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## BASEBALL MEETING THIS EVENING AT 9

**SOMEBODY HAS GOT TO GET THIS THING STARTED, SO THE COMMONWEALTH TAKES THE LIBERTY TO INFORM THE HOME GUARD THAT A MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.**

The baseball fever is hitting all the towns around Scotland Neck but as yet no mention has been made of it here except through the columns of this paper. Weldon this week organized a club with \$500 subscribed to meet expenses for the season and Scotland Neck should not be left out when baseball is to be considered. Yes, the Commonwealth knows how the fans around this burg feel about the matter. Everybody wants the town to have a club but nobody wants to start things going. Along now when things should be materializing for a club, nobody is working (nor talking) for a team. About the first of August when every other town is bringing the season to a conclusion, our town will be wanting to open up and organize a ball team in a jiffy. But that isn't the way to do it. Now is the accepted time—right now—tonight.

Unless restrained from doing so, the main-springs of this establishment will hold open house at the Mayor's office this (Friday) evening at—say 9:00 o'clock. Now let everybody come and something will be doing. If you have a date—ask off for an hour. Of course if you don't care a rap one way or the other, go ahead and kill the time at something else.

A list was taken of the liberal-hearted sports in town some weeks ago by this paper, which is reproduced again this morning for the benefit of our readers. Every man who has his name on this list is cordially invited and deliberately urged to be present.

Certainly looks as if Scotland Neck could negotiate enough interest in a ball club as Weldon did. Why, even Oak City and Parmele have turned the trick.

There isn't enough space in this column to tell how a ball team should be run, and who ought to play, and all that. At the meeting all this will be gone into thoroughly. Old heads will be present to tell us about that. The idea is—come—and bring a friend.

Shall we see you there, sport, or shall we send a car for you? Remember the hour—about 9:00 o'clock.

J. E. Perry	10.00	Edward S. Lewis	2.50
A. Paul Kitchin	10.00	Sherwood Allsbrook	2.50
L. R. Mills, Jr.	10.00	John Tillery	2.50
J. E. Lewis	10.00	Franklin Whitley	2.50
H. M. Hilliard	5.00	John B. Edwards	2.50
W. O. McDowell	5.00	B. W. Martin	2.50
E. L. Brown	5.00	Henry H. Moore	2.50
J. D. Smith	5.00	Dr. A. D. Morgan	2.50
Model Barber Shop	5.00	Hubert Riddick	2.50
A. Bryant	5.00	C. B. Parks	2.50
T. W. Russell	5.00	Chas. Lamb	2.50
Stephen Bland	5.00	Joseph House	2.50
Danford E. Josey	5.00	J. Allison McDowell	2.50
Guthrie Madry	5.00	W. H. Allsbrook	2.50
Leland Kitchin	5.00	N. O. McDowell	2.50
Allsbrook & Boyette	5.00	Hinton Dunn	2.50
Scotland Neck Furniture Co.	5.00		
A. C. Yandle	2.50		
		Total to date	\$157.50

## SUMMARY OF EUROPEAN WAR; LATE HAPPENINGS AT HOME

The French are continuing their counter-offensive movement near Dead Man's hill, in the Verdun region. After their capture of German positions northwest of the height announced last night, they continued their advance during the night, besides consolidating the positions already taken, according to this afternoon's official bulletin.

No other notable infantry engagements are reported from the western front, but there has been grenade fighting in the Avoncourt wood, southwest of Dead Man hill, and heavy artillery bombardments elsewhere in the district west of the Meuse and in the Vaux region, northeast of the fortress.

It has been definitely established that three, and not four, leaders of the Irish rebellion have been found guilty and executed.

The men condemned and shot were Patrick H. Hearse, the president of the provisional government; Thomas MacDonagh and Thomas J. Clark, James Connolly, at first reported as also having been executed, is in prison wounded. The confusion arose, according to London advices, from the somewhat ambiguous announcement made by premier Asquith in the House of Commons.

Additional Russian troops have been landed in France for service on the Western front. The fifth contingent to arrive at Marseilles reached that port today.

**CHILD KILLED BY COAST LINE.** Suffolk, Va., May 4.—Emily Lunden, a four year old child living near Nansmond in this county, was killed yesterday afternoon when she ran into the rear coach of the north bound Atlantic

Coast Line passenger train and was struck by the steps.

The Lunden child with a small playmate, was in the road near the track and, according to the account given by children nearby, raced to see who could reach the train first.

The other child stepped but the Lunden child could not check herself and struck the train steps with her head the blow killing her instantly.

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**WILSON MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.** Wilson, N. C., May 3.—Samuel J. Walls of this city, in what the authorities believe was an attempt at suicide, shot himself with a pistol last night. The bullet entered his head behind the right ear.

