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DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Mooresville.—Chief of Police O. L. Woodside, assisted by "Bonnie" Kimmons, captured a 1924 model Hudson coach with 35 gallons of liquor as it was attempting to pass through this city.

Salisbury.—Kerr Klutz, news boy, age 12, died as a result of injuries sustained when he was thrown from a truck in which he was riding.

Lenoir.—Contract has been awarded for the construction of a big plant and water tunnel for the Blue Ridge Power Company near Saluda. The consideration named in the contract, it is understood, is about \$1,700,000.00.

Salisbury.—Five men were arrested, three automobiles confiscated and fifty gallons of liquor destroyed as a result of two days' raid near Taylorsville by federal prohibition officers working under A. B. Coltrane, state director.

Wilson.—Frank Miller and Mr. Harding, the latter an expert, visited the farm of Mr. Miller, located near this city, and found a great many squares punctured and a number of eggs, and several boll weevils over a limited area.

Salisbury.—Deima Morris, 22 years old, died following an operation for appendicitis. The funeral was conducted from the home of Fred Coggins and the body was taken to Albemarle for interment. Surviving are the parents and two brothers.

Salisbury.—A young white man, Jim Conners, was convicted in county court of an assault, the charge against him being that he unduly whipped his 18-month-old baby. He was given a suspended road sentence of eight months.

Reidsville.—J. W. Gillie, Jr., the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gillie, died as a result of injuries and shock sustained while taking a cow to pasture. He was dragged for a considerable distance and was badly injured about the body. A local physician, however, declared that shock caused the youth's death.

Lenoir.—One of the largest families, speaking from a standpoint of avoidance, is that of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McGowan, who live four miles east of here. In the family are Mr. and Mrs. McGowan, ten children, six girls and four boys. The total weight of the family is a little over twenty-two hundred pounds.

Salisbury.—Main Street Methodist congregation is to erect a new house of worship at a cost of \$85,000 exclusive of site and furnishings. The present church site on Main street will be disposed of and the new building will be on the corner of Church and Chestnut streets a block from the present church.

Kinston.—Heavy infestation of Jones county cotton fields by boll weevils was reported here. Patches near Maysville were said to be overrun by the insects. The crop had attained a nearly perfect condition before they appeared in large numbers. Heroic steps are being taken by farmers to prevent heavy damage.

Spencer.—The burning of a cancelled mortgage in the presence of a large congregation featured the dedication of Trading Ford Baptist church near Spencer, when an all day program was given. Members of the congregation clapped their hands for joy as the smoke of the burning notes ascended from the altar in the church.

Red Springs.—Rev. G. M. Daniel, pastor of the Red Springs Methodist church, came to his death in a swimming pool at Lakerim Beach. Lake rim Beach is located on the Raeford-Fayetteville highway about 8 miles from Fayetteville. The water at the point where the body was recovered was not more than four feet deep.

New Bern.—Marjorie Binson, 16-year-old daughter of Mrs. Annie Brinson of Arapahoe, was drowned at Wilkerson Point while bathing with friends. A telephone message received here said Alton Belgiana, who could not swim, narrowly escaped drowning when he attempted to save the girl.

Elizabeth City.—The body of Leila Jamieson, 10-year-old daughter of Andrew Jamieson, prominent citizen of Oxford, was brought up from Nag's Head on the Trenton and taken to Oxford for burial. The little girl was drowned in the sound at Nag's Head.

Morganton.—Ralph Bailey, 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey of Glen Alpine, and an employee of the State Hospital, was drowned in Ashbury's Lake four miles from Morganton. The young man had gone in bathing with three other young people, attendants at the state hospital, and stepping into water over his head and being unable to swim he was drowned.

LOSS BY FIRE IN NORTH CAROLINA

DURING MONTH OF MAY 156 FIRES OCCURRED; TOTAL DAMAGE \$361,475.

Raleigh. The total property loss by fire in North Carolina during May was \$361,475, it was reported by insurance Commissioner Stacy Wade. Property at risk, said Mr. Wade's report, was valued at \$1,431,070, on which there was insurance aggregating \$806,920.

During the month 156 fires occurred, and of these 17 involved a loss of \$5,000 or more each, aggregating \$232,058, leaving for the remaining 139 fires a loss of \$129,417.

Some of the larger fires were: Tannery bark and sheds at Morganton, \$80,000; store and contents at Burlington, \$19,000; apartment at Shelby, \$18,000; store and contents at Smithfield, \$12,500; dwelling and contents at Ayden, \$10,300; dwelling and contents at Wadesboro, \$10,000; four dwellings at Hamlet, \$8,150.

During the month there were 103 fires in dwelling houses involving a loss of \$86,332 for town and \$29,093 for rural dwellings. Three negro children were burned to death in one of these fires near Lumberton.

