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PENSION ADVANCE SOON OPERATIVE

Each Pensioner Will Receive Approximately 40 Per Cent More Than Formerly.

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—The first payment of pension money to Confederate veterans and widows of veterans with the increase authorized by the last legislature will be made December 15, and State Auditor Baxter Durham has figured each pensioner will receive approximately 40 per cent more money than the last payment.

Pensioners of the first class, who have been receiving \$110 annually, will get \$150 for the next year. The increase to second class pensioners is from \$100 to \$135; third class, \$80 to \$120, and fourth class, \$70 to \$100.

The total amount to be paid out in pensions for the next year will be \$1,000,000 as against \$655,000 for this year. Pension money is paid semi-annually in advance. The payment to be made in December will cover the first six months of 1922, and in June pension money for the last six months will be sent out.

The number of Confederate veterans and widows of veterans to share in the pension fund now is 19,137, and the million dollars has been proportionately divided among these by Auditor Durham. Of the total number of pensioners, 4,988 are widows, virtually all of these coming in the fourth class.

Pensioners of the first class are those wholly incompetent as the result of wounds, and blind widows. Those of the second class must have lost during the civil war a leg above the knee or an arm above the elbow. Veterans who have lost a leg below the knee or an arm rendered useless by reason of wounds are placed in the third class. Those who have lost an eye, and soldiers and widows unable to perform manual labor constitute the fourth class, which is the largest.

STROUDTOWN WORKING FOR MODERN SCHOOL BUILDING

At a meeting of a number of citizens and patrons of the Stroudtown school district at the school building last Friday afternoon plans were set on foot, the object of which is a new modern school building in this district. The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and it was the unanimous decision of those present that a modern building is imperative, if the educational needs of the children of this community are to be adequately taken care of. The present building is old and unsuited to the requirements necessary to have a modern school. It is the purpose of the citizens of this community to hold an election at some future date on the question of a bond issue to finance a new building. Already there is considerable enthusiasm aroused, and it is expected that the County Board of Education will be requested to pass upon a call for an election at no distant day.

The Stroudtown school already employs four teachers. It is one of the largest districts in the county and has a large number of students enrolled. The present building is already taxed beyond its capacity, and nothing short of a real modern brick structure with good equipment will satisfy the people of the community.

DOKAY CEREMONIAL.

Bagdad Temple No. 213, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, of Asheville, will stage a special ceremonial in Marion tonight (Thursday.) The ceremonial will be held in the court house. It is expected that about 20 "tyros" will cross the hot sands of the desert. A grand parade, led by Bagdad's Concert band, is scheduled to take place about 6 p. m.

Only a fraction of one per cent of the available coal in the United States has been mined.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES ORDER- ED TO STRIKE OCT. 30TH

Chicago, Oct. 15.—More than half a million American railroad men were today ordered to initiate a strike October 30, while other unions whose membership brings the total to about two millions, announced unofficially that they were tonight preparing to follow suit and make the walk-out general, on the same date.

Under this program the tie-up would be complete, according to union predictions, by November 2. The hour was fixed for 6 a. m., October 30, except for one Texas line, whose trainmen were authorized to go out October 22.

The railroads listed in the first group on which the strike is to become effective, touch 42 of the 48 states with a trackage of 73,000 miles out of the total United States trackage of approximately 200,000.

The New England states comprise the group that is virtually untouched in the first walkout.

The strike orders were issued to the big five brotherhoods, oldest and most powerful of the railway unions, and they specifically included mail trains in the walkout. Their provisions instructed strikers to keep away from railroad property with a warning that "violence of any nature will not be tolerated by the organizations."

The strike was announced following an overwhelming vote, said to be upwards of 90 per cent, favoring a strike because of a 12 per cent wage reduction authorized by the United States railroad labor board of July 1, and after it was declared by the association of railway executives in session here yesterday that a further reduction would be sought by the railroads. It was said that the strike decision was made before the announcement of this further intended cut.

EAST MARION SCHOOL ORGANIZES WELFARE CLUB

On Wednesday evening, October 12th, the sixth and seventh grades of the East Marion school gave a short program celebrating the discovery of America. Appropriate songs and recitations were rendered. The most interesting feature of the program was a dramatization showing Columbus before the King of Portugal; before the King and Queen of Spain, and the landing of Columbus.

After the program a community welfare club was organized. Mrs. A. F. Hunt was elected president, Mrs. J. P. Hornbuckle, vice-president; Mrs. J. M. Snoddy, secretary and Mrs. Rodgers, treasurer. With these excellent officers and the cooperation of the school patrons it is hoped to do a great deal of community work.

