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## Unprecedented Building Boom Strikes School System of Stanly County

### NIGHT PROSPECTS SEEN BY NORWOOD PEOPLE

Norwood, N. C., June 15.—It was welcome news that Norwood received through The News-Herald to effect that arrangements have been made for opening a highway through lower Cabarrus County, which will materially shorten the distance from this section to Charlotte. It is the opinion of those who are ahead here that within a few years the Norwood-Albemarle-Badin triangle is to embrace a section favorable for a variety of industrial, agricultural and pleasure activities. Eventually a bridge and road that tends to bridge the territory, it is asserted, will be that time a step nearer. Before it is felt that the opening of the new road will be a progressive step of great immediate, and still later future, service.

The fast-going Norwood baseball team has annexed another brace of wins since this neck of the woods has last heard from, winning from Lin here Saturday 6-1 and from Erie at Ellerbe Monday in the 13th inning 7-6. No games lost. Jimmy Wood pitched against Badin, and despite the fact that he makes claims to being a pitcher, he, with support, came near holding them reless. Everybody was pleased Ed Overby to be back in the game against Ellerbe, he having been out all season by the doctor's orders. Overby pitched the Ellerbe game and was going better in the 13th in the first. "Rube" Ross has been induced to return home from Lowell, where he has been pitching, and will be in the box for Norwood in most of the future battles. A large attendance is urged to be present at the next game, which probably will be Saturday, and to the treasury of the club liberal. The club is undoubtedly the fastest amateur club in the section, and deserves support in keeping with the facts it shows. The hard-playing Albemarle semi-professional outfit is scheduled for a game here the 20th. It should be one of the big games of the season.

### MRS. ELKINS DEAD.

Mrs. Susan Tally Elkins died at home Monday afternoon 5:30 after lingering many months with a complication of diseases. The remains were buried at Bethel Tuesday 2:00. Surviving her are one Mr. C. H. Elkins, one sister, Mrs. Bob D. Austin, eight grand-children, numerous nieces and nephews. She was a devoted christian woman who has been connected with the Bethel M. E. Church for nearly three years, being more than 78 years at the time of her death. She was married when quite young to Mr. O. Elkins, who died eight years ago. She was a daughter of Allen G. Talbot and one of six sisters all of whom have passed away except one. She was an exceptionally meek, kind woman, and loved by all who knew her. For a number of years she has been unable to attend church and has suffered much and was only going for death to relieve her. She was married to a friend she was so anxious to die and be at rest, she was married to with her loved ones had gone before, and there is no doubt but that she is rejoicing in heaven in the spiritual world.

### DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. LATON DIES

Robert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Laton, of Eastern Standard, died last Thursday and was buried at Anderson Grove church at 1 o'clock in the afternoon on Friday.

### OFF FOR PEACE INSTITUTE.

Miss Myrtle Keller, Home Demonstration Agent, will leave next week for the State club camp and short course at Peace Institute, Raleigh. She will be accompanied by sixteen or more Stanly Club girls.

### HARDING IS OPPOSED TO ANY ACTION BY CONGRESS

Washington, June 12.—President Harding is understood to have taken a determined stand today against action by Congress at this time on pending bills for disposal of the government's nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala.

The views of the President, as outlined, it was stated, to Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the Republican leader, at the White House, was conveyed to the Republican steering committee, charged with the task of framing the legislative program of the House. Members of the committee declining to indicate whether they would recommend action on the bills or let the whole question go over until the December session.

There was no intention as to how the President regarded the proposal of Henry Ford for lease of the property beyond the statement that he felt the matter was too big to be considered, hurriedly and in what members regard as the closing period of the present Congress.

After the conference with the President Mr. Mondell hastily called together the Republican steering committee to discuss probable action on the ship subsidy bill and Muscle Shoals, but the meeting, it was said "got no-where."

The President is understood to have reiterated to Mr. Mondell and other Republicans who accompanied him to the White House that he was extremely desirous of having the ship bill passed prior to adjournment for the summer.

