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### News in a Nutshell

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NEW YORK, Feb. 9-Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to the United States, is returning to Washington. He is armed with full powers to press proposals for a world conference on disarmament. While in England he was in frequent consultation with Premier Lloyd George and John W. Davis, U. S. Ambassador to The Court of St. James. The first steps will be taken after the Harding inauguration, when a place and time of meeting will be set.

Robert P. Brindell, former labor dictator in the city cuilding trades and chairman of 115,000 workmen, was sentenced to Sing Sing yesterday for five years. He was convicted of promoting strikes, and extorting funds from owners of buildings under consruction. The sentence brings a short respite in the fight commenced last Fall under the Lockwood Investigation committee. Prosecution Attorney Samuel Undermyer says 'that other men are involved and that the housing investigation will be vigorously continued.

In he course of work the writer had occasion the other day to visit the Kendall's Product Corporation, organized to make a dry cleaning, moisture proof product, we found the name of John N. Cole. Mr. Cole is a son of Rev. John N. Cole, deceased, who was known to many persons in Warren. In addition to activities with the Kendall firm, his son is President Piano graphic Equitpment Co., New York, and member of Board of Managers Sugola Company of America.

A new chemical is being sold here which cannot be seen when applied but which renders the article treated practically immune from moisture. A suit treated needs no raincoat, and it is said that during the Summer chiffon bathing suits thus treated will be used by dressy bathers a the seashere resorts.

In a special dispatch from Paris to the New York Times its correspondents gives a brief summary of the recent work of Dr. Binet Sangle, "The Art of Dying." The Frenchman calls modern methods of suicide as crude, vulgar, horrible, and claims that when the art of dying has been developed as has the art of living that one will pass beyond to the music that one loves and upon waves of gases pleasant and soothing. The correspondent concludes with "it seems altogether likely that by the time the would-besuicide had telephoned to the suicide doctor to give him a rendezvous, arranged with the florist for a funeral wreath, hired an orchestra to play his final air, bought his on coffin and so forth, the approaching happy ending would have taken on an aspect not conducive to its consummation. To read Dr. Sangle's book is to be convinced of the absurdity of suicide."

It would take fifty-one areas the size of England and Wales, with the State of Louisiana added, to form a country as large as the United States. England's export trade of drinkable alcoholics to Cuba has tripled since America officially went dry.

Since the holidays vituperative attacks have been cried against Henry Ford from special newsboys on all downtown corners. The publication Jack Dowtin, Register of Deeds; Mr. severely arraign Mr. Ford. They are sold for ten cents, and published, it is thought, by the Jewish element as a comeback to the anti-Jewish articles published in the Dearborn Independent, Mr. Ford's paper. It is seldom that one sees any one buy a copy.

#### A Maid's Geography.

Cape of Good Hope: Sweet Sixteen.

Cape Lookout: Twenty-five. Cape Fear: Thirty. Cape Farewell: Forty.

THE RIGHT TO JOY." (By Ruth Shaw). When the heart is pure and the soul

stads clean With a wholesome steady truth, Each man has a right to laughter and joy,

Like the days of innocent youth. When the eyes reflect the light of faith And joy in the things of today,

When they bear no cloud of tomorrow's doubt. Nor regret of the yesteday.

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ASKS THAT LEGISLATURE DOCTOR REVALUATION ACT

Hon. James Pou, of Raleigh, Delivers Good Address and Tells Why This Is Unjust to Taxpayers, Reports Mr.

I was in Raleigh Tuesday and while there heard arguments and testimony against the present high values placed on real estate by the tax authorities.

One of the clearest cut arguments against the present valuation was made by H n. James Pou, familiarll known as "Jim Pou." He is an able corporaion lawyer, and whatever he says always has logic behind it, and is delivered convincingly.

