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AGENT TO ASSIST COLORED FARMERS

A. D. Herring, Farm Demonstrator, Will Spend Entire Time In Dunn District

A. D. Herring, negro farm demonstration agent assigned to the Dunn District, entered upon his duties Monday of this week. His work will be among the negro farmers. Herring is a son of G. W. Herring who has been doing farm demonstration work among the negro farmers of Sampson county for the past 10 years, and is said to be well fitted for this work. He will make his headquarters in Dunn and will have an office in the Harnett County Colored Training school building here.

The work calls for an expenditure of \$1,200 per year, \$900 of this amount being paid by the United States Department of Agriculture, leaving \$300 to be provided by the people of the Dunn District. Prof. Jas. W. Vines, principal of the Harnett County Colored Training school, who was active in securing the services of the negro demonstration agent for this section, has guaranteed the raising of the additional \$300 needed.

One of the chief aims of the demonstration agent will be "more corn and hay," according to L. E. Hall, district demonstration agent, who spent Wednesday here with Herring for the purpose of getting him started in his new work. "More corn means more hogs, and we need more of both," said Hall to a Dispatch reporter. It will be unwise for the negroes to move from this section to the North, even if they have to face the boll weevil, Hall said, adding that the new demonstration agent will instruct negro farmers in the best known methods of growing cotton.

The growing of more food crops will be urged, the State Department, under the direction of which Herring will work, does not advocate the discarding of cotton-growing altogether. The advice of this department is, "plant plenty of acres in food and feed crops for home consumption, and plant cotton only as a surplus crop."

France Returns But Peacock is Missing

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—After spending a fortnight in Florida cooperating with the authorities in an effort to bring Dr. J. W. Peacock to the insane department of the state penitentiary to which he was committed following his trial for the murder of the chief of Police of Thomsville and from which he escaped last August, D. C. France, special for the state returned here today and reported failure to the governor and the superintendent of the prison.

Mr. France was sent from Raleigh supplied with a warrant for the arrest of Dr. Peacock on the charge of escaping from the state prison, which is in violation of a North Carolina statute, and with requisition papers from Governor Morrison on the governor of Florida. Governor Hardoe, of Florida, signified his intention to honor the requisition, but Dr. Peacock was not to be found.

At the time the facts became public that the escaped man was in Florida he had been judged sane by a court of that state. Dr. Peacock was quoted as saying that he was willing to return to North Carolina and fight for his liberty here. He had moved on from Lakeland before the arrival of Mr. France, however, and the special agent told superintendent George Pou of the state prison today that he found no evidence of Dr. Peacock having resided there.

Mauretania Off For "Millionaire Cruise"

Big Liner Chartered By 547 Millionaires And Near Millions

New York, Feb. 8.—The liner Mauretania, chartered at a cost of \$1,250,000 sailed yesterday with 547 millionaires and near millionaires on the most costly pleasure cruise ever arranged in New York. The cruise across the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean will last sixty days.

Robert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, with

Dr. M. L. Smoot Dies After Long Illness

Prominent Fayetteville Man Succumbs After Period of Declining Health

Fayetteville, Feb. 6.—Dr. M. L. Smoot, well-known specialist and prominent Fayetteville citizen died in the Highsmith Hospital here this afternoon, after two weeks of acute illness which followed a period of declining health covering several years. Dr. Smoot had practiced in this city for 11 years specializing in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat in association with Drs. J. M. Lilly and W. S. Jordan.

He achieved a splendid reputation in his profession and as a citizen always took an active interest in the civic and moral advancement of his community. He also bore a leading part in the church work of the city, being a steward of the Hay Street Methodist church and superintendent of the Sunday school of that congregation.

Few men held the confidence and esteem of the community in greater degree than did Doctor Smoot. He served in the medical corps of the army during the war.

Dr. Smoot leaves a wife, formerly Miss Giddens, of Goldsboro, and two children, aged 16 and 14. He is also survived by three brothers and a sister, these being Dr. T. M. Smoot, of Danville, Va., former pastor of the Hay Street Methodist church of Fayetteville, Dr. Edward Smoot, of Concord and A. L. Smoot and Miss Cora Smoot, of Salisbury of which city Dr. Smoot was a native.

