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AUTO OWNERS ARE WARNED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW

Sheriff Carroll is Being Urged to Enforce Law Regarding the Operation of Automobiles in Gaston County—Violators Are to be Rounded Up at Early Date—The Law.

Sheriff J. W. Carroll is in receipt of several letters from Mr. Frank Page, chairman of the State highway commission, at Raleigh, urging the enforcement of the law requiring all automobile owners to comply with an act which regulates the use of automobiles in North Carolina.

A number of automobile license inspectors are being sent over the state for the purpose of checking up county officials, and Sheriff Carroll expects to begin a campaign at once to round up all violators of the license law in the county. He calls particular attention to the following ways the tax is being evaded:

Cars with no license tags.

Cars with only one tag. (In many instances the other tag is on another car.)

Dealers' tags being used on cars in violation of the law where the car is not owned or offered for sale by the dealer.

"In transit" tags in some instances are allowed to remain on cars after they have reached their final destination.

"License applied for" tag is frequently put on a car when the facts will not justify the statement.

Many cars are using license tags purchased for cars of smaller horse-power.

All of these instances, Sheriff Carroll states, are direct violations of the law, and under Section 22, chapter 149, Public Laws of 1917, the sheriff's bond is liable for the failure of his office to enforce the law. The obligation of the enforcement of this law in Gaston county falls directly on the sheriff.

Owners of automobiles in Gaston county are urged to acquaint themselves with the law which reads as follows:

Sec. 9. That in addition to the certificate of registration provided for in section four of this act, the Secretary of the State shall furnish to each registered owner two display numbers, which shall at all times be conspicuously displayed by such owners, one on the front and one on the rear of the registered motor vehicle for which said display numbers are issued. The display numbers shall be rigidly fastened in a horizontal position, and the lower edges thereof shall be at least 15 inches from the ground, and during the time when the motor vehicle is required to display lights the rear registered number shall be so illuminated as to be legible at a distance of 50 feet. In case of the loss or destruction of a display proof thereof filed with him, and the payment of one dollar, shall be secure for such owner a duplicate number, and the Secretary of the State may in his discretion authorize the applicant for duplicate number to have been prepared for use a temporary number until the duplicate can be made and furnished. It shall be deemed a violation of this act for any person to display a fictitious number or more than two display numbers on any motor vehicle operated on the highways of this State.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK MAKES GOOD PROGRESS.

The Asheville Citizen, of May 22nd, which states that former Mayor J. E. Rankin, of Asheville, has been elected vice president of the American National bank, at a directors meeting, will be of interest here, Mr. L. L. Jenkins, a former Gastonia citizen, being president of the Asheville bank.

The American National Bank has steadily grown during the past few years and much of this growth is due to L. L. Jenkins, the president, who has given his personal attention to the affairs of the institution. Mr. Jenkins came to Asheville in May, 1910, and was elected vice president of the bank that month. In December of the same year he was elected president and has had charge of the bank since then. The institution has undergone a general reorganization since that time and enjoys a fine standing in the community. Mr. Jenkins still retains his interests in the First National Bank of Gastonia of which he is president.

SKOVGAARD CONCERT AT AUDITORIUM TONIGHT.

Alex Skovgaard, the famous Danish violinist, and the New York Metropolitan Company will give a concert at the Central school auditorium tonight under the auspices of the Gastonia Music Club. The concert will begin at 8:45, this hour having been set so that all who desired to do so could attend prayer meeting, the prayer meeting hour at the various churches having been moved up to 8 o'clock.

This concert promises to be a rare treat for the music lovers of the city and the Music Club hopes the Gastonia public will show its appreciation by according these performers a liberal patronage.

CALLS PRESIDENT WILSON BEST FRIEND OF POLAND.

(By International News Service.)
WARSAW, May 28.—President Wilson and Colonel House were referred to as Poland's best friends in a speech by Premier Paderewski before leaving for Paris.

Fifty cents brings The Gazette three months. Try it.

TERRORIZED GERMANS ARE FLEEING TO SWITZERLAND

(By International News Service.)
GENEVA, May 28.—A hundred terrorized German families are seeking admission into Switzerland, fearing a bombardment of German cities by Allied airplanes in the event the German envoys refuse to sign the peace treaty. It is reported that the Allies are building aerodromes at many points.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

Judge A. C. Jones left this morning for Hendersonville on legal business.

