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ALL THE LOCAL NEWS

## Something Wrong With Edgecombe

For several days the Southerner has been trying to show to the people the necessity of retaining in the county the office of the County Farm Demonstration agent.

It has carried several editorials on this important question and it has given a few interviews from some of our best farmers.

This movement to dispense with the services of the agent at this time will to our way of thinking be most deplorable and as one man suggested, that instead of doing away with this office the people had better send the present official to South Carolina or somewhere else to make a study of the boll weevil conditions so as to be of assistance to the farmers of the county when this pest arrives, which will be in a few years surely.

Craven county has already employed a special man to assist in this fight against the weevil, and the Scotland Neck chamber of commerce has employed a farm demonstration agent, whose salary will be paid by that organization.

The people of Scotland Neck have heard about the movement to dispense with the farm agent at this time and the Commonwealth makes the following comment:

We have always looked upon Edgecombe county as being one of the most forward counties in Eastern North Carolina along agricultural lines, and we in Halifax have been proud to be her neighbor, but if reports which we hear are true it is considering a very backward step in doing away with a county agricultural agent. If ever there was a time in the history of agriculture when such work was needed it is now when we are threatened with the boll weevil and which will force a revolution in farming methods. Rather than doing away with one agent it would be better to put several in the field and do more intensive development. We do not believe that the intelligent business men and farmers of Edgecombe will ever permit any faction or political clique to do away with the services of the agricultural agent, but rather will insist that greater appropriations be made for the work, as is being done in Halifax, Craven and other counties of Eastern North Carolina. The county of Craven, for instance, has appropriated \$10,000 a year for the development of the agricultural interests of that county, and the chamber of commerce of Scotland Neck has raised \$1,800 toward paying for the services of such an agent. With other counties in the east doing such things surely Edgecombe county is not going to take a backward step.

Let everybody who will pull for Sunday School Day be at Conetoe next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. L. L. SMITH.

## BLACKFEET INDIANS GET CONTROL PAPER

By The Associated Press. GLACIER PARK, Montana, July 27.—Temporary control of part of the newspaper world was acquired last night by the Blackfeet Indians, when two hundred members of the National Editorial Association paused here long enough to "join up" with the tribe.

## FINE WATERMELONS

Mr. F. B. Robbins, who lives on the Kate Williams place near Tarboro, brought to Tarboro this morning as fine a load of melons as one would want to see. These melons averaged more than forty pounds each and some of them weighed more than sixty pounds. Mr. Robbins had no difficulty in disposing of these melons at fancy prices.

## WILL ENTERTAIN.

The ladies of the Women's Wesley Bible Class will entertain their husbands tonight at the residence of Mrs. L. L. Brown.

## CONETO INSTITUTE AT M. E. SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY

Plans for the Sunday School Institute at Conetoe next Sunday are as follows:

We will meet at 11 o'clock instead of 10 as before. We will have 30 minutes of song and prayer service. Each school will be asked to sing some of the old familiar hymns. And all will sing some of the new, wide-awake Sunday school songs. At 11:30 an inspirational address. Dinner will be served at 12:30. From 1:30 to 3 P. M. Slaughter will have charge of a program which will be of much interest. Bro. Slaughter has prepared himself for Sunday school work as but few young men in our conference have. He knows how to organize and make a Sunday school go. He and his congregation will meet with us, and all together we expect a great day at Conetoe next Sunday.

We invite everybody and want everybody to bring dinner and we will serve it together and have a get-together day as well as a day of study. I am urging every member of the McKendree charge to be present. A great majority of the children of our county are still out of the Sunday school and more than 8,000 people out of the church.

If the next generation is saved, the Sunday school must get busy at once. We are not willing for our county to be the lowest in North Carolina in its percentage of church membership. It shall not be so if the Christian people of the county will go to God in prayer and then go out and help answer their prayers.

