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MAN KILLED AT WALNUT COVE

Mr. Meyers, of Mayodan, Was Hit By Roanoke Train Just Below Station—News and Personal Items.

Walnut Cove, Feb. 18.—Mr. Meyers, a lineman from Mayodan, was killed by the Roanoke passenger train last night just below Walnut Cove.

The friends of Mr. M. D. Linville will be glad to know that he is improving.

John Jack Hairston, an esteemed colored man who owned the shoe-repair shop here, was stricken with paralysis last Monday night and died on the following Sunday night.

Misses Nell Hutcherson and Ann Redmon spent Saturday in Winston-Salem shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel McPherson returned Sunday night from their bridal trip.

Dr. C. S. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, was in town Thursday.

Dr. J. L. Hanes, of Pine Hall, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Tom Preston, of Belews Creek, was a visitor here Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Sparger resumed her work here in the high school last week.

The young men of the town will give another subscription dance Friday night in the show room of the Walnut Cove Motor Co.

Mr. R. A. Hedgecock, who is now working in Elkin, spent the week end with his family.

Mr. J. L. Tilley, of Smith, was a visitor in town Monday.

Valentine Party Given At Mizpah

Mizpah, Feb. 17.—A delightful Valentine party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Baker Saturday evening in honor of their daughter. A picture of a human was drawn with a heart painted red, and the guests were invited to pin hearts over this heart. Miss Ruth Carroll was the winner, pinning the heart nearest the right place. She received a nice prize, a lovely box of stationery. Mr. Robert Barr received second prize—a neck tie.

After this refreshments were served the many guests present and many enjoyable games were played by the young people. All went home feeling that they would be glad to see Valentine's come again.

Services At Walnut Cove Baptist Church

Order of services at Walnut Cove Baptist church Sunday, Feb. 22nd, will be as follows:

Sunday school will convene promptly at 10 a. m., with classes for all ages. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. His subject for the morning hour will be, "Are Our Modern Improvements An Asset To Christianity?" In the evening he will speak on the subject of "The Second Death."

Mid-week prayer service Tuesday evening 7:30 p. m.

You will find a warm welcome at all of these services awaiting you.

Births and Deaths In Peter's Creek

Vital Statistics Registrar R. M. Nelson reports that during the year of 1924 Peter's Creek township had 11 deaths and 50 births.

Special Term Court For Catawba County

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—Governor McLean issued an order this afternoon for a special term of criminal court to be convened in Catawba county, April sixth, for the trial of Robert Michaels and William Trotter.

Michaels and Trotter, while drunk and driving a speeding automobile Monday night, ran down and killed the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Rose and severely injured the young daughter of Mayor Phillips, according to an official report to the governor by Solicitor Huffman, who stated "the public generally is demanding a special term for the trial of these men." Judge A. M. Stack has been designated to preside at the trial.

STOKES PROTEST HOLDS UP ACTION

Order Was Given That Post Office at Smith Was To Be Closed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Vigorous protests by citizens of Stokes county against the discontinuance of the post office at Smith, which was made to the post office department, through Senator Simmons, have resulted in having the matter held up until the people concerned may be heard.

An order went forth for the post office at Smith to be closed and removed to Lawsonville, following which would be the transfer of the Smith rural route to Lawsonville.

In reply to the protests submitted by Senator Simmons, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Billany said: "I beg to advise you that the first assistant postmaster general, division of postmasters' appointments, has advised this bureau that authority has been given for the establishment of a post office at Lawsonville, and that the postmaster has been appointed and was commissioned December 30, 1924, but that he has not assumed charge of the office. In view of the opposition to the transfer of the routes, the patrons will be afforded an opportunity to state their objections before any action is taken, and I shall be pleased to advise you in the premises."

FIFTEEN ESCAPED FELONS AT LARGE

Wholesale Prison Flight Is Made At Halifax County Farm, 19 Gaining Freedom.

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Fifteen of the nineteen convicts who escaped early last night from the state prison farm at Caledonia, Halifax county, were still at large when the last reports from that place were received at state prison here today, authorities said tonight.

George Ross Pou, state prison superintendent, said no communication has been had since noon today with Caledonia.

The superintendent in discussing the "wholesale delivery," said that the men gained their freedom between 7 and 8 o'clock last night, the prisoners taking advantage of a driving rain to cut their way through the aged foundation of the building in which they were confined.