Have you contributed to the Salvation Army fund? If not, do it today.

Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock at Main Street Methodist church tonight.

Madeline Travers in "The Danger Zone" and Mutt and Jeff at the Ideal today.

Mr. C. N. Simpson, a prominent citizen of Monroe, was a business visitor in Gastonia yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Suther, of Charlotte, arrived in the city yesterday on a short visit to friends.

Mr. R. F. Shelby left last night for Burlington. He will be away several days on business.

Prayer services at the First Presbyterian church will be held tonight at 8 o'clock instead of 8:30.

Mr. S. B. Naile, of Charlotte, spent the weekend here with his daughter, Mrs. A. G. Myers. Mrs. Naile is also spending a few days here.

Col. W. W. Lewis, of York, S. C., is a business visitor in the city today. Col. Lewis says York is preparing to spend a hundred thousand dollars on street paving in the immediate future.

Mr. John G. Carpenter, of the local bar association, spoke at Mount Holly Monday night in the interest of the Salvation Army home service fund. A representative audience heard his address.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morrow, Masters Norman, Jr., and J. Holland Morrow, Jr., motored to Darlington, S. C., Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson. They expect to return home Thursday.

Mrs. C. R. Miller and little son Robert left Monday night for their home at Barbourville, West Va., after being the guests for several weeks of Mrs. Miller's mother, Mrs. R. E. Atkins, at her home on East Franklin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James Abernethy, of Hickory, were the guests Sunday of the latter's sister, Mrs. J. P. Saunders, on East Franklin avenue. Mrs. Saunders has been confined to her home for some days by illness.

The Alumni Association of Greensboro College for Women will meet Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George W. Wilson. All former students of the college are requested to be present.

Mrs. J. H. Craig left today for Charlotte on a visit to her daughters, Mrs. Mellon and Mrs. Shelton. From Charlotte she will go to Statesville to be the guest for some time of her son, Mr. David J. Craig, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Howell and children spent Sunday with relatives in the Bethel section. They were accompanied home by Mr. Howell's sister, Miss Lena Howell, who is spending a few days with them.

Mr. J. Pollard Kirven, Jr., brother of Mrs. J. Holland Morrow, and Messrs. J. C. and Marion Wilson, brothers of Mrs. Norman Morrow, all of Darlington, S. C., spent the weekend in the city making the trip by auto.

Rev. G. P. Abernethy, pastor of the Loray Baptist church, will begin a series of revival services at Rando next Monday night, preaching each evening at 8:30. The services will be held in the Rando school building.

Mr. Charles Costner, who was recently discharged from the army and has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Costner, left yesterday for Fort Wayne, Indiana, to resume his position as a linotype operator on the Fort Wayne Herald.

Little Miss Jennie Mae Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lyle Smith, was operated on yesterday afternoon at the Gaston Sanatorium for mastoiditis. The operation was a serious one. She is getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Major A. L. Bulwinkle, district supervisor of the seventh tax district, composed of Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly and Union counties, returned to the city yesterday from Lincoln where he spent a short time in the interest of the revaluation of taxable property in Lincoln county.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE GATHERING IN CHICAGO

(By International News Service.)
CHICAGO, May 28.—The Democratic chieftains assembled here today for a five-day session of the National conference. They are expecting secretary to the president Tammany to arrive tonight with some word from President Wilson outlining his views on the third term talk.

YESTERDAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, May 27.—President Wilson will leave for the United States within a fortnight, according to present plans. It is possible that the date of his departure may be fixed as early as June 5th. President Wilson is determined not to allow the Austrian complications concerning reparations and the Italian Jugo-Slav boundary to keep him in France. He intends to leave as soon after the German treaty is signed as possible.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—By a sweeping majority, the Republican Senators assembled in open conference today, defeated Senator Borah's motion to strike out the name of Senator Penrose as chairman of the Senate Finance committee.

PARIS, May 27.—The Italian envoys are again threatening to hold up the peace proceedings unless the Adriatic problems are definitely settled in the Austrian treaty, it was understood today. While it is regarded as virtually certain that the Italians will sign the German treaty, it is learned from French official circles that Premier Orlando and his colleagues are insisting that the Austrian treaty dispose of Fiume and the Dalmatian coast, otherwise they will refuse to sign. The Russian situation continues uncertain as to military movements. The latest reports said that Admiral Kolchak's Siberian troops are retreating while the Finns and the Allied troops are advancing on Petrograd and were about 14 miles from the city. Colonel House, it is understood, is planning to go to London within the next two weeks. The object of his trip is regarded as being the organization of the League of Nations.

