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## WOODS PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION

Will Be Split Up Into Business Lots On Main Street Balance Balance Residence Lots

W. L. FERRELL SIGNED CONTRACT LAST WEEK

There has been considerable rumor during the past few weeks that the vacant property in the main part of town, next the brick hotel, was to be sold, but no definite information could be obtained as to how and when the property was to be placed on the market.

Last week however there was talk of the land having been purchased for the sum of \$30,000 and that it would be cut up and sold for business lots during the week between Christmas and New Years, some even going so far as to give December 28, as the date of sale. The Commonwealth on Friday last was in communication over the phone with Mr. Morton, of Greenville, N. C., representative for the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, who stated that he knew nothing of his company having contracted for this property, but suggested that a phone message to the Petersburg, Va., office might bring other information.

Accordingly the Atlantic Coast Realty Company's Petersburg office was called and Mr. H. H. Wells also denied having knowledge of the transaction, so that The Commonwealth was unable to publish the information in the last issue.

However by the recent mail came the following letter, which speaks for itself:

The Commonwealth,  
Scotland Neck, N. C.,  
Gentlemen:

The writer was today talking with a member of your company, relative to a piece of property in Scotland Neck. I stated to him over the phone that I knew nothing of the proposition, however upon investigation, I find that some days ago, our Mr. W. L. Ferrell closed a contract for the handling of this deal.

We greatly appreciate the interest manifested and trust that some time we may be in a position to reciprocate.

Yours very truly,  
Atlantic Coast Realty Company,  
H. H. WELLS, Auditor.

No date however can be set for the sale, but all indications point to a speedy offering of the property to the public, after it has been properly sealed out to best advantage.

This sale is by far the most important business deal pulled off in Scotland Neck for some time, and its importance to the town is very far reaching, as it will eliminate the one unimpressive spot in the center of the town, and enable this important part of town to be built up quickly, to the general satisfaction of all who take an interest in the attractive appearance of the town.

It may be of interest to those who do not know the history of this property that we give a general idea how this property came to be left apparently in the forsaken condition it has been in for the past few years.

Scotland Neck was founded, or rather laid off, shortly after the war, by Mr. John Hyman, who sold many lots and also gave several others away in order to get the town started. Dr. W. R. Wood, a prominent physician of that time, was living at what is now known as the Strickland place, in Greenwood, and bought the town site for his permanent residence, and here he lived for many years until his death about fifteen years ago.

Dr. Wood married Miss Henrietta Anthony, sister of Captain Whit Anthony, and by her had two children, one a girl, who died in childhood, and a son, John Wood, who married Miss Mamie Cox, of Roxabel, Bertie county, much to the displeasure of Dr. Wood, who would never see him again, until the day of his death, for which Dr. Wood greatly blamed himself.

There was one issue of the marriage of John Wood and Mamie Cox, a girl, Mary Wood, who grew up and a year or two ago married Gordon Spivey of Roxabel and it was she, who is the owner of the town property, which she contracted with Mr. W. L. Harrell, vice-president of the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, to sell at auction, the sale to take place at no very distant date.

RUB-MY-TISM—Antiseptic, Rheves, Rheumatist, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

## LEGISLATIVE FIGHT OVER ENFORCEMENT OF NEBRASKA'S DRY AMENDMENT

(By United Press)

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 18.—With the convening of the Nebraska legislature's thirty-fifth session here January 2, interest will center on the wet and line up and the legislative battle for laws to make effective the dry amendment passed by almost 30,000 majority at the recent election.

The wets, realizing that prohibition would carry, centered their fight toward the last on winning enough members of the legislature to block, if possible, the passage of laws aimed to make prohibition effective.

The drys have a two-thirds majority in the house. In the senate the majority of the members are personally wet, but of the thirty-three members, six are known as "law-enforcements." These are men who before election admitted that they were personally not in favor of prohibition but would be governed as legislators by the verdict of the people. These "law-enforcements" combined with the drys outnumbered the out-and-out wets in the senate.

## OPPENHEIM IS BARRED FROM THE U. S.

Immigration Board Orders Deportation Of Foreign Financier

New York, Dec. 19.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, reputed to be a French and English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the board of inquiry of the Bureau of Immigration here today. He appealed immediately to the Department of Labor at Washington.

The Baron's exclusion was directed, it was announced at the offices of the commissioner of immigration on the ground that he had committed a crime involving moral turpitude.

Details as to the character of the alleged offense were withheld, it being explained that information must come from Washington. It was understood that a charge against him is pending in the courts of France.

Oppenheim arrived here yesterday on the Noordam. A circumstantial report said he brought \$500,000 in cash and securities which he had with him when he was taken to Ellis Island today.