Seven Whiskey Stills Captured Last Week

Prohibition Agent Adams And Assistants Did Some Splendid Work

The activities of Federal Prohibition Agent A. B. Adams last week resulted in the capture of seven whiskey manufacturing plants, and the arrest of six men. Deputies McLeod, Flowers and Tart assisted Mr. Adams in the growing of more food crops will be urged, the State Department, under the direction of which Herring will work, does not advocate the discarding of cotton-growing altogether. The advice of this department is, "plant plenty of acres in food and feed crops for home consumption, and plant cotton only as a surplus crop."

Five Billion Dollars Worth Of Dwellings

Steps Taken For Construction Of Many Houses During The Present Year

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 5.—Steps have been taken for the construction of \$2,000,000,000 worth of dwellings in the United States, where a home building drive is on, it was disclosed here today at the fifth annual convention of the Common Brick Manufacturers' Association of America. The plans for the dwellings are already in the hands of architects, as are also plans for other buildings which will cost \$3,000,000,000.

The figures were furnished by R. P. Stoddard, secretary and manager of the association, who will make his report to the convention tomorrow. Charles H. Bryan of Detroit, president of the association, was the principal speaker at the opening day's session. He advised the 500 delegates here from 48 states not to let their optimism run away with their judgment.

"The passing months have been the records of brick manufacturers, as well as other business men, in the red ink of loss, and there is no indication that the coming months will see any change," Mr. Bryan said. The convention is launching a national advertising and educational campaign to cover three years, which will cost the members \$600,000.

Mrs. Gary and a party of friends, occupied the Mauretania's two "regal suites." The American Express charts showed the cost for the two suites to have been \$40,500. The cheapest accommodations on the liner sold at \$1,000. Mr. Gary declined to discuss business topics.

"I am going for a rest and pleasure trip," he said. "No business whatever."

William Allen White, famous Kansas editor and author, with Mrs. White and Victor H. Murdock, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission with Mrs. Murdock were among other passengers.

MAGIC OF COUE "CURES" CRIPPLES

Throw Down Crutches And Walk Off Stage; Police Called

Chicago, Feb. 7.—The halt and lame and the blind besieging Emile Coue, French exponent of auto-suggestion, for treatment of their ills, overflowed the stage at his third lecture today and were only quieted after the stalling little pharmacist from Nancy had halted all cures while police were called to clear the stage.

A hundred cripples in wheel chairs, on churches or on the arms of friends had gathered on the stage when the demonstration began. A crippled woman was given the "ca passe, ca passe" treatment. In a few minutes she walked off the stage, leaving her crutches behind.

Then the Frenchman turned to a paralytic man and repeated the staccato "ca passe" formula. The "cure" again; but this time two cripples were benefited instead of one. Another man, seated next to the patient being treated, got up and walked, too.

While the sick and the lame were fighting for treatment inside the hall another detail of police were called to keep order outside, where scores unable to get in, knelt on the wet pavement, waiting for the "miracle man" to appear.

The widely heralded success of yesterday's six "cures" and newspaper interviews with two of those benefited, saying they were still cured today, brought out an audience that threatened to tie up traffic on Michigan boulevard long before the hour scheduled for M. Coue's appearance.

WANT ROAD FROM CLINTON TO DUNN

Agitation For Construction Through Bond Issue Begun

Construction and equipment of a railroad from Clinton to Dunn through means of a bond issue has begun, and it is hoped by the gentlemen taking the initiative in this project that a charter and a law permitting a vote on the question of bonds may be secured during the present session of the Legislature.

The idea, in large is to get the county to vote a portion of the bonds needed, the four townships most directly benefited apart, and the town of Dunn, and perhaps the township in which it is situated to assume a part.

Estimating Sampson's share as a million, of which the county as a whole assumes half, and the townships of North and South Clinton, Herring and Mingo the other half it is seen that a million dollars in taxable values would be directly added to the county's taxable resources, while the development that would follow on a large scale would add hundreds of thousands within a few years. This feature makes it feasible for the townships that are not so directly interested in the construction of the road to help furnish the credit to build it while the townships interested can well afford to bear the larger share of the burden.

