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LOCAL NEWS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Next week is "clean-up week" for North Wilkesboro.

We call your attention to the overseas soldier's advertisement on page four.

The grading for concrete side walk for the east end of Wilkesboro has begun.

One more day's work on Kensington will complete the street grading for the present.

A meeting of all the committees for the big celebration on July 4th has been called to meet at the Commercial Club rooms Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Wilkes county Farmer's Union has made arrangements to handle their fertilizer from Watauga depot until better and more permanent arrangements can be made.

Misses Corrine Clements and Annie Shook left this morning as delegates from the Presbyterian church to attend the State meeting of the Christian Endeavor at Burlington.

Miss Kopolia Hunt, of Mocksville, who has been teaching school in Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. E. E. Hunt, Jr., who holds a position at the Bank of North Wilkesboro.

Mr. D. W. Miller, who is now living at Twin Branch, W. Va., is visiting his father, Mr. C. Y. Miller, this week. He will visit his aunt, Mrs. E. G. Suttlemyre at Hickory, R. F. D., before returning to his work.

Mrs. Horton Finley received a letter from Mr. Allie McGlamery overseas soldier, Wednesday, who is now visiting his aunt in Virginia, stating that he would reach North Wilkesboro about the 15th or 16th of this month.

Congressman R. L. Doughton passed through for Washington yesterday from Laurel Springs where he went because of the serious illness of his brother's wife, Mrs. Frank Doughton, whose condition was improved when he left.

Misses Maie and Ennis Myers, who have been teaching at Glen White, Va., came home Tuesday evening. They visited at Hunting, Point Pleasant, Beckley and Stokesberry, W. Va., since the closing of their school several days ago.

Mrs. C. J. Cowles has rented the Methodist parsonage in Wilkesboro for the summer. Her daughters and their children, Mrs. Thomas of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Ralph S. Mott, of Florida, will arrive in a few days to spend the summer with her.

Pvt. M. A. Beshears arrived Thursday at noon from Camp Lee having been over the seas 9 months. He was on his way to his father's Mr. A. G. Beshears, near the top of the Blue Ridge or Summit. Private Beshears in the 79th Division.

Rev. Dr. Ware wishes to thank his official board and congregation for giving him and Mrs. Ware a trip to the Methodist centenary exhibition at Columbus Ohio, June 20 to July 13th. This is the most wonderful religious gathering ever held in the world. They will start about July 1.

Mr. H. Walter Horton, of North Wilkesboro, arrived last Friday and has, with his family, taken rooms temporarily at the home of his sister, Mrs. Emma Moore, until his residence can be erected. The splendid family is indeed a fine acquisition to our town and community, and we are glad indeed that they decided to cast their lot in our midst.—Watauga Democrat, May 29th.

Hand Contribution for July 4th Celebration to Mr. J. E. Finley.

The finance committee of the July 4th celebration is receiving applications for money by the different committees and we would be glad for all those who expect to aid in this cause to hand in their contributions as soon as convenient.

J. E. FINLEY, Chm.

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS CALL MEETING JUNE 24TH

Complaint Filed by Hayes & Jones and F. B. Hendren in Behalf of T. B. Finley for Damage of Property.

The town commissioners met in regular session Tuesday evening with Mayor Phillips and commissioners Grayson, Wallace, Lineberry, Blair and Wrenn present.

The town statement for the year ending May 31, 1919, was read and ordered published.

The Mayor and Clerk was instructed to make a note for \$465 at legal rate of interest, payable January 1, 1920, for street grading on Kensington avenue when street committee accepts work.

Messrs. Clem Wrenn, J. C. Wallace and C. F. Lineberry was appointed to consult the town attorney and draft a report on special license tax for the year beginning July 1, 1919, and report June 24th.

The question of grading the alley by F. C. Forester's so as to get dirt for filling in a lot was referred to the street committee.

The request of F. B. Harrold that the water and sewer line be extended on Kensington was referred to water committee.

Complaint was filed with the clerk by Hayes & Jones and F. B. Hendren in behalf of T. B. Finley asking the board to take some action in regard to damage town had caused the property of T. B. Finley by erecting a dam across Reddies river at the power plant. The water was referred to the water and light committee.

The complaint of J. N. Ashkettle and U. B. Walters for moving dirt out of alley was referred to street committee.

The complaint of J. F. Allen was referred to the street committee.

The clerk was instructed to have circulars printed for clean-up week June 9th to June 14th.

