

Greenville News

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Raleigh, April 14.—Commissioners in more than a score of counties who "unjointed" revaluation last week by reducing property values will be called upon to tell where revenue sufficient for running their government is to come from at the close of the present fiscal year.

It is altogether possible that some of these commissioners will not be able to answer this question, so tax residents hereabouts aver. The fact that property valuations in some counties have been reduced horizontally from 20 to 60 percent means that the county budgets will not be met with taxes collected on the revised basis. And this situation will have to be met by one or two ways:

First, there will be a special tax levied or a bond issue, or

Second, the rate of taxation must be increased.

This is the opinion of Commissioner Allen J. Maxwell of the State Tax Commission who has given the question considerable study since the counties began slashing revaluation under an act of the 1921 General Assembly.

Reductions in property values appear mighty good, Commission Maxwell admits, but he warns that when repaying time comes around the folks are going to discover that somebody has handed them a gold brick. Whether the assessment is high and the rate of tax low, or the assessment low and the rate high, the final result remains unchanged. The commissioner is certain the taxpayers will understand that this is and must of necessity be true.

The counties must raise a certain amount of money by levying taxes to finance the county government. If, after revaluation, the rate was lowered and the valuations raised so as to provide the needs of the counties and no more than it is easily seen that is going to happen with the values reduced and the rate unchanged. It is useless to argue that the county commissioners are not going to have the time of their lives making buckle and tongue meet.

Chief Justice Walter Clark writing his opinion in the Tyree vs. George C. Tudor case of Forsyth county reversed Judge Finley and holds that the defendant, the father, is liable for the actions of his minor son, Bynum Tudor. This was the only case of importance handed down by the supreme court this week.

The case in which L. P. Tyree, administrator, is seeking damages from the C. Tudor for the death of the Tyree who was killed in June, when an automobile in which she was riding with the younger Tudor struck the Country Club road near Winston-Salem overturned. The case was argued in superior court by Judge Finley in superior court and the high court ruled against the plaintiff. Chief Justice Clark should have done the same.

SMALL RE-ELECTED TO HEAD DRAINAGE

Convention Hears Stiring Address on Reclamation—Joseph Pratt Secretary.

Elizabeth City, April 14.—Goldboro was named as the place of the next meeting of the North Carolina Drainage Association which adjourned yesterday afternoon shortly before 2 o'clock after the report of committees and the election of officers. Former Congressman John H. Small was unanimously re-elected president and Col. Joseph H. Pratt unanimously elected secretary and treasurer.

There was no afternoon session today, the Wednesday morning session being prolonged in order to despatch all business in hand before the delegates would have to begin leaving. Features of the morning session were the address on malaria in its relation to drainage by Dr. T. H. D. Griffith, of the United States Public Health Service, and an address by W. A. McGirt, vice-president of the North Carolina Land Owners Association, who urged business and professional men to devote at least ten per cent of their time to the drainage problem since it is a matter of such vital importance to the economic development of this section. Other speakers of the day were C. G. Elliott, of Washington, D. C., Dr. Jas. L. Alexander, of Charlotte, and H. M. Lynde and F. P. Berthel, of the department of agriculture.

Dr. Alexander spoke on malaria eradication in Charlotte. Mr. Elliott on the history of reclamation work in North Carolina and the other speakers discussed tile drainage.

Before adjournment the convention adopted resolution expressing appreciation for entertainment accorded delegates to the convention by the chamber of commerce and the citizens of the city.

FRENCH PREMIER SEND HIS REPLY

Concerning the Mandate Over the Pacific Islands Which Were Given to Japan.

Paris, April 14.—Premier Briand has dispatched to Washington a note acknowledging receipt of the American communication concerning the mandate over the Pacific Islands which were given to Japan. The Premier's note says a representative of France will take up the question when it comes before the Supreme Council "with the most ardent desire to find a solution giving satisfaction to the United States."

Paris, April 14.—Germany's obligation to the Allies will be fixed at between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and fifty billion gold marks by the Allied reparations commission according to the Echo de Paris which says if Germany resists settlement the allies have agreed that France recall two classes of recruits to the colors and proceed to occupy Ruhr basin which includes most important coal mines and industrial plants in western Germany.

London, April 14.—The British steamers Esperanza de Laurinaga, from Galveston and Norfolk for Reggio, Italy; and the Ottawa, from Lobos Fuegos, for Manchester, England, were posted at Lloyds today as missing.

With the argument on the petition of the Southern Power Company for an increase in its hydroelectric power rates completed, members of the State Corporation Commission are expected to hand down a decision soon in the telephone and gas companies cases.