It is conceived that the bonds could be sold at a very low interest rate, since they would have both the county's credit and the road behind them, while, in the case of highway bonds, the county's taxable assets are not increased at all and public roads are not valuable as security.

That the road would pay, if any railroad will, is practically certain. It is almost certain that the larger part of the freight of the county would find an outlet in that direction. Moreover, the road would pass through one of the finest agricultural belts in the whole South, while the hardwood timber of the Coharie, which is rapidly being bought up by timber interests, would be ultimately shipped over this line.

Not one person whom the plan has been mentioned has expressed disapproval of it, and it is thought that it will be easy to arouse an interest that will make it possible to secure the necessary legislation within the next few weeks.

It would be determined later whether the road should employ steam or electric power. The power is already at Dunn, in case the road should be electrified.

George Priestly Davis, well-known and prominent Wake Forest business man, died Tuesday of uremic poison. While he had been in ill health for several months, he had been confined to his bed only two weeks.

Cumberland Retains Demonstration Agent

Will Ask Legislature To Reduce County Commissioners To Three

Fayetteville, Feb. 7.—Decision to ask the Legislature to reduce the number of Cumberland county's commissioners from five to three, and the melting away of the position to the retention of a county farm demonstration agent featured the February meeting of the board of commissioners here.

With delegations from the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Lions clubs urging that the board appropriate the necessary funds to employ a full-time demonstration agent, the commissioners voted, four to one, to retain the position. There was no opposition to the employment of the farmer agent from a petition and expression of opinion that the services rendered by some farmers those hitherto opposing the proposition agreeing that if the service were "more uniform" in the future they would endorse the proposition. The commissioners deferred action on this question from the January meeting.

The proposed reduction of the county commissioners to three, shall be divided into three sections, one commissioner to be nominated from each section. These sections are to be Cross Creek township, in which Fayetteville is situated, the four townships lying east of the Cape Fear river composing District No. 2 and the remaining townships west of the Cape Fear which would compose the third district.

The act also provides that in the primary election for commissioner shall be voted only in the district from which he proposes himself as a candidate. In the general election, however, all the candidates shall be voted on by the voters at large.

COLORED WARDEN, FEB. 1923.

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Trial of Colonel A. D. Watts, former commissioner of state revenue, on the charge of aiding and abetting immoral conduct, set for today in the city court of Raleigh, was continued on petition of counsel for Colonel Watts and was set for Tuesday, February 13.

Colonel Watts is in a sanitarium at Statesville, his counsel stated and evidence of his physical condition, advanced as the grounds for the prayer for continuance, consisted of a certificate from the superintendent of the sanitarium to the effect that the patient could not be allowed to leave there within a week.

Counsel for Colonel Watts stated that he would appear for trial on the new date for which it is set, and the court ordered that all the cases on the docket growing out of the incident which resulted in the charge against the former commissioner be continued for trial on the same day.

First Grand Child Of British Royal House

Princess Mary, Wife of Viscount Lascelles, Gives Birth To Son

London, Feb. 7.—Princess Mary, wife of Viscount Lascelles, gave birth to a son tonight.

The marriage of Princess Mary, daughter of the King and Queen of England, to Viscount Lascelles took place at Westminster Abbey on February 28, last year. The wedding was made the occasion of a royal ceremony, in which the whole world was interested.

Princess Mary was the first of the children of King George and Queen Mary to marry and this is the first grand-child of the British royal house.

STATE LIQUOR BILL IS REPORTED FAVORABLY

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Sub-committee of the house judiciary No. 2 reported favorably this afternoon the bill making the Volstead act supplemental to the existing state laws. The bill had rough sailing yesterday when the full committee failed to get it out with a favorable report, but when the sub-committee got on it today it went through without difficulty.

Complications arose over the bill through the opposition's contention that if the Volstead law is adopted the way should be cleared for it by the repeal of the existing laws, demanding all the legislation procurable that will tend in any way to curb the liquor traffic.