The request that a side walk be built on the west side of 6th street from E to B street was referred to street committee.

The streets were ordered washed at night.

The matter of putting in storm sewer on C street between 5th and 6th streets was referred to street committee.

The bill of C. C. Smeat & Sons Company, \$20.00, for use of piping was allowed.

The board adjourned to meet Tuesday, June 24th, at 8 o'clock.

PEOPLE OF OAKWOODS ORGANIZE FOR COMMUNITY FAIR

A community fair was organized at Oakwoods last Monday night with something like 60 persons present. Mr. A. G. Hendren was present and made a talk and helped with the organizing. The meeting was held in the school building and the following officers elected:

H. H. Moorehouse, president.

M. C. Jones, vice-president.

Mrs. J. J. Tevepaugh, secretary and treasurer.

The people of that community are very enthusiastic and are laying plans that will make it worth while for every citizen in that whole community to take part in the fair.

HEADQUARTERS OF 81ST DIVISION DUE TO ARRIVE JUNE 11

Washington, June 3.—Headquarters of the Eighty-first (Wildcat) division, and headquarters of the 156th artillery brigade, of the same division, are due in New York June 11 aboard the transport Cape Finisterre, the war department announced today. Officers on the vessel include Brigadier General Andrew Moses, in command of the artillery brigade.

Expected arrival of the Duca D. Abruzzi at New York, June 15, with detached units also was announced.

35 CENTS FOR OPERATING SIX MONTHS SCHOOL TERM

Wilkes Board of Education in Session Monday.

The board of education met in regular session Monday, June 2nd, and transacted the following business:

It was ordered by the board that only five cents on the one hundred dollars worth of property and fifteen cents on the poll be collected in the local school tax district in North Wilkesboro township, No. 3.

It was ordered by the board that the resignation of J. E. McEwen as a member of the school committee in District No. 5 Moravian Falls township be received and that C. H. Gilreath be appointed to fill the vacancy.

It was ordered that J. C. Bumgarner be transferred from district No. 4 of Edwards township to district No. 6.

It was ordered that a loan of \$300 be made to district No. 1, of Rock Creek township, for the purpose of securing patent desks.

It was ordered that a loan of \$300 be made to district No. 2, of Edwards township, for erecting an addition to the school building.

It was ordered that a loan of \$400 be made to district No. 2 colored of New Castle township for the purpose of building a new school house.

It was ordered that \$250 be loaned to district No. 2 Elk township for the purpose of enlarging the school building.

All of these loans are made by the State Board of Education to the district at 4 per cent, payable in ten annual installments.

The petition of certain citizens of Elk township asking for the establishment of a new school district was postponed until the July meeting of the board.

It was ordered that the resignation of Asa Greene as a member of the school committee in district No. 2 of Moravian Falls township be accepted and that I. J. Lovette be appointed to fill the vacancy.

It was ordered that R. L. Profit visit district No. 6 of Union township on Tuesday, June 3rd, and aid in the selection of a school house site.

It was ordered that the county superintendent of schools and C. F. Fields visit district No. 4 of Somers township and aid in the selection of a site for the proposed consolidation in that section.

It was ordered that district No. 5 of Somers township be granted a loan of \$300 for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a new school building.

The board presented the annual budget to the board of county commission asking for the levy of 35 cents for the purpose of operating the schools of the county for a term of six months during the scholastic year 19 19 20.

It was ordered by the joint meeting of the boards of education and the county commissioners that a meeting of these two boards be held on Wednesday, July 2nd for the purpose of electing a county superintendent of public welfare and fixing the salary of this official. This is a position which was created by the recent General Assembly of the State.

After the transaction of the usual routine business the board was on motion adjourned.

Western Agents to Meet June 10th.

Raleigh, June.—Arrangements have been completed by Mr. E. S. Millsaps, district agent in charge of extension work in the Piedmont District to hold a meeting of the county agents of his district at Salisbury, June 10th and 11th.

[Mr. A. G. Hendren, county agricultural agent, will leave Sunday to be in attendance at the meeting to be gone until Thursday.]

Beginning yesterday and lasting through June 13, Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon and her co-workers are holding a school and conference for the county home demonstration agents and their assistants at the State College at West Raleigh. Approximately 100 women will be present.—Statesville Landmark.

