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MILLINGPORT AND PLYLER HOLD A SCHOOL MEETING

Will Present Petition to County Commissioners Asking for Local Tax Election

COUNTY NOW WAKING UP

An enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of the Millingport and Plyler section was held on Wednesday evening to discuss matters pertaining to the rebuilding of Fairview school house, and also the establishment of a high school in that district. A large per cent of the patrons of the district were present at the meeting and great interest was manifested in the school work. It was decided by those present to present a petition to the board of County Commissioners at the June meeting, asking that body to call a special tax election for the Fairview district, at an early date. It seemed to be the sentiment of those attending the meeting Wednesday night that Fairview must have a thoroughly modern, brick school building to take the place of the old building which was destroyed by fire during the month of April. The Fairview section is one of the most progressive, as well as one of the wealthiest communities in the county, and there is little doubt but that the good people of that district will make things come to pass along educational lines in the next few months.

While the special tax election recently held for the entire county was voted down, it seems that a number of the districts of the county are bent upon not being hampered by what they consider the inertia of the less progressive districts. This is evident by the fact that seven school districts in Harris and Ridenhour townships and one in Tyson Township, making a total of eight districts, will hold a special tax election on June 14th. These district elections will be for the purpose of voting for special taxes for the erection of better school buildings and providing for high schools.

Old Stanly seems to be waking up along educational lines, after much slumber of the Rip Van Winkle order. Superintendent Charles A. Reap who is young, capable and enthusiastic in the school work of the county, is throwing his whole heart and soul into the work, laboring almost day and night. He has been at this job for nearly two years now, and he is beginning to make some things move. Already he is beginning to plan for next year's school work. When seen by the News-Herald representative Wednesday Mr. Reap said:

"Now is the time to plan for a good school next year. While everything possible is being done to secure college trained teachers for Stanly County, yet one of the first things we must look forward to in this county are school buildings that will meet our needs. And I believe it will be wise to plan permanent buildings of brick, where possible.

"While the county-wide school election failed to pass, yet much educational interest has been aroused. Eight school districts vote on local school tax in June, and two others are working toward school elections immediately. This is a great step forward for such schools. Local tax gives a sure income for the district, and again it creates an interest and pride in the school that is unknown without it, and such districts can also call upon the county and state for aid that they can not secure without some local tax. At the same time, local school tax brings everything in the community to bear equally in improving the school, and does not make it burdensome to any one. And the more you do for yourself the more the county and state will do for you, for there is no greater proof of a community's interest in its schools than for it to vote local tax. A local tax of say, about 20 cents would work great possibilities.

"Again, a district cannot hope to have much high school work without some definite local support. The school law of the last two years has been changed, and this year the local tax districts will charge tuition for all high school pupils living outside and sending into the better school the community has provided."

C. E. Parks spent Wednesday in Charlotte on business.

LOCAL OPINIONS AS TO SPEECH OF COL. HARVEY

Some Think Administration Was Behind His Utterances, But Others Not so Sure

ONE MAN IS VERY EXPLICIT

Ambassador Harvey's London address, in which he declared that the United States did not fight Germany to save civilization, but that we fought Germany in order to save our own hides, has been the subject of more street talk in Albemarle during the past week than possibly any other current event within the past twelve months. Every where harsh criticism of Col. Harvey seems to be the rule. The ex-service men feel especially sore since they feel that Harvey's statement was a reflection on every American soldier. "I don't believe that Harvey spoke the sentiment of the administration," remarked one gentleman. "I am satisfied that he was speaking as the mouth piece of the administration, that he said just what he was expected to say, and what he was sent to London to say," remarked another gentleman. These are just a few of the expressions which have been heard to fall from the lips of various persons on the streets of Albemarle during the past few days.

The News-Herald representative approached one of Albemarle's quietest citizens, an intensely religious man, and one who in the past has not been called a politician, and the following is what he had to say about Harvey's London address:

"I heard a man who can't walk on but one foot, say that President Harding has an opportunity to distinguish himself, if he will call Col. Harvey home. But they say that the president insists that Harvey's London address was 'some speech,' and they say that Senator Lodge, (that 2 x 4) has said that Mr. Harvey is one of six American intellectual men of today.

That reminds me that if Senator Lodge is correct, just six Americans have a president, and all the rest of us have no earthly shepherd. One fellow said that the Colonel ought to have a mill stone hanged about his neck and cast into the sea. I would not do that, but I believe that he would make fine cat-fish food. I would not like to eat the cat-fish, however. That speech didn't set well with those whose sons sacrificed their lives for humanity's sake. If we had Mr. Wilson as president of this nation and the League of Nations ratified, international affairs would be set in order and that little thing wouldn't have had the opportunity to disgrace himself and show up the United States in such false light."

