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MR. SMITHS LEAVEN BEGINNING TO WORK

J. M. Boyett Sends Check for \$10.00—F. E. Starnes Will pave 300 Feet. Other Subscriptions Needed

In our last issue we carried a letter written by Mr. Chas. A. Smith of this place, in regard to a sidewalk from the end of the paved street to the Albemarle Normal. In that letter, which Mr. Smith addressed to the News-Herald, he agreed to pave at his own expense the sidewalk in front of his own property and he enclosed a check for \$25. to help paving the remainder of the sidewalk. Well, as we have always known, one good public spirited act prompts others to follow, so today we received the following letter:

February 5th, 1920.
Mr. A. C. Huneycutt,
Editor of the News-Herald,
Albemarle, N. C.
Dear Sir:
I read with interest the communication of Mr. Chas. Smith and it is encouraging to see the public spirited men of the town taking hold of the proposition of putting down pavement so that the college girls may have a decent walk-way. My property would not be benefited by this, as I now have pavement, but nevertheless, I am interested in the other fellow and hereto attached you will find my check for ten (\$10.00) dollars to be used in this work.
I hope that you will be successful.

Yours truly,
J. M. BOYETT.

After receiving the above letter we approached Col. F. E. Starnes, who owns vacant lots fronting on the street to the Normal between I. H. Underwood's home and the Presbyterian manse. We asked Col. Starnes whether or not he would do anything on this good work and he answered that he would pave this 300 or more feet in front of his property at his own expense. We have not been able to see Mr. Underwood, but we think he will pave the sidewalk in front of his property. If so, this will mean that we have cash in hand for paving about two thirds of the sidewalk over the present paving and the Albemarle Normal, when we consider that these property owners have agreed to pave in front of their homes.

Will some other man who appreciates the Albemarle Normal & Industrial Institute and wants to see that school given the consideration it is entitled to have, come along with another good sized subscription? We shall hold your check until we get enough to finish the work.

HOOVER FOR PRESIDENT SENTIMENT OF DURHAM

Durham, Feb. 4.—The New York World, on Monday morning published a telegram from Durham, signed by Robert Hackney, secretary, stating that "Hoover for President Club" had been organized in this city. Mr. Hackney was seen this morning and asked concerning this club. He said the announcement was a little premature, and that such an organization was not in existence yet, but a number of voters had talked the matter over and a club would be formed. Mr. Hackney thought there would be no trouble in getting up a large club here. Within a few days steps will be taken looking to an organization in Durham, and since the open declaration of Governor T. W. Bickett it is believed that the Hoover sentiment will crystallize very rapidly.

The funeral of J. M. Perry, who was electrocuted Monday afternoon at the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company's plant, below East Durham, was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home on Driver avenue, conducted by Rev. H. C. Smith, pastor of the Carr Methodist church, assisted by Rev. H. F. Brinson, pastor of the East Durham Baptist church.

The county commissioners have ordered that the Fish Dam road, where the paving if left off, some miles from the city, be paved to the city limits. This work is to begin immediately. Miss Julia Hesse was elected court stenographer, at a cost of \$10 per day when employed, to succeed Mrs. S. W. Summers, resigned.

Dr. J. H. Epperson, meat and milk inspector, is issuing a great many milk certificates these days. Just now they are mostly to persons who own one or more cows, which desire to sell the surplus milk, which they are allowed to do, provided they do not deliver it.

MACON H. EFIRD'S FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

Was Conducted at his Home by Rev. Howie, and Rev. Ridenhour—Beautiful Floral Tributes

The following account of the death and funeral was written by W. L. Mann, Albemarle correspondent to the Greensboro Daily News:

Albemarle, Feb. 3.—Macon H. Efird, a prominent citizen and manager of Efird Dry Goods company, died at his home here this morning from pneumonia following an attack of influenza which he contracted in New York city a week ago.
Mr. Efird was in New York on business and was taken with the influenza in the early part of last week but did not reach home until Thursday. He became desperately ill and on Saturday pneumonia developed and no hope had been entertained for his recovery since Sunday. Definite arrangements for the funeral have not been announced except that it will be held sometime Wednesday, perhaps in the afternoon.

