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NEW BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TAKES OFFICE.

B. R. Wall Chairman—C. E. Ader Re-elected—Officers Renew Bonds. Last Monday being the first Monday in December, the new board of commissioners, consisting of Messrs. B. R. Wall, of Lilesville, C. P. Griffin, of White Store township, and E. B. Shankle, of Burnsville township, took the oath of office before Clerk of the Court Boggan and were inducted into office. Mr. Wall was elected chairman. All of these gentlemen are well known and successful farmers and business men, and they are well equipped to look after the affairs of the county. There is no doubt that they will be careful and conservative in the administration of the county's business.

The board met both Monday and Tuesday, and were in session a large part of both days, getting in hand the various matters of which they have charge.

Robinson, Caudle & Pruette were elected attorneys for the board, a position which this firm has held for a number of years.

Mr. B. R. Wall will look after the bridges in Wadesboro and Lilesville township. Mr. C. P. Griffin will have charge of those in White Store, Morven and Gulledege, and Mr. E. B. Shankle, will look after those in Lanesboro, Burnsville and Ansonville.

C. W. Smith was placed in charge of road maintenance for one month, and was appointed road commissioner for Wadesboro township, his time to expire at the pleasure of the board.

Road matters in Burnsville township were turned over to E. B. Shankle. The following were elected road commissioners for their respective townships, and were directed to present their bonds to the commissioners at a special meeting to be held December 27th: John C. Huntley, Jr., White Store; Will Edwards, Lanesboro; G. A. Ingram, Lilesville; J. A. Rayfield, Gulledege; Ed. Waddell, Ansonville.

C. B. Redfeare gave bond as constable of White Store township, and was sworn in.

B. R. Wall and E. B. Shankle were appointed a committee to audit the books of the clerk of the court.

The bonds of all the old officers were renewed. Sheriff Braswell gave bonds totalling \$138,000, this being \$18,000 more than the \$120,000 he was asked to give. Treasurer S. H. Gaddy was requested to give bonds totalling about \$121,000, and he gave them totalling an amount considerably in excess of this sum. These are the bonds of the other county officers are small amounts.

Sheriff Braswell was directed to investigate condition of court house and jail, to repair court house, and if necessary to re-cover jail.

The Wadesboro and White Store road was ordered re-surfaced from a point near T. J. Watkins to old Lockhart place. This was ordered by former board.

C. E. Ader was placed in charge of putting up signs at crossings and road forks where necessary.

P. P. Wright was exempted from paying peddler's license on account of infirmity.

Outside allowance of Dock Lilly was increased from \$4.50 to \$9.00 per quarter.

C. E. Ader Re-Elected. At a joint meeting of the commissioners and the board of education on Tuesday Superintendent of Public Welfare C. E. Ader was unanimously re-elected at the same salary, \$150 per month and expenses. A number of persons appeared before the board urging the re-election of Mr. Ader, and there was no material opposition.

Jury for January Criminal Court. J. T. Aycock, V. T. Horne, Jackson Eddins, J. C. Tyson, E. F. Billingsley, W. C. Curlee, J. A. Wall, M. C. McLester, John T. Griffin, J. L. Teal, Isom Sinclair, J. T. Horne, F. A. Presler, H. G. Hodges, John F. Spencer, Walter C. Carpenter, Eli Sinclair, M. A. Gilmore, L. A. Adams, W. H. Carter, D. V. Mauney, W. T. Gathings, J. A. Parker, T. E. Diggs, J. E. Myers, E. C. Howell, Van Collins, W. E. Huntley, G. Wiley Bowers, T. J. Ingram, B. F. Edwards, R. A. Keziah, Claude Pinion, L. B. Megraws, E. E. McRae, D. A. Lowry.

SHOE ON THE OTHER FOOT. A certain business man of a neighboring town was in Wadesboro a few days ago, and talking of business, or rather the lack of business, he said that during the war and after, some of the manufacturers were in the habit of allotting him a certain amount of their products, according to previous sales. Now every month he allots them a certain percentage of his collections, and he sends them a check with a statement to that effect. Turn about is fair play.

Another Argument. The British high Tories, militarists, and imperialists are against the League. Only low Tories, Liberals, and Labor party men are for it. Shall we associate ourselves with the lower orders, now that the British aristocracy is nearly 100 per cent American?—B. L. T., in the Chicago Tribune.

