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New Arrangement Is a Big Stroke For Local Institution

DR. MAHONEY WILL TAKE CHARGE JANUARY 15TH

Miss Elliott Declares That the Coming of New Force Will Solve Problem for Hospital

DR. RANKIN COMMENDS ARRANGEMENT

"I believe that the securing of Dr. A. F. Mahoney, of Clio, S. C., as resident surgeon will solve the hospital problem for Monroe and Union county," declared Miss Cornelia Elliott, superintendent of the Ellen Fitzgerald hospital, yesterday afternoon. The opinion was expressed that the action of the directors in securing a resident surgeon would give a coordination that would mean success for the hospital.

At the regular meeting of the directors of the hospital Wednesday evening, Miss Elliott tendered her resignation as superintendent. Miss Sophia Berry of Wilmington also resigned as assistant superintendent. While members of the board of directors commended the work of these two young ladies in the months that they have been here and expressed regret at the resignation, the coming of Dr. Mahoney on January 15, made acceptance imperative.

During the fifteen months that these young women have been in charge of the hospital they have given efficient service and have made many friends. The hope was expressed by some of the directors that an arrangement might be made whereby they would remain in Monroe.

Miss Elliott stated yesterday afternoon that she had not definitely decided as to what she would do, but that she, as well as Miss Berry, would probably form executive connection with some hospital in the State. Miss Elliott plans to visit relatives in South Carolina for a time.

The coming of Dr. Mahoney as resident-surgeon about the middle of January should mark a new era in the hospital for Monroe. A surgeon of known repute, Dr. Mahoney is bringing with him his assistant surgeon and staff of workers that have made the Clio hospital a success. Doctors from surrounding counties sent their patients to Dr. Mahoney at Clio.

In securing Dr. Mahoney the directors of the hospital have taken every precaution to insure the proper regard for local surgeons and practicing physicians. Under the contract which has been signed with the South Carolina man, the hospital is still to be run as an open hospital. The operating room and all equipment is still to be at the service of all licensed surgeons. The directors took especial care to assure this feature. Any patient at the hospital will be free to secure any physician desired.

Already several young women are taking training as nurses at the hospital and this feature too will be continued.

The Journal lately had a talk with Dr. W. S. Rankin, Secretary of the State Board of Health and a recognized leader in public health work in the United States, on the subject of public local hospitals. He referred especially to the new arrangement made by the directors of the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital and thought it a fine solution of the problem. He takes the position that the creation of county hospitals is the only method by which a sufficient supply of doctors can be kept within reach of the people of the small towns and the rural districts. He expects to advocate the idea of county hospitals supported jointly by the State and the county, so that eventually there will be a hospital within every county. The reason for the nearness of hospitals was thus explained by him:

"In the first place, the tremendous development of medical science within the last 25 or 30 years, bringing in the use of the X-ray, the Wasserman Test, the use of radium, the cardio-electrograph and numerous blood, and bacteriological tests has made it impossible for the individual physician to satisfactorily deal with the entire field of medicine. The result is the tremendous development of specialists and a growing decrease in general practitioners. The specialist cannot remain in rural districts without doing a general practice and can only find a sufficient group afflicted with the problems that fall within his speciality in urban communities. Therefore, the specialist goes to the town or city. Another thing that has drawn physicians from rural to urban communities is the hospital. Modern medical education uses the hospital as its teaching laboratory. The recent graduate of medicine, taught hospital methods, feels almost dependent on hospitals and so he moves to the city where he has hospital facilities. This point is illustrated by a young physician who consulted me with reference to finding a suitable location to practice in this state. He was interested especially in surgery and had a hospital experience of seven years in surgery. He had spent, I presume, most of his resources in acquiring a medical training. He asked me only about the cities without the hospitals. Moreover, he could not practice in a town where there was not a public hospital and so he was restricted in the possibilities of a location in North Carolina to from 8 to 10 cities in which there was a hospital and it is interesting to note that at these particular cities

MAKING NO FIGHT ON CHAIRMAN McRAE

I want to say to the taxpayers of Union County, that it is not my intention to make a fight on Mr. J. D. McRae personally but to reduce the burdens of the taxpayers by cutting out needless offices and the pay that is now being paid for the services that are not necessary on account of not having funds to continue the building of roads. The funds are practically exhausted from the million dollar bond issue and that there is no hope that a further bond issue can be had anyway soon in the county on account of the financial condition of the people and the burdens of our present taxes.