Mr. Efird was 36 years old and had been twice married, first to Miss Myrtle Dry, of this place, and then to Miss Mary Lentz, of Norwood, his latter marriage having taken place in August, 1918. To his first marriage two children were born, Robert and Louise, and these together with his wife, Mrs. Mary Lentz Efird, survive. He was a member of the Efird family of Stanly county, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Efird, both of whom survive, and a nephew of Senator J. S. Efird, prominent cotton mill man, of Albemarle. One brother, Baird Efird, and four sisters, Mrs. A. C. Huneycutt, Miss Carrie Efird and Miss Bertha Efird, all of Albemarle, and Mrs. Finch Morgan, of Shelby, survive. Mr. Efird was considered one of the leading business men of the city and was closely identified with church work, having been a steward in the Methodist church here for a number of years, and his sudden taking off has cast a gloom over the entire city.

Funeral.

The funeral services of Macon H. Efird were held from the home here on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, being conducted by Rev. R. S. Howie, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. V. C. Ridenhour, pastor of the First Lutheran Church. Although restrictions have been made as to the congregating of crowds, there was quite a representative body of the business men of the town, with their wives, in attendance upon the services. Out of respect for Mr. Efird and his family, the business men of the town closed their places of business during the funeral hour. The Stewards of the Methodist Church were Honorary Pall Bearers, while the active pall bearers were Messrs. A. C. Heath, T. C. Rivers, T. S. Parker, F. V. Watkins, C. R. Shankle, and Wilcox Brightwell.

The floral tribute was one of the most beautiful ever seen in Albemarle, the one given by the Central Methodist Church deserving special mention. Several out of town people attended the funeral ceremonies, among them being Mr. C. A. Lentz, of Norwood, father of Mrs. Mary Lentz Efird, and Miss Bertha Efird, who is a student at the Greensboro College for Women.

The sympathy of the people of the town and county goes out for the widow, the two little children, and the family. Mr. Efird had been married the last time for only about 18 months, and he and his young wife were living happily in their lovely home on First Street when the awful crash came. The two children by the former marriage are yet below their teens, and all these circumstances go to make the untimely taking off of Mr. Efird all the more sad. The family of Mr. Efird is one of the most prominent in the county, as is the family of the young widow, Mrs. Efird, and for this reason a large number of the people of the entire county are made to grieve on account of the death of this young man who was only 36 years old.

Asheville, Feb. 4.—Answering a general call sent out for help, 60 nurses from United States army general hospital 19 at Oteen, near here, have been sent to Chicago to assist in the influenza work there. Although Oteen is said to be the largest hospital for tubercular patients in the world, there are practically no cases of influenza there, the hospital being quarantined against the city.

TOWN OF NORWOOD PLANNING BIG THINGS

Building & Loan Association Organized—Brick Mill and Cotton Factory Talked—Other News of Interest.

Norwood, Feb. 5.—Mrs. Eric Cutchin had a violent attack of bronchial pneumonia Tuesday night. Dr. Hathcock, the physician in charge, did not think she would live until morning, but by skillful medical attention she is now on the way to recovery, if there are no complications.

Norwood has recently organized an enthusiastic building and loan association with Charles B. Crawley as president, J. H. Norwood, vice president. This is decidedly a forward move for our town.

Several new enterprises are being planned for Norwood. The new brick company is about to complete their plans, another one is being organized, possibly a larger one than the one now in business. The promoters are from the North and are said to be men of considerable financial means and Norwood extends to them a hearty welcome. In addition to these, a new cotton mill is being talked of for an early addition to Norwood's business enterprises. There have been no official statements made but the report seems to be well founded and the people here are hopeful that before the end of the present year one of the largest mills in this section will be under construction right here in this thriving little city.

