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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

WAXHAW NEWS ITEMS.

Marriage of Popular Young Lady—A Former Union Man Prodigal With Autos.

Waxhaw Enterprise, 14th. Miss Pearl Rodmar took her Sunday school class to Charlotte last Thursday night to attend the Chapman-Alexander meeting. The class is composed of Henry and Olin Massey, Hubert and Walkup McCain, Henry Belk and Bill McDonald. Miss Minnie Nisbet accompanied them.

Mr. Grover C. Dees of Rock Hill got his big five passenger Chalmers automobile burned near Belair last Sunday night while enroute from Waxhaw to Rock Hill. It was a 60-horse power machine and cost \$2,400. The remains of the machine were brought to Waxhaw Monday morning. It is understood that the machine was insured for \$1,400.

Mrs. Adelaide T. Goodno of Raleigh, president of the North Carolina W. C. T. U., will be in Waxhaw next Monday and Tuesday. Monday afternoon Mrs. Goodno will meet with the ladies of the town in the graded school auditorium and give a discussion entitled, "Why Every Lady should belong to the W. C. T. U." Monday night she will give a public address in the school building on temperance and the progress of the W. C. T. U. in North Carolina. Tuesday morning she will address the school children on the evil effects of alcohol. Everybody is invited to attend the open meeting on Monday night.

On April 11, 1915, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blythe, Miss Nellie May Blythe and Mr. Jesse J. Richardson were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. K. W. Hogan in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

As Mrs. Baxter Blythe softly played the wedding march the bride and groom, attended by Mr. John Reid, Miss Myrtle Blythe, Mr. Joe Stephenson, Miss Beulah Broom, Mr. Jesse Carnes and Miss Etta McManus, marched from the parlor to the sitting room. There the words that made them man and wife were spoken in an impressive manner. Immediately after the ceremony they drove to the home of the groom where a most bountiful supper was served. Mr. Richardson is the oldest son of Mr. J. M. W. Richardson of the Bethlehem community. He is a man of sterling character and fine farmer. He is to be congratulated on his wise choice for a wife. Miss Nellie Blythe was one of the most popular young ladies in her community and will be greatly missed, though by her sensible and charming manner she will be warmly welcomed into the community into which she has gone. This happy young couple start out life with many bright prospects. Their many friends wish for them a long and happy life.

PINCHOT'S EXPULSION.

Gives Out Statement to Associated Press in Regard to Affair

Both Henry Van Dyke, American minister to The Netherlands, and Gifford Pinchot, attached to the American legation, have endeavored to the utmost to keep the matter of Mr. Pinchot's expulsion from Belgium by the Germans from publicity, least such action should render more difficult relief work in Belgium and northern France.

Mr. Pinchot, however, on learning that the incident had been published, gave the Associated Press the following signed statement: "Some time ago I was asked by Herbert C. Hoover to become a member of the commission for relief in Belgium and to take charge of the feeding of the French in the invaded provinces north of the German lines. After going twice to the continent, arrangements finally were completed and guarantees given to the commission by the German government that the American commission's food would not be taken.

"I came to The Hague and reported immediately to Dr. Van Dyke, to whose legation I was attached by orders from Washington, with the specific duty of representing the commission of relief in feeding the civil population in northeastern France within the German lines.

"Dr. Van Dyke procured from the German legation at The Hague the necessary papers for entering Belgium. On March 30 I went with my wife in a commission automobile and was accompanied by a Brussels representative of the commission to the Belgian frontier, where my diplomatic and commission passes were examined. After three hours' delay we were sent under an armed escort to Antwerp.

"The next morning orders came from the German governor, General von Bissing, through the head of the pass office in Antwerp, that we were to leave Belgium without delay. No reason was assigned for the action.

"Before leaving, however, I received a letter from the American minister at Brussels, Brand Whitlock, saying that the reason given him by General von Bissing for our expulsion was my relationship to the British minister at The Hague, Sir Alan Johnstone, who married my sister, and the fact that I had stayed with him at The Hague on my way to Belgium. Accordingly we returned to Holland March 31, and since then have been staying with the American Minister at The Hague awaiting instructions from Washington.

"In entering and leaving Belgium, Mrs. Pinchot and I were searched by the German military authorities."

A TAR HEEL MOUNTINEER IN FRENCH ARMY.

American Newspaper Man Brings Back an Interesting Fairy Tale.
Washington Correspondence of the Charlotte Observer.

A well-known American newspaper man who had been in the war zone of Europe for several months brought back to the United States a good North Carolina story. The story is all the better because the man who tells it never was in the Old North State; he just stumbled on the facts, and knowing the Observer's correspondent to be a Tar Heel gave him the yarn.