Any one who says that I am making the effort to change the present system of operating the roads and reducing the burdens of taxation on the people of the county is for my own aggrandisement, is a liar and without any foundation.

I made the promise to my friends more than a year ago that I would make an effort to reduce the burdens of taxation on the people and that I intend to make an effort in the future to do so in spite of all the Jim Prices and others to the contrary.

All the talk about the changing of officers from Clerk of Superior Court to Sheriff from Sheriff to Clerk of the Superior court, and Register of Deeds to Superintendent of schools and vice versa, is all "tommy rot" and far from the question at issue and only begging the question and is a reflection on the good people of the County. Mr. Price in his article in The Journal says that I have "raised more hell in a short time than has ever been raised by any one in the county" and in this connection I desire to say for Mr. Price's benefit that he has on two or more occasions raised a lot of hell in the county clamoring for office with defeat in them for himself and if I am defeated in my effort to reduce the expenses of the taxpayers of the people by abolishing needless offices that I will still be very much behind him in raising hell.

JOHN GRIFFITH.

Santa Claus Not Such a Myth In Alaska

Washington, Dec. 28.—Old Saint Nick, with his packed sled and harnessed reindeer, prancing over the country with jingling bells, and digging his way through piled snow drifts, is not so mythical after all—for he really does appear to many people just that way.

It is in Alaska, where Uncle Sam's mails are delivered in winter by fur-clad carriers riding in reindeer drawn sleds to the tune of merry chimes. Far-away places in Alaska get few deliveries of mail, but the schedule is nearly always arranged so that each pioneer camp in out-of-the-way places where the deep snow prevent much intercourse with the outer world, gets its Christmas mail near the holidays.

The Postoffice Department sends out 94,000 first assistants to old Santa Claus, and although they don't wear his livery of red and fur and natty black boots, their gray uniforms are just as welcome along toward the last days of December. Every day is Christmas for the postal workers the month before December 25. It is a hectic season with them to get the untold quantities of mail to those for whom they are intended.

But they do their work with a will and a smile, say Department officials, who ask your help in their work by making it easy for them to deliver all the gifts by Christmas Day.

RETAIN ELECTORS IN EACH TOWNSHIP

In the petitions that have been circulated by me asking our Representatives to make a change in our present road law, I neglected, or rather omitted, to state that it would be necessary to have a representative from each township similar to that now in operation. Nor do I see why the County Commissioners, should the change be made, should not reappoint or continue in office the present elector from each township as I consider each of them good men.

At present the County Commissioners meet the first Monday in each month for the transaction of business, and occasionally they hold over for a two-days session. I think the Road Electorate or County Supervisor should meet with the County Commissioners on, say, the first Wednesday of each month, and from among them can be selected a secretary to this board who could also keep the books which would not require exceeding one or two days out of each month. All such details can be threshed out by our Representatives and incorporated in a bill.

JOHN GRIFFITH.

there is a considerable surplus of physicians. "Specialization and dependence upon the hospitals have then decreased the number of general practitioners. This is, the country practitioner and the hospitals have caused redistribution of doctors so that today 63 per cent of doctors are located in cities of 5000 and over where 47 per cent of population lives and the other 37 per cent of physicians are scattered through the small towns and rural districts where traveling is more difficult to look after the other 53 per cent of the population.