The First Baptist Church here is getting a move on itself under the pastorate of Rev. C. J. Black. The Recorder will be put in the home of every member of the church, regardless of financial means. The idea is to put the Recorder on the church budget and in this way it will go in every Baptist home in Norwood. Since Rev. Mr. Black took charge of the work here about a year ago the membership of this church has grown approximately fifty per cent. The church is arranging to install a heating plant and has purchased a new piano which will be in use in the church in a week or so.

Rev. Earl Irwin, pastor of the Methodist church has been rather sick during the past week. Dr. J. I. Campbell has also been on the sick list but is now able to be out again we are glad to note.

We are glad to say that Mr. Geo. T. Dunlap is still improving. We expect him to be on our streets again soon.

The Norwood Mfg. Co., gave their help another raise last week. Their bonus is now \$1. We are glad to say that the most friendly relationship exists between the offices and operatives of this enterprising business concern.

So far the "Flu" has touched this town lightly. No one is having it a second time, only a few children have been affected by it.

W. A. Hough, Esq., is arranging to install an acetylene lighting system in his home.

MR. BURLESON WRITES ON MILITARY TRAINING

Well, what will the old farmer do when they get that bill through making it compulsory for all the boys between eighteen and twenty-one to take military training. We are forced to send them to school six months in the year up to fourteen and then to the training camps for three years. By this you can see the old man will be required to do all the work himself. There is going to come a time when somebody is going to want bread and none to be had. If a boy is ever worth anything to his parents, it is these ages that will be required to take military training. Food is scarce now, but just wait a few more years and you can talk about food-stuff being scarce. Those high wages that the cities are paying is drawing our young men from the farms by the thousands and a lot of older ones all so. And if this is kept up for just a short time, there will be nothing left on the farms except the old worn out men and women to till the soil. We need our young manhood and can't do without it on the farm and if they are drawn away with high wages what will be the result you all can think for yourselves. Instead of giving our boys military training the government ought to pass a compulsory farm training instead of training our boys to kill. Train them how to make bread to save the lives of the starving millions. Some will put up this argument that military training will develop strong, robust, healthy men. What good is strong

DANGEROUS COLLAPSE IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Most Serious Disturbance of Year on Stock Exchange and in Commodity Markets—Bonds pay Heavy Toll

New York, Feb. 4.—The most dangerous collapse in the history of the foreign exchange market in New York, a 25 per cent rate for demand loans, time funds reduced to the vanishing point and further withdrawal of government deposits, summarize today's disturbances on the stock exchange and the leading commodity markets.

Demand sterling fell to \$3.10, a decline of 14 cents from yesterday's low and 31 cents under last week's final quotation. Translated into the American dollar, the pound sterling showed a loss of considerably more than 33 per cent from its normal or previous price of \$4.95 5-8.

French, Belgian and Italian remittances at new low quotations of 15.12, 14.82 and 19.10 respectively were at discounts extending from 68 to 77 per cent of their normal quotation of 5.18 1-8 to the dollar.

Counter movements which reflected these local conditions included new high premiums for bar gold and silver in the London market and a higher quotation for New York exchange at Canadian points.

Bankers and international financial interests as a whole declined to discuss the more ominous aspects of the international credit situation but seemed hopeful that the several governmental investigations now underway might be productive of early results.

In the stock market the movement was one of almost continuous decline, leaders sustaining extreme losses of 2 to 17 points with a few unimportant rallies in the later dealings.

Special features of weakness included General Motors, Stutz, Studebaker, Chandler and Pierce Arrow, Mexican and Pan-American Petroleum, Texas Company, Middle States Oil, Crucible, Republic, Bethlehem and Gulf States Steels, Baldwin Locomotive, Worthington Pumps, American Woolen, American Tobacco, Sumatra Tobacco, Lorillard Tobacco Associated Drygoods and the various shipping and food shares.

Bonds of all descriptions paid toll to the day's reversal, several of the liberty issues, both victory notes and a few of the international war flotations establishing new low records on a turnover (par value) of \$22,750,000.