"I was out near the firing line," said the returned scribe, "when some French soldier told me to go and talk with a man that stood head and shoulders above anybody else on that particular field of battle. The Frenchman, to whom I spoke French, said I would find an interesting fellow-American in a nearby giant, who was busy scooping out a trench.

"I drifted over to where the big fellow was at work, and told him that I was a New Yorker, and wrote for an American paper. At first, the chap was disconcerted, but when I told him that I was not hunting a story from him, and assured him I would not tell on him in the States, he opened up.

"You must not tell anybody back home that you saw me," said the trench digger. "They might want to recall me. I came over here from Canada, where I have been living for some time, but Canada is not my native country; I came from the mountains of North Carolina. That's where I belong. This war is pie to me. The hotter it gets the more like home to me. I was born among husky mountain moonshiners. My people did not make any of the stuff, but we all fought together sometimes. It's been pretty dull in the States since everything started going dry."

"There are a good many fellows from the States in the various armies. Most of them came over from Canada. "I never saw a better looking specimen of manhood than that Tar Heel appeared to be. The French soldiers called him 'the Yankee with the punch.' He can lift as much as a mule can pull, and he uses a gun with great accuracy."

The American newspaper man was very much pleased with the way the big North Carolinian departed himself. He said the other soldiers were afraid to cross him.

It was impossible to get the man's name but perhaps some community will recognize him.

There are many soldiers of fortune in the European battle lines, and the South is furnishing her share of them. It has been intimated that the British army was recruiting in the United States, offering enlisted men and officers inducements to desert.

The North Carolina mountaineer had an advantage by being in Canada when the war broke out. In the movement from Western States of the Union to Canada during the last ten or fifteen years many Southern men crossed the line from Montana, Washington, the Dakotas and other States along the Canadian boundary.

Disappears; His Wife Suspects Foul Play.

Asheville Dispatch, 14th.

Members of the sheriff's department and the police force yesterday were notified of the disappearance of James A. McDevitt from his home on Livingston street. Mr. McDevitt left his home at an early hour Saturday morning to go to the Southern Railway blacksmith shops, where he was employed, with the statement that he would return in a short time. He said that he didn't intend to work Saturday, but desired to report for duty at the shop. Since that time he has not been heard of and his wife is uneasy about him. He is the father of seven small children. Efforts of the officers to locate him have been without results.

Mrs. McDevitt told the sheriff that her husband was injured about a year ago and since that time he often has complained that for short periods his mind was blank. He had \$75 in his pockets at the time of his disappearance and carried a handsome gold watch. Mrs. McDevitt suspects foul play.

Harpooned Fatback With Pitchfork.

Lee County News.

There was one of the slickest acts of robbery committed here on last Saturday night ever before happening in the town. In the wholesale house of the Sanford Grocery Company was a box of meat containing about two hundred and fifty pounds just inside of the building near a window which was left open by the management, but the window is well barred with steel. Some time during the night the thief or thieves secured a pitchfork from the stables of W. R. McAuley and used this instrument in fishing the meat from the box inside out through the bars and proceeded to haul the fat to other quarters. So far the officers have no clue as to the perpetrators of the robbery.

Struck Out of a Job.

Greensboro Patriot.

Forty negro laborers employed in the Armour fertilizer factory, south of the city, went on a strike a few days ago for higher wages. The management paid off the strikers and sent a man up town who employed other laborers to take their places. It would appear that folks who really want to work should think twice before going on a strike in these times.

CAT JUMPED ON MAN

Pageland Citizen Had a Tough Fight With Mad Animal Which Attacked Him.
Pageland Journal, 14th.

More fertilizer is being hauled away than was indicated by the figures a couple of weeks ago. There will be probably about two thirds as much used in this section as last year.

The rise in the price of cotton has come at the wrong time, and many farmers will forget the lesson of the past season and plant too much cotton again. This is another reason why you should not.

Mr. J. C. Parker, who has been with the Bank of Pageland for several months has entered Smithfield's business college at Richmond, where he will study bookkeeping and banking.

Since the election of Mr. T. E. Mulloy as mayor of Chesterfield, it has been discovered that he cannot lawfully serve, because he is registrar of vital statistics for Court House township. Another election will be held this week.

Mr. Robert Turner was second in the annual Sylvan cup race at the University of South Carolina Friday afternoon. He ran the entire distance of four and three-tenths miles in 24 minutes and 33 seconds. He was 20 seconds behind G. M. Mears, who won the race. Bob doesn't look as if he could run 4 miles in less than about an hour.

