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CERTIFICATE TO WEAVER

Certificate Given Him Following Dismissal of Britt's Appeal by Supreme Court.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—Zebulon Weaver, democrat of Asheville, is congressman-elect for the Tenth congressional district, succeeding Congressman James J. Britt, republican incumbent. Congressman Weaver's certificate of election was issued late today by Governor Craig following action by the state Supreme court dismissing Congressman Britt's appeal from the decision by Judge W. J. Adams who refused to grant a writ of alternative mandamus to compel the Buncombe county board of canvassers to certify the vote of that county on the face of the returns as they appeared on the night of November 9.

In political circles here it is taken for granted that Britt will take the contest to the floor of the House of Representatives.

Credit Union For Hebron.

An enthusiastic Credit Union meeting was held at Hebron, in Crooked Creek township, Friday, December 15. Twenty-one people subscribed for one or more shares each. The following officers were elected: J. M. Casey, A. Knight, C. L. Lytle, George Moffitt, J. J. Moffitt and J. P. Walker, board of directors; Fred Mills, W. L. Moffitt and A. B. Burgin, credit committee; J. A. Burgin, J. M. Gibson and W. T. Moffitt, supervising committee. There will be another meeting at one o'clock Saturday, December 30, for the purpose of adopting by-laws and securing additional members. The board of directors will meet at 12:45 o'clock and will elect from their number a president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

A credit union gathers together the idle cash in a community and uses it for developing the neighborhood instead of sending it off to build up manufacturing enterprises. It is a form of self help and as someone has truly said "farmers do not need government aid so much as they need the spirit and power to help themselves." The members of the faculty of Hebron Collegiate Institute deserve much credit for the part they have taken in starting this credit union, which will no doubt prove beneficial to that community.

Corn Club Winner in Buncombe.

Asheville, Dec 17.—Glenn Holcombe, of Candler, won first prize in the Boys Corn Club contest, held at the court house yesterday, his record being 124 17-31 bushels from an acre. Edgar Black, Weaverville, was second with 118 1-3 bushels. James Horton, of Democrat, was third with a yield of 112 3-4 bushels. The annual meeting and award of prizes was held at the court house here yesterday and attracted boys and men from all parts of the county.

The boys were awarded combination prizes in cash and farm implements valued at \$25, \$20 and \$15 respectively, the prizes being awarded by the county, the board of trade and various merchants of the city.

Americans Killed When Submarine Sinks Transport.

London, Dec. 19.—Seventeen American muleteers have been killed and eleven of the crew of the British horse transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on December 14. The British admiralty makes this announcement: "The empty westbound British horse transport ship Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on the 14th. Eleven of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, the first officer and the second officer. Also seventeen American muleteers were killed. Their names have been communicated to the American consul."

The transport Russian referred to probably is the British steamer of that name which sailed from Newport News, November 16, for Alexandria, Egypt, which would be about due to return. Her net tonnage was 5,753.

Radium As A Cure For Cancer A Failure.

New York, Dec. 17.—After exhaustive tests upon rats, mice and guinea pigs the use of radium as a cure for cancer and tumors has been found to be a failure, according to the annual report of Dr. Francis Carter Wood, head of the Crocker Cancer Research Fund of Columbia University, made public tonight. For cases on which operation is not possible radium is successful as a palliative only, the report states.

"It is unquestionably possible to prolong life in a few instances," Dr. Wood says, "and to make the patients more comfortable by the judicious and intelligent employment of large quantities of radium. On the other hand it is equally certain that the use of small quantities say 20 to 50 milligrams of radium element, often results in a rapid extension of the tumor so that the patient's condition is worse than if he had been left alone."

Three Burned to Death in Canton Fire.

Canton, Dec. 16.—John Penland and two daughters, Mildred and Laura, lost their lives while his wife and son, Will, were seriously burned when fire destroyed their home about a mile from here last night about 11 o'clock. Mr. Penland was about seventy years of age, and the two daughters who were burned to death were Mildred, aged twenty-one and Laura, aged fourteen. The aged woman managed to save one son and one daughter practically uninjured, but the father, who was trying to awaken his two oldest daughters was caught in the flames and died with them.

Summer School Chatter.

Superintendent A. T. Allen, of the Salisbury Graded Schools and President of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, will be a member of the A. & M. Summer School during its six weeks session next summer, according to Professor W. A. Withers.

Several plans are under way to make this school one of great value to those teachers and others engaged in rural work in the state.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

HARMONY GROVE

Harmony Grove, Dec. 18.—James Pyatt was a visitor here last Sunday.

Ferman Pyatt and Miss Blanddena Morgan were happily married at the Methodist parsonage at Nebo last Monday, Rev. J. A. Fry officiating. Their many friends wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Ed. Crawley visited relatives at Thompson's Fork one day last week. A number of the young folks attended a box supper at Chapel Hill last Saturday night.

James Pyatt of Marion has bought his father's farm near Harmony Grove. Floyd Lawing has accepted a position at a hospital in Richmond, Va.

Robert Crawley has accepted a position with the Beaman Lumber company at Marion Junction.

Co-operation.

Contributed.

Many seem to think that the banks would object to the operation of the Farm Loan Association. Such is not the case because our banks are manned by business men who realize that, though it may take a little of their business temporarily, the final result will be a prosperity in which everyone, banker as well as farmer will share.

The same may be said of merchants and farmers cooperative enterprises. The broadminded business man realizes that the greatest need of farmers is more cooperation. Not cooperation for the purpose of running the merchant out of business as some seem to think but for a more prosperous agriculture and better conditions in the country.