He illustrated the changed conditions of 1914 by the price of cotton on the New York market before the World War. He stated that cotton sold at twelve and three-quarter cents before the War, and that it was selling today for about that figure, but that lower grades were only seventyfive points below the best grade then, but were about four hundred points below the best grade now, and not saleable at that price.

He said that he had no criticism to make of those who placed the high values on land last year, but he wanted to say that the lands were not worth in money May 1 ,1920, near what they were valued at for taxation. That oday lands had no value, and that if put up for sale would not bring a fourth of what they were taxed at, unless it was some especially located farm. He said that the eastern half of the State did not produce enough Gordon Poindexter, Mrs. Thomas Holt, crops of all kinds, from radishes to tobacco, including everything that H. Botts and Miss Agnes Faucette. grew from the soil to pay the fertilizer and labor bill for making the crops; to say nothing of investment, of the landlord or taxes and that conditions in the western half were generally the same. That it would be a crime against he farmers to continue the present values-that they could not pay their taxes. He favored a reduction by the General Assembly of fifty per cent, on farm lands, and a reduction of thrty three per cent on property in towns of less than ten thousand population.

When asked how about the necessary revenue to run the State if values were thus lowered on lands he replied that these were extraordinary times, and needed an extraordinary remedy; that the State should cut its garment in accordance with the cloth; that this was February and that February was

"Pruning time." A large delegatio of farmers were present and many took part in the discussion. Mr. Ford, of Louisburg, a large land owner stated that the income from his farms of Franklin county would not pay the taxes.

Dr. Alexander and Mr. Templeton, of Wake, had the matter in charge on behalf of the farmers and in another column will be found the resolutions submitted by the farmers.

There could be no doubt in the minds of the Committee that the farmers were in earnest-from absolute necessity.

Among those present from Warren meber Board of Commissioners, Mr. T. O. Rodwel, Recorder; Hon. S. G. Daniel and Dr. G. H. Macon.

Well knowing no guilt or blame Can casts its darkening shadow or leave

The branding scar of shame, No joy like that from a conscience

No scourge like remorse and regret, And the heart once burned with their

stinging bite Can never entirely forget.

And the usic of laughter lessens and

fades

When doubht and regret abide, And mirth seems a mockery hollow and grim, The ghost of a thing that has died.

For the man but forfeits his claim to And his right to laugh and sing, When he sears his soul with the mem-

ories dark That sin and reproach must bring.

NOW LISSEN A MINNIT, MR. GRUMP! EF IT DON'T PAY T'ADVERTISE, WHY ER ALL TH BEST BUSINESS MEN IN TOWN DOIN' IT? HUH?



MESDAMES HOLT AND POINDEX-TER ENTERTAIN IN HONOR

OF MISS SCOGGIN

The many charming social affairs incident to the Scoggin-Meade marriage were brought to a conclusion Tuesday afternoon, February the 8th, 1921, when Mrs. Thomas Holt and Mrs. Gordon Poindexter jointly entertained at the home of Mrs. Holt at a bridge party, from three to fivethirty o'clock, complimenary to the bride elect, Miss Mary Russell Scoggin. At the door Mrs. Norwood Boyd greeted each arrival with her accustomed charm of manner, after which, Mrs. Edmond White gracefully presented them to the receiving line, Mrs. Miss Mary Russell Scoggin, Mrs. L. After saying the usual happy things to the bride elect, he bridge tables were rapidly filled and for two hours a delightful game was enjoyed.

Splendidly adapted for entertaining Mrs. Holt's beautiful home was never lovelier than on this occasion; everywhere there was evidence of skilled fingers and exquisite taste; the green of the potted plants, the dim lustre of od mahogany and the soft glow from waxen andles falling upon the pretty dresses and the happy faces of

live long ir the memory of us all. At the conclusion of the game, a delicious salad course, coffee, whipped cream, salted almonds and bon-bons was served by Misses Lucy and Edith Buwell, Mariam Boyd nd Kate White Williams. Upon adding up the cores made, it was found that to Mrs. Edmund White had fallen the distinction of winning the guests prize, an exquisite towel, which Mrs. White very charmingly presented to Miss Scoggin; the honor prize, a silver cream ladle was pleasantly presented to Miss Scoggin by Mrs. John Kerr.