Chief causes of fires were listed as follows: Sparks on shingle roofs 47; unknown, 41; oil stove, 8; electricity, and "carelessness," 7 each; adjoining building and gasoline ignition, 4 each.

There were no fire damages reported in May in the following places: Rocky Mount, High Point, Thomasville, Albemarle, Mount Olive, Sanford, Weaverville, Middlesex, Warsaw, Granite Falls, Fuquay Springs, Zebulon, Pinetops, Bryson City, Jefferson, Marshville, Aberdeen, Elm City and Franklinton.

Essex Carry 69,391 Pupils Daily. North Carolina school children numbering 69,391 are transported 40,765 miles each day by 2,000 school buses in 95 of the 100 counties of the State, according to estimates by the State Department of Education.

The figures are based on actual reports from the 68 counties participating in the equalization fund and estimates on the remaining counties using school buses for the transportation of children. Actual reports show that in the school year 1923-24, a total of 31,544 children were carried daily by 858 buses; and in 1923-24, a total of 48,251 children were carried 26,354 miles daily by 1,318 buses.

In 1923-24 the most recent period for which figures on bus transportation of other states are available, only Indiana hauled more children and the per pupil year cost of \$13.57 in North Carolina was the lowest in the Union. The year cost per truck in North Carolina is only \$496.

The average daily mileage of the school trucks is 20 miles. The usefulness of the trucks is shown by the fact that there are in the State 842 rural schools.

School buses were first used in the State in 1915 by Edgecombe and Pamlico counties, both of which claim the honor of being first.

Increase in State Prisoners. An appeal to cities and counties to take advantage of the new law passed by the General Assembly of 1925 permitting them to hire and work State's prisoners was made by George Ross, Superintendent of the State's Prison.

Declaring that the population of the State Prison has nearly doubled in the last four years and that the increase has been at an even greater rate for the past two months, Mr. Ross issued the following statement to the press: "The population of the State's Prison on June 22 was 1,387 prisoners. This is an increase of 658 prisoners in a four year period. During the month of May 64 prisoners were committed to the State's Prison and 21 prisoners were released, causing an increase in population for the month of May of 43 prisoners. From June 1 to June 22nd there were committed to the State's Prison a total of 45 prisoners, while 24 were released; an increase of 65 prisoners in 52 days."

County Loan Approved By Court. Counties may continue to make loans to the State Highway Commission for the construction of highways, the Supreme Court held in an opinion handed down.

The decision reversed Attorney General Dennis Brummitt and Judge Frank Daniels and upheld the contention of the State Highway Commission. The question was brought to the front by State Highway Commissioner John Sprunt Hill, of Durham who considers the policy of making loans in advance of legislative appropriation a wrong one.

33 Years Ago

—IN—
Washington County

Items gathered from issue of The Roanoke Beacon published Friday, July 8, 1892

Mrs. Jos Tucker has been visiting relatives in Monticello during the past week.

Little Miss Estelle Forbes of Roper, was visiting her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnston, this week.

Work on the Episcopal church has been delayed, owing to bad weather.

Efforts are being made to establish a creamery here.

Irish potatoes 25 per bushel

The firm of Woodard & Everett, dealers in liquors has been dissolved. Mr. Everett will continue the business.

EARLY REVISION OF TAX IS SEEN

CHAIRMAN GREEN OF HOUSE PREDICTS NEW LAW BY JANUARY.

Washington.—The house ways and means committee will meet October 19 to draft a revision bill Chairman Green announced, adding that it would hold public hearings for two weeks, and would have a bill ready for congressional consideration in December.

He predicted the house would pass the bill before the Christmas holidays, and that it would become law in time to apply to taxes due next year.

Arrangements have been made by Chairman Green for a force of treasury experts to cooperate during the summer and early fall with experts employed by the committee in going over technical features of the revenue law and in preparing for consideration by the committee of proposals designed to improve and expedite administrative work.

Recent suggestions looking to the elimination of dual taxation on the part of states and the federal government met received support in the announcement by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of the results of a referendum dealing with the question.

The constituent organization holding membership in the national chamber voted overwhelmingly in an expression of opinion that the federal government should repeal its present estate tax, should refrain from imposing estate and inheritance taxes in the future, and should join the referendum report to members of the ing their taxation system.

"Death taxes have, by an unbroken series of precedents, been recognized as exclusively a field for state taxation, except in time of war emergency," the committee submitting the referendum report to members of the chamber contended. "At present, state taxes on inheritance and estates are numerous and burdensome."

These taxes form an appreciable part of the current revenues of many of the states, the committee found, and their imposition by the federal government brings about "multiple taxation of estates and still further confuse a situation which already is chaotic due to the conflict of state laws. Federal income from such levies," the report added, "has never formed more than insignificant portions" of its total ordinary revenues, and "is no longer necessary in order to balance the national budget."

