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LOCAL NEWS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Solicitor Hayes is at Avery court this week.

The N. Wilkesboro graded school was closed Monday—Easter Monday.

May 1st is the time set by law when your taxes should have been paid—one week from today.

A moving picture is to be given at the Orpheum twice on Friday under auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Wilkesboro high school has a new Weaver piano bought last week from J. L. Garwood for the music department.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. E. E. Eller next Thursday afternoon at 3:30. All members are urged to be present and any one who would like to become members.

The group county commencement at Ronda next Saturday, April 26th. The annual literary address will be delivered by Mr. W. A. Harper, president of Elon College, at 11 o'clock.

Friday afternoon and night next "Ruggles of Red Gap" will be given at the Orpheum under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. See advertisement on page 8.

Dr. J. W. White returned on the noon train Wednesday from Raleigh where he attended a meeting of the State medical board and the State Medical Society Monday and Tuesday.

E. Roscoe Hall of Legerwood has recently perfected a one-man wire stretcher. Patents on this device are being secured now. Mr. Hall has made this wire stretcher out of very practical ideas, and his friends believe he will find a ready demand for it when it is put on the market.—Lenoir News-Topic.

Mr. A. A. Cashion, who has the contract for moving the E. C. Jenkins' residence on the corner of 9th and D streets to the corner of 9th and E street, will complete the job in a few more days. Mr. Cashion is an expert at this business having worked at it for a number of years. When in need of such work call him.

Ronda County Commencement Begins Next Saturday.

The group county commencement will be held at Ronda Saturday. Prof. N. W. Walker, of Chapel Hill, will deliver an address on "Education" at 11 A. M.

The following marshals were elected for the commencement: Carl McGinnis, chief marshal, Chas. Hickerson, Russell Day, Carrie Hendrix and Agnes Byrd.

On Saturday the Home Economics Department will give an exhibition.

On Saturday night the high school pupils will give a play.

Sunday evening Rev. Walter J. Miller will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

Monday evening declamation and recitation contest. The Minuet and Tom Thumb Wedding will come the same evening.

"The Eternal Home of the Saved."

Rev. J. L. Shinn, pastor of the Wilkesboro Baptist church, on Sunday morning will preach on the subject, "The Eternal Home of the Saved." At night, "The Eternal Home of the Lost." You are most cordially invited to attend these services.

"The Message of Malachi."

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Wilkesboro Presbyterian church, the pastor will speak on "The Message of Malachi"—the last word before the curtain falls on the Old Testament. You are cordially invited to attend this service.

GLASSES LOST: Between Forks in Wilkesboro and Dick Reins' residence April 20th. Gold rimmed. Will pay liberal reward.—Bob Meadows, Pores Knob, N. C. Glasses are double lense, riding bow.

MRS. THORNTON McNEILL DIES—BURIED AT NEW HOPE

Mrs. Thornton McNeill died at her home on D street, Thursday of last week, following a chronic illness of several weeks or months. The burial was last Saturday near her former home New Hope church in Lewis Fork postponed a day on account of rain. Rev. W. L. Griggs and Rev. M. McNeill assisted in the funeral and burial.

Mrs. McNeill was known to her friends as Eda, Elizabeth McNeill and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McNeill. Born July 16th 1865. She was the wife of Mr. Thornton McNeill who died during the epidemic of influenza in 1919 to which union seven children were born two of whom also died within a few days of their father's death.

They were Mrs. Roscoe Vannoy and Osco McNeill.

The surviving children are Alonzo, Claud, Chal, Tip and Miss Mamie McNeill, together with six grand children; one sister Mrs. G. M. Cooper, of Charlotte; and four brothers, Messrs. Bud and John of Purlear, Wiley of Millers Creek, Sharper McNeill of N. Wilkesboro.

Among other tributes to her life the following also was read at the funeral: She professed faith in Christ and united with New Hope Baptist church in early childhood of which she remained a consistent member until her death. She loved her family, children and her Lord. She talked the evening before her death that she was ready to go and expressed the hope of meeting them in another world. It was beautiful as she talked about leaving everybody to meet her friends in heaven. Her life has gone out but her influence will remain with those who know her and will like a star serve as a guide to them to a better home on high.

