

# THE REIDSVILLE REVIEW

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ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

## IN THE THROES OF BIG BUILDING BOOM

### CONTRACTORS AND CARPENTERS HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL

Number of Contracts Awarded For Business Houses, Residences, Etc.—Road and Street Improvements—County Commissioners Will Build Asphalt Road From Leaksville-Spray to Draper—New School Buildings.

### NEW STEMMERY TO BE ERECTED HERE

Reidsville at this time is also in the midst of a residential building boom and the sound of the saw and hammer is being heard in practically all parts of the city. Whereas a few weeks ago there were a number of idle carpenters and builders in the city, it is said that the only reason now that more houses have not been started is because there are not enough workmen to go round.

Painters here report also that more painting is being done in this community this spring than in a number of years. In addition to the number of new residences going up a number of homes are being remodelled and many others are being repainted.

Vice-Presidents C. A. Penn and J. H. Mahler, of the American Tobacco Company, spent the week-end here making and perfecting plans for the erection of a new leaf storage and stemmery building which will be built on the company's property here during this spring and summer.

The new building will run from the rear of the present plug plant parallel with Oak street (or alley) to North Scales street, and will be five stories high.

Chief Engineer and Architect Jno. D. Briggs, of Raleigh, was definitely instructed, so we understand, to proceed at once with the plans and the early construction of the mammoth new building.

The building will be used as a drying plant and stemmery for all and every type of cigarette and plug leaf tobacco used in the Reidsville plant and means a big addition to the American Tobacco Company's force of operatives here.

In addition to the large number of additional employees which will be used here, the town, county and State will have several million dollars worth of taxable property added to the tax lists as a result of the storage of a vast amount of leaf tobacco which has heretofore been stored in other plants.

This is gratifying news to our people as it shows that the A. T. Co.'s policy is to build up the Reidsville plant from time to time until it will probably be one of the largest units owned by the company.

The city graded school board met Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and awarded the contract for a new negro school building adjoining the present school on North Scales street. The cost of the building when completed will be about \$50,000. It was planned to construct this building some time ago but was delayed because at that time the bond market was "shot to pieces." This new building will include a department for carrying on industrial work. While this work has heretofore been carried on in the negro school here to a most surprising degree the instructors and pupils have been greatly handicapped on account of cramped conditions. It is the idea of the school officials to see that along with book learning the pupils will also use their hands profitably.

The school board also has decided to add two more rooms at the Lawsonville avenue schools. This work and also construction of the negro school will be commenced at once.

To partially relieve the cramped condition of the Franklin Street School, the school authorities have ordered that the auditorium be converted into class rooms.

In the not distant future the committee hope to award the contract for a modern high school building and improvements at the Franklin street school.

ing North Scales and Wentworth streets from the monument to the macadam road. Quite a number of North end citizens, including several ladies, were present to lend force to the petition. Over sixty per cent of the property owners on the two streets had signed the paving petition. The distance is about 4,300 feet—nearly one mile. On motion the board unanimously voted to grant the petition. A petition is also pending to pave West Market street which will no doubt be favorably acted upon soon by the board. The commissioners some time ago voted to pave East Market street. Thus there will be three important thoroughfares paved as soon as contracts can be let for the work. Costs of paving now are more than double pre-war prices.

Sheriff A. P. Sands will within the next few days give the contract for a residence on his lot on Lindsey street adjoining his present home.

B. F. Sprinkle is moving the old dwelling used as a part of the service station and garage to the North end of the lot and will remodel and convert it into a desirable residence. A brick annex to the garage will replace the old dwelling.

The brick masons are going right ahead on the Gilmer street building to be occupied by the Ladies' Store.

Frank C. Whittemore is adding his mite to the housing shortage by building a residence in West End.

W. R. Cook and B. F. Sprinkle are putting the finishing touches on two residences on North Scales street.

J. Rawley Maxwell is erecting a building on North Scales street that will probably be used as a garage.

J. A. Lillard's residence on North Scales street is nearing completion.

J. H. and R. T. Burton are having erected a service station adjoining their leaf factory on South Scales and Settle streets.