Mesdames Holt and Poindexter are two of Warrenton's most popular young matrons, and so fully did they sustain their reputation for charm and hospitality, on this occasion, that we each went home longing-if not crying for "more, more, more."

Those present were: Miss Scoggin, Mesdames John C. Burwell, Van Alston, V. F. Ward, A. A. Williams, L. county we note Mr. Walter Allen, H. Botts, W. H. Dameron, T. D. Peck, Edmund White, C. A. Tucker, J. Ellis, Howard Alston, John Kerr, Norwood Boyd, H. A. Boyd, R. B. Boyd, Jr., R. J. Jones, B. B. Williams, G. B. Gregory, and Misses Kate White When a soul rests calm in peace Williams, Mariam Boyd, Lucy and Edith Burwell, Agnes Faucette and Rowe Jones.

#### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Triangular debates Friday, April 1.

The present plan is that Warrenton's negative team goes to Roanoke conducted to the parlor where various Rapids, while Henderson's negative games were played. One of the main ciation have invited the Macon Comcomes to Warrenton. This is not definitely fixed but is the prospective arrangement.

appeared on the Honor Roll in last cupid as second prize. week's Notes. By an error somewhere they were omitted:

Fourth Year H. S .- Annie Joe Lan-

Say I saw it in the Warren Record. help us as well as the merchant.

SCOGGIN-MEADE.

One of he most beautiful marriages ever witnessed in Warrenton was solemnized at six o'clock Wednesday evening, February the ninth, at the Methodist Episcopal church, when Miss Mary Russell Scoggin, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scoggin, became the wife of Mr. Hodijah Meade of Washington, D. C., Dr. J. T. Gibbs, pastor of the bride, officiating.

The bride wore a draped white satin robe with silver lace, having a long court train covered with a bridal veil which was held to her blond coffure by orange blossoms, and carried a shower bonquet of white sweet-peas. She was given in marriage by her brother Mr. J. Palmer Scoggin.

Miss Lucy Palmer Scoggin, neice of the bride was maid-of honor. She wore flesh chiffon taffeta with georgette and lace trimmings, carrying pink sweet-peas.

The flower-girl, little Miss Ann Palmer Scoggin, neice of te bride, was angelic in white net over satin, carrying a basket of pink sweet-peas. Mr. Meade was attended by his brother, Mr. John Meade, as best man.

Messrs. George and Louis Scoggin, brother of the bride, and Ben and Richard Meade, brothers of the groom, in full dress, acted as ushers.

kneeling, after the blessing, while a in North Carolina to put on a drive chain of six young ladies chanted a matrimonial hymn.

Miss Lillie Belle Dameron who played Mr. Rankoff, secured a high class bright and appropriate selections picture, thoroughly advertised and while the guests assembled.

ed with palms and ferns, softened by

the glow af a pyramid of candles. charming personality and numbers out. They were a generous few, howher friends by her acquaintances. She ever, for in addition to the gross door was reared in Warrenton and scends from Warren County's oldest families.

Mr. Meade is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hodijah Meade of Amelia, Virginia, and a descendant of General

Mr. and Mrs. Meade will be at home at Washington, D. C., after March the first. Mr. and Mrs. George Scoggin entertainer the bridal party at an in- from each theatre in North Carolina formal reception Tuesday evening.

attended the Scoggin-Meade marriage were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meade, of Goldsboro, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Weiseger, Raleigh; Mrs. Southall and Miss Courtney Keith Meade, Amelia, Virginia; Mr. John Meade, Demascus, those present, made a picture that will Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scoggin and Masters Williams and Louis Edward, Scoggin of Louisburg; Miss Agnes Faucett, of Burlington, N. C., Mrs. Carter Williams, Sr., Blacksone; Mrs. Laurence Botts, Bracey, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hayes, Palmer Springs, Va

#### DAVIS-THORNE

Mrs. E. A. Thorne announces the marriage of her daughter, Crichton Alston, to Mr. Van Kerney Davis, February 6th, 1921.

