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LATE STATE NEWS ITEMS

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Rinston.—Pinckney Arthur, aged 69, died a short time after being run down by a motor truck driven by Frank Phillips, negro. Witnesses say the fatal accident was not the result of speeding.

Lumberton.—There were ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1922 prior to December 1, a total of 44,295 bales of cotton, as compared with 60,595 bales from the crop of 1921 at the same date.

Statesville.—According to the census report, 13,125 bales of cotton were ginned in Iredell county from the crop of 1922 prior to December 1, 1922, as compared with 8,642 bales ginned to December 1, 1921.

Raleigh.—A total of 479 persons were placed in connection with positions by the state and United States department of employment, according to the weekly report of Commissioner M. L. Shipman.

Lumberton.—Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Britt, of route 4, Lumberton, were buried in the same grave, both having died of pneumonia following influenza. There was only two hours difference in the time of their deaths.

Thomasville.—William Skeen, 22 years old, son of John S. Skeen, while sawing wood with his brother on "Philo Mays" place, south of town, had his left hand sawed through, severing some of his fingers and cutting across the back of his left hand to the wrist.

Salisbury.—Prohibition officers in North Carolina captured a total of 89 illicit liquor distilleries, 84,029 gallons of intoxicating liquors, seized 22 automobiles and effected 44 arrests during the month of November, according to a report issued by Prohibition Director R. A. Kohloss.

Salisbury.—A committee has been appointed by the St. John's Lutheran church here to formulate plans for the building of a new church on West Innes street site, recently purchased at a cost of \$45,000, and arrangements are now being completed. The Lutheran congregation here is said to be the largest in the state.

Winston-Salem.—P. C. Beck, arrested here, was taken to High Point, where a warrant had been issued charging him with speeding and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Beck, it is asserted, drove over the officer, who fired at the car five times, three times after he was thrown to the ground.

Winston-Salem.—A burglar or burglars entered the home of Dr. O. P. Schaub here some time after midnight and carried away jewelry valued at approximately \$1,500, together with about \$65 in cash. Entrance was gained by raising the kitchen window. About the same time someone raised a window in the home of O. W. McCorkle, on Clover street, and stole a small amount of money and other articles.

Rutherfordton.—N. Bonle McBryer, one of the county's best known and wealthiest citizens, who lives eight miles southeast of here, age about 30 years, surprised his many friends and relatives by going to Spartanburg and marrying Miss Mary Davis, the charming and industrious daughter of Mrs. R. W. Davis, of this place. Mr. McBryer is the father of 12 children, one dead and 11 living.

Wilson.—Plans are nearing completion to open The Oetinger Wholesale Dry Goods Company, early in 1923. A long lease has been taken on quarters in the new Daily building located on South Spring street.

Mebane.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Four-County Fair association the following were selected as directors: C. A. Dillard, R. H. Tyson, J. S. Vincent, T. J. Carter, W. O. Warren, W. W. Corbett, A. C. Thompson.

Edenton.—At Advance school house, six miles from Edenton, two teachers, Miss Rosa Deans of Coleraine, and Miss Nina Eason of Gates county, were badly burned as a result of an explosion of an acetylene lamp.

Lillington.—Deputy Sheriff J. R. Mitchell is in a Raleigh hospital with one eye shot out, and the other eye ball punctured by shot, as a result of a raid upon the alleged site of a still about two miles northeast of Buie's Creek.

Asheville.—Operation of a wholesale produce, chicken and egg business by the Farmers Federation, Inc. in Asheville as central headquarters for distribution of farm products in this section, is to commence January 1st.

Lumberton.—Andrew Chavis, Indian, died in a local hospital of injuries received when a Ford car which he was driving turned over on the public road near Lumberton. Chavis' skull was crushed in the accident. The car was being driven at fast speed when the wheels struck a sand bed, turning it completely over.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club was held Friday, Dec. 15, at the school auditorium with forty-four members present.