GERMANY'S PLEAS AND PROTEST HAVE BEEN HEEDED

(By Associated Press in Charlotte Observer, June 4th)—There is a probability that Germany may secure as a result of her strong counter proposals some lessening in the severity of the peace terms of the allied and associated powers. Germany's pleas that it will be impossible to fulfill the financial requirements of the allies and her protests against certain territorial relinquishments have been held and are being discussed by the council of four. Paris reports have it that in certain quarters of the peace conference the German viewpoint is receiving strong support.

A full discussion of the German counter proposals especially concerning reparations and other economic features of the peace treaty has been held by President Wilson and the staff of American experts of the American peace delegation. Great Britain is said to favor a number of concessions to Germany but France continues firm in her stand not to waver from the original terms. On the other hand the Americans are declared to be not averse to minor concessions but are not in favor of going to the extent that the British propose.

The German government is incensed over the formation of a Rhenish republic. It has ordered the arrest of Dr. Dorten, the president of the republic, and also has protested to the peace conference and the armistice commission at Spa against the behavior of the French authorities in the occupied Rhineland. French support of the Rhenish republic is characterized by the German government as high treason against the empire. Strikes by dissatisfied Germans in the American occupied area called in protest against the formation of the republic ended quickly when the American commanders issued a warning against the movement.

The supreme council has been requested by the Lithuanian delegation to the peace conference to have an allied commission investigate alleged pogroms and other illegal acts by the Poles in occupied Lithuania.

An unconfirmed report has reached Copenhagen that Petrograd has been captured by Finnish and Estonian troops.

The head of the Austrian peace delegation has departed from St. Germain for Innsbruck, carrying with him the allied peace treaty.

Counter revolutions are reported from numerous towns in western Hungary. Hundreds of refugees are arriving at the Austrian frontier towns, seeking safety.

Sweden and Denmark have come into line with Switzerland and Norway in declining to join a blockade against Germany in case Germany refuses to sign the peace treaty. Like Switzerland and Norway, the plea is made by Sweden and Denmark that such action would be a violation of their neutrality.

Big strikes have begun in Paris, Lille and other cities in France.

Hens for Subscription.

A caller in the News office on Monday was Mr. J. H. Ragan. Mr. Ragan was a former proprietor in Albemarle of the Observer, and will be remembered by many people. He says that he recalls that when he was editor of the newspaper here, a man came in and wanted the paper. He had no money and wanted to pay for it in chickens, hens to be exact. Mr. Ragan agreed and said, "How much do you want for your hens?" The man looked at him in a calculating fashion and said, "well, I think I ought to have ten cents a piece for them hens. Mr. Ragan agreed. A few days later the prospective subscriber returned bringing two brothers, who also wanted to trade chickens for the newspaper. They brought thirty hens, for which they got three years' subscriptions to a weekly four-page paper."

HON. R. N. PAGE DELIVERED ABLE ADDRESS LAST NIGHT

Awarding Diplomas, Certificates and Medals—Vide Caudill Perfect Attendance Ten Years—Miss Corrine Clements Scholarship Medal.

The diplomas were presented by County Supt. of Public Instruction Wright who also presented a certificate, for ten years of perfect attendance, to Vide Caudill. There were 19 who completed the seventh grade as follows:

E. Leboth Cranor, Nell Gwyn, Clara Long, Charlie Beeson, Blanche Trogdon, Helen Marlow, Agnes Shook, Sam Johnson, Carrie Brookshire, Mary Moore, Lurrie Reynolds, William Rhodes, Dean Norris, Ernest Trogdon, Edgar Reynolds, Hubert Beeson, Percy Parker, Thomas McNeil, Joseph Darlington.

Each pupil gets \$3 for advancement in studies attendance and deportment.

The following were awarded \$3 each in Thrift Stamps from the Junior Order, by Mr. K. M. Allen:

1st grade A.—Frederick B. Staley.
1st Grade B.—Donovan Eller.
2nd Grade.—Charlie Watkins.
3rd Grade.—Chas. Crutchfield.
4th Grade.—Virginia Reeves.
5th Grade.—Virginia Hix.
6th Grade.—Freida Landon.

A medal was presented Corrine Clements of the 10th grade for highest per cent. in scholarship.

Following are the names of those who have completed studies of primary and intermediate grades and also the studies of the high school and will receive their diplomas tonight.

Elwin Waugh.
Dawkins Henry.
Miss Fay Meadows.
Miss Masie Vandy.
Miss Annie Jennings.
Miss Irene Hart.
Miss Kate Finley.
Miss Gertrude Johnson.
Miss Ruby Blackburn.