M. W. Pleasants is building a home on South Main street adjoining the residence of C. L. Moss.

R. P. Miller is building a new residence on Boyd street.

Mr. Coe, who recently cast his lot with the best town, is completing a home on Thompsonville street. Miss Julia Griffith is also having a residence built on the same street.

Rapid progress is being made on residences on Maple avenue of Dr. S. G. Jett and A. Wilkinson, respectively.

S. N. White and L. W. Cobb will soon erect residences on their respective residences in Highland Heights.

A number of residences have been completed and are nearing completion on Arlington and Sprinkle streets. B. F. Sprinkle is the owner. Work on the Presbyterian and Primitive Baptist churches has progressed to an extent that these congregations are now worshipping in their respective buildings.

A new residence is going up in the Highland Heights section for Mrs. Ed Palmer.

And Rockingham county, which during the past five years has made more progress in road building than any county in the State, has no intention of slowing down. The commissioners have just tentatively accepted a proposition made by citizens of Spray and Draper to construct a hard-surface road from the Boulevard through Spray to Draper, a distance approximating five miles.

Certain conditions pertaining to securing money for the county at not more than six per cent interest were guaranteed by those communities which when complied with will insure the letting of the contract and beginning of the work. Future plans look to the building of a hard-surfaced road from Reidsville to Leaksville (via an air-line route) to connect with the Boulevard-Draper road. All of which may appear a little visionary just as present, but is certain to come about in due time. Old Rockingham county—the best one in the State—is just beginning to grow!

The following from the Manufacturers Record of March 13, 1919, applies with even greater force at the present time than it did on the day it was written:

"Build that house now; construct that highway at once; build that school; that church; repair that broken pavement; build that garage, and even that chicken-coop, now—not tomorrow.

"Go ahead with your plans; speed the nation on the road to full employment, and thus hasten the day of individual and national prosperity and safety.

"Preach this from the pulpit, ye ministers of the Gospel; act it from

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT OPPOSITION NEVER DEVELOPS HERE

(Charlotte Observer.)  
What is the little town of Reidsville now doing but preparing to vote a bond issue of \$300,000 for school improvements? Such indications of progress as that should be frowned upon by all good and patriotic citizens. Why, it might add the price of a day's supply of cigars to some Reidsville man's tax account.

the pews, ye laymen who profess a love for humanity; put it into effect, ye county, municipal and State officials, and remember, ye business men of America, ye men of "big business" and ye men of "little business," that there is something in this infinitely higher and more important than the small amount of money involved which you think you could save by waiting.

"Some men put off the day of salvation, expecting to attend to it on their death bed, but not many ever succeed in doing it at that hour. Do it now, and do it with all your might," should be the motto of every man in America who expects to do any construction work in the near future. "Do it now," and thus do your part toward individual and national business salvation—and even more.

"Procrastination is more than the thief of time; it is the murderer of opportunity."

### SCHOOLS OF LEAKSVILLE TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED

At the urgent request of the citizens, the county board of education has voted to consolidate the school districts of Leaksville township, and in the future these institutions will be centralized under the superintendency of one man. The districts involved will vote on May 10 to verify the action of the county board.

The consolidation embraces the schools of Leaksville, Spray and Draper, and the change gives promise of working to a much greater advantage for the good of all concerned than under the old system.

There will be one modern central high school, and while the distance for many will be great, improved highways and the proposed asphalt street through the Boulevard and from Spray to Draper will make traveling to the high school dead easy. Primary and grammar schools will be dotted throughout the township.

A board of school committeemen comprising five members—one woman and four men—has been appointed, and they will have the hearty co-operation of their fellow-citizens in their efforts to build up a school system unexcelled in North Carolina. The personnel of the new board is as follows: E. V. Hobbs and L. W. Clark, of Spray; G. C. Gammon and W. W. Strang, of Leaksville, and Mrs. R. I. Smith, Leaksville, and Mrs. R. I. Smith, of Dsaper.

