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News in a Nutshell

By W. BRODIE JONES

NEW YORK, March 30—Thermometers dropped 41 degrees in six hours Monday. The Springlike weather of the past two weeks fled before a gale which left a cold wave. The keen air, heavy overcoats and tightly closed windows recalled the days of winter.

Rene Viviani, special envoy from France, landed Monday. The statesman said, "I have come to the United States to pay to the President of this great Republic the respects of my country and of the entire nation of France." He left for Washington Tuesday where he will confer with President Harding.

Prohibition Enforcement Agents seized \$300,000 worth of Spanish and California wine on a pier here Monday. The agents claimed that it was for beverage rather than sacramental purposes, and that the permits made to clergymen were bogus. Its true destinations were retail stores over Manhattan.

Ex-President Taft is slated as the next Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. He is to succeed Chief Justice E. D. White, whom he appointed in 1910. Justice White is 75 years old and has been upon the Supreme Court Bench for twenty-seven years. It is expected that he will retire and Taft is the choice of President Harding.

The New York Legislature has passed a bill making it a misdemeanor for landlords to refuse the rental of apartments to families with children.

John Burroughs, the naturalist, died Tuesday while en route to his home on the Hudson. He was 84 years old, and known as the most active of old men. He was a close friend of Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, with whom he camped during a short vacation each Summer. He was the author of many books on nature study.

General Leonard Wood has been appointed President of the University of Pennsylvania. He assumes office upon his return from the Philippines where he investigates for the Harding Administration the advisability of granting independence to the people of the islands.

North Adams, Mass., flashes into public print because the pastor of one of its churches refuses to allow women in short skirts or low-neck dresses to attend services.

A Broadway window display has distinctively the human element. The article is shown, the salesman demonstrates and a phonograph attachment brings the message to the sidewalk.

A ton of gold is worth a shade more than \$600,000, it is interesting to know when one reads the news accounts of the bank resources of Soviet Russia. The Administration keeps in line with the Wilson policy of no trade relations with a Government built upon sovietism, and is not swept from this course by the promise of a few tons of gold—just a few million.

A lock has been perfected which is set daily by wireless. It is self-winding and is automatically timed with Washington Observatory time.

Income tax returns to March 15 were \$600,000,000. This is a hundred million in excess of the estimate of Treasurer Mellon, but two hundred and fifty million less than returns for the same quarter last year.

President of the Royal Tuberculosis Society of London claims to have discovered a serum which will prevent the White plague.

REGULAR COMMUNICATION
A regular communication of Johnson-Caswell Lodge No. 10 A. F. & A. M. will be held in the Masonic Hall, Warrenton, N. C., Monday evening, April 4th at 8:00 o'clock. Work in the Fellow Crafts Degree.

Members of sister lodges and all transient brethren fraternally invited to attend.
S. E. BURROUGHS, Master.
W. M. GARDNER, Secty.

MR. JONES GIVES VIEWS

After Studying Machinery Act Interprets It and Makes Suggestion for Relief of Overburdened Taxpayer.

I have read carefully the "Extracts from Machinery Act of 1921 in reference to listing real and personal property and for review of assessments of real estate for the year 1921."

I have reached the following interpretation thereof, and publish my view of the different sections in order that the minds of many men may be turned thereto with a view of getting a working basis upon which the tax payer may reach relief.

It is clear that the Board of County Commissioners shall on April 4th appoint a County Supervisor (who may be the County Auditor) whose duty it shall be to have general supervision of the listing of Personal property in the several townships of the County.

The County Supervisor (not the Board of Commissioners) appoints his assistants in the several townships. The Board of Commissioners fixes the compensation of the Supervisor and his assistants, and I presume pays them, though the Act doesn't say so.

This Supervisor and his assistant shall meet at the Court House on the first Monday in May—next.