English and Eggs. "Do you say that your hens 'sit' or 'set'?" asked the precise pedagogue of the busy housewife.

"It never matters to me what I say," was the quick reply. "What concerns me is to learn, when I hear the hen cackling, whether she is laying or lying."—Farm and Fireside.

Fine all wool Blue Serge and fancy suits worth as high as \$45.00, now on H. B. Allen & Co.'s bargain counter at \$12.50 and \$15.00. Lot of men's overcoats at \$5.00.—Adv't.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

At its regular monthly meeting last Monday the following business was transacted by the board of education: A petition was presented asking for a new school to be located between Polkton and Poplar Hill. The matter was referred to Superintendent Allen and the Poplar Hill committee. There are no county funds available for this school.

The following were transferred from Fountain Hill and Gribbs creek districts to Oak Dell: J. W. Bowers, J. C. Bowers, W. C. Griffin, G. C. Tucker, J. F. Tucker, J. D. Davis.

Mr. F. O. Caudle was transferred to Wadesboro district provided he makes satisfactory arrangements with the Wadesboro board.

The people of Ansonville colored district No. 1 contributed \$25.55 toward buying benches, and the board appropriated a like amount.

The colored people's secret lodge building was rented at \$6.00 per month for the Lilesville No. 1 colored school.

Savannah colored school building was ordered re-covered.

A petition was presented asking for an additional room for the Gatewood station colored school, but action was deferred.

Mr. J. A. Lockhart was directed to draw a bill to be presented to the legislature, allowing the board to sell the old Cool Springs school building and turn the proceeds into the Morven school treasury. The Cool Springs children now go to Morven school.

Mrs. Julia Evans, stenographer for Mrs. Redfeare and Mr. Cameron, was allowed an increase in salary from \$50 to \$75. Of this, the board of education pays half and the county commissioners half.

The reports of Mrs. J. C. Redfeare and Mr. C. E. Ader were presented to the board and were favorably commented on.

MORVEN MENTION.

Mr. J. E. A. Ratliff fell in the woods near the home of Mr. C. D. Thomas last Saturday about noon and died of apoplexy almost instantly. Mr. Ratliff was a straight forward man and a highly respected citizen. He leaves a wife and several children with whom he sympathized. Mr. Ratliff had been fox hunting in the early morning and on coming back found that one of his dogs had lagged behind. He returned to fetch the dog, and when he failed to return for two hours search was made and the man was found. He had tied the dog with a white ribbon.

The dead man's hand while the dog lay quietly by. The burial was at New Hope church, where the deceased was a member, Sunday afternoon. Rev. S. Taylor the pastor conducted the burial service.

An old lady, Mrs. Burr, who lived in the southern part of town died suddenly last Saturday and was buried on Sunday.

Miss Janette McQueen has been ill for a week with tonsillitis. She is improving now.

Mr. T. V. Hardison is improving slowly. He was able to get out in an automobile Sunday and again Monday.

Mr. Fred Niven has gone to Rocky Mount to take work on the R. R. Fred is a good worker and a steady reliable young man.

Mrs. Atkins, wife of Dr. Atkins, is here for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardison will prolong their visit to Morven for several weeks.

Mrs. Jack Cox of Lumberton is in town, the guest of Mrs. Tyler Cox.

Last Friday night a good large bunch of the members of the Baptist church stormed pastor Elbert Williams and contributed in a material way to the welfare of the pastor and his family.

Mr. Vernon Wall who has been away for some time for treatment of a defective eye, returned home yesterday.

A beautiful reception was given Thursday afternoon by Mrs. J. A. Dunn, at which she formally presented Mrs. Eugene Lowry, a recent bride, to the Morven society. The rooms were artistically arranged for the occasion, with potted plants and late fall flowers.

Greeting the guests at the door was Mrs. J. J. Kibler, who presented them to the receiving line composed of Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Eugene Lowry, Mrs. M. H. Lowry, Mrs. M. L. Ham and Miss Annie Lowry. Mrs. T. J. Ballard served hot chocolate and wafers.

After the guests had assembled in the parlor, a delightful program was rendered by Mrs. L. L. Williams, Misses Hester Dunn, Ava Craver and Pauline Taylor. In an interesting contest, Mrs. T. C. Cox was the winner of the prize, a lovely box of powder. The honor guest was presented with a beautiful mayonnaise set. The following toast was read in concert: "We drink to the health of the groom, we salute the powers that be, we wish every one in the room, and a double portion to the bride from 10-E C."

