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IMPORTANT WILKES COMMERCIAL CLUB NOTES

The Secretary has received the following two letters, one from Florida, which is the extreme Southern part of our country, and one from New York City. The letters are given in full:

New York City, March 8, 1921.

Board of Trade, Wilkesboro, N. C.

Gentlemen: I desire to locate in a quiet region possessing agreeable attractions, notable by humid weather, storms and cyclones, and mainly by a hospitable and polite folk.

If your region merits attention I would appreciate a cordial reply plus descriptive booklet or folder of your section, if in print.

Gratefully,

William Wallman

337 East 14th St.

New York City.

Lakeland, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Please furnish me a list of your Boarding Houses that cater to the Summer trade and truly oblige.

Yours truly,

H. C. Farmer

What the Secretary desires is a complete list of places where people from the North and from the South can get board during the winter and summer months. There are no more desirable summer or winter places in the country than Wilkes County especially now that the good roads are reaching every portion of it.

If people have houses or cottages to rent on the Brushies or elsewhere that would make desirable summer places, the Secretary should have a list of these houses together with the number of rooms present, the number of rooms, running water conveniences, if any. This information should be furnished as soon as possible. These letters which are continuously received only emphasize the need of a summer hotel on the Brushies or elsewhere where we can accommodate the Southern or Northern visitor. We could take care of hundreds of people from Florida in the summer time.

H. C. Landon,

Executive Secretary.

AID TO THE FARMER

An appeal has been made by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for "every good citizen to do what he can to help the farmer thru the period of depression. Prices of farm products must rise and prices of what the farmer must buy must come down before normal conditions can exist."

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"The department," the Secretary said: "will do everything possible to find an outlet for the great food surplus. Ways of producing more cheaply, new uses for surplus crops, and better marketing systems would help the situation."

HEALTH OFFICER ON THE JOB

The new county health officer, Dr. A. H. Lindorme of Atlanta, Ga., who recently succeeded Dr. Douthit, is taking up his work most enthusiastically and efficiently. He is rapidly becoming acquainted about the county and is doing much to curb contagious diseases, and improve general health conditions by tactful suggestions.

He reports ready cooperation upon the part of all once they understand his mission. We urge everyone to work heartily with Dr. Lindorme to the end that Wilkes may be the healthiest county in the United States.

MACK ELLEDGE FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Jury Out Only Five Minutes... Sentence Not Yet Pronounced. Criminal Docket Takes Up Full Term of March Court

Mack Elledge, the 17-years-old boy who slaid another boy, Vernon Davis, of the same age practically, last September while on their way home from Woodlawn Baptist church, has been on trial since Monday. Readers may remember the facts: A number of youths and girls returning (having went by the Holiness tent meeting) at night Elledge was escorting the Stone girl, with whom Davis also desired to go. Vernon Davis, walking with Paul Stone, caught up with Elledge and the girl and began to interfere, at the forks of the road where they first caught up, and Davis fell, stabbed in his right breast, into a little gully and died.

Sheriff Woodruff, and Deputies Silas Reynolds, J. M. Bumgarner and Policeman Wyatt went to the locality almost immediately and was at the place of the tragedy between 10 o'clock and 10-30. The boy was caught four or five mile from where the homicide occurred at the home of his older brother, John Elledge, in Mulberry township on Mitch Higgin's place some time after midnight—about two o'clock, etc., etc.

Lewis Prevette, Press Prevette, Branson Anderson and Jim Lonsford, manufacturing and retailing, nol pros with leave.

Tom Swain, assault, guilty of an assault on a female.

Ed. Combs, assault with deadly weapon, continued for defendant.

Tom Swain, resisting officer, verdict of guilty.

Jack, Floy and Partee Davis, mfg. etc., bond of \$500 required.

Toy Cardwell, assault with deadly weapon, verdict of guilty; judgment for one half cost; defendant only 14 years old at the time.

Roby Charley and Ben Elledge, nol pros. with leave. Order heretofore made stricken out.

Claud Hart, reckless auto driving, absent, \$200 bond required.

Henry Shepherd and Elizabeth Ferget, fornication and adultery, nol pros. with leave. Order heretofore stricken out.

Wednesday the following true bills 7; ignored 4.

Weldon Laws, assault with deadly weapon, fined \$25.

Link Triplett, mfg., and retailing, if bond is filed in 30 days forfeiture is to be stricken out.

Clyde Hampton, disturbing spelling match, plead guilty.

Vestal Wheatly, mfg and retailing verdict of guilty.