When first organized a farmers club generally starts on something very simple like saving two cents on a pound of coffee or something similar. Of course the time lost is worth much more than the small amount saved, but members learn the fundamental principles of co-operation, and this leads to a bigger and broader view, the two cents is forgotten, and soon all cooperate for better farming, better live stock, better homes, better schools, better roads, better churches, a better community and a better county. As night follows day, so true cooperation is followed by a prosperity in which everyone shares.

The Paper Situation.

Charlotte Observer.

The North Carolina newspaper men in Washington at least succeeded in catching the attention of the Federal Trade Commission and the manufacturers. The understanding of Mr. Varner and other members of the committee was that the commission was not inclined to go to the bottom of the situation and therefore the interest of the Department of Justice was solicited. There was some appropriateness, at least, in going to that department. Meantime, the North Carolinn Press Association appears to be hanging on to the idea of establishing a co-operative factory for the manufacture of paper, and it begins to look like an enterprise of this sort is quite certain to grow out of the agitation.

Rev. Wm. H. Moore spent the week-end in Wilmington, where he preached Sunday.

Veterans Get \$4,980 in Pensions.

Clerk of Court Thomas Morris has received from the State Treasurer checks for the Confederate veterans and their widows in this county, the checks received amounting to \$4,980. There are 157 pensioners in the county this year, a decrease of six since last December. The pensioners are divided as follows: One blind soldier who received \$120; one second class, \$60; two third class, at \$48 each, 96; eighty-six fourth class, at \$32 each, \$2,752; and sixty-one widows, at \$32 each, \$1,952.

The annual payment is made just before Christmas every year, in order that the veterans may have sufficient money to have a happy Christmas.

Provisions For North Carolina Buildings.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Public Building bill, which was introduced today, makes provision for North Carolina postoffice projects as follows:

Increases—Rockingham, \$5,000; Wadesboro, \$5,000; Wilson, \$75,000; Edenton, \$25,000; Lenoir, \$30,000; Lumberton, \$30,000; Mount Airy, \$55,000 for building and \$5,000 for site; Mount Olive, \$30,000.

New projects—Albemarle, \$8,000; Clinton, \$5,000; Dunn, \$7,000; Louisburg, \$6,000; Marion, \$6,000; Sanford, \$7,000; Williamston, \$5,000.

Yuletide Again.

The Yuletide season is with us again. It is with us, but not of us, for much of the earth knows little of joy today. Upon many millions of people the sun shines as brightly as in the days of old, but its lustre is dimmed by the shedded blood of suffering humanity. The benign smile of the Divine One is as tender and as loving as when the world was young, but the twentieth century finds too many in the human race bent upon pleasure, and profit, and revenge, and forgetful of the beauties of life as seen through eyes that are better and holier than ours.

It is with this knowledge that these people of our little community approach the Yuletide time, when all should be sunshine, and gladness and joy. But if we may not sway the rest of the world, if our voice be not heard beyond confines of our own firesides, we yet may look upward with a feeling of gladness and thankfulness that the horrors that are engulfing the rest of the world have at least passed us by.

We may be thankful that we have even an hour of peace and prosperity for our country, though no one knows when the withering hand of the blight of the century may be spread over our own fair land.

Let us be joyful today, but let us mingle that joy with compassion for the stricken ones of other lands, to whom the Yuletide season is but a mockery and an agonizing delusion.

French Capture Many Germans

Paris, Dec. 18.—French forces have captured 11,387 German prisoners on the Verdun front since December 15, according to an announcement by the war office today.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Four prisoners, one white man and three negroes, in jail at Statesville, made their escape Monday evening and had not been caught at last reports.

Gov. Craig has appointed Albert L. Cox of Raleigh successor to Judge Cooke. Judge Cox is a member of the National Guard and is now at home from the border on furlough.

Gamewell Smith, aged four, was instantly killed and his father, Barnett Smith, a merchant of King's Mountain, and the latter's wife, were badly bruised Sunday evening when Smith's car turned over a mile from Gastonia. Mr. and Mrs. Jason Fry, also of King's Mountain, who were riding with them, were more or less seriously injured.

The Statesville Landmark says Postal Clerk W. B. Garrison, Engineer John W. Cline and Fireman Earnest Allison, all victims of the Elmwood wreck on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, are still in Statesville hospitals, the first named at Billingsley and the two latter at Long's Sanatorium. All are improving. Mr. Cline, who is able to walk a little on crutches, hopes to go to his home in Asheville this week.

Use Red Cross Seals.

The fight against tuberculosis in North Carolina is growing stronger and more determined every year. Much progress has been made in recent years toward the prevention and treatment of this dreaded malady, and there is ground for hope that some day this fearful disease, which every year claims thousands of valuable lives, can be eradicated.

What has proven an effective means of combating tuberculosis is the plan, originated by the State Department of Health, of selling Red Cross Seals every year just before Christmas. Seventy-five per cent of the money received from the sale of the seals is spent in fighting the disease in the community where the seals are sold.

The good women of Marion have done much good in the past for the care and relief of sufferers in this locality, and they are again offering the public an opportunity to assist in this humane work. Red Cross seals have been placed on sale at drug stores and other places business in town. Those who purchase these seals will aid in a great work for the alleviation of human suffering.

Newspaper Facing Problem.

The retail price of news print paper has increased from two to three times what it cost six months ago, and where it will stop no one can tell. Many newspapers are advancing their advertising and subscription rates to meet the additional expense; others will be driven to make an increase if the cost of material keeps soaring. The public has no idea of the supreme difficulties facing the newspaper publishers. Subscribers can relieve the situation, and help themselves in the long run, by paying up promptly what they are due.