### Opposition to Subsidy.

With a considerable part of the membership insisting on early adoption of a three-day recess plan while the Senate is tackling the tariff and bonus legislation, some opposition, it was said by leaders, is still developing to action at this time on the subsidy bill. It was indicated, however, that the leaders promised the President to put forth their best efforts to have the merchant marine committee report the bill speedily and then prevail upon the rules committee to give it right of way.

### LITTLE JAMES BROWN HURT.

Little James, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown, was right badly hurt the other day when he got in front of Mr. Brown's automobile and was knocked down by the machine. Mr. Brown, the boy's father, did not see the little fellow and had not the remotest idea the child was in the way of the car, and it is thought that had he been a few inches nearer the point where the wheels passed he would have been killed instantly. He is recovering very nicely and it is now believed that he suffered no permanent injuries.

### PLAY AND BOX SUPPER TO BE GIVEN AT LOCUST.

Locust, June 14.—A box supper and play will be given at Stanly Hall School by the members of the Locust Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society on Saturday night, June 24. The play selected for presentation is "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," and practice has been going on for the past three weeks.

The cast of characters for the play is as follows:

Mrs. Briggs ..... Mrs. T. M. Hartsell  
Ralph Briggs ..... V. L. Hartsell  
Jimmy Briggs ..... Kenneth Coley  
Alvira Briggs ..... Nettie Temple  
Melissa Briggs ..... Jamie Green  
Silas Green ..... Eli Bratton  
Mr. Lee ..... Houston Eudy  
Virginia Lee ..... Nelcie Eudy  
Daisy Thornton ..... Maggie Eudy  
Mrs. O'Connor ..... J. Bratton  
Mandy Bates ..... Mollie Coley

There will be no admission charge for the play, and the only money made by the society will be that realized from the sale of the boxes. This will be used to provide new carpet for the church. No invitations will be issued, but everyone is invited to attend and all the ladies in the community who can bring boxes are urged to do so.

### Five New School Buildings, 3 of Which are to be 8-room Brick Structures, Exclusive of Auditoriums, are Ordered Erected at Once.

### ROSENWALD FUND AIDS COLORED SCHOOLS

Coming immediately upon the heels of the commencement of the construction of more than a quarter of a million dollars in buildings in Albemarle, and following closely upon the heels of the school building campaign of last winter and spring, the Board of Education of Stanly County, at a call meeting here on Wednesday, decided to start at once the erection of five new school buildings in this county, all of them to be finished and ready for the opening of the fall school term. Three of these buildings are to be of brick and are to have from six to eight rooms each, exclusive of the auditoriums, of which each will have one. The other two will be for colored schools, and will be two room wood buildings. One of the large brick buildings will be erected in the Endy district, one in the Aquadale district, and the other will be located in a new consolidated district comprising a part of Kirk and Albemarle districts. The new building will be located somewhere between the present Kirk School building and the town of Albemarle. One of the buildings for the colored people will be erected at Porter and the other at New London. Several hundred dollars towards the payment for each of these colored schools will be received by the county from the Rosenwald Fund. Work will be commenced at once on these new school structures, and will be pushed as rapidly as possible, to the end that the fall term may not be interfered with, and in order that the schools may open up in the new buildings this fall. It is understood that the definite location of neither of these buildings has yet been made public by the board of education, but that the matter of location will possibly be left to a committee, working with the County Superintendent of Schools and the committees of the various districts. The two buildings in the Endy and Aquadale districts will no doubt be located in the near vicinity of the present school structures.

The school work for this county has never looked better in the past than at this very time. Although quite an extensive campaign for additional school buildings has already been put on, and available funds for others are in fairly easy reach, yet the demands for the county for new buildings, already exceed, by far, the appropriations on hand. It is understood that in the erection of these new school buildings, the various districts are to pay one fourth, the county one fourth and the state one half. The committees in the districts where the new buildings are to be erected can either pay the one-fourth in cash, or contribute an equal amount in the way of hauling and the furnishing of local help on construction work in any way.

