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## GATHER APRIL 1

### County Courts to Hold Patriotic Meetings

Governor Tom C. Rye has issued a letter to all county judges, chairmen of county courts and justices of the peace in the state, calling upon them to suspend business for one hour at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, April 1, when the county courts of the state meet in quarterly session. During this hour it is planned to have a patriotic gathering at the court house of the people in each county where the grave questions involved in the war might be considered.

The governor's letter follows:

"As the United States is involved in the gravest crisis in its history, I deem it my solemn duty to ask the county courts of Tennessee at their quarterly meeting on the first Monday in April, 1918, to suspend business for one hour at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, so that people in every county in Tennessee may assemble at the court house and consider the grave questions involved in the world war;

"The State Council of National Defense has prepared a full statement of facts. This statement is earnestly commended to your attention, and I ask that it be read at 1 o'clock by some good reader whom you may select for this purpose. After this statement has been read, brief and appropriate remarks should be made by citizens selected by you, emphasizing the necessity of the patriotic fulfillment of our obligations to our country in this emergency. In this manner, at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of April 1, 1918, will be held in every county of our state a great patriotic meeting, where the problems that confront us will be considered and explained, and a proper tribute be paid those noble sons of your country who have joined the ranks of our defense.

"So important is this occasion that I wish to charge the responsibility to each justice for representation from his district at this meeting.

"For your information, the chairman of the county councils of defense, county food administrator, county fuel administrator, local exemption boards, legal advisory boards have been directed to co-operate with you in this meeting, and you are at liberty and requested to call upon these for such assistance as may be necessary to make this meeting a success.

"In meetings of this character our forefathers fostered liberty, and in this manner let us preserve that liberty for our children.

"Respectfully,

"Tom C. Rye, Governor."

### To Award S. S. Diplomas

Eld. L. R. Riley, of Trezevant, for the past several weeks has been conducting a class in the teachers' normal of the Southern Baptist Convention. The class consisted of sixteen teachers who are interested in the work of the Sunday school. Diplomas will be issued to those passing the examination, which has just been concluded. Others are preparing to take the course soon.

### Eighth Grade Students

The Carroll County Board of Education has ordered an examination to be held on March 23 for all eighth grade students in the county, who wish to be promoted to the high schools. Any and all students who have finished the first eight grades of school work and wish to enter the first year of high school work, are requested and they are required to take this examination at some one of the

following places: Lavinia, Trezevant, Christmasville, McKenzie, McLemoresville, Huntingdon, Hollow Rock, Clarksburg, Buena Vista, New Zion, Atwood and Lankford. Examination will begin at 10 o'clock and continue until the examination is finished in the following branches: Orthography, reading, writing, grammar, Tennessee history, United States history, geography and physiology.

Owing to the shortage of teachers we hope every young man and woman completing the eighth grade will take this examination at some one of the above places and enter upon high school work and later prepare for the profession of teaching.

Yours truly,

D. T. BARNHILL,

Secretary County Board of Education.

### Covert--Burch

On Thursday of last week Mr. E. C. Covert and Mrs. Mattie Burch, both of Nashville, came here on the 11 o'clock train and were married in the court room, Judge Wilson Enochs officiating. Mr. Covert is a traveling salesman. They left on the afternoon train for Jackson.

### FATHER DROWNS SELF

J. A. Roane Commits Suicide Near Spring Creek

J. A. Roane, farmer, aged 70 years, committed suicide by drowning himself in the Forked Deer river near Spring Creek late Saturday night. The body was recovered Sunday afternoon by searching parties. He had been missing since Saturday afternoon.

The cause of the suicide, it is claimed, was the result of Mr. Roane's eldest son, Raymond, being placed in class one of the draft. He is alleged to have remarked Friday that he had nothing to live for, now that his boy would have to go to war. Raymond is 21 years of age.