## DEVELOPMENT IN CHEESE MAKING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Nine cheese factories have been established in the western part of North Carolina since the work was begun in 1914. This is one of the most surprising developments of the whole work of the Animal Industry Division of the North Carolina Experiment Station. Before the work was undertaken, the whole state of North Carolina was producing only about 30,000 pounds of cheese and this was made in the homes at different parts of the state. The factories which have been established are now making more than that and at a good profit.

The little factory at Grassy Creek made 12,356 pounds of cheese from July 13, 1915 to January 14, 1916. The Cove Creek factory made almost 15,000 pounds at the same date. When it is realized that these little factories cost from \$400 to \$800, a good idea is obtained relative of the amount of business which can be built up around a small equipment of this kind.

## HAVE TO RETIRE AT 8:30

(By United Press)

London, Dec. 18.—Women spies interned in a camp near here have lodged a violent protest against the operation of the Summer Time Act. Under the old order of things, the women went to bed at 9:30. Under the Act the clock was set ahead an hour but they must still go to bed at the same time. They claim they will refuse to retire before dark.

## VESSELS THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL

(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 18.—Forty-two vessels of Latin-American registry passed through the Panama Canal during the fiscal year 1914-15, according to figures of the Panama Canal Record available today.

Of those, 4 were Peruvian, 3 Hondurian, 1 Nicarugan, 33 Chilean and 1 Panamanian. These figures do not mean that each vessel enumerated was a different one.

## UNPREPAREDNESS DEMONSTRATED ON MEXICAN FRONTIER

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Major Scott sttted today before the committee on military affairs that had the National Guard been sent into Mexico shortly after mobilization they would have destroyed themselves, and their mounts, in attempting a forced march such as wts made by the regulars under General Pershing's command. His object in making this statement was to show that a proper training and discipline was necessary before troops could be considered fitted for the hardships of a campaign.

Mtjor Scott was very emphatic in his statement that the United States must push her unpreparedness plans now, before peace in Europe is declared, else she will be found wanting, and the militarism and avialism of the uncrushed hordes of trained soldiers of central Europe would envelop her.

"It was once believed by the vtr college" said Gen. Scott, "that half a million men available at the breaking out of hostilities would be sufficient lessons learned in the European war show that besides this initial force there should be not less than 2 million and a half trained men."

"Canada, our nearest neighbor", commented Gen. Scott "had built up an army of a strength approximating that of other grett European powers, and this country has no reason to be behind Canada in preparatory organizations."

## RUSSIA REFUSES BERMAN PEACE OFFERS

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Petrograd, Russia, Dec. 19.—The Council of the Empire today decided to declare unaniamously in favor of a categorical refusal of the allies to enter into peace negotiations with Germany, and the central powers.

## WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FOR SUPREME COURT JUDGES

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, Dec. 19.—At the White House tonight President and Mrs. Wilson are holding their first reception of the winter season. Chief Justice White and his associates on the Supreme Court bench are to be the guests of honor. An enormous crowd will be on hand for the event. The number invited is exceeded only by those who sought to get invitations and were disappointed—an annual tragedy.

Two new faces will be seen in the reception line of jurists. Associate Justice Brandeis will take the place of Associate Justice Lamar, who died last spring and Associate Justice Clark has the position in line which Charles E. Hughes held before he resigned from the bench to lead the Republican Party through the last Presidential campaign. The White House culinary artists today are working the executive ovens overtime, preparing choice dainties for the evening's refreshments. The marine band will contribute the latest musical numbers.

After tonight the President and Mrs. Wilson get a three weeks' rest from their social duties, resuming their entertainment Tuesday evening, January 9, with the first of two diplomatic dinners.

## LAWRENCE FARM SOLD AT GOOD PRICES

Regardless of the weather the C. T. Lawrence farm, situated two miles from Scotland Neck, on the Tillery road, sold yesterday at very good prices.

The Atlantic Coast Realty Company were the auctioneers an dthey handled the sale with their usual expedition and dispatch, giving opportunity to those desirous of purchasing any part of this property to do so upon terms that appeared very attractive. The whole farm brought \$20,480.00, and the purchasers were: Messrs. C. T. Lawrence, John B. Gray, and J. S. Coleman.

The sale of the personal property which followed the sale of the land also sold well.

## BAPTIST BAZAAR SUCCESS

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church have made a report on the receipts of the Bazaar held by them Thursday and Friday of last week, and they state that sam was a great success, the receipts being in excess of \$350.00. We congratulate the ladies, though they one and all worked hard to make it successful, and are rightfully entitled to have the pttorage of the good people of the town.