Four of the convicts were captured in the nearby woods a few hours after the discovery of their flight was made.

Four of the escaped were serving murder sentences.

Sad—But True

Oh, the sadness of her sadness when he's sad
And the gladness of her gladness when she's glad,
But the sadness of her sadness, and the gladness of her gladness, ain't nothing to her madness when she's mad!

—Piedmont Press.

The Ladies Win

Hub (with irritation): Why is it that you women insist upon having the last word?

Wife (calmly): We don't. The only reason we get it is because we always have dozen arguments left when you stupid men are all run out.

A New Use For Sunbeams

Teacher—"Johnny, can you tell me what supports the sun in the sky?"
Johnny—"Its beams, I suppose."

A Natural Question

Married: "When a man's married, his troubles are over."
Unmarried: "Over what?"—Judge.

Couldn't Cut Up

Hubby—"I'm going to prune those apple trees."
Bride—"But, Frank, you know I don't care for prunes."—The Progressive Grocer.

The trouble with the last word in fashion is that it not.—Arkansas Gazette.

MISS HARKRADER SUES FOR OFFICE

Defeated at Polls In November By Small Majority She Alleges Irregularities.

Elkin, Feb. 11.—Miss Lillian Harkrader, of Dobson, defeated by a small majority in her candidacy for register of deeds of Surry county last November, last week filed a bill of complaint starting an action in Surry court with a view of ousting from office W. E. Lawrence by whom she was defeated at the polls, at the general election. The complaint charges that irregularities in voting precincts of the county, particularly Rockford and Marsh precincts and in Mount Airy ward No. 1, deprived her of her rightful majority. She charges that votes were cast against her by persons not entitled to vote and other instances of fraud. Current rumors being circulated are to the effect that other evidence of convincing nature will be furnished at the hearing in court which Miss Harkrader's attorneys will attempt to bring up at the April term. Lawrence is little disturbed about the matter, believing the election was conducted in an honest manner with no motive of fraudulent votes. Democrats of the county feel the action may help to clear up the wild rumors circulated by the defeated party since the landslide last fall.

DECLINE TO TAX LUBRICATING OIL

Question Argued Before The Legislative Finance Committee.

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—Voting to report unfavorably the Hart bill to tax lubricating oils for motor vehicles 10 cents a gallon and lubricating grease four cents a pound, the joint finance committee of the House and Senate yesterday afternoon made it unnecessary for a substitute bill to be offered as proposed by Dr. Hart.

Before the hearing got under way Dr. Hart stated that he desired to offer a substitute bill providing that the tax on lubricating oils should apply only to oils used by motor vehicles. He wanted this prepared by a sub-committee, but by consent the arguments proceeded and at the close an unfavorable report was ordered.

Senators Dunlap and Ross urged the importance of county roads, stating that only about one-tenth of the roads in any county were maintained by the state, and that the counties ought to have some part of the revenue from the use of roads by automobiles. Senators Bethune and Ross were strongly opposed, believing that automobilists already have enough taxes to pay.

James H. Pou, representing the Standard Oil Co., explained that the proposed tax could only apply to domestic products as the supreme court recently held a consumers' tax by the state on interstate commerce was unconstitutional. The result of such a tax, he contended, would be to start a mail order business with Richmond, Norfolk, and Charleston.

Overcame the Difficulty

A little girl was sent by her mother to the grocer's with a bottle for a quart of vinegar.

"But, mamma," said the little one, "I can't say that word."

"But you must try," said the mother, "for I must have vinegar, and there's no one else to send."

So the little girl went with the bottle and when she reached the counter of the store she pulled the cork out of the bottle with a pop and said to the astonished shopman: "There! Smell that and give me a quart!"

The Proper Way

"How much milk does that cow give?" asked the summer boarder.

"Well," replied Farmer Applegate, "if you mean by voluntary contribution, she don't give none at all. But if ye kin get her cornered so she can't kick none to hurt, an able bodied man kin take away about seven quarts a day from her."—Pittsburg Press.

Argus was ideally equipped for the pedestrian life.—Columbia Record.

THE REYNOLDS HIGH SCHOOL

Has Exceeded All Expectation In Its Enrollment of Pupils Fiddler's Convention For Benefit of School.

Westfield, Feb. 17.—We were filled with fond hopes and pleasant anticipations for a good school when we, the seven teachers of the Nancy Jane Cox Reynolds Memorial High school enrolled 266 pupils the first day of school last fall. Our average attendance for the first three months was 216 and the attendance is still good regardless of bad roads.

