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Fourth of July To Be Celebrated Here

Program Begins at Nine O'Clock With Base Ball Game. Parade, Athletic and Aquatic Sports and Fireworks.

MISS HELEN WHITE, MISS PLYMOUTH
MISS BETTIE COBURN, MISS WASH. COUNTY

At a recent meeting of the executive committee that is engineering the Fourth of July Celebration to be held here on Saturday of next week, final plans were drawn up. Plymouth is expecting to accommodate a larger crowd on that day than has ever assembled here before. Street paving has been completed, the white way will be turned on that night and a general good time is anticipated.

Things will begin to happen on the Fourth at nine o'clock in the morning with a base ball game between Plymouth and the Y. M. C. A. team from Rocky Mount. At eleven o'clock the parade will form on Washington street at Brinkley Avenue and then course through the principal streets of the town, headed by a brass band and composed of company and individual floats, veterans of the Civil, Spanish-American and World Wars, the Fire Department and other features. In the Beauty Contest and Baby Show held on last Friday night in the school auditorium Miss Helen White was selected to represent Miss Plymouth in a specially arranged float, while Miss Bettie Gray Coburn of Westover will represent the county in a like manner. Master Jack Swain, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Swain was selected to represent the boy babies in the parade while little Miss Rebecca Ward, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ward will hold things down for the little girls.

Immediately after the parade there will be held special athletic events on the school campus. Entrants from all parts of the county will participate.

The afternoon ball game between the above named teams which will begin at four-fifteen is expected to be one of the hardest fought contests ever held in the county.

Boat racing, fancy swimming and other aquatic sports will be enjoyed in the Roanoke River.

A gigantic display of fireworks will be made at eight o'clock on the river shore. People are especially urged to remain to witness this pyrotechnic spectacle.

At one o'clock a picnic dinner will be served under the shade of the giant elms and oaks on Fort Williams street. It is requested that picnic baskets be prepared for this occasion, so that at least once again the people of Washington County might mingle again in the old fashioned manner so dear to the memory of our older people.

Plymouth will welcome every visitor and it is hoped that every section of the county will have a large representation here to assist in making the occasion a huge success.

33 Years Ago —IN— Washington County

Items gathered from issue of The Roanoke Beacon published Friday, July 1, 1892

Henry Chesson, colored, who was in jail for house-breaking, died in his cell here Monday morning.

Mr. S. R. Norman of Norfolk, is at home on a visit to his parents.

Little Frank Golette had the misfortune to have three fingers cut off his left hand while at work at the mill Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. W. Read, accompanied by her son, Jack, arrived here Saturday to spend some time with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Owens.

The first cotton bloom of the season was sent to our office by Mrs. W. H. Hampton. The bloom was found on her husband's River Farm June 26th.

Rev. J. B. Askew of Virginia filled the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday morning last.

LAND FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Methodists to Arrange For Recreation as Well as Intensive Industrial Training.

Winston Salem.—A tract of land, comprising 275 acres, has been purchased by the trustees of the Methodist Children's home, and will be used for farming and recreational purposes. The land is located on the Mocksville-Yadkinville highway, near Courtney, and includes both timbered and farming sections. The tract is a part of the estate of the late Dr. Cain.

It is the intention of the home officials to have farming on a large scale on the new purchase, and this summer some activity is being carried on, to be increased in future years. Several streams on the farm will provide water for pond which will be formed, and this will be used as one of the recreational features for outings of the children living at the home.

Mebane Sued For \$40,000 More. Burlington.—Three additional suits involving \$40,000 have been filed against the town of Mebane, the result of alleged damages caused by that town's sewer disposal.

The Central Loan and Trust company seeks to recover \$10,000, W. W. Brown, executor of the late George Troxler estate, \$10,000 and the Burlington Rod and Gun club, \$20,000.

In each case Lake Latham is the cause of complaint the result of a apt of the sewerage of Mebane running into it, damaging it as a property and as a game preserve, it is claimed.

Mebane's sewer disposal now has been sued in all for \$100,000, a verdict against it of \$10,000 in the case of Erastus and Tom Cook, Mill Creek millers, whose suit for \$60,000 was tried before Judge Thomas H. Calvert in Graham last week.

Cherokee Farm Values Make Increase.

Murphy.—Farm values in Cherokee county increased from \$2,563,726 on January 1, 1920, to \$3,937,984 on January 1, 1925. The total number of farms increased from 1,993 to 2,228 during the same period. It is shown by a press summary released by the department of commerce at Washington.

The number of farms operated by white farmers increased from 1,894 to 2,205 and the number operated by negro farmers from 9 to 22 during the five-year period. The number of farms operated by white owners increased from 1,497 to 1,769 and the number operated by negro owners from 406 to 458. None was found to be operated on the managerial basis.