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## MINE LEADER MAY DISRUPT UNION BY 'SUICIDE' PROGRAM

By The Associated Press. SPRINGFIELD, July 27.—Disruption of the United Mine Workers of America, if President Farrington of the Illinois mine workers is permitted to proceed with the program announced in St. Louis late yesterday, was predicted here today by John Watt, secretary-treasurer of Springfield sub-district, who declared it was up to John L. Lewis, international president, "to act, and act quickly." According to Watt, the action of Farrington in calling the convention to submit separate wage contracts is "rank sedition" and nothing short of "suicide" by Farrington.

## RUM RUNNING SHIPS SEIZED BY OFFICERS

By The Associated Press. NEW YORK, July 27.—Seizure of three alleged rum-running boats over night is declared by federal prohibition agents today to indicate a resumption of activities by the liquor smugglers, who have been uncommonly quiet for several weeks.

## KIWANIS CLUB TONIGHT.

The Kiwanians will have their regular monthly meeting tonight at the hall on Main street.

## INSANE MAN GIVES UP AFTER BARRED IN HOUSE 2 WEEKS

HUNTINGTON, West Va., July 27.—John Frederick, an insane man, who has been barricaded in a house at Hinton, defying deputy sheriffs and state police for almost two weeks surrendered this morning, according to telephone reports. Frederick was wounded in both arms, according to the report. One man was killed by Frederick.

## "SIT TIBI TERRA LEVIS"

In the 57th year of her earthly pilgrimage, just when the sun had reached his meridian splendor, the spirit of Mrs. Helen Powell, widow of the late William H. Powell, was released from its trammels and limitations, and summoned to regions ethereal and radiant with the glory of Him Who is the Light of the world. In her going, all classes sustain a pronounced and distinct loss, for in whom was she not interested and to whom did her thoughtful and gentle ministry not reach?

Mrs. Powell was a woman of unusually strong intellectuality and marvelous executive ability, as is evidenced, to speak of no other, in the eminently successful manner in which she conducted the large business affairs that were so suddenly thrust upon her when she was widowed. But she was more richly endowed. She was possessed of generous impulses, warmest sympathies and noble aspirations. In every activity of the city that tended to progress, helpfulness and elevation of character she was deeply, enthusiastically concerned. Infinitely removed from the spectacular, to the needy her beneficent ministry was constant, abundant and always administered in sweetest manner.

Many were the virtues that beautified and the graces that glorified the character of this noble woman, and make her memory as ointment poured forth. Of such as she the blind Milton was thinking when he wrote: "O fairest of creation, last and best of all God's works, creature in whom excell'd whatever can to sight or thought be formed, Holy, divine, good, amiable or sweet."

In early life, Mrs. Powell gave her heart to God and her life, in deepest consecration, to His cause. Soon thereafter she united with the Methodist church and gave to it, through the years a service characterized by constancy, zeal, wisdom and loyal devotion. Its doctrines were the embodiment and expression of her faith and hope, its worship her delight. Never did she question the wisdom or goodness of her heavenly Father. When in 1912 she, in His providence, was bereft of her husband and left alone with the responsibility of rearing and educating their three little ones, no word of murmur escaped her lips, but, in a faith triumphant, she said, "A Father's hand will never cause His child a needless tear."

And determinedly addressed herself to the duties before her. Most admirably did she execute them, giving to each of the children a college education. She did immeasurably more and better than this; by her tactful teaching of the Word, accentuated by her pure and noble life, she led them, each one, in humble contrition and living faith, to the foot of the cross of that divine Saviour Who was the joy and strength, the comfort and inspiration of her own life. "Lords of the world, as ye are proudly called, By your own sex applauded and extolled For every good—is woman's lovely frame A gemless casket—fitted but to claim The eye's devotion? Perish such a thought, Here learn her worth and prize her as ye ought."

Mrs. Powell was indeed a devoted Christian, a true child of God; and what a beautiful tribute to her faithfulness in the exercise of her trust that her children following in her footsteps, and that she is gone, "arise up to call her blessed."

While many shall cry with the poet "O for the touch of a vanished hand" as, in their desolation, more and more they realize their loss, an innumerable number, in their contemplation of her infinite gain, will join in the just commendation of her, righteous Judge, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

## FARMERS BECOME ANXIOUS OVER COAL STRIKE SITUATION

By The Associated Press. CHICAGO, July 27.—Reports from thirteen states to Secretary Cloverdale of the American Farm Bureau Federation shows that farmers are becoming anxious over the continuance of the coal and rail strikes, fearing a shortage of fuel or transportation may seriously interfere with the harvesting and marketing of their products.