At any rate it seems to us that, eliminating all politics, every red-blooded citizen should be thoroughly ashamed of Colonel Harvey and his statement. If he did not speak for the United States government, he has made a monkey of himself, and should be recalled, at once. If he was speaking the sentiment of the Harding administration, then every American soldier who gave his life for the cause did so in order to save his own hide, instead of being proud of what it accomplished. If the sentiment uttered by Harvey is correct, we should all be thoroughly ashamed of ourselves.

OAKBORO NEWS.

We are having some beautiful weather at present, and crops and gardens are coming out.

Mrs. J. C. Hinson is on the sick list we are sorry to say, but we hope for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Jennie Boone visited Miss Mamie Barbee Sunday.

D. Ruth McCharley of Lowell was in Oakboro Sunday on special business.

I want to thank Mr. Z. V. Moss for the splendid speech in last week's paper. Boys take his advice and avoid cigarettes, because we want boys of our nation to be as physically fit as the boys of other nations.

Mrs. Duck Carver made a business trip to Oakboro last week.

Mr. J. D. Huneycutt spent Saturday night with Mr. Jason Eudy.

O. J. Blalock, of Troy, spent Thursday in Albemarle. Mr. Blalock is a native of this county and is well known here.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

"And Home Came Ted" is Title of Snappy Little Comedy They Will Present

SHORT STORY OF THE PLAY

CHARACTERS:

Skeet Kelly, the clerk, Shellie Sibbey, Diana Garwood, the heiress, Nellie Love.

Miss Loganberry, the spinster, Marie Davis.

Ira Stone, the villain, Heath Klutz.

Aunt Jubilee, the cook, Mary Davis.

Mr. Man, the Mystery, Calvin Bennett.

Jim Ryker, the lawyer, Robert Gaddy.

Mollie Macklin, the housekeeper, Idalene Gulleck.

Henrietta Darby, the widow, Irene Skidmore.

Ted, the groom, Robert Klutz.

Elsie, the bride, Ethel Ausband.

Senator McCorkle, the father, Geo. Armfield.

SYNOPSIS:

Act I.—An afternoon in April. What happened to Ted?

Act II.—The same night; who was the burglar?

Act III.—The next morning; who was Mr. Man?

STORY OF THE PLAY:

"And Home Came Ted" is a very sprightly comedy of mystery, in which there is an abundance of fun. The thrilling story is cleverly written and the interest of any audience is held from the beginning to the end by a series of dramatic situations rising from one climax to another until the final announcement at the close of the last act.

The action of the comedy occurs at the Rip Van Winkle Inn in the Catskill Mountains and the plot has to do with a struggle for supremacy in a furniture factory between Ted, the rightful heir, and Ira Stone, an unscrupulous adventurer, who is trying to gain control of the business. Ted is assisted by Mollie Macklin, the plucky little housekeeper of the Rip Van Winkle Inn.

The first act of the play takes place the day before the annual meeting of the stockholders of the factory, and according to a clause in the by-laws of the company, every stockholder must register with the attorney by midnight preceding the meeting. Ted holds controlling interest, but Mollie is in despair because he has failed to come home in time to sign the register. The attorney is ready to receive Ted's signature, the other stockholders have signed, the unscrupulous Stone is anxiously waiting to see if his forty shares will gain him the control of the business and Mollie and Skeet, the hotel clerk, are anxiously waiting for the train. It comes, but Ted does not arrive. Finally as a last desperate chance to save the factory from Stone, Mollie and Skeet persuade a young civil engineer to impersonate the missing Ted. The plan seems to be working well. Stone is quite happy, and all is going as merry as a marriage bell when the lawyer, Jim Ryker, announces that he is personally acquainted with the real Ted. Mollie and Skeet, having already introduced the bogus Ted, are at their wits end to know what to do, when the lawyer mysteriously disappears, and the engineer is formally presented as the young heir.