### UNITED STATES WILL NOT ENTER LEAGUE OF NATIONS

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: The Harding administration intends to terminate the war between the United States and Germany by Congressional resolution, M. Viviani, the French envoy extraordinary to the country, is understood to have been informed to-night at a dinner at the home of Senator McCormick, of Illinois.

The former premier was also informed, it was said by Senators present, that the program of the administration does not contemplate entrance of the United States into the league of nations.

### A "Tacky" Party.

Master Earle Miles celebrated his 13th birthday on Tuesday evening by giving a "tacky" party to a number of his friends. Several contests were enjoyed but most interesting was a flower contest in which Miss Ethel Glidewell won the first prize, a set of forget-me-not pins, and Master Carl Pritchett was the winner of the booby. The prize for the two "tackiest" boys were awarded to Masters Leo Pritchett and Earling Smith. The color scheme in the parlors and halls were green and white and in the dining room was pink and white. Tempting refreshments were served consisting of brick ice cream, cakes, and pink and white minis. The real fun began when the birthday cake was cut and the several prizes were discovered the lucky ones being Miss Glidewell, Dillard Gardner, Jaywood Swann and Byron Pritchett. At a late hour after giving several toasts to the host the guests departed.

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## TOBACCO INTERESTS ARE TO BE HEAVILY TAXED

Government Experts Figure Just How Much is Needed and Slap it on Tobacco—\$2,000,000,000 Revenue From Taxes On Tobacco Into the Internal Revenue Jackpot.

Congress, in formulating its internal revenue revision measure, will again be called upon to decide what are luxuries and to make them bear the burden of taxation as far as possible to obtain the money to support the government during the fiscal year which begins July 1 next.

The Treasury Department recently estimated that the American people spent approximately \$22,000,000,000 a year for luxuries. This enormous sum is only about \$2,000,000,000 less than the sum of the national debt as estimated by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon a few days ago.

Treasury experts have figured out that \$22,000,000,000 a year represents the expenditures in this country for such luxuries as chewing gum, candy, cigarettes, soft drinks, yachts, electric fans, art works, toilet soaps, joy riding, races and also luxurious services. Congress has already taxed practically the entire list prepared by the Treasury experts, but the indications are that the taxes on them are going to be materially increased.

The statement is made by the experts that opinion will differ as to whether many of these articles classed as luxuries are non-essential and expenditure on them is unwise and extravagant. The experts say that expenditure in reasonable measure for many of the articles would not be regarded as luxurious or wasteful, but expenditure in volume of any of them and the aggregate expenditure for such things and services would be regarded as unreasonable and extravagant, especially in view of the present domestic and world conditions.

Here are some of the so-called "luxuries" or "non-essentials" which the law makers will be asked to scan with a view to taxing them to the "limit":

- Chewing gum . . . . . \$ 50,000,000
- Candy . . . . . 1,000,000,000
- Cigarettes . . . . . 800,000,000
- Cigars . . . . . 510,000,000
- Tobacco and snuff . . . . . 800,000,000
- Cigar and cigarette holders, 1,000,000

The appropriations made by Congress for the fiscal year which begins July 1 next amount to \$3,806,029,647.

### Mrs. Paul J. White Entertains.

Mrs. Paul J. White entertained in a very lovely manner on April 1st. The guests were met and carried into the library where they were presented with red "dunce caps" in the top of which was pinned a "stunt" which had to be performed by the wearer later in the evening. A group of spirited contests were engaged in and at the end it was found that W. H. Wilkerson and Henry C. Stallings tied for the gentleman's prize and Mrs. K. K. Lively and Margaret Hancock tied for the ladies' prize. Upon drawing, the prizes fell to Mr. Wilkerson and Mrs. Lively. Several musical numbers were rendered during the evening at the close of which delicious refreshments were served by the guests. The guests departed at a late hour declaring the "April Fool" party a grand success.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Carroll, Wilkerson, Turner, Stallings, Miles, Mrs. Sam White, Mrs. Lively, Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Lasley, Misses Margaret Hancock, Adeline Trent, Annie W. Lasley, Paul Settle and Cecil Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Hoke, of Lincolnton, are guests of Mrs. Annie Johnston.

