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ROAD BOND ELECTION IS CALLED FOR THE COUNTY

To Vote May 8 on \$250,000 to Build Good Roads—Appointing Assessor and the County Are Appointed; Jury List Drawn

On Thursday, May 8, the people of Caldwell county will vote on the question of issuing \$250,000 in bonds for improving the roads of the county. The election was called Monday at the regular session of the county commissioners. A new registration was called for and registrars and judges named. Notices have already been sent to the registrars to open the new registration books today. The books will be kept open until sundown Saturday, May 3.

The commissioners also appointed assessors in each township to reassess all property according to the new valuation law passed by the general assembly. The following are the men appointed for the various townships:

Globe, F. P. Moore; Hudson, W. H. Hartley; John's River, McD. Moore; Lenoir, Dean Crisp; Little River, R. L. Palmer; Lovelady, C. O. Teague; North Catawba, W. J. Bean; Mulberry, J. R. Coffey; Patterson, H. O. Steele; Yadkin Valley, Francis Hawkins; Wilson Creek, W. C. Moore, Sr.; King's Creek, H. G. Barlow; Lower Creek, F. S. McGowan.

The following named citizens were drawn to serve as jurors at Caldwell term of Superior Court, which convenes on the 19th of May, Judge Long of Statesville presiding:

First Week—Boone Littlejohn, Julius A. Smith, Haywood Setzer, J. K. Barlow, A. G. Miller, Rufus L. Cline, J. Lester Brookshire, Gwyn Barlow, B. N. Coffey, Floyd Blackwell, W. C. Johnson, Robert K. Bradford, J. P. Sudderth, Frank Miller, M. C. Estes, John K. Bush, John W. Coffey, W. E. Cannon, John I. Holden, J. E. Martin, S. T. Messick, John C. Haas, Sidney Keller, R. W. Icard.

Second Week—D. A. Russell, William Thompson, B. C. Ivey, E. E. Teague, Jay Price, D. M. Estes, Finley Coffey, R. O. Craig, J. A. Marler, J. Kelly Martin, J. A. Mullis, Bymun Laxton, W. J. Dula, C. G. Triplett, L. A. Kincaid, James A. Laxton, Pinkney Annas, A. P. McNeil.

DEATH OF MR. ALEX HALL OCCURS AT HICKORY

William Alexander Hall died at his home in Hickory early Saturday morning, following an illness of several years, most of which time he had been confined to his room and bed. Seven years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and, though he fought heroically against it, finally fell victim. He was 45 years of age.

Mr. Hall was a son of Mrs. J. G. Hall, widow of the late Col. Hall, of Lenoir, and was one of Hickory's leading citizens. He was well known as an insurance broker and was prominent in church and fraternal circles. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Louise Jones of Yadkin Valley, and four children. He is also survived by four brothers and two sisters: E. L. Hall of Lenoir, J. G. Hall of Covington, Ga., Roger B. Hall, chemist, in France; Samuel L. Hall of Charlotte, and Misses Gertrude and Mary Fries Hall of Lenoir.

The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church in Hickory Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. A. A. McLean, pastor of Lenoir Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. S. B. Stroup, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Hickory.

Aside from the relatives the following from Lenoir attended the funeral: Rev. and Mrs. A. A. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seagle, Mrs. J. W. Self, Mr. W. H. Craddock and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, Mr. C. H. Hopkins, Dr. O. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hickerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bernhardt, Mr. F. A. Clinard, Mrs. Frank Powell, Mrs. Stuart Greer, Capt. and Mrs. Edmund Jones, Miss Julia Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus L. Gwyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Rufus T. Lenoir, Mrs. W. D. Jones and Mr. Rufus Jones of the Valley.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD INDUCT 79 NEW MEMBERS

Seventy-nine new members were inducted into the Lenoir camp of Woodmen of the World here several nights ago. The W. O. W. degree team of the Kannapolis lodge was here and put on the special work. The Kannapolis team is considered the best trained and equipped team in the State and their work of inducting the new members here was very interesting. District Deputy J. W. Sims was also present. There were more than 300 fraternity men present to witness the introduction of the new members.

Other camps in this section sent delegations to attend the meeting, as follows: Hudson, Granite Falls, Rhodhiss, Dudley Shoals, Blowing Rock, and Patterson. The Lenoir camp is planning big things with the idea of getting the Kannapolis team to make another visit.

