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WEATHER

Showers tonight. Wednesday cloudy, moderate northeast winds.

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PRESTON S. VANN RESIGNS AS COUNTY SUPERINTENDET OF SCHOOLS

Hands Letter of Resignation To Board of Education Without Making Public Reason For His Action

P. S. Vann, County Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pasquotank County, has resigned the position to which he was elected less than twelve months ago.

His resignation, dated Tuesday, May 13th, is now in the hands of the Board of Education of Pasquotank County.

Professor Vann came to Pasquotank from Gates County and began work here last July.

From the beginning he has shown himself a thorough going progressive in every phase of the duties of his office and a zealous worker in the cause of education.

Under his supervision, in spite of the disadvantages, due to the influenza epidemic last fall, with which he has had to contend, there has never been a school year in the history of the county in which there has been such a lively manifestation of school spirit in the various districts of the county and such a wholesome and hearty sentiment for better schools throughout the county.

From the beginning Professor Vann has sought to establish consolidated schools at central points in the county where the more advanced rural pupils could receive instruction without having to leave home. To give the rural children educational advantages equal to those enjoyed by the children in the towns and cities has been his constant and consistent aim.

He has not been here long enough to see his plans mature, but just now special tax elections are pending in two or three rural districts and every sign indicated that one could expect within the next year or two to see three or four central State high schools established in the county.

The news of his resignation, which has been a subject of rumor for about a week, was confirmed Tuesday morning, when Professor Vann made public his letter of resignation to the Board. To the people of the county at large it comes as a shock, and expressions of sincere regret are heard on every hand. Professor Vann's friends are determined to go to the bottom of the cause of his resignation and, if possible, induce him to reconsider his decision.

No cause for his action is assigned by Professor Vann in his letter of resignation to the Board of Education.

A GOOD HABIT TO GET INTO

How much of this paper do you get full benefit from? There is certain news which interests you. There are special articles which you find valuable. But do you read all the advertisements regularly?

Here is a source of opportunity for all our readers. These merchants are sending their business messages to you thru this newspaper. And they want you to know what they have to sell.

Always look over these "messages" carefully whether you want to buy anything at the time or not. Keep track of what the stores and manufacturers are offering and when some need does come up you will know just where you can get the best value for your money.

Save the time and energy required to shop around from one place to another. Know where you're going and what you're going for before you go. To know the best stores, start now to get the habit of reading all the ads in this newspaper every day.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

H. A. Pool, who had his arm broken eight weeks ago is now able to use his arm and serve his customers at the Southern Hotel Barber Shop. He wishes to express his appreciation of kindnesses shown him by his friends while he has not been able to work.

J. A. Midgett and L. W. Midgett of Rodanthe were in the city Tuesday.

BOARD OF EDUCATION PASQUOTANK COUNTY

Preston S. Vann, Superintendent

Elizabeth City, N. C., May 13, 1919.

To the Board of Education, Pasquotank County.

Gentlemen:—

I hereby resign the important trust committed to my care when you made me County Superintendent of Schools, and I desire that this resignation shall take effect at the expiration of my contract with you, or, on or about July 1, 1919.

In severing my connection with the schools of Pasquotank county, I wish to tell the people in all sincerity and truth something of what is in my heart.

"I was a stranger and you took me in." You did even more. You gave me your confidence, and trusted me with a most important work to do. Since the day when first I entered upon my work, you have treated me, one and all, with a uniform and delicate courtesy and kindness. If anyone among you has aught against me, I do not know it. If there be such a person, he shares equally with each and every one of you good will and best wishes for the future.

Your confidence, and absence of anything like suspicion of my loyalty, motives and industry in discharging my duties as your County Superintendent, have placed me under a debt of gratitude which I would not repudiate if I could. If I have invested myself in my work with the abandon of a gamester who stakes his all on a single throw of the dice; if I have gone to my tasks as leaps the hound at the stag, it was because, for the sake of such people, I have counted the quarry good and abundantly worth while. And the wormwood and gall of life are but as a draught from a cool, eternal spring to one who labors with and for such people.

If I have anything further to say, it is to plead for a new loyalty to your schools, a new devotion to the sacred educational needs of the little children of the county. You have done well in the past, but you can and will, do better in the future. Place your schools nearer the center of your hearts, and labor together to promote their varied and complex interests as you have never done during all the generous past. May the vision you have of bigger and better schools, schools located on hard-surfaced roads, schools equipped with all modern facilities, schools that will give the rural child educational opportunities and advantages more nearly comparable to those enjoyed by the city child, lure you on and on until it shall have been materialized and realized in every glowing particular.

The day has come for a new patriotism—loyalty to the community where cluster your homes, your schools, your churches, your business interests, and out of which comes your civilization.