County Board of Review

The Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Appraisers and Review (the Board that made present assessments, whose personnel is W. G. Coleman, W. J. Bishop and D. L. Robertson, shall meet on Tuesday, April 5th for the purpose of determining if the value of real property as heretofore appraised and assessed in the County as a whole is in excess of the fair value of such property on the 5th day of April, 1921.

If it shall find that the property so assessed is more than its (then) actual value, then it shall find the percentage of such excess in the County as a whole—and report its findings to the State Tax Commission, not later than the 20th day of April, 1921. The values so reported shall be the values at which the property shall be assessed for taxation, until and unless the same shall be changed and revised by the State Tax Commission, and so certified to the County Board of Commissioners, which shall not be later than the first day of July, 1921.

Equalization of Values

Authority is granted the Board of County Commissioners to equalize values, AFTER the foregoing order for general reduction has been made. (The Act speaks of it as the "general equalization order," yet it is not an Equalization order—it is an order for reducing values, not equalizing them. Two farms side by side of approximately equal real value may be now assessed one at ten thousand dollars, the other at six thousand. The order of the "Board of Review" reducing values on the County as a whole does not equalize these values, but reduces both with a fixed percentage.)

The application to the Commissioners must be in writing and shall be made during the month of May, and shall state the location of the property; its condition; its acreage; its assessed value, and its actual value. This gives the applicant a right to have his property re-appraised and reassessed. That's all. It is not binding on any body to take the appraisal made by the land owner. He has only the right of petition. The only good feature is that his property values are passed upon by his own folks—and it is great satisfaction in that; but they need not take his values.

In lieu of passing upon these matters, the Commissioners may appoint some "resident freeholder of the County" to pass upon these matters and report to the Board of Commissioners, and they shall approve or revise.

A Board of Review

On the first Monday of April, 1921, if the Commissioners find that there is such a diversity of values between similar properties, or that the lands as a whole are valued too high, and

JUST KIDS—Hokey!

BY AD CARTER



that conditions are so varied among different classes of property in the County that the "general reduction Plan" WILL NOT JUSTLY APPLY, then the Board says so by resolution, duly recorded.

It then becomes the duty of the Board to appoint a "Board of Review," consisting of three resident freeholders who have general knowledge of the value of real estate in the County who shall in person or by their representative (assistant) go into each township and after due notice proceed to reassess real property. This Board of Review shall hear the evidence and find the property overvalued and undervalued and assess it at its "present value in money."

In other words: Forgetting the things that are behind, and with our own folks we assess our own property at its true value in money. This Plan should be adopted in lieu of all others in this County. Go to work and do the work and do it Right, and the folks will be satisfied.

Unfortunately (and I called attention at the time to the "Joker in the Deck") we have voted a low rate, and no matter how worthless lands may be as an income producing (tax paying) proposition values cannot be lowered too much or your present rate of 15 cents on the hundred dollars of value will not bring in sufficient money to run the State and County Government.

This "Joker" of clinching the nail of low rate and of high land values is one of the most stupendous crimes those in authority—the manipulators—ever put upon a trusting people.

But we have some relief in sight, and we trust that the Board of County Commissioners will appoint three good business men (and there are farmers and merchants and lawyers, tobacco men, and lumber men who could qualify as such) to the important position of a member of the Board of Review. Of course they must own land. Pay these men such per diem as will command their time and best work and the tax payers will not quarrel, for the work will be well done.

It will be noted that the Commissioners can by resolution, as stated above, find that the remedy cannot be applied by a general reduction. They must find this as a fact, and so record the resolution on their minutes.

If they so find, then the meeting with the Board of Appraisers (the old Board of last year) need not be held on Tuesday the 5th.

The Act gives a choice of plans, viz:— (a) A uniform general reduction; (b) a specific equalization; (c) the appointment of three freeholders to equalize as well as reduce.

This last Plan, in my opinion, is the only just plan, and should be adopted. If it is adopted, then the Board need not meet, nor the old Board of Appraisers meet, on Tuesday April 5th.