(Thursday 19 true bills; untrue 10) The grand jury finished its work Friday.

Geo. Marlow, incest, verdict of guilty.

Frank Joines, Jr., passing worthless check, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Luther Childers, Marvin Caudill and Spencer Blackburn assault with deadly weapon, verdict of simple assault; judgment of the court that the defendants Spencer Blackburn and Luther Childers pay a fine each of \$5 and each one-half the cost. Marvin and Ray Caudill were both ordered turned over to the juvenile court being under 16 years of age.

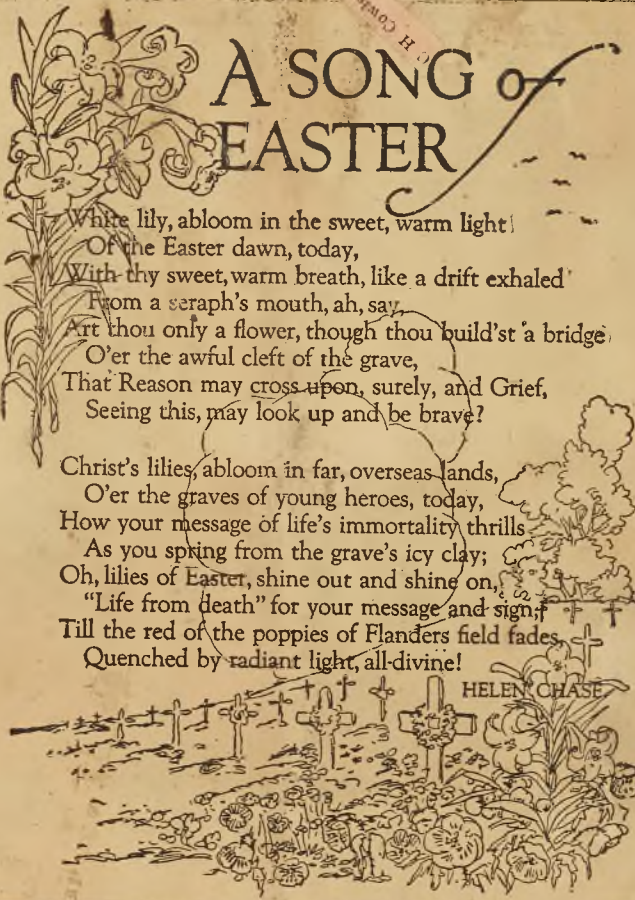
Harmon Shaw, Isaac Clark and Chas. Williams: nol pros.

Six true bills were returned by the grand jury Friday.

Jim Holder and Mattie Adams, fornication and adultery, verdict of guilty.

REIGNBEAU WEDDING

The "Reignbeau Wedding," which was postponed on account of the rainy weather, will be given tonight (Thursday) at the Wilkesboro School Auditorium at eight o'clock.



A SONG OF EASTER

White lily, abloom in the sweet, warm light!
Of the Easter dawn, today,
With thy sweet, warm breath, like a drift exhaled
From a seraph's mouth, ah, say
Art thou only a flower, though thou build'st a bridge
O'er the awful cleft of the grave,
That Reason may cross upon, surely, and Grief,
Seeing this, may look up and be brave?

Christ's lilies, abloom in far, overseas lands,
O'er the graves of young heroes, today,
How your message of life's immortality thrills
As you spring from the grave's icy clay;
Oh, lilies of Easter, shine out and shine on,
"Life from death" for your message and sign,
Till the red of the poppies of Flanders field fades,
Quenched by radiant light, all-divine!

HELEN CHASE

Lilies, Eggs, and Bunnies

An Easter egg by any other name would taste just as delicious, but the world over the people are creatures of habit, so at Easter and around Easter only we have the chocolate and jelly eggs.

The association of Easter and eggs goes back to heathen times, says one authority.

"It seems as if the egg was thus decorated for an Easter trophy, after the days of mortification and abstinence were over and festivity had taken their place, and as an emblem of the resurrection of life, as certified to us by the resurrection from the regions of death and the grave. Not only do we find this record of the use of eggs among the practices of the Egyptians, the ancient Israelites and the early Christians, but De Gobelin informs us that the custom of using eggs at Easter may be traced up not only to the theology of the people of Egypt, but to the theology and philosophy of the Persians, the Gauls, the Greeks and the Romans, all of whom regarded the egg as an emblem of the universe and the work of the Supreme Divinity."

The Christians have used eggs on Easter day as containing the elements of future life, symbolic of the resurrection. Painted or ornamented eggs have become in many lands an Easter institution.