Another important item of business transacted at the special meeting of the board of education yesterday was the ordering of the immediate erection of a teacherage for the Kingville Colored School. This building will be a four-room structure, and will be fitted up with modern conveniences, including bath and electric lights. \$1,000 of the cost of this teacherage is to be received from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. This marks another forward step in the educational work of the colored section of Albemarle, and will mean much to Kingville's educational equipment.

When these new structures shall be under way, which will be in the next few weeks, the building campaign in Stanly County will be far ahead of anything ever before known in the history of the county.

Educationally, Stanly County is becoming one of the most wide-awake of the many progressive counties of the old North State. Long we slept, but no longer are our eyes closed to the importance of giving our boys and girls, black and white, the opportunity to develop the best manhood and womanhood that may be in them.

### PROF. REAP TO STUDY WILSON COUNTY'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

Prof. C. A. Reap, Superintendent of Public Education for Stanly County, will leave on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning for Wilson County, where he will spend several days studying that County's school system, which is accredited with being recognized as the highest standard in the State. Mr. Reap will no doubt receive much benefit from this trip and from his observations of the workings of the educational system of Wilson County and he will in return give Stanly County the benefit of such new ideas as he may gather by reason of his experience.

### STORE UNDERGOING IMPROVEMENTS.

The Albemarle Novelty Store, one of the cities most progressive mercantile establishments, has commenced extensive work on interior improvements. Quite a number of changes are being made on the display shelves and other interior fixtures are being made preparatory to the addition of a more complete stock of merchandise soon to be received by this concern.

### PROF. WHITLEY RESIGNS OAKBORO WORK.

Prof. C. J. Whitley, the efficient superintendent of the Oakboro High School, has announced with regret that he will not be able to continue his work as head of the Oakboro High School another year. Mr. Whitley takes the action on account of ill health, and only after having made a desperate fight to sufficiently regain his former health as to be able to hold down the work for another year. He has been taking treatment in a hospital for several weeks with the hope of complete recovery, but upon his return home a few days ago, not being sufficiently recovered, he announced his resignation. The vacancy will be filled at the earliest possible moment.

### BRINGS BRIDE FOR VISIT IN STANLY.

James K. Coggin, formery clerk of the Superior Court of this county, but since his discharge from military services at the close of the war has been engaged in teaching at Cary, brought his bride for a three days visit in Stanly on Saturday for a short visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Coggin, of Palmerville.

### NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST OF THE CURRENT WEEK

Goldsboro, June 12.—Sheriff W. D. Grant has returned from Norfolk, Va., with Joe Holt, colored, charged with the murder of Cora Vann, also colored, which occurred in the summer of 1920.

Carthage June 12.—Kennie Sanders, aged 70 years, who lived near Hemp N. C., about 10 miles from this place was found dead yesterday with a gun shot wound through his breast. The coroner's jury found that the deceased committed suicide.

Cambridge, Mass., June 12.—Professors at Harvard University made known today what they characterized as a remarkable achievement on the part of Chesley M. Hutchings, of Goldston, N. C., a student in the graduate school.

New York, June 12.—Morgues and undertaking shops of the Metropolitan area tonight held the bodies of more than three score men and women and children—victims of yesterday's brief cyclonic thunderstorm.

Durham, June 12.—Contract for the erection of the handsome Presbyterian church hut in this city, made possible through the will of the late George W. Watts, has been awarded to H. L. Smith, local contractor.

Greensboro, June 12.—Grady Ferguson, charged with robbing the Bank of Randleman of about \$500 on May 24, holding up the teller, Claude Newlin, with a pistol, reposes in the Randolph county jail at Asheboro where he was lodged Sunday afternoon by George Hasty, who was deputized to go to New Orleans and bring Ferguson back.

Burlington, June 12.—One of the most distressing things to happen in quite a while was the drowning of Wilbur Hobby in the swimming pool at Harden Park. The tragedy occurred while the boy, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hobby, was in the swimming pool with a few other lads. The unfortunate boy got into deep water, and, being unable to swim, was drowned before help could reach him.