The above announcement in the Society column of the News & Observer is of much interest to the many friends of 'his popular young couple.

Miss Thorne is the attractive and talented daughter of Mrs. Ella Alston Thorne of this town. Mr. Davis is the son of Mr. John B. Davis of this county. Both of these happy young hearts are closely allied to many of the "Old Familes" of Warren and Halifax counties.

The Record wishes for them many years of happy wedded life.

#### MISS ESTHER FRAIZER ENTER-TAINS

Afton, Feb. 8.-The elegant and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Alevening from 8:30 until 12 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Esther, delightfully entertained in honor of the Afton school teachers.

tess and after informal greets were king Flerring. features of amusement was an unique guessing contest. Miss Jennie Alston first Thursday in March All are making the highest score was presented a delicious box of candy. sion. The following names should have Miss Ethel Powell was presented a

Delightful refreshments were served, after which the guests departed Second Year H. S .- Clifford Robert- declaring Miss Frazier a charming Now that the fight for the franchise hostess.

In answering advertisement says

WHADDA YA THINK! TH' BOSS JEST GOTTA LETTER 'AT SAID-"ENCLOSED FIND CHECK FOR TH' PAPER ANOTHER YEAR, AS MY TIME IS NEARLY UP. I'D HAVE FOR-GOTTEN ALL ABOUT IT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THAT IMP MICKIE', WHOSE

PICTURES YOU'RE RUNNING IN TH' PAPER! 'N HE SAYS FOLKS HADN'T OUGHTA WAIT TILL TH' LAS' DAY T' RENEW SUBSCRIPTIONS 'N HE'S RIGHT ABOUT IT, I'LL SAY!



FUNDS GIVEN FOR STARVING

CHILDREN OF EUROPE The European Relief Council re-The bride and groom remained quested every motion picture theatre Jan. 26-29 for the purpose of raising funds for the starving children of The organ was presided over by Europe. Our motion picture manager, did all in his power, with the co-opera-The church was tastefully decorat- tion of the Woman's club management, to make it a success. On account of the heavy snow storm Wed Mrs. Meade is a young woman of nesday evening there were very few receits (less than \$20.00) a collection was taken which raised the amount to \$61.20.

Not feeling quite satisfied with this amount a secod appeal was made on Saturday evening, the 29th and \$16.50 rased making a total of \$77.70.

Mr. Rankoff is to be congratulated on having done well under existing circumstances. An average of \$140. was the goal. \$77.70 from a popula-Among the out of town guests who tion of 875 should certainly make the average overreach the mark.

#### WISE NEWS ITEMS

the past week. The first one occured on Friday Feb. 4th at twelve o'clock fore, noon, when the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thompson was completely desroyed. The fire started on the outside of the roof near the top, and whether it was caused by a spark from | ig lands and real estate in towns of the chimney or from some other less han 2500 population of not less source is not known. Although it was a large two-story hosse, in a few minutes time it was reduced to ashes. Most of the furniture was saved, and Mr. Thompson's loss is partly covered | County Commissioners of the respec-

by insurance. The second fire started in an old 'shack" formerly a blacksmith shop, siutated near the depot and occupied by a negro, named Jim Fitts, who kept "Bach." While the building itself was the fact that great piles of lumber were near it which extended all the way to the depot and alost to the cotwas great. Many hundreds of dollars worth of lumber was burned, but with the aid of nearly a hundred men an open space was cleared as soon as possible so that the remaining lumber and other adjacent buildings were

saved. "The White Shawl"

