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## WILSON'S MIND IS MADE UP

### RECOGNITION OF STATE OF WAR MAY FOLLOW PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—MAY RAISE MILLION MEN FOR ARMY.

Washington, March 30.—The administrative branch of the American government has determined definitely upon a course of action to meet the possibility of Germany. While official announcement is withheld pending the appearance of President Wilson in Congress, formal recognition of the existence of a state of war is expected to follow soon after the session begins.

### No Differences of Opinion

There is said to have been no difference of opinion in the cabinet on the great question. The President's advisers as well as official Washington generally have long since accepted as a fact that war actually is being waged against the United States.

What Part Will Nation Play?—The question that part the United States will play is a question the government has yet to determine. The subject has been discussed generally with the administration but the broad policy to be pursued will be developed only after the nation's status has been defined by Congress and urgent steps completed.

After the President has delivered his address, Congress is expected to take under consideration promptly the granting of a large credit to the government and to provide for the raising of an army of perhaps 1,000,000 men. Other measures such as a censorship bill, spy bill, the regular army appropriation bill and emergency legislation for the army and navy, also will be submitted.

As summarized today everything that the government believes can be done without congressional action to arm against Germany either has been done or has been planned. Every government department is engaged in some work of preparedness. Lessons taught by the experience of Europe are being utilized as far as possible.

## FAMOUS FIDDLER DEAD

### Uncle "Billy" Hill Burke's Well Known Musician is Dead.

Morganton, March 31.—Uncle "Billy" Hill of Rutherford College, known far and wide as the champion fiddler of the Carolinas, is dead.

For the past 25 years Uncle Billy has resided at Rutherford College and during all that time has played at every commencement and public event at the college and has also carried the mail from Connelly Springs to the college during that time and was greatly loved by the students.

As a fiddler he was acknowledged as the best in the country of the old school, and in the days of the fiddlers' convention he swept the first prize at every fiddlers' convention in the State, and after that was employed to play as a special attraction, because the contestants would not play against him for prizes.

His violin is said to be one of the oldest in America with a tone which is seldom equaled. He is by far the best known musician the State has produced.

### Did Not Ask Money

Contrary to the report in last Tuesday's Star, County Superintendent J. Y. Irvin did not ask the county commissioners for \$50 appropriation to pay for the band for county commencement and otherwise defray the expenses of the educational rally.

## TRIANGULAR DEBATES

### Shelby School Won and Lost, as Did Waco and Grover.

About 300 high schools all over North Carolina engaged in triangular debates Friday and Saturday nights to select teams to go to the University at Chapel Hill for the final try-out in the State High School contest. The question for all debates was "Resolved that the Federal Government should own and control the railroads."

The Shelby team composed of Max Hamrick and Durant Crowder was pitted against Gastonia at Lincolnville with the result that Gastonia won by a vote of the judges two to one.

Another Shelby team composed of Millicent Blanton and Forrest Hamrick measured words with Lincolnville at Gastonia with the result that Shelby won a unanimous decision. This is considered quite a victory for Shelby in view of the fact that the Shelby debaters were pitted against the Lincolnville debaters who won both victories last year and represented their school at Chapel Hill.

### Fallston Commencement

The Fallston commencement program is as follows:

- Monday night, April 2, at 8 P. M.—Annual sermon by Rev. J. E. Moser, pastor of Fallston M. E. church.
- Friday evening, April 13, at 8:00 P. M.—Primary and Intermediate program.
- Saturday morning, April 14, at 10:30 A. M.—Annual Literary address, by Hon. O. Max Gardner, Lieut. Gov. of North Carolina, Shelby, N. C.
- Saturday night, April 14th, at 8:00 P. M.—Play, "The Call of the Flag," copyrighted by The National Drama Co., written by Oliver P. Parker.

Everybody cordially invited to attend.

M. A. HONEYCUTT, Prin.

## A FARM LIFE SCHOOL

### Excellent Report on Farm Work at Broad River Academy.

Broad River Academy is the only school in Cleveland that has a real farm life school in connection, although Farm Demonstrator Gidney says the farm life feature is being organized at other places to begin this year. The Broad River record for the last three years is very gratifying and in the report furnished by Mr. L. R. Putnam to Dr. Gidney he thanks Dr. Gidney for the assistance he has been to the school in this line of its work and submits the following facts: The ground is tilled by the school children and in 1914 they made \$56.66; in 1915 they made \$42 and in 1916 they made \$56.33, this decrease being due to the July floods which did so much damage. Mr. Putnam says, "I think it is the thing for any school to do and if they will cooperate it is one of the finest things that any community could do. There are many ways in which to help and no one will miss the time."

The profits are used in the improvement of the school building.

