, at the close of an able sermon by the new presiding elder, Rev. A. W. Plyler, Rev. W. B. Thompson and Miss Ethel Wood quietly took their places at the altar, and were made man and wife. Mr. Thompson is the pastor in charge of Uwharrie circuit, and Miss Wood is teacher of the intermediate grades in Farmer school. She is the daughter of Mr. W. A. Wood, of Providence township, and has made a number of friends since she has been in the community. The many friends of this couple wish them a happy and useful life together.

Quarterly meeting for Uwharrie circuit was held at Oak Grove church on Saturday, with Rev. A. W. Plyler in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hill, who recently moved from Farmer to their farm on Caraway, spent Sunday here.

FIELD TRIALS VA. - N. C. ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL

The Virginia-Carolina Field trial were under way Monday morning of last week. Headquarters were at the Mock house at Thomasville but the trials were made chiefly upon the lands of T. J. Finch in Randolph county. The first run was completed about noon Tuesday. The winners in this event were: First, "Great Island Robert, the Devil," a pointer owned by William Ziegler, Jr., of near Trinity, and handled by H. A. Tomlinson; second, "Tar Heel Belle," owned by Frank Riley, Metford, N. J., and handled by A. O. Yount, of Newton, trainer; the third prize was divided between "Kirk's Mainside Beau," owned and handled by H. D. Kirkover, of near N. Y., and "Caroline Frank," jointly owned by Dr. T. W. Shore, of Booneville, N. C., and G. C. Kimball, of Stateville, and handled by Dr. Shore.

There were twenty entries in this run and the purse was \$30,000 as a prize.

"Roger's High Roller" and "Dona Stix," owned and handled by C. S. Ridge, of Asheboro, were among the twenty starters.

Citizens in that community manifested much interest in the trials and showed much willingness in allowing the dogs run over their land.

The event proved to be a most successful and exciting throughout.

JUDGE ASSAILS GASTON MEANS

Gaston Means who has been engaged since his acquittal of the murder of Mrs. Maud King, the wife of the aged millionaire, James C. King, in attempting to set up a second will of the deceased millionaire who was 73 years old when he married his young wife who was afterwards found dead near Concord, N. C., under circumstances which caused the court to prosecute Means for the slaying of the dead woman. Judge Baldwin who presided at the Chicago court at the trial at the effort of Means in setting up the second will, alleged that the second will was a forgery. The will which has heretofore been probated leaves between three and five millions of dollars to the estate and the deceased to found a home for aged men. The new will, it is alleged was made, it is claimed five days after the other will just before the marriage. After the marriage it is alleged he added a codicil, leaving ten thousand dollars to his wife, while in a ante nuptial agreement he gave her one hundred thousand dollars additional. Prior to his death it is alleged she received stock valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Judge Baldwin, in his decision severely criticises Means' association with the will case. "No fair consideration of this case," he said, "can ignore the fact that Gaston B. Means is shown to be the controlling and dominating spirit in the attempt to establish this will. Indeed, the conclusion is irresistible that Mrs. King and Mrs. Milyn were singularly under his influences and were largely dominated by his strong personality and inflexible will."

Means claimed to have found the second will in August, 1915, although it was not offered for probate until July 17, 1917, about five weeks before Mrs. King was killed, and nearly 12 years after Mr. King died.

Testimony in the will case brought out, among other things, that Means had worked for Captain Boy-ed as a German agent prior to America's entrance into the war, and that Means had a contract with Mrs. King whereby he was to obtain at least \$1,000,000 if the alleged will was probated.

The hand-made shoe industry is still of great importance in Spain.

MASS MEETING SUNDAY AT 3 P. M. INTEREST CHARITIES

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens in the court house Sunday at 3 p. m. December 19 to reorganize a Board of Charities for the town of Asheboro. Let everybody come.

DISTRICT MEDICAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN ASHEBORO

The medical meeting of this the 8th district will be held in Asheboro the latter part of January or the first of February. There will probably be about two hundred and fifty visiting physicians in Asheboro for the meeting. At the last meeting which was held at Wentworth, Dr. T. I. Fox, of Franklinville, was elected president and Dr. C. A. Hayworth, of Asheboro, was elected secretary. They are now arranging program will be gotten out and an effort will be made to make this one of the best meetings ever held.

Uncle Murphy Burriss, 83 Years Old, Asks Santa Claus for Apples.

Uncle Murphy Burriss, one of The Courier's good friends renews his subscription to The Courier. In his letter he conveys his good wishes to the Confederate veterans of whom he is one, and pays the highest tribute to Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Uncle Murphy also extends Christmas greetings to the little boys and girls who are writing Santa Claus through the columns of The Courier, and he says that as he is one of the older class, being 83 years of age that he is a friend of Santa Claus and would like for him to bring him a half bushel of good apples. If he thinks he is extravagant in his request please bring "only a peck". Uncle Murphy closes by thanking Santa Claus and adding good will to all.

Joe English, of Trinity Township, Killed in Florida.

Mr. Joseph English, son of Addison English, of Trinity township, was killed in Jacksonville, Fla., last Saturday by a train. His body was shipped home and was buried at Mt. Vernon church Tuesday. Mr. English has been living in Jacksonville, Fla., since he returned from the army. He is survived by both parents, a sister, Mrs. J. A. Davis, of High Point, and a brother, J. W. English, of Salisbury.