County Commencement at Wilkesboro May 3rd—Sermon Sunday.

The Wilkesboro school commencement will begin Thursday evening, May 1st, a convocation by little folks.

Friday night a play will be given by the high school pupils.

Saturday county commencement—awarding of the diplomas to seventh grade graduates, spelling, declamation and recitation contest, etc.

Sunday morning baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Wicker, of Elon College. Dr. Wicker is a fine speaker and it is hoped that a large crowd will hear him—in the auditorium of the school at 11 o'clock.

Monday evening, May 5th, the following young people will receive their diplomas for the high school department: Misses Elizabeth Blevins, president; Mary Sheets, Marie Smiley, Edith Foster, Agnes Surratt, Grace Gilreath, Rena Pennell, Eva German, Lucy Hubbard, Annie Duncan, Jim Deal, Forest Swanson, Paul Swanson, Fred Gilreath, Glenn Foster, William Greer and Giffin Humphries.

The following marshals have been chosen for the commencement: Misses Wrenn Duncan, Minnie Smoak, Messrs. Alfred Shore and Howard Gilreath.

Traphill High School Commencement Exercises.

Wednesday, April 23d.
8:00 P. M. High School Play—"Mother Mine."

Thursday, April 24.
2:00 P. M. Concert by Primary and Intermediate Grades.
8:00 P. M. Grammar Grade Play—"Topsy Turvy."

Friday April 25.

10:30 A. M. Address by Rev. M. T. Smathers, of N. Wilkesboro.
12:00 Dinner on the grounds.
1:30 P. M. Class Exercises by the Graduating Class.

3:30 P. M. Baseball game between Wilkesboro and Traphill high schools. M. F. HUNGARNER.

Will Brown, colored, aged about 52 years, died Thursday night, 17th, inst., from heart disease, at his home just south of Wilkesboro, Harris Hill.

Fifty-Nine Years Ago Sherman's Army Came Up Through South.

Special to the Laurinburg Exchange.

I am impressed so strongly these days of March each year that I can hardly contain my emotions. My thoughts automatically drift on things that were making history in this country March 8, 9 and 10, 59 years ago or 1865. Sherman, the terrible, with sword in hand, boots and spurs, was leading his army right through Laurinburg and spreading death and destruction in the land. The hope of the Confederacy was dimly flickering and to use the quotation so often heard, the only hope was "while there is life there is hope." Now you people whose heads are white with three score and ten plus five and the deep furrows on your brow which these trying days helped to bring to you, now lift your eyes and let your mind go back to 59 years ago when men's souls were tried as by fire. Start out afoot, as you were doing then, going from neighbor to neighbor, seeking comfort and finding none. Wherever you went you found little groups talking and their subject was Sherman and his raid, and what shall we do next? Go to church and try to refresh your soul and find rest and peace of mind. There too were the little groups rehearsing and retelling the same old story. Surely they could almost hear the echo when Sherman said, "War is Hell." And as you journeyed from place, death and destruction greeted you on every hand.

A dead horse here, cows and hogs there, the vultures of the air feasting and human bodies a part of the feast. Fifteen dead Yankees strewn over the woods in our neighborhood, and they were left right where the last breath left them, to be devoured by the vultures and the hogs of the range. The hand of care never touched these bodies and again old Sherman was right in his definition.

I saw four of these unfortunates myself. Two weeks after the army had passed I was going to William Love's little corn mill, driving a small ox, the work animal left on our hill. Not the bray of a mule nor the neigh of a horse to be heard. What a dark spot in our country's history. On my way to mill with 2 bushels of corn we gathered up where the army had feed the horses, grain by grain, an order came to me, such an odor, such an odor that I cannot forget. I stopped my yearling and nosing around a bit found a big six-foot Yankee with a blue coat on and a bullet hole in his temple. A sight that I cannot forget.

Mr. Graham, Mrs. McLaughlin's grandfather, was killed up there by Sherman's stragglers. We were still hoping and praying that the war would end as we wished. Time passed and in April 1865, bang went the last gun. This was the very birth of a nation. Then for many years was a mighty struggle. By patience, faith and never-ending energy, we proved ourselves conquerors of all. Beaten to the dust but only to rise again more powerful than before.