## AH, NOW YOU MUST SING YOUR NEW GOWN TO YOUR HUSBAND

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Singing models, the first in the history of fashion, it is said, made their appearance at the convention of the Designers' Association of Women's clothes here today. Special melodies are sung with different styles. A brown or black suit takes a sombre tune, a green or pink suit a dashing strain, grey requiring something in a reverie. It's to illustrate the psychology of clothes and to impress women with the fact that their personality is shaped to a large extent by the taste with which they dress.

## BLINDFOLDED AUSTRIAN OFFICERS IN ITALIAN TRENCHES TO DISCUSS BATTLE

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Rome, Dec. 18.—How hostilities between Italian and Austrian troops were temporarily suspended while blindfolded officers from both sides met to discuss the merits of a certain explosives in civilized warfare was told here today for the first time.

The Austrians hoisted the white flag of a temporary truce and negotiated a discussion by wigwags. The Italians accepting, the Austrian representatives masked their eyes and crossed No Man's Land for the Italian trenches. The Italians gave them safe conduct to headquarters. Following the conference the blindfolded officers were led back to their own fortifications and hostilities were renewed.

## "MARIHUANA," MEXICAN DRUG, FOUND AMONG MILITIAMEN ON BORDER—ARRESTS EXPECTED

(BY UNITED PRESS)

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 19.—Following discovery today that Mexican laborers have introduced into militia camps along the border, customs officials are on the alert to check smuggling in of the dangerous drug.

Only a few cases of its use have been found among the soldiers, mostly among soldiers addicted to other drugs. Secret service men have members of a band believed to be engaged in smuggling and traffic in marihuana and opium under surveillance and arrests are expected.

The drug is peculiar to Mexico and is taken in the form of a cigarette. It is composed of the crushed leaves of a weed. Hallucinations of great physical strength and valor are induced. At the same time the user imagines he is a giant while other persons and objects are dwarfed.

## EYE BURNED BY STEELWOOD

A young colored man from Tillery by the name of Robert E. Filby was in town today to see a physician about having his eye removed, since the ball of the eye was burst open in an accident Saturday when Robert was cutting stone wood.

In splitting the wood a piece flew up and hit him on the ball of the eye, and ruining the sight beyond repair, so that the eye will have to be removed.

## DEATH OF MR. JOHN DUNN

Though ill for a long time the news of the death of Mr. John Dunn, of Enfield, Friday, an old citizen of Scotland Neck, came as a depressing influence upon many who had known this life.

In the middle of manhood, his age being but fifty-six years, the community is the sufferers in the loss of this man of sterling integrity and worth, and his mourners are numbered by the limits of the community in which he has been known.

The funeral took place in Enfield Saturday, the service being conducted at the cemetery by Rev. Edwards, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Johnson, of the Baptist church.

The active pall bearers were the four brothers of the deceased gentleman: Messrs. S. A., R. C., Walter and Balfour Dunn.

The honorary pall bearers included: Messrs. J. C. Branch, J. R. Dickins, Spooner Harrison, Frank Branch, Ivey Watson and Ivy D. Wood.

The deceased left a widow and three children, Myrtle, age 13, John, age 11, and Elsie, age 9. Besides these he is survived by his mother Mrs. D. M. Dunn, four brothers, and five sisters, Miss Annie Dunn and Mrs. R. L. Hardy, of Scotland Neck, Miss Minnie Dunn, of Enfield, Mrs. John D. Perry, of Winston-Salem, N. C., and Miss Onie Dunn, of Greensboro.

Red Cedar Shingles—Last a Lifetime—Car load just received by Hardy Hardware Company.

## SANTA CLAUS LETTERS AND THE SELECTED JUDGES

WANT DEFINITE PROPOSALS

(BY UNITED PRESS)

London, Eng., Dec. 19 (4 p. m.)—In a speech delivered this afternoon in the House of Commons the premier, David Lloyd George, stated: "We do not propose to put our heads into a noose with the rope ends in the hands of the Germans."

London, Eng., Dec. 19.—England and her allies do not propose the enter into peace negotiations without the knowledge of what the German proposals may be. This was the decision announced in the House of Commons by Premier Lloyd George.

## PRICE AND BONNIFUS GREATER MINSTRELS

Mr. R. J. Madry the manager of the Madry's Opera House begs leave to announce that he has booked the Greater New York Minstrels for his theatre for the evening of Wednesday, December 20, 1916.

Conceded by press and public to be the most pretensions of all minstrel shows entour this season, this meritorious company numbers thirty artists, and includes the best talent available in Europe and America, traveling in their own special Pullman car.

"A Jockies Dream" a minstrel fantasy in one act, and twelve scenes has been chosen as the vehicle upon which to ride to popular favor in the first part, and when placed in the capable hands of such clever comedians as Eddie Ewald, Jim Bonnell, Al Russell and Jim Duffy proved to be a derby winner indeed.

