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## New Bern Firemen Are Planning For The Tournament

Annual Gathering Will Be  
Held At Winston-Salem

Four Companies  
Will Participate

Several Feature Events  
Have Been Planned For  
The Week

While the North Carolina State Firemen's Tournament will not be held until July 14 to 18, the members of the New Bern fire companies have already begun to plan for this meet and the visit to Winston-Salem this week of President McNeill, has furnished additional topics for discussion.

Press dispatches sent out from Winston-Salem yesterday contained the following:

"Winston-Salem, Feb. 11.—Capt. J. D. McNeill, president of the State Firemen's Association, left this morning for his home, after a conference with the local firemen about matters connected with the approaching annual meeting. The association will hold business sessions on July 14 and from the 15 to the 18 the annual tournament contests will be held. The committee selected the track this morning, after showing Mr. McNeill over the city and pointing out several chosen by the committee to select from.

"Features of the tournament this year will be a demonstration by firemen of life-saving apparatus, and a contest for chemical engines. The latter, was at the suggestion of President McNeill, who recognizes the development of this manner of fire-fighting, which he declares is destined to be the manner in which fires will be fought in the majority of cases in the very near future.

"Special rates will be secured on all railroads for the firemen and visitors, and there will be arranged many entertainments for visitors in addition to the ball games already scheduled for that week. Both Greensboro and Raleigh are scheduled for three games here during tournament week.

"The official program has not been arranged. The following is a tentative list of the prizes offered in the tournament.

Horse hose wagon contest—First, \$100; second, \$75; third, \$50; fourth, \$30; fifth, \$20.

Hand reel contests—First, \$50; second, \$30; third, \$20.

Interstate contests—The following prizes have been decided upon for the interstate contests:

Horse hose wagon contest—First, \$125; second, \$100; third, \$60; fourth, \$40; fifth, \$25.

Hand reel contest—First, \$100; second, \$75; third, \$60; fourth, \$40.

Grab reel contest—First, \$75; second, \$60; third, \$50; fourth, \$30.

Total prizes, \$1,500.

New Bern will send four companies to the tournament, the Atlantic, New Bern No. 1, the Fourth Ward Company and the Riverside Company. The record of these four companies is well known all over North Carolina. They have never visited a tournament and failed to return without their share of the prizes given in the events in which they participated and this year they hope to be able to excel all previous records.

The local boys will probably use several extra cars in making the trip to the Twin-City. In addition to the members of the companies who will attend the event there will be a large number of their friends and supporters and New Bern will be well represented at the meet.

### EARTHQUAKE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 13.—Two distinct shocks, apparently earthquakes were felt here at 4 and 4:45 o'clock this morning.

## FOUNDATIONS FOR NEW DEPOT BEING LAID

NEW STRUCTURE IS TO BE  
ERECTED AT ELIZABETH  
CITY.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 13.—Contractor Frank Muth of Edenton began this morning to dig the foundation for the new \$25,000 Norfolk Southern passenger station which will be erected at the head of Main street on the Main line. He expects to have the foundation dug in ten days and then the brick work will begin. He will push the construction work on the building and expects to have it done at an early date if the weather does not interfere.

The station is to be modern in every respect and it is to be constructed along lines which will give Elizabeth City a passenger station in keeping with its importance. The location of the station at this point will facilitate rapid passenger train schedules as it will prevent the train from having to be backed into the old station which stands on a switch and thereby save the extra time spent in getting to the old station.

The Board of Aldermen have been asked to pave Main street from the point, where it is already paved, to the station and the railroad officials have agreed to bear a part of the expense.

## EVELYN NESBIT THAW ARRESTED IN RICHMOND

TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT  
THE CONCLUSION OF  
HER PERFORMANCE.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, whose appearance at a local theatre was forbidden by Mayor Ainslie on complaint of the Ministerial union, was arrested this afternoon at the conclusion of her dance, on a warrant sworn out by Chief of Police Werner. The charge was made in the warrant that she "did unlawfully, but not feloniously, appear at a theatre in a public performance, thereby outraging public decency and to the detriment of public morals, and to the great damage and common nuisance of all the citizens of the commonwealth."