In response the bride said: "Here's to the friendship I hope to win, the joys and sorrows of future years, the hospitality of Morven friends, love and good wishes without end." Mrs. Dunn, assisted by Mrs. T. J. Ballard, Mrs. J. J. Kibler and Mrs. M. L. Ham, served a tempting salad course and coffee. Mrs. Lowry, before her marriage was Miss Stella Ellis of Knoxville, Tenn. She is a cultured and charming young woman and will be a delightful addition to Morven society.

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MR. J. E. A. RATLIFF DIES SUDDENLY.

Well Known Citizen of Gulledege Township Stricken in Woods on Saturday—Funeral at New Hope Sunday.

His friends throughout the county were shocked last Saturday afternoon when they learned that Mr. J. E. A. Ratliff, one of the best known citizens of Gulledege township, had died suddenly just before noon. Mr. Ratliff had been fox hunting that morning. Before noon he went home, got his car, and started to Morven to meet his daughter, Miss Malissa Ratliff, who was coming home for a visit. Miss Ratliff arrived on the train and, not finding her father, phoned home to find out whether he had left. Her mother told her that he had been gone long enough to reach Morven. After waiting some time, Miss Ratliff learned that some one had seen Mr. Ratliff's car standing beside the road near Mr. C. D. Thomas' home, and a search was instituted. Mr. Ratliff's body was found in the woods not very far from the car. It seems that one of Mr. Ratliff's dogs was loose in the woods, and he went after it, being struck by apoplexy just after he secured the dog.

The funeral was held at New Hope church, of which Mr. Ratliff was a member, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. S. Taylor, pastor of the church. The attendance was the largest at a funeral in Anson for years.

Mr. Ratliff was 44 years old, and was a son of the late James Ratliff and of Mrs. Melissa Gaddy Ratliff. He married Miss Kate Griggs, daughter of the late Louis Griggs, and is survived by his mother, his wife and nine children, only two of whom, Mrs. J. V. Gulledege and Miss Malissa Ratliff, are grown. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. John T. Ratliff, and one sister, Mrs. Kirby Smith, both of Ruby, S. C.

Mr. Ratliff was one of the best known and most liked men in the county. Vigorous and energetic, with a very frank and genial disposition, he made friends wherever he was known. He had much interest in public affairs, and was sound and progressive in his views, and was very influential in his section. As a farmer he was unusually successful. He was one of the leading members of New Hope church, and was much interested in church affairs.

Mr. Ratliff was a Mason and a Woodman, the Masons having charge of the burial Sunday.

Reserve Board Makes Optimistic Statement—Less Distress Than in Previous Periods of Deflection.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The close of his business year of 1920 is described by the federal reserve board in a statement tonight as the turning point in the transition from war conditions to the normal economic basis of international and industrial life.

The reserve board's statement, which reviews the economic and financial situation, confronting the nation during the year, treats of present conditions generally in an optimistic manner, declaring that the difficulty of transition will not be much further aggravated. It also asserts that owing to the nation's strong banking structure a normal situation will be restored with far less than the usual distress usually attendant on periods of readjustment.

The board declares that previous periods of marked readjustment have been accompanied by sharp reductions in prices, heavy decrease in production, extensive unemployment and business reaction, often involving bank failures. While necessarily uncomfortable, the transition through which the country now is passing the board asserts, has thus far been attended with only a minimum of these unfavorable symptoms.

The fiscal situation both at home and abroad, however, is still uncertain, the board declares. This is held to be due to the late date at which the war was over in the financial sense and to uncertainty as to the best method of taxation.

An international trade return to normal conditions is now in progress, the board says. With the exception of agriculture, in which the output was the largest on record, production has been decreasing since the spring of the year, the board stated. Textiles, ship building and very recently the iron and steel industries are said to have exhibited tendencies of this nature.

The board describes the tendency in the retail trades as downward, the lessened activity occurring for the most part considerably later than the turning point in production.

The slowing down of the export trade of the United States during the year is attributed by the board in some measure to the exchange situation which it asserts has steadily deteriorated. American exports seem to be closely conditioned upon the volume of imports, the board asserts and warrant the inference that there would be a larger movement of goods to the United States as a result of the extensive credits granted foreign countries.

LAND TRANSFERS.