Friday night Mr. Solomon Jordan stepped out at his door and out of the darkness a cat sprang into his bosom and began biting and scratching furiously. His hands were badly scratched and an ugly wound was made in his breast before the "varmint" could be shaken off. At first no uneasiness was felt but when a mad dog was killed in the community he began to be uneasy. He went to Charlotte Saturday to the "mad stone" and it "stuck."

ENGLAND WILL PEDAL SOFTLY ON COTTON SHIPMENTS.

Staple Will Not Be Placed on Contraband List and Cargoes May Go Even to Germany.
London Dispatch, 14th.

The British government has decided against placing cotton again on the contraband list.

A vote was taken in the house of commons today on this subject and Neil Primrose, under secretary of foreign affairs, on behalf of the foreign office, replied that after careful consideration it had been found that the military advantages to be gained by declaring cotton contraband were insufficient to render such a step expedient.

Confined to Neutral Countries.

Washington Dispatch, 14th. As understood at the state department, the effect of the announcement in the house of commons today by the under secretary of foreign affairs that cotton would be held non-contraband will be confined mainly to neutral countries of Europe. It is presumed that no exception will be made in favor of cotton cargoes going directly to Germany.

It is anticipated, however, that there will be no further trouble about shipping cotton to Spanish Mediterranean ports and Italy and other south European countries, possibly also shipments to Sweden and Norway will move freely, although officials are not quite clear as to the latter countries. Shipments to Holland too probably are exempt by reason of the embargo on transshipment to Germany.

Rapid Rural Mail Transit.

Concord Tribune. Three of the rural carriers connected with the Salisbury postoffice have purchased automobiles and have requested a faster schedule for their daily trips. As soon as this is granted the time of these men will be shortened by several hours each day.

"Clean Up and Paint Up"

All Together for a Better Hometown



Everybody Get Behind the Broom

MANY PEOPLE KILLED IN TROLLEY CAR COLLISION.

Detroit Scene of Frightful Accident—Street Car Hits String of Freight Cars.—Fifteen Dead.

Detroit (Mich.) Dispatch, 14th.

Fifteen persons were killed and about 20 injured late today in a collision between a Detroit city street car and a string of freight cars pushed by a switch engine on the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railroad.

Most of the dead live in Detroit's foreign quarter. Four are women.

The street car, crowded with passengers, stopped as it approached the railroad crossing and the conductor ran ahead to see if the track was clear. He signalled the motorman to wait, but apparently the motorman misunderstood his meaning. He applied the power and the car ran down an incline and onto the railroad tracks.

The freight cars pushed by the engine struck the street car fairly in the middle. The wreckage was pushed along a hundred feet, several of the dead and injured dropping along the street before the train was stop-splintered mass of steel.

At the place where the accident occurred the railroad tracks cross a narrow street. At one corner of the intersection stood a grocery store and on the opposite side the station of the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton railroad. Both these buildings were struck by the street car as it bounded ahead of the freight cars. No occupant of either structure was hurt.

A Test of Firmness.

Charlotte Observer.

In refusing a pardon to James Wilcox, Governor Craig took the judicial view of the case. Undoubtedly he has the evidence and the law on his side, and yet, in view of this pressure brought to bear on him, it must have been a difficult matter for the Governor to stand firm for what he knew to be right, and what the State believes to have been right. It was a question of maintaining the courts, or of setting them aside, and with the lights before him Governor Craig acted righteously.

Poisoned by Eating Left-Over Easter Eggs.

Charlotte Observer.

As a result of eating gaudily colored Easter eggs, Master John Henry Norman, the two and one-half year old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norman, lies in a serious condition at the home of his parents, 1107 South Graham street. Only immediate and strenuous efforts saved the life of the child, who became desperately ill a short time after devouring the poisonous solution which had worked its way through the egg-shell during the 10 days since the dyes were applied.

Master Norman chanced upon the basket of eggs about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, while playing about the home. Within a half hour, the child displayed signs of poisoning and within a short time thereafter, was desperately ill. Dr. E. C. Walker and Miss Mary Blythe, a trained nurse, being summoned, applied the first aid remedies to the small patient, and after several hours of apparently hopeless labor, were rewarded with the first signs of improvement. Although in a serious condition today, it is thought that the child's recovery is now assured.

Playing With the Alphabet.

Cleveland Star.