Mrs. Thaw was bailed by counsel and the case sent immediately to police court where it was dismissed after a two hours' hearing. She was not required to attend. Witnesses testified that there was nothing improper in the performance, an effort to suppress which was made on the ground of the notoriety which Mrs. Thaw received in the murder for which her husband, Harry K. Thaw, was tried for his life. Mayor Ainslie admitted on the stand that there was no state law, as he saw it, by which she could be denied the right to take part in any play, not objectionable in itself, and that his order to the police to arrest her was issued on advice of the city attorney.

### BIG DAY IN ONSLOW.

All County Schools To Join In Joint  
Commencement.

Jacksonville, N. C., February 13.—On a day not determined between the 1st and the 14th of April, every town and rural school in Onslow county will participate in joint commencement exercises in Jacksonville, the county seat. A stage and grandstand will be erected on the High School grounds, together with "bleachers," so that the big crowd expected to attend will be accommodated with seats. A brass band will furnish the music, and a basketball game will be a side attraction. County Superintendent of Education Thompson is promoting the undertaking. The occasion will virtually be a county holiday.

Mr. V. R. Rawls passed through the city last night enroute from Winston to New Bern.

## CAN OF GASOLINE EXPLODES AND ONE IS DEAD

Another Has Injuries That  
May Prove Fatal

VICTIMS ARE WOMEN

Accident Occurred On  
Queen Street At Early  
Hour Yesterday

One woman, Mrs. S. D. Watson, whose home is at No. 183 Queen street, this city, is dead, and Mrs. W. R. Weeks, of Wilmington, who was visiting at the home of Mrs. Watson, is in Fairview hospital suffering from injuries which may prove fatal, as a result of the explosion of a can of gasoline at Mrs. Watson's home early yesterday morning.

The accident occurred shortly after 6 o'clock. The victims had arisen and were preparing to start a fire with which to cook the morning meal. Mrs. Watson had just returned from the pump with a bucket of water and was pouring this into a kettle on the stove. There were two metal cans sitting in the room, one of these contained kerosene and the other held gasoline.

In some manner Mrs. Weeks took the can holding the gasoline, thinking that it was kerosene, and began pouring it into the stove. Almost instantly there was a flash. The can was rent asunder and the room was filled with the burning liquid. Naturally, the bodies of both women were covered by the fiery fluid and every vestige of clothing was practically destroyed.

Neighbors heard the screams of Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Weeks and rushed to their assistance and finally succeeded in extinguishing the fire but not before both had been horribly burned. A physician was hurriedly summoned and arrived on the scene a few minutes later. Upon examination it was found that Mrs. Watson was so badly burned that to attempt to move her to a hospital would have been folly. Mrs. Weeks was not so badly injured and was at once taken to Fairview hospital for treatment.

Every effort was made to save the life of Mrs. Watson, but it was seen from the first that she had but slight chance of recovery. Her death took place shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the funeral will be conducted from the late residence this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. E. T. Carter, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

A report from Fairview hospital last night was to the effect that Mrs. Weeks was resting comfortably and that there was a probability that she would recover.

## WILLIAM J. BRYAN MAY VISIT NEW BERN

WILL BE ASKED TO DELIVER  
AN ADDRESS HERE  
IN APRIL.

There is a possibility and, in fact, it is probable, that William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner, will, at any early date, pay a visit to New Bern and deliver an address here.

Last year the Fair Association had hoped to be able to induce Mr. Bryan to come to New Bern and attend the Fair. For a time it was thought that it would be possible for him to come, but unavoidable delays occurred and he was not able to make the trip.

Some time during April a big homecoming week and aviation meet is to be held here, and it is then that Mr. Bryan will probably visit the city. Next week a delegation composed of a number of the most prominent citizens, will go to Washington and have an interview with the Secretary of State and urge him to accept the information.