### The Reading Club.

Mrs. Manton Oliver entertained the Tuesday Afternoon Reading Club April 5 at her home on Maple avenue. Prominent politicians were given at roll call. Mrs. McGehee gave the first number on the program, "American Politics and Society." She gave many interesting facts about political and social conditions of today. Mrs. Scott gave the second number on the program. "It's a New World We Live In" was her subject. She read "A Tribute to Virginia," and "A Land Without Memories." Mrs. Watt concluded the program, her subject being "American Life in Town and Country in the South." She told many fine things about the dear Southland.

After the program Mrs. Oliver, assisted by Mrs. B. R. Stone, served a frozen salad, sandwiches, iced tea and home-made minis.

## 25 PER CENT REDUCTION GRANTED IN REVALUATION

County Commissioners Vote a Reduction in Both Town and County Real Estate—Assessment Last Year Was \$44 Per Acre; It is Now \$33 Per Acre.

The board of county commissioners met in adjourned meeting at Wentworth Tuesday to pass upon the proposition to reduce assessed values on real estate in this county. The board voted to reduce the present valuation on both county and town real estate 25 per cent flat. The average assessment on farm lands last year was \$44 per acre; it is now \$33 per acre.

Quite a number of land owners were present to advocate a reduction in land valuation. A petition had been numerously signed asking the board to make a reduction of 50 per cent, but this petition was not presented as it was found to be impractical to make such a big reduction.

Those present held a meeting in the court house to discuss the matter and agree upon the amount of reduction to be asked for. It was agreed to petition the board to fix the land values at three times what they were valued at in 1919, which was then \$9 per acre average in the county. This would make the present valuation \$27 an acre average. But the board found upon investigation that basing a valuation on old assessments would not comply with the law, so it was agreed to make a blanket reduction of 25 per cent on all real estate in the county. The way is still left open for individuals to have changes made in the valuation of their property and irregularities adjusted.

### REIDSVILLE DOCTORS MAY EQUIP CARS WITH PHONES

Every physician owning an enclosed automobile can now equip his machine with a wireless telephone outfit. Thusly equipped the doctor would be enabled to be in constant communication with his home for emergency calls.

The instrument in the automobile will work successfully up to five miles and use only a small part of the automobile battery's current. You can hear as plainly as over the telephone in your home when surrounding conditions are quiet, as is of course necessary over any telephone.

The inventors of this auto-radio phone found that it is not necessary to have antennae high up in the air somewhere, for experiments proved that the wires stretched around the top of the machine were successful in picking the sound waves out of the air and they then solved the antennae problem by running four parallel copper wires around the top of the car on six-inch posts fastened to the corners. They grounded the set to the auto's engine as is done in airplanes.

With the machine thusly equipped it is no trick at all for them to sit in their car and ring up their home while on a city or country trip provided they are within the prescribed five-mile zone.

This is the last word in automobile accessories you may add to your car's equipment, and it is figured that the wireless telephone can be installed for about \$50, or just about the price of a tire or battery.

### THE FIRST STRAW HAT OF THE SEASON SEEN HERE

The first straw hat of the season has put in its appearance in Reidsville and attracted considerable attention.

But why should this be? Have we not been having straw-hat weather? The mercury has been up to 75 and 80. There are many days in the summer when it is no warmer than this. Indeed, 75 is summer heat. They wear straw hats at Palm Beach in the winter when it is no warmer, and what is good enough for Palm Beach is certainly none too good for Reidsville.

We are altogether too prone to adapt our customs to fixed dates regardless of the temperature. There is a custom of donning straw hats on May 1 in this community and of calling them in on September 15.

In some places they ring a cow bell and shout "shoot the hat" when a prominent man wears a straw hat either before or after the prescribed date, but we are glad to say they are more conservative in Reidsville.