When brought from the river Mr. Roane's body was weighed down with what farmers know as the shoe, part of a cotton scraper. It was attached to his neck by a piece of wire. In addition to his son, Raymond, Mr. Roane is survived by a wife and two other children.

Prof. J. H. Bayer, of Nashville, was in Huntingdon on business Tuesday.

### RYE'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN

#### Endorses Their Efforts to Harmonize Their Work

To the Women of Tennessee:

My attention has been called to the proposed meeting of the Tennessee women engaged in war work to be held in the Hall of Representatives on the 4th and 5th of April, next. For the purpose of emphasizing the importance of this meeting, I desire to endorse the efforts of the good women of the state to bring about a more thorough understanding and appreciation of the great work to be done by the different women's organizations, so that all may work together in harmony to accomplish the desired end and produce greater results.

The great value and efficiency of our women in this as well as every laudable undertaking can not be overestimated. Without their assistance we can hope to accomplish but little in things worth while, and we realize that without their unselfish devotion to the cause nearest and dearest to the heart of every American citizen, the supreme sacrifice our sons are making for humanity will have been made in vain.

It is expected and desired that this meeting will eliminate all duplicate work now being done and prevent such confusion and waste of energies in the future. Plans should be devised for the systematic conduct of all women's war work activities.

I trust that all women in the state, without regard to particular organizations with which they are affiliated, will attend this meeting, and in their coming together they will have but one motive, one object, one purpose, and that is: How best to aid in this titanic struggle for principles and humanity.

TOM C. RYE.

### Mail "Over There"

American relatives writing to soldiers in France are requested by the United States postal service in France to be more careful in directing mail. They are asked to write in ink and direct the letters "Private" or "Captain" or whatever the man's rank is. Thirty days is about the average time it requires for a letter to reach a soldier from the date of mailing.

### "NORTHERN LIGHTS"

#### Attract Attention and Much Comment Here

Thursday night of last week our people were attracted by a brilliant light in the north. It was the appearance of the "Northern Lights" or Aurora Borealis, and it had been so long since this phenomenon of nature was visible here that at first it did not dawn upon the people as to just what it was. There were all sorts of guesses as to what caused the peculiar lights in the north, and some associated their appearance with the war in some way. It has been twenty-four years since these lights were so plainly visible here, but further north they are seen more often and do not attract so much attention.

The exact cause of the Northern Lights has not yet been established. Scientists have wrestled with the question for many years, and they seem no nearer a decision as to the cause than they were when the investigation began. It is the general opinion that the Aurora is in some way associated with the magnetism of the earth. The Encyclopedia Americana says: "What can be said with reasonable probability is that the Aurora is caused by irregular emanation of corpuscles from the sun, which are stopped in the upper regions of our atmosphere." And it would seem that this is virtually all that there is "reasonably probable" as to actual knowledge of the cause of the lights. It is said that sun spots have something to do with the lights, and yet just what relation the sun spots bear to the appearance of the lights has not been established.

In describing the lights, the Americana says: "Careful examination will show that the illumination in the form of a broad arch, highest near the magnetic north, and reaching the horizon in the northeast and northwest directions. Presently beams of light are seen crossing this arch with a quivering or flickering motion, and shooting toward the zenith. Each beam constantly varies in brightness and seemingly fades away to give place to another."

Those who felt any degree of fright over the spectacle presented in the heavens Thursday night

may rest easy, as it has no bearing on the war nor any other world event. It is natural and has been recurring from time immemorial. The people of the northern sections of the United States have become so accustomed to the "Northern Lights" that they pay no more attention to them than to the rising and setting of the sun.

### Wreck at McKenzie

A railway wreck occurred about 12 o'clock Thursday night of last week at McKenzie, demolishing several passenger and freight cars and bruising several passengers, but no lives were lost or critical injuries sustained. A freight train was standing on the N., C. & St. L. tracks when passenger train No. 104 on the L. & N. road, which crosses the N., C. & St. L. nearly at right angles, backed into the freight train. Three Pullman cars on the L. & N. train were thrown from the track and overturned, one being badly wrecked. Fortunately the passengers escaped, only four or five receiving slight injuries. Two freight cars were completely wrecked, one being loaded with hay, the other with coal oil or gasoline stoves.