CAROLINA ALUMNI AND STUDENTS HOLD MEET

Addresses by Mr. Comber and Dr. Neal and Election of Officers Features Banquet

An address by Mr. A. J. Comber, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., a talk by Dr. J. W. Neal, and the election of officers for the alumni association featured the annual banquet of Union County alumni of the University of North Carolina at the Joffre hotel Wednesday evening. Hon. R. B. Redwine was elected as president of the Union county association for 1923 and Miss Anna Bernard Benson was re-elected as secretary. Forty students and alumni were present for the affair.

Mr. Comber, as general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the Carolina, is in direct touch with the student body of the institution and heads the self-help feature of the University. His address Wednesday evening was along the line of his work. He explained the workings of the self-help system, what student government is doing at the Hill and gave an idea concerning proposed plans for the enlargement of the University. Mr. Comber is one of the most popular members of the Carolina faculty and his speech Wednesday evening was well received.

Dr. J. W. Neal as a practicing physician, gave facts concerning the proposed extension of the medical course at Carolina to a full four year course, with proper medical and chemical advantages. He showed the State's need for a modern medical school. Short talks were delivered by Messrs. R. W. Lemmond and W. B. Love.

Mr. Herdon Hasty, an old athletic hero at Carolina and a member of the athletic council of the institution, acted as cheer and song leader at the banquet and kept things brim full of the Carolina spirit. Each banqueter was furnished with a copy of Carolina songs and with Mrs. Herdon Hasty at the piano they were sung in rousing fashion.

The banquet was held in the spacious dining room of the Joffre which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Carolina banners and pennants were conspicuously displayed in a color scheme of pale blue and white, the Carolina colors. An appetizing dinner was served.

SENATE FELICITATES PRESIDENT WILSON

Says It's Glad to Hear That His Health Is Better—His 66th Birthday

Washington, Dec. 28.—Friends of Woodrow Wilson who are raising a \$1,000,000 fund for the perpetuation of his ideals, celebrated his 66th birthday today by sending him word, through a delegation which called at his S. street home, that the success of their movement was assured.

At the same time, the senate adopted a resolution offered by Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, expressing "pleasure and joy" at his recovery toward health. The resolution was put through quickly with a chorus of ayes from the democratic side of the chamber, many of the republican senators, engrossed in other matters, apparently paying no attention to its purport.

Senator Harris in presenting the resolution soon after the Senate convened pointed out that today was the 66th birthday of the former president, spoke of the many telegrams of congratulation and felicitation pouring in at the Wilson home here, and said it seemed proper and fitting that the senate add its tribute.

Unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the resolution was asked by Senator Harris and no objection being offered the resolution was passed before some senators who had been engrossed a few minutes before in listening to President Harding's letter to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, on the Borah world economic conference proposal realized what it was all about.

The text of the resolution follows: "Whereas, the senate has heard with great pleasure the announcement of the rapid recovery to good health of former President, Honorable Woodrow Wilson, be it

Resolved, that the vice president be requested to convey to the Honorable Woodrow Wilson the pleasure and joy of the senate of the United States because of his rapid recovery to good health."

The former president spent his birthday quietly. For an hour or more a group of men and women stood in the rain in front of his home hoping that he might appear to greet them, but all they saw of the war-time President was a glimpse of him as he drove off in his limousine late in the day for his daily ride.

During the day messages of felicitation came to Mr. Wilson from all parts of the world. A few close friends called to extend greetings, the delegation representing the Woodrow Wilson foundation arriving at 3 o'clock, for a 40-minute visit. In the group were Hamilton Holt, and Mrs. Charles E. Simonson, of New York City; Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, and Miss Caroline Rantz-Rees, of Greenwich, Conn., all members of the foundation's executive committee.

Looking Ahead
Footpad (to novice): "Nother thing, Bill, always knock a couple o' teeth out of yer guy. He may have gold ones put in, yer see, but that'd make business good the next time."