The following real estate deeds have been registered since the M. & I.'s last report:

Gen. W. A. Smith and wife to J. F. Curlee; Ansonville lot; \$10 and other considerations.

L. T. Burr and wife to John A. McRae; 55.70 acres in Wadesboro township; \$1,392.50.

W. H. Hildreth and wife to Darling Medley; lot near Ansonville; \$100.

SIXTY-SIXTH CONGRESS CONVENES IN THIRD SESSION

Harding In His Seat—Annual Appropriation Estimates—Many New Bills and Resolutions in House—Harding Makes Speech.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions which were attended by great crowds and marked by an address, in the senate, by President-elect Harding as a unique and historic feature. Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum.

Other features of the opening of the third and final session of the 66th Congress were receipt of annual appropriation estimates aggregating \$4,653,000,000 and introduction in the house of an unusual volume of new bills and resolutions. Senators held up their bills until tomorrow, in accordance with the custom of limiting the first day to formal convocation.

The principal business of today's sessions was to arrange for receipt tomorrow of President Wilson's opening message. A joint committee called upon the President at the White House and the latter, receiving them in the Blue room, told them he would send "a communication" tomorrow. He did not state whether he would send or read his message, but it was understood that the former course would be pursued.

The senate was in session 25 minutes and the house, notwithstanding its longer roll call, only twice as long. New members elected last November to fill vacancies were sworn in and adjournment taken until noon tomorrow, when both bodies plan, after receiving the President's message, to proceed to work.

PEACHLAND NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hughes and little daughter, Sara Ellen, have returned from an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of North Carolina.

Mrs. J. W. Carpenter spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Martin, of Wadesboro.

The Betterment Society is invited to meet with the Jeffersonian Literary Society of the Peachland school next Friday afternoon. All members of the Betterment Society are urged to be present.

Miss Minnie Allen, who is teaching this winter at Griffin's school, spent the week-end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Tyson, of Waxhaw, visited relatives here last week. Mrs. Tyson was formerly Miss Kate Redfern, the oldest daughter of Mr. C. Redfern, of Waxhaw. These young people were married on Thanksgiving Day.

The pupils of the High School are planning to give an entertainment in the school auditorium on Thursday night before Christmas. There will be a play "Christmas at the Crossroads" and other exercises.

Mrs. M. L. Horne was in Wadesboro Monday to see her little niece, Ruth Kiker, who has pneumonia at the Anson Sanatorium.

Mr. Claude Burns, of Pageland, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burns.

Miss Faye Traywick is in Charlotte this week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Broom spent yesterday in Charlotte.

Messrs. T. V. Howell and J. S. Bivens were in Charlotte yesterday to attend a Shriners' meeting.

Mrs. G. Huntley of near Wadesboro was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Redfern, last week.

The music pupils of the school will give a recital on Wednesday night before Christmas. This recital will be in the school auditorium and everybody is invited to attend.

The teachers attended a teachers' meeting in Wadesboro last Saturday.

Miss Anniegra Boyette, of Hamlet, spent the week-end at home.

Miss Ellie Redfern is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Walter Jones.

Mr. A. V. Dawkins, of Ellerbe, N. C., is spending a few days at home.

Miss Bessie Bryant, who is a senior at Oxford College this year, is at home on account of her eyes. She will probably be unable to resume her studies this term.

Mrs. W. P. Broom left Monday for New London to be with her sister, Mrs. Reed Reaves, who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Dawkins and son, Mr. Watt Dawkins, visited Mr. J. L. Dawkins Sunday.

Mrs. C. A. Crawford and children, of Wadesboro, spent the week-end with relatives here.

The Peachland Bank will open on November 9th, with Mr. L. C. Broom as president and Mr. Braxton Phifer as cashier.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will meet next Thursday with Miss Sadie Biddell.

Prof. E. C. Staton was awarded the Navy Cross on Armistice Day for distinguished service while serving with the 6th Regiment of U. S. Marines in the World War. Mr. Staton recently received this medal with citation: "For distinguished service and devotion to duty while serving with the 6th Regiment of U. S. Marines in action near St. Etienne on Oct. 9, 1918. Staton repeatedly exposed himself to heavy shell fire to dress and evacuate the wounded of another regiment and of the army." This is the second medal Mr. Staton has received. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre for similar service.

Miss Sadie Biddell spent last Thursday in Charlotte shopping.

