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## AMERICA FIRST



My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty.

### REIDSVILLE LOSES REV. AND MRS. JOHN F. KIRK

Rev. John F. Kirk, who came to the Main Street Methodist church, as a result of the changes made at the last conference, has received recognition that we can not help but feel, is very justly merited, and leaves this charge immediately to assume the place of presiding elder of the Shelby district. His place will be taken here by Rev. W. A. Abernethy, who comes from the Dilworth Methodist church, Charlotte, Rev. J. H. Barnhardt being transferred from the Shelby district to succeed Dr. J. H. Weaver, whose sudden death created this shake-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk came to Reidsville under conditions that were somewhat prejudicial to that quick and sympathetic acceptance of a new pastor, which has become natural to the membership of the Methodist church. Rev. W. A. Lambeth, with another year to serve, was whisked away, and his going left an aching void, not rendered less acute by the sudden manner of his taking, and the atmosphere after his departure might reasonably be expected to be a trifle chilly for awhile for the new incumbent. However Mr. Kirk came from Statesville, with a halo of loving recommendations to herald this advent, and it was little short of surprising how quickly both himself and Mrs. Kirk got into the hearts of our people, ever quick to recognize true ring of genuine manliness and upright Christian character. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are today fully loved and appreciated by the people of Reidsville for their noble qualities as they could hope to be had they had been permitted to fill out the full period of service in the community, and their going, even after so short a period among us, is an occasion of deep and sincere regret.

Mr. Kirk is a fearless preacher of the gospel of righteousness, with a splendid contempt for mere expediency. He is progressive and aggressive and his advocacy of progress along all lines of human endeavor has touched many a chord in the hearts of those who have at heart the building up of Reidsville and Rockingham county. He will be, by nature, a tower of strength for the seeker after bigger and better and brighter things and a stumbling block for the stand-patter in religion or human progress. He leaves Reidsville with the assurance of our deep appreciation of his manifold and splendid characteristics, and we will try to be unselfish enough to congratulate our friends in the Shelby district upon their good fortune in securing him.

But every cloud has its silver lining. The recent changes ought to cause every Methodist to have a feeling of pride in the possession of such a wealth of splendid timber in its ministry. Dr. Weaver was loved fervently for his splendid christian character, and his sudden demise removed from us a man whose coming was always looked forward to with joy. He is followed by one who will, we believe, quickly find his way into the hearts of a responsive people. Rev. J. H. Barnhardt is not unknown in this section, and he will come among friends when he takes up his residence in Greensboro. He is just as progressive and sincere as one could wish for and under his guidance the Greensboro district will not lack stimulus for good work along spiritual or social lines.

Rev. W. A. Abernethy, who comes to us in place of Rev. Kirk, will find many friends to greet him, as will Mr. Barnhardt, and the Methodist church is to be congratulated upon the acquisition of these to leaders, quite as much as it is entitled to our sympathy upon the loss of the loved one who is gone, and those who are leaving for other fields of activity.

### THE FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

The valuers appointed by the directors of the Farm Loan Association are now out on lands, making reports, which will go forward to the Land Bank at Columbia, together with the loan applications. The total applied for through this association now amounts to \$82,020, and is increasing daily. Applications should be forwarded James T. Smith, Wentworth, who is secretary of the association. The valuers will be expected to

report upon the actual value of the land and buildings, and their reports will have to be conservative and trustworthy. It will be worse than useless were they to value the lands above what they are worth, for their report is but a basis upon which the Columbia valuator will work, his value will or any favorable circumstances that probably be made upon the actual soil as a producing agent, without respect to the location of the holding, or any favorable circumstances that might make the farm a desirable place of residence. However, the policy of the Farm Loan Bank is to loan money for farm work improvement, and this policy will be observed in dealing with each case, provided the property is good for the amount applied for, and the borrower a man of character, and with the habit of industry. The finest soil in the world is of little use if there is a lazy, careless owner in possession of it, and under the present conditions of shortage of actual foodstuffs, it may be taken for granted that more food is what the United States Government is looking for, and the man who shows an inclination to raise it will have little difficulty in getting a loan, backed by the security of his land, his own integrity, his good strong arm and his willingness to make the best of his possessions.

The business of the valuers is to furnish an honest report to the land bank upon the value of the holding as a collateral for the loan, and we believe they will do that without fear or favor.

### GERMAN IGNORANCE

There is a sinister rumor current bearing upon the safety of Minister Gerrard and his party upon their journey to the United States. It is all the more sinister since the rumor is credited to some high official of the German nation. This is certainly rocking the boat some. We had hoped that, with experience, had disappeared the German system of under-rating the enemy, or the possible enemy; but apparently the eye-opener England has administered to this cocksure nation have not yet sunk through a thick epidermis. If anything should happen to the American Minister on his homeward route there will be a spilling of the beans in America that will astonish the Hohenzollern dynasty.