Mrs. D. F. Giles presided and the meeting was opened by singing "Joy To the World," after which Mrs. Giles read a very interesting paper on "Christmas."

Mrs. J. W. Pless, who attended the South Eastern Council of Woman's Clubs at Pinehurst, N. C., gave an enthusiastic report of the meeting.

Miss Mary Greenlee, Chairman of Social Service, gave a short report, stating that of the fifteen Christmas Opportunities taken, that eight of them were taken by Woman's Club members.

As this was a musical meeting, Mrs. J. E. Decker had charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Pless.

"Christmas Carol Pageant"

First on the program was the Processional singing "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and "Christmas Song." The members of the processional wore choir robes, making the service most impressive. They were Mrs. Pless, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. McMillian, Mrs. Little, Mrs. Holton, Miss Winslow, Miss Baum and Miss Roughton. Miss Gladys Smith gave a reading "Christmas Corals" describing the origin of some of our Christmas customs. Mrs. Giles sang "O, Holy Night," accompanied by Mrs. Decker and Mrs. Lois Gilkey. A piano duet, "Christmas Festivals," was given by Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Eskridge. The trio "But Thou Bethlehem," was much enjoyed. The program was concluded by the double quartet, singing "Glory Be To God" and closing with "Silent Night."

As this was one of the most enjoyable and entertaining programs of the year, expressions of appreciation and pleasure were heard on all sides. A social half hour followed with Mrs. R. J. Noyes, Mrs. J. W. Oul, Mrs. Clifton McCall, Mrs. Geo. McCall and Miss Mary Gordon Greenlee as hostesses.

Mrs. C. W. McCall entertained with a beautifully appointed dinner party, the members of the Book Club and invited guest on Wednesday of the past week with Mrs. A. C. McCall, one of Asheville's most recent brides as guest of honor. The house was attractively arranged with ferns and blooming plants, the lower floor being thrown together. Covers were laid for sixteen, white and green being combined as color scheme.

Mrs. G. S. McCall and Miss Lois Gilkey rendered a most delightful program during the dinner.

ASK ASSEMBLY FOR INCREASE IN ROAD BONDS

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—The state highway commission will ask the general assembly to increase the highway bond issue from \$50,000,000 to \$65,000,000, increase the tax on gasoline from one to three cents the gallon, place all interest money from highway funds to the exclusive credit of the commission for its own use, and empower the commission to compel the construction of underpasses or overpasses at dangerous highway crossings and force the railroads to pay one half the cost of construction.

This legislative program was agreed upon at a meeting today of the commission's legislative committee, composed of Chairman Frank Page, Gov. Rufe A. Doughton, W. A. McGirt, J. Elwood Cox and W. C. Wilkinson. Presentation of the program to the general assembly has been left by the committee to Chairman Page, Governor Doughton and the commission's attorney, Walter Cahoon.

The committee took no action on Governor Morrison's recently announced proposal to ask the general assembly to provide a sinking fund to meet state bonds as they come due. It was explained that a majority of commissioners favor the principal of the sinking fund, but look upon it as purely a legislative matter and not falling within their realm of recommendations.

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS DUE

Owners of War Savings Stamps, purchased in 1918, are advised that they are due and payable at their face value of \$5 each on January 1, 1923.

Advance presentation for immediate exchange for Treasury Savings Certificates or for payment at maturity, may be made now at post-offices, banks, and trust companies.

Did you see the Mollycoddle last night? Then see it tonight, you sure will be entertained.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM OVER McDOWELL COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings Throughout the County—Items About Home People

OLD FORT

Old Fort, N. C., Dec. 19.—Mr. C. A. Snyder spent Tuesday in Marion. George Marshall is in Virginia on a business trip.

Miss Mae Allison of Greensboro College is spending the holidays at home.

Messrs Hugh and Cletus Tate, William Burgin, Clarence Mauney and Homer Walker will spend the Christmas holidays in Old Fort.