Mr. R. L. Staton and family spent the week-end with relatives at Ansonville.

POLKTON LOCALS

The rains are delaying the picking of the late cotton. Some of it is damaging.

The camping club meeting at Mrs. Martin Tucker's Tuesday afternoon was a decided success. Quite a number were present and the occasion was highly enjoyable.

Many of the members of the Baptist church from Cedar Grove, Polkton and Brown Creek, met at the parsonage here Monday night and made glad the pastor's heart by liberal and useful donations.

The address of Prof. R. W. Allen at the school building Monday night was heard by a large and appreciative audience, largely made up of Mr. Allen's early friends and acquaintances. The address was timely and practical.

There is some talk of a fiddler's convention in our town in the near future. The exact date will be given later.

Ruth, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kiker of Burnsville, has been seriously sick for several days. She is now at the Wadesboro hospital and is getting along nicely.

Mr. Bernard Harris is on a business trip to Norfolk, Richmond and other points north.

Master "Jack" Boggan was sick several days last week, but is now about well and has resumed his school duties with his usual vigor and industry.

Mr. Walter Harris of Vaughn, was the guest, last week, of Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris and other relatives in Polkton.

Miss Lillie Winfield of Diamond Hill has been sick for several days.

The death of Mrs. Nealie Lockhart Griffin of Midland, Monday morning, was heard by our people with many expressions of regret and sorrow. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lockhart near Polkton. Mrs. Griffin had been sick but a short time and her death was unexpected. She was the mother of four children and was a lady of most excellent qualities. Burial was at the Bennett's Grove cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. Mr. McAlvaine of Monroe.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Bowers of the Hopewell community, died Sunday afternoon. It was seven months old and was sick about two weeks. Burial was at Hopewell and services were conducted by Rev. L. H. Griffith.

Behold, Doctor Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, New York, has "jined" the knockers. He arraigns the educational fads, fakes and freaks of the present day with a force and vigor that ought to make all thoughtful men pause and take notice. The Doctor asserts that a false system of education is operating to destroy the hitherto excellencies of the American schools. He backs up his statements with the most convincing proofs. The critics of the Doctor will howl but they cannot meet his arguments. Much of the "stuff" dished out in our schools now is not education. The human intellect is being trifled with and forever weakened.

HORNTOWN NEWS.

Mr. S. W. Mullis spent Sunday night with his parents near Monroe.

Misses Vivian and Leola Horne and Mrs. Millard Horne spent one day last week with Mrs. Horne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Billingsley near Cedar Grove.

Mrs. M. L. Horn has a hot house completed. She always has an abundance of pretty flowers all winter. She will now have them all winter.

Mr. Ab Garrison was buried at the Peachland cemetery today Tuesday. He died with acute indigestion. He has many friends over different states who will hear with sorrow of his untimely death. He leaves a devoted wife and hosts of friends to mourn his death. Much sympathy is felt for the dear wife in the loss of her companion.

Mrs. J. A. Burns spent Monday in Wadesboro shopping.

Mesdames S. W. and Fred Birmingham were pleasant visitors at Mr. J. A. Burns' one day this week.

Mrs. Clifford Horne visited her sister Mrs. Arthur Johnson last week.

The many friends of Mrs. Nealie Lockhart Griffin were sorely grieved to hear of her death at Midland last Monday. Her remains were brought to Polkton and interred at the Bennett cemetery Tuesday. She leaves a father, mother, husband and three sisters, viz: Miss Olive Lockhart, Miss Hattie Lockhart and Mrs. Norfolk Bennett, and four brothers, George, Fisher, Frank and Lonnie Lockhart, and two sweet little girls and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

The many friends of Mrs. Bettie Maske were sorry to hear of her recent illness but were very glad to hear she was improving.

Misses Leola and Vivian Horne gave the ladies of the community an old time quilting party last week. After work and a very pleasant afternoon together all were invited into the dining room where a snow-white linen was decorated with a large orange cake for a centerpiece and the remainder of the table dotted with delicious custards. All went away declaring these young ladies most charming hostesses.

MR. A. L. GARRISON.

Mr. A. L. Garrison, the oldest engineer on the Georgia division of the Seaboard, died last Monday at his home in Abbeville, S. C. He had been ill only a few days, being stricken while on his way home from Peachland, where he had been to inspect his farm. Mr. Garrison married Miss Henrietta Gray, daughter of the late "Pud" Gray, of Peachland, and was well known in Anson, where he had many friends.

