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SQUIRE H. A. ADAMS DIES IN BURKE COUNTY

Mr. H. A. Adams, who probably had married more couples than any minister or officiating officer in North Carolina, died Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. Frye, in the lower edge of Burke county. Squire Adams, it was said, had performed between 700 and 800 ceremonies in his life time and couples called at his home from Catawba and many other counties.

Mr. Adams, who had been in poor health for some time, was 73 years, eight months and four days. He was a member of the Methodist church, was a well known citizen and had hundreds of friends in this whole section. He is survived by four children—Mrs. Frye, with whom he made his home; Mrs. E. E. Hendley of Hickory and Messrs. Eugene and Ross Adams of Asheville.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from Arney's chapel by the Rev. Mr. Carver of West Hickory.

THE SCHOOL TAX IN WEST HICKORY

To the Editor of the Record: Next week there is to be an election in West Hickory to increase the school tax from 30c to 45c on the hundred dollar valuation, and I am against it.

In the first place, I think that the old school house is good enough. It is a sight better than the one I went to and I have managed to get along. It may be a little crowded at times, but I read in the Asheville paper only a few days ago that they had two pupils in one seat, and it looks to me that what is good enough for Asheville is good enough for West Hickory.

In the second place, I think that the taxes are already high enough. We are all poor people up here and can't afford to pay high taxes. All our boys and girls have to work and I have seen many a one ruined by going to school too much. It makes them lazy and no account. It is no use to tell me, I have seen too many of them.

When living is so high, I believe it is a sin to spend ten or twelve thousand dollars for something that won't bring in a cent. What in the world is the use of any man having a hundred dollar watch if one for five of ten dollars will keep good time?

I notice that about all the talk about a new school house is from the people who run the Ivey Mill and the Southern Desk Company. Of course the Ivey Mill Co. is willing enough to have a new building if somebody else will pay for it. I have heard something about the mill going to pay \$2,000 toward it, but I believe this is all a bluff. When the election is over they will find some way to get out of it.

As to the Southern Desk Co., any fool can see why they are in favor of a new school house. They want to sell some desks and blackboards. If I expected to make some money out of it, I would be in favor of it too.

I don't believe the school trustees could spend that much money without wasting some of it, and West Hickory hasn't got any to waste. It is just too big a job for this town, and I believe we ought to wait a few years before we undertake such big things.

A CITIZEN.

(Errors in copy corrected.—Ed.)

SPECIAL AT HUB SATURDAY

Another one of the series pictures, "Girl from Frisco," will be shown at the Hub Saturday afternoon and night. Also an episode of the "Hazards of Helen," featuring Helen Gibson and a Ham and Bud comedy.

Miss Rosalie Dixon who has been teaching in the eastern part of the state returned home Wednesday.

Miss Lucy Sledge has returned home from Mapleville, Louisiana, N. C., where she has been teaching for the past eight months. On her way home she visited relatives in Henderson and Rev. J. D. Harte at Oxford.

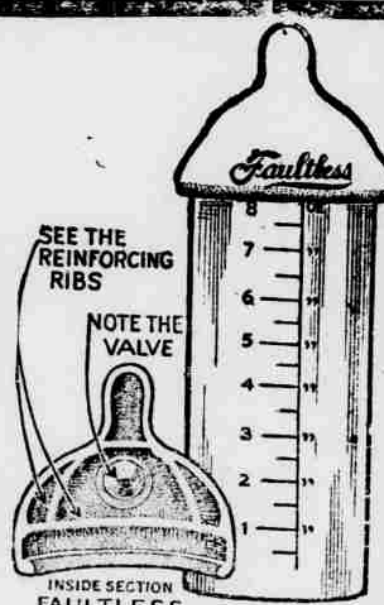
Gibraltar and New Mexico Louisville Courier-Journal.

The kaiser has offered to Spain Gibraltar and Morocco; to Poland freedom; Lithuania, a king; to Mexico a couple of American states; to Japan, California; to the crown prince, congratulations upon having stopped the drive of the allies; to the German election reforms after the war. In America the voters elect to the presidency men of ability plus reliability, and 12 men elect to the lunatic asylum a man who gives breakfast Morocco before breakfast and New Mexico in the afternoon.

WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS Springfield Republican.

It can be said for William L. Saunders, chairman of the naval consulting board, whose sensational announcement that a successful defense against the submarine had been discovered is regretted by his colleagues, that he ranks very high in the engineering business in the world. Among the most notable business connections is that of president of the big Ingelsoll-Rand company, the New York imperial tool company, the Ingelsoll-Sergeant drill company, the Rand drill company, the Cameron steam pump works and that of director of the International pneumatic tubes company, the Edison-Saunders compressed air company, the American international corporation and the International harvester company. A man having such a list of high-grade business connections and responsibilities cannot be dismissed as a crank. Mr. Saunders is also an inventor, for he invented an apparatus for drilling rock under water; and he is also a specialist on compressed enterprise, having written a book on the subject. Perhaps after all his expert knowledge of under-water rock drilling and of compressed air forces has given him some insight into the problem of fighting the U-boat menace. In any event, he refuses to be pessimistic on the subject, and for that much he merits thanks, although his confident announcement of results was certainly premature and doubtless unwarranted in the present stage of experimentation.

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WILSON NAMES RED CROSS COUNCIL

Washington, May 11.—President Wilson has created a "war council of the Red Cross" to direct relief work during the war, and made a public appeal for Red Cross contributions from "all those who can contribute either great sums or small to the alleviation of the suffering and distress which may inevitably arise out of this fight for humanity and democracy."

The head of the "war council" is Henry P. Davidson of J. P. Morgan and Company, who said in accepting the post that all the vast facilities of the Morgan firm would stand behind the Red Cross for the duration of the war. Former President Taft, chairman of the Red Cross central committee, will serve with the council, whose other members are Charles D. Norton, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., and Grayson M. P. Murphy of New York; Edward M. Hurley of Chicago and Eliot Wadsworth of Boston.

Definite plans have not been made by Mr. Davidson and the other members of the council, but the preliminary step was taken when telegrams were sent to the 600 chapters of the Red Cross, notifying them that a campaign soon would be undertaken to raise money and get the work under way.

"It is impossible to say how much money is going to be needed," said Mr. Davidson, "but it is going to be many millions of dollars. Just how we are going to get the money I don't know, but I have every confidence that the American people will respond as never before and that we will get it."

"I expect to devote practically all my time to the new assignment. I have enlisted. It is my bit, and I hope a great many more will regard a similar work as their bit. And I hope that no one will make the mistake of thinking that this is the ordinary work of alleviating suffering. It is that and more; it is an effective agency looking to winning the war." One of the first big things, he added, will be to bring relief to thousands of people in France left in pitiable poverty in the wake of the fighting armies. Tilling of the soil has been made impossible by the destruction of farming implements and the work of restoration will be not only an act of mercy, but a very practical aid in lessening the economic burden. The council expects to send to France and later to Russia and other allied countries, seeds and tools to enable non-combatants to resume cultivation of the devastated districts.

The work in America was not minimized, but Mr. Davidson will suggest to the chapters of the Red Cross that it is not nearly so immediate in its importance as that in Europe.

The early despatch of an organization to France to study conditions and determine what should be done is contemplated.

BUFFALO HERD IN DANGER

Pawnee Bill to Appeal to Government for Protection

Pawnee (Okla.) Courier-Dispatch. Another of Pawnee Bill's buffaloes has been shot and killed. This time it was a four year old heifer, as fine a specimen as is in the herd. Last year it was his prize bull that was shot. He was found, just at dark and was still warm, which led to the belief that it had been done by the Indians or by some white man, intending to come and get it under cover of darkness, and trade it to the Indians. It is a known fact that the Indians hold the buffalo in great reverence. He plays an important part in all their sacred councils, medicine meetings and religious rites.

The Wichitans, Comanches, Cheyenes and Arapahoes make annual visits to the buffalo ranch to make medicine with the buffalo. Pawnee Bill says he can't believe this is the

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