

# THE STATE NEWS

A Summary of Interesting Things Happening During the Week in North Carolina

WILMINGTON—William Henry Lane, brother of J. S. Lane, chief of police, died after a long illness.

BENSON—The Kiwanis club celebrated its first anniversary at the North State hotel.

TRENTON—Crop conditions for Jones county are at the present very promising.

DUNN—Rev. J. S. Connell a Baptist minister, aged 54, died at his home 2½ miles northeast of Dunn.

BREVARD—Robert Latham, of the Charleston News and Courier was elected president of the South Carolina Press Association.

HIGH POINT—Luther Hall, white, was arrested for setting fire to a dwelling house. Several persons were asleep in the house at the time.

CLINTON—Fifteen carloads of cucumbers were shipped from here in two days this week to a Wilmington pickling concern.

GRANITE FALLS—Gwyn and Glenn Bolic, 6 and 8 years old, were drowned while playing in backwater from the Southern Power company dam.

SALISBURY—Wrightsville Beach was selected as the 1926 meeting place of the superior court clerks of North Carolina in their eighth annual convention here.

DUKE—A total of 125 babies were entered in the Duke baby show and 50 were awarded blue ribbons for being able to meet the requirements in weight and height.

ASHEVILLE—Several large lakes are being planned for the area being excavated for stone near Grovemont. The E. W. Grove Investments are in charge.

RALEIGH—Approximately 350 boys and girls attended the fifth annual short course offered by the State College Summer School to boy and girl club leaders.

TARBORO—J. O. Watkins had been drinking and fell off the river dam without waking. Passerby found him asleep in a Ford car in the bottom below the dam.

WINSTON-SALEM—Miss Edith Denny, popular 19-year-old daughter of Elder O. J. Denny, died at her home Wednesday after an illness of several days.

NORTH WILKESBORO—Mexican bean beetles have made their appearance in large numbers in Wilkes this season, and are ruining many acres of beans throughout the county.

WILMINGTON—M. F. Beasley, 73, well-known farmer of the sound section was found dead on the porch of his home. His death is believed to have resulted from heart trouble.

—Also Major O. O. Kuentz has announced the opening of the new 26-foot channel in the Cape Fear river from Wilmington to the sea.

JACKSON—J. S. Gordon, chief of police of La Crosse, Va., and four other men arrested with him when they crossed the line from Virginia into North Carolina with a quantity

of liquor, were given a hearing here and all were bound over to superior court of Northampton county.

WEDELLE—William M. Martin, wealthy Mark Creek township citizen, was found dead at his cotton house. Death was supposedly caused from heart failure.

RALEIGH—Col. Daniel D. Gregory, U. S. A., Professor of Military Science and Tactics at State College, has been transferred to a similar post at Porter Military School, Charleston, S. C.

RALEIGH—The latest reports show that there is an increase in the production of peaches this year. North Carolina has already shipped 25 per cent more cars than last year at this date.

RALEIGH—Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton in one day banked \$1,911,000 from licenses sold by the state to automobile owners. This is not all the state will receive but it is a whaling big roundup of taxes.

STATESVILLE—Two young men each received a load of shot and two arrests were made following a "night ride" participated in by four young men who called at Dillard Jarvis' home about 10:30 at night and demanded with threats to see his daughter.

GREENSBORO—Peggy Lee, aged 18, giving her home as Asheville was abandoned by two men after an automobile wreck on the outskirts of this city in which an Essex car was demolished. A half gallon of whiskey figured in the wreck.

### TAXES

"My tax is so high  
It soars to the sky;  
It takes all the coin from my pocket;  
But what can I do  
But sputter and stew,  
And pay the blame thing and then knock it?"

So said Farmer Jones  
In violent tones  
With all the choice words in the docket.

"It's stupid of us  
To make such a fuss  
Though taxes go up like a rocket;  
If the money's well spent  
We should be content,  
And if it is not we should block it."

Farmer Brown quickly said  
And lifted his head  
With brains enough in it to stock it.

"For we are the State  
And we fix the rate;  
If we told the world that, it would shock it.  
We should open the books,  
And put all the crooks  
In the calaboose. Then we should lock it.  
Then gather the facts  
And reckon our tax,  
With the calaboose key in our pocket." Exchange.

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## HERTFORD HERALD GETS SAVORY CUP

Next Meeting May Be At New Bern; J. W. Atkins, Gastonia Gazette, President

Asheville, July 10.—Tentatively agreeing to hold next year's meeting of the North Carolina Press Association with Brother Dawson, in New Bern and electing J. W. Atkins, of the Gastonia Gazette, to preside over the session, the organization wound out its three-day session here this afternoon, and adjourned.

Mr. Atkins' election as president was by acclamation, when Josh Horne, of Rocky Mount removed himself from the race.

Resolutions pledging the "sympathetic cooperation and interest" of the association to the administration of Governor Angus W. McLean were adopted on a rising vote of the session shortly before adjournment. The resolution was presented by Congressman W. Cicero Hammer of the Seventh District and seconded by Josephus Daniels. The customary resolutions of general thanks to the local hosts were also passed.