Physicians entertain little hope for his recovery.

James H. Johnson of Fayetteville, convicted in May, 1915 of selling two gallons of wine, has been granted a pardon by the governor. The fight for the pardon attracted much attention.

**LOST—SMALL BLACK PURSE WITH** dollar bill and some silver change Tuesday night. Please return or notify the Commonwealth.

**WANTED—DISTRICT MANAGER** for Scotland Neck and vicinity; good proposition to the right man. Previous experience unnecessary. Free School of instruction. Address Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co., Accident and Health Dept., Saginaw, Mich. Capital \$2,000,000.

## TWENTY-SIX YEARS ON SAME RAILROAD.

Capt. George Hawks, One of the Most Popular Conductors in Country—Genuine and Jovial Always.

Greenville, May 3.—Last Thursday began the twenty-sixth year of Captain George Hawks on the S. N. & K. branch of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. He is the only man now in the service of this branch who was on it when he came over to run the passenger train. During the twenty-five years he has been on this road he has made friends and nothing but friends. He is today as popular with the traveling public and all who come in contact with him as any politician would dare be. In this time he has made more than one and one-half million miles and has never had a serious accident. Captain Hawks' railroading began in 1883 and in 1886 he was promoted conductor. Five years he ran on the main line, then being transferred to this branch. Few men are older in the service of the Coast Line than Captain Hawks. His friends wish him fully as many more years of usefulness and vigor.

**LEGGETT-BAWL.** Mrs. Margaret Hodges Leggett announces the marriage of her daughter Pat to Mr. Henry J. Rawl Tuesday, May Second Nineteen Hundred Sixteen At Home Prosperity, S. C.

Local people will be very much interested in the above announcement as Miss Leggett was one of Scotland Neck's most popular young ladies.

The wedding took place in Dunn, N. C., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Smith Tuesday evening at 7:30; the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. McQueen of the Presbyterian church, the ring service being used.

The bride was becomingly dressed in a gray enstitch, with shoes, gloves and hat to match.

Mr. and Mrs. Rawl left immediately for a bridal trip after which they will be at home in Prosperity, S. C.

Miss Jennie Leggett and Mrs. J. E. Bowers of Scotland Neck, attended the wedding.

## MINT COLA BOTTLING WORKS HAS RESUMED OPERATIONS.

The Mint-Cola Bottling Works, which was sold out some time ago when the Merchants Grocery Co., was placed in the hands of a receiver, has resumed operations and is now running full blast. The drink, which was quite popular on this market before the plant closed down, will be welcomed back into the beverage list. The manager of the bottling plant stated to a representative of the Commonwealth that orders were coming in as fast as they could be filled.

## THE PRESIDENT WON'T VISIT CHARLOTTE 20TH.

The Foreign Situation Will Not Permit of His Leaving Washington City at the Present Time.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—President Wilson has written to Dr. William J. Martin, president of Davidson College, that he will not be able to accept the invitation of the Charlotte people to attend the twentieth of May celebration. The foreign situation is too delicate and acute just at this time to permit of his leaving the capital.

The President was anxious to go to Charlotte, and was strongly urged to go, but he does not feel that he should leave Washington under the circumstances. The German submarine controversy and the Mexican situation are liable to demand his personal attention at any moment.

Senators Simmons and Overman, Representative Webb and Secretary Daniels expect now to make a final appeal to the President for Charlotte tomorrow, but there is very little hope of moving him.

Failing to get the President, the Charlotte folk will turn to some other prominent man in public life. They cannot secure Secretary Lansing or Secretary Baker, for they are just as busy in their respective fields as the President in his.

## "GENEVA" WELL REHEARSED PLAY

The play, "Geneva," which is founded on the old legend of the "Mistletoe Bough," was given Tuesday night in the auditorium of the graded school in the interest of the Betterment Association of the school. It was directed by Miss Annie Dunn, and the excellent manner in which the players went through their parts evinced to the thoroughness with which they were drilled and to the managerial talent of the director.

This play was given here about two years ago and large crowds attended the production, but a larger audience greeted the second showing here Tuesday night. All of the principals played their parts to perfection and they were well supported by the cast which held many minor satellites.

Following is the cast of characters: Lovell (the bridegroom)—Mr. Leland Kitchin.

Geneva (the bride)—Mrs. R. C. Josey, Jr.

A Knight—Jamie Tillery.

First Lady—Lillian Harrell.

Second Lady—Isabel MacKensie.

Guests and Attendants—A bevy of ladies and lasses.

The receipts were very large and they will be used by the Betterment Association as may be seen fit in the beautifying of the school grounds.

