

THE NEWS IN BRIEF  
SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

Ground has been broken in Washington for the new representative Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to which the Methodists of 16 Southern States have contributed. The building is to be of Georgia marble and will cost \$400,000.

The Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at the opening of its annual session in Baltimore, adopted a resolution expressing its appreciation of the difficult problems confronting President Wilson and pledging him its entire support.

The trial of 108 coal corporations and 66 individuals located in West Virginia and the western part of Virginia, indicted for alleged violation of the Sherman law for arbitrarily increasing the price of coal, has been set for May 7 in the Federal court in New York.

The Governor of Alabama has issued peremptory orders to the Attorney General to file impeachment proceedings against Sheriff Batson of Jefferson county, Ala., from whose jail D. D. Overton and six other prisoners, three under sentence of death, recently escaped. Overton and two others were killed by possees who attempted to arrest them.

Gov. Cornwallis of Virginia has issued a statement to all the people of that State urging that any indifference in the present war crisis be supplanted by real American spirit. The Governor in his statement calls upon patriotic organizations, commercial bodies and civic societies to adopt regulations pledging support to "the President and those who surround and aid him."

Rear Admiral James Oliver, chief of naval intelligence, has been named by Secretary Daniels as Governor of the Danish West Indies, which was taken over Saturday by the United States. The ceremonies of transfer took place at St. Thomas and in Washington on the same day. Secretary McAdoo delivered the government's warrant for \$25,000,000 in payment to the Danish minister.

Comptroller Williams finds that the assets of the national banks of the country on March 5 aggregated more than \$16,000,000,000, exceeding by more than \$5,000,000 the combined resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of Norway, the Bank of Sweden, the Swiss National Bank, the National Bank of Denmark, the Bank of Japan and the Reichsbank of Germany.

Rumors in Wilmington to the effect that German agents were seeking to influence the negro population to at least remain inactive in the event of actual hostilities between the two countries called forth a strong denial on the part of the negroes. In public meeting they declared that the black man has always been willing to shed his blood for the Stars and

Stripes and pointed to the Carrizal (Mexico) incident as one of the many times the negro has cheerfully laid down his life in support of the government's foreign policies.

The Georgia Legislature has passed a bill which bans liquor from the State absolutely except for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes under rigid restrictions.

President Wilson has refused to pardon Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted in San Francisco of violating the white slave law. They must serve prison sentences. Caminetti is a son of United States Commissioner of Immigration Carl Lett.

TEN TESTS OF PROGRESS  
FOR YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Here are ten agencies of progress which we believe no neighborhood can afford to be without:

1. Proper church and Sunday School organizations.
2. A three-teacher school with instruction in agriculture and domestic science, and school library patronized by both old and young.
3. A community hall or auditorium in connection with the schoolhouse, suitable as a place of assembly for whatever meetings the neighbors wish to hold.
4. A local farmers' organization.
5. A club for farm women.
6. A "community league", meeting quarterly or oftener and embracing all citizens.
7. A community fair held each fall.
8. A young people's club, probably embracing debating, musical and dramatic features in addition to industrial features such as corn club and canning club work.
9. A "credit union" or mutual savings and loan association to encourage thrift.
10. A neighborhood baseball team or other agencies of recreation.

Credit your neighborhood with ten points for each agency of progress it has, and see how much it lacks of making a perfect score—100.—The Progressive Farmer.

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These are twin evils. Persons suffering from indigestion are often troubled with constipation. Mrs. Robert Allison, Mattoon, Ill., writes that when she first moved to Mattoon she was a great sufferer from indigestion and constipation. Food distressed her and there was a feeling like a heavy weight pressing on her stomach and chest. She did not rest well at night, and felt worn out a good part of the time. One bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets corrected this trouble so that she has since felt like a different person.

PRICE PROSPECTS GOOD  
FOR COMING 1917 CROPS

Every day and every hour in the day, men are asking what effect is all of this war talk going to have on the markets when we come to convert the crop that is yet to be made into money. Of course, if tobacco is to be low and the demand for the weed light because of war or for any other reason, the planters will put in a short crop; that is, if they can by any means obtain any accurate information on that subject. Hence the inquiries.