Former Congressman R. N. Page was introduced by Mr. L. Vyne and spoke somewhat along the same lines as in Greensboro as follows:

Discussing the great war Mr. Page found it unlike any other conflict the world had ever known. Germany had made an assault upon the freedom of mankind, upon the ideals for which our forefathers died. America, then had to enter the war or lose her soul. The issue was squarely met, the fateful step was taken and this nation was the deciding factor in that great struggle.

Selective service operations had been characterized by remarkable efficiency, the speaker pointed out. Here he paid eloquent tribute to the unflinching devotion to duty of the women folks, who sent their men into battle with a smile. Through such sacrifices has come notable elevation of the people everywhere.

But the operations of the draft act disclosed conditions that cause North Carolina to feel ashamed and which emphasize the necessity of remedial action. Mr. Page referred particularly to the appalling amount of illiteracy in the state. Examinations of registrants, said he, showed that practically 50 per cent. of the men were illiterate. These conditions obtained, too, he pointed out, after years of intensive educational effort.

Mr. Page recalled the great educational campaign of 1900 and alluded particularly to the work of the late Governor Charles B. Aycock, "great apostle of education and beloved citizen." Aycock had once been under the necessity of thanking God for South Carolina "because she kept us from being at the foot of the column of states in illiteracy." But after years of educational endeavor the percentage of ignorance is alarmingly high, draft statistics show. "Are we going to learn this lesson through this university of experience, or are we going to ignore it?" Mr. Page asked.

"The fiber of our citizenship is in the crucible and must be tested by

PERSONS LEAVING AND RETURNING

Miss Mildred Bowles, of Hickory, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. D. Meadows.

Miss Marger and Luna Allen, of Taylorsville, are visiting at Mr. C. H. Somers for the week.

Mr. N. B. Smithy, of Wilkesboro went to Charlotte Wednesday to purchase goods.

Miss Ruby Spainhour went to Winston-Salem this morning to spend the week-end with friends.

Messdames C. H. Somers and Mrs. J. H. Lewis went to Elkin yesterday morning to visit Mrs. Wiley Lewis.

Mr. Neal Thompson, furniture salesman, has been visiting his brother Mr. J. H. Thompson since Wednesday.

Mr. Boyd Wallace, who has been in Panama for several years, is visiting his parents and sister, Mrs. R. D. Laws at Moravian Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wallace, of Winston-Salem, arrived Wednesday to visit his parents and sister, Mrs. R. Don Laws, at Moravian Falls.

Mrs. R. C. Jennings and children, of Winston-Salem, who have been visiting her parents at Pores Knob, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Sadie Somers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Somers, who has been teaching school at Grassy Creek, Ashe county, came home Wednesday.

Miss Lena Faw, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. B. Scott in Norfolk, Va., for several months, is now visiting her mother, Mrs. Geo. W. Johnson, Jr.

Mrs. J. Gordon Hackett was called to Raleigh this morning on account of the sickness of her mother. Mr. Hackett accompanied her as far as Winston-Salem.

Some of the experiences through which we have passed," said the former congressman. About 50 per cent. of the draft registrants had been found physically unfit he said. Corrective measures are absolutely imperative.

Proceeding a step further, Mr. Page declared: "It is essential that this commonwealth, as an organized commonwealth, should start out on a campaign for sanitation and hygiene. In every county should be established a hospital with a trained staff. More attention must be given to preventable disease."

Turning his attention again to the war, the speaker stated that America was not in the war for any purposes of aggression. We did not lay down the lives of 50,000 or more our youth who sleep today in France, for the purpose of gaining a foot of territory or a dollar of indemnity, but did this for the vindication of righteous ideals and in order to give to others the blessings we now enjoy."

After praising the achievements of the American army and navy Mr. Page lauded the civil population which, he said, displayed "the same sacrificial spirit and the same indomitable courage as the fighting men."

"We must not relinquish the high ideals that won the war," said the former congressman, and he warned of impending problems of most difficult nature. "There are battles before us," said he, "that are going to try the souls of men and women as possibly they have never been tried before. America has stricken down the shackles of autocracy, but even greater tasks lie ahead in effecting the complete liberation of such peoples."

The speaker also was moved to express the conviction that "in our participation in this conflict we were led by the hand of Providence. That maelstrom of death and horror generated higher ideals. We have been lifted out of the isolation of a century and a half, and cannot return to our former selfish aloofness. If we have a desire to do so, we are unworthy of the 50,000 who made the supreme sacrifice."

Mr. Page predicted that the peace treaty will be speedily signed.