CAMPAIGN ENDS IN FARMVILLE

Moore Wins Over Belcher for Mayor by a Margin of Six Votes—Contest Keen.

Farmville, April 14.—Election day, April 12th was even more interesting than was predicted. Most all of the white citizens voted in what was known as the Democratic Primary, which is really the election as no Republicans had entered the races for either commissioner or mayor.

As the day passed the outcome grew more uncertain. No one could state confidently who they had reason to believe would be the next mayor. But when the ballots counting was begun the contest was so close that everyone was in suspense. One minute Belcher led, the next minute Moore. This fact is demonstrated when while there remained only twenty votes to be counted Moore led by only five votes. Not even the tally keeper could tell who led before counting the votes.

The final count was Belcher, 191. More 197—Moore winning by a margin of six votes a close victory indeed.

In all probability W. N. Moore is one of the most experienced and able office-holders in Farmville, having served as justice of peace alone for over twenty years. Many predict that the next two years will see Farmville progressing in all lines of civic and municipal development. It is understood that Mr. Moore stands for and represents those citizens who have the moral, educational and municipal welfare of Farmville at heart.

The candidates for commissioners were voted upon as follows: Shirley 167; Willis, 298; Davis, 339; Dail, 352; Joyner, 354 and Horton, 367. Mr. Shirley thereby was eliminated. The citizens of Farmville generally, think that they have five capable commissioners for the next two years.

On Tuesday night April 12th, a musical recital was given by students of the A. C. College in the First Christian church of Farmville under the auspices of the Young People's Circle of the Christian church. In many respects this was the best public program given in the city for some time. There were some fine readings instrumental and vocal solos, and other musical number.

The proceeds from the recital will go to the support of a mountain boy or girl. Farmville hopes to welcome this same troupe again soon.

A Delightful Meeting.

The Patient Circle of the King's Daughters met at the home of Mrs. Walter Wilson Tuesday evening. The meeting was opened by the president who read a scripture lesson. After the prayer of the order the roll was called. After the business had been transacted the hostess served an ice course. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Emma Bryant on the evening of May 3rd.

EDITING A PAPER IN TURKEY PROBLEM

Said to Be at Least Four Times as Difficult than in America Due to Censors.

Constantinople, April 14.—The task of editing a local newspaper here is exactly four times more difficult than in an American city for here there are Turkish, British, French and Italian censors.

A paper there after the censors have finished with it sometimes bears little resemblance to what the editor intended.

Here are gathered some 20 nationalities, and each requires an organ. The Greeks have seven newspapers in their own languages, and one printed in French; the Americans have four in their own language and one in French; the Turks have nine dailies, in their own language; the Jews have one in French and two dailies in Spanish; the French have one in their language the commonly spoken and written language of the Levant; and they also pay subsidies to several others. The British have one, the Orient News.

The Arabs have their organ. So do the Persians. Like-wise the Russians, anti and pro Bolsheviki. Strange peoples from other lands have their little sheets. The Americans print a magazine of business and a weekly the Far Seas, printed by the United States navy. The Italians used to have their organ, and soon will have it again. The Greek Patriarch has his. There is also in French the weekly bulletin of the Vatican's Apostolic Vicar.

It is an easy matter to print a paper in English or French. However, consider that the Jewish paper is printed in Hebrew letters but in the Spanish language, also that the Turkish language requires four kinds of type and has 90 letters to its alphabet. The Arab language is a good deal like the Turkish, except that it is different in accent marks, and the same may be said of the Persian.

Now put four censors, each of a different political opinion, onto the job of eliminating the undesirable part of these newspapers, mix with three or four interpreters to each censor, so he will know what it is all about the result is a distracted lot of editors who print the news when they may.

The editors claim they often are obliged to print their paper four times never before issuing it. As this country of sunshine and racial heat is also the land of exaggeration, they may not set up their papers so many times. But their printers' bills are heavy and without racial pride to call forth supporting money the papers would, many of them, cease to be published. Most of them do.

BOOZE PEDDLERS TO WORK ROADS

Judge Cooper is Proving to Be a Terror to Those Dealing in Moonshine in Co.

His Honor, Judge Lewis G. Cooper, believes firmly in the saying "those who do the dancing must pay the fiddler." He is surely right on the job when those coming before him charged with the manufacture and sale of moonshine. Yesterday five cases were disposed of in the county court, and in consequence, several will be added to the county chain gang. The following cases were tried:

State vs. Claude Brinkley. Manufacturing liquor. Mistrial.