Building and Loan Associations

Reports of last year's Building and Loan operations being received by the North Carolina Insurance Commissioner make a fine impression regarding their value. One Association alone during the past year built 232 dwellings besides making stock loans to members. On stocks they loaned \$15,000 and on mortgages \$330,000. "During its entire existence this Association has never lost a cent" said Commissioner Young. "And from all the reports on file in this department there can be no question but that these Building & Loan Associations are doing a great business" and they are adding materially to the industrial progress seen on every hand."

A recent report shows one Association last year made net profits of \$14,002.87, and paid off two series of debt amounting to \$47,767.38.

What men if they know nothing of how to produce something to subsist upon? If a fellow is an active farm hand, he will get all the needed exercise that he needs to develop him into strong manhood. That is why we are facing such enormous high prices today is because there is not enough of people taking this exercise in the corn field. There are too few in the corn field and too many in the city. Just go to the city and take a peep and see how many young men you can see standing around on the streets with cars packed along the curb and with tags on their machines for hire and a goodly number of others in the back. With a few old plugs that ought to be taken out to the bone yard and these fellows are allowed to stay around in these back lots watching for some old farmer to drive up to relieve him of some of his hard earned cash and a good mule or horse. We need some compulsory laws, but not to take our boys from the farms, but to put a lot of folks to work that are idling their time away, and the working man having to feed them just the same.

J. C. BURLESON
Washington, N. C.

BRIEF ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

Digest of Happenings of the Week, Gleaned from the Columns of our Exchanges

Wake Forest, Feb. 4.—Three inter-collegiate debates have been arranged for Wake Forest this spring by the debate council. One will be with Colgate university, of Hamilton, N. Y., and a dual debate has been scheduled with Baylor university, of Waco, Tex.

The dual debate with Baylor, arrangements for which have just been completed, consists of a forensic meet between two teams from each institution on the same night. One debate will be held at Baylor and the other at Wake Forest. The same query will be debated at each place. Wake Forest at one place defending the negative side and at the other the affirmative.

There is considerable rivalry between Baylor and Wake Forest in the forensic field. Three series of debates have already been held, each series consisting of three debates in three consecutive years. Wake Forest has won two of the three series. The debate with Colgate university will be held in Washington, D. C., on the eve of the meeting of the Southern Baptist convention in that place. The query will be on the labor question.

The preliminary contests to determine the debates who will represent Wake Forest will be held February 27 and 28. The query to be debated at these contests is, "Resolved, That labor through representation of its own choice should have a voice in the management of industry."

Rutherfordton, Feb. 4.—The Western Union Telegraph office was robbed of \$17 last Friday night. The robbers entered from the back door and prized the cash drawer open.

A 22-year old negro who says that his name is Robert L. Davis was arrested here Friday and placed in jail. He claimed to be a government employe taking census and selling insurance to the negroes. He sold several policies in this county before he was arrested. He told each family that if they had no life insurance and did not take any they would be compelled to pay a heavy fine. He collected a premium of \$5.50 and told the insured that the government would pay them \$10,000 in six years. He had several receipts in his pocket where he had written several policies.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Additional anti-sedition legislation, simple in character and guarding the guarantees of the bill of rights but covering the "hiatus in present statutory laws" was urged by Attorney General Palmer today before the house judiciary committee.

Upholding the right of free speech and constructive criticism the attorney general protested against pending measures which he said were "too drastic and far reaching and so searching that they overreach their purposes." More harm than good would come from repressive legislation, he added.

"But there is no existing statute adequate to meet the present situation," Mr. Palmer told the committee. "There is a condition of revolutionary intent in the country on the part of both aliens and citizens which is sufficiently widespread to merit serious consideration of Congress. This revolutionary intent is manifested chiefly by threats both written and spoken by persons who would injure, destroy or overthrow the government by physical force or violence."

