

RUTHERFORDTON NEWS OF RECENT INTEREST

Plan Much Street Paving, Building Wave Continue - Join Kiwanis Meeting

Rutherfordton, April 20.—Joseph B. Johnston, Kiwanis lieutenant-governor of this zone and superintendent of Berium Springs' orphanage, was the principal speaker at a joint meeting of the Forest City and Rutherfordton Kiwanis clubs at Forest City last night. The speaker made a plea for the fathers to take more interest in their boys, especially their games, contests, etc., and be real pals to their sons. The meeting was enjoyed and was attended by more than 60 Kiwanians of the two clubs.

The town of Spindale received a large quantity of fish yesterday for restocking Stonecutter creek. They came from the government fisheries at Erwin, Tenn., and were transferred direct from the train to the creek.

The district conference of the Methodist church will meet in Forest City April 27-28. Rev. E. O. Cole, presiding elder of the Marion district, will be in charge. Rev. Mr. Jones, pastor at Rutherfordton college, will deliver the opening sermon Monday evening, April 26. Conference will begin Tuesday.

The town of Rutherfordton has advertised for bids on over \$50,000 worth of paving to be done soon. More than 12,000 yards of paved streets and sidewalks will be laid this summer.

The building wave continues here. New homes are going up on every side. Oliver Hill, contractor is erecting a new home at the edge of town. W. L. Silvers has just completed the erection of two new bungalows in the west end of town while Miss Willard Powers is erecting a modern home on Washington street. Real estate is in big demand and business is good.

There is strong talk of a new 100 room hotel here. This is badly needed. The new \$250,000 courthouse is nearing completion.

Sheriff Hardin was returning from Ellenboro yesterday afternoon when he saw a young man, Vernon Goode, on a truck loaded with darkies who appeared to be under the influence of whisky. The sheriff saw he was about to fade and stopped the truck when Goode fell to the pavement, letting a bottle which contained whiskey fall out. He was arrested, lodged in jail and will be tried before the recorder charged with transporting whiskey.

Cleo and Buford Lamb, young white men of the lower section of the county were arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy George F. Green for being under the influence of whisky and operating a car on the highway. They will be tried Friday. They gave bond for their appearance at court.

County Chairman Ben L. Smith, of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial drive, is planning for Rutherfordton to go over the top in her quota of 8800. Committees in each section of the county have been appointed to solicit funds and the campaign will be pushed to completion.

A large number of ladies met at the Isothermal hotel recently and organized a chapter of the State Federation of Women's clubs with the following officers: President, Mrs. Fred D. Hamrick; vice president, Mrs. A. G. Harrelson; secretary, Mrs. F. W. H. Logan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. B. D. Wilson, and treasurer, Mrs. Leslie Taylor.

Mrs. Frank Chamberlain, of Litchton, who is president of the fourth district of the State Federation of Women's clubs, was present and delivered an address on the activities of the federation.

Rev. S. F. Conrad, of Charlotte, gave an illustrated lecture on Palestine at the Baptist church last night to a packed house. The other churches of town adjourned for the meeting and enjoyed the lecture.

The Democrats of this township held an enthusiastic precinct meeting here Saturday afternoon and elected delegates to the county convention, which meets here Saturday afternoon.

CHERRYVILLE PERSONALS OF SHELBY INTEREST (Cherryville Eagle)

Among those going to Boiling Springs for the Commencement sermon Sunday were, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Falls, Misses Novella and Alma Kendrick, and Messrs. N. B. and Haywood Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Taylor of Shelby were in Cherryville for the week-end, visiting Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Dellinger.

PEACHES AND MOON (Lincoln Co. News)

Mr. B. C. Wood of the County, was in Lincoln Monday after an absence of a month from the County Capital. He reports that there will be a peach crop this year, because the trees bloomed in the light of the moon. Bidding adieu as he departed for home he said "come out and see if I am not right when peach time arrives; and send for me if you need me. I have my work arranged so that you will not bother me."

A hick town is a place where every body thinks the local millionaire bosses the preacher.

UNCONQUERED TRIBE OF FLORIDA INDIANS

Remnant of the Seminoles Are Making Their Last Stand Against The White Man.