A fight occurred Tuesday morning between Lenoir and Charlie Pearson in which Monday received the worst end of the bargain. The affair took place near the railroad crossing at the old Wilson Lumber Company mill. Monday charges that Pearson struck him several times with knuckles. Immediately after the fight Pearson skipped on land has not been found.

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SOME NEWS FROM BOONE AND THE TRAINING SCHOOL

(By J. M. Downum)
During the past week the senior class gave interesting talks at chapel, these being Bible stories told as though they were before a class of children, the work taken from their daily work in the history of education. These stories were well told, revealing the fact that many of the class have good material for future teachers.

Rev. T. S. Coble of Elk Park was at the school Saturday and conducted the chapel services, making a most excellent talk to the students. Mr. Coble was here in attendance on the Methodist district council meeting.

Revs. Dr. D. R. Ware of North Wilkesboro, J. M. Barber of Wilkesboro and Bennett of the Watauga charge were at the school Saturday afternoon, and Saturday night Mr. Ware preached a very strong and convincing sermon in the school chapel. Mr. Barber also preached a splendid sermon Sunday at 11 in the school chapel. Both of these sermons were well received by the student body and teachers and will accomplish good. These brethren with others were in attendance on the Methodist district council, which was in session in the Methodist church from Friday to Sunday. Some very fine and helpful talks were made during the stay of these good men; especially were the two sermons Sunday morning and evening by Mr. Ware of a high order, being unusually powerful and impressive. Several joined the Methodist church Sunday morning, among them Hon. F. A. Linney and wife, the latter coming from the Presbyterian church.

A piano recital of unusual interest, and highly entertaining, was given by the music department of the training school Monday evening in the school chapel, under the direction of the efficient musical director, Miss Esther Stanbury. A unique feature of the program was the recital of several stanzas of poetry in connection with several of the numbers as explanatory of the nature and significance of the instrumental music. This made the music far more comprehensible by the layman and was especially attractive to the music lover. The program revealed the fact that good work is being done in the music department.

Miss Lillie Campbell of the Training School spent the week end at her home at Elizabethtown, Tenn., the past week.

Mr. Joe Hartley, the "old standby" of the Training School workers, is back from Lenoir and on his job as teamster and worker on the farm. It seems hard to separate "Joe" and the school farm work.

The Boone public school started on Monday with Prof. Wiley G. Hartzog as superintendent and Mrs. Hartzog as principal, with Misses Lula Prestwood and Mary Chester, the former in the intermediate and the latter in the primary department.

J. THOS. COOK OF GLOBE TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

A phone message Wednesday morning brought the shocking information that Mr. J. Thomas Cook, one of the community's best citizens, had taken his own life at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sarah Cook of Globe.

Mr. Cook sold his property in Globe and removed to Farmville, Va., becoming dissatisfied, he decided to rent his farm there and returned about a month ago. While there his children were sick and his family with his family to Globe about the last of March. Poor health and brooding over future prospects prompted him to end it all.

Late Tuesday afternoon he was seen to enter a wooded section near his mother's home, and, failing to return promptly, his mother sent a small boy to look for him, who returned quickly with the report that Mr. Cook was lying on the ground in a dying condition. Investigation showed that he had taken one bottle of carbolic acid, two bottles of iodine and had severed his jugular vein with a knife, producing death in a most horrible manner.

The burial took place in Globe yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. I. C. Miller.

J. Thomas Cook was born in Globe, being the second son of the late James Cook, and was 37 years of age. His wife and four small children survive. Besides his mother, Mrs. Sarah Cook of Globe, he also leaves two brothers and four sisters, as follows: Job F. Cook of Lenoir, Olell C. Cook, now a member of the U. S. army in France; Mrs. Robert Cooper, Roan Mountain, Tenn.; Mrs. Hardy Gragg, Dallas, N. C.; Mrs. R. C. Estes, Globe, and Mrs. W. N. Bryant, Chase City, Va.

James Columbus Coffey died Saturday at Clover, S. C., from lobar pneumonia. His body arrived here Monday for burial.

WILL BONDS PAY?