This Board of three should be appointed on Monday. It should be composed of three of the best men to be found in the County; they should be told (as the law directs) to "name your assistants," and get to work—and do justice, having in mind that the reduction for the County as a whole Must Fit the Fixed Rate of Fifteen Cents.

HOWARD F. JONES.

"WHEN A MAN'S A MAN."

(By Ruth Shaw)

'Tis not a sheepskin from a school That proves a chap a man or a fool, It's something that is born and bred Within his system, heart and head. His spelling and his writing too, May look a little queer to you, The words of speech which he may use May not be those which we would choose, But when it comes to being a man, All through, in head and heart and hand, With keen, clean insight, pure and strong, Repulsing all that's foul and wrong, There's many a fellow far excels The chap who writes so fine, or spells His words exact, and who would screech To make an error in his speech.

No family tree that ever grew Can make the heart of me or you, No gold, no power, no fame can bring Or put within our souls that thing, We recognize as breeding fine, A thing half human, half divine, Which shows itself, despite the place, In gentle dignity and grace, Despite grim poverty's harsh hand Or e'en the lash of power's command, That true nobility of soul Unselfish love it's highest goal, Embracing all that's fair and clean Nor boasts in pride, that it be seen, 'Tis inborn breeding that must rule To prove a chap a man or a fool.

TRIANGULAR DEBATE

Warrenton vs. Henderson
Resolved: "That the policy of collective bargaining through trade unions should prevail in American industry."
High School Auditorium, Friday night, April 1.

We call attention to the attractive and tastefully dressed window of the W. A. Miles Hardware Company. The window is made into a miniature garden, well kept and with growing vegetables.

Mr. William Sherod and his friend Mr. Mitchell were in Warrenton Friday.

MICKIE SAYS:



CHARLES HENRY PEETE, JR.

The sympathy of the entire community is sincerely felt for Doctor and Mrs. Charles H. Peete in the sore affliction of having to lose mortal vision of their dear little son, Charles H. Peete, Jr.

Charles H. Peete was born about twenty months ago and was the joy of his parents, being a bright, friendly, handsome child. He was surrounded with every comfort and the tenderest care throughout his brief earthly existence; and yet God in His All-wise purpose has translated him from earth to Heaven, leaving behind the sweet memory of his presence and the comforting thought that in the Sweet Bye and Bye his devoted parents may join him in the Paradise of God.

Christ has said "Permit the little children to come unto me," and added that "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven," and it should be a joy to know that these little ones whose sweetness and purity have entwined themselves around our heart's dearest affections are "safe in the arms of Jesus."

We must walk by Faith. We cannot see the providence of God with mortal vision; but we know that He loves us and will give us faith and hope and unite us with our loved ones if we only surrender our lives into His keeping.

Charles Henry Peete, Jr., has joined the loved ones gone before and the thought that he is in the Kingdom of God awaiting those who knew and loved him here should bring abiding comfort.

The Angel of Light claimed his spirit at four o'clock Thursday morning, and his little body will be tenderly laid away in Fairview Cemetery Friday morning following funeral services in the Methodist church at eleven o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

Psi Omega Fraternity
Tamma Amicon Chapter
Medical College of Virginia
Resolutions of Respect

March 24, 1921.
Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed and beloved brother, Henry S. Packard,
Be it resolved:

First, that we, the Brothers of the Gomma Amicon chapter of the Psi Omega Fraternity, share alike in this hour of grief and distress the sorrow felt by his family.
Send, that we the brothers will ever hold in tenderest memory his friendly disposition, noble character and exemplary Fraternal spirit.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the chapter and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.
W. F. CRAESY,
W. B. RAINES,
T. W. CAMPELL,
JOHN C. TYRCE,
Committee.

NOTICE TO ENLISTED MEN

Co. "G" 1st Inf. N. C. N. G.
Warrenton, N. C., March 30, 1921
The War Department announces 800 vacancies in the grade of first and second lieutenant in the Regular Army Infantry, and is anxious to fill as many of these vacancies as possible from the National Guard.