### GOOD ROADS CONGRESS

#### Much Enthusiasm Developed for the Cause at Jackson

The congress of good roads held in Jackson was well attended and was a splendid success. All of the twenty-one counties in West Tennessee, except Lake, Tipton and Obion, were represented by enthusiastic delegates, willing to teach and be taught. Due to the large attendance, the meeting place was changed from the rooms of the Association of Commerce to the court house. J. D. Johnson, assistant commissioner of agriculture presided over the meeting in the forenoon, and R. A. Hurt, one of the road commissioners of Madison county, presided in the afternoon.

Neely M. Key, city attorney, delivered a very cordial welcome address. Thomas B. King, chairman good roads' committee, Memphis Chamber of Commerce, was the first speaker on the program. A. M. Nelson, state highway engineer, on the proper system and method of maintaining earth and gravel roads, was highly entertaining and helpful.

Much enthusiasm was aroused by the day's convention, and there is no doubt that much that is practical and useful in the great question of building and maintaining roads in West Tennessee will result from the discussions.

### WAR SAVINGS DAY

#### Governor Rye Asks Business Men to Suspend One Hour

Governor Rye has issued the following proclamation, naming March 23, as War Savings Day in Tennessee.

Whereas, It is incumbent that emphatic attention of the American people must be called to their duty as civilians to support the armies at the front and in training camps, which will soon be fighting along hundreds of miles of the western front in France and Belgium, offering the supreme sacrifice that democratic principles and free government may not disappear from the face of the earth and that their women and their children may continue to live in safety from the rapacity, cruelty, lust and terrorism of the conscienceless Hun;

Whereas, No other opportunity for universal sacrifice, that our armies may be equipped for the great fight and be enabled to win quickly and be returned again victors to their native shores, has been offered that is more practical or reasonable than investment of small savings in thrift stamps, war savings stamps and war savings certificates (baby bonds);

It is therefore hereby proclaimed, That a day is set apart on which the people of Tennessee are asked for the period of least one hour on that day to suspend their usual vocations and join in a universal rally having for its purpose the sale to every man, woman and child in the Volunteer State of one savings stamp, if no more, so as to start the habit of thrift and the practice of loaning out small savings to our Washington government for use in financing the war. To this end, I, Tom C. Rye, governor of the State of Tennessee, do so now delegate Saturday, March 23, 1918, as War Savings Day in Tennessee and do call upon all our people to lend their presence, influence and enthusiasm to this great movement, pushed with so great energy as a patriotic endeavor by some of our leading citizens. Let ordinary business on that day be suspended from 1 o'clock to 2 o'clock in the afternoon and let the people meet in their respective community centers and every one of them buy, as well as sell to their neighbors, these stamps and baby bonds of the government.

Let us not forget that the measure of purchases of these stamps, the same is the measure of our sacrifice of things and the labor it takes to produce them so the government may be able to secure the labor to produce the things that must be secured if our soldiers are to be properly equipped and safely transported to the scene of this great conflict.

### Beverly A. Jones

Beverly A. Jones, a farmer residing three miles west of Trezevant, died suddenly at his home Sunday, at the age of 71 years. His wife and fourteen children survive him. He was a member of the Baptist church and his remains were buried in the Mt. Pisgah cemetery, near Atwood, after funeral services conducted by his pastor, Eld. S. Allen.

### Arm Broken

Miss Ruby Scates was the victim of a serious accident Wednesday of last week. While near the station at Hico the horse she was driving became frightened at a passing train and ran away. She was thrown out of the buggy, breaking one of her arms and otherwise bruising her up bodily. She is the daughter of Walter Scates, who lives five miles north of town on the McK. road. The buggy was badly wrecked.

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