The following questions have been prepared by a committee of the Caldwell County Good Roads Association. They are prepared with the idea of putting the road bond issue squarely before the voters of the county. The association asks the people of the county to give these facts careful attention. The association is willing to label any statement contrary to these questions as absolutely false:

1. When shall we vote on road bonds?
Answer—Thursday, May 8, 1919.
2. For how much?
Answer—Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
3. How much will the rate of taxation be on each \$100 worth of property?
Answer—Thirty cents on each \$100, or \$3 on each \$1,000, and 90 cents on each poll is the most that can be levied.
4. How shall the money be divided?
Answer—Between the various townships, based on the taxable property of 1917.
5. How much will each township receive?
Answer—

	Property Value.	Share.
Globe	173,018.00	7,600.00
Hudson	321,352.75	14,116.24
John's River	384,871.80	16,906.03
King's Creek	254,944.00	11,198.99
Lenoir	1,626,046.74	71,426.37
Lovelady	953,166.28	42,308.40
Lower Creek	727,138.14	35,015.41
North Catawba	105,917.00	4,652.56
Patterson	880,078.76	40,195.49
Wilson Creek	172,479.53	7,576.40
Yadkin Valley	261,053.00	11,467.23
	\$5,691,333.00	\$250,000.00

6. Where may each township's share be used?
Answer—Mainly on the cross roads leading into the State highways from Wilkesboro to Lenoir, Taylorsville to Lenoir, Morgantown to Lenoir, Hickory to Lenoir, and Lenoir to Boone.
7. How are the State highways leading into Lenoir constructed?
Answer—By the Federal Government paying one-half of the cost of construction, the State paying an additional one-fourth, raised by taxation on automobiles, and the remaining one-fourth provided by the county commissions through bonds which do not require an election to ratify.

8. How will the funds be safeguarded?
Answer—The present county treasurer, under bond, must keep a separate book for all road funds, and every three months publish in the county paper an itemized list of all disbursements, and for what purpose. His compensation for same shall not exceed 1-4 of 1 per cent of funds passing through his hands.

9. Who may have the oversight of the expenditure of funds in the various townships?
Answer—Five discreet persons may be selected in each township at a mass meeting, said action to be endorsed by the county commissioners.

10. Will all free labor be abolished?
Answer—Section 21 of the Road Law says: "No free labor shall be required from those persons liable for road duty."

11. Will there be any upkeep provided?
Answer—Section 22 so authorizes a uniform system on all roads throughout the county.

12. How shall the roads be built?
Answer—The county engineer shall be endorsed by the State highway commissioner, and he shall pass on all grades and all material used in construction, so as to provide a system of all-year-round roads; and all contractors shall be under bond, and the roads built by them shall be subject to inspection and reception by the road commissioners.

FATE OF WORLD PEACE HANGS IN THE BALANCE

The next few days probably will determine whether the peace conference is to make peace or to fail utterly, says a special cable from Paris to the Greensboro News.

It is frankly admitted that if Germany turns bolshevik there is no way to make peace, as the allied conference lacks a definite plan to deal with the soviets.

Whether a war against bolshevism will follow largely depends upon bolshevism itself. If the accession of Germany to bolshevism inspires Russian and turns bolshevism into a crusade, the entente has no choice but to fight.

The big four wish to avoid a conflict and are moved by the latest disquieting news from Germany into rushing to completion a peace which Germany will accept and not turn bolshevik.

The former program was to support the present German government by furnishing food. Perhaps half unconsciously this attitude has changed to support of the present German government by offering Germany a peace which will leave Germany surrounded by impotent new powers, out of which she may forge at her leisure a new mitteleuropa.

Gen. Smuts' mission to Hungary is an attempt to hold Hungary to the entente, in spite of the fact that Hungary already has turned bolshevik. Apparently he is going to promise to revise the boundaries of Hungary at the expense of Poland and Rumania, if Hungary only will be good enough not to enter the possible Russian-German combination against the allies. In addition to this, the powers probably will offer to feed Hungary.

Americans who joined the British army at the beginning of the war are being demobilized rapidly. On arriving in England they are taken to a camp at Winchester and when a sufficient number has assembled for a shipload they are embarked for the United States.

CALL TO BE ISSUED FOR WAR VETERANS MEET IN ST. LOUIS

A convention of the World War Veterans' Association of America, the new organization of men who were in the service, will be held in St. Louis about May 1, and it was announced that the call for the convention is now being prepared. Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt is in charge of the preliminary committee which is making arrangements for the coming conference. Pending permanent organization, all of the officers and the executive committee have placed their resignations in the hands of the committee of which Col. Roosevelt is the chairman.