Federation officials in Iowa, Washington, Wisconsin and Illinois report a shortage of coal.

ST. LOUIS, July 27.—President Farrington of the Illinois mine workers today rescinded a call for a state convention at Peoria Aug. 3. He also wired Acting Gov. Sterling declining to enter a plan for settlement.

## GREENVILLE AND LOCALS BATTLE TO 5-5 TIE, GOOD SIZE CROWD GETS THRILL

Yesterday was Booster Day in Tarboro for the baseball club, all the stores were closed and nearly one thousand people turned out to see the Greenville club and the locals battle to a ten-inning 6-6 score.

The features of the game were the two beautiful catches made by Doughton in center field and the pitching of Beale, who relieved Loach in the third inning, after Bradley had doubled to the left field fence scoring two-runners.

While wild at times, Beale pitched steadily ball and fanned twelve men during his stay on the mound.

Johnnie Firth, who started for the locals, again played in hard luck. His pitching was good until the 8th, when he became wild and was relieved by Cobb.

Umpire Brandon saw too much baseball at times to watch the plays close enough. In the eighth frame, Massey doubled to left-center, and after Keating went out pitcher to first, the Greenville first baseman was caught off second by two feet, but Mr. Brandon failed to see the play. And again Massey was called safe at home on a wild pitch. McQuinn recovering the ball and Firth tagging the runner with a margin of several seconds. However, the breaks appeared to be against the locals when they spelled victory.

First inning: Stringfield called out on three strikes; Doran walked; Frazier forced Doran at second and later stole second; Smith flew out to center field.

Shannon walked, Ferry fanned and Shannon took second on a wild pitch; Doughton flew out to second; Bradley got an infield hit, but Shannon was forced at the plate.

Second: Boehling hit a line drive to center, Doughton turning a complete somersault to make the catch; White singled to right and took second on a passed ball by McQuinn; Massey hit to short who threw to third late, both runners going safe; Massey stole second; Keating hit to Ferry, who fumbled the ball and filled the bases; Loach singled over second, and White and Massey scored; Stringfield fanned; Doran out pitcher to first.

Marable fanned; Kotch walked; Webb singled to right and Kotch advanced to third; McQuinn flew out to second; Firth singled to right and Kotch romped home, with Webb on third; Shannon out; third to first. Third: Frazier hit safe thru third; Smith doubled to right, putting Frazier on third; Boehling struck at his third one which hit the plate and Frazier scored; White went out on bunt to first; Massey flew out to right and Keating flew out to left.

## HOPES FOR PEACE IN RAIL STRIKE REVIVE WITH CONFERENCE

By The Associated Press. CHICAGO, July 27.—Just as the railway strike seemed to have settled to a long drawn-out determined battle, hopes for peace were revived by the gathering at Washington today of strike leaders and railway executives.

Restoration of seniority rights to the men on strike remained the chief obstacle to peace.

## LEWIS HOPEFUL.

By The Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—John L. Lewis, head of the miners, said he had "every reason to believe that the Interstate Joint Conference of the central competitive fields would be arranged within a few days."

## Pasteurized Milk Essential to Community

## WISCONSIN POLITIC FEVER PROMISE HOT PRIMARY ELECTION

MADISON, Wis., July 27.—Wisconsin is in the midst of a political campaign which promises to culminate September 5 in the most hard-fought primary election waged in the state for years.

While the Republicans are engaged in a factional struggle between the La Follette forces and the anti-La Follette forces for control of the state government and of the U. S. Senatorship, the Democrats are preparing for a contest in their ranks over the nomination for governor on a wet and dry issue.

The candidacy of Senator Robert M. La Follette for re-election at the head of a complete state ticket, which bears his name, is bringing strong opposition from the other Republican faction in Wisconsin. This wing, the Independent Progressive Republican party, has organized for the first time since enactment of the primary law for choice of U. S. Senator.