PARIS, May 27.—President Wilson, speaking at a dinner here last night in honor of President-elect Pessoa, of Brazil, left a remark that is interpreted in many quarters as an announcement that he would not be a candidate for a third term. "I am particularly glad to have an opportunity of paying very cordial respect to Mr. Pessoa. It is very delightful to know that his presidency is ahead of me and that his presidency is ahead of him," said Mr. Wilson.

PARIS, May 27.—President Wilson in his address last night touched briefly upon the League of Nations and the opposition he had encountered in the United States to some of his plans. He urged all Americans to unite and set an example to the people of other nations.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—President Wilson has assured the Jews of America that there will be no religious discrimination in the new states created by the peace treaty. This assurance was telegraphed today to Rabbi Wise of New York by Secretary Tammany, following cabled advices from Paris.

LISBON, May 27.—Shrieking sirens, led by the United States cruiser Rochester, announced that Commander Read left Ponta Delgada in the NC-4 on the 800 mile leg of his trans-Atlantic journey from the Azores to Lisbon. Intense excitement followed for the Portuguese have been looking forward for many days to this historic event. Many bets have been laid on the length of time required to make the flight.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Bolshevik battleship Novik was sunk and the dreadnaught Andre Pervozvany was forced to retire in flames in an encounter with a British force operating from Kronstadt on May 18, according to advices received from Viborg this afternoon.

MRS. A. G. MYERS WILL ENTERTAIN TOMORROW.

Invitations reading as follows have been issued:

Mrs. Albert G. Myers will receive

Thursday Afternoon

May twenty-ninth, nineteen-nineteen

From 5 to 7 o'clock

214 West Fourth Avenue

Gastonia, N. C.

—Mr. Preston Lewis, of Rutherfordton, was the guest Sunday of Mr. E. L. Stroup.

KING GEORGE DECORATES HAWKER AND GRIEVE

(By International News Service.)
LONDON, May 28.—While surrounded by a cheering crowd in the street outside Buckingham Palace King George today decorated Harry G. Hawker and Mackenzie Grieve with the air cross, thus inaugurating a new insignia which will be awarded only to airmen especially distinguished themselves for bravery.

GASTONIA AND GASTON LATE EVENTS IN TOWN AND COUNTY

Centenary Fund Grows.

Incomplete reports to Mr. G. C. Andrews, district campaign secretary, this morning show that the Methodist Centenary campaign in the Shelby district has gone far over the allotted amount, \$15,181.12, having already been subscribed. This is an oversubscription of \$49,771.12.

Loray to Play Gaffney.

At the Loray park Saturday afternoon the Gaffney, S. C. team will battle for honors on the diamond with Loray's winning aggregation. In Saturday's game for Loray will be several college players including Johnson, Murray and Hudson of the State A. & E. College, Raleigh. The game will be called at 3:30.

Vital Statistics.

Records in the office of Registrar of Vital Statistics W. Meek Adams for Gaston county show that during the months of January, February, March and April, 1919, in the city there were 146 births and 78 deaths, white and colored; Gastonia, outside, there were 79 births and 33 deaths, white and colored.

Burial Here Sunday.

Interment of Allan Weir, the little 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Weir, of Charlotte, who was drowned Saturday afternoon in a deserted rock quarry in Charlotte, was in Hollywood cemetery, this city, Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the home of the parents at 1706 South Tryon street, Charlotte, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. E. F. Griffith, pastor of Chalmers Memorial church officiating.

Complete Casualty Lists.

The Gazette has donated to the Gastonia Public Library a complete file of the official casualty lists which have been issued periodically by the War Department since the United States entered the war. To these will be added, from time to time, any casualty lists that may be issued in the future. These lists will be available to the public and will constitute a valuable addition to the periodical files of the library.

TEXTILE WORKERS CAUSE TROUBLE AT CHARLOTTE.

President Johnson of Highland Park Mill Roughly Treated by Union Members—Mills Forced to Close.