Cantata at M. E. Church December 22

A Cantata, "A Joke on Santa Claus" will be given by members of the M. E. Sunday school on Wednesday night, December 22 at the church. Plot of Cantata: A family group, on Xmas eve, gather in a living room to discuss events of the afternoon and decorate rooms with Christmas greens, then retire for the night. The small children of the family, after the house is quiet, return to try to catch Santa Claus. The sandman pets them to sleep. Holly and mistletoe faeries visit the place, the Spirit of Christmas comes to remind them of the real theme of Xmas time, and finally Santa comes down the chimney. Knowing the Sandman's magic power, he laughs at the attempted "joke" of the children. But an unforeseen occurrence turns the joke on Santa Claus himself, and he really is caught, but "makes the best of it."

Cast of characters: Mother, Elyer Richardson. Anna, Etta Reid Wood. Jack, Laurence Hammond. Bess, Louise McCain. Peggy, Ina Andrews. Spirit of Christmas, Lena Hilliard. Sandman, Richard Lassiter. Santa Claus, Dr. Presnell. Christmas faeries.

Christmas Services at M. E. Church Next Sunday.

On next Sunday Christmas services will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church, south, Sunday morning and evening.

Morning service, Dec. 19. Hymn—Joy to the World. Prayer.

Anthem—The Shepherd's Visit. Scripture Reading. Offertory—Folks in the Field. Solo by Mrs. Spence with choir obligato.

Hymn—Long Years ago. Sermon. Anthem—Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Doxology.

Evening Service. Anthem—Rejoice and Sing. Hymn—It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.

Prayer. Anthem—Rejoice, Rejoice. Scripture Reading. Offertory—There Shone a Star, Dr. Presnell.

Sermon. Hymn. Anthem—Praise the Lord. Benediction.

MASTER PRINTERS ORGANIZE IN GREENSBORO

At a meeting of the master printers of North Carolina in Greensboro last week a state association to be known as the North Carolina Master Printers Association was organized, with Joseph C. Stone as president.

FRANKLINVILLE NEWS

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist and M. E. churches Christmas eve for junior departments of the Sunday schools and will also serve as community trees where anyone may put on presents for their friends.

Mrs. W. R. Finlator, of Winston-Salem, was a visitor in town Saturday and Sunday.

G. H. Jones and daughter Miss Kittie Lee, made a business trip to Greensboro Saturday.

Contractor R. D. Garrison and firm of carpenters have about completed another bungalow on Academy St.

R. W. Hughes made a business trip to Bonlee one day last week.

J. R. Lutterloh went to Greensboro on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Craven, of Revolution, were visitors here last Friday.

A variety show and negro minstrel was given by local talent in the graded school auditorium Saturday evening. A large crowd was present and the entertainment was fine.

Mr. Ernest Wrenn, of Greensboro, spent Sunday with his father, W. H. Wrenn in South Franklinville.

J. H. Marley made a business trip to Greensboro Monday.

Miss Ada Womma, of Reidsville, state superintendent of elementary work of Western N. C. Conference, spent Sunday with us and made an interesting Sunday school address to elementary teachers at M. E. church Sunday morning.

Mrs. H. S. Edwards and Master Herbert went to Greensboro Monday. School will close Friday evening and will reopen the first Monday in January.

An interesting meeting of W. O. W. lodge was held at Masonic hall Saturday evening. Refreshments were served and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: R. B. Garrison, Con. Com.; C. E. Hinson, Ad.; C. S. Trogdon, Banker; R. C. Curtis, Clerk; C. C. Brower, Escort; Frank Rich, Watchman; H. A. West, Sentry.

Young People of Baptist Church Organize.

On Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist church a delegation of young people consisting of the officers of the Baptist Young People's Union of the First Baptist church, Greensboro, met with the young people of Asheboro for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the B.-Y.-P.-U. at this place.

Each one of these young people had a helpful and inspiring message for each officer and individual member of the young society here. These messages, wonderfully well delivered, showed the results of the training received in the B. Y. P. U. or in other words the training school of the Baptist church.

The society meets in the Baptist church each Sunday evening at 6:15 and the young people of the town are cordially invited to attend.

Married.

Mr. Carl Allen, of Eleazer, and Miss Maggie Bean, of Immer, were quietly married December 12 at the home of Wm. Allen, in the presence of only a few intimate friends. James W. Lather, of Eleazer, officiated.

DEBATE LIBRARIES AND SPECIAL SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS

Debate libraries are loaned to schools and debating societies by the Library Commission, Raleigh. Application must be made on the printed form furnished by the commission and must be signed by the superintendent or principal of the school or by the president and secretary of the debating society.

Libraries may be kept three weeks. No charge is made for the loan of libraries but borrowers pay the postage both from and to Raleigh. Stamps should not be sent with applications. The commission will pay the postage and this amount should be refunded when the library is returned. The libraries must be placed where all taking part in the debate can have access to them.

Material on 80 debate subjects is available. Woman suffrage which has been the most popular debate for several years has now given way to industrial problems.

The Library Commission has also special collections of declamatory recitations, school plays, and material for the celebration of holidays. Books on educational topic can be borrowed by teachers and parents.

Fullers Items.

The school at Tabernacle is progressing nicely under the management of Mr. Dewey Loflin.

Mr. R. E. Snyder and L. F. Arnold were in town Monday on business.

Mr. Frank Parrish, of Thomasville, spent last week with his father, Mr. Henry Parrish.

Mr. Charlie Younts, of Thomasville, visited at Mr. Bert Sawyer's about Sunday.

Mr. L. P. Arnold and little daughter Ester were guests of Mr. Sam Younts' family Sunday.

Miss Lillie Kinley and Miss Louise Floyd spent last Sunday with Mrs. Ola Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Snyder spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Plummer.

Mr. and Mrs. James Younts were visitors in Davidson recently.

Wish you all a merry Xmas.