Cleveland county has some citizens who use the alphabet in various ways. Three distinguished gentlemen mark the time of day with initials or rank of position. There is Anti Meridian (A. M.), Hamrick, Meridian (M.), Putnam, and Post Meridian Roberts, (W. J. Roberts, P. M.) D. D. Dodd don't trouble the alphabet except for the use of two letters, d and o, to write his name, while A. B. C. DePriest takes the letters as they come and is satisfied with the first five as the first five letters for his initials and name.

A Court Ruling on Whiskey.

Wadesboro Ansonian.

The court held yesterday that when an officer sees a man, who has just received a shipment of whiskey, sell a bottle of something to another man and receive the money for it, there is no evidence to go to a jury, even though the bottle looked like a whiskey bottle and its contents were immediately emptied by three men. Will the officers be required eventually to make an analysis in order to get a case before the jury.

"THE SCHOOL IS OUT" NOW.

The Commencement was a Fine Event—Don't Get in Too Big a Hurry Because Things are a Little Late.
Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, April 12 to 15.—Mr. Ernest Robertson lost a valuable horse Monday evening. The cause of the death of the animal is unknown to the writer. Messrs. Robertson seem unfortunate in this respect. About a year ago, Mr. John Robinson, the father, lost a valuable animal quite unexpectedly.

The game of ball played here Monday evening between the Monroe and the Wingate teams resulted in a glorious victory for the Wingate boys. Next!

Mr. M. B. Sherrin of Concord spent Monday night with his friends and schoolmates, Messrs. E. C. and J. C. Meigs in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Meigs.

Mr. Clarence Rowell and Miss Mamie Umphrey were married on Monday evening, the 12th, at the home of the bride's cousin, Mr. M. S. Umphrey of Wingate, Rev. C. J. Black officiating. The wedding was on the quiet order, only a few special friends and relatives, including the father of the bride, being present to witness the ceremony. The bride is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. Lee Umphrey, and was a student at the Wingate School during the last term. The groom is the adopted son of Mr. J. W. Rowell of Waxhaw. Both are deservedly popular and have a host of friends to wish them a happy and prosperous life together.

Their many friends were delighted to have amongst their distinguished visitors during commencement, Rev. Messrs. Joel Snyder of Fayetteville and Bruce Benton of Rockingham. These are two of Union county's young ministers of whom she is justly proud and who always have a cordial welcome awaiting their visits within our borders.

Mr. H. McNeal of Laurinburg, one of the trustees of the Wingate School, was also among the prominent visitors from a distance.

Monroe and other nearby towns were well represented on Sunday and Monday of commencement week.

Well, the "school is out" and we shall miss its wholesome influence, the bright and intelligent faces of the young folks. We shall note their vacated places and their faithful attendance and their zealous aid, in both church and Sabbath school. As these young people return to their respective homes for mental rest and recuperation, the writer, in behalf of the Wingate citizens, wish for them a happy and profitable vacation. He also hopes and believes that every one who tried, earnestly and studiously, has been greatly benefited by the influence of our fine school and its environments, so much so that we shall not be at all surprised at their return at the reopening next fall.

Monday was an ideal day for an ideal commencement, and such was the 18th annual commencement of the Wingate High School. Upon good authority, the writer feels safe in saying that it was a brilliant success in every detail and was an improvement on any of its predecessors. The exercises of the students were highly creditable and gave evidence of faithful and zealous work on the part of both faculty and study body.

The literary address by Rev. H. C. Moore was of an order entirely in keeping with the occasion and was heard with profound interest and high appreciation by an immense audience of loyal friends and well wishers of the institution.

There was a large attendance on the occasion and all seemed highly delighted with the outcome. Monday evening the play, "The Country Doctor," was well rendered and was one of the most delightful occasions of the day and furnished amusement and pastime to a house of at least 500 witnesses. "Gate receipts" amounted to \$100, disbursed as follows: Annual sermon \$10, literary address \$10, music \$30, incidentals \$4. The balance, \$46, goes to the general expenses of the school.

Music was furnished by the Monroe Orchestra and was exceedingly fine, charming and delightful.

Our farmers are getting down to business in earnest these fine spring days. The fine weather, the disappointments from the outcome of last season, the tight lines through which they are passing, together with a determination to succeed, seem to instill into them fresh zeal and enthusiasm. Fortunate, indeed, for all mankind that the farmer is so spirited, long suffering and courageous, for it devolves upon him to feed, clothe, house, educate, doctor, maintain the armies and navies, to furnish luxuries, amusements, etc., for all the world. No wonder he complains a little sometimes under such enormous burdens. When will his importance ever be fully recognized and his task rightly appreciated?

