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Moving the Confederate Monument In Raleigh

We see through the open forum of the News and Observer that there is a discussion going on in Raleigh about removing the Confederate Monument. Some of the Modernistic and Progressive groups feel that the monument should be carried out of town, and other conservative and sentimental types feel that the monument not only should stand where it is, but if possible, should be built even higher than it is, so as to commemorate the valor of our ancestors who fought in the great Southern Confederacy.

Personally, we believe that the monument should remain where it is. However, a great many of our cities are making great changes, and if any change is to be made, we desire to make the following recommendation:

Swimming has become very popular throughout the state, and almost necessary. The town of Tarboro, a very progressive city on the Tar River, has taken one of its principal blocks of the city and in the very heart of the city, and built a very up to date swimming pool, so it is very convenient for those who desire to swim.

And our suggestion, since swimming has become so popular and necessary at this time, is that probably it would be wise to move the Capitol off the public square down on some side street where probably it would not inconvenience the people, and take the square and build a fine swimming pool, so that the people of North Carolina can go to Raleigh and have access to a fine swimming place without having to go very far. Such a pool would also be a great convenience to the citizenship of Raleigh.

24 CWA WORKERS ARE FIRST AIDERS

Certificates Awarded After Completion of 15-Hour Red Cross Course

Twenty-four CWA workers here today had Red Cross first aid certificates awarded them after completion of a 15-hour course taught by Edwin H. Powell, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter and supervisor of its first aid activities.

Out of a class of 25, all except one successfully stood the examination and received certificates. The class was composed of foremen, supervisors and timekeepers, in addition to a number of others, in order that a person equipped for first aid work might be available on each local CWA project.

The class was conducted at the request of E. G. Padgett, North Carolina director of safety for the CWA, and the national headquarters of the Red Cross. Similar classes are planned, underway or completed in all sections of the country in an effort to minimize loss of life or serious results of injuries among CWA workers.

Those receiving certificates were: J. J. Andrews, L. M. Charles, John Claxton Cherry, David Henry Edwards, I. P. Exum, W. H. Flye, R. L. Fisher, Edward J. Gordon, Oscar Winfred Herring, Jr., L. A. Johnson, David J. Lewis, A. R. Odom, Z. A. Parrish, Alfred C. Sumner, Earle D. Spruill, William B. Sanders, Clecy Duke Tharrington, H. Tharrington, Elwood W. Turner, Hugh A. Williford, J. L. Webb and Paul Davis Yates.

This was the 18th class to be completed by the local chapter and five others are now underway with W. D. Smith, W. B. Middleton, V. F. Sechrist, J. P. Roberts and E. C. Speight acting as instructors.

Terms of Seven Aldermen Expire

Race for Aldermanic Positions Must Be Made in Each Ward of City

Aldermanic elections in all seven wards of the city will be held here this spring when the terms of one alderman in each of them expires, City Manager Leslie B. Aycock stated today.

Mr. Aycock said that no candidates had filed notices with him so far and that he has heard no statements regarding whether any of the present aldermen will or will not be candidates for re-election or whether opposition will be forthcoming.

It was expected that all seven terms expire will seek to retain their positions. They are: J. M. Daughtry, first ward; R. C. Brake, second ward; J. Q. Robinson, third ward; I. Woodall Rose, fourth ward; W. S. Wilkinson, fifth ward; C. W. Ivey, sixth ward, and M. Williamson, seventh ward.

City elections this year are expected to be more spirited than last. On alternate years seven aldermanic terms expire and this is the year when that number must succeed in re-election or go out of office. Last year only four terms expired, not including that of Mayor Munn, who was reinstated in office until 1935.

In addition, space will be added to the municipal election soup pot by the fact that races will be made for the office of judge and solicitor of recorder's court—offices hitherto filled by the appointive power of the board of aldermen. Candidates for these posts who have already filed notices are Judge Ben H. Thomas and Sam L. Arrington, for the judge's job, and Solicitor Norman Gold and Lynwood Elmore for the solicitor's job.

Civitan Conduct Business Session

List of Standing Committees Are Read By D. E. Bulluck, President

Announcement of the standing committees for 1934 comprised the most important feature of the regular monthly business meeting of the Civitan club in the Lantern tea room Thursday night, Feb. 1.

