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LEAKSVILLE AS IT WAS IN 1914 AND WHAT IT MAY BE

Building of mills in Leaksville Gave Town New Hope And Life

CHANGES SHOW SOME PROGRESS IN 9 YEARS

When it became known that Marshall Field and Company would build large Mills in Leaksville, the old town began to take on hope followed by new life. Dreams of great riches passed through many a man's mind. New hope gives inspiration for undertakings in many lines of business and enterprise. But then as people began to find themselves and settle to the work before them, the war came on and with it new problems were upon us. Conservatism seemed to again dominate the thought and action of most men. No one knew just how things would end. Of course no one doubted the outcome, but as to when the struggle would end and the result as far as business was concerned, no one knew.

It was only natural that a people long conservative would again return to that state of mind whenever a dark cloud appeared. So it may be truthfully calculated that the war held the town back at least four years. It will be remembered that a start was made in the way of public improvements when Washington street and Boone road were paved with asphalt and water and sewer mains laid on Washington street.

High priced materials and labor conditions along with the policy of the Federal administration made further progress in public improvements impractical. It was then decided to defer any additional public work under the then existing conditions.

As for the Mills this policy did not prevail. Work was pushed on the Mills until they were completed and put into operation. Hundreds of houses were built for employes, streets laid out and graded, sidewalks laid and a town really brought into being in two years time. For the benefit of out of town readers, it may be stated that the mills are located inside of the incorporated town lines, while most of the mill residential section lies outside the line, but close to the town. This development undoubtedly added 1,000 or 1,200 more people to Leaksville inside and outside.

No town can be more proud of its mills than Leaksville. There is a good reason why it should in addition to the increased business it brought to stores and shops. The Wearwell Bedspread mills are a complete textile unit taking the raw cotton and turning out the finished Bedspreads ready for the Market, with a capacity of 15,000 Bedspreads a week.

And another thing, the management was in the hands of men well known in the community. This developed a spirit of cooperation. Work already begun, means much for Leaksville when completed. Until completed, it is but a hindrance to business with streets and roads torn up. Next summer should see one big thing after another completed.

The \$200,000 State Highway bridge on Hamilton streets across Dan river, should be open for travel late next summer. This will mean an asphalt road from both Greensboro and Danville, Va., by way of Reidsville through Wentworth the county seat, to Leaksville and a sand clay road to Ridgeway and Martinsville Virginia. While the State road by the Barry route will be two miles longer between Leaksville and Wentworth, the Hamilton Street route direct to Ridgeway will make up about the same distance.

The Town Engineer expects to see the \$200,000 water and sewerage systems in operation in June of this year. This will give the town a first class water system of suffi-

LIQUOR CONSPIRACY TO BE INVESTIGATED

Claims whiskey was shipped To Canada and then re-shipped to U. S.

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 7.—Conspiracy in which government agents are alleged to have acted in collusion with a Kentucky distillery in exporting to Canada a million and a half dollars worth of whiskey to be smuggled back into the United States is under investigation it was learned. Federal agents who have been investigating operations of a ring for weeks are said to have obtained evidence against a score of men.

WIFE MUST PAY HUSBAND ALIMONY

Mrs. Moon able to work must Support Husband

(By Associated Press) LOS ANGELES, March 7.—Fredrick Moon seventy who was sued for divorce by Lou Ethel Moon, forty, was awarded fifteen dollars monthly alimony by the superior court. "Mrs. Moon is strong and able to work while it is evident her husband is too feeble to support himself. She married him for better or worse and must stick to her bargain" the court ruled.

BRITISH-FRENCH STILL DEADLOCKED

(By Associated Press) LONDON, March 7.—A Reuters Cologne correspondent learns on the highest authority that French and British representatives are still completely deadlocked over the question of moving French troops through the British zone.

COAL SITUATION NOW VERY CRITICAL

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 7.—Despite long strike of coal miners and transportation difficulties which followed the National situation as to the coal supply, is now good according to a summary of reports from mining districts issued by the National Coal Association. Any shortage are not of serious moment the Association declared and exists only because of inability of railroads to furnish sufficient cars.