The plan of organization includes consolidation with the American Legion, which was recently formed overseas. In a statement sent out it was stated that the purpose of the World War Veterans was to help released service men to readjust themselves to the ways of peace, and with a broader purpose for the nucleus of a nation-wide patriotic society.

GERMAN CASUALTIES IN WAR REACHES TOTAL OF 4,362,454 Prussia's huge losses in officers and men during the war are indicated by a staff officer, who writes in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. He submits figures compiled from the official casualty lists to show that 32,454 active officers at the front were killed, wounded or missing out of a total of 34,350, and that more than \$4,330,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing out of 10,178,000 who actually fought at the front.

He contends that these figures belie stories that the Prussian officers did not attack with their men and asserts that while their losses were particularly heavy in the first two years they were much less in later years because the officers had to be saved for general staff work.

The figures show also that Germany counted little on a long war, for the Prussian mobilization contemplated 3,700,000 soldiers, to which approximately 6,500,000 had to be added before the end.

CALDWELL BOYS FALLEN FOR FREEDOM



GEORGE P. LINK

53rd Company, 5th Group, M. T. D., Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

Entered service July 22, 1918, and died Oct. 27, 1918, from influenza and pneumonia. He was twice married and leaves a little orphan girl 3 years old and his second wife, Jennie Link, whom he married March 2, 1918. He leaves a widowed mother, five sisters and two brothers, and a host of sorrowing friends. He was a good, kind-hearted young man, loved and respected by all who knew him. His home was at Rhodhiss.

A CALDWELL SOLDIER HAS LOST TRACE OF HIS MOTHER

Private Robert H. Myles arrived here Tuesday looking for his mother, Mrs. Harriet Myles, whom he has lost trace of since 1916. Private Myles was with the 119th infantry, 30th division, and was released from service at Camp Jackson Monday. Immediately upon his release from service he came to Lenoir and went to his old home at Draco, in the eastern part of the county, to see if he could pick up some trace of his mother.

Private Myles says that a number of years ago they moved from their old home at Draco to Laurinburg, N. C. He then went west and worked in Wisconsin. He says that at intervals he kept in touch with his mother, who was then living at Laurinburg. He came back to North Carolina and went to Laurinburg, but was told by friends that his mother had just moved back to her old home in Caldwell county. He says he then went over into South Carolina and secured a position and worked until Christmas, 1916, when he thought he would come home for the holidays. When he arrived here he was told that his mother had moved away. He secured the information that she had moved to Hickory and he immediately went there to search for her. At Hickory he was told that she had moved back to Lenoir. He came back to Lenoir and Caldwell county and could not find any trace of her. Shortly after this he entered the army and was sent to France with the famous "Old Hickory" division.

Coming back home, he has again taken up the search. Private Myles says that he has bought two Liberty bonds and that these allotments were made to his mother. This and other letters have been sent to this postoffice from Washington. The local postoffice, being unable to find the addressee, this mail has been returned to the departments at Washington.

Private Myles says that he has a brother, Marvin Myles, and a sister, Lillie Mae Myles, who were with their mother when he last heard of them. His mother, Mrs. Harriet Myles, is a sister of Mrs. Hulda Keller and Mr. Waitzel Tilley, who live on Route 6.

Private Myles will appreciate it if any one knowing anything of the whereabouts of his mother, or anything concerning her, will communicate with him at Lenoir, addressing the letter in care of Chief of Police F. T. Sherrill. Private Myles will continue the search and will keep in touch with Chief of Police Sherrill, who will forward any information to him.

AN ENORMOUS CROP OF WINTER WHEAT FORECAST

The largest crop of winter wheat ever grown was forecast for this year by the department of agriculture Tuesday, basing its estimate on conditions existing April 1. The enormous yield of 837,000,000 bushels was announced, which at the government's guaranteed price of \$2.26 a bushel, places the crop value at \$1,891,620,000.

This year's winter crop, if no unfavorable conditions develop between now and harvest, will be 152,000,000 bushels larger than the previous record crop in 1914 and 248,000,000 more than was grown last year.