A. D. CURRIE.

Time to Cut Early Rye for Hay.

People who have rye to cut for hay should cut before it begins to bloom. We know some, maybe few, in Wilkes who this and last week had to cut. A year ago the Progressive Farmer had the following: "If the wind is blowing and the sun is hot, rake it into rows in a few hours then shock afternoon of the next day."

Miss Lottie Hegwood, trained nurse of Chicago, who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Thos. Hegwood, returned home last week.

Mr. Ralph Edwards had the misfortune of getting his arm broken yesterday morning while cranking P. D. Meadow's Ford truck.

Miss Colie Harris and Mr. Parker, formerly of Wilkesboro, were married last week.

Big Poultry Farm—Incubator 10,368 Egg Capacity.

Brown Creek Poultry Farm, three or four miles below Peachland, is an interesting place to visit. It belongs to W. P. Broom and son, of Peachland, and L. A. Stewart, a State College man, is manager. It is one of the largest poultry farms in this section of the State, having an incubator of 10,368 eggs capacity which is operated for the farm and for custom hatching of eggs, farmers and others through that section carry eggs there almost daily to be placed in the incubator. The incubator holds the attention of all visitors since it has glass doors and it is possible to see chicks emerge from their shells as they hatch. The farm now contains about 4500 young chicks and 1500 hens with 100 roosters—every one of the birds being White Leghorns. It is the intention of the manager to grow 10,000 fryers this spring. Mr. Stewart stated that he had recently placed 200 eggs, purchased of a New York poultryman at \$50 each in his incubator. Less than half the eggs hatched and now he has a lot of chicks which cost them at least \$2 each. About 1000 eggs each day are gathered at the farm and a contract price of 45c per dozen is received the year round. While there are numerous smaller units of houses scattered about the premises for the accommodation of baby chicks, the henery is a building 20 feet wide and 300 feet long. Feeding and care of the birds is done scientifically and the Brown Creek Poultry Farm is meeting with success.—Marshville Home.

You Can Pick and Choose.

Colliers: Of the great army of Federal officials, only 523 are elected by the people. All those, except 64 members of the Senate, will come up for election in November. They include the president, the vice president, 32 members of the Senate, and 435 members of the House of Representatives. For these 499 jobs there are now not less than 20,000 candidates, active or "proceptive." Every Federal office office becomes vacant on March 4th next and will be filled in November. You will have an opportunity to vote for only four men to fill these 499 places. Each voter will have an opportunity to name his choice for president and vice president, one senator, and one representative. That holds true only in thirty-two States. In the other sixteen States the electors will have only three choices. This year the voter will have few political issues to confuse his mind. Unless he is a convinced and narrow party man, he will not have to bother about the differences between Democrat and Republican. Character in the candidate will count more than his party label. It should not be difficult for you to choose three or four good men. If you exercise the care and attention you should and do give to hiring a man in your private affairs, you will have done your duty. Congressmen and senators and presidents are your employees. You hire and fire. Help pick the right sort this year.

Gen. Albert L. Cox Speaker on May 10th Memorial Day at Durham

Durham, April 7.—Gen. Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh, will be the principal speaker at the unveiling of the Confederate monument on the courthouse lawn in Durham on Memorial Day, May 10th. Plans are now being made for the ceremonies by the Daughters of the Confederacy and they promise to be both interesting and impressive. Funds for the monument were given by the county commissioners under a special act passed by the General Assembly. The style of monument was left with the local Confederate veterans. Gen. Cox commanded the 113th field artillery, which was a unit of the famous 30th Division during the World War.

C. V. Woodie, of Purchase, was here yesterday.

Remedy Lies With the Voter.

Commenting on the tax question, the San Francisco Bulletin says:

"There are two large classes of favorites in this country that are exempt from income tax; the holders of political jobs and the holders of public bonds. The bonds are exempt also from all other taxes.

"According to the Country Gentleman, one out of every 12 persons in United States over 16 years old and gainfully employed is on the public payroll. That means not only that the rest of us provide the salaries for the job holders, but that we also pay the income tax that they ought to pay on their salaries. Even notaries public are exempt from income tax on their fees.