Love your city and county. This I dare ask because of my interest in the people of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County. The months I have spent with with the people of both will ever linger with me as a fragrant memory, and as an abiding inspiration.

May Heaven bless you, and crown all your efforts to promote the welfare of your children by giving them an equal-chance with the other favored sections of our State.

PRESTON S. VANN, Supt.

OLDS SECURES FLAG OF 11TH REGIMENT

Adds It To Already Large Collection In State Hall of History

Raleigh, May 12.—Director Fred A. Olds, of the North Carolina Hall of History, returned to the city yesterday, after a visit to several counties, having gone as far to the northeast as Currituck Court House. He is visiting all the county seats in the State, and is paying special attention to the documents in the offices of the clerks of court and registers of deeds.

At Elizabeth City Saturday afternoon he made the annual Memorial Day address in the courthouse before William F. Martin Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and D. H. Hill chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The veterans were in command of Captain E. R. Outlaw, a native of Bertie county, who during the war commanded Company C, 11th Regiment, North Carolina State Troops. The first colonel of the 11th was Collett Leventhorpe, of Caldwell county, who later became a noted brigadier general.

Captain Outlaw placed in the hands of Director Olds, for the Hall of History, one of the most interesting flags the director has ever received. It is that of the 11th regiment and is no larger than an ordinary envelope. At the surrender of Lee's army at Appomattox, April 9, 1865, it was decided by the officers of this regiment to burn the flag. It was taken from the staff and on into the woods. A little fire was made of twigs and then Captain Outlaw decided to save parts of it. The remainder was destroyed.

The confederate flag of the regiment had been sent to Richmond, for the issue of a new one, the old one having been shot to pieces. Then he one in question, which had been made by ladies of Fayetteville, of silk, was used. Each regiment had a Confederate and a State flag. Captain Outlaw brought back from Appomattox the fragments and these were put together and made into a miniature flag by Miss Sue Capehart, of Avoca, Bertie county. The tiny flag thus formed had been ever since in his personal possession.

There were 83 regiments in the Confederate army from North Carolina and the addition of this flag brings the total number in the Hall of History represented by their flags up to 71. There are yet believed to be here and there in the State, a few more flags, but they are extremely hard to locate. Director Olds had in mind to search for years for the flag of the 11th.

INSPECTORS ARE RELEASED TODAY

Ten Thousand Dollar Bond Await Trial in Prince William County June The First

Woodstock, Va., May 13.—Prohibition inspectors Hall, Dunaway, Sweet and Sullivan, indicted here yesterday, charged with killing Hudson and Shanks, are, alleged boozers near Winchester several weeks ago, were released today on a 10,000 bond each to await trial in Prince William County June the first, change of venue being granted.

CLEARED \$33 The C. M. B. Class of Blackwell Memorial Sunday school cleared \$33 at their cake sale last Saturday in spite of rain. They plan to have another sale Saturday evening enough to pay for their Victory Bonds.

NAVAL OFFICERS SEAPLANES ARE TO BE RELEASED WEATHERBOUND

Washington, May 13.—All temporary officers who entered the navy for the war period only will be released within a few weeks, acting secretary Roosevelt announced today.

They will be replaced by reserve officers, accepting commissions with the agreement that they remain in service until a few months after peace is declared.

PHOTOGRAPHER HERE

Mrs. Bayard Wootton herself, proprietor of the Wootton Studio, of New Bern, N. C. will be in Elizabeth City the latter part of this week. Mrs. Wootton is a North Carolina woman who has attained national fame as a photographer. Her portraits of children and old people especially have given her a place among the true artists of the profession. Persons desiring to make an appointment with Mrs. Wootton should communicate at once with Mrs. W. C. Saunders. This will be Mrs. Wootton's first visit to Elizabeth City and she will accept only a few appointments, adv.

(By Associated Press) Washington, May 13.—Dispatches to the Navy Department today from Tromsø Bay indicated that the naval seaplanes at Newfoundland could start on their trans-Atlantic flight for at least 24 hours.

Commander Towers, chief of the expedition, said that heavy seas are running and a storm coming down on the course to the Azores.

NC-4 is also weatherbound at Chatham, Massachusetts, and officials here regard it improbable that she will be in the overseas flight, as Towers' message indicates that he will start as soon as the weather permits without waiting for the arrival of NC-4 at Tromsø.

WANTED—ISSUES OF THE AD.

Following are the newly elected directors of the Chamber of Commerce: A. B. Houts, W. G. Gajther, J. W. Foreman, P. H. Williams, O. F. Gilbert, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, H. G. Kramer, E. M. Stevens, J. T. McCabe.