As for the bunny, the chicken and the kiewpie, they all play their part in modern Easter gifts. The bunny or hare owes its popularity to the belief of the German children that it is the hare who lays the eggs on Easter day.

Easter always brings a profusion of flowers, with the lily the most popular of all. "In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born" has an additional meaning when one sees lilies on every side. The fact that a Philadelphia introduced the Bermuda lily to this country adds more interest to this ever-interesting subject. In 1891, so the story runs, a young man from the Bermudas was visiting in that city, and upon seeing a lily, exclaimed: "Oh, there is our lily." However, upon close examination he found that it was not a Bermuda lily. This incident led to a Philadelphia florist visiting Bermuda in 1881 and bringing the bulbs to this country. We all know its popularity. No wonder, for it is superior to both the Chinese and Egyptian (or calla); it is a surer bloomer and more profuse; it also has a greater fragrance.

Now the lily industry in the United States is thriving. Millions upon millions are grown from Florida to California. In these climes they are grown under glass, in fact a veritable lily king plants a half a million bulbs this way.

But in enthusiasm for the lily, the rhododendron, the azalea, the spirea, tulip, hyacinth, daffodil, narcissus, ferns and the many others must not be forgot nor their charms overlooked.

Odd Things Happen at Easter Time

There are many little tragedies which happen at Easter time. Some of them are not without their humorous side. Right on your very street, possibly in the house next door, there is something going on which is tragic to the person it happens to, and humorous to those who do not suffer by it.

Take little Jack or little Mary, for instance. Well, we'll take little Mary. She gets an all-chocolate Easter bunny. All day long you'll long for a piece of that bunny—grown-ups call them rabbits—and all day long Mary'll hold it in her hand. Not that she is wise to the fact that we want a piece of chocolate, but just because the bunny is fascinating. By the end of the day Mary has no rabbit. Goodness, no! Nobody took the rabbit from Mary. She still has the chocolate—every bit of it—but the rabbit? Well, he just melted away into an unrecognizable solid mass.

Fourteen-year-old brother has ideas of his own about how Easter should be spent. A certain young lady—thirteen years of age—is the apple of brother's eye, and it is only natural and fitting for a young man about to venture on the sea of love that he should have a certain kind of necktie and low shoes. Easter blooms forth in all its splendor and brother ventures forth to meet his lady fair. But lo! He figured on her liking his plain blue tie, and all the time she likes the regimental stripe tie worn by little Willie Green, and proves her liking by taking her Easter stroll with Willie, and not brother.

Three weeks before Easter, just when the Easter bonnet makes its appearance in the hat shops, mother rushes downtown to get herself a hat. And for three weeks mother is on pins and needles waiting for Easter day to arrive. And when Easter does arrive she is on more pins and needles waiting for 1 o'clock to strike so that she can spring a spring hat surprise on father. Of course, father and mother go to church on Sunday and she'll wear the hat. She thinks her pale green turban a little bit frisky. Father not only approves of mother's thoughts in words, but also thinks other things which will not be put in words.

Grandma also suffered some little tragedies. Pardon the comparison, but church services to grandma are the same as a good personality to a politician or a fortune to a miser. And Easter services are always a little out of the ordinary. You know, special decorations and all that. But grandma is disappointed with the services this year. The young man who sang the hymns this year did not do nearly as well—thanks to her memory—as the young man who sang the very same hymn 20 years ago. And the flowers! Not nearly so pretty as those of 30 years ago! It's a sad Easter for grandma after the services.

WILL GO HARD WITH BILLINGS

Talmadge Billings, who killed Wm. Chatham nearly two years ago, and was captured last Wednesday night by Officers Silas Reynolds, Nathan Wyatt and Geo. W. Bradley, and brought here to jail, is on trial for this crime, the case coming up on Wednesday morning. The case is attracting a great deal of attention and it is the general opinion that he will be convicted of murder in the first degree, this carrying with it the death penalty.

Billings was reported as captured several times recently in nearby states, but each time it proved to be a rumor or some other man resembling him, and when he was really taken many were skeptical as to his being the right man, but this time it really proved to be him. Lawyers Julius Rousseau and H. A. Cranor were appointed by the judge to act as counsel for the defendant.

A number of witnesses have been examined up to the present, and as the case progresses, it seems to get stronger against the prisoner.

GROUP COUNTY COMMENCEMENTS

To the Teachers of Wilkes County: The townships of the county have again been divided into four groups for holding the County Commencements this year as follows:

Group 1 composed of Elkin, Jobs Cabin, Lewis Fork, Reddies River, Stanton and union at Millers Creek on Saturday, April 23rd.