Miss Ruth Walker of Crooked Creek spent the week-end here. The Music Club gave an entertainment Wednesday afternoon which was enjoyed very much.

Mrs. Eugene Buckley, Miss M. Hunt and Miss Anna Phillips spent Saturday in Asheville.

Old Fort's third basketball team played Neb's Junior team on the latter court Wednesday, December 13, score 17 to 15 in favor of Old Fort.

The Old Fort Graded and High school will close Friday, December 22, for Christmas holidays. Work will be resumed January 8, 1923.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, N. C., Dec. 19.—Miss Mamie Cowan of Water Valley, Miss, arrived the first of the week to spend Christmas vacation with homefolks. Miss Francis Carswell of Glen Alpine has returned home.

Will Conley, who has been residing near Marion, moved to this section last week. We are always glad to have new families move in.

Miss Carrie Carswell of Spindale is visiting home-folks here.

Thomas Glass was in Bridgewater on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cronje Laughridge of Marion were visitors here Sunday. Caleb Hall moved to Burke county, near Morganton a few days ago.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, Dec. 18.—Mrs. J. A. Swann, who has been seriously ill for the past week, is reported as improving.

Loyd, little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Poteet, had the misfortune of getting badly but not seriously burned last Friday.

Miss Lena Swann of Marion is with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Swann, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland were in Marion shopping Saturday.

James Maner of Weaverville is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. S. Coats.

T. M. Hicles is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles Morris, at Spindale.

Miss Ada Henley spent the week-end in Old Fort.

W. G. Deviny, spent Saturday and Sunday at Spindale.

SUGAR HILL SCHOOL

There is a marked interest and enthusiasm in the school shown by the pupils and patrons of the Sugar Hill school. It is reported that they are having the best school ever, being taught by Misses Goodloo Haney and Nannie Nichols. These teachers have made an effort to replace the home-made desks by the best patent ones. Inclement weather does not discourage them, and at each money-making function they have netted neat sums. As a result of a pie supper last week \$50 was added to their equipment fund. Mr. W. L. Smarr, County Farm Demonstration Agent, was with them on this occasion, and assisted with the sale. Mr. Smarr reports that he has had splendid results from the club he has organized in that school and community.

PENSION MONEY HERE FOR DISTRIBUTION

The pension money for soldiers of the Civil War and widows of soldiers has been received at the office of Clerk of Court J. L. Laughridge. Those who are entitled to receive pensions may get their money by calling at the clerk's office.

There are 56 widows of Confederate soldiers in McDowell county who receive pensions. They get \$52.50 semi-annually. Fifty-seven veterans receive pensions. Of these, one is in the third class receiving \$60 semi-annually, and the remaining 56 get \$52.50 semi-annually.

ASKS RENEWAL OF 13-CENT STAMP ISSUE

Washington, Dec. 14.—Postmaster General Work has received from members of the American history class of the Shepherd College State Normal School, Shepherdstown, West Virginia, a petition that the Postoffice Department again issue stamps of the 13-cent denomination, which was recently abandoned.

The petition declares that the entire history of the United States is bound up in the figure 13 and gives the following historical reasons why the 13 cent stamp should be issued.

America was discovered on the night of the 13th of the month. The republic originally consisted of 13 colonies.

The first official flag had 13 stars and 13 stripes.

The American Eagle, requires 13 letters to spell it, as does also the motto, "E Pluribus Umm."

The first word to pass over the trans-Atlantic cable was transmitted on the 13th of the month.

The silver quarter is written all over with 13. Around the head of Liberty are 13 stars; the eagle bears an olive branch with 13 leaves in one claw and 13 thunderbolts in the other. On his breast is a shield bearing 13 bears and in his beak is a ribbon bearing the motto with 13 letters; each wing has 13 feathers and it takes 13 letters to spell quarter dollar.

There are 13 letters in John Paul Jones' name.

There were 13 ships in the first American navy.

