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Local Masons Sponsor Singing

The Queen City and Corinthian Masonic Lodges of this city will sponsor the Oxford Orphanage Singing class concert to be held here Friday night, April 6, at 8:00 P. M., at the First Baptist Church Sunday school auditorium.

This concert is an annual affair, taking place here every April. Many who have formerly attended these concerts in the past are looking forward to the one this year.

Mr. G. T. Matthews, Chairman of the joint committee of the two lodges, has announced that the tickets will go on sale in the near future. The Masons will sell the tickets in advance of the concert and they may also be secured at entrance of the church on April 6.

Present New Head Of Campbell College

President of Campbell Board Makes Announcement at Chapel Services

Buies Creek, March 27.—Leslie H. Campbell, new president of Campbell College, succeeding his father, the late Dr. J. A. Campbell, was formally presented to the student body at the chapel hour today.

Prof. B. P. Marshbanks, the vice-president, introduced B. F. McLeod, the chairman of the board of trustees, who, he said, had an announcement to make. Mr. McLeod, in turn, rose and said simply: "I wish to introduce to you your new president, Mr. L. H. Campbell." Then Mr. McLeod spoke of an emergency which made it seem best to the trustees to elect a president at once to succeed the late Dr. James A. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell said that he wished he had more power, more ability, more spirituality to bring to his office. "I pray that this institution may maintain the spirit of its founder. Buies Creek must live for Christ and for its founder. I wish you to pledge with me this morning as we sing our alma mater that you will give your lives in carrying on for our beloved leader," said the new president.

Dr. B. W. Spilman, of Kinston, who is giving a series of talks this week in the chapel, told of knowing the new president since the latter's childhood, and said that though it was necessary at this time to elect a president, the inauguration would not be for some time. Dr. Spilman continued his talks on Revelation, one of which he gives each day.

MASONS TO ATTEND SERVICES IN WILSON

The local Commanders of the Masonic lodge will attend the Masonic Services to be held next Sunday at 11 A. M., at the Episcopal Church in Wilson, according to the announcement of Mr. G. T. Matthews, chairman of the Attendance Committee.

Formerly these services were held in Rocky Mount, but was changed this time because Mr. William Peeps, the Grand Commander from Charlotte, will attend the Wilson meeting.

WIRE SENT TO BAILEY

Scotland Neck, N. C., March 27th, 1934.

Hon. Josiah W. Bailey,

U. S. Senate,

Washington, D. C.

People in this section unable to understand your violent attack on Bankhead Bill and strongly condemn your attitude.

S. A. DUNN.

C. of C. to Give Entertainment 30th

The Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce will give a free entertainment at the South Edgecombe high school building, Friday night, April 13th.

Local Bank Has 36th Birthday

The Planters National Bank and Trust Company had its 36th birthday last Tuesday. It was organized on March 27, 1898 under the name Planters Bank, with Mr. J. C. Braswell as president. It was at first a State Bank but in a few years became National Bank. Five years ago it received its charter for the Trust Department, with Mr. Millard F. Jones as trust officer.

Mr. J. C. Braswell is still president of the bank, having served faithfully and efficiently for the past 36 years. He is assisted in this work by M. R. Braswell, vice president; Millard F. Jones, vice president, cashier and trust officer; Robert D. Gorham, vice president; A. H. Woodlief, assistant cashier; Wiley W. Meares, assistant cashier and assistant trust officer; R. R. Braswell, assistant trust officer; C. W. Parker, Auditor; Norman Y. Chambliss, manager Public Relations Department.

Under this management and with the assistance of an able Board of Directors, the deposits have increased from March 5, 1933 to March 5, 1934, \$1,925,046.35. It now shows deposits of \$3,490,444.70. The Bank has proven itself worthy of the trust and faith of the people, and they are responding to it as is shown by the deposit increase as shown above.

Two Men Scheduled To Die April 6th

Duplin Burglar, Durham Murderer Next Slated to Be Executed

North Carolina's electric chair, in use for the past two Fridays, will stand idle next Friday but is scheduled to begin its work again April 6.

Two Negroes, Theodore Cooper, hired killer from Durham, and James Dallas Hamlet, alias James Dallas Teachey, Duplin county burglar, are scheduled to die April 6. Hamlet did not appeal to the Supreme Court.

