

LEAKSVILLE-SPRAY

The beautiful residence of Mr. W. K. Lynch, situated on the macadam road between Spray and Leaksville, was totally destroyed by fire Friday afternoon, April 20th. The fire was first discovered in the garret of the house about 2 o'clock but the origin is unknown. Through the heroic work of a few men who first arrived everything was taken from the house safely and very little damage done to it in the moving. As soon as possible hose were attached to a hydrant at the Morehead Cotton Mills and though the burning building had gained too much headway the home of Mr. W. R. Walker was protected from the flying sparks.

The house was built about fifteen years ago and was owned by the Spray Cotton Mill Co. The cost of the building when built was about \$15,000.

Mr. W. R. Lynch spent several days last week in Birmingham, Ala., on business.

Crowds of Leaksville-Spray people attended the County Commencement at Wentworth Saturday.

Mrs. Gilley of Reidsville spent several days last week with her sister, Miss Ione Kemp, and the school commencement exercises.

Rev. T. M. Green spent Saturday evening with friends in Draper.

There has been much talk on the Boulevard for the past few days of organizing a fire department for the protection of Leaksville-Spray. It is hoped that this will be done immediately for the town is greatly in need of a department.

J. B. Redman's livery stables were completely destroyed by fire of unknown origin Thursday night, about 9 o'clock. All the horses and vehicles were removed safely but Mr. Redman sustained a great loss of hay and corn. The building was owned by Mr. T. W. Dunn of this place and was situated on the Boulevard.

Dr. E. E. Richardson attended a medical conference in Norfolk last week.

Mrs. Robt. Black has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Danville.

The commencement exercises of the Spray Graded and High Schools were held in the auditorium of the Spray Graded school April 18-20. The exercises of Wednesday were given by the pupils of the grammar grades. The program was of a varied nature, consisting mainly of music and motion songs. "The Good Old U. S. A." a motion song by the fourth grade brought loud applause with the show of colors. The operetta by the second

and third grades was also excellent. Thursday evening the High School presented the play "Home Ties" which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

Friday evening's program was opened with a chorus by the music pupils, followed by a piano solo by Miss Ellen French. Rev. T. M. Green of the Spray Baptist church introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. E. M. Poole of Greenville, S. C., who spoke very interestingly on "The Rights of Boys and Girls." He discussed four rights in particular, (1) The right of respect; (2) to play; (3) to be controlled; (4) to an education.

Following the address Miss Minnie Lashley delighted the audience with a piano solo. Prof. Beach addressed a few words to the "Class of 1917" and delivered diplomas to the following: Literar Department: Messrs. C. C. Thomas, Stuart Bondurant, Misses Ella French and Margaret White; Music Department: Misses Minnie Lashley and Ellen French; Commercial Department: Misses Gray Osborne, Hallie Doyle, Carrie Suttentfield, Tamesia Dunn, Lillian Barksdale, Messrs. Moir Cardwell and Ralph Ferrell. The exercises closed with a piano duet by Misses Minnie Lashley and Ethel Johnson.

New York Yacht Club Removes Name From List of Honorary Members.

At a special meeting of the New York Yacht club the names of Emperor William of Germany and Prince Henry of Prussia were stricken from the honorary membership list of the club.

Three hundred members, including fifty yacht owners, were at the meeting. Commodore George F. Baker, Jr., presided. The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Whereas, the congress of the United States has declared a state of war existing between the Imperial German government and the United States; and, whereas, it is not fitting that representatives of the Imperial German government, with which the United States is at war, should be borne upon the roll of honorary membership of the New York Yacht club; now, therefore, be it resolved, that the names of his imperial majesty the German emperor and of his royal highness Prince Henry of Prussia be and at the same time are hereby stricken from the honorary membership of this club.

Rheumatic Pains Relieved

"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for pains in the chest and lameness of the shoulders due to rheumatism, and am pleased to say that it has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes S. N. Finch, Batavia, N. Y.

London's streets, laid end to end, would reach from New York to San Francisco.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE

At Wilkes county school commencement 173 children received prizes for "perfect spelling." Evidence of superior educational work in Wilkes.

Lack of transportation facilities is blamed for the advanced price of bituminous coal by leading operators of the East, testifying recently before the Federal Trade Commission, which is investigating high coal prices.

A week's term of Montgomery county Superior Court was adjourned to allow the farmers to give their attention to planting crops. The judge put the question of adjournment to the audience and they voted for it overwhelmingly.

At a conference of representatives of bituminous coal miners and operators in New York it was stated that an increase in wages averaging 20 per cent. to 225,000 miners in Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Illinois and Indiana had been granted.

Detailing army officers to educational institutions for military instruction work has been ordered discontinued by the War Department with a suggestion that students of military age can best serve their country by joining the army or navy.

Government control over all plants manufacturing explosives in the United States, and full supervision of the manufacture, sale and use of the output under a bill drafted by Secretary of the Interior Lane, for introduction of both houses of Congress.

The committee appointed by the Methodist Conference to select a site for a hospital to be established by the Conference in some town in western North Carolina that would offer a site and a cash donation of \$40,000 met in Salisbury to pass on the site.

The report comes from Spencer that a man, dressed in woman's clothes, canvassed that town as an agent a few days ago and sold much goods to the ladies. Suspicion was aroused and it is said the real sex discovery was made after the agent left town.

A North Carolinian "born and raised" in Craven county, who was so unwise as to migrate to Alabama, appeals to Gov. Bleckett for a pass for himself, wife and girl and two dogs, to get back to the good old State. He is so displeased with Alabama

that he doesn't want to leave his dogs in that State.

The boy of Link Bonds, and employee of the Wicomico Lumber Company, was found lodged in the top of a tree in the Roanoke river in Martin county. He had been on the river in a boat and foul play is suspected, but an inquest failed to develop anything.