Charlotte, June 13.—Edgar D. Puett, president of the Charlotte optical company, and well-known optometrist, was drowned in the lake of the Mallard Creek Rod and Gun club near here late today while boating with a party from the city.

### SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS.

The Stanly Summer School will be held in Albemarle, beginning June 27, and continuing for six weeks. All teachers holding provisional certificates will have their certificates raised to the next higher class by attending summer school. Credit on the professional group of the State Examination must now be secured by summer school credits. Holders of Elementary certificates that have expired or expire within the next year or so can have them renewed by attending the summer school. Every teacher in the county who does not attend a State summer school is urged to attend the county summer school here. It is to be hoped this will be the last summer school it will be necessary for Stanly County to hold, for all teachers are now expected to hold at least a State Elementary certificate and a county summer school will be unnecessary.

Supt. J. H. Melver will be the Director and Miss Ione Grogan and Mrs. B. C. Sharpe, of the Greensboro Schools will be instructors. It is doubtful if there will be a county in the State that will have better instructors.

All prospective teachers who have completed at least two years of high school work in a school with at least one teacher devoting full time to high school work will be allowed to enter.

CHAS. A. REAP, Co. Supt.

### SCRAPS OF PAPER BAR MAN FROM PRISON CELL

(By John A. Livingstone)  
Lexington, June 12.—Scraps of paper prevented the conviction of Jesse L. Armfield, late president of the defunct Bank of Thomasville for embezzlement of funds from the bank.

These scraps of paper represented notes left by Armfield in place of \$162,000 that was taken from the Bank of Thomasville, \$20,000 of which was there to the credit of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville as a depositor.

These scraps stand for an imposing sum of money when compared with the coin of the realm owned by the average North Carolinian, but they become more imposing still when compared with the total deposits of \$329,000 carried by the Thomasville bank when it closed its doors the twentieth day of last August.

Leaves Scraps Behind.  
If Armfield had known these scraps of paper would save him from a prison term, no doubt he would have remained in America. He seemed to have believed, however, that scraps of paper, worthless scraps most of them, wouldn't save his hide and so hit the grit to Mexico, where scraps of paper are less highly respected.

The story of these scraps of paper furnish a background for a story without parallel in banking annals in North Carolina. They represent the difference, according to the law of the land as interpreted at Armfield's trial, between felonious intent and lack of felonious intent.

Of course, in these modern days the psychology of the situation must be considered. The stories of Armfield's disappearance, the report of the taking of money intended to feed orphan children, the knock down and drag-out methods employed to get Armfield back to his native heath, the enraged expressions of a lot of angry bank depositors—all these things had contributed to a popular conception of Armfield as a devil incarnate with real horns.

So strong was the feeling against Armfield here that the prosecution doubted its ability to get a jury that could hear the case impartially. Many men had to be discharged because of their admitted feeling against the defendant.

But it turned out that Armfield wasn't a devil at all. In all respects he appeared to be very much like other men, and a very human sort of person. This disarmed much feeling at the trial in everybody's mind except Armfield's. He was confident so the local paper reports, that he would receive the maximum sentence of thirty years in prison. So much surprised was he at his acquittal that he actually recoiled from the jury that freed him. He could not believe that they did not consider him a devil still. After all he was a mere man.

### ATTENDS POLAKAVETS-MOSKOVITZ WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller and little daughter, Sarah, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wolf and little daughter, Roberta; Mr. and Mrs. D. Riff and Mr. and Mrs. King attended the Polakavets-Moskovitz wedding at Troy on last Sunday.

### CLERK HAS PENSION MONEY

Clerk of Court, J. A. Little now has the money for payment of pensions to Confederate Veterans and their widows whose names are on the pension roll. Those entitled to pension can get same by making application to Mr. Little, either by mail or otherwise.

### CHURCH NOTICE.

Rev. S. M. Stricklecher, the district Superintendent of the International Holiness Church, will be in Albemarle Saturday night and Sunday, the 17th and 18th, at the International Holiness Church. All our members are urged to be present.

REV. HENRY T. RODDY, Pastor.