MR. BLAIR AND MISS BLAKENEY MARRIED

Event Took Place Dec. 5. But Not Announced Till This Week—Other Marshville News

Marshville, Dec. 28.—Seldom has the town been so shocked and so sorrowful for others as it was on hearing Christmas Day of the sudden death of little Jean Garland, aged about three years and ten months, which occurred at Jefferson, S. C., early Christmas morning, a form of asthma being the cause. Mr. J. T. Garland and family had come to Jefferson Sunday to spend the holidays and that night the little girl became eroney, and though given all attention the trouble attacked the heart, and unexpectedly the little life passed out as a little candle extinguished by a gentle breeze. It seemed an angel whispered, a call was given, the baby winced its way to heaven. Funeral services were held here in the Presbyterian church at two o'clock. Rev. C. E. White of Presbyterian church officiated, assisted by Rev. J. J. Edwards, A. Marsh and Bryce Williams. The pall bearers were four young girls, and many floral offerings attested to the love and esteem of friends. Rev. and Mrs. Dallas of Ware Shoals, S. C., father and mother of Mrs. Garland also were with the bereaved parents, as were also the sisters and brothers of Mr. Garland, namely, Miss Helen Garland, Mrs. Miller of Jefferson, Mr. Bob Garland and others from South Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Bogan of Wingate also attended the funeral.

A marriage of interest to our people here occurred Wednesday afternoon when the attractive daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Barrett of Peachland—Miss Julia Barrett—became the bride of C. D. Davidson, a young man of fine character and business ability as express agent here. The young people left for a trip to Jacksonville and other points in Florida.

Another marriage just made known here a few days ago was that of Miss Maggie Blakeney, sister of Mrs. Carl Parker to Mr. Seborn Blair, son of Dr. M. P. Blair of this place. Mr. Blair is a student of Chapel Hill University and Miss Blakeney a student at the N. C. College for Women. The marriage occurred in Charlotte on Dec. 5, and was kept a profound secret until Wednesday, when it was announced at a reception given by Mrs. Lee Ashcraft. The young people are very popular in Marshville. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Blair will both pursue their studies at the University.

Several of our people who have been away this year have been home for the holidays. Among them are Miss Pauline Stegall, Greensboro; Miss Mattie Smith, Miss Edwin Griffin, and Mr. Seborn Blair of N. C. University. Miss Wate Morgan who is teaching at Acme near Wilmington is home for the season. Miss Dare Hamilton who teaches at Taxahaw, S. C., has returned to her school. Mr. Tom Little of University has been at home for some days. Miss Ruby Little of Raleigh spent Christmas with her mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Marsh, and son, Mr. Oscar Tucker.

Miss Sams of Raleigh is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fred Ashcraft.

Mr. J. C. Little and family of Raleigh spent the past week with Mrs. Irene Marsh, returning to Raleigh Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marsh had as their guests Wednesday Dr. and Mrs. McCool of Gastonia, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Love and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sutton of Monroe, Mrs. Garrison and son of Unionville, and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Huggins.

THREE MEN EATEN BY TIMBER WOLVES

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27.—A great roving band of hungry timber wolves has devoured three men, according to meagre reports sifting in today from the snow covered trails of the Sturgeon river country. These reports told of a losing battle fought by two Indians after a white trapper had been downed and killed.

Last Saturday an elderly trapper left his cabin in the woods 70 miles north of Ignace to mush down to the settlement for his Christmas mail. He arrived in safety. There was no mail, however, and the old man said he would come back Christmas morning. At noon he had not arrived. The postmaster sent two Indians to follow the trail until they found him.

About two miles from the settlement the Indians found a spot pounded down in the snow and crimson hued. Bits of dog harness torn to shreds were scattered about. In the midst of them the Indians found human bones. They hastened back to report the discovery.

The lure of the bounty on wolves, however, urged the Indians to take the trail again with extra ammunition. They sped behind their dog team into the woods as the villagers waved goodbye. They did not return. Yesterday a new searching party departed. They found another patch trodden in the snow about two miles beyond the first.

The two guns the Indians had carried were lying there and scattered about were bones, bits of clothing and empty shells.

The carcasses of 16 dead wolves lay stretched in a circle about the trampled patch of snow.