## N. C. COTTON GINNED TO DEC. 1

The report just issued by the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce of the cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1916, and 1915, gives the total for the state, counting round bales as half bales, and excluding linters, as 567,118 for 1916 as against 612,703 for 1915.

Halifax county shows an increase over 1915 in which year 21,532 bales were ginned as against 25,901 for this year. Edgecombe, Bertie and Northampton counties each approximately ginned 3,000 more bales this year than last, and Martin county 720.

## THERE IS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN IN RUSSIA

(By Samuel M. Harper)

(Professor of Russian Language and Action at the University of Chicago)

(Written for the United Press)

Chicago, Dec. 18.—There is plenty of room and a welcome for the American business man in Russia today. And clean cut business methods will get him much in the land of the Cossacks as in his own United States.

The business man who wants to be "babied" had better stay away. Sitting on the door step of a Russian ministry waiting a handout of juicy orders will bring only an order to beat it. No use either working on the theory that one has to "cultivate." The American who tries to bribe his way there is a chump.

There is a huge demand for manufactured goods. The demand is large now and, Russia is comparatively an undeveloped country, the demand will grow.

For complicated machinery this demand will last for a long time. In the case of most staple articles sold on a small margin, the Russian market will be attractive only for a limited time. Russia will soon supply herself with these products. She has the raw materials and a huge home market. Every effort will be made to develop home industries, including a high protective tariff.

Despite the high tariff for years past quantities of manufactured products will have to be imported. Before the war many of these goods came from Germany. Even if after the war there is no trade combination of the allies there will be for awhile a sentiment against Germany.

Russia especially wants Americans to establish factories in Russia. American concerns are going to make their big money in Russia out of Russian branch factories.

[NOTE. Professor Harper has spent four of the past 12 years in Russia. He has taken advantage of his extraordinary facilities for studying the people and their customs. He has recently returned from Russia. EDITOR.]

All Letters In The Hands of The Judges Tomorrow

## WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT FRIDAY

We have pleasure in announcing that the following ladies have been asked to act as judges of the Santa Claus Letters, and each of them have agreed to act. The judges are:

Miss Jennie Leggett,  
Miss Mary White,  
Mrs. W. R. Bond.

The judges have determined that all Santa Claus letters must be delivered to the office of THE COMMONWEALTH not later than WEDNESDAY, December 20th and the judges will announce the winner of the DOLL for the little girl and the tricycle or such other article that may be preferred, for the little boy, in the issue of THE COMMONWEALTH of Friday, DECEMBER 22nd. The prizes will be given to the winners on that day.

## Express Wagon and Other Things

Spring Hill, N. C.  
Dec. 1916.

Dear Old Santa:

I am a little boy of seven years old. Will you please bring me a little express wagon and some other things. Well I think that will be all for I don't want too ask to much for I want the rest of the children to have their part from a little boy.

HAROLD LEARY.

## Little Tricycle and Little Drum

Spring Hill, N. C.  
Dec. 1916.

Dear Old Santa:

I am a little boy six years old and I thought I would write and tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a little tricycle and a little drum, that will be all for I don't want to be greedy. Don't forget my little sister. She is nearly three years old and she loves you Santa. I live way down on the river. Don't forget to come dear old Santa from a little boy.

GALLAS LEARY.

## Wants a Wheel

Spring Hill, N. C.  
Dec. 1916.

My Dear Old Santa:

I hope I am not too late for Xmas. I am a little boy of eight years old, and I want you to bring me a wheel so I can ride to school. I live three miles and a half from school and I hope you will have mercy on a poor little boy like me and bring me a wheel. I have been very smart this year. I have plowed for papa, and I think I have been real good. I have tried to mind my father and mother. That's what you like isn't it? And also bring me some candy, apples, oranges and English walnuts, so I can have a big feast Xmas morning with all my friends. From a loving little boy

JOHN LEARY.

## Wants Nice Engine and Two Cars

Dec. 15 1916.

Dear Santa:

I am a little boy six years old. I want you to bring me a nice engine and two cars, and some nuts, and anything else you have to spare.

Your little friend,  
DURBY R. WOMMACK

## XMAS GIFT OF \$100 TO EACH OF 7 CHILDREN

Mr. Henry Walston is the happy father of seven children, and is apparently possessed of much of this world's goods as he has presented each with a check for one hundred dollars as a Christmas gift, and with the further promise that if the next year is as prosperous as the present one he will make a similar gift to each next Christmas tide.

The fortunate recipients of this good present are Messrs. E. A. Walston and David T. Walston, and Mrs. Maggie Lovegrove who live in this vicinity; Mrs. Clara Powell, Joe and Henry Walston, Jr., who live at Fayetteville, and Mr. Tom Walston who lives at Spring Hill.