Charlotte, May 26.—The cotton mill strike situation here, which has been steadily growing worse for days reached the ugly stage today when President C. W. Johnson of the Highland Park Mills, one of the plants affected, was roughly treated by the striking element. Eggs were thrown at Mr. Johnson as he was entering his automobile and abusive language hurled at him. The police were called but there was not sufficient number to control the crowd. The strikers are determined that no one shall work in the Highland Park Mills.

The Louise Mill, owned by A. J. Draper, was closed today. Mr. Draper will not employ union men and the men continued to join the union until there were no operatives left, the mill was forced to shut down. The situation is the worst that has ever existed in the mills here.

ACEY JONES FALLS HEIR TO 12 MONTHS' SENTENCE.

Acey Jones, a negro, was sentenced to 12 months on Gaston county's road system in Municipal Court by Judge A. C. Jones one-third of the sentence being imposed yesterday, the additional eight being given today. Jones, the testimony showed, was guilty of larceny in that he took two shirts and a pistol from his friend, Bud Elder, and a quantity of flour, lard and groceries from the store of Mr. R. L. Garrison. The third count he had to answer for was carrying a concealed weapon. In each count a sentence of four months was imposed.

The accused man, it might be said in his behalf, insisted that the stolen property came into his possession as the result of a deal with another negro, a bare acquaintance known as "Son." This was the story he told. The court failed to see wherein Jones was adhering to the gospel of truth and imposed the twelve months' sentence.

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MONTGOMERY'S MURDER SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

Charlotte Police Unable to Unearth Sufficient Evidence in Mysterious Murder of Harry L. Montgomery—Fred Owen, Brother of Miss Lorine Owen, Was at Home of Friend When Killing Occurred—Crime is Shrouded in Mystery.

No additional evidence was obtained at the investigation yesterday of the mysterious killing of Harry L. Montgomery on a boulevard between Myers Park and Dilworth in Charlotte. Friday night while he was getting with Miss Lorine Owen.

Charlotte papers state that the police have some information which they are keeping secret for the purpose of proceeding further with their investigation, but so far they have been unable to gain sufficient evidence which would involve anyone in the killing of Mr. Montgomery other than those already mentioned.

Fred Owen, a brother of Miss Lorine Owen, walked home with Miss Emma Hall, an operator at the Southern Bell Telephone Company and a friend of the young man's sister, Miss Dolly Owen, from the telephone offices Friday night. She states that he left her house on Templeton avenue, near South Boulevard, at 11:45 o'clock, probably half an hour after the killing occurred, developments yesterday indicated. Miss Hall stated yesterday that they did not walk very fast and that possibly a half hour elapsed during the time they left the telephone offices and the time they arrived at her home. Miss Hall's home is about two miles from the scene of the killing.

Mr. W. B. Wallace, who operates a grocery store near the home of Ernest Hunter, the negro who is being held in connection with the crime, says that Hunter, with several others, was standing in front of his store at the time he closed Friday night about 10 o'clock.

This morning's Charlotte Observer has this to say regarding the mysterious murder:

Investigations by the police thus far have failed to produce but meager evidence against anyone.

Four days have passed and the slaying of Harry Montgomery is as great a mystery as it was the morning following the crime. Clues gained by the police a few hours after the killing showed signs of developing into evidence sufficient to clear up the mystery, but as the hours passed these clues fell away.

The police frankly say that they had no evidence up to last night which may be expected to result in the arrest of others in the next few hours or few days. They are, however, continuing their efforts to clear up the mystery. The officers expressed themselves as determined to clear up the mystery, and they are seeking every means afforded thus far to find the slayer of Montgomery.

CHAIRMEN OF S. A. DRIVE SLOW IN MAKING REPORTS.

Only Two Chairmen Outside City Have Made Their Reports—Gastonia Raises \$2,272.78.

Reports to Mr. George W. Smith, county chairman of the Salvation Army home service fund in Gaston county, at noon today show that \$2,365.78 have been subscribed. Of this amount the city of Gastonia raised \$2,272.78 but the complete reports of the city have not been obtained.

In the county there have been only two reports made. They are Union, with \$31, and McLean's Chapel, with \$42. It is expected that with the complete reports of the Gastonia chairmen the city's subscriptions will be approximately \$5,000.

Campaigns are still being waged in several points in the county. Other sections have completed their campaigns but have made no report.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, May 28.—The cotton market opened with contracts for July selling at 32.20, October 31.30, December 31.01, January 30.80, and March 30.75.