Mr. Bryan has many admirers in Eastern North Carolina and if he can arrange to come to New Bern there is not the least doubt but that one of the largest crowds ever assembled in New Bern will be on hand to hear him speak.

Mr. E. Gaskill arrived in the city last night from Wilson.

Mrs. Donnelly, clerk to Representative J. R. Mann, of Illinois, is given credit by the Minority Leader for being the one who furnishes him with most of the information he imparts to the house. She has been Mr. Mann's clerk for 22 years and he says she is the most efficient office woman he ever saw.



## ATTEMPT ASSINATION OF AMERICAN OFFICER

Lieutenant Arthur B. Cook Struck By A Bullet—  
His Assailants Not Known

Vera Cruz, February 13.—An attempt late last night was made to assassinate Lieutenant Arthur B. Cook, flag lieutenant to Rear Admiral Mayo of the U. S. Battleship Connecticut. Lieutenant Cook was struck by a bullet and slightly wounded. His assailant was not seen.

The lieutenant, accompanied by his wife and Miss Ethel McKenzie, of Philadelphia, had been dining with Admiral Mayo aboard the flagship. Returning to the landing place the party took an open carriage to drive to the steamer Morro Castle, on which Mrs. Cook and Miss McKenzie were to sail today. The two women occupied the rear seat. Lieutenant Cook, sat facing them. As the party was proceeding down Avenida De La Independencia, a sharp but not loud detonation was heard, and Lieutenant Cook felt a shock on the left

hip which at the time he did not associate with what appeared to be a shot.

On alighting at the wharf Lieutenant Cook found a small object on the carriage seat which proved to be a bullet of the type used in pocket automatic pistols. Investigation showed the bullet had inflicted a bruise on his hip.

Both Mrs. Cook and Miss McKenzie were greatly agitated by the discovery of the bullet. Having seen them to their state room Lieutenant Cook returned aboard the flagship and reported the attack to the admiral who this morning communicated with John Lind and the American counsel, W. W. Canada. They notified General Maas, military commandant at Vera Cruz, without, however, making any formal demand.

## YOUNG COBB TO DIE SIXTH DAY OF MARCH

GOVERNOR CRAIG DELAYS  
EXECUTION OF YOUNG  
WHITE MAN.

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—R. W. Cobb, the young white man who was to have been electrocuted to day at the State's prison, has been reprieved by Governor Locke Craig until March 6.

Cobb thus receives the second prolongation of life, Governor Craig having deferred date of execution to allow his attorneys to file petition for rehearing. After this evidence was submitted, Governor Craig declined to make the punishment a life sentence, the Supreme Court having found no error in the trial before Judge Lane in Halifax county last June.

The Halifax boy has perhaps the smallest hope of all men in the penitentiary now. He killed Thomas Shaw, a country merchant, against whom there had not been carried the slightest enmity. Other men under death sentence are said to have some talking points, great anger or jealousy, but young Cobb's murder has the elements of an assassination. The evidence is that he held up the old merchant in the dark, demanded the money and when Mr. Shaw said: "Quit your foolishness," Cobb shot him.

Governor Craig merely extends the time three weeks. He does not give his reasons for declining further interference in the course of the law.

Rev. J. B. Underwood passed through the city last night enroute from Goldsboro to Oriental.

## THE GRAND JURY IS INVESTIGATING MURDER

LOOKING INTO THE BRUTAL  
KILLING OF TOBY ROUSE  
AT DOVER.

While the case will not be called at the present term of Craven County Superior Court, which comes to a close today, the Grand Jury, yesterday morning, began an investigation as to the guilt of Corinna Bunting and Henry Venters, colored, who are now confined in the county jail charged with the murder at Dover, last Wednesday night, of Toby Rouse, also colored.