A comedy in two acts, entitled "The White Shawl" was presented by pupils of the High School, under the fred Frazier was the scene of much direction of Mr. Jobe on Friday evensocial enjoyment last Wednesday ing February 4th. The parts were very well taken and the play was well worth the price of admission. Those taking part were Lucy Perkinson, Madge Williams, Lillian Wilson, Wil-The guests were received by the hos- liam King, Clarence Thompson and

The ladies of the Betterment Assomunity Club to meet with them on the looking forward to a pleasant occa-

Association assisted by Mr. Jobe, will tive audience. present "The Suffragette's Convention." sometime the last of this month. is over, we can afford to look at the I no one can deny, so if you want to given for she and Mrs. Edward Mcsaw it in the Warren Record. It will laugh see "The Suffragetts's Conven- Dowell, the wife of the late great

# ARE PASSED

FARMERS SEEK RELIEF FROM THE REVALUATION ACT

Farmers Union Submit Resolutions to Legislature, Asking That Their Taxes be Reduces and That Time Be Extended to July 1.

Following is the resolution offered by the Farmers Union, and read by Dr. Alexander:

Union's Resolution.

Whereas under the Revaluation Act real estate was appraised for taxation as of May 1, 1919, and in the months immediately following that date-s time when values were wildly inflated;

"Whereas, the said appraisals were far above the actual values as a rule, and particularly so with respect to farming lands; and

"Whereas at the present time the suspension of credit and the collapse of prices of farm products has brought thousands of our people to the verge of ruin, the avreage land-owning farmer's provts not being enough to pay his taxes; and

"Whereas, the land-owning farmers must supply the tenant farmers or stand for them at he supply stores;

"Whereas the average money value of farming lands at the present time is more than fifty per cent less than the appraisal fixed under the Revaluation

"Whereas all other real estate has so greatly fallen in value since the appraisals were made under the Revaluation Act that it is common knowledge that said appraisals are incorrect and unjust; and

"Whereas, the remedy so provided aainst the wrongs and injustices of appraisals under the Revaluation Act so far as real estate is concerned is burdensome, expensive and impracticable, while on the other hand owners of personal property will each revalue his listing this year; and

'. Whereas, the extravagant, unjust, oppressive and ruinous appraisals of real estate will stand for three more Wise has had two bad fires during years unless this General Assembly provides immediate relief, now, there-

> "Be it Resolved that we petition the General Assembly now in session to order a horizontal reduction in all appraisals under Revaluation of farmthan fifty per cent for the year 1921, and of thirty per cent for oher real estate; and that the appraisals of 1922 and 1923 be referred to the Boards of tive counties.

"Resolved, further, that in view of the low prices of all farm products, the farmers of this State shall be allowed until July 1, 1921 to pay their taxes; and that crops held on May 1, practically without value, yet owing to | 1921, shall be exempted from taxation. Our reason for asking this is the desperate financial condition of our farmers; the necessity for enabling them to ton gin, the danger to other property hold their crops until midsummer; and, further, the State and the Counties can borrow money while individuals cannot. This will enable landowners to pitch their crops this spring, who, if they have to pay the taxes under the first year of revaluation at present will have no money for this purpose, and no means of getting money. This is an inadequte relief against taxes unjustly high, But it is some relief. It is written in the Scripture: "Thou shalt not grind the seed corn.' And we solemnly assert that to take taxss for the year 1920 on the basis of the Revaluation Act from us at this time will amount to nothing less than grinding the seed corn as our farmers set out to make another harvest."

Give Good Show At Opera House

The Hipple Concert Company, appeared under auspeces of the Woman's Club Wednesday night at the Opera Twelve members of the Betterment House before a large and apprecia-

Mrs. John C. Burwell, who is in Lynchburg, visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pettyjohn, was enterfunny side; that there is a funny side taned at a very elaborate luncheon composer.