## Contracts for New Mill

Rutherfordton Sun: The Yelton Milling Company, of this city, last week contracted with the W. J. Savage Company, of Knoxville, Tenn., for complete 60-barrel flour mill to be installed by June 1st next. The mill when completed will be the largest and most up-to-date of any in the county and will be driven by electricity.

## Presbytery to Meet

Forest City Free Press: For the first time since its establishment Westminster School will have the pleasure of entertaining its parent, Kings Mountain Presbytery, when that body convenes there Monday, April 10th. The first session will be held at 2 p. m., and continue for two days. Rev. W. J. Roach of Gastonia is moderator.

## RECIPROCITY DAY OBSERVED FRIDAY

### LOCAL CLUBS HOST TO DISTRICT FEDERATED CLUBS—MOST INTERESTING PROGRAMME AND DELIGHTFUL LUNCHEON AT THE HOME OF MRS. S. S. ROYSTER—MRS. GORDON FINGER PRESIDES.

Every detail of a most excellent program for Reciprocity Day of the fourth district was carried out with consummate skill on last Thursday when our town was given over to the entertainment of the visiting club ladies of this district, the three federate clubs of our city being hosts.

Nature, herself exhaled the reciprocity spirit and bade the welcomed visitors partake of her glorious sunshine and bright flowers. They were met at the stations and taken in automobiles to the home of Mrs. S. S. Royster, who so loyally gave herself and her home for the occasion.

This handsome home was en fête for this happy event, the decorations being very effective in their yellow and green tones, breathing the freshness of spring in all its loveliness. A happy time ensued after the arrival. New acquaintances were made and old ones renewed, until 12 o'clock came, when an elaborate and delicious three course luncheon was served.

Promptly at 1:30, Mrs. Gordon Finger, of Charlotte and chairman of the fourth district, called the business session to order, which was opened by a beautiful duet, rendered with pleasing effect by Mrs. W. B. Nix and Miss Helen Dover. This assemblage was then led in a eloquent word of prayer by Mrs. R. E. Ware, in behalf of woman and her work in the home and abroad.

Mrs. W. H. Jasper was elected secretary.

Mrs. W. B. Nix, president of the Civic League gave the first words of greeting, speaking in behalf of the League. This was written in verse and attracted much favorable comment.

At 4:30, at Hall, president of the 20th Century club was the next speaker, presenting greetings from her club. The speaker emphasized woman's awakening, and the effect of club organization in its varied departments on woman and the home.

Still further words of welcome were added from the Ishpeming club of Shelby by Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft, who is this club's valued secretary. She is a fluent and forceful young speaker and her few well chosen words of welcome were a delight to her hearers.

Mrs. W. J. Clifford of Gastonia, in the absence of Mrs. W. J. Martin of Davidson who was scheduled to make the response, made a very delightful and important response in her usual witty style.

This meeting was fortunate in having Mrs. Eugene Reilly, vice-president, General Federation, of Charlotte present who made a splendid address with "The District a Unit in Club Work" as her subject and one which she is so well acquainted as it was under her guidance that these district meetings came into being. Mrs. Reilly is a fluent speaker, possess a magnetic personality and easily holds her audience.

This was followed by a short talk from Mrs. Hook of Charlotte, who was thoroughly in touch with her subject, "Finance and Our Future," and gave interesting information on the finance of the Federation. She also gave a most interesting and inspiring forecast of the pleasures and profit that was in store for those who attended the State Convention at Durham in May.

Miss Bertie Lee Suttle gave a beautiful rendition of "Carolina Hills" in her sweet and clear soprano voice.

The roll call of clubs followed and reports were read from every club in the district except one, and showed a remarkable variety of activity and work accomplished. The sum of money expended in public work was remarkable.

A round table discussion was then held, Mrs. D. G. Mauney of Kings Mt. being the leader. One of the most important features of the business was the election of Mrs. D. A. Garrison of Gastonia to succeed Mrs. Finger as chairman of this district for the incoming club year, and that this officer should be called first-president, subject to the action of the State meeting.

Mrs. S. A. Robinson of Gastonia concluded the program by a very charming toast to "Our Hostess Clubs" after which all joined in singing "America."

The principle speaker of the day, however, was Miss Anne Pierce of Charlotte, who came as a special guest with a special message of particular local interest to Shelby—"The Library and the Child"—and this splendid address will be published next Friday.

The visiting ladies were then given an automobile ride over city and

suburbs by the thoughtful men of the town—leaving for their respective homes on the late afternoon trains.

## SOCIETY NEWS

### Important League Notice

There will be an important business meeting of the Civic League Thursday afternoon in the court house. All members are urged to attend and be on hand at 3 o'clock so as not to interfere with the week of prayer which is being held at the Baptist church.

(Signed) MRS. W. B. NIX, Pres.

## Mrs. Fanning Hostess In Honor of Visitor

Honoring Mrs. J. H. Glenn of Chester, S. C., her niece and house-guest Mrs. Walter Fanning entertained very beautifully the members of the Tongues and Needle club and a number of other guests at her charming home last Saturday afternoon.