BURDENED WITH BILLS, BUT NO CARFARE

(By Associated Press) DUESSELDORF, March 6.—"You must be making an enormous lot of money," said an American to the head porter of the largest hotel in Duesseldorf, "you spend more than half your time counting great stacks of bills."

The head porter looked up sadly: "Don't joke with me," he admonished. "I am the man who is responsible for the passing of one of the oldest ironical sarcastic remarks ever made about jobs."

"What is it, I would like to know?" "This job isn't worth carfare," the porter replied.

It turned out to be literally true. It cost him fifteen thousand marks a month to go to and from his work on the street cars; the hotel paid him ten thousand marks.

client capacity for present and future needs. Then during the spring and early summer months, several miles of street paving will be done. Much grading must be done and filling in in several places and a concrete fill at least on bridge street. The amount that will be expended for street improvement will reach \$300,000. All these added together will make \$700,000 to be spent in and close to the town, who can now say that this here old town has not the Carolina spirit of punch and progress. It is said that tarheels are hard to start, but once started there is no stopping them.

(To be continued)

LEAKSVILLE GIRLS WINS FROM STRONG GREENSBORO QUINT

Score of 21 to 20 after most Exciting games in history of local basketball

HIGH SCHOOL LASSIES WINS TWO OF SERIES

The Leaksville Girls' High School Basketball Team Wins Second Game of the Championship Series.

In one of the most exciting games ever witnessed on the local court. The Leaksville High School Girls' defeated the strong quint from Greensboro last night by the very close score of 21 to 20.

The Greensboro team is one of the strongest in the State, having lost only one other game this season.

Both teams were intensely eager to win the game and the spectators were kept thrilled with intense excitement by the fast and furious playing of the players of the two teams. The game was spectacular from start to finish and the large crowd present certainly got their money's worth of good clean sport.

At the end of the first half the score was 11 to 8 in favor of Leaksville at the end of the third quarter luck had changed, and the score was 18 to 13 in favor of the Greensboro lassies. Leaksville forged ahead again in the last quarter. The final score being 21 to 20.

Both teams played a splendid game. The playing of Elizabeth Gunn for Leaksville, and Miss Miss Fluharty for Greensboro being especially brilliant.

Miss Elizabeth Gunn shot a field goal in the last few seconds of the game that turned the trick for the High School lassies.

Line up and summary. Greensboro, Leaksville. Fluharty r. f. Hodges Myers l. f. Eliza Gunn Stinnet c. Marshall Scurlock r. g. Moore Clapp l. g. Ev. Gunn Summary: Field goals. Fluharty 9. Myers 4, Hodges 4, Elizabeth Gunn 5. Foul goals; Gunn 3. Substitutes, Butner for Scurlock, Scurlock for Butner; Webb for Scurlock; Gunn for Marshall; Marshall for Gunn.

Referee, Hodges, Carolina. Umpire Philips.

CHAMPIONSHIP TUSSLE AGAIN ENDS IN TIE

Guilford College, March 6.—For the second time in the state championship race the girl basketballers of Reidsville and Winston-Salem high schools fought to a deadlock, the game here last night ending in an 18-18 point tie. In an effort to determine a winner the two teams will meet at the local court on Monday night.

The game last night was considerably slow. During the initial half of the contest the Reidsville highs were not able to strike their regular gait, the period closing with Winston-Salem on top an 11 to 1 score. The second half found the Winston-Salem team away off color.

Misses Newnam and Butler were the stellar players for the Reidsville five, while Miss Lents did practically all the scoring for the Winston-Salem lassies. The lineup and summary Reidsville Winston-Salem Newnam r. f. Lents Newnam l. f. Huntley Trent l. c. Huntley N. Ballard c. Sheppard Sowers r. g. Sheppard Gilley l. g. Stephenson

Summary: Field goals, Misses Newnam, 3; Butler, 3; Lents, 4; Huntley, 1. Goals from fouls, Miss Newnam 4 out of 4; Miss Trent, 1 out of 4; Miss Butler, 1 out of 4; Miss Huntley, 2 out of 6. Referee, Miss D. Stinnette, of Greensboro. Substitutes, Miss Butler for Miss Newnam, Miss Newnam for Miss Trent, Miss Shaner for Miss Stephenson, Miss Maslin for Miss Shepherd, Miss Maslin for Miss Maslin. Half time score, Reidsville, 2; Winston-Salem, 11.