In setting for a general principle of co-ordinating national and state tax systems, the committee asserted that "confusion growing out of dual taxation was particularly obvious in relation to corporations, income and death taxes."

FOR Five shares Peoples Bank stock for \$25.00, for cash. Let me have an offer A. L. Smithson.

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Charitable Brotherhood Pic-Nic

The Plymouth lodge No. 3, Charitable Brotherhood is now planning for their annual picnic which will be held in conjunction with other lodges of this section.

It has been customary in the past to hold a barbecue and basket picnic on Satterthwaite's lawn about two miles from here, but this year the members are planning to hold their annual outing at Ocean View, Va. Other lodges of this section have been visited and much enthusiasm has been manifested at all meetings.

The date will be decided upon tonight, and it is highly probable that there will be a sufficient number to take the trip to justify the Norfolk Southern railroad company to operate a special excursion train. It may also develop that non-members of the lodge will be permitted to take advantage of the special rate.

Mr. Carlos Brown of Norfolk, is the guest of his parents on Jefferson street.

Mrs. Matthew Davis spent last week in Belhaven visiting relatives.

Mrs. Frith Winslow of Littleton who has been the guests of her mother left Saturday for Hertford.

Mrs. Fannie Ayers, Misses Louise Ayers and Ruth Norton spent the week-end in Hertford.

Messrs. Frank Midgett, Everett Burgess, J. R. White and L. A. Peal comprised a fishing party to Norfolk this week.

Mrs. J. R. Campbell, with her children, has returned from Como, where she was called on account of the critical illness of her father.

Mrs. J. K. Reid has returned from a visit to relatives in Ayden.

Mrs. H. V. Austin is visiting in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Miss Margaret Moore of Smithfield is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. L. Bray.

Mr. Brocke Read and family have moved into their home recently purchased from Mr. T. L. Smith.

Mr. W. H. Clark and family have recently moved into a newly purchased home on Main street.

Rev. W. G. Lowe occupied his pulpit Sunday after having been away some time attending the Duke University summer school for preachers.

A. R. and Mrs. O. H. Lynn attended the Pharmaceutical convention held at Blowing Rock.

Mr. Rufus Swain, a former citizen of this county, was married last week in Raleigh to Miss Pauline Gardner of Smithfield.

First Cotton Blossom.

The first cotton blossom of the season was reported to us last Sunday.

The blossom came from the crop of Mr. F. E. Reid, one of our most enterprising young farmers.

Since writing the above Mr. G. K. Harris has reported a blossom grown by Mr. W. W. Phillips on June 26th, and one by Mr. Luther Swain which blossomed on June 30th.

Hurt in Mill

Mr. Hubert Owens, employed by the National Handle Company was painfully injured about the face last Friday morning while at work. His wounds were dressed by Dr. T. L. Bray, and as we go to press he is rapidly recovering.

IMPORTANT NEWS THE WORLD OVER

IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS OF THIS AND OTHER NATIONS FOR SEVEN DAYS GIVEN

THE NEWS OF THE SOUTH

What is Taking Place in The South-land Will Be Found in Brief Paragraphs

Foreign—

The Greek government, under the premiership of Michalakopoulos has been deposed and a new government under military control has been installed in Athens, with General Pangalos as dictator. The revolutionists intend to establish a republic similar to that of the government of the United States.

The government of Cuba has ordered J. Penningo, its great marble industrialist, to execute a monument in honor of General Maximo Gomez, leader of the Cuban armies of independent Cuba.

Eighteen persons are reported dead and two seriously burned in a fire that destroyed 350 native dwellings in the Egyptian town of Abu Hamad.

Germany has announced to Moscow her definite intention of entering the European security pact, which implies joining the league of nations, thus repudiating the Russo-German agreement to pursue identical courses relative to the league.

The German reichstag was the scene the other day of considerable excitement when a large number of persons owning depreciated German government bonds, war loans and other state securities, forcibly made their way into the chamber.

M. Caillaux, premier of France, in his expressed determination to have France's 1925 budget voted before the first of July, has already made a great step forward, Paris newspapers announce.

The situation in Canton, China, resulting from anti-foreign agitation is even more intense. Chinese are said to have threatened to attack the foreign settlement at Shameen, but so far no attack has been reported. Fortifications, however, have been erected in the British and French concessions.

In Shanghai, China, extra police have been provided for street duty, following receipt of reports that Chinese mobs were planning to massacre foreigners. The authorities have requested foreigners to keep on the main thoroughfares, and the night police patrol has been increased.

At Hong Kong, China, the government of Canton has issued an order forbidding further attacks against Shameen, the foreign settlement of Canton. Arrangements are being made for a meeting to discuss the situation. The remaining foreign women and children from Shameen have arrived in Hong Kong.