Our school has had the loyal support of our county Supt. of Schools J. C. Carson, and also of the local committee, which is composed of Messrs. J. R. Nunn, J. F. George, P. O. Frye, T. M. Smith, and Mrs. D. C. Taylor.

Soon after the opening of school we organized an athletic association and a literary society. We named the latter The William N. Reynolds Literary Society. Many are the reasons why such an honor is rightfully due Mr. Reynolds, but I desire to mention two special reasons:

In the first place it was he who gave the fine school building in memory of his mother. Mr. Reynolds is now paying for the installation of a new water system at the school, which will cost about three thousand dollars.

When Mr. Reynolds visited the school last fall he was well pleased with it and made the statement that he would give to the school a dollar for every dollar the State would give and continue to give on that basis indefinitely.

A memorial service was held on that occasion to give expression to appreciation and respect which was held for Mrs. Nancy Jane Reynolds and her son. After the memorial service the 5 boys who won a game of basketball with the King high school on K. H. S's own court in November, 1924, played Francisco high school. The latter won the game by a small score. The score was 20-17 and it was not until last Friday that some of those same boys who were defeated that day, won the victory over Francisco high school in a game of base ball.

A desirable school spirit prevails among the pupils of this school and the association that we have here is pleasant. The right attitude is shown, and it is a pleasure to work with such pupils as are found here.

We have a Parent-Teacher Association which is very helpful to the school. Mr. P. O. Frye is the president and Mr. T. R. Nelson secretary and treasurer. All of the teachers and many of the pupils are loyal members.

In conclusion let us consider the question: "Where do we go from here?"

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the old time fiddler's convention at the Reynolds Memorial High School Saturday night, Feb. 28. The convention will be under the management of the local school committee and the principal.

BAD CHECK BILL NOW ACTUAL LAW

Legislature Passes Measure To Check Habit Of Giving "Worthless Paper."

Raleigh, Feb. 12.—After repeated efforts, dating back for several years, there has been passed in the general assembly a "worthless check" bill, introduced by Representative Matthews of Mecklenburg and sponsored by the North Carolina Merchants association.

This bill, now law provides, among other things, that any person, firm or corporation who shall draw, make, utter or deliver to another any check or draft signed or purporting to be signed by such person, firm or corporation, and drawn on any bank or depository for the payment of money or its equivalent, and who shall at the time of making, drawing, uttering or delivering any such check or draft, have insufficient funds on deposit in or credits with such bank or depository with which to pay the check or draft upon its presentation and who shall fail to provide such funds or credits shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined or imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

TOBACCO OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING

Flue-Cured Weed Produced in Carolina and Virginia in Strong Position.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The tobacco outlook for 1925 is made the subject for an important bulletin issued today by the bureau of agricultural economics of the department of agriculture. On the whole the outlook is encouraging from the price standpoint, which is the growers' chief concern.

Flue-cured tobacco produced in Virginia and the Carolinas is declared to be in an unusually strong position, due in large part to the unusually low yield per acre in 1924. It is observed, however, that a heavy increase in acreage accompanied by an average yield per acre would materially alter the situation of flue-cured tobacco by the close of the year.

The statistical position of the dark tobacco group is relatively stronger than that of other groups. The foreign demand caused an increase of 10 per cent in exports last year.

Burley tobacco is in unsatisfactory position, owing to large stocks on hand and negligible exports at present.

Tobacco Outlook in 1925.

Following is the text of the department's tobacco review and prognostications for the present year:

The price outlook for most types of tobacco is better now than a year ago. While stocks held by dealers and merchants on October 1, 1924, were 163 million pounds larger than a year previous, the 1924 crop was 272 million pounds less, a net decrease of 109 million pounds, or 3 per cent, in the total supplies as of October 1, 1924.

Current Prices Good.

The current price per pound for most types is as good or better than one year ago, and there is no apparent indication of a slackening of foreign or domestic demand for tobacco. Of the types, flue-cured appears to be in the strongest position. The dark types of Kentucky and Tennessee and Maryland and eastern Ohio exports are favorably situated, and the cigar leaf situation is strengthened by the low quality of the 1924 crop. Burley, on the other hand, while in better position than a year ago, is still unsatisfactory, due to accumulated stocks.