Considerable furor has been aroused in the Cooper case. He was hired by W. H. Hesse, a white man, J. H. Lasater. Hesse was sentenced to life imprisonment, that being the most severe punishment allowed under existing North Carolina law.

A delegation from Durham, headed by prominent white and Negro citizens, came to Raleigh some weeks ago to plead for Cooper's life.

The Supreme Court already has affirmed the lower court judgment sentencing Cooper to death. His attorney at first asked for writ of error on which to take the case to the United States Supreme Court but later announced he would withdraw his petition.

The petition has never been formally withdrawn and exact status of the case never determined. Warden H. H. Honeycutt who is charged with the duty of executing the death penalty, is expected to ask the attorney general for a ruling. Death row now houses 21 men.

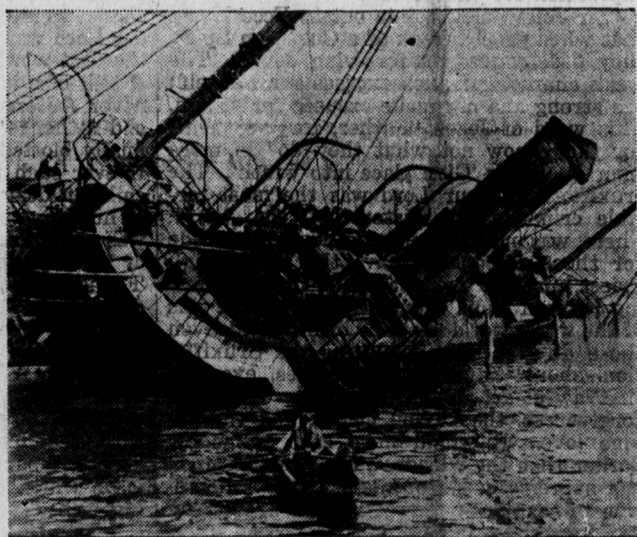
NAVAL APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED BY POU

Washington, March 27.—Representative Edward W. Pou has announced the appointment of one principal and three alternates to the Naval Academy. The principal is O. B. Moss, Jr., of Spring Hope and the alternates, in order of their rank, are: James Keever, Asheville; Paul B. Brown, Jr., Raleigh and James Hugh Ellis of Nashville. The entrance examination will be held on April 9.

VISITS IN CHICAGO

J. W. Dowdy, local Oleomargarine salesman, will leave the first of the week to attend a salesman meeting in Chicago as a guest of his company.

Former Gould Yacht Is Burned



The 270-foot yacht Niagara shown at its Philadelphia pier after it had been swept by flames and foundered with a heavy list. The yacht, formerly owned by Helen Gould of New York, was turned over to the government at the outbreak of the war and used as a submarine chaser.

ROCKY MOUNT'S LOSS

When the Edgemont property was being developed by the Daughtry heirs, Mrs. Susan Daughtry Williams, some six years ago offered to donate to the City of Rocky Mount about six acres of land starting at Eastern avenue along the Parker drain and running out to the Tarboro Highway at Duke's Lunch Room, which is about five blocks from the business section of the city, said land to be used for park purposes.

The first offer asked for some reduction in taxes which the Board refused, we are told. The Board stated that they declined the offer because they could not release the taxes. She then authorized Mr. R. T. Fountain to go before the Board and offer it straight out to the City without cost. Mr. Fountain made the offer in her name and had a legal option properly signed by she and her husband and offered to turn it over to the City with one condition—that the park was to be called the Susan Daughtry Park. The Board then, after some delay, announced that they would not receive the land as they did not like the name. When this statement was made it was understood that Mr. Fountain stated to the Board that this offer to the children of Rocky Mount was too great for the Board to refuse and that as to the Daughtry name, he thought it was just as appropriate as other parks named in Rocky Mount, and that he did not feel that he could go and ask Mrs. Williams to give in further in this matter.

With this refusal of the city aldermen to receive a gracious gift, the children of this generation and of the future will be denied this place to play in. The Edgemont side has no park space, except a small triangle called the Kite, and it looks somewhat like a kite. Now, we hear that the Board of Aldermen is proposing to put the new stand pipe for the new city water works in this park.