It is announced in Shanghai, China, that the body of Quartermaster E. B. Kersey of the American destroyer Pope, has been found floating in the Wrang-Po river. Kersey is reported to have been on shore leave.

Washington—

Secretary of State Kellogg and Szechenyi, Hungarian minister, have signed a commercial treaty between the United States and Hungary at the state department.

Officials of the Ku Klux Klan announced that they propose to ask the president to address a gathering of that organization which has been called to meet in Washington on August the eighth.

Fifty-one second class postoffices were moved up into the first class, while 10 first class offices were dropped back in the second class as a result of the annual readjustment of postmasters' salaries announced.

The department of justice has announced that petitions were being drawn, requesting a rehearing by the supreme court of the Maple Flooring and Cement Manufacturers' Protective association cases.

Thirty major radio broadcasting stations in 19 states have been invited by the war department to cooperate in the nation-wide defense day broadcasting program between 9 and 11:30 p. m., eastern standard time, July 4, and acceptances have been received from 13 stations situated in Massachusetts, New York, Washington, D. C., Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Utah and California.

Wheat Crop Hurt By Disease.

Specimens of a disease of wheat affecting the crop in Davie county, have been sent to Dr. F. A. Wolf and were identified as "take-all," a destructive wheat disease found in Australia about 25 years ago, it was announced. "This disease," stated Dr. Wolf, "was first found in North Carolina in 1923. Collections were made about the same time in 1923, near Lincolnton, by County Agent J. G. Morrison, and near Statesville, by County Agent R. W. Graeber. It has since been found in restricted areas in three other counties. The collection made in Davie county by County Agent Evans, makes the sixth county of this state in which "take-all" is now known to occur.

"This disease is very destructive," continued Dr. Wolf. "It has certain features which will enable any wheat grower to recognize it with considerable accuracy. The grower will find the affected plants in well-defined spots to be dwarfed or shrunk. These plants may be only six to ten inches in height, while normal plants are about four feet in height. Many of the affected plants will die prematurely or remain green until harvest time. The heads are always poorly filled, while the lower joints are dark or entirely blackened and surrounded by a layer of delicate brown threads. These threads are a part of the causal fungus and imbedded in them are the black fruit bodies of the fungus. The roots are also blackened and somewhat decayed."

Dr. Wolfe explained that investigations were now under way by the North Carolina Station, co-operating with the United States Department of Agriculture. These studies have shown that oats and rye are immune to the trouble and that certain varieties are immune.

Dr. Wolfe stated that the studies now being made may develop varieties of wheat that may be grown with safety in the infected soils.

"This fungus," he continued, "will attack wheat, barley, spelt, quack grass, chest and number of other cultivated grasses."

Auto Bureau Shows Saving.

A report made to Governor A. W. McLean and State Auditor Exeter Durham shows that collections were increased and expenses decreased in the automobile bureau of the State government, during April and May of this year, the first two months that the transfer of the bureau from the Secretary of State to the Department of Revenue was effective.

The bureau, which collects all automobile license taxes and all gasoline taxes was made a part of the general revenue machinery of the State which is presided over by Commissioner R. A. Broughton on April 1.

The report shows that from April 1 to May 31, 1925, collections totaled \$1,107,868.31 as against \$769,576.24 for the same period in 1924, or an increase of \$338,292.07.

For the two months of 1925 expenses amounted to \$64,774.85 as against \$83,582.05 last year, or a decrease of \$18,807.20, or over 30 per cent.

Salary Body is in Last Stages.

The Salary and Wage Commission appointed by Governor McLean under an act of the General Assembly providing drastic powers, is now working on the final stages of its report, which is expected by July 1.

Lists of all employes have been furnished the heads of departments, the lists showing the tentative classifications adopted by the commission and the heads of departments being requested to recommend a maximum and minimum wage for the classification, together with a wage for the employe and to state the salary now paid the employe and the salary paid on January 1, 1925.

S. L. Rogers, secretary to the commission, has been ill at his home in Franklin, Macon county. Julian H. Price of Greensboro, chairman of the commission has succeeded Mr. Rogers in active charge.

Officers Cut Up 120 Stills.

Federal officers working under Prohibition Director Coltrane, whose headquarters are in this city, destroyed 129 stills in North Carolina during the month of May, confiscated 25 automobiles and did away with 136,185 gallons of malt liquors and much other material used in the making of liquor. It is estimated that the liquids and mash poured out were sufficient for the manufacture of 20,000 gallons of whiskey. As a result of the activities of these Federal agents, 85 arrests were made and 200 prosecutions filed.

Checks Not Good For Auto License.

The annual distribution of license plates to North Carolina's nearly 400,000 automobile owners begun Monday by the state automobile license bureau and its 59 branches.

Letters have gone out to all of last year's purchasers inclosing application blanks and announcing that no checks will be accepted in payment. Last year the bureau was given considerable trouble by returned checks.