Parker Again Wins Cup. For the second year in succession the Savory cup, awarded to the best weekly paper in the state, went to J. Roy Parker, editor and owner of the Hertford County Herald, printed in Ahsokie. One more award and the cup will belong permanently to Mr. Parker. Honorable mention, which is second place, was made to the Clinton Democrat. The cup was first offered in 1922 and was won by the Smithfield Herald.

Lee Weathers of the Cleveland Star was named as vice president of the association, and Miss Beatrice Cobb was continued, despite her own protests, as secretary and treasurer. Members of the executive committee named were J. A. Parham, of the Charlotte Observer; J. H. Galt Braxton, of the Kinston Free Press, retiring president; Frank Smithurst,

## County Extension

### EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Miss Mary E. Wells, Rural Supervisor

### What Educational Opportunity Is Your Child Getting?

Three hundred and two children in the Johnston County rural schools passed the seventh grade examination this year. Fifty-two of these children come from our rural six months schools, fifty-two from the seven months consolidated schools, and the other one hundred ninety-eight from the eight months schools.

The largest class passing was from the Four Oaks school and numbered forty-four. Princeton came next with a class of thirty-eight. The other schools were as follows: Kenly thirty-three, Corinth-Holders twenty-seven, Micro twenty, Meadow nineteen, Wilson's Mills sixteen, Archer Lodge fifteen, Pine Level eleven, Corbett-Hatcher eight and Brogden two.

The school passing the largest percent of its class was Pine Level, which passed one hundred percent. Kenly passed ninety-four percent, Corbett-Hatcher eighty-seven percent, Meadow eighty-six, Four Oaks eighty-one percent. The other schools passed less than eighty percent of their classes. Kenly led in the general average made by the class, the average being 80.8 per cent. Meadow came second with an average of 79.8 percent; Corinth-Holders 78.5; Pine Level 77.9; Archer Lodge 76.6; and Wilson's Mills 75.6. The average passing mark in the other schools

managing editor of The News and Observer; Chas. A. Webb, of the Asheville Citizen, and J. B. Sherrill of the Concord Tribune. M. L. Shipman was continued as historian.—Ben Dixon McNeil in News and Observer.

was below 75.

The school having the highest percent of children on the honor roll was Kenly, her percent being 63.6. Second came Meadow with 57.8. Corinth-Holders 51.8; Pine Level 45.4. The other schools have less than one-third of their class on the honor roll.

There were in all 411 children who took the examination. One hundred of these came from the rural six-months schools. Of this 100 fifty-two percent passed with six on the honor roll. Sixty-nine came from the consolidated seven-months schools. Seventy-five percent of these passed with 18 on the honor roll and 81.8 of the children from the eight months schools passed with 67 on the honor roll.

From the above figures we must draw the following conclusions: A child attending a six months non-consolidated school has fifty chances out of one hundred to pass his examinations to enter high school. In the seven months consolidated schools he has seventy chances out of one hundred, while in the eight months schools a child has more than eighty one chances out of a hundred to pass their examination. In the six months schools less than one-tenth of the children were able to make a passing grade of 80 percent or above while in the seven and eight months schools more than one third of the pupils made this average. Last year's record shows that in the six months schools 49 out of every hundred passed. In the seven months schools 62 out of a hundred passed and in the eight months schools 75 out of a hundred.

What kind of opportunities are your children getting?

Hot, dry weather will retard development of the boll weevil but it is advisable to be prepared to dust when necessary, say insect specialists at State College.

## NEW BUILDINGS DUKE UNIVERSITY

Estimate Cost At Three Million; Only First Step In Building Program

Durham, July 10.—Complete plans and specifications for 11 new buildings to be erected at Duke University were received here today, from Horace Trumbauer, architect, of Philadelphia. Eighty-three large blue prints covering in minutest detail the work of the new building program, are now in the office of Burke Hobgood, local chamber of commerce secretary.

A bound volume accompanied the drawings and blue prints containing complete data on every phase of the erection work. The plans include the following buildings: Two story auditorium building with moving picture booth, balcony and dressing rooms and basement; union hall, with lobby, faculty lounging rooms, dining halls and reading room, two story library building, with special reading rooms and second story delivery rooms, three-story science hall; three-story class room building, three-story apartment house building, five-story dormitory buildings.

Estimates as to the total cost of the entire group of buildings cannot be made with any degree of accuracy, although it is generally understood that it will be in the neighborhood of three million dollars.

While no definite statement is made in the specifications with regard to the number of buildings which may follow this initial group, it is believed here that these eleven buildings will be but the first step in the program.

Included in the plans are a University telephone system, fire alarm system, lighting system, refrigeration plant, dairy plant with butcher shop and bakery. The plans are now being inspected by all local contractors.—News and Observer.

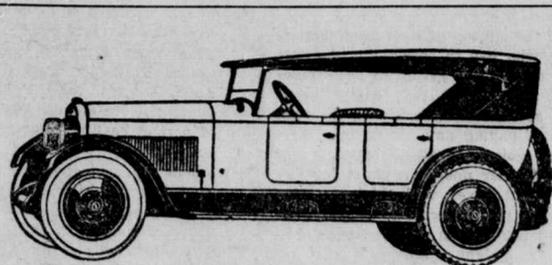
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