Rocky Mount has spent beyond \$100,000, a portion of which was spent to dig a large hole by Tar River, and of course an Air Field is being built, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and will probably benefit but few people. Of course, we are in accord with Mr. Roosevelt in trying to relieve distress and give work, but we do wish that some of this money and labor could have been spent for something that would have been of use for the average person in days to come. But we will have the hole and the airport, but most of us will never get in an airship.

WHICH IS THE HEALTHIEST CONDITION FOR THE STATE—FEW OR MANY PAYING INCOME TAXES?

Collections on State income taxes for the period of this fiscal year on March 24th, 1934, were \$5,171,699.00. Collections for the same period last year amounted to \$5,463,394.00, which makes the receipts \$282,694 less than the same period for last year, but probably the figures may shift in a few days and the figures of this year may be greatly in excess of those of last year. The fine and hopeful thing in this report is that there are more people paying income taxes this year than last.

It was reported a few days ago that the great tobacco companies were paying less money into the State Treasury this year than they did last year, but with this same report there was also another side to this question which some of the press failed to carry, which is that there are a large number of income tax payers this year paying taxes into the State treasury who were too poor to pay any last year.

Now, which is the healthiest condition for the State, to have our citizenship prosperous so that a great mass of them can pay income tax, or allow the Anti trust laws to be over-ridden so that a few Corporations control the income to the producer, the wages of the laborer and the price to the Consumer, so as to give themselves the major profit, during Mr. Hoover's reign?

Under the new deal Mr. Roosevelt has given recognition to the producer. He has given recognition to the laborer who manufactures the raw product and he has given due consideration to Capital, recognizing that all three have rights. Now, which is the best way, Mr. Roosevelt's way or Mr. Hoover's way?

STATE SAVING MONEY

A news report was given out by State Treasurer Johnson's office a few days back, that the State had been able to float its running debt at an interest rate of 4 1-2 per cent where it had formerly been paying 6 per cent, and showing the large savings to the people. A few days later there was a press report stating that the Treasury had reduced interest on deposit belonging to the State in the Banks from 3 per cent to 1 1-2 per cent. Now, if these reports be true, where is the savings?

If the treasury reduced interest on notes from 6 per cent to 4 1-2 per cent and then immediately reduced the deposits (Please turn to page six)

Cotton Growers Association Meets

Nashville, March 27.—Nash county members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association met here this afternoon and elected the following seven farmers as delegates to the district convention:

R. L. May, J. K. Beal, J. W. Moore, J. T. Coley, George C. Bunn, and W. D. Borden, of Rocky Mount and B. S. Rice, of Spring Hope.

M. G. Mann, of Raleigh, secretary-treasurer of the cooperative, was principal speaker. B. S. Rice was chairman and Miss Annie Brantley, of Spring Hope, was secretary.

Jones Dress Shop Opened Thursday

Mr. W. F. Jones opened yesterday his ladies ready-to-wear store, under the name Jones' Dress Shop, in the store formerly operated by the late J. H. Daniels and known as the T. L. Conyers Store building, on Tarboro Street.

Mr. Jones has just returned from New York with a full and complete line of up-to-date dresses and ladies' ready-to-wear. He is an experienced merchant and well known to the citizenship of Rocky Mount, and will welcome his friends, not only from Rocky Mount, but throughout the surrounding country.

BAILEY OPPOSED TO DIFFERENTIAL IN TAX

Durham, March 27.—Frank Piereson, secretary of the local chamber of commerce, has been notified by Senator Josiah Bailey that he is opposed to the proposed 30-cent differential in the federal tax on 10-cent cigarettes, and favors a flat reduction in tax on all cigarettes.

Congressman William B. Umstead, of the sixth North Carolina district, in answer to the local chamber's letter urging that he oppose the tax reduction, declined to say anything definite. "You may be assured that it will have my serious consideration," he said.

Tobacco concerns, large growers and the chamber of commerce here have assailed the proposed tax cut for manufacturers of 10-cent cigarettes on grounds that it would result in a war with the higher brands.

STATE'S CROP VALUE RISES 85 PER CENT

While the value of the crops of the nation as a whole was increased 55 per cent in 1933, the value of crops produced in North Carolina increased 84 per cent, as compared with 1932.

The value in the State rose from \$104,000,000 to \$192,000,000. Feed grains increased from \$17,000,000 to \$31,000,000, truck from eight to 11 millions, fruits from three to six millions, and miscellaneous cash crops—including tobacco and cotton—from \$59,000,000 to \$122,000,000.