The school work is progressing with an enrollment of 220 pupils. The girls basket ball team, under the direction of Miss Hazel Richardson, has been organized. Great interest on the part of both pupils and teachers is being shown.

PROHIBITION DIRECTOR FOR NORTH CAROLINA REPORTS

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—During the three months he has been in office, 117 arrests have been made, 218 persons have been recommended for prosecution, \$75,000 worth of property used for distilling purposes has been destroyed, and \$361,000 in taxes and penalties have been reported, according to a statement today by R. A. Kohloss, federal prohibition director for North Carolina.

\$750,000 WAR FINANCE LOAN TO STATE BANKS

Washington, Oct. 15.—The War Finance corporation today provided for a loan of \$750,000 for North Carolina banks for crop moving purposes. Most of this goes to tobacco exporters who wish to make shipments to China.

There are 6,449,998 farms in the United States, of which 2,758,591 are of more than 100 acres.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Oct. 17.—The boys who represented the different organizations at the Older Boys Conference at Canton have returned home. Each of the boys report a good time and all feel that they have been greatly benefitted. The following boys represented their respective organizations: Boy Scouts: Royce McDaniel, Franz Strickland, Birch Allison, Kimball Miller and Paul Hughes. High School: Joe Setppe, Roy McDaniel, Charlie Cannon and Charlie Stirewalt. Baptist Sunday School, Ralph Harris; Methodist Sunday School, Albert Noblitt.

Miss Mattie Tate entertained a few friends, including High School, at her home at Greenlee last Saturday night.

A box supper at the Catawba school last Friday night was well patronized, the proceeds from the entertainment amounting to \$39.00, which will go toward furnishing the school building with patent desks.

R. H. Rector was in Asheville Saturday on business.

J. A. Swann and family have recently moved to Old Fort from Glenwood.

Miss Jessie Bird of Asheville is visiting Miss Foy Tate.

Gardin Swann and Koy Griggs have recently entered the Old Fort High School.

P. J. Teague has gone to Granite Falls to take charge of the Bryson-Snyder Company's store there. Mr. Teague has made many friends while in Old Fort and they will regret to see him leave.

Mr. Tripp, who formerly lived in Old Fort but more recently of Morganton, returned to Old Fort last week to assist in the management of Bryson-Snyder Company's department store.

Geo. E. Marshall, of the Marshall Lumber Co., left last week for Mt. Airy to be away for several days.

Dr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Johnson were in Asheville last week.

A party from Old Fort motored to Bridgewater Lake Sunday.

The construction of the highway on both sides of Old Fort is progressing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lefevre have returned from a two weeks' visit thru the West, visiting Kansas City, Denver and Longmont, Colo. They also visited the National Park, Pikes Peak and other points of interest.

GARDIN

Marion, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Joseph Craig is visiting relatives in California.

J. B. Higgins left last week for Old Fort.

Miss Mayme Bowman is spending a few days with homefolks here.

Miss Marie Wacaser was sopping in Marion Saturday.

A corn husking given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carswell during the week was greatly enjoyed by neighbors and friends.

Martin Howard, an old confederate soldier, spent a few days here last week.

Ivey Holland left Monday for Montfords Cove where he will resume his work.

We welcome into this section, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Lawing, "the new movers."

Jack Frost has been a regular, tho' unwelcome, visitor in this section recently.

NEBO.

Nebo, Oct. 17.—A large crowd enjoyed a candy pulling at the home of Miss Eva Snipes last Thursday night. Those present were: Misses Belle and Minnie Lentz, Vivian, Mabel and Elizabeth Parks and Cleo Hemphill, of Nebo; Misses Anna Conley and Thessa Jamison of Marion; Messrs. Bruce Tate, Ben Stacy, Marvin

Hemphill, Henry Gibbs, Robert and Fate Lentz, Lawrence Mason and Mutt Sowers.

Tom Stacy, who is teaching school at Old Fort, spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Misses Betty Bowman and Elizabeth Parks, Watson Wilson, and Charles Brown motored to the Linville dam yesterday.

EFFECT CAPTURE AFTER HOT CHASE

Asheville Times, 17th.

The capture of Bill Godfrey, alleged notorious blockader and bootlegger of Rutherford county by Deputy Marshal W. J. Beachboard of Asheville and two other officers before daylight Sunday, was not without its thrills, according to an account by Mr. Beachboard who returned to the city today.

The deputy had a warrant for Godfrey on charges of blockading and went to his home in McDowell county only to learn that he had slipped away to Rutherford county. Joined by John B. Banks, prohibition officer for Rutherford county and W. D. Pitts, a deputy from Burke county, the deputy marshal reached the house occupied by Godfrey and his wife about 4 a. m.