Complications come fast in Act 3. The real Ted has been the boyhood lover of a real old maid, and she is anxiously awaiting his return. The engineer is kept busy trying to escape from the spinster and at the same time trying to further his own heart interest in Diana Garwood, a guest at the Inn. Ted comes home and brings a bride, but Mollie hides them in the cellar. The plot is further complicated by a mysterious widow from Honolulu, who has plans to play her ukelele and sing "Aloha Oe" to any man available. She, too, owns stock in the furniture company, and places it in the safe at the Inn for the night and all the guests retire after an evening of dancing in the dining room. Mollie has locked up for the night, and has just put out the lights when a noise is heard at the office window. Mollie conceals herself, and a mysterious form enters the room and begins to rifle the safe. Mollie gives

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL GIVEN BORAH PROPOSAL

President Authorized and Requested to Call Nations for Disarmament Conference

THE VOTE WAS 74 TO 0

Washington, May 25.—Unanimous senate approval was given today to Senator Borah's proposal for an international disarmament conference.

By a vote of 74 to 0 the Idaho senator's amendment was added to the naval appropriation bill authorizing and requesting the President to invite the governments of Great Britain and Japan to send representatives to a conference with representatives of the United States in an effort to reach some agreement on disarmament.

The vote was in conformity with the understanding reached last week by administration forces to give their support to Senator Borah's plan. Besides the 46 Republicans and 28 Democrats voting for the amendment, announcements were made on behalf of many absentees that they too favored the disarmament plan.

The text of the amendment follows:

"That the President is authorized and requested to invite the governments of Great Britain and Japan to send representatives to a conference which shall be charged with the duty of promptly entering into an understanding or agreement by which the naval expenditures and building programs of each of said governments, to wit, the United States, Great Britain and Japan, shall be substantially reduced annually during the next five years to such an extent and upon such terms as may be agreed upon, which understanding or agreement is to be reported to the respective governments for approval."

Upon the passage of the bill, the amendment will go to conference with the house, but its advocates believe it will be endorsed and then approved by President Harding.

With the Borah amendment incorporated, an effort was made to reach a vote on passage of the bill late today, but this was frustrated by debate arising on minor amendments. Senators La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, and King, Democrat, Utah, also had several amendments pending. The latter promised to introduce several to abolish what he termed "useless" navy yards and freight depots.

Senator LaFollette made another lengthy address today in opposition to capital shipbuilding, and considerable more debate was in prospect, when adjournment was taken tonight. With tomorrow set aside by special order for consideration of the contested nomination of David H. Blair to be internal revenue commissioner, immediate passage of the bill was a hazy prospect. Administration leaders expressed hopes that it would be adopted late tomorrow or Friday, but there was a possibility of delay until next week.

ALBEMARLE RT. 1

The health of this community is good at this writing.

The farmers are behind with their plowing owing to so much rain.

Mr. A. H. Russell made a business trip to Norwood last Saturday.

Miss Marella Swaringen and brother, Shellie, spent last Saturday night with their brother, Will Swaringen.

Mr. Allen Hardister was in his community Sunday night.

A. P. Harris left Tuesday for Greensboro, where he goes to attend the State Bankers' Association, which is in session there this week.

The alarm, but the burglar escapes and with him the shares of stock owned by the lady from Honolulu.

The third act takes place on the morning after the robbery. Aunt Jubilee accepts no explanations and insists on going while the going is good, but finally the mysteries are solved, surprises follow surprises. This act fairly teems with sustaining interest. To know just how these mysteries were cleared up, who the burglar was, and whether the real Ted arrived, it will be necessary for you to see the play, "And Home Came Ted" given by the graduating class of the Albemarle High School tonight.

Remember the place and date. Get your ticket.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happenings of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Los Angeles, May 25.—The body of an elderly woman, found at Santa Monica, near here Sunday, was identified today as that of Mrs. Catherine Fiels, a retired business woman of Chicago.

St. Louis, Mo., May 21.—The mayor of St. James, Mo., in a pale gray satin gown with hat, hose and pumps to match, pink cheeks and dark eyes told the St. Louis League of Women Voters how she came to be elected.

Washington, May 25.—President and Mrs. Harding and their party returned to Washington today, the presidential yacht Mayflower reaching her dock at the navy yard at 10:20.

Fredericksburg, W. Va., May 25.—Fredericksburg, probably the second oldest city in America, and whose history has been intimately associated with that of the nation, celebrated today the 250th anniversary of its recognition as an organized township.

Washington, May 25.—In the opinion of Frank P. Milburn, Heister Co., Washington architects and builders, business conditions are better today than at any time since the panicky conditions started more than a year ago.

Riga, May 25.—Moscow is near starvation it is said in reports from that city, because peasants refuse to sell their corn and are keeping it for seed. The decree of the Bolshevik government restoring freedom of trade does not seem to have removed the menace of a food shortage.