Wingate Junior College Big Step In Educational Work

1921 DEATH RATE LOWER THAN ANY OTHER YEAR

Figure to Census Bureau Indicate That Death Figures for 1922 Will Be Larger than in '21

Washington, Dec. 27.—Declines in the death rates from heart disease, influenza and pneumonia, and tuberculosis in all its forms, the principal causes of death in the United States, were the outstanding features of 1921, showing the lowest death rate recorded in any year since the beginning of the annual compilations in 1900, the census bureau announced today. Increases were shown in the rate for cancer, automobile accidents and injuries, diphtheria, typhoid, suldo, and homicides, and several other causes.

While the 1921 death rate was 11.6 per 1,000 compared with 13.1 in 1920, a higher rate for 1922 is indicated in the reports for that period. These rates are for the registration area of the continental United States, comprising 34 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 cities in non-registration states, with a total estimated population on July 1 of 88,667,602, or 82.2 per cent of the estimated population of the United States on that date, which was 109,248,393.

The total number of deaths in the registration area was 1,032,000, compared with 1,142,558 in 1920. The rate per 100,000 was 1163.9 compared with 1306.0 in 1920. Based on the death rate for the registration area the number of deaths for the whole United States for 1921 approximates 1,271,444.

Heart diseases were responsible for one-eighth of all deaths, or 130,351 deaths in 1921, but the rate per 100,000 declined from 149.7 to 147.0.

Influenza and pneumonia in all forms caused 88,458 deaths, compared with 182,205 in 1920, the rate declining from 208.3 to 99.8.

Tuberculosis in all its forms resulted in 88,135 deaths compared with 99,916 in 1920, the rate declining from 114.2 to 99.4. Cancer and other malignant tumors were responsible for 76,274 deaths compared with 72,931 in 1920, the rate increasing from 83.4 to 86.0.

Automobile accidents and injuries resulted in 10,163 deaths, compared with 9,103, the rate increasing from 10.4 to 11.5 per 100,000 population. Suicides numbered 11,136 compared with 8,959 in 1920, the rate increasing from 10.2 to 12.6. Of the suicides 4,122 were by firearms, 712 by cutting or piercing instruments, 1,942 by hanging or strangulation, 1,739 by poison, 1,401 by asphyxia, 710 by drowning, 217 by jumping from high places, 130 by crushing, and 109 by other means. Homicides also increased, numbering 7,545 compared with 6,205 in 1920, the rate increasing from 7.1 to 8.5. Firearms accounted for 5,509 of the homicides, cutting and piercing instruments 768 and others means 1,268.

Declines were shown in the number of deaths from railroad accidents and injuries, mine accidents and injuries, machinery accidents and injuries, street car accidents and injuries.

Third Christmas Dinner of the Pigg Family

The Pigg family held their third Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Pigg, near Brief, on December 25th. It is held every year in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pigg.

There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pigg seven children, three boys and four girls. The children are all living but one, who died fifteen years ago of cancer.

The only exercise of the day was a Christmas tree. Each of their children and grandchildren presented to Mr. and Mrs. Pigg a present after a picnic dinner was served.

On Christmas every sane human being who has been taught the Christian faith turns bitterly or contentedly, sorrowfully or happily, toward thought of the great birthday. The thrill of its beauty return to them. Some memory of childhood association with it will touch them; some desire to pass it on to their own children urges them. The day will never be when any of the family now living will see again such a Christmas day as the one which closed Monday when the dying sun sank behind the western hills, gave a raise on the sky purple and yellow. A winter day, it was shot to the heart with sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pigg and children, Murry, Hoyle Glenn, Maie, Earl, Oakley, and Pauline; Mr. and Mrs. Lem Helms and children, Ova (Eva, Hommer, Verla, J. L., Jr., Opal, Aurelia, Victor, Vaughn and Norman. Owing to the fact that the family has measles, Hommer was the only one present; Mr. and Mrs. Bannah Lem Helms and children, Ova, Eva, Mildred and Erman; Mr. and Mrs. Banks Clontz and children, Pascal, Dorris, Bland and Garren; Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Black and children, Alene, Marie, Geraldine and Delane. Miss Mamie Pigg is the only one at home. "God's benediction came down with Christmas day slowly drooping its light, and an through and through its beauty and stillness unspoken, but appealing to every soul was His invocation and promise: "Peace on earth and good will to man."