D. E. Bulluck, recently elected president of the club, presided over the session and read the list of 1934 committees.

Among other business matters discussed was the decision to offer a prize in the Weldon high school for the best essay on citizenship. The contest will be similar to those held in local and neighboring schools.

R. T. Fountain, lieutenant governor of the Carolina Civitan clubs, reported briefly on a meeting of the Raleigh branch at which Arthur Cundy, international Civitan secretary, was the principal speaker.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fountain and the vote of the club, the Raleigh club will be issued an invitation to meet with the local organization in the near future.

The list of committees announced last night by Mr. Bulluck are membership, W. M. Spears, chairman, E. S. Dodge, Bill Melvin; program, L. T. Bulluck, chairman, J. M. Smith, C. V. Walton; finance, C. C. Ward, chairman, W. H. Brake, A. H. Boettcher; fellowship, H. H. Littrell, chairman, R. T. Fountain, E. C. Lucas.

Members of the public affairs committee, who are also representatives to the civic council are C. Ross Ritchie, chairman, E. C. Speight, and J. G. Freezer.

Mrs. Roosevelt To Speak in N. C.

Accepts Invitation to Attend International Relations Meet At Duke

High Point.—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has accepted an invitation to the lecture staff of the second annual Duke Institute of International Relations which will be held at Duke University, Durham, June 11-13, it was announced here by Tom Alderman Sykes, field secretary of the institute.

The date for Mrs. Roosevelt's appearance before the institute has not been determined beyond the fact that it will be during the first week. Her topic will be announced later and it is planned that she spend an entire day with the institute, Mr. Sykes stated.

Others who will be associated with the faculty of the institute will include Dr. Grover Clark, noted lecturer on the Orient; Dr. Kirby Page, editor of the World Tomorrow; Dr. Fred Rippey, editor of the Duke University Press and authority on American diplomacy; Dr. Devere Allen, author and associate editor of The Nation; Dr. Calvin Hoover, author of the "Economic Life of Soviet Russia"; Dean Justin Miller of the Duke University law school; Dr. D. D. Carroll, dean of the University of North Carolina school of commerce; Dr. Paul Harris, of Washington, secretary of the national council for prevention of war, and others to be announced later, it was said by Mr. Sykes.

The institute is sponsored jointly by Duke University and the American Friends Service committee.

\$900,000 UNCALLED FOR

Richmond, Va.—Property owners in the Shenandoah National Park area have \$900,000 waiting for them in the hands of State Treasurer John M. Purcell. For some reason owners of land condemned for the park seem unwilling to claim the money.

CHIEF OF POLICE TO RESIGN FROM OFFICE

Has Been Chief of Police of Rocky Mount for the Past Twenty Years. Asks to Be Transferred.

Oliver P. Hedgepeth, Chief of Police of the City of Rocky Mount for the past twenty years, has announced his intention of resigning from the office of Chief of Police, on the first of May, which is the end of the municipal year, and asks to be transferred to some other department of the police force, so as to give him lighter work.

Mr. Hedgepeth was elected to the police department in 1907 and in 1914 was elected Chief of Police, upon the resignation of the late J. S. Davis, who had been Chief of Police for many years.

The writer has known Mr. Hedgepeth during all these years and has seen him under varied and trying conditions, and never saw him waver from the path of duty. While his upright character and life has always been a terror to the evildoer, and while he has always been zealous in his enforcement of the law, yet never at any time was he ever known to allow his personal feelings to enter into any case, regardless of how anxious the state was to convict, to the extent that he was ever thought to have exaggerated or suspected of mistating the facts. On many occasions has the writer known the judges to ask of Mr. Hedgepeth what he knew about the character of some defendant who was before him, and it was always the custom of the Chief to state the facts, and if the defendant had any good qualities, he would state them also.

During Chief Hedgepeth's tenure, he has not only had the respect of his subordinates, but he has had the respect of the entire community. (Please turn to page five)

State Salaries

We observe that the new set-up of the Revenue Department carries an executive salary load of \$42,320.00 a year. Part of this is accounted for by the three new positions created for Dr. M. C. S. Noble, Jr., at a salary of \$5,000.00, Mr. Harry McMullan, at a salary of \$4,500.00, and Mr. George Scott, at a salary of \$5,000.00. Of course the employees and field men draw their salaries in addition to the above.

Some question has been raised as to the legality of the creation of these positions, or at least in the way they were established. We know nothing about that except some interesting comparisons which occur to us.