Value of the State's crops ranked fourth in the nation.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

Subject for Sunday, April 1st, "Reality"

Sunday morning service, 11:00 A. M.

Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.

Wednesday Evening Service, 7:45 P. M.

The Reading Room in the church is open daily, except Sundays and legal holidays, from three to five P. M.

BIG FIGHT IN CHACO

Buenos Aires.—Once again the armies of Paraguay and Bolivia are about to clash in the most decisive battle since last December. The victorious Paraguayans who have advanced 300 miles west of their home base at Concepcion, are about to attack Fort Avani.

PWA Contract For Waterwork Loan To Be Presented To Board

Rotarians To Help Cripples

Tarboro, March 23.—At the meeting of the Rotary Club last night in Hotel Farrar the club received an invitation from the Zebulon club to attend an inter-city meeting in that place on April 6th and it was decided this club will be represented on that occasion. It was decided to hold the next meeting of the club at the community house at 7:45 and there will be no supper. Rotarian Chester Alexander of the special committee to consider community projects of interest to the club, suggested that the funds for one meal each month be used in furtherance of community projects. He spoke of using this fund to aid crippled children at the orthopedic clinic and the club endorsed the suggestion. A motion prevailed that the club appropriate \$10 each month for one year for the use of crippled children.

Rotarian Reginald Fountain spoke on insurance. He said that during the three years of depression the insurance companies made a good record and that they stood the storm of panic.

Fertilizer Company Enlarges Plant

Planters Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Co., which has been one of Rocky Mount's leading manufacturing establishments for many years has recently enlarged its plant and installed a large amount of new and modern machinery which gives the plant a capacity of double the amount of which it has formerly been able to produce. This plant has manufactured fertilizer for more than thirty years which has been used regularly in this community and has always given good results.

The Planters Cotton Oil and Fertilizer Company has studied the soil conditions of this part of the state and has had specialists to prepare special formulas suitable to the needs of our soil and the results have been in the past, most gratifying here.

With the enlarged plant, there will be a much larger number of employees, thus giving employment to many of the citizens of Rocky Mount.

PARK VIEW HOSPITAL GETS X-RAY MACHINE

The Park View Hospital has recently acquired a modern, all metal, motor driven X-ray machine. Only one man is required to operate it, yet it can photograph a patient in any position. It is reported to be a decided improvement in the hospital equipment.

ABOUT THE POST OFFICE

Miss Francis Exum, Registry and C. O. D. Clerk was unable to work Wednesday because of illness.

A. C. Davis, the truckman for the Parcel Post has returned to his work after being out several days on account of sickness.

I. T. Valentine Will Not Enter The Race

With this expression of my found thanks and endless gratitude to the voters of Nash County their political support their moral co-operation corded me in my effort to charge my duties as prosecutor attorney of the Recorder's Court I reluctantly announce to friends throughout the county I will not be a candidate for election to this office. The loyal co-operation and the support my friends will be cherished as of the brightest memories of life and I am wholly unable to convey to them the gratitude which is in my heart. I feel that, in the course of my profession, when I should adapt myself to the general practice, both civil and criminal. I have greatly enjoyed the contacts and the friendship made in the discharge of my duty and my private and professional life has been broadened by this opportunity. My association with the officers of the court and people of the county in this capacity has confirmed my conviction that the average man recognizes and appreciates justice and the officer need fear the consequence of a fair and impartial discharge of his duty.

The city will have repaid government \$240,000 and interest at the end of that time. Of \$310,000 appropriated, \$70,000 an outright grant of the federal government and will not be repaid. The city will issue bonds \$240,000 for the loan.

The payments, according to terms set forth in the contract are graded down so that the early payments will not be excessive. If payments were to be made strictly on a fractional interest basis the first year payment would be more difficult to meet while the last year's would be small. Consequently, arrangements are provided for making the annual payments nearly form.

JUNIOR ORDER MEET

The local Junior Order American Mechanics held regular meeting on Tuesday night in the Junior Order Hall in Masonic Temple. About 90 members attended this meeting.

Members received class initiation and the regular routine of business followed.

On April 10, an open meeting will be held. Several noted speakers are to be present. A banquet supper will follow the meeting. Announcement of the program will be made later.

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