Perry's victory on Lake Erie was won on the 13th of the month.

The Stars and Stripes were raised over Fort Sumter on the 13th of the month.

Gen. Pershing arrived in France on June 13, 1917.

The 13th amendment to the constitution freed the slaves.

It would not cost any more to make a 13-cent stamp than any other one.

The petition to Postmaster General Work also suggests several designs for the stamp, all commemorating the 13 colonies.

FARM CROP THIS YEAR SHOWS VALUE INCREASE

Washington, Dec. 15.—The nation's crops this year are worth \$7,572,890,000, based on their farm value as of December 1, the department of agriculture announced today in its final crop report for one year.

Their value is \$1,842,978,000 more than last year's crops, reflecting improvement in prices for farm products prevailing now as compared with a year ago and increased production in some crops. This year's farm production is worth about the same as that of 1916 but is lower than 1920 by about \$1,500,000,000, and lower than any year since 1915, except last year. It is only a little more than half as much as the record-value year of 1919.

Record production was made this year in rye, white potatoes, sweet potatoes and hay. Other bumper crops this year were rice with the third largest production, tobacco with the fourth largest crop in history, wheat with the fifth largest production and corn with its seventh largest crop. Cotton this year is the fourth most valuable crop of that staple ever grown, although a small crop in point of production.

Corn, as usual, is the country's most valuable crop, being worth this year \$700,000,000 more than last year, with a total value of \$1,900,287,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 26 degrees; rain 2.00 inches; sunshine per cent, 21.

You folks who live in the country will want some special entertainment on Christmas Day, so often you have the big dinner, bring the family and friend into town, and see Mary Pickford in The Love Light at Oasis Theatre.

KNOW NORTH CAROLINA.

A GEORGIA VERDICT.

North Carolina is setting a great example to the other Southern states. In the fiscal year just closed the Old North State spent \$42,000,000 on public education. In two years \$25,000,000 have been spent on roads, and in the past two years about one hundred million dollars have been spent for education and good roads.

In describing what this great sum for education means, The Asheville Citizen says:

"Forty-two million dollars on public education in a year! Consider what that means. It means an impensity of happiness, power, and wealth for North Carolina. It means that boys and girls who would have gone into cotton mills and furniture factories with minds untaught to think will have their imaginative powers so stimulated by schooling that they will contribute labor-saving and money-making invention to the world of machinery. It means that men who would have fished the mountain streams will harness those waters to industrial undertakings. It means that young men and women who would have idled away days empty with ignorance will develop that genius which paints undying pictures and carves cold marble into warmth of beauty. It means that mothers who would have cherished no dream of greatness for their children will give them the home life that leads to fine achievement. It means, in brief, that North Carolinians from mountain top to ocean edge will be worthy of North Carolina, the state which in natural resources is the outstanding leader of all America."

Georgia can profit by the pattern set by this great old state. While we hum and haw over a small bond issue for roads to match the government appropriation, North Carolina is going ahead spending millions for roads. Schools are being generously supported, and North Carolina boys and girls in future years will show in-lives of fine achievement.

What a splendid investment good schools have been.—The Vidalia (Ga.) Advance.

NORTH CAROLINA IRON ORES.

That there is renewed activity in North Carolina iron mining is indicated in the report just published by the United States Geological Survey and from which The Manufacturers Record makes quotation this week. It appears from this report that the continuous production of the iron ore known as brown hematite in this State during the past five years has attracted attention to our State as a possible source of an abundant supply of ore of that kind when the demand for it becomes greater. Since the beginning of 1917 about 126,000 tons of brown hematite has been produced in the State, a large part of it in Cherokee County.

Most of the deposits of brown ore in North Carolina are found in the valleys that lie between the mountain ranges in the western part of the State and on the piedmont plateau, in its central part. Some deposits are found in the Coastal Plain, but they are of little value. The largest deposits in the mountain district are in Cherokee, Madison and McDowell counties. Those in the piedmont region are in Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties.—Charlotte Observer.

PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

A Play—Dickens' Famous Christmas Carol, will be presented at the graded school auditorium, Friday Night, Dec. 22. The cast of characters is as follows:

Scrooge (a tight-fisted old miser) L. J. P. Cutler.

Nephew (Filled with Christmas spirit) Frank Adams.

Bob Cratchet (Scrooge's overworked unpaid clerk) Clyde Finley.

Charity Visitor, S. E. Whitten.

Ghost (restless spirit of Scrooge's former partner) Miss Martha Justice.

Spirit of Christmas past, Mildred Huggins.

Spirit of Christmas yet to come, Miss Martha Justice.

Tell Me Again

TELL me again the story
That you told when we both were young
You were my prince in glory,
An actor with a golden tongue,
And the touch of your hand was thrilling,
And the fact that you loved me so—
But I was only a girl then, dear,
And you were only a boy.

Tell me, the way you told me
When our love was the song of spring
Hold me, as you would hold me
Let the other girls in your love, love
Be just, as it used to be
When I was so very to careen
And you were so good to me!

Here by the friendly pillow,
As the pictures in flames run by,
Sweet be the moments fitting,
And children, just you and I!
For the love of our age is richer,
And yet—I would feel the joy
Of the love that you only a girl's, dear,
For her prince, who was only a boy.

—Henry Edward Warner, in the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Your Christmas Room

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THERE is always a place to which one may flee in time of need. That place is the inside of our own heads. Provided, of course, that the inside of our own heads is properly furnished with imagination and that the key is not rusted in the lock from long disuse. If you are a little lonely on Christmas eve, or a little unhappy, or a little anything that tends to tarnish the glow of the season, why not climb up to that place inside your head, rattle the lock, be quite firm with the key no matter how stubborn it is, then enter into what joy you may summon by your thoughts?

Glads wishes for friends are the green wreaths we may hang in the windows of our Christmas room.

Hopes for another year are the candles we light on the table.

New plans are the fruit to deck the board, and very likely there will be a guest or so to share them.

Think of the Fire of Purpose you may light on your hearth!

Think of the glow and warmth it will cast over you!

Think of the castles and dreams you crowded out of your heart because you were too busy; the fine, adventurous ones; the funny ones you have laughed over all to yourself; the shy ones you would not reveal to a soul at any price. Call them all back and see what a splendid set of inspirations they are. You'll feel like a new person.

And don't forget to put a present on the Tree of Faith for yourself; something you've wanted all your life. If you can't have it this year, waiting will make it more precious; and if you can (oh, think of that!) you'll be all the better prepared.

Do spend a little time in your Christmas room!

HOME OFFERED TO STATE BAPTISTS AT FOREST CITY

Winston-Salem, Dec. 15.—The last day's session of the Baptist state convention was featured by a very small attendance, many members having started for home. A proposition from Forest City offering the convention \$50,000 for a home for motherless children was received and referred to a special committee, with instructions to report at the next session.

Speaking for the ministers' relief and annuity fund, Rev. J. N. Arnett reported that 77 individuals were receiving aid.

Rev. Livingston Johnson, editor of the Biblical Recorder, urged larger interest in the paper and gave notice that hereafter the Recorder would not publish any discussions which would, in his judgment, injure the cause of Christ or the work of the convention.

ABOUT 182,000 MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED

With approximately 182,000 motor vehicles now registered, North Carolina's revenue from this source amounts to \$2,826,075.26 for the fiscal year period July 1 to Dec. 31, an increase of \$526,709.18 over the entire amount for 1921, according to an announcement by the secretary of state.

The gasoline tax from July 1 to Dec. 1 added to the revenue from motor vehicles brings the total collections to about \$3,000,000, which indicates, according to Joseph Sawyer, motor supervisor of the department, who prepared the statement to be submitted to the general assembly, that the income from these sources will show a record increase for the fiscal year.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals. The sale closes with this week.