The General Assembly of 1933 fixed the salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture at \$3,850.00. This officer has supervision of the great Agricultural department of this State in its relations and contacts with our farmers. The same salary was fixed for the Commissioner of Insurance, and the Commissioner of Labor. These three, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Insurance Commissioner, and the Commissioner of Labor, are elective officers. They must make campaigns, both in the primary and in the election. They go through the heat and burden of these contests for the party.

We wonder why these three salaries in the Revenue Department should be so much greater than the salary of \$3,850.00 per year fixed by law for the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Insurance Commissioner, and the Commissioner of Labor.

We hear also that Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of Public Instruction, has been voluntarily returning 15 per cent of his salary to the State treasury. His salary is fixed by statute at \$5,000.00. He has voluntarily reduced it to \$4,250.00. He is an elective officer. He is the head of our great Department of Education, of our whole school system. Why should he receive less than these subordinates in the Revenue Department?

Surely something needs to be explained to the people about this salary business.

Anomaly in Government

The State Legislature has created the Department of Revenue and has further created the office of Commissioner of Revenue to direct this Department. With the coming in of this administration the Honorable A. J. Maxwell was appointed to fulfil this legislative job at a salary of \$5,500.00 per year. Simultaneously with this appointment came an executive creation of a new job which had not existed before without the sanction of the Legislature known as Legislative assistant, to which position Honorable M. C. S. Noble, Jr., has been appointed, which job takes precedent over the Commissioner of Revenue and the Commissioner acts directly under him and is subordinate to this new job, the duties of the job which the public has never been able to understand yet.

The Legislature further created the job of State Highway Commissioner which position was filled by the Governor in the appointment of Honorable E. B. Jeffreys, editor of the Greensboro News, of Greensboro, N. C. Simultaneously with this appointment came the creation of the job known as the Executive Assistant and was filled by the Governor by the appointment of the Honorable George Ross Pou, former Prison director or Supervisor, whose duties now supercede the duties of the Highway Commissioner and the Highway Commissioner has been subordinated to him.

Now the question under debate is whether the jobs created by the Legislature or the jobs created by the Executive order without the authority of the Legislature shall take precedent over the jobs created by the Legislature.

This is the anomaly in government which the public would like to have explained.

William Elliott Hinton, 5-Year-Old Boy, Killed

Tarboro Juniors Stage Big Rally

The Junior Order of Tarboro is staging a great rally to be held in Tarboro on February 22nd. There will be high officials and distinguished members present from many sections of the country. It is expected that the Governor will be there and deliver the principal address.

Tarboro has a very active order, one of the best in the state, and those who receive an invitation will be indeed fortunate.

FLOWER SHOPS DECORATE HALL

Fallon's Flower Shop and the Rocky Mount Floral Company showed their interest in civic and national life by furnishing and decorating, without cost to the committee, the recreation hall for the Roosevelt Ball, which took place recently here.

They carry at all times a large and beautiful stock of flowers, both cut and potted plants.

Nazi order uniforms for 3,000 boys and girls.

Tragedy Occurs Near Momeyer Friday Afternoon

Little five-year-old William Elliott Hinton, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Hinton of near Momeyer, was instantly killed when struck by a car driven by Milton Strickland of Nashville last Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

The little boy was playing in the highway with another child in front of his home. A truck came down the road and as he ran from the truck the Strickland car came over the hill and struck the Hinton child as he ran directly in its path. The accident was declared unavoidable and Milton Strickland was absolved of the blame.

The funeral services for the accident victim were held from the Momeyer Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mr. E. S. Sexton of Rocky Mount and Mr. G. G. Willis of Momeyer conducting the services. Music was furnished by the church choir. Interment was made in the Spring Hope cemetery.

A great host of friends and relatives paid loving and sympathetic tribute to the deceased by attending the last rites and the floral tributes were many and beautiful.

Will the Representatives State Plainly Where They Stand

Moss Will Seek His Post Again

Veteran Nash Legislator Will Run for House and for Speakership

O. B. Moss, of Spring Hope, prominent and veteran Nash County legislator, will seek his last term in the general assembly in Nash County this year, according to a statement accredited to him Saturday in Raleigh.

Mr. Moss, who is one of the oldest members of the legislature and who played a leading part in the affairs of the House during the 1933 session, will also be a candidate for the speakership, he stated. He was a candidate last year and probably has an advantage over candidates for the speakership this year, although several other veteran legislators have cast their hats into the ring.