All land in Cherokee farms on January 1, 1920, amounted to 173,518 acres. By January 1, 1925, the acreage had increased to 12,865.

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INCOME TAX CUT IS TWO MILLION

FIGURES IN INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR'S OFFICE SHOW REDUCTION.

Raleigh. With most of the June payments in North Carolina's Federal income tax collections for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1925, are running about two million dollars behind the income tax collections for the entire figures in the office of Gilliam Grissom, Collector of Internal Revenue for the North Carolina District. Collections for all kinds of Federal taxes, however, are already about two million dollars ahead of the entire last fiscal year.

Total collections of income taxes during the fiscal year ending July 1, 1925, in North Carolina totalled about eighteen million dollars. To date in the fiscal year 1925 which ends July 1, approximately sixteen million dollars have been collected.

This falling away in income taxes was expected on account of the cut in the income tax rate this year, and Collector Grissom is pleased with the showing made, as he expected that the slump would be greater.

Mr. Grissom expects to collect little more income taxes during the balance of the fiscal year but is counting on the heavy receipts from tobacco taxes to pull the total taxes of all kinds collected in North Carolina this fiscal year five or six million dollars ahead of the amount collected last year.

The full effect of the cut in income taxes probably will not be felt for another year as many of the deferred payments on the taxes which fell due in March, 1924, are included in the total of the fiscal year ending July 1, 1925, and on account of the cut in the tax rate a great many more people paid their taxes in full this year, thus eliminating the deferred payments and further swelling the total of the present fiscal year.

Appoint Board For Training School.

Governor McLean has appointed five people, three white and two negroes, to act as a board for the Morrison Industrial School, at Hamlet, which is a training school for negro boys. The board was appointed under the act passed at a recent session of the State Legislature providing for a uniform method for the appointment of certain boards of charitable and other institutions.

The following will serve for a term of four years: Mrs. J. Legrande Everett, of Rockingham, to succeed M. B. Hart, of Tarboro; W. L. Parsons of Rockingham, to succeed L. R. Varner, resigned; W. N. Everett, of Rockingham to succeed himself; Rev. W. H. Haywood (colored), of Lumberton, to succeed Thad Tate, of Charlotte; O. C. Spaulding, of Durham, to succeed S. G. Atkins, of Winston-Salem. The two last named are negroes.

Bus Lines Expected to Yield Less.

The tax upon bus lines levied by the 1925 General Assembly and which at that time was estimated to yield all the way from \$250,000 to \$500,000 is now expected to yield less than \$150,000, or half of the sum of \$300,000 which was finally agreed upon and used in estimates of the total yield from the new revenue law.

The law regulating buses and placing them under the control of the Corporation Commission, which carries with it a tax of six per cent on gross receipts, went into effect on March 22 and payments for the first quarter are not due before June 22.

However, reports have been constantly received by the Department of Revenue, which collects the tax, and it is estimated that the receipts for the first quarter will fall below \$3,000 although it is believed the average for the four quarters will be somewhat above that figure.

The falling off in expected returns from the bus lines are attributable to several causes. In the first place, a number of carriers that it had been thought would be classified as buses have been put down by the Corporation Commission as "jitneys" and pay only \$10 a year on each car.

Then, the bus lines proper are not making the money that was expected of them. But, at that the business they are doing is by no means a thing to be sneezed at, the minimum tax returns of \$120,000 representing an annual business of \$2,000,000.

Governor Pardons Seven.

Pardons for seven prisoners, serving terms ranging from four months to ten years, were announced by Governor McLean. Among the prisoners paroled was Rose Steelman, convicted at the December, 1923, term of the Superior Court of Guilford county and sentenced to serve ten years in the State Prison.

DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Asheville.—Five thousand visitors are expected at Ridgecrest, the Southern Baptist assembly grounds, 18 miles east of Asheville, during the season of summer conferences, June 18 to September 1.

Rockingham.—Judge Bryson after hearing arguments made the temporary receivership of the Carolina Coal Mine Company permanent continuing John H. Kennedy, the temporary receiver, as permanent receiver.

Rutherfordton.—The county commissioners have decided to build a new modern courthouse for Rutherford county to cost around \$750,000. It will be erected on the same site as the present building.

Statesville.—There were 7,518 automobile license tags sold during the past year at the branch office here, according to E. B. Quinn, local manager of the Carolina Motor club, who has charge of the sale of license plates. Mr. Quinn estimates that at least 10,000 plates will be distributed from the office here during the coming year.

Rocky Mount.—Progress in the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle is reported in Nash and Edgecombe counties. In Edgecombe 356 cattle comprising 178 herds, have been tested without the finding of a single reaction or suspect. In Nash the same result obtained during the testing of 395 cattle, comprising 214 herds.