## THE THREE TABLE CLUB.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. T. P. Kitchin in delightfully entertained the lucky 13 Three Table Club at her home in the Greenwood section on Main street. The guests were met at the door by the hostess and invited into the drawing room, which was decorated for the occasion with cut flowers and incense. Here the guests engaged for some time at bridge.

After the games were over the hostess, assisted by Mrs. G. H. Cooke and Miss Laura Clark, served a delicious and extravagant salad course. Among those enjoying the hospitality of Mrs. Kitchin were Mesdames W. F. Butterworth, G. H. Cooke, E. L. Jones, of Rosemary; G. H. White, W. C. Dickinson, C. H. Horring, Ray Boyette, D. E. Taylor, Stuart H. Smith, B. W. Martin, R. H. Gray, C. W. Albertson, and Misses Laura Clark, Hattie Leggett and Cora Selia Josey.

## MAD DOG KILLED.

Thursday afternoon Marcellus Ward, a negro who lives on Roanoke street, shot and killed a dog that was acting as if it was suffering from rabies. The dog was killed on the sidewalk in front of Ward's house.

## GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY FOR THE JUNE COURTS.

County Commissioners in Session Monday Last DREW Following Names for Next Courts.

The county commissioners in regular session at Halifax Monday, drew the jurors for the June term of Halifax Superior Court which begins Monday, June 5, 1916, as follows:

First Week.—J. I. Wyche, W. E. Carter, Walter Bell, J. L. Barclay, J. W. Sledge, A. F. Dickens, J. W. King, Joe Minshew, W. W. Brickell, N. A. Brown, W. E. Marks, H. L. Harrell, J. E. Pepper, W. E. Savage, F. P. Shields, O. P. Stallings, Ira Phelps, T. W. Thorne, L. M. Pittman, J. E. Buck, A. E. Bobbitt, J. A. Dickenson, B. F. Jenkins, J. H. Darden, R. O. Bray, R. H. Norwood, J. W. Weeks, C. J. Davenport, H. H. Woodard, L. T. King, J. M. Brockett, C. F. Marks, C. E. Drake, W. E. Evans, W. D. Adkins, H. B. Gray.

Second Week.—O. W. Pierce, L. D. Jenkins, W. S. Bobbitt, David Lucas, N. L. Stedman, W. M. Taylor, W. J. Cherry, C. A. Twisdale, E. F. Etheridge, L. F. Long, H. S. Butts, G. C. Neville, J. T. Carlisle, G. B. Bryant, W. E. Anderton, W. G. Hedgepeth, J. B. Edmondson, J. D. Johnson.—The Roanoke News.

## ITEMS OF NEWS ALL OVER THE OLD NORTH STATE.

Short Press Dispatches Clipped From Exchanges Regarding Events of Importance

The North Carolina State Firemen's Convention will hold the annual meeting in Raleigh July 17-21.

Seventy-two young boys of Raleigh have accepted the invitation of the Y. M. C. A., to receive lessons in swimming.

New Bern is to have a morning daily newspaper known as the "New Bernian." The first issue will appear on or about June 1st.

A. J. Klutz of Greensboro will soon erect an eight story building for Greensboro. The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The North Carolina Mayors' Convention is in session at Kinston this week. T. J. Murphy of Greensboro is president of the association.

Mt. Olive was visited by a fire Tuesday night, the property of Mrs. Mary Kennedy, an elderly lady of that town being consumed by the flames.

## WILL HOLD MEETING.

The retail Merchants' Association will hold a meeting next Thursday evening in the directors quarters of the Scotland Neck Bank building. All the members are requested to be present.

## EASTER MUSIC TO BE REPEATED.

The special Easter music that was heard at the Baptist church here last Sunday morning will be repeated in full next Sunday night.

## UNCLAIMED MAIL.

The following letters are at the Post Office here unclaimed for. When calling for same say "advertised letters."

Annie Coffield, C. R. DeBerry, James James, Milton Jayner, Parker Y. Miller, Rufus Staton, Seabury Parker, Hall Moran, and Mrs. Ellen Shordy.

MRS. KATE DUNN, P. M.

## PERSONALS.

Mr. J. H. Curry of Hobgood, was a visitor in town Thursday.

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Mr. Pearce, representing the Raleigh Times, was here Thursday.

Mrs. L. E. Pope of Crowells, is here visiting her daughter, Miss Aline Pope.

Mrs. J. T. Biddick of Spring Hill, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Rev. Father O'Brien, of Norfolk, is here visiting members of the Catholic Church.

Mrs. J. A. Hopkins and Misses Ruby and Louise Darden were visitors in Jamestown Thursday.

Messrs. R. J. Madry, E. J. Proctor and others attended "The Battle Cry of Peace" at Tarboro Tuesday night.