Raleigh, May 24.—Commissioner of Labor and Printing, M. L. Shipman, whose eye is on the labor barometer of the state, sees very little pleasing in the employment situation. And while there have been flurries of employment over the state at times during the last six months, the general situation today, if the reports the commissioner is receiving are to be relied upon, is very unsatisfactory. More than this, it does not appear that the situation is going to be improved to any great degree any time soon.

Belfast, May 25.—Election officials this morning began at 9 o'clock to count the votes cast in Ulster yesterday in the election of members of the new North Irish parliament. It was expected that when the canvassers adjourn at 6 o'clock tonight the results in the city and possibly many districts outside would be known.

DEATH OF CHILD.

On May 11th, sorrow came to the town of Oakboro in the death of H. B. Sessoms, Jr., the eighteen-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sessoms.

He had been sick for about two weeks and no time or money was spared to give him every attention, but he gradually grew worse until death took him from his sufferings.

"Junior," as he was called familiarly by those who knew him intimately was a very bright and promising child. His merry prattle and winsome ways not only brought joy and gladness to the hearts of his parents but to all who knew and loved him.

The funeral was conducted from the home by the writer, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends, while the little white casket, which contained the precious body was literally covered with beautiful flowers.

The remains were laid to rest in the near-by cemetery to await the resurrection.

None but parents who have passed through a similar experience know what it is to give up a child—an only child. Indeed, it is like severing the very heart strings, yet these parents look upon the death of this child from the standpoint of a christian. Of course they feel their loss very keenly, but heaven means more to them now, for they are looking forward to the time when they will see their child again, take it in their arms and press it close to their bosom—nevermore to be separated. We thank God for the great doctrine of the Resurrection.

R. F. HUNEYCUTT.

HAMP TALBERT IS HURT WHEN AUTO HITS BUGGY

Sustains Broken Collar Bone and Other Injuries as Result of Collision With Car

DANIEL BOGER THE DRIVER

About 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, just after the rain storm had passed over, Daniel Boger, the fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Boger, driving a large touring car, collided with a buggy in which Hamp Tolbert was riding just in front of the home of J. S. Efrid on West Main Street, completely demolishing the buggy and seriously injuring Mr. Tolbert. The horse was not injured, it is said. Boger and the boys in the car with him at the time of the collision were unhurt, although after the boys had carried Mr. Tolbert in an unconscious condition into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Efrid, Boger fainted and remained unconscious himself until near 10 o'clock Wednesday night. Medical aid was summoned to attend Mr. Tolbert, and at the same time look after Boger who was regarded as in a more serious condition than was the injured man. It is said that Mr. Tolbert suffered a broken collar bone, while he seems to be injured about the head, but how seriously he is injured save the broken collar bone was not determined, at this time, though he seems to be doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

One of the grades of the local school of which young Boger was a member had been picnicing at the swinging bridge over Long Creek near the pump station. The storm came upon them and they ran into the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. McCurdy to get shelter. After the storm Boger and Robert Patterson decided to walk home and get cars to drive the other members of the grade home. The girls got in Patterson's car while a half dozen or more boys rode with Boger. As they came into town Boger is said to have been driving at considerable speed. When the car went to pass Tolbert's buggy it seems that, seeing he was about to collide with the buggy, the boy applied the brakes suddenly at the same time making a quick turn to avoid collision. The rear of the car struck the buggy as it turned completely around in the street. Some of those who saw the wreck think that the car turned around at least twice. The street was wet from the recent rain storm, and this may possibly account in some measure for the wreck, as the rear of the car skidded, striking the buggy with the side rather than the front.

CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH.

Our Christian Education Campaign begins Sunday at 2 p. m. The two canvassing teams, under the captaincy of A. C. Lentz and Chas. A. Reap will visit all the homes where we have members it will be possible for them to reach between 2 and 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The members of our church are asked to stay at home during these hours so the canvassers may have an opportunity to see them in person.

Every member of our church should be present at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Information and inspiration will be the keynote of this service. We expect to rally our forces for the greatest financial task we have ever performed. We mean to show "Mr. Baptist" and "Mr. Presbyterian" that we have enough liberality and spirituality to meet the needs of the hour. Every man, woman and child at his post of duty and we will perform the doing of the thing.

R. S. HOWIE.

P. S.—The public is invited to come and see us make the start.—R. S. H.

NORTH ALBEMARLE.

The health condition of this community is very good at present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Harwood and children visited Mr. J. P. Lowder Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Taylor of Warrenton, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Lowder.

We are sorry to say that Mr. Davidson Whitley has the measles.

Miss Myrtle Keller will meet with the Club girls in the home of Miss Nellie Lowder Wednesday morning, May 25th.