Mr. Moss has served for a number of terms from Nash County, has served as chairman of a number of the powerful committees of the lower body and has also been a leader on the floor in some of the hectic House fights over warmly contested legislation.

In Nash County he is well known to the voting public.

While no other announcements have been made for the two Nash seats, other candidates are expected to file long before the dates for the June primary.

Serving in the lower House in 1933 from Nash was Representative Van S. Watson of this city, who went to the legislature for his first term after holding a number of offices in the city government. Mr. Watson, so far, has not indicated that he will or will not be a candidate.

It has appeared in the press this week that North Carolina is the second largest income tax paying state in the union. Notwithstanding the large income produced in North Carolina, the state of North Carolina is undertaking to raise its revenue by a gross sales tax, which places the burden of government largely upon the backs of the poor people of this state, food and rent or commonly expressed as back and belly.

And yet our state boasts of having the finest roads, paying the largest income save the Empire of New York, and collects its taxes as above stated. It is probably the only state in the Union doing such a thing, save the poor state of Mississippi, who has always existed by raising cotton by half fed Negroes.

What are we to do with this sales tax in the next legislature? The suggestion of the Herald is that all representatives and senators offering themselves before the people shall state boldly and plainly how they stand on this question and probably it would not be amiss that they give some assurance that they will not change their minds between the nomination in June and the adjourning of the legislature in March.

C. C. SOUTHAL DIED WEDNESDAY

C. C. Southall, prominent citizen and merchant of this city, died Wednesday morning at 1:30.

He is survived by his widow, who was before her marriage Miss Walker, and one daughter. Mr. Southall was an outstanding citizen of Rocky Mount and it is with sincere regret that his friends learn of his untimely death.

Funeral arrangements had not been made at this time.

29 Applicants Pass Bar Test

William Nicholson Clark, of This City, Successful in His Examination

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—North Carolina's total number of lawyers was increased by 29 today as the result of the examinations given last Monday to applicants for admittance to the bar.

This number received the right to practice out of 64 aspirants who took the examinations, given by the newly incorporated state bar association. Heretofore the examinations have been given by the state supreme court.

Henry London, Raleigh, secretary of the examining board, in announcing the results of the examinations, said that although 55 per cent of the applicants failed, the tests were not unusually hard, but "practical."

Three additional licenses were granted by agreement of the examiners to practitioners from out of the state.

William Nicholson Clark, of Rocky Mount, was listed among the successful applicants for the bar.

Others in this section who made above passing marks on their examinations were announced as follows: James Milton Braswell, Elm City.

WEBB'S CHAPEL ORGANIZES S. S.

Sunday School was organized at Webb's Chapel last Sunday. Quite a good little congregation was present and much interest was manifested. Messrs. W. D. Smith and M. G. Frye of the North Rocky Mount Baptist church went out and assisted in the organization. Mrs. R. S. Roberson was elected superintendent and Mrs. Lewis was elected secretary and treasurer.

Last Eagle Badge For Council Given

Van Watson, Jr., Receive Scouting's Highest Award After Council Disbands

Receiving the last official award of the Tar Heel council before was abolished, Van S. Watson, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Van S. Watson, of this city, today had the Eagle Scout badge, highest rank Scouting affords.

At a special meeting here Monday, January 29, three members of the Rocky Mount court of honor, Charles D. Benbow, R. F. H. Craighill, and Dr. Roy Norton, recommended to the national court of honor in New York that young Watson be awarded the rank. Late yesterday the national court approved the recommendation and the badge was awarded here.

Young Watson, who last night was awarded his diploma at Central High school in the mid-term graduation exercises, left this morning for Oak Ridge where he will be enrolled at the Oak Ridge Military Institute.

Herbert Stucky, deputy region executive of Region 6, was expected in the city Monday to formulate plans for the continuation here of Scouting, which met a setback when the council voted disband late in December.

Six troops are functioning present in the city. Watson was a member of troop No. 7. James W. Keel, Jr., student of the University of North Carolina won the first Eagle badge here 1931 after the council had been reorganized.

19TH ROUTE ARMY BEATEN

Hong Kong.—The Nineteenth Route Army, which distinguished itself in the defense of Shanghai, and later was in rebellion to the National government, has surrendered and will be reorganized.