Approximately 3,000 German residents of the United States are under close surveillance, Department of Justice officials announced, because of their activities in behalf of the German Government before America's entry into the war on their pro-German sympathies.

In High Point and other towns municipal authorities and citizens unite in mobilizing all vacant lots in town; then there is a plow day, when all the plow forces are mobilized and the land made ready for cultivation. Then the land is distributed, so to speak, to persons who will cultivate it.

Charges that merchants are commercializing the wave of patriotism by advancing the prices of American flags from 100 per cent. to 300 per cent., were made in a resolution introduced in the Senate by Senator Pomerene, asking that an investigation be made by the Federal Trade Commission.

The Canadian government has placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina—the finest wheat flour—on the free list, thus opening the United States markets to Canada and Canadian markets to the United States in these products. This may help consumers in the United States if Canada has a big wheat crop.

James Buchanan Brady (diamond Jim), who died in New York a few days ago, left diamonds and other precious stones valued at \$1,000,000, which will be distributed among his friends. In addition he left an estate of several millions, most of which goes to charity. He left a brother \$700 and a sister the income of \$25,000.

Steady progress is being made by French troops in driving back the Germans in the regions of Soissons and Rheims. In a new offensive, the French also have entered the German second line in the Argonne forest. Several counter attacks on the Vauclerc plateau, south of Laon, have been repulsed. Since the beginning of the French offensive last Monday, more than 19,000 Germans have been

taken prisoners. Guns captured exceeded 100, not including machine guns.

The Government's program for food control during the war was put before Congress Friday by Secretary Houston in a communication to the Senate asking power for the Department of Agriculture to take direct supervision of food production and distribution in the United States and requesting a \$25,000,000 appropriation for putting the plan into operation.

George Bakmetoff, Russian ambassador to the United States since 1911, has notified the provisional government at Petrograd that he will relinquish his office and asked that some one be named to take charge of the embassy. Distinctly a member of the old imperial regime, the ambassador's separation from the new democratic government has been a foregone conclusion.

First call to the country for war finances will be made, Secretary McAdoo announced as soon as the \$7,000,000,000 financial bill become a law, probably within three or four days. The call will be for subscriptions to a part of the \$2,000,000,000 issue of treasury certificates of indebtedness designed to meet financial needs pending the issuance of the \$5,000,000,000 in bonds and the receipt by the Government of its war taxes, and will be made upon the banks of the country, and not upon individuals. The first portion of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue probably will be offered within 60 days, hardly earlier.

The entry of the United States into the world war on the side of the Entente Allies was celebrated in St. Pauls Cathedral in London Friday. King George and Queen Mary and numerous members of the Royal Household, the mayors of the 26 boroughs of London, dressed in their official robes of scarlet, peers, Cabinet Ministers, the Ambassadors and Ministers of the Entente countries, with their staffs, high Army and Navy officials and many Americans, including Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador, and his staff, were present. Not a seat in the vast edifice was vacant. The service was an impressive one, and King George evinced the deepest interest in it. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Charles Erent, Episcopal bishop of the Philippine Islands. The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered the benediction.

How about your subscription?

This Week Negro Health Week Beginning Sunday, April 22, the colored people not only of this State but throughout the whole country will observe National Negro Health Week. The negroes of Durham, Salisbury and Charlotte have availed themselves of this opportunity of improving their health conditions and are planning to make this week a worth while occasion. What is more, they are going in for a Clean-up Week that will count for something. According to their program such important matters as the location and condition of the well, spring and the privy, housing or overcrowding, and flies and mosquitoes, are to receive especial attention.

Durham negroes are being told by their leaders in emphatic terms: "Our sickness and death rate must be reduced. This is our chance. Every colored man, woman and child must rally to the cause." Although Salisbury has already had its spring clean-up week among the negroes, it is now contesting for one of the silver cups offered by the National Clean-Up and Paint-Up Association of St. Louis to the negro community doing Health Week. The Salisbury Civic League is probably the most active body of negroes in the State. They avail themselves of free health literature, lantern slides and lectures, and anti-typhoid vaccine, from the State Board of Health and are always among the first to co-operate with the State in health activities, consequently their health record and other accomplishments are above the average. The community of St. Michael's Training and Industrial School of Charlotte is planning to install some sanitary method of sewage disposal and to exterminate, as far as possible, flies and mosquitoes by way of observing health week.

The week's program consists of a special work for each day. Sunday is a day of prayer for better health conditions and ministers are asked to preach special health sermons. The other days are to be used in such work as cleaning house, sunning contents, burning rubbish, scrubbing with strong lye and hot water, whitewashing, cleaning yards and under houses, repairing fences, barns and privies and making the drinking water safe and sanitary.

What results will the Reidsville negroes show after the week of Health is observed?

When you have anything to sell, advertise in our Business Builders, five cents per line for one insertion; 10 cents per line for three insertions.

Warm Weather Wearables!

Now is the time to get Comfortable Clothing for warm weather. Our stock of summer Clothing and Underwear is the largest ever shown in Reidsville. The styles are the very latest and the quality is the best. Our line of Hart, Schaffner & Marx's Clothing is unequalled anywhere. We have an exceptionally attractive line of Shoes and Slippers. Call and see for yourself.

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A full and fresh stock of Spring Goods for the women and children. We can outfit you from chin to foot—we do not handle Millinery. Everything is of Dependable Quality and up-to-the-minute styles. Included in this department is a beautiful line of LADIES' COAT SUITS, Shirt Waists, New Sport Silks, Voiles and Organdies, W. B. Corsets, Warner's Rust Proof Corsets, Munsing Underwear, Queen Quality Shoes and Slippers in all leathers and styles.

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