S. A. Knoblock, B. Chambers, J. L. Cooper and E. H. Cooper of Belhaven are in the city.

AUSTRIA HELD RESPONSIBLE

Peace Treaty Contains Responsibility Clause Identical with Germany's Except For Kaiser Bill

(By Associated Press)

Paris, May 13.—In the peace treaty with Austria, now nearing completion, a responsibility clause has been inserted identical with that in the German treaty with the exception that the first clause providing for the trial of Emperor Wilhelm is omitted.

The remaining clause makes provision for the trial of military offenders by international court martial.

NOT YET ACCEPTED

The Hungarian government has not yet accepted the invitation to name delegates for the signing of the peace treaty, but it is assumed here that the Bela Kun regime will gladly take advantage of this means of establishing relations with the outside world.

NEARER SOLUTION

The Italian problem seemed nearer solution when today's conference began among the Allied representatives here and it is thought probable that a basis of understanding would be reached during the day.

Italian representatives are reported to be evidencing more of willingness to make concessions.

Discussions began when Orlando called this morning on Colonel House of the American delegation. The Council of Four held no meeting during the morning.

ENTERTAINED AT NORFOLK THURS.

Delegation From Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce Guests of Norfolk Rotary Club

The Norfolk Rotary Club entertains a delegation from the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce at dinner at the Hotel Fairfax Thursday, May 15th at six o'clock.

The delegation is made up of the following men who have notified Secretary Case that they can accept the invitation and be present: M. L. Clark, C. D. Gallop, S. B. Parker, O. F. Gilbert, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, H. C. Bright, W. S. White, J. B. Leigh, E. M. Stevens, W. J. Woodley, C. R. Pugh, E. F. Aydtlett, Sr., G. F. Seyffert, L. R. Foreman, G. R. Little, R. M. Cotter, John Wells, C. W. Stevens, Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Secretary L. D. Case. There is room for about five others, if these will notify Mr. Case at once.

TO PORTSMOUTH FRIDAY

The delegation will attend a Good Roads meeting at Portsmouth Friday at noon under the auspices of the Portsmouth Rotary Club. The State and County engineers and other prominent officials representing Virginia, Norfolk County, and Portsmouth will be present.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission and the local Chamber of Commerce have extended invitations to Frank Page, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, and W. S. Falls, Engineer, to be present at the Portsmouth meeting, which will be held mainly in the interest of the Elizabeth City-Portsmouth highway.

NEW DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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GERMANS MEET DISCUSS TERMS

Possibility of Change in German Government As Result Of Allied Terms is Reported

(By Associated Press)

Berlin, May 13.—The Imperial Ministry met yesterday to discuss the peace terms but no positive proposals are yet communicated to the Entente.

German democratic and centerist parties threatened to withdraw their representatives from the government if the treaty is signed.

Von Brockdorff Rantzau, head of the German peace mission at Versailles has informed its representatives that he is making every effort to secure the union of German-Austria with Germany.

London, May 13.—The possibility of a change in the German government as the result of the presentation of Allied peace terms was discussed by Chancellor Scheidemann at Berlin Monday, according to an exchange telegraph Berlin dispatch.

The chancellor, denounced the peace terms, which he said represented a "brutal dictated peace."

APPEAL SIGN TREATY

"There remains no choice but to bow to compulsion and sign the treaty" says an appeal of the central committee of the independent socialist party in the party organ, Die Freiheit.

The appeal is prefaced by the denunciation of several of the peace terms and concludes with the demand that workmen of all countries unite against capitalism for a world revolution.

TO RECEIVE AUSTRIANS

Paris, May 13.—It developed this afternoon that Von Brockdorff Rantzau, head of the German delegation, intended to ask permission to send German delegates to meet the Austrian representatives.

It was previously announced that the Allies intended keeping the delegations wholly apart.

ROSCOE FOREMAN MAKING PLANS

At Head of Centenary Drive For First Methodist Church, Expects to go Over The Top Without Delay

L. R. Foreman, chairman of the Missionary Centenary Campaign Committee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled his sub-committee chairman in the church annex Monday night and put before them the plans for the big drive to be made next Sunday, at which time this church expects to roll up its quota of \$22,500.00 for the Centenary.

Sixty men and women canvassers from the First Church will make a whirlwind canvass of the entire membership of the church next Sunday, beginning immediately after the morning service and continuing until the last member has been canvassed and the entire quota raised.

The subscribers to the fund have five years in which to redeem their pledges, which means that the church is called upon to pledge \$4,125.00 a year for Methodist missions for five years.

Men like L. R. Foreman, J. B. Leigh, C. E. Kramer, M. Leigh, Sheep, L. E. Old, W. J. Woodley and others in the First Methodist Church express the opinion that it is going to be easy sailing for the canvassing committee next Sunday.