A happy afternoon was spent in dainty needle work and pleasant conversation, interspersed with lovely violin solos by Mrs. Glenn who is a splendid violinist.

At the close of the afternoon's pleasure a tempting course of refreshments was served.

## Music Club With Miss Suttle

A very profitable and altogether enjoyable meeting of the Cecelia Music club was held with Miss Bertie Lee Suttle on last Saturday afternoon. The home was most beautifully decorated in Easter lilies and potted plants, and in the midst of these surroundings a delightful musical program was rendered.

Following this, the hostess, assisted by her mother and sister, Mrs. John Suttle and Miss Esther, served a tempting two course collation, consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, punch, and ice cream frozen in the shape of Easter lilies and cake.

## MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Governor T. W. Bickett having proclaimed Thursday, April 5th, 1917 as planting day, I am going to request the citizens of Shelby, both white and colored to join the movement on that day and plant all back lots, gardens and all vacant spots that have previously been occupied by weeds, in crops of some kind. The only possible way to lower the present high prices of vegetables and other food products is to produce more of them at home. Plant early crops and late crops and work all of them well, thereby helping increase the harvest.

J. T. GARDNER, Mayor.

## RECITATION AND DECLAMATION

### Contests Will be Spirited in Baptist Church Here Saturday—Music by Grover School.

Special to The Star:

On the 7th of April, County Commencement at eleven o'clock at the Baptist church will be held the High School reciters' and declaimers' contest.

Those who have entered up to this time are claimers: Chas. Erwin, subject—"The Vision Splendid." Adkins Wilson, subject—"Sergeant Prentiss's First Plea." Travis Hamrick, subject—"The Unknown Speaker." Jesse Kiser, subject—"The Advantages of Farm Life." Guy Anthony, subject—"American Ideals."

## Reciters

- Miss Zona Hord, subject—"Death Disk."
- Miss Susie Beach, subject—"Trick Versus Trick."
- Miss Evie Lee Sheppard, subject—"College Oil Cans."

We hope others will enter, and all will be at the Baptist church immediately after the parade. The speakers will choose their places by lot, each drawing for a number at the church.

Music will be furnished by Grover Music Department, assisted by Mr. J. J. Malone. If you like to hear a good string band, this is the place for you to come, for you will enjoy the music as well as the speaking. The program promises to be an interesting exercise.

## MELDONA LIVINGSTON, Chmn. of Com.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the short illness and death of our little son Yates.

adv. Mr. and Mrs. Stough A. Davis

## RAMBLING BILL WRITES A LETTER

### COWS ARE HIGH IN THIS CATTLE SECTION AND DAY LABOR WAGES ARE HIGHER THAN SKILLED WAGES IN SOUTH.

Editor of The Star:

Douglas, Arizona.—I have received so many requests recently from friends around Lawndale and Shelby for information about Arizona and other parts of the Southwest that I have decided to use the columns of your paper to convey to them this information with the hopes that same proves of interest to your other readers as well.

Arizona, has a population of considerable less than three hundred thousand people; 20 per cent of these being Mexicans or of Spanish descent. There are about 10 per cent of the other population that the Indians; mostly Apache. A large reservation for them is set aside near Fort Huachuca, where they revel in the forms of life typical to their race.

The chief products of Arizona, are horses, cattle, and copper ore, very little farming being carried on, except in the Imperial Valley where there are a large and profitable yield of cantaloupes and grapes. Owing to the high altitudes and mountainous regions, it is almost impossible to properly irrigate the land so that extensive farming can be carried on. The altitude ranges all the way from 2,000 to 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, and this makes the days very warm and the nights very cold.

The rainy season in Arizona is from the latter part of June till the early part of September and the wind blows all the time. There is usually lots of dust and it is almost impossible for one to keep it out of the house.

The arid desert countries building materials are very expensive which accounts for the numerous adobe structures one sees in passing through the Southwest.

Cattle, too, are very costly. A good milk cow sells for all the way from \$35.00 to \$60.00 and beef cattle brings all the way from \$30.00 to \$40.00 per head depending upon weight and age.

One would naturally assume that, in a country where cattle is raised to such a great extent, beef would be very low in price but a beef-steak in Arizona will cost more than it would in New York or Philadelphia.

A dollar here usually goes about half as far as a dollar in North Carolina. To get any kind of a decent meal at any good restaurant sings ones bank roll about sixty or eighty cents or more if one happens to possess an appetite above normal—and the Arizona climate makes a person very hungry.