We have gone along our way doggedly determined to keep out of the trouble if we could. We have taken insults and affronts during the past two and a half years to an extent almost beyond belief, as we look back upon them, but any affront offered to the representative of this sovereign nation, on the high seas or elsewhere will be resented by the American People in a manner that will make the world gasp.

If it is not yet too late, the Kaiser and his unscrupulous advisors should take a few hours off and do a little, solid thinking.

### SADLER

Mr. Arthur Estes of Greensboro was a visitor at the home of Mr. W. F. Glass Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Covington spent the week-end in Reidsville with her daughter, Mrs. Grover Burton.

Mr. Frank Trent was a visitor in Reidsville Sunday.

Miss Mary Golden of Stacey visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Snow, here last week.

Mr. Bill Goodson of Reidsville spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Rufus Trent.

Mrs. Tom Smith of the school faculty here spent the week-end in Reidsville with relatives.

Mr. Velmar Craddock of Burlington is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. A. J. Johnson.

Miss Ruth Ferguson and sister, Mrs. T. W. Watkins and little daughter, Evelyn, visited relatives in Reidsville last week.

Miss Mollie Courts of Reidsville is visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Annie Woltz has returned to her home in Greensboro after spending some time with her aunt, Miss Mamie Clark.

Miss Lillie Rascoe of Reidsville spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mrs. Alvis Daniel visited relatives in Reidsville last week.

Mrs. Wheatly of Danville spent the week-end here with her father, Mr. W. H. Schoolfield.

Miss Cora Sharp spent Saturday in Reidsville shopping.

Mrs. Jennie Courts Holcombe of Atlantic City is here in a visit to her relatives.

Mrs. Chesley Snow and daughter, Annie, of near Ruffin visited Mr. Howard Snow here Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh Stewart of Reidsville spent Sunday here with Miss Lillie Johnson.

## D. F. KING ASSESSED \$1,500 BY THE JURY

Last Monday Superior court convened at Wentworth for a two weeks' civil term, His Honor Judge William F. Harding, judge presiding. This is Judge Harding's second court in this county and he has made an excellent impression on the profession as well as the laity.

Later Thursday afternoon the case of John D. Carter vs D. F. King was taken up. This was a suit for damages growing out of a trial in 1914 of the case of the Leakville-Spray Institute vs B. Frank Mebane, Mr. D. F. King afterwards wrote a letter which was alleged charged some of the jurors in that case with being unduly influenced in rendering their verdict. Mr. Carter being one of the jurors in that case. The suit was for \$10,000 damages and the costs of the case for alleged slander. The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys Dalton, Giddwell and Hendron and the defendant by Attorneys Joyce, Gunn and ex-Governor W. W. Kitchen. Four witnesses, Messrs. A. L. Brooks, Mohr, J. D. Carter, the plaintiff and H. R. Scott were put up by the prosecution. Mr. Carter was kept on the stand four or five hours and subjected to a most grueling cross-examination by Gov. Kitchen. Many fine points of law raised by attorneys on both sides were put up to Judge Harden and numerous exceptions noted. The defense introduced no witnesses. Five hours were allotted for attorneys' speeches which were concluded late Wednesday afternoon. Judge Harden delivered his charge to the jury yesterday morning. The jury deliberated over the case for some time and finally reached a decision about 1 o'clock. The verdict was in favor of the plaintiff and awarded him \$1500.00 damages.

Among the first cases called was the suit of Mr. F. M. Ellett against Mr. B. Frank Mebane, but owing to the illness of Mr. Mebane as according to an affidavit of Mr. Mebane's taken in New York, the case was continued until June term of civil court and set as the first case on the calendar. Mr. Ellett, with his attorneys, Messrs. Wiley H. Swift of Greensboro, William M. Hendon of Winston and J. R. Joyce of Reidsville, was in court ready for trial.

The first case of much importance reached Tuesday afternoon was C. C. Toler vs A. L. Palmer, Agt. and Mrs. A. L. Palmer. The suit was brought by Toler to recover damages for alleged illegal prosecution of the plaintiff in 1914. Messrs. W. M. Hendon and P. W. Giddwell represented the plaintiff and Messrs. C. O. McMichael and Ray represented the defendants. The jury found for the defendants.

The case of Cosmo Benson vs the Southern Express Company and the Adams Express Co. for damages to a cow in transportation will probably be reached today or tomorrow.

The Bethel & Chandler Mill dam case was postponed until next week as it was thought it would require about four days to dispose of it and the court was opposed to going into a case that had to be carried over from one week to the next. The case promises to be a notable one and will attract considerable interest.

Ex-Governor W. W. Kitchen of Raleigh arrived Monday to appear with other counsel as attorney for Mr. D. F. King in the litigation he has on docket.