OFFICERS ON SHINE STILL RAID KILLED BURIED IN SWAMP

Deputy sheriffs Crain and Wiley slain near still and bodies disposed of

CONFESSION LEADS TO FINDING BODIES

(By Associated Press) FRANKLINGTON, March 7.—The bodies of Wesley Crain and Wiley Pierce were found a quarter of a mile from the destroyed moonshine still in the swamps eight miles from here buried in mud and covered with the carcass of a cow. Jove Murphy and John Rester who confessed and led the officers to the spot, according to district Judge Prentiss Clark.

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—The bodies of Wesley Crain and Wesley Pierce deputies sheriff, missing since last Friday when they left Franklington to make a raid on a moonshine still in swamps between there and Bogalusa, have been located, according to a telephone message to the Times Picayune from Franklington. The message also stated that one of the twelve men now held in jail at Franklington as a suspect in connection with their disappearance is alleged to have confessed. The message did not state how and where the bodies were discovered.

LATE DISPATCHES RIGHT OFF THE WIRE

BERLIN, March 7.—The Coup d'etat planned to occur about the middle of March has been nipped in the bud by the arrest of fifteen persons at Munich, according to the authorities here.

RICHMOND, March 7.—Another long debate over the joint resolution to limit the introduction of New bills is indicated when the measure returned to the house after the passage by the senate yesterday. Meantime the senate indulged in a prolonged discussion of a resolution by Senator Leedy which would give consent to both branches for consideration of his bill providing penalties for persons wearing masks in public.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Duration ending March 4, during the two years of the Harding most a hundred thousand employes have been separated from the government service, according to a tabulation made at the direction of the President and given out at the White House.

PARIS, March 7.—The French government will ask the Chamber of Deputies to vote the ratification of treaties signed at the Washington armaments conference, Minister of Marine Raiberti, told the Chamber when asked as to the status of the pacts.

ANDERSON, S. C. March 7.—George Allen, negro, charged with Young a white farmer Monday was killing his employer, Cecil Hall captured near here by a sheriff's posse and hurried to Columbia for safe keeping.

SUN'S RAYS GENERATE THE POWER TO DRIVE AN ENGINE

NEW YORK, March 5.—A miniature engine whose power was generated by the sun's rays, was successfully demonstrated today in the laboratory of the College of the City of New York by Bernard Grossman a graduate.

A parabolic copper mirror caught and focused the rays upon a test tube of water, the heat causing steam which in turn operated the tiny motor at a high speed.

Grossman said his invention could provide light, heat and power, while being used in office buildings to produce motor trucks. He will build a larger model to prove his theory.

When Elizabeth starts after Greensboro they soon find they are up against a big gun.

DOCTOR ABDUCTED IS BEATEN AND ROBBED

Face slashed from eye to his Throat left in mud

(By Associated Press) OKLAHOMA, CITY, March 7.—Dr. Chester Goldberg who was abducted from his home here last night by four masked men, walked into police headquarters and told the authorities he regained consciousness while lying in a pool of mud thirteen miles from the city after he had been beaten and robbed. His face was disfigured by a slash from one eye to his throat.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OVERCOME SEVERE HANDICAP AFTER ALL

Passed best educational measure ever enacted in North Carolina

"LOST PROVINCES" BIG RECORD MAKER

The General Assembly of 1923 labored under severe handicaps. So many things of a spectacular nature happened in Raleigh during the sixty days of its life that we are afraid the public gave more attention to them than to the great constructive activities of the law-makers.

From the headlines and debates in both ends of the capital a man from Mars might have thought the anti-Ku Klux bill was of more importance than the educational bill. But they do not deserve to be mentioned in the same breath. We have the word of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that the 1923 Legislature passed the best educational measure ever enacted in N. C., if it had done nothing else, it would deserve to rank high among the legislative bodies of the Commonwealth.

There were many spectacular investigations. Sometimes these so far overshadowed the real work of the Legislature that the public was tempted to reach the conclusion that the General Assembly was doing nothing but investigate. But as a matter of fact it was making better provision for the maintenance and progress of the State's institutions than was ever made by any other Legislature.