State vs. Ed Huggins and Henry Porter. Both colored. Manufacturing liquor. Sentenced to the county roads for a term of 18 months each.

State vs. Ed Fleming, colored. Cruelty to animals. Sentenced to the roads for a term of two years.

State vs. Wiley Jones. Liquor for sale. Fined \$100 and cost.

State vs. Herbert Dixon. Manufacturing of liquor. Sentenced to the roads for eight months.

Cotton Consumption.

Washington, April 14.—Cotton consumption during the month of March was the largest since last September. The Southern mills however, showed fewer spindles active than in February.

Mrs. D. D. Overton left this morning for Hertford, where she will meet her mother there who has been spending the winter in Portsmouth, Va. They will return on Saturday.

DESIGNER OF ROMA WILL SUPPLY PLANS

To the United States for a Semi-Rigid Dirigible Airship, Also Instructions.

Rome, April 14.—The United States has asked the Italian government to lend to America the services of an engineer skilled in the construction of semi-rigid dirigible airships and several other men to aid in the building in the United States of craft like the Roma, the big dirigible purchased from Italy. The Italian government has granted the request and the Italian engineer, Celestine Usuelli, designer of the Roma will supply plans and instructions for the proposed American craft.

It is understood that the Americans have intimated they would be glad to have the services of Signor Nobili, the builder of the Roma and also her Italian crew to aid in airship building. It is stated that the American airships of the same kind as the Roma are to be five meters shorter than the Italian vessel bought by America, so that they can be sheltered in the American hangars.

Signor Usuelli is planning larger dirigibles for Italy.

"I intend to start immediately the construction of another dirigible measuring 46,000 cubic meters, the largest that can enter the present Italian hangars," he said. "This new ship will replace the Roma, but will be able to fly without alighting almost twice as long."

"My next great construction will be a super-giant, semi-rigid dirigible for the construction of which I must await the arrival from Germany of three colossal hangars assigned to Italy. I shall then build an airship 220 meters in length, 34 in height and 120,000 cubic meters in volume. It will be equipped with 24 motors of 250 horsepower each of which only one-third will be in use at a time. The other two-thirds will be kept in reserve so that each motor will work only six or seven hours, and will have from 10 to 12 hours for rest and cleaning. "This dirigible will be able to fly for 10 days, consecutively and therefore could make the tour of the world alighting only once. It will carry 100 passengers besides a crew of 25 and 10 servants and will cost 10,000,000 lire."

"My chief desire is," said Engineer Usuelli, "to demonstrate that a dirigible can fly in any weather and stand any storm, alighting without need of a hangar."

"I also wish to demonstrate that the dirigible is a good business proposition."

TICKETS ON SALE NEXT SATURDAY

For the Senior Play at the Training School which is to be Presented on 22nd.

Tickets for the Senior Play will be placed on sale at the Warren Drug Company on Saturday morning. This is largely for the convenience of the people from the surrounding country who usually come to GREENVILLE on Saturday.

The price of tickets is 75 cents and \$1. The cheaper tickets are under the gallery and the other in front of the gallery. Attractive posters have been placed in the windows. Handbills are being sent broadcast. The young ladies in the school are putting stickers on their letters. They are doing their best to let the public know about the play. In the meantime the cast and Mrs. Nathan, with members of the faculty helping, are doing their utmost to make this the very best play that has ever been given at the school. Work on the scenery is progressing and costumes have been ordered.

Remember the date is April 22nd, the hour is 8:30, and the place the auditorium in East Carolina Teachers Training School.

Plans All-White Farm.

York, Pa., April 14.—Robert Klingel who owns a farm near Hanover, is planning a "white" farm which will be a novelty. He proposes to have all buildings and fences painted white, and to have the trees sprayed with whitewash. All live stock, horses, mules, cows, turkeys, chickens, ducks, pigeons, cats, dogs and pigs will be snow white.

Eight Million Thrown Out of Employment if British Strike Comes

DR. VINES PREACHES HIS LAST SERMON

There Will Be Services Again This Evening with Sermon by Pastor J. B. Turner.

Dr. Vines preached his last sermon at the Immanuel Baptist church last night. A large crowd was in attendance. The text used was found in Luke's gospel: "He that heareth my word and believeth on him that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life." Dr. Vines stressed as his first point the word "hear." One must hear if he finds the gospel truth. So many people, said the speaker, go to church and think of everything else but the words of the Bible and the sermon set forth. The word believe was then discussed. To believe on Jesus is have faith in him. We have faith in our business institutions, in our banks especially. Our friends are absent from us, but we have faith in their integrity, notwithstanding. The expression "everlasting life" gave the large congregation a glimpse into the life that is to come. This is the promise of God and is sure. There is no other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved, except the name of Jesus. The fact that a man takes Jesus at his word will never pass again into condemnation was beautifully illustrated by incidents coming under the observation of the speaker. Jesus is able to save and he is able to hold us, to sustain us.