### AMONG THE VISITING ATTORNEYS

Among the visiting attorneys are A. B. Kingall of Greensboro, W. M. Hendon of Winston-Salem, A. L. Brooks, president of the North Carolina Bar Association, and Judge Baringer of Greensboro.

Senator J. R. Joyce secured a leave of absence from his legislative duties the first part of the week in order to appear in a number of cases set for trial at this term of Superior Court.

Mr. E. B. Ware of Reidsville was sworn in as an attorney Monday afternoon. Mr. J. R. Joyce read the obligation which was repeated by Mr. Ware. In welcoming him to the legal fraternity Judge Harden paid a high tribute to the profession and admonished the young attorney to follow the straight and narrow path and avoid the pitfalls of trickery and petty fogery.

### A Kind Husband.

Mrs. Flatbush—Oh dear! Mr. Flatbush—What's wrong now? "Oh, I read today that if the earth were to revolve seventeen times faster than it does bodies at the equator would lose their weight and remain stationary in the air without support." "Don't worry, dear. If we ever get there I'll support you just the same."—Yonkers Statesman.

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## CREW WINS \$5,000 PRIZE

Captain of Guyane Tells How Marines, Manning Stern Gun Aboard His Ship, Hit Submersible at Second Shot After Running Fight of Forty Minutes in the Bay of Biscay.

Sailed in the fo'castle, the Breton crew of the French liner Guyane, which has just reached New York, told of the feat of their two comrades—the cannoners—who modestly declined to tell how they sank a German submarine on Jan. 22 in the bay of Biscay. "We only obeyed orders." This was how First Class Gunner Jean Bourdonais, thirty-two, and Jacques Baudet, his assistant, dismissed the account of a running sea fight, lasting forty minutes, between a merchantman and a U boat, in which the submersible was sent to the bottom by a shell from the 75 millimeter gun mounted astern.

### The Captain's Story.

But Captain Louis Rousselot told more. The captain gave a graphic description of how his vessel had encountered the submarine on the second day after leaving port. "Yes, it was quite an adventure," he admitted. "And there is one less German 'shark' to trouble seafarers. You want the whole story from the beginning? Well, you shall have it. "We left Bordenux on the morning of Jan. 21 under blue skies and a light south wind. The wind from the south brought a taste of the spring with it, despite that all the trees along the banks of the Gironde are still leafless. We passed down the river without incident and after ten hours were in the open sea.

### Bound For Coaling Port.

"No, of course not; we had no lights," he exclaimed. "We headed for Fayal, in the Azores, to take on coal, as it was impossible to get sufficient coal in Bordenux, Mon Dieu, the price of coal there is terrible! And even then it is impossible to obtain. Nothing happened until the following day. We saw a few vessels bound north, but none which appeared of a suspicious character.

"The following afternoon, which was Sunday, we were sailing along as peacefully as you please, never looking for trouble, when shortly after six bells (3 p. m.) a large vessel appeared about three miles distant off our starboard quarter. She was painted black, with a dull war gray super-structure, had one funnel and two masts. A few moments later a submarine darted out from behind her and headed directly for us.

### Decided to Give Battle.

"I ordered the crew to the boat stations, told the helmsman to head south, thus pointing the Guyane's stern toward Mr. German. As we were swinging round 'Pouff' and he had fired another shell, evidently thinking that we were going to make a run for it. It came much closer—only about seventy-five meters short.

"I went aft to direct the gunners. We let them have one shot, but we overshot. While we were reloading the submarine fired again, the shot passing over our heads with a wild scream.

"When you're ready," I told the men, "take careful aim and show him we are Frenchmen." A la mort! Pouff! It was a wonderful shot—right between the shoulder blades. Our second shot caught Mr. German, to be exact, just abaft the conning tower.

"The submarine stopped and fired no more. She turned in a half circle of white water. I knew we should have no more steel conversation from him. Did I stop to pick up the crew? What was the use? There was the other cargo boat near by, and, besides, I was some distance off by that time and headed for New York."

### Crew Describes Sinking.

The captain's simple narrative was supplemented by the crew, who told at great length of the splendid aim of the gunners.

"How did we know that the German was hit?" they interrogated. "Why, how do you know when anything is hit? There was a resounding thwack, a big geyser of water, the submarine stopped and sank. That's all there was to it.

"Have you decided what you are going to do with the 25,000 francs (\$5,000) awarded by the Syndicat de Paris to the crew which sank the first U boat?" the crew was asked.

"Each of us has got a plan in his head how he is going to 'Bouffe' the next time he gets shore leave home, but we all have agreed that it's the best policy not to count our chickens until they're hatched. Wait until we get home safe, and then we can think about spending our fortunes."

### Panama Canal Defence

In case the country goes to war special energy and effort will be directed by the government to the protection of the Panama canal, says the New York Globe. Already some precautions have been taken for guarding that important waterway. Presumably it would not be in serious danger of seizure. The thing to fear would be plots to blow up locks, to raid the canal and the like.

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