DUNN QUINT HAS UNUSUAL RECORD

Will Be A Strong Contender For Championship This Year

(By JNO. OATES HARRIS.) Good guarding, superior passing, and fine team work in every game played this season by the Dunn High has enabled the team to win 14 games out of 17, making 461 points to their opponents 306. Very few high schools in North Carolina have made such a remarkable record this season.

If the Dunn basketballers continue to play the same brand of basketball they bid fair to be a very strong contender for the state championship this year.

In "Sid" Wilson, left forward, and "Bud" Newberry, right forward, the Dunn quint possesses an unusual pair of high school players, who certainly would rival many college players for berths. These two players make an impregnable defense and a rushing attack that keeps the ball in their territory about three-fourths of the time.

"Jim" Fernel and "Ham" Godwin make very good guards. Their guarding is one reason why the local high have been able to make such a remarkable record. Rudolph Wilson and Offen Deward always play a very brilliant game and on many occasions break up dangerous plays. The individual record for caging the most points is held by "Sid" Wilson, who has caged 101 field goals and 33 fouls for a total of 240 points.

Games played so far this season and their scores, are as follows: Dunn, 30; Duke, 23. Dunn, 41; Four Oaks, 5. Dunn, 34; Duke, 29. Dunn, 23; Four Oaks, 14. Dunn, 26; Angier, 15. Dunn, 38; Duke, 15. Dunn, 22; Lillington, 19. Dunn, 34; Alsumi, 18. Dunn, 49; Coala, 12. Dunn, 47; Shady Grove, 10. Dunn, 17; Fayetteville, 11.

Dunn, 18; Duke, 19. Dunn, 35; Oxford, 25.

The above record was made by the team with the support of only a few citizens of our town. On all the trips made this season the players have had to bear their own expense. It looks as if the citizens of Dunn do not want to back the high school team. Very few of them attend the games played on the local court.

Every citizen of Dunn should resolve to attend the games played on our court, and back the team to their utmost. If the Dunn team can make such a remarkable record without the support of the town, they could win the state championship with its support.

SHARP RALLY IN EXCHANGE RATES

Financial Markets Encouraged By Foreign Situation; Business Improves

New York, Feb. 4.—With industrial developments still favorable, the financial markets were encouraged by the turn of events in the foreign situation toward the close of the past week.

During the first few days the foreign exchanges showed acute weakness. French francs suffered particularly and financiers in foreign centers displayed considerable anxiety over the crisis in the Ruhr, the French note to Turkey and the possibility that the British cabinet would not accept the American commission's debt funding terms. Announcement of the British acceptance, however, brought an abrupt change of sentiment and with more optimistic reports regarding the possibility of a Turkish settlement, resulted in a sharp rally in the exchanges and in foreign bonds.

Debt Agreement

In the financial district opinion was unanimous with respect to the constructive aspects of the British agreement. It was pointed out that one of international trade and the restoration of foreign markets has been the war's legacy of huge international obligations. With the debts and German reparations on an uncertain basis, it has been most difficult to foresee the course of the exchanges of, to judge the nature of foreign credit risks.

Testimony as to the satisfactory character of domestic business continues convincing. Railroad car loadings still are running ahead of all previous records for this season of the year and reports by individual carriers on January traffic show substantial gains over January, 1922.

Joe Kemp Acquitted Of A Murder Charge

Robeson Man Tried For Killing Daniel McNeill in That County 44 Years Ago

Lumberton, Feb. 7.—Joe B. Kemp, charged with the murder of Daniel E. McNeill, August 15, 1878, was found not guilty late today by a jury after 29 minutes' deliberation. Evidence tendered to show that Kemp killed McNeill with a 28-caliber pistol as McNeill was advancing on Kemp with a four-pound hatchet, used for cutting hoop poles.