Dr. Vines left this morning for Norfolk. He made a host of friends during his stay in GREENVILLE who wish for him every good thing. Dr. Turner preaches tonight and Friday night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Opposes Colobbian Treaty.

Washington, April 14.—Launching the fight against the \$25,000,000 Colombian treaty, Senator Kellogg, republican, Minnesota, told the senate yesterday that ratification of the pact would "place a strain upon the name and fame" of Theodore Roosevelt and would acknowledge that the United States "wronged Colombia, violated her rights and are now willing to make reparation therefor."

WHEAT CROP WILL BE SUFFICIENT

To Meet the World's Demand is the Opinion of Sir James Wilson of Scotland.

London, April 14.—The prospects of the coming world's wheat crop are favorable and the harvest is likely to produce enough to meet the world's demand, says Sir James Wilson, chairman of the Central Agricultural Wages Committee for Scotland, an authority on that subject.

He declared in an address he delivered the other day on "The World's Wheat" that the world's supply for the current year is more than equal to the demand, and the predicted that on August 1 next there would be a surplus of exportable wheat left in the exporting countries. But, he said, this surplus, outside of Russia and India, would not be large and if the world's future weather proved unfavorable, the fall in the world's price of wheat might be checked and the price might even rise again.

For the world as a whole, he said, there is no more reason to fear a future permanent dearth of wheat than that the world will be starved of food generally. He predicted that some time within the next 20 years the world's price of wheat measured in gold, will return to a level not far from the pre-war average.

Asks President to Withdraw U. S. Troops.

Washington, April 14.—Immediate withdrawal of American occupation forces in Germany is provided for in a resolution introduced today by Representative Fish, Republican, New York, requesting the President to order the troops home forthwith.

Official Triple Alliance Hold a Two-Hours' Conference with Premier Lloyd George, But it Was Later Announced that no Progress Was Made—Premier Urges the Miners, Railwaymen and Transport Workers to Exercise Restraint and Not to Precipitate a Crisis—The Situation is Indeed Grave.

London, April 14.—Officials of the triple alliance visited Premier Lloyd George this morning and held a two hours' conference which it is believed will have a vital bearing on the industrial crisis resulting from the coal strike.

The Daily Graphic says that if the triple alliance strike should actually result and lasts three weeks that at least eight million people would be thrown out of employment.

London, April 14.—No progress was made at the conference toward an adjustment of the grave labor situation. It is reported that Premier Lloyd George made a long statement appealing strongly to the railwaymen and transport workers, who with the miners make up the triple alliance, asking them to exercise restraint and to not precipitate a crisis. This plea, however, does not seem to have had any effect.

The general secretary of the railwaymen, declared after the conference, he could see no prospect of the re-opening of negotiations for an adjustment of the strike situation.

MISSING GIRL ON PORCH

University Student, Gone for Weeks, Asleep on Waukegan Veranda. Waukegan, Ill., April 14.—Lying asleep on the porch of John Mackin, a Chicago lumber dealer, Caryl Pattison, of Peoria, Ill., missing from the University of Illinois for a week, was found here today. Miss Pattison said she came to Waukegan from an Evanston hospital, where she was revived yesterday after she had been found unconscious at a roadside in Wilmette. She said she fainted on the Mackin doorstep after she rang the bell and no one answered.

Messages from the girl's parents said they had tried to persuade her to forget a romance with Stuyvesant Smith, a junior at the university, at whose Evanston home she yesterday said she was going to seek refuge.

Miss Pattison said she had been living in Chicago until yesterday. She said she did not know how she got to the Evanston Hospital.

OLDEST ALUMNUS OF STATE UNIVERSITY DIED TODAY

Raleigh, April Dr. A. B. Hawkins, ninety-six, the oldest alumnus of the University of North Carolina and probably the oldest bank director in the United States, died here this morning.

First Move for Disarmament.

Washington, April 14.—The first move in the present congress looking to disarmament came today with the introduction authorizing the President to open negotiations with Great Britain and Japan looking to a reduction in future naval building by those countries and the United States.

The GREENVILLE Rotary Club members are expected home tonight on the late Norfolk Southern train from Norfolk.

Unsettled weather tonight and Friday probably showers. Not change in temperature.