Wilson.—During the progress of a rain storm lightning struck a farm house five miles south of this city. Lindsey Bass, white, was instantly killed, his father was rendered unconscious and never revived until morning and his mother and several other members of the family were severely shocked.

Lillington.—By virtue of an agreement reached between the local board of trustees and the county board of education, Lillington high school and the school farm are transferred to the care of the county. The trustees have surrendered the charter of the local school and deeded the property over to the board of education.

Statesville.—A 200-gallon steam blockade distillery was captured and destroyed in Wilkes county, near Antioch church, by T. M. Halyburton, federal prohibition agent, whose headquarters are in Statesville. The plant was running in full blast when the officers unexpectedly appeared on the scene. The three men in charge made good their escape.

Statesville.—Miss Mattie Adams, of Stony Point, is in a critical condition in a local hospital, suffering from injuries which she sustained when she jumped from a fast-moving car driven by Arthur Fox, on the Taylorsville road. Miss Adams' skull was fractured at the base. She has been unconscious since the accident occurred.

Mooresville.—Three young boys with a .22 caliber rifle resulted in the death of Whitfield Dry, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Dry, at their home on South Broad street Wednesday afternoon. The victim was in a room with his small 8-year-old brother, Paul, and Jack Harvell, 11. The two Dry boys were fooling with the rifle while Harvell was looking out a window.

Albemarle.—At a funeral in Fairview cemetery, a black snake about 3 1/2 feet long crawled from the hood of a touring car and tried to bite one of the men in the crowd near by. A shovel was secured and used as a defense and the snake was killed before the interment was made.

Goldensboro.—Wayne county continues its truck shipping. Beans, potatoes, cucumbers, squash, and a number of other products are daily flowing from here and nearby towns, going to the northern and western markets. Poultry continues strong. There are several agents at the depot all the time during business hours to greet their farmer friends with their products.

Monroe.—D. E. Linnell, 65, shot and killed himself in his home on Franklin street. After breakfast Mr. Linnell went to his room to prepare for work. He was only in his room a few minutes when his wife heard a gun fire. She rushed to his room to find him dead. He had tied a ribbon around his right foot and onto the trigger of a 29-gauge shot gun. Then he pointed to the left side of his head and jerked his foot, thus causing his death.

Morehead City.—As a part of a stupendous road-building program which involves the construction of more than 100 miles of hard-surface highway in Carteret county, the board of commissioners placed a contract for the construction of 12 miles of road between Beaufort and Atlantic which is to be the completing link of the highway from the Tennessee line to the eastern mainland point of Carteret.

Touring Europe.

Mr. Edward L. Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Owens of this place, left New York last Saturday morning for an extended tour through Europe. His itinerary will include several European countries, among them the British Isles, France, Spain, Portugal, Luxembourg, Germany and will also make a visit to Copenhagen.

Mr. Owens has just completed a course in law at the State University, and successfully passed what is considered one of the most difficult law examinations ever given in this state by the Supreme Court.

His trip to Europe is made for educational purposes, and will no doubt be of inestimable benefit to our young friend. He has made no plans as to just where he will locate when he decides to establish himself in the practice of law.

He plans also to visit the various battlefields in the countries which he will visit.

Returns to Plymouth.

People of Plymouth welcome the return of Mr. Percy M. Arps who has been in other places for about eleven years. Mr. Arps has purchased the drug business of Mr. T. L. Saitub, and began operation of this store Monday of this week.

Mr. Arps was in the drug business in Cape Charles Va., for about eighteen months. He then entered the navy and served during the war, and after receiving a discharge went to Columbia where he engaged in the drug business he now conducts in connection with his store here. He will give his personal attention to the Plymouth store, and has a capable manager in Columbia.

Mr. Smith has sold his interests in Plymouth, and it is regretted by his many friends here that he will cast his lot in the future in another place. He has been a resident of Plymouth for about fifteen years, during which time he has made numerous friends and has been identified with many civic matters and improvements.

Service Extended.

In a telegram received yesterday from the Edenton Daily News we were advised that traffic over the Edenton-Mackey's Ferry had become so great that additional facilities have been made necessary. The six-car ferry has been replaced by a fourteen car ferry. Boats will start from each side every hour and a half beginning at eight A. M. and closing at five-thirty.

A ferry is also operated direct from Edenton to Plymouth, making two trips daily. This service is of inestimable value to automobile travelers.

Notice

My plans are to leave here about July 1st, and I am making an effort to pay all bills that I owe here. Any person who holds an account against me will confer a favor by presenting it as early as possible before that date.

THOMAS L. SMITH

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