Kemp, taking the stand in his own behalf today, made an excellent witness, answering questions with ease and without hesitation. The main witness for the state was Malcolm McNeill, brother of the dead man, but his age would not allow his memory to stand the grueling cross-examination. However, his testimony was corroborated by other state witnesses to whom he told the same story of the killing a few days afterward. The testimony of Andrew McNair, a negro, now dead, which he gave at the coroner's inquest was offered and weighed heavily for the defense. Judge W. A. Devin, presiding, charged the jury for nearly an hour, giving an analysis of the evidence and making clear the law relative to manslaughter, with which the defendant was charged. After the verdict was rendered Judge Devin adjourned court for this term.

The acquitted man during an interview after the verdict stated that he left good people in Robeson county 60 years ago and found that the same kind still lived here. He will return to his home in St. Augustine this week to resume his trade as carpenter.

Kemp left Robeson county immediately after he killed McNeill and succeeded in evading arrest until last fall, when he was arrested in St. Augustine, Fla., and brought back to Robeson county to face trial on the charge of murder.

Steve Roberts prominent druggist of Marshall, is the defendant in the suit and Mrs. Steven Roberts is the plaintiff. The case is scheduled for trial at the March term of Madison county Superior court.

The basis of the claims of friend wife is that she was riding in an automobile with friend husband and in a collision with another car the latter a fender. She further contends that hubby had person liability insurance on the automobile and as the person in the other car were paid damages by the insurance company, she should not be kept from collecting damages because she is the wife of friend husband. Attorneys support her contentions and the case is on the official docket for trial at the March term. Guy Roberts of this city, is attorney for the defendant, friend husband, and it is understood that Tom Rollins, of Asheville, will represent the plaintiff, friend wife.

Wilmington Dispatch Suspends Publication

Action Attributed To Recent Failure Of The Commercial Bank

Wilmington, Feb. 8.—The Wilmington Dispatch, local afternoon newspaper, suspended publication this afternoon as a result of the closing of the Commercial National Bank. A deed of trust in the sum of \$45,000 was held on the paper by the defunct bank, which is now in the hands of a receiver.

The Dispatch was founded in 1895 by R. P. McClammy who published it until 1916, when it was sold to a syndicate headed by W. B. Cooper and Thomas E. Cooper.

It was bought by Parker Anderson in 1918 and sold again a year later to R. S. Caswell.

The present management, headed by James Cruikshank, took over the paper last spring, when it was sold at auction under a receivership. The total indebtedness of the paper, according to a publisher's statement carried today, amounts to approximately \$52,000.

Miss Gladys Sexton, prominent young lady of New Bern, who was a student at Meredith college, Raleigh, died Monday night following an operation in a New Bern hospital.

A. E. Burdell, aged 35, a cotton mill worker of Charlotte, shot and seriously wounded his wife and then shot and killed himself. Burdell accused his wife of familiarity with another man and jealousy, mixed with liquor, is supposed to have caused the rash act.

DUNN'S NEW MOVIE OPEN TO PATRONS

Building Has Been Overhauled And Other Improvements Made—Good Music

The Colonial theatre, Dunn's new-cast moving picture theatre, was opened Saturday of last week and despite the inclement weather that has prevailed continuously since the opening, the management states that it is pleased with the patronage.

The old White Way theatre building, where the new show is located, has been remodeled and new and up-to-date equipment installed throughout. The front of the building presents an attractive appearance. New and comfortable opera chairs have been provided for the accommodation of 350 people, and the very latest moving picture machine is used. The new theatre is centrally located. The show opens each week day afternoon at 8 and closes at 11 p. m.

The music is a feature at this show, a new \$5,000 Seabury pipe organ orchestra having been installed to furnish music with special music by Prof. J. M. Andrews.

The Colonial theatre is one of the most modern equipped in the State and the very best pictures available will be shown, the same that one sees in the larger cities, according to Mr. J. L. Lancaster, proprietor in charge.

Unique Lawsuit Is Begun At Marshall

Wife Sues Husband For Loss Of Finger Sustained In An Automobile Accident

Marshall, Feb. 6.—As a result of the loss of a finger in an automobile accident which friend husband was driving wife has filed a suit for \$5,000 in Superior court of Madison county, and in addition to being one of the most unique suits ever filed in North Carolina, presents a problem