"Collier's Weekly relates that the estate of Jacob Schiff, the banker, amounting to \$35,000,000, was nearly all in tax free bonds"—Congress has failed to pass legislation making possible taxation of income from such securities.

"The more political places we create and the more tax free bonds we issue, the heavier becomes the tax load on those who do not hold political jobs or public bonds.

"These are matters to keep in mind when we are asked by urgent politicians to borrow millions on the taxpayers' credit for the purpose of investing in enterprises that will employ large numbers of tax-free politicians.

"We feel a righteous indignation when we read how kings of France, before the revolution, exempted favored class as from taxation, but have we not gone farther than any king of France dared go?"

Balloon Tires to Help Roads.

Gastonia Gazette.

The balloon tire is as yet too new to tell its own story, but some of the reasons urged against it by its facts. Mised, perhaps, by the undoubted fact that the pneumatic tire caused great destruction to the then common type of hard road, the water-bound macadam, conservatives now state that the balloon tire with its greatly increased size of wearing surface will cause damage to other than cement or brick surface.

This is not borne out by facts already recorded of other wide tire surfaces. Heavy trucks, equipped with double wheels and flat, solid tires, do no damage to the surface of highways they use, whether that surface be oil-treated or tar-impregnated stone, sand-clay, shell, concrete, brick or cement. Road done by such vehicles is from blows or pressure and not from surface wear. It is with the modern road, almost always the weight or the blow which damages the road and seldom or never the abrasion of the surface.

According to this, the balloon tire should preserve rather than injure roads, since its lessened air pressure increases the elasticity of the cushion between the road and the weight, and therefore decreases the force of any blow by the wheel.

PERSONS LEAVING AND RETURNING

Miss Greenlee, of Marion, is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Louise Tate, student of N. C. C. W., spent Easter at home.

Mrs. W. S. Surratt spent Easter in Winston-Salem with relatives.

Mrs. J. T. Roland left last Friday for her home in Northport, N. Y.

Miss Ruth Henry spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Henry.

Miss Floreta Turner spent Easter with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Turner.

William Absher and Jeter Blackburn spent Easter with their parents in the city.

Mr. Oliver F. Blevins spent Sunday at home with his family returning to Winston Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Holman spent Easter with their daughter, Mrs. Walter Spivey, at Ritchesquare.

Miss Dorothy Brame, student at Randolph Macon, spent Easter with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. J. Brame.

Miss Louise Vyne, student at Salem Female College, has been spending the Easter holidays with her parents.

Mr. L. N. Cashion and family, of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday in the city with his father, Mr. John Cashion.

Mr. Thos. S. Miller spent Friday to middle of this week at home in Wilkesboro leaving for points southward.

Mr. Ed. Crysel will start next Friday by auto to Robeson county accompanying his sister and children there.

Miss Ida Greene, student at Trinity College, spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. F. L. Parks, at Roaring River.

Miss Gray Green, who teaches at Glade Valley, in Alleghany county, visited her mother Sunday of last week.

Mr. A. W. Clevenger, State creamery inspector, and the Messrs. Confrey of the Iradell creamery, were here Monday on an Easter holiday trip.

Miss Ruby Pearson, of the North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro, spent the past week-end with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Pearson, Wilkesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and Mr. and Mrs. David Welborn spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Welborn's mother, Mrs. Whit. Williams, returning Monday to Winston where they reside.

Ed. Carter, of High Point, was at home for Easter and, with about dozen or more other Wilkes people, left on the afternoon train Monday returning to Winston-Salem and elsewhere where employed. Others came in cars.

TO THE FARMERS OF WILKES COUNTY:

I have another allotment of \$25,000.00 Farm Loan money, for the farmers of Wilkes county. Your applications must all be in my office not later than

April 25th.

So if you want a loan come on in and get your application on file. Time 5 to 35 years, 5-12 per cent. interest.

Application fee of 1 per cent. to accompany your application.

Frank D. Hackett,

Sec. Tres. Moravian M't'l Farm Loan Association.