Opposed to Senator La Follette is Dr. W. A. Ganfield, president of Carroll College, a newcomer in Wisconsin politics. Dr. Ganfield was named to head the opposition ticket by the Citizens Republican state conference which met at Milwaukee June 1. This organization was created by the committee of 44, a representative group made up of two men and two women from each of the eleven Wisconsin congressional districts. Dr. Ganfield opened his campaign early in July and reports from throughout the state say that he is being well received. In Racine his speech was against radicalism.

## RAIL HEADS CONFERENCE WITH SHOP CRAFTS AND U. S. OFFICIALS

By The Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Hope for a move toward settlement of the railroad strike was revived today as leaders of both sides gathered here presumably for a conference with administration officials, although definite indications were lacking as to whether their presence here at the same time had added significance of any pre-arrangement.

B. M. Jewell, strike leader, and six international presidents went into a conference immediately with W. H. Johnson, head of the machinists' union. At the same time T. DeWitt Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Rail Executives, went into conference with President Harding.

## DEBBS CABLEGRAMS PROTEST TO LENINE

By The Associated Press.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Eugene V. Debbs, Socialist leader, today sent a cablegram to the Russian Soviet premier, Lenine, protesting against the execution of twenty-two social revolutionists now on trial at Moscow.

## "Silent Call" Tonight.

"The Silent Call" tonight at the Colonial will appeal to everybody who loves good acting and beautiful scenery. Those who love dogs should see this picture.

A few days ago the following letter appeared in the Norfolk Virginian Pilot. At this time the contents of the letter will be interesting reading for the people of Tarboro, who have taken great pride in their pasteurizing plant. In Norfolk there seemed to be some doubt as to the nutritive value of pasteurized milk, as compared to raw milk. To have this question settled a letter was written to Dr. Copeland, head of the health department of New York city, who is regarded as an expert on this question, and it is his reply to the Norfolk authorities that we are publishing below:

"Dear sir: In reply to your letter of July 10, I would inform you that I feel that pasteurization is absolutely essential for the milk supply of any large city.

"Pasteurization of milk does not affect, in any way, its nutritive quality, but acts as an additional safeguard. If we could be definitely assured that all of the cattle producing milk were healthy and that the milkers and handlers were free from disease, there probably would be no reason for pasteurization. It is impractical to overcome these two features.

"Since the adoption of pasteurization of milk in New York city, we have had no typhoid epidemic. It was not an unusual occurrence, when raw milk was sold, to have epidemics of typhoid fever break out among the people. It has been definitely proven that bovine tuberculosis is transmissible to children. The eradication of tuberculosis among cattle is expensive and difficult. Until we can be assured that all our herds are free from tuberculosis, there is always the danger that this disease may be transmitted to children, when the milk is consumed raw.

"Because of the reasons which I have mentioned, I am firmly of the opinion that pasteurization of milk is essential to any community."

## STRIKING SHOPMEN KIDNAP 3 WORKERS

By The Associated Press.

GALESBURG, Ill., July 27.—Three separate kidnappings by striking Burlington shopmen were reported this morning. Crowds of strikers late yesterday abducted two employees, took them to a farm outside of the city, beat them, and turned them loose blindfolded in a blackberry patch.

## CANADIAN MINER UNEARTH PREHISTORIC BONES

By The Associated Press.

EDMONTON, Alta., July 25.—In a valley of the far northern section of British Columbia, close to the Yukon border, which it is believed was never before visited by a white man, Frank Perry, mining engineer of Vancouver, has discovered the remains of mastodons that once roamed northern Canada. The location of the valley is not marked on maps, but it is north and west of the headwaters of the Finlay river. Indians will not travel through the valley, believing it to be haunted by the giant animals whose bones they have seen.

In addition to the bones there are footprints in the sandstone and shale of some other pre-historic monster; these are clearly defined marks showing that the maker of the tracks was a three-toed animal.

## PRAYER MEETING.

There will be a prayer meeting this evening at 8 o'clock at Mrs. Berry Lewis'. This is one of a series of prayer meetings which are being held in preparation for the Maxwell-Powell meeting, which will be given at West Tarboro Methodist church on August 6.