It is the opinion of experts and statisticians that the growers can make no mistake in putting in the usual size crop, and some of them go as far as to say that they will do well to enlarge the acreage this year. The crops have been short for the past three years, and during last year there was not enough leaf tobacco in the land to meet the actual demand, and that is why the prices for last year's crop went so high. There will be just as great a demand, and perhaps greater, all of this year and next year. War with Germany certainly will not in any way curtail this demand. This country is not now shipping any tobacco to Germany and has not shipped any of any consequence there for three years. There will be little if any curtailment of the demand from England, France and the other European countries other than Germany. The consumption of the weed in the United States is increasing every day in the year and the Japanese calls for Virginia and North Carolina tobaccos are growing rapidly. More leaf will certainly be called for this year than last, and any Virginia grower who curtails his crop on account of the war talk will make a mistake. This does not mean that the growers should plant every available acre in tobacco. On the contrary, they ought to make sure of huge crops of eatables first, and then plant out all of the tobacco they can manage successfully. It is almost certain that there will be just as much demand for the leaf next fall and winter as there was last winter and that prices will be just as profitable to the grower.—Southern Tobacco Journal.

N. C. STATE COLLEGE BOYS  
READY TO ANSWER CALL

The North Carolina State College in its slightly more than a quarter century existence, has turned out over 3,500 men trained for military duty. In case of hostilities with a foreign foe, which now will prove a potent factor in upholding the military record of the Old North State. The war department recognizes these military and technical colleges in case of emergency and keeps actively in touch with the colleges and its graduates. Several of this year's graduates have expressed their intention of responding to a call, and it seems to have reached the point where one or more men from the West Raleigh institution go into the service of their country every time the needs of the war department are made known.

A BEAUTIFUL OPERETTA

One of the most charming evenings of music will be given to the people of the Leaksville, Thursday April 12th in the auditorium of the Leaksville-Spray Institute.

The operetta to be presented is entitled "A Japanese Flower Garden." The chorus, consisting of twenty-two of the prettiest maidens in all this county and the twelve ballet dancers will be charming in their costumes and bewildering in their beauty.

Miss Adeline Neal of Reidsville, whose voice has won for her so many expressions of praise will appear as the Queen and all who know Miss Neal will readily agree that the queenly roll will not have to be assumed for she naturally appears in that position daily.

There will be eighteen tiny tots who will dance their way into the hearts of every spectator. Flowers and music, and scenes from Japanese land.

It will be a rare entertainment and worth going miles to see.

Miss Martha Taylor who has been long recognized as perhaps the greatest musical genius in the county is arranging the entire operetta with the exception of several of the musical numbers. Miss Taylor is giving her personal supervision to all the details and success is already assured. The proceeds are to be used in furnishing the music room at the Leaksville Graded School. Many of the music lovers of Reidsville, Wentworth, Stoneville, and Madison have already signified their intention to attend. It will be a musical treat.

Catarrhal Deafness Can't Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by the constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing is destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.

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**Young Farmer Falls to Death**  
Tom Brown, aged 29, a well known young farmer of Witt, came to his death Wednesday through an unfortunate accident. Suspecting that his barn was being robbed of hay, he decided at nightfall to wait for the supposed murderer in the barn and he left the house and went upstairs in the barn. It is presumed that he lost his balance while reaching outside of window to close it, for his dead body was found half an hour after he had left the house by Edward McNichols, on whose plantation the Brown family lives. There were no marks of violence about his body, but his neck was broken. Brown was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Brown and was a thoroughly popular man of that neighborhood.—Danville Register

Great interest was manifested by suffragists of the State in the conference of the National Woman's Party held in Charlotte, Saturday March 31st at the Selwynn Hotel. Miss Doris Stevens and Miss Beulah Amidon from the Washington headquarters are in North Carolina to form a permanent branch of the members for the purpose of securing favorable action on the suffrage amendment.

MRS. MELTON'S LETTER

To Tired Worn-out Mothers

Jackson, Miss.—"I shall feel repaid for writing this letter if I can help any tired, worn-out mother or housekeeper to find health and strength as I have. I have a family of five, sew, cook and do my housework and I became very much run-down in health. A friend asked me to try Vinol. I did so and now I am well and strong and my old time energy has been restored. Vinol has no superior as a tonic for worn-out, run-down, tired mothers or housekeepers."—Mrs. J. N. MELTON, Jackson, Miss.

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