Of course, the Legislature of 1923 made mistakes. It did some things that it ought not to have done and left undone some things that it ought to have done. But on the whole its record is one of which every member of both Houses may well be proud. The good bills far outnumber the bad bills. The things it failed to do that were right are nothing to the things it might have done that were wrong, but didn't. It failed to give us relief from congested court dockets by redistricting the State, but at the same time it might have put Solicitors' salaries so low that no lawyer worthy of the profession would have had the job.

—Winston-Salem Journal.

MR. P. F. OSBORNE RETIRES

Mr. P. F. Osborne has sold his interest in the Twin City Grocery Company to Mr. T. H. Barker and retires from that firm after several years of strict attention to business. The transfer of stock was made the latter part of December, but Mr. Osborne continued with the concern until yesterday. He has not announced what his intention is, whether he will engage in business in the near future or in what line. His name has been mentioned in connection with several enterprises.

Mr. Barker paid Mr. Osborne several very fine compliments this morning when asked as to the likelihood of change.

Mr. George B. Jones, Mr. John Bringle Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones Mrs. J. B. DeShazo and Miss Estelle Jones all of Ridgeway Va., were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Tuttle. Sunday.

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MRS. D. E. PURCELL SHOT THREE TIMES BY YOUNG BOY

Hilton Seares taken into the home turns on lady of house while men is out

DEMAND HER TO OPEN THE SAFE FOR HIM

REIDSVILLE, March, 7.—Mrs. D. Ernest Purcell was shot and perhaps fatally wounded yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Hilton Seares, a 17-year old orphan boy who was making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Purcell about seven miles south west of Reidsville.

Mrs. Purcell was carried to a Greensboro hospital this afternoon. Mrs. Purcell's husband was spending the day in Danville on business and young Seares, taking advantage of Mr. Purcell's absence, decided to rob the safe in the Purcell home. Entering the room he demanded of Mrs. Purcell to open the safe, and upon her refusal, the boy shot her with a revolver. The first bullet entered her arm, penetrating into her breast. Two other bullets entered the woman's back just left of the spine.

Her children at school at Sharon, a mile distant, were notified and one of the sons came to Reidsville for a physician.

The Purcells are prominent and well known in this county. Last year Mr. Purcell operated an automobile business in Reidsville.

The youthful desperado has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Purcell about a month. Only last Saturday Mr. Purcell told County Welfare Superintendent J. H. Allen that the youngster had been a model boy and he and his family were delighted to have him in their home.

Seares was an inmate for a time at the Thomasville orphanage. Last year he was sent to the orphanage farm (Kennedy Home) near Kinston. Seares was dissatisfied with his surroundings there and ran away. At little later he was caught at Raleigh and turned over to the State Welfare Department. About the first of December Welfare Superintendent J. H. Allen, of Rockingham county, was asked to take the boy in charge. Supt. Allen went to the home of the boy's sister, Mrs. Whitt, at Proximity, and brought the youth to Reidsville.

Mr. Purcell asked Supt. Allen to allow him to take charge of the boy. Seares seemed to be delighted with his new home and soon gained the full confidence of the Purcell family. He knew that Mr. Purcell kept money in the safe at home and the temptation to rob was too great for him to resist.

Seeing Mrs. Purcell seriously wounded the boy dropped the revolver, mounted one of Mr. Purcell's horses and left. A short distance down the road an hour after the shooting occurred the horse was found wandering in the woods without its rider.

Searching parties were formed and messages sent to nearby points notifying officers of the dastardly deed.

Mrs. Purcell before her marriage was Miss Vannie Troxler, daughter of Alex. Troxler, of near Benaja.

REIDSVILLE, March 7.—At noon today the Sheriff's office or Police Department of Reidsville had not located Hilton Seares who yesterday shot Mrs. D. E. Purcell at their home west of Reidsville.

They had a report stating that a young man answering the boy's description was carried toward Burlington or Eden College. Seares spent the night it was said in Rockingham County.

Mrs. Purcell was reported better this morning and hopes are now held out for her recovery.

There is a \$50 reward now offered for the arrest of Seares.

Mrs. B. Frank Mebane returned home last evening from a trip to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, D. C. Col. Mebane meeting her at Reidsville.

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