Domestic manufacture of cigarettes in 1924 has been estimated at 71 billion, compared with 65 billion in 1923. Manufacture of smoking, plug and snuff in 1924 was much greater than in the previous year. Exports in 1924 were 547 million pounds, or 15 per cent, greater than in the previous year.

Cigarette Types.

The situation as to the different cigarette types differs radically. Burley, which is important in cigarette manufacture, is at present almost negligible in exports. The production of this type in 1923 was extremely heavy and decreased only moderately in 1924. The accumulated holdings of burley of 428 million pounds on October 1, 1924, were 25 per cent larger than in 1923, so that its market situation is the least satisfactory of the cigarette types. The increasing consumption of cigarettes and steps recently taken to stimulate foreign sales, may reduce stocks of this tobacco during 1925; but the general situation is not such as to justify an increase in the acreage planted to burley in 1925.

Prices Will Not Vary.

The price per pound to the growers will probably not vary much from last year. The crop in the main producing sections is somewhat shorter than last year, owing to drought, but this has more body.

Flue cured tobacco produced in Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida is in an unusually strong position. This is due not only to the fact that it shares in the increasing manufacture of cigarettes and is one of the important export types, but also to the reduced acreage and low yield in 1924. Total supplies on October 1, 1924, were 10 per cent less than a year previous. Exports during 1924 were 35 per cent greater than in 1923. Should exports in 1925 equal those of 1924, there will remain from the latest crop to supply the domestic needs less than 76 million pounds, compared with 327 million pounds of the 1923 crop.

The heaviest importers of this

MONEY FOR KING SCHOOL

Parent - Teacher Association Realizes \$140.00 From Box Supper—News and Personals Of King.

King, Feb. 16.—The Standard Oil Co.'s new service station on the E. P. Newsom corner opened for business Saturday. This is a modern station and seems to be enjoying a good business. The place is in the charge of Mr. S. H. Brown.

Rev. Joseph Hall, of Westfield, preached an interesting sermon at the Baptist church here Sunday.

There is right much sickness in this community at present.

Work on Petree and Hauser's new garage on east Main street is nearing completion.

The Pilot Mt. school defeated the King high school in a game of basketball here Friday night, score standing nine to five.

Born unto Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Smith, a daughter.

Rev. Thos. F. Pardue, of Winston-Salem, was here Saturday attending to some business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Baker spent a few hours with relatives here Saturday.

Rev. Paul Herman Bennett filled his regular appointment at Mount Airy Sunday.

Mr. W. N. Vest, who has been sick with pneumonia at his home South of town, shows slight improvement, his friends will be glad to know.

Mr. J. S. Boyles, of Walnut Cove, was among the visitors here today.

Mr. A. L. Caudle, of Winston-Salem, spent a few hours here yesterday.

The Parent-Teacher Association gave a box supper and entertainment at the high school building Saturday night. \$140.00 was realized, which will be used for the benefit of the school.

Our Representatives Introduce Some Bills

Representative E. C. Gann, of Stokes, has introduced a bill in the house to make the issuing of road bonds in Stokes discretionary with the county commissioners. The exact provisions of the bill are not known here.

Senator Carter has introduced measures for Surry as follows:

To create the office of purchasing agent, tax-supervisor and book-keeper for Surry.

To provide for the treasurer of Surry county to pay the interest on bonds issued for the improvement of the roads of that county.

To require officers in Surry county to bond in some indemnity or guaranty company.

Winston-Salem To Add To Her Territory

Winston-Salem, Feb. 14.—Approximately 212 acres of territory will be annexed to Winston-Salem if a resolution adopted by the aldermen is acted upon favorably by the legislature. This territory is in four sections, each being in different parts of the city.

Three of these sections are being asked to be annexed for the purpose of carrying out the work of street construction. The section in the northeastern section of the city is being annexed in order to complete the sewer system in that section.

type are England, China and Germany, in which countries there is now no indication of a slackening demand. It is significant also that in other countries, such as Canada, British India, Japan and Australia, importations are increasing rapidly.

The price per pound to growers for the 1924 crop is several cents per pound higher than a year ago.

In connection with planting for the 1925 crop it should be emphasized that the strong position of flue cured tobacco is in large part due to the unusually low yield per acre obtained in 1924. A heavy increase in acreage accompanied by an average yield per acre would materially alter the situation by the close of 1925.