Group 2 Beaver Creek, Boomer, Brushy Mountain, Lovelace, Moravian Falls and Wilkesboro, at Wilkesboro on Friday, April 29th.

Group 3 Antioch, Edwards, New Castle Somers and Traphill at Ronda, Saturday, April 30th.

Group 4 Mulberry, North Wilkesboro, Rock Creek and Walnut Grove at Mountain View Saturday, May 7th.

The Colored County Commencement will be held at Wilkesboro on Saturday, April 16th.

At these Commencements Diplomas will be given to all the pupils who have completed the seventh grade and who have successfully passed on examination on the work thereof. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all who have been perfect in attendance during the entire term. Awards of Honor will be given to all who have been perfect in spelling for the term. Library Certificates will be awarded to those who read not less than fifty books during the calendar year. Gold Medals will be given to all who have been perfect in attendance for seven years, or during the Primary and Grammar Grades of the public schools. Last, but by no means least, prizes will be awarded to the winners in the Better Bread Contests. First, second and third prizes to the School-girls in the Biscuit Contest, like prizes to the winners in the Cake, and Light Bread Contest. These two open to every woman and girl in the county.

We are very anxious to have every one entitled to any of the awards or prizes mentioned above present at these group commencements to receive such, and shall be glad to have you look after these in your schools and communities and endeavor to have them go. I am counting on you to see that your school is represented in some one or more of the various contests at these meetings, the declamation-recitation contests, better bread contest, etc.

Do what you can to get the patrons of your school and community to lend their presence to these occasions. Urge them to take a day off and thereby boost the cause of education.

Thanking you for your efforts during the past term to improve existing conditions in the schools, and with best wishes for your future success in the work, I am,

Very truly yours,

C. C. Wright, County Supt. Schools.

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

Have you registered for the school bond election to be held at the Court House on Saturday, March 26.

The question to be voted on is whether or not bonds in the sum of \$15,000 shall be issued for an addition to and improvement of the local school building.

A new registration is required for this election and you should see that you are properly registered. The books are at the Bank of Wilkesboro building.

Show that you are interested in the vital welfare of Wilkesboro by coming out and voting on this important question.

AN APPRECIATION

There was a tightening of the strings and a throb of pain on the morning of February 1 the news spread over Wilkes "Miss Mamie", daughter of Mrs. E. Wallace and Mr. Caudill was dead.

For long months she suffered confined to her bed, her hearts had done its best for her comfort.

However as she lay so beautifully robed in the trace of suffering and there seemed a peace and a beautiful.

She was an popular with all who knew her. Her loving her. Her and poor Cal were happy smiles. Aside from her mother's loss she was a very loyal friend.

There can be but one way to honor her memory and that is to be brave and wonderful.

Her memory will be left her. No one can ever love children and she has suddenly gone out for "Mamie." "Mother" made so much of the sunshine there.

We are thankful we knew her, that she was so long our friend and with the bereaved ones mingle our tears, for we too loved her.

"Thy sweet as year by year we lose Friends out of sight in faith to muse How grows in Paradise our store!"

Kiter R. Bower

A union service of the three North Wilkesboro churches will be held Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church. The service will be in the interest of the employers and employees of the town, and Dr. Staley will be the preacher. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

EXTRA SESSION APRIL 11th

On April 11th a little less than a month away, both Houses of Congress will convene in an extra session to take up the urgent measures of tax and tariff. Just what will come first is uncertain. It is a matter between the Senate and the House concerning the Senate taking up the tariff and means first.

President Wilson's address had advanced each of these as a product of a protective tariff standard of living classes elsewhere.

It is safe to say that the American Merchants' Association will recommend, to put with our competitors cannot hope to establish profitable trade with our American ships and without such trade, we cannot hope for a full measure of national prosperity.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

The April Teachers' Examination will be held at the court house on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 13, 14, and 15.

This examination will be given for County Certificates, State Elementary Certificates, Provisional A., Provisional B., High School Teachers' Certificates, etc., etc.

Examination will be also given on the Reading Circle books for the renewal of Certificates.

The examination will be given at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, and all applicants for certificates are requested to be present on the morning of the first day if possible.

C. C. Wright,

County Supt. of Schools.

EASTER BAZAAR

An Easter Bazaar will be held all day Friday, Mar 25th at Brame's Drug Store. Under the auspices of the Wesleyan Bible Class, Fancy articles, Easter eggs, candy and all kinds of good things will be on sale.