The remnant of a still unconquerable tribe of Indians lives in Florida, far from the beaten path of civilization. They are the unconquered Seminole Indians, lords of the Everglades who are making their last stand against the swift advance of the white man. This is the same tribe that once, under the leadership of the wily chief Osecola, staved off defeat by all the military forces of the United States. But now they are vanishing. They are said to be the victims of their refusal to assimilate the new life of America.

These Indians in their native country go about their daily life as they have done since long before the white man set foot on the shores of America. The tribe is governed by John Osecola, son of the old war chief. He is said to be as crafty as his old father and governs with an iron hand yet with wisdom. The tribe lives in small villages or camps. These villages are moved about every six months, or about as often as the game moves. Their sole occupations are hunting fishing and moving. They have crude wagons and oxen for moving purposes. The men ride in state, while the women trudge along and wield the ox-whips. They worship only the green corn. Green corn is also their symbol of faith. They always erect a pole in the center of camp and tie up on it an ear of green corn. Their only religious festival is the Feast of the Green Corn, held annually in June. During this feast the young Indian males take their mates.

The Seminoles are not like the Indians that once roamed the west. They resemble the Orientals closely. The men wear their hair cropped close and the women wear their hair done up after the fashion of the Japanese women. They also have the childish delight in the many-colored garments that the Orientals have. Their grudges are everlasting. They have never forgotten the capture of Chief Osecola by General Winfield Scott in the early 50s. Gen. Scott tricked the old chief into prison at St. Augustine on a promise of immunity if he would go there to discuss terms of peace.

Although the old chief staved himself until he was thin enough to slip through the iron bars and escape they still hold that grudge against the white man. Their children are brought into the world bearing a grudge against the white man for that same trick. The tribe is often threatened by government Indian agents with being sent to the Oklahoma reservation as a punishment for chasing hunters who happen near their settlements. Whereupon they pack up and move into the depths of the 6,200 miles of swamp lands and jungles to hide. They will not be conquered.

These Florida Indians are unusually large physically. Most of the men are over five feet 10 inches tall. The women are also large in stature. However, for each child born five of the older members of the tribe are said to pass away to the happy hunting ground. For this reason it is believed that they will soon vanish from the earth.

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RURAL SCHOOL INEQUALITY

(News and Observer)

Two hundred thousand white children and 180,000 negro children lack the advantages of an eight months school term in North Carolina. The actual figures for 1924-25 were 374,009.

The average length of term for white country children was 137.9 days and for white children 177.6 days for 1924-25, a difference of 40 days or two months.

The percentage in schools with terms of more than six months for the same session was 53.6 in the country and 99.8 in the city for white children.

There were 225,615 rural white children and 135,953 white city children in schools having terms of eight months or more.

There were 195,519 white rural children and 309 white city children in schools with terms of less than eight months.

These are a few facts about the school situation in North Carolina compiled by the State Department of education for the school year preceding the present one.

With 225,615 white country children in schools for terms of eight months or more or almost double the number of white city children, the picture looks encouraging until the next item is reached. There were 195,519 white children in the country as against none in the city that lack the opportunity of going to school eight months in the year.

In other words there are nearly as many rural white children without the advantages of an eight months school term as there are that have them while no city child lacks such advantages.

Not only are 200,000 white school children penalized as compared with the advantages enjoyed by the city school child but they are also penalized as compared with more than that number of country school children.

There is not only inequality as between city and country but inequality in the country.

Marion Talley to Sing in Charlotte

Tickets On Sale There May 1. Many Music Lovers of Section Plan To Attend

Many of the music lovers in this city and surrounding country are contemplating attending the Marion Talley Concert to be held in Charlotte on May 20. According to statement issued by Miss Lena Rivers Smith, Editor of Lamp Light Letters, who secured Miss Talley for the Charlotte Concert, tickets will be placed on sale at Parker-Gardners, Charlotte, N. C., on May 1.

Already many requests have come from the two Carolinas for a reservation of seats on the date and as the seating capacity of the City Auditorium has been limited by the Fire Insurance Commissioner to 1800 it is expected that the house will be sold out in advance.

Miss Talley has given two concerts before going to Atlanta for Grand Opera; one at Hartford, Conn. and one at Scranton, Pa., and both places where she sang to four and five thousand audiences people were turned away and the houses sold in advance.