Oak Ridge, Feb. 4.—The first case of influenza made its appearance among the students of Oak Ridge institute last Saturday. To date there have been 25 cases, all mild. No student who had a typical case a year ago has, so far, developed it. School has not suspended although many boys have gone home. There is no influenza in the neighborhood.

Paris, Feb. 4.—Commenting upon the letter of Viscount Grey, British ambassador to the United States, to the London Times with regard to the American position on the peace treaty the Echo de Paris says:

"The allies are abandoning President Wilson."

The newspaper adds that Viscount Grey succeeded in persuading Premier Lloyd George, of Great Britain and former Premier Clemenceau to adopt his viewpoint when in Paris some weeks ago and the letter to the Times will, it asserts, probably be followed by an official note along the same lines. From the French and

ALEXANDER CONVICTED JURY FROM ROWAN

To Pass Sentence Today—Tragedy Occurs at Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs

Statesville, Feb. 4.—The jury in the case of Ed Alexander, charged with the murder of James C. Rayle, was given the case this afternoon at 10 minutes after 6 o'clock and after 45 minutes deliberation returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Court will convene in the morning at 9:30 o'clock, at which time Judge Khaw will pass sentence on the prisoner. Alexander was calm when the jury's verdict was announced and showed no signs of emotion.

The jury, which is composed of the best of Rowan county's citizenship, was discharged with the thanks of the court and the members left tonight for their homes in Salisbury and surrounding country.

This case has been ably represented on both sides, the best local legal talent being employed in both the prosecution and the defense.

Today was taken up with the argument, and the legal battle engaged in showed that the Iredell bar is among the ablest to be found in the state. The fight was on the question of the sanity of the prisoner, the defense offering testimony of an expert to corroborate the evidence given by the family and friends tending to show that the prisoner was defective mentally, as well as physically.

Monday night at 10 o'clock Sheriff Alexander and Coroner J. G. Colvert were called to Barium Spring to investigate the death of one of the Barium Springs orphanage boys. The investigation showed that George Davis, aged about 17 years, shot and instantly killed Laurie Auton, aged 18 years. The tragedy occurred about 3:30 o'clock in the edge of a field about a mile from the orphanage, and was not made known until about 8 o'clock.

Immediately after the killing Young Davis fled, accompanied by Horace Waters, also an orphan and an eye-witness to the crime. The only other witness to the homicide was Amos Pearson, an orphan about 13 years of age and he explained to the sheriff that his reason for not making the tragedy known was that he was afraid to tell it.

The four boys were hauling wood from a new ground to the home. Davis became angry with Auton and after having some words with him, ran back to the home, slipped out a single barrel shot gun and two shells, went back to the new ground, walked up to Auton who was standing between two brush piles, and said: "Laurie you want to talk about hitting me in the mouth now do you?"

Laurie replied, "no you have got your gun cocked." As he said this Davis fired, the entire load of shot taking effect in the boy's face between the right eye and nose, producing instant death.

The coroner's inquest placed the crime on George Davis. Horace Waters was named as accessory after the fact. Sheriff Alexander has sent messages to officers in all towns in this part of the state to be on the lookout for the young criminals. This morning he received notice from Charlotte that a boy answering to the description of George Davis was seen boarding an early train for Cheraw, S. C.

British cabinets.

"Our friends beyond the Atlantic cannot fail to understand the significance of the language they have just heard," the Echo de Paris continues. "It simply means that the allies are abandoning President Wilson and are trying to come to terms with the majority in the American Congress."

Paris, Feb. 4.—Kurt von Yersner, head of the German peace delegation here, has returned to Premier Milleran the list containing the names of Germans whose extradition is demanded by the Allies, which was handed to him last night and has informed the Premier that he has resigned and is leaving for Berlin for the first time.

Baron von Yersner told The Associated Press his decision was in line with the attitude he had maintained throughout regarding the question of extradition. He declared he had held that no German officials could be instrumental in carrying out the extradition clauses of the treaty and consequently the matter having come up for a definite final form there was no alternative left for him to do but to resign.