The officers surrounded the place. Mrs. Godfrey came to the door and declared she would not admit the officers. Following a short delay after the officers threatened to force an entrance, they heard a noise in the rear of the house, and found Godfrey making a hurried exit from a rear window.

A chase ensued in the dark. Beachboard chased Godfrey down a dark path until the pursuer's toe caught in a low wire and he measured his length on the ground. So close was Beachboard that he fell atop Godfrey. Seizing the latter's clothing he held on like grim death. Nothing daunted Godfrey tore loose from a portion of his clothing and again took to his heels. The next flop was in a ditch, but once again Godfrey was on his feet and gone, this time backtracking.

At this stage Banks took up the chase. For a hundred yards Godfrey and Banks raced down the highway. The officer was fresher and overhauled Godfrey, who was then taken to Rutherfordford, where he gave bond for \$700 for his appearance in district court here next November. Godfrey was clad only in his night clothes during the wild chase, and wore neither shoes, socks, nor hat in the race around the frosty pastures.

Deputy Marshal Beachboard also arrested Willard Brown and Ed Cannon of McDowell county on charges of illicit distilling, and Charles Atkins of Yancey county for alleged transporting. Each was put under bond for appearance in district court here.

TREATIES OF PEACE ADOPTED BY SENATE

Washington, Oct. 18.—The administration's peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary were ratified by the senate tonight, the vote on the first being 66 to 20, or eight more than the necessary two-thirds, and in the case of the Hungarian treaty, due to the absence of three senators, being 66 to 17.

The senate action completed the administration's immediate peace program and brought a full state of peace with the principal enemy powers. Remaining now are only the formal exchanges of ratification except in the case of the Hungarian treaty, as that government alone has yet to complete parliamentary action on the treaty.

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In England, tarring and feathering was a legal form of penalty in the middle ages.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The week beginning October 24th will be Fair Week at Salisbury. The Fair opens October 24th and continues throughout the week until Friday, the 28th.

The board of trustees of the First Methodist church of Lenoir have let the contract for a new parsonage. The building when completed and equipped will cost about \$10,000.

General James I. Metts, aged 80, commander of the North Carolina division United Confederate veterans, died at a Wilmington hospital Tuesday morning, the result of injuries sustained in a collision of his automobile with a street car there Saturday.

Placements through State employment offices touched the highwater mark in September, according to figures compiled in the office of Director M. L. Shipman. During the month 1,327 of the jobless were connected with jobs, 1,110 of them being men and 217 were women.

Hickory, Oct. 11.—Attacked yesterday by a bull, Mrs. Lee White, aged 59, wife of a prominent Alexander county farmer, was reported dead today from injuries. Two dogs attacked the bull when it gored Mrs. White, but the woman was not rescued until Henry Reed, attracted by the tumult, knocked the animal off with a club.

Lenoir, Oct. 9.—Plenty of signs of bears are to be seen on the Linville mountain section, according to Ben Allridge, a noted bear hunter of Avery county. A big fall hunt is being planned now. This will take place just as the leaves begin falling good. Mr. Allridge and Mr. Cuthbertson, both famous bear hunters, say that this is the finest season and the outlook is better than they ever remembered during the past years.

Between 30 and 40 negroes from Georgia farms where the boll weevil has put in disastrous work, have been imported to Cleveland county to work on the farms. Finding these negroes willing to come in parties of not less than five or six, Cleveland farmers have been motoring to Georgia where they would pay the landlord all that their negro tenants owed where it was asked by the landlord and brought them to this county to assist in the harvest and help during the succeeding years in raising farm products.

CROP NOTES FOR NORTH CAROLINA

A light frost in the piedmont and coastal sections of North Carolina and a killing frost in the mountain areas are reported by the county agents to the Crop Reporting Service for the week ending October 10, 1921. The weather bureau reports favorable weather for cutting hay and late forage crops.

Preparations for sowing wheat are going forward and fall plowing is making satisfactory progress. The harvesting of corn is well under way, the crop being entirely harvested in many areas. Most of the cotton crop of the state is open now owing to the unusually warm weather, in September and the crop is being gathered rapidly. The marketing of tobacco, which is practically all harvested, is in full swing; sales are reported as moderate. Late gardens are being planned in some of the southern piedmont counties and truck is reported to have improved in Forsyth, but the crop generally is poor. A great deal of hay has been harvested, the crop being below normal in yield and ranging in quality from fair to poor. Pastures are improving somewhat but in most localities the fields were permanently ruined by the drought and recent rains have not benefitted them.