Mr. R. S. Busbee, of Raleigh, spent Thursday here adjusting several fire losses that have happened here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stallings, of Enfield, and Miss Ellen Mitchell, of Littleton, were visitors in town Wednesday.

Mrs. M. S. Mason, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. F. Dunn, returned to her home in Emporia Wednesday.

## A WESTERN LAY JUDGE.

A Western community elected the local undertaker trial justice, chiefly because he had more leisure than any other citizen; but the new judge took his new position very seriously and soon made a record of never discharging any accused person who was unfortunate enough to be brought before him.

Not long ago a prisoner was arraigned, charged with forgery.

"Well, Jim Brown," snarled the judge, "have you got to say for yourself 'Are you guilty or not guilty?'"

"Why, judge," answered the prisoner, "course I'm not guilty. Why, you know yourself I can't even write my name."

"Nothing to do with it," barked the judge. "You're not charged with writing your name. I hold you for the grand jury."—Harper's.

## BOARD OF TRADE DOWN TO BUSINESS

**COMMITTEES OF ORGANIZATION ARE BUSY COMPILING STATISTICS SHOWING WHY TOWN WOULD BE FAVORABLE LOCATION FOR BIG MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES.—ANSWERING LETTERS OF INQUIRY.**

The Scotland Neck Board of Trade, which was organized here a few weeks ago to promote the best interests of the town mainly from a business standpoint, has lengthened its stride in the effort to induce more manufacturing industries to come here. The Committee on New Industries are busy compiling facts and figures showing why this town would be a favorable location for new industries. Just now this particular committee is in correspondence with a large beef-packing concern, which is making inquiries about the town through the Board of Trade.

A large wood-working concern is contemplating changing its location, and consequently is another seeker after information concerning the advisability of moving its plant here. The abundant growth of hardwood hereabouts will no doubt testify to the ideal location of Scotland Neck for such a plant.

The Immigration Agent of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad recently wrote to the secretary of the local board of trade inquiring of the various agricultural products raised in this immediate vicinity. This inquiry is understood to have been made with a view of determining the suitability or needs of the section for the accommodation of more small farmers.

This information has been forwarded to the enquirer together with additional facts about the agricultural possessions of the county in general and this community in particular.

## BUILDING ACTIVITIES A SIGN OF MORE PROSPEROUS TIMES

**LAST OF MAY EXPECTED TO FIND CONSTRUCTION WORK NEARING THE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR MARK.—NEW CHURCH, THEATRE BUILDING AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF HOSIERY MILL—NEW RESIDENCES BEING BUILT.**

The last of the present month is expected to find more building construction under way in Scotland Neck than in the history of the town. From estimates conservatively placed upon the capital that will be expended in these new structures that are already under construction or will be before the first of June, it will range well toward the hundred thousand dollar mark.

The Scotland Neck Baptist Church will cost between forty and fifty thousand dollars. This magnificent structure will occupy the site of the present wooden building on the corner of Tenth and Church streets. Work on the plans has been finished and the contract will be placed in a very few days.

The new brick plant which the Crescent Hosiery Mill intends to commence work on in the near future will represent an investment of approximately twenty thousand dollars. It is understood that this structure will occupy the site of the present building.

The new theatre building, whose brick walls are already pointing skyward, will cost Mr. R. J. Madry the neat little sum of fifteen or twenty thousand dollars.

In addition to these buildings, which represents the bulk of capital that will be expended here immediately for building, several new residences are being erected and several enlarged and otherwise remodeled.

## MEMORIAL DAY BE OBSERVED BY BUCK KITCHIN CAMP U.C.V.

**OLD VETERANS WILL GATHER HERE ONCE MORE TO DO HONOR TO THE MEMORY OF DEPARTED HEROES.—MR. ASHBY W. DUNN IS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER OF THE OCCASION.—SONG EXERCISES AND BARBECUE.**

The Buck Kitchin Camp of United Confederate Veterans will observe Memorial Day next Wednesday with elaborate Tenth of May exercises. The feature speech of the day will be delivered by Hon. Ashby W. Dunn, brilliant young Scotland Neck attorney, in the auditorium of the graded school at eleven o'clock A. M. Preceding the exercises at the school, the entire camp, with a big portion of school children and citizens, will journey to the cemetery to decorate the graves of the veterans of the Confederacy who have been called to their colors by the angel of death. Then will come the song exercises and speech at the auditorium. Following these, a barbecue dinner will be served the old veterans.

Commandant W. F. Butterworth requests that all Scotland Neck citizens who wish to help out the camp in the way of flowers and automobiles on the day of the tenth—Wednesday—to give their names to the local editor of the Commonwealth. He also wishes to thank, through the columns of this paper, those people last year who so graciously aided the success of the occasion of Memorial Day, and those who have signified their intention of helping out this year.