Let's not get into too big a hurry now because the season is a little late and the time for preparation and planting seems somewhat short, and make the grave mistake of planting the crop in unprepared ground. Whatever you may gain in time by so doing will most assuredly be lost in the final outcome. A day's work for hand and team may easily be worth anywhere from five to twenty dollars in the final count. A fine seed bed, good, vital seed properly planted are three absolute essentials to a good crop.

O. P. TIMIST.

Clean up and paint up. Do it now.

BORAX A FLY PREVENTIVE.

A Pound Per Horse Per Week Prevents Fly Breeding—Cleanliness Also a Good Thing.
Board of Health Bulletin.

Each Spring when the anti-fly campaign starts up the State Board of Health is repeatedly called on to recommend some chemical treatment that will destroy fly larvae in manure. To find that chemical which will destroy the fly economically and at the same time preserve the fertilizing value of the manure appears to be a somewhat baffling question to scientists but one they are hopeful of solving. In fact through a long process of experimentation with different chemicals, the United States Department of Agriculture believes that it has found what may be relied on as an economical, practical and fairly effective larvicide. It is ordinary borax.

The Bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture speaking of the favorable results obtained by the use of borax says: "It possesses a marked larvicidal action and appears to exert no permanent injury on the fertilizing value of the manure."

The Bulletin reckons the cost of borax treatment, using ordinary commercial borax costing 5 to 6 cents per day, and recommends about a pound of borax to every cubic foot or 12 bushels of manure immediately after its removal from the stable, or in other words, about a pound per horse per week. It further advises the sprinkling of the borax through any fine sieve over the manure, especially around the outer edges if placed in a pile and that the whole be sprinkled with three to five gallons of water.

While the State Board of Health would not for a moment frown on the use of borax where borax is necessary, or where for some reason prompt removal of manure seems out of the question, but attention should be called to the danger of trying to use some larvicide to the neglect of ordinary cleanliness. In other words, beware of perfume where a bath is needed.

Where practical manure should be placed in a tight, tanned and grooved box so that the larvae cannot work their way down or out through cracks and so that female flies cannot deposit more eggs in the manure. Such a box should be cleaned out thoroughly not less than once every five days, or better still twice a week.

Death of a Good Man—Other News From Indian Trail.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Mr. Ney McNeely of Monroe visited our little village this week.

Mr. Z. A. Presley, the rural mail carrier on route one from this place, has been very sick this week and was unable to make his rounds.

Mr. Ernest Austin is very sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. Dorcas Todd of Carthage is by the bedside of her sick sister, Mrs. Della Austin.

Mr. Torrence Hemby of Charlotte visited friends and relatives in the village this week.

Mrs. J. W. Rallings spent a few days this week at Wingate visiting her brother, Rev. E. C. Snider.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. John Wilson this morning and called him to be with the Holy Father in heaven. Mr. Wilson was 73 years, 11 months, 22 days old, a very mature age. He was a good christian man and was beloved by all who knew him. He was a Confederate soldier and served his country nobly. He was in the 23rd N. C. Regt., Co. A. Mr. Wilson is survived by his good wife and four children: Mrs. J. H. Helms, Miss Julia Wilson and Mr. J. H. Wilson. The body of Mr. Wilson will be laid to rest in the graveyard at Pleasant Plain Baptist church Friday at 10 o'clock. This community loses a good man and citizen whom we all are deeply grieved to part with and the bereaved family has the sympathy of all the community in their hour of sorrow. May they take solace in the thought that "God doeth all things well."

Makes Big Haul.

Lexington Dispatch, 14th.

Floyd Lee, a 11-year-old negro of diminutive proportions, stole \$105 from the Lexington Hardware Company yesterday. He watched his chances and when no one was looking snatched it from the cash drawer and escaped. He was suspected and today, after much labor, Chief Hartness secured a confession and the return of all the money except \$13 which the youngster had blown in on his friends.

Local Company for Electric Power.

Laurinburg News.

There has been incorporated a company of local capitalists to furnish electric power for the cotton mill, McNair Phosphate Company, and Maxton and the mills and town of Lumberton. The plant will be located in Lumberton.

The Right Sort of Grit.

North Wilkesboro Hustler.

A bridge has been built across Yadin River at the old Helman ferry by private subscription of the people of Boomer and Lewis Ford to ship, the cost being \$325. A petition was sent to the representatives in the Legislature but no result was gotten and these enterprising citizens pitched independently.

Don't fail to see "The Man on the Box," the great Paramount picture at the Rex Friday. Five acts, 214 scenes. Admission 10 and 15 cents.