Full information may be had by addressing a request for same to the Commanding Officer of any station of the Army. The most convenient stations are Camp Bragg, N. C., Fort Caswell, N. C., and Camp Jackson, S. C.

The preliminary examinations will be competitive and will be held on April 25th.

The undersigned will be glad to give information on any point in this connection.
STEPHEN E. BURROUGHS,
Captain 1st Inf. N. C. N. G.

NEWELL FARM ASSOCIATION

Newell Farm Loan Association will meet Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. in my office. Those desiring loans may obtain same by filing applications.
FRANK H. GIBBS,
Secty.-Treas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Dameron, of Nashville, spent the Easter holidays in town.

Mr. Jack Fleming was in town Thursday.

Mr. John W. Dowling of Manson was in town Thursday.
Miss Louise Cook, of Louisburg, is the charming guest of Misses Mary and Fair Polk.

PRAISES OUR TOWNSMAN.

Wilmington Papers Boost Judge John H. Kerr of This City. Is Mentioned As Probable Next Governor

The following article from the Wilmington Star is of interest to friends of Judge Kerr throughout Warren:

Judge John H. Kerr, of Warren county, who has been presiding over the New Hanover superior court, criminal and civil, for the past three weeks, and who has made a greater impression in New Hanover county than any other judge that has been here in the past years, will be a candidate for governor of North Carolina to succeed Governor Cameron Morrison.

That statement is made on no authority from Judge Kerr and he probably does not know that it will be made. But regardless of the fact that the statement is made without his knowledge or consent it goes without saying that during the past two weeks several local citizens and court officials have gone to the judge and told him that they want him to run; that in the event he does run they will support him; that they understand from reliable sources that he will likely be a candidate and that they want him to run.

There is no denying the fact that Judge Kerr is thinking of being a candidate for governor; he won't deny that himself but he won't permit himself to be asked a lot of questions while he is presiding over a term of court here.

There is no denying the fact that Judge Kerr has made a great "hit" in this city. If there is one man more than Judge Oliver H. Allen who has appealed to court spectators here it is Judge Kerr. But in addition to being like Judge Allen in his goodness and advice, which is always good, Judge Kerr is for speed. He has made a friend of every man who has looked upon his court and he certainly stands strong in New Hanover county, according to those who have served with him.

AFTON LOCAL NEWS

Miss Jennie Alston spent the holidays very pleasantly with her parents at Inez.

Mrs. H. B. Hunter entertained the Woman's club of this community last Wednesday. After discussions in various ways as to how to make house-keeping lighter, delicious refreshments consisting of hot chocolate and cookies were served. At a late hour they adjourned declaring Mrs. Hunter a charming hostess. They will meet with Mrs. J. W. Burroughs on the sixth of April.

Mr. and Mrs. Balga Harriss, of Henderson were pleasant visitors in the home of Mr. Willis Pinnell last Sunday.

Mrs. Dickerson and little daughter Catherine are visiting friends in Maryland.

Elberon and Vicksboro teams played a very interesting game of ball at the school house here. Elberon won over Vicksboro 12 to 8.

Mrs. Sam Pinnell, of Richmond, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Miss Katy Burroughs spent the holidays very pleasantly with Miss Lottie Egerton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Temple, of Wilmington, N. C., were here for the holidays, returning home Tuesday.

A number of young people of this community enjoyed a delightful fish-fry and boatripe at the Roller Mill Monday afternoon.

Miss Jim Clark spent the week-end with home people.

Miss Arnie Duke visited her people at Arcola during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter, of Norfolk, are visiting his parents here much to the delight of their many friends.

Closed Successful Season

The Warrenton Tobacco market has just closed the most successful season in its history. The market sold six million, one hundred and thirty thousand pounds at an average of \$16.15, which amounted to about one million dollars paid out to the farmers of this section. The low average was caused by there being so much of the low grades in poor demand.