SURVEYING ANOTHER RAILROAD INTO BOONE

A survey of the Virginia-Carolina railroad is being made to Boone, according to visitors here from Watauga this week. This survey leads from the end of that road at Todd, N. C., which is a standard gauge road. Circulated reports say that the extension of this road may be realized in the near future.

MRS. BICKETT SPOKE TO B'G CROWD AT DAVENPORT

Addressed College Students—Told of Wonderful Work of Y. W. C. A.; Bravery of Woman Under Fire; French Munition Workers

Saturday evening, April 4, in the Davenport College auditorium, a number of Lenoir people and the Davenport students enjoyed an address of unusual interest by Mrs. T. W. Bickett. She spent last August and September in France in the interest of the Young Woman's Christian Association. She gave a wonderful idea of the work which has been accomplished by the Y. W. C. A. for our boys in France, and also for our Red Cross nurses and other American women in France. She also told how the French women had been helped by this organization.

Her trip across was very interesting. First, she told of the ship itself, which was an old French transport, infested with rats and every kind of insect. The cabins were so stuffy, ill-ventilated and uncomfortable that the passengers slept on deck every night. For fear of submarines, not a single light of any kind was allowed on deck. The Y. W. C. A. did all in its power to make the journey pleasant for all on board. At night all was quiet, but during the day, and especially in the afternoon, much merry-making was indulged in, dancing being a favorite pastime.

After landing at Brest Mrs. Bickett went to Paris, stopping at different hostess houses en route. She was able to survey one of the largest and most important phases of Y. W. C. A. war work. There are a great many of these hostess houses scattered over France, furnishing a bit of home for our boys, nurses, French munition workers and signal service girls. Here one may go after hours of strenuous work and find a welcome, rest and refreshments. The largest of these hostess houses is found in Paris, the Hotel Petrograd. Here is where one used to find cocktails and questionable amusements, but now it has been remodeled by the Y. W. C. A. and made into a comfortable, home-like hotel. This is just an instance of what the Y. W. C. A. has done for our soldiers and workers abroad.

Mrs. Bickett then paid a tribute to the Red Cross. She said that the work carried on by the Red Cross could never be overestimated. She told of one girl who stayed among the wounded and dying for thirty-six hours without rest or food, and finally fainting and was taken to a hostess house to regain consciousness. Many deeds of heroism were performed by these brave nurses as well as the soldiers. She also mentioned the great service rendered by the girls in the employ of the wireless service. The feast mistake made might have caused disaster, and the work required brave and efficient girls. The Y. W. C. A. helped these girls who were under such a tension to keep cheerful and happy by giving them wholesome food and recreation.

Next Mrs. Bickett spoke of the bravery of the women who were employed in the French munition factories. Many were slowly dying from the injurious effects from the chemicals used, but still they held on. Their loved ones had died at the front; why should they not also die for France? So many of these poor women had nothing in life; it was just one day's work after another that made up their monotonous existence. Is it not something if some rays of sunlight may be brought into their darkened lives by a friendly welcome, a handclasp, and the warm smile of the Y. W. C. A. secretary in her cheerful little hostess house?

In this way and in many others the Y. W. C. A. has done its great work. Mrs. Bickett endeavored to give only a glimpse of the vast work that it has carried on during the war.

Towards the close of her address she enumerated some of the wonderful things of France of which she would like to tell. Many historic spots would be of interest, as well as the museums and ancient cathedrals, but "the finest thing in all that land," she said, "is our boys."

OLD HICKORY VETERANS TO MEET AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

The Old Hickory (30th division) association, which claims the distinction of being the first association formed in the American expeditionary force, will hold its first reunion Sept. 28-29, the anniversary of the breaking of the Hindenburg line at Bellecour, according to returning soldiers, says a dispatch from Memphis. The reunion city has not yet been selected.

The association was organized at a meeting of the general officers of the division at Le Mans, France, Feb. 27 last, when the date for the first reunion was fixed and committees were appointed to perfect the organization. Frank P. Bowen of Knoxville was elected temporary secretary. His headquarters will be in Georgetown, S. C.

Alleging conspiracy to send him to the gallows, Gaston B. Means has fled suit in Chicago against the Northern Trust Company for \$1,000,000.

Means was tried last year at Concord, N. C., for the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, who died from a bullet wound while on an automobile trip with a party of friends of whom Means was one.