Even day labor in this country is higher than skilled labor in the Southern States, and the mines pay from \$4.00 to \$6.50 per day for eight hours work. A girl clerk in a soda water and ice cream stand gets from \$9.00 to \$18.00 per week and hotel and restaurant help draws salaries that would astonish lots of the working people—but with all these high wages and salaries the people in the Southwest do not seem to have any more money than the average cotton mill worker in North Carolina. Living and household expenses are at a maximum and their bank accounts don't grow very fast.

Douglas, a city forty miles north of Bisbee, is the biggest mining center in the state, there being several of the best paying and largest mines there in the country.

Douglas, itself, has a population of about 20,000, 35 per cent of it being Mexicans, and besides there are at present about 7,000 United States soldiers in camp within one mile of the town.

Douglas, has two of the largest smelters in the United States; probably the largest in the world. Viz: The Queen, and the C. & A. which handles all the ore from all the surrounding country. About 8,000 people are employed by these smelters. Douglas, has more drug stores than Charlotte to her population, and more pool-rooms than Cleveland county has blockade 'stills.' There are five churches in the town besides the Salvation army hall and the Y. M. C. A. building where regular services are held. The soldiers spend thousands of dollars here every month and nearly every business man in town caters to the soldier's trade. The dance halls do their share of business and only a day or so after the soldier draws his pay, he finds himself broke.

The largest building in the city of Douglas, is Hotel Gadsen, which is six stories high and has about 250 modern rooms. There are many other hotels here but the Gadsen is the best and likewise the most expensive place to stop. Its rates are from \$2.50 to about \$10.00 per day. There are about twenty first-class restaurants in the town and nearly as many second and no class ones.

The town bears a striking resemblance in some sections to some of the towns I visited in Mexico with the

American Expeditionary forces and although back among English speaking people I feel that I am still too near Mexico for my own personal comfort.

This October I am going to return to the United States where I won't hear any Spanish lingo spoken and don't have to wear goggles all the time to keep the dust out of my eyes. This place surely must be North Carolina—I can't think of any other just now that appeals to me any more.

Best wishes to The Star and its many readers, I remain ever a tarheel.

RAMBLING BILL.

## KINGS MT. NEWS

### Recorder's Court Has a Case of Perjury—Flag Pole Exercises at School—A Wedding.

Kings Mountain, March 31.—Recorder's court was in session here Friday and today with Judge B. T. Falls presiding. In yesterday's session John Hawkins was given thirty days on the chaingang for vagrancy and discharged on a charge of retailing. He was hauled into court again today on two charges of retailing and was given twelve months on the roads. Henry Beatty, another white man, was tried for perjury and bound over to Superior Court. Beatty testified that he had not bought whiskey from John Hawkins and Enoch Gowan swore today that he saw him buy four pints from Hawkins, hence the charge of perjury. The law abiding element of this community are rejoicing at the strict enforcement of the law by Recorder Falls.

The graded school held its fair and flag pole exercises Friday afternoon. The exhibition of work of the school children evinced the fact that Supt. F. W. Orr and his efficient corps of teachers have wrought well this year. Invitations reading as follows have been received by friends:

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ware request the pleasure of your company at the marriage ceremony of their daughter Della Janette, to Ben Dixon Phifer Wednesday evening, the fourth of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen at half past eight o'clock.

## CLEVELAND LOCAL LAWS

- The following local laws pertaining to Cleveland county were passed by the 1917 General Assembly:
- Office of county treasurer re-established; treasurer appointed.
- Shelby Recorder's court.
- Eighty thousand dollars bridge bonds.
- Terms of Superior court fixed.
- Supplemental bridge bond act.
- Dividing line established.
- Additional revenue for Shelby graded schools.
- Salaries fixed.
- New bridges provided for.
- Crowder's Mountain township school district law amended; special tax.
- Commissioners authorized to transfer convicts assigned to work upon the public roads.
- Kings Mountain road district.
- Shelby to issue graded school bonds.
- Supplemental treasurer act.
- Quail protected.
- Commissioners authorized to pay register of deeds for registering births and deaths and making out tax books.
- Dog tax.
- Commissioners authorized to reimburse Shelby for street improvement.
- Veal law repealed.

## A Correction

We wish to make a correction of a news item which appeared in Tuesday's Star in the absence of the Editor. The article stated that Clarence Mode had trouble with his father Julius Mode and had left home. We are informed that this is a plain mis-statement; that Mr. Mode had no trouble with his son whatever, but went to Morganton to work, the party being friendly and free from any ill feeling. While it was the policy of the editor to cut out such correspondence as this, we wish to condemn the writer who signed "Blue Bell" and who was evidently some thoughtless girl who had a grudge against Mr. Mode and his household,—a most estimable family of No. 10 township.

## A Card of Thanks

We want to thank our good friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses toward us during the illness and death of our dear mother and grand mother, Sallie Ann Camp. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with them all, in my prayer.

Mrs. S. P. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Curry.

## HI-KO

For Corns, 25c bottle. Kendall's Drug Store.