Wild Goose Wizard Traps 500 Crows

Jack Miner, internationally known for his remarkable feats in attracting wild geese and ducks to his home at Kingsville, Ontario, has turned his attention to the eradication of crows. He has perfected a trap with which he has caught over 500 crows at one time.

It appears that his attention to the matter was directed when observing the ineffective methods used in attempting to destroy crows in Western Canada and on his return home from a lecture trip he set to work to devise a trap which would accomplish results. His efforts were successful. "It is only necessary," says Miner, "that you know more than the crows."

Miner's phenomenal success in trapping crows has attracted the attention of ornithologists and others some of whom condemn him for whole killing of crows and seek to set up an alibi for the crow as a destructive bird.

The fact are indisputable that under modern changed conditions the crow has increased out of all proportion to the original balance of nature and evidence is abundant as to its destructive habits when congregated in excessive numbers.

The balance of testimony is very generally conceded to be against the crow wherever abundant, both as a nuisance to farmers' crops and to the eggs and young of useful birds, including game birds. No one would wish to exterminate the crow, of which there is not the slightest danger, but that it should be kept within reasonable bounds is generally agreed.

More power to Jack Miller and his trap.—Field and Stream.

There's another way in which drugstore cowboys seem western. Their heads have such large open spaces. Let's never have recall of judicial decisions. It might extend to umpires and that would mean chaos.

NEAL WILL PUSH EVOLUTION FIGHT

In Raleigh Thursday, says the News & Observer, to organize the election machinery for the primary on June 5 and to see to it that all candidates have an opportunity to file before the expiration of the time limit on Saturday, April 24, Judge Walter H. Neal, of Laurinburg, paused long enough from his duties as chairman of the State Board of Elections to discuss his newly acquired position as chairman of the "Committee Of One Hundred" organized in Charlotte recently in the interest of combatting the theory of evolution.

"We have not done anything more but we will," stated Judge Neal, who announced after the meeting that an organization would be effected in each of the 100 counties of the State. "I do not know" was Judge Neal's answer to a question as to whether the organization was formed with a view to the primaries in June for nomination of members of the Legislature.

"They asked me to attend the meeting in Charlotte and I did and when I got there they asked me to serve as chairman and I accepted," he continued.

Most of the active figures in the new organization were outspoken advocates of the Poole bill barring the theory of evolution from the public schools which was defeated by the last Legislature.

Burbank's Religion

(News & Observer)

The death of Luther Burbank, "the plant wizard of Santa Rosa," so soon after his statement, "I am an infidel," following his declaration that he was an infidel "in the same sense Christ was," has created wide discussion. Many people have refused to take the "I am an infidel"

as the real faith of the man. Mrs. John Kendricks Bangs, who has recently received a letter from Swami Yogananda, an East Indian philosopher, who the Mount Washington Educational Center in Los Angeles gives a lot for publication. It describes the simplicity of Burbank's life, and goes on to say: Burbank's spiritual outlook upon life made a deep impression upon the Swam, who says that the great naturalist's faith in God is as profound as his love for humanity is broad.

"Perhaps," he writes "his paternal affection for reticent plants, creepers and flowers has enhanced his love for humanity. "He is one of saintliest of men I have ever met, either in the East or in the West. Being in close touch with the universal nature his ideas on religion are, no doubt, too comprehensive for the orthodox to comprehend. He is no more an atheist than the Archbishop of Canterbury is a Moslem, though he rather enjoys calling himself an 'infidel.' Nevertheless, he believes so much in God that he has become godly himself through love, purity and unselfish service. To look at his face with its penetrating eyes and compassionate smile is to see a man bathed in the radiance of God."

"He told me plainly that he believed in the Hindu doctrine of reincarnation—a philosophy that helped in the solution of many complex problems of life. As a scientist, he assured me he could not conscientiously refuse to accept truth, no matter from where it came and in whatever form."

A magazine considered naughty in one section is all right in another. Is decency, like the tariff, a local issue? You've noticed that a genius marries a dumb one. The reason is that his vanity can't stand competition. Imagine a little fellow on a lonely street with a pay roll. Now imagine the Filipino's resources without Uncle Sam at hand.

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