"Boy, does yo' get a letter from de Ku Kluxes, what yo' gwine do wid it?"

COLLEGE COURSE WILL BEGIN NEXT SEPTEMBER

Trustees Meet and Plan for Thirty Students to Start College Course at First

ONE OF THREE NEW JUNIOR COLLEGES

Members of the board of trustees of the Junior college provided for at Wingate by action of the Baptist convention in Winston-Salem recently, meeting in Wingate yesterday, outlined plans for opening the college next September. Various committees necessary to the organization of the college on a basis of standards outlined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools were appointed at the meeting. Fifteen members of the board of trustees, including men from Wadesboro, Concord, were present for the first session.

Prof. C. M. Beach will go to Raleigh and Wake Forest early in January to consult with leaders relative to employing the additions to the faculty which will be necessary in adding the two years of college work to curriculum plans discussed by the trustees yesterday called for a faculty of 10 members for both the high school and college departments.

The name of the "Wingate Junior College" was definitely decided upon for the institution. Members of the board of trustees at the meeting pointed out that the original Baptist school in the community had been named in honor of Dr. Wingate, one of the famous presidents of Wake Forest college, and that it would be appropriate that the name be continued.

As a junior college offering two years of standard college work, the institution will have a field of influence covering the Piedmont section, it was pointed out by the trustees. The establishment of the college is in keeping with the plans of the Baptist denomination to place a junior college in direct reach of every part of the state. In the west there is Mars Hill, while serving the east is a college provided for New Bern.

In discussing plans yesterday the trustees based their estimates on a student body of 150 for the high school and of 30 for the college department for next year. Statistics show 190 students enrolled in the high school this year.

The Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign provided for an allotment of \$45,000 to be used in developing the Wingate School over a period of five years. Further arrangements for aid for the school will be provided at the end of this time.

Hon. T. D. Maness, who on the previous day attended a meeting of the Baptist board of education reported that there was nothing to fear for financial support, for the 325,000 Baptist of North Carolina are behind the institution, and our leaders have on their hearts the interest of boys and girls who hail from the "rank and file" of the people as well as those from the leading centers of population.

Rec. A. C. Davis, moderator of the Union Baptist association made a stirring address in the interest of providing for the poor boys and girls especially for the girls. And the two speakers named above were voicing a trend of mind that is outstanding in the work of the Baptists of North Carolina. They are placing emphasis on the importance of financial aid to the academy and junior college.

The trustees invite and expect the cooperation of pastors, Sunday school workers, womens organizations, parents and friends to lay on the hearts of boys and girls the opportunity that Wingate Junior College will offer at its opening next fall. The denomination expects to meet every requirement for entrance into Southern Association as a standard junior college.

The meeting was attended, not only by the local members of this board but by men from other towns and counties. Rev. E. E. Powell, pastor of the Marshville Baptist church and Mr. H. B. Marsh of Marshville, Mr. K. W. Ashcraft of Wadesboro, moderator of the Pee Dee Association and Hon. T. D. Maness of Concord, who is one of the vice presidents of the Baptist State convention, were among those from out of town. Rev. L. R. Pruett of Charlotte, who was providentially prevented from attending wrote his regrets and gave assurance of his full sympathy and support.

Woman Lawyer Member of City Police Force

Greensboro, Dec. 28.—Miss Louise Alexander, lawyer and president of the North Carolina League of Women voters, well known throughout the state by reason of her participation in women's civic and political activities, will be North Carolina's first policewoman. According to an announcement made tonight by Chief of Police Crutchfield, she will be sworn in on January 1st.

Miss Alexander will have charge of a new department here, fingerprint and identification, an elaborate system having been just installed here, and she will make a special work of the examination of women criminals.