One Poor Use of Education.

"Education is a blessing," said Uncle Eben, "but jes' de same de man dat puts in his time signin' I. O. U.'s would be better off if he hadn't learnt to write."

Get on Right Road at Once.

It often requires courage to turn back when we have taken a wrong step, but it is easier to turn back after the first than after the second or third, and much safer and pleasanter.

Where Proud Man Falls.

The average man can do almost everything or, at least, he thinks he can, but we have yet to see the first one capable of wheeling a baby buggy straight with one hand.

Useless Noises.

Some folks can saw wood and say nothing, but a kid can't even cut one little measly tooth without raising the neighborhood.

NC-4 COMPLETES TRIP ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Arrival of American Seaplane at Lisbon Yesterday in Trans-Atlantic Flight Established New Record—Plane Raced Through Air at Rate of 80 Miles an Hour—Go to Plymouth Today.

Ponta Delgada, May 27.—The arrival of the NC-4 at Lisbon marks the completion of the first transatlantic air flight in history with the coveted honor going to a machine designed, built and manned by Americans.

Florida Commander Wortmann, at Ponta Delgada, has received a radio message relayed from the plane saying: "We are safely on the other side of the pond."

Later messages reported the crew all well and gave brief details of the arrival in Portugal. The engines worked splendidly and apparently there was no untoward incident of any kind.

The NC-4 was greeted by the cheers of great crowds on the water-front, the shrieking of whistles and the ringing of bells. The plane covered the distance at a speed of more than 80 miles an hour.

As soon as the news was received here, Admiral Jackson ordered all the war craft in the harbor to blow their whistles and sirens. This was kept up for five minutes, the sailors and officers meanwhile cheering the great American triumph.

Commander Read, according to information here, plans to remain at Lisbon overnight and continue to Plymouth tomorrow, weather permitting.

DEATHS

RANKIN A. CHERRY.

Mr. Rankin A. Cherry, a prominent farmer of Triangle, Lincoln county, and a brother-in-law of Mr. John F. Davis, of Gastonia, died at his home Sunday morning from blood poisoning, following a week's illness. The disease which caused his death developed from an apparently insignificant scratch on his hand.

Funeral services and burial took place Monday afternoon at Unity Presbyterian church, near Triangle, of which he was a member. Rev. E. H. Price conducted the services in the presence of a large gathering of friends and relatives. Attending the funeral from Gastonia were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, Miss Mamie Davis, Mr. John F. Davis and Mr. Hoke Davis.

Surviving deceased are three sons, McLean and Roscoe Cherry, of Lincoln county, and a younger son in the 81st Division, now en route home; and three daughters, Misses Ida, Ola and Beulah Cherry, all at home.

Deceased was 71 years old and was a prosperous farmer and a staunch citizen of that section.

WEBB WON'T GET JUDGESHIP ANY TIME IN NEAR FUTURE.

Judge Boyd, it Seems, Has not Decided to Retire from the Bench—President Ready to Appoint Webb.

Regarding the appointment of Congressman E. Y. Webb, of the ninth district, to the United States district court, a special dispatch from Greensboro, the home of Judge James E. Boyd, says:

President Wilson will not appoint Congressman Yates Webb to succeed Judge James E. Boyd, of the United States district court, within the near future, according to information from a reliable source.

Under the law the president must be convinced that a judge is physically or mentally unfit to perform his duties before he can name a successor. Judge Boyd appears to be about the healthiest looking specimen around Greensboro, and of looks count for anything he is in the pink of condition.

Should Judge Boyd decide to retire, or should his health fail, President Wilson will immediately name the Shelby congressman to succeed him. It is known that the president has finally made up his mind to this effect, and has told North Carolina congressmen that Webb is his choice for this high judicial honor.

Webb is the only democrat in North Carolina who can be confirmed by the present republican senate which holds the majority vote. Webb has always been popular in Washington, both with republicans and with his democratic associates. It is learned from republicans of high rank that Webb will be confirmed, provided the president does not try to displace Judge Boyd solely upon political grounds. In such an eventuality there would be strong opposition to his confirmation.

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GASTONIA LODGE NO. 369

A. F. & A. M. Called Meeting Friday, May 30, 8:00 p. m. Work in 15 Degree.