The Journal told yesterday of the bringing to New Bern early yesterday morning of the alleged murderers and three other negroes who are being held as witnesses for the State. The case was gone into by the Grand Jury early in the day and was not concluded last night owing to the fact that there were several witnesses at Dover who could not be secured in time. The investigation will probably be concluded this morning.

In an interview given the Journal yesterday Dr. Raymond Pollock, county coroner, who held an inquest over the body of the murdered man, stated that on the left side of his face was a knife wound which ran around under his neck. On the back of his head was a wound which was presumably made with a stick or some other blunt instrument. Either of these wounds might have caused death.

William Crane, of New York, president of the New Bern Gas Company, is in the city attending to business matters.

## PAMLICO BOYS URGED TO JOIN THE CORN CLUB

Valuable Prizes Are To Be  
Given Away

TRIP TO WASHINGTON

Taylor B. Attmore Writes  
Letter to Young Men  
Of County

It is a well known fact that the soil of Pamlico is among the most fertile to be found in the State and the products of that county have won many prizes at exhibitions held in the past. Taylor B. Attmore, superintendent of the public schools of that county is greatly interested in the Boys' Corn Club work in that county and is planning to get every young farmer in that section interested in the work.

In a letter written to several boys in the county Professor Attmore says:

"Valuable prizes will be given away to boys who will grow corn in Pamlico county in 1914. Prizes awarded on a basis of yield 30 per cent. profit 30 per cent. written account 20 per cent. and ear exhibit 20 per cent. First State prize, a free trip to Washington, D. C., given by the N. C. Department of Agriculture. Other valuable prizes are to be offered in the State and will be advertised later. First prize in this district, \$15.00 given by the State department of Agriculture, second prize \$12.50 by the State Department of Agriculture, third prize \$10.00 by the State department of Agriculture, fourth prize \$5.00 by the State Department of Agriculture, fifth prize \$2.50 by the State Department of Agriculture. This district is composed of the counties of Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort and Pamlico. First county prize, \$25.00, given by the Pamlico Chemical Company. Second county prize, \$15.00, given by the New Bern Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Mills.

"In addition to the above, the following prizes have been offered in the various school districts named below. To the boy who will raise the most corn regardless of fertilizer or culture: Goose Creek, \$5.00, by J. L. Harrison; Bards Creek, \$5.00, by J. J. Brinson; Stonewall first, \$5.00, by the Farmers' Union, second, pair of shoes by Fowler Supply Co.; Merritt, first, \$5.00, by Trent Farmers' Union and for the next best a pair of shoes by the Trent Shoe Co.; Florence, \$5.00, by Jas. Broadwaters, second, pair of shoes by W. N. Whorton; Pamlico, \$5.00, by R. L. Woodard; Alliance, \$5.00, by the Farmers' Union; Mesic, \$5.00, by W. E. Mayo and a pair of shoes by W. T. Mayo; Ashwood, \$5.00, by the Farmers Union; Arapahoe, \$5.00, by the Farmers Union and a pair of shoes by J. M. Reed, second prize, pair of shoes by W. R. Reed. Prizes in school districts not named will be announced later.

"All boys who wish to join this club between the ages of ten and eighteen will please let me know at once and information will be furnished them at once.

"All contestants for the county and State prizes must follow the course required by the United States Department of Agriculture.

"All boys interested are requested to be at my office Saturday, February 28 at noon, and Mr. T. E. Brown, who is in charge of the Boys' Corn Club in N. C., will talk to them."

Prof. Attmore's office is at Stonewall and every boy in the county is requested to meet him on the date above mentioned and plans for the work before them will be outlined.

### MARINE NEWS.

The two masted schooners Maggie, Ada Foster and Mary E. Reeves arrived in port yesterday from Core Sound with a cargo of oysters.

The schooner Ella Horton, of Mantoe, arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of oysters.

The schooner Bertha L. Morton, of Hoboken, arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of oysters.

### Personal

B. E. Rice, who is connected with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, is in the city. This is Mr. Rice's first visit to New Bern in several months.