Made for a permanent purpose. Concrete Building Blocks, Brick, Culvert, and well pipe. Cement for sale by W. T. Wootton, Mgr., No. 94 West Market and No. 219 to 227 N. Scales Streets.

## INSPECTION OF LOCAL MILITARY COMPANY

Major B. F. Ristin Is Pleased With Appearance Made by the Reidsvillian Militiamen—The Organization Will Have a Very Expensive Equipment—The Roster.

"You've a fine looking set of young men," Major B. F. Ristin, U. S. A., Monday night following his inspection of the Reidsville headquarters company of the First North Carolina regiment of the National Guard.

The following named answered "Present" and were given a "look over" by the major:

- Capt. Jas. H. Mobley, 1st Lt. P. H. Gwynn, Jr., J. H. Allen, W. C. Baker, J. W. Bowman, D. B. Barham, C. E. Brower, D. M. Clymer, C. S. Clymer, J. L. Collins, W. L. Coleman, C. F. Chiley, R. R. McDonald, A. L. Duncan, J. F. Daniel, H. L. Dixon, G. W. Faucette, H. G. Huggins, H. C. Hutchins, J. L. Hutchins, P. V. Jones, F. H. Jones, R. E. Jones, O. P. Lambeth, J. R. Mobley, H. M. Mobley, W. H. Moore, J. W. Medley, J. M. Norman, Jr., E. W. Paschal, Wm. M. Oliver, E. Peters, R. E. Rogers, E. Rice, W. E. Somers, J. R. Stadler, R. E. Smith, T. M. Smith, W. A. Stanfield, T. D. Smith, H. L. Tate, A. H. Walker, J. A. Soyars, R. T. Smyth, B. Shreve, J. H. Simpson, A. J. Smith, H. F. Trent, C. W. Thacker, C. B. Wall, E. P. Walker, B. E. Wilson, G. A. Cox, L. D. Fowler, J. O. Thomas, B. N. Austin, J. B. Richardson, A. G. Robertson, G. R. Robertson, F. L. Kersey, W. J. Chambers, C. T. Fulcher, C. L. Cox, L. J. Collins, J. D. Carter, C. R. Strong.

The regular army officer inspected the records and papers of the newly organized company of national guard in Reidsville, designated as headquarters company, and wired the headquarters of the 4th corps area, of which North Carolina is a part, recommending that official record be secured. Major Ristin declared that he was greatly pleased with the records as presented by Capt. Mobley and that as the company had the required number of men, with excellent prospects of adding several more in the near future, he expected that it would become an integral part of the army of the United States in the near future.

The new national guard units are closer to the regular army of the United States than ever before in the history of the country, according to Major Ristin. While the companies will operate under the laws of the State to which they belong they will also be under the military laws of the federal government. To make this possible the various States have changed their laws so that they conform to the federal military laws.

The federal government has set a certain standard which must be reached and maintained by the various units. Each unit will be fully equipped by the government at a cost of from \$10,000 to \$12,000. This equipment will be sent direct to each unit, instead of being at first sent to Raleigh and then distributed to the various organizations in the State a la red tape route of the past.

The Reidsville company (as well as all others) must drill a certain number of times in the year and must spend 15 days at the State encampment. Regular army officers are sent to the State as drill masters and inspectors.

If called into action each unit will go direct to a corps mobilization camp and be ready for action without the old preliminary physical examinations, etc., which were in vogue in the time of the old State militia regime.

The fourth corps area, which comprises the States of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi, is at present under the command of General Morrison, who organized the famous 30th division. This area consists of one regular army unit and two national guard units. North Carolina is in a national guard unit with South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia.

### JUDGE LANE COMMENDED BY WINSTON-SALEM MINISTERS

The Winston-Salem Ministerial Association, in monthly session this morning, authorized the preparation of resolutions endorsing the action of Judge H. P. Lane in sentencing to the county roads defendants convicted of violating the prohibition laws. The resolutions will convey to the judge the appreciation of the ministers of his firm stand in the matter. A committee was appointed to draw up the paper and present it to Judge Lane.—Winston-Salem Sentinel.