MRS. PRATT GETS \$75 PER MONTH ALIMONY

Given Custody of Child, on Which Appeal Is Taken—Long Drawn Out Divorce Case Will Go to Supreme Court—Alimony Satisfactory. Charlotte Observer.

Further surprises in the Pratt divorce case came to light yesterday when Judge James L. Webb ruled in superior court here that Mrs. Josephine Pratt, who recently was awarded a partial divorce from Fred Pratt, Morven merchant, shall receive \$75 per month alimony and the custody of the four-year-old son of the Pratts.

Pratt also must pay the fees of Mrs. Pratt's attorneys, Cansler and Cansler and John M. Robinson. These amount to \$300.

Judge Webb's decision came after arguments on the alimony phase of the divorce case were concluded yesterday morning. Pratt's attorneys, John A. McRae, of Charlotte, and T. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro, immediately entered notice of appeal to the supreme court.

All of the five attorneys engaged in the case were heard by Judge Webb yesterday morning. Mr. Robinson and Mr. McRae spoke Friday afternoon, nevertheless they were heard again. In addition, E. T. Cansler, Sr., and John Scott Cansler, spoke for Mrs. Pratt and Mr. Caudle was heard on behalf of the defendant.

Mrs. Pratt, who sued for a divorce and \$300 per month alimony, was awarded the separation at the conclusion of a week's trial, yesterday a week ago. Pratt contested the alimony claim, contending that the slump in cotton had all but thrown him into bankruptcy. His heavy losses in cotton this year were the points stressed by his attorneys in their arguments.

Following the jury's verdict, Pratt, through his attorneys, made known his willingness to effect a reconciliation, but his offer was spurned by Mrs. Pratt. Friends of the two believe, however, that a reconciliation is possible some time in the future.

Mrs. Pratt claimed in her divorce suit that her husband's infatuation for Miss Otilie Lee Holt, his former stenographer, had made life unbearable for her, while Pratt, in a counter action, charged that his wife's jealousy had made a happy life between the two impossible.

Attorneys for Pratt said last night that while they were satisfied with the amount of alimony given Mrs. Pratt, they would fight the awarding of the child to the woman, in the supreme court.

Mrs. Pratt Refuses Reconciliation Charlotte Observer, 4th.

Efforts of Fred Pratt, Morven merchant and cotton man, to effect a reconciliation with his wife, Mrs. Josephine Pratt, Mecklinburg county school teacher, have been discouraged by Mrs. Pratt, it became known yesterday.

Pratt's offer, made last Sunday, the day after Mrs. Pratt was awarded a partial divorce in Mecklinburg superior court here, was revealed by John A. McRae, one of Pratt's attorneys, when the arguments on the alimony phase of the case began before Judge James L. Webb.

Mr. McRae said his client not only was willing to forget the past and start life anew with his wife, but that if a continued residence in Morven would embarrass her, he was willing to close out his business and take up residence elsewhere.

Attorneys for Mrs. Pratt said that after what she had been through she did not care to consider a reconciliation at this time and they also said that Pratt did not make this move until after jury had decided against him.

ARTICLE 10 DOES NOT GUARANTEE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF MEMBERS

According to First Official Interpretation Unanimously Adopted by Commission on Admission of New States.

Geneva, Dec. 2.—Article 10 of the league of nations covenant does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, according to the first official interpretation of that article by the league, unanimously adopted by the commission on the admission of new states. This declaration is generally regarded as one of the most important decisions yet taken by the league members.

The interpretation was provoked by the proposal of Giuseppe Motta, of the Swiss delegation, who asked that if the present status of Austria were changed Vorarlberg be permitted to join Switzerland. The text of the interpretation follows:

"We cannot recommend the adoption of the proposal put forward by M. Motta. We are indeed of the opinion that the entry of Austria into the league will in no way prejudice or affect the question so raised. We cannot help adding that the suggestion that admission to the league should have any such effect, appears to arise from a misconception of article 10. It cannot be too emphatically stated that article 10 does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league. All it does it to condemn external aggression on territorial integrity and the political independence of any member of the league and call upon the council to consider what can be done to resist such aggression."

GALAX LEAVES. Those wanting galax leaves for Christmas will please leave orders with G. R. Parker, Wadesboro, N. C., at once.—Adv't.

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