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Pou Announces For State Aud.



(By W. S. Penn)

Geo. Ross Pou, who announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Auditor on Monday is a native of Smithfield, Johnston County and the son of the late Congressman Edward W. Pou, who represented the Fourth Congressional District in Congress for many years. Like his father, he has always taken an interest in everything pertaining to the betterment of the welfare of the people and has been an enthusiastic and active Democrat. He has served as Secretary and Chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee and as President of the Young Peoples Democratic Club of that County.

Mr. Pou has a wide acquaintance throughout the State. First appointed as Chief Clerk in charge of all accounting in the State Prison Department, Mr. Pou immediately took a course in Accountancy, Bookkeeping and Business Administration. One of his first official acts was to request the installation of a modern system of bookkeeping and accountancy. Later appointed as Superintendent of the Prison Department he continued active in the supervision of the Accounting system and was Budget Officer for that Department.

During the period Mr. Pou was the head of the prison system in North Carolina, many noteworthy reforms were introduced. Proper hospital and sanitary facilities were provided and it was made compulsory for all prisoners to be vaccinated against smallpox and typhoid fever and to be tested for traces of venereal diseases. He established a special colony for tubercular prisoners. He was also responsible for the establishment of the criminal insane division at the State Hospital for the insane and for segregating these insane prisoners from the others. Before this time they had been kept at the Central Prison.

But in addition to humanizing the prison system, Pou is also credited with administering the affairs of the State prison system on a sound business basis and bringing good business management to the prison, although he was never willing to sacrifice the welfare of the prisoners in order to show a dollars-and-cents profit on the ledger. He has stated that if nominated he will consider it his duty to uphold the hands of the Democratic nominee for Governor and render such assistance as he can to such Governor in carrying into effect his pledges to the people.

Mr. Pou attended Wake Forest College and the University of North Carolina. He is an honorary Vice-President for life of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association and last year served as National Vice-President of the American Road Builders Association. He is a member of the Junior Order, the Democratic Party and the P. O. Elks Legion. Mr. and Mrs. Pou have large farming interests in Wake and Johnston Counties.

LEGION POST WANTS CLOTHES USED NOW

Greenville, Feb. 20.—The Pitt county post of the American Legion Tuesday night went on record deploring the fact that there are hundreds of garments on hand here made by the sewing room during the summer months that because of government red tape cannot be procured for use by needy families.

The matter was presented to the post by J. H. Rose who stated that there are several hundred garments stored here but due to the fact that there was a controversy between the WPA and ERA forces it was impossible to get any of the garments for distribution among the needy families. The matter has been taken up locally and with state offices of the government relief bureau but those making the requests have been sent from one headquarters to another without any results.

BACK WHERE HE STARTED FROM

Bennettsville, S. C.—Frank Townsend, Main street grocer, is a volunteer fireman. Recently he heard the general alarm, dashed a block to the first station and swung aboard the truck to ride to the fire—only to find the street from his store.

Sadie Mae Deal Repeats Honors

High School Student Wins State Play Writing Contest For Second Straight Year

For the second year in succession, Sadie Mae Deal, a student at the Rocky Mount high school, has won the original play writing contest conducted for high schools of North Carolina.

Miss Deal's work, "The Bridal Chamber," was chosen from a large list of entries as being the best original play submitted by a high school student in the state. Announcement of Miss Deal's accomplishment was made by Mrs. Irene Fussler, Executive secretary of the Carolina Dramatic association. The judges met at Chapel Hill where the contest was held.

The winning play will be presented in the Playmakers Theatre in Chapel Hill during the annual dramatic tournament which will be held the first week of April.

Last year Miss Deal's work, "The Word of A Huckins" won the state contest.

"The Bridal Chamber" is a tragedy. The setting of it is by the picturesque Silver Springs of Florida. Miss Deal received her inspiration for the play after a visit to the springs last summer.

The young playwright is a member of the advanced class in dramatics of the Rocky Mount high school of which C. M. Edson is the instructor.

Arlington Street Church Nearly Out Of Debt

The Arlington Street Baptist church has about realized their debt, which they have been struggling under since 1922, the depression and the many other reverses had left the membership very much discouraged and with an indebtedness of \$9,800.

A year ago when Rev. O. N. Marshall was called as pastor, he found this situation and he began at once to look for a way out. The holders of the indebtedness were very cooperative and favorable toward the First Baptist church and with T. A. Avery leading in a campaign jointly with the church they have about discharged the debt and soon will be able to announce the debt paid, and the time of dedication, which will be a great day for the Arlington Street Baptist church.

Biblical Drama To Be Given

"The First Commandment" To Have Many In It—Slated March 4

"The First Commandment," portraying Joseph and his ten brothers, Moses and the giving of the commandments, and the scene of Jesus' nativity, will be presented at the high school auditorium March 4, it was announced.

This presentation is a Biblical drama, and will be given under the sponsorship of the Clark street Methodist church as a community undertaking. Miss Mary Pendergast, of Milbank, South Dakota, is here to direct the production which will have about 50 persons in the cast.

It will begin at 8:30 o'clock the night of March 4, and will include for the musical portion a choir of 20 leading voices here, Miss Pendergast outlined.

The cast has not been selected, but will be shortly.

"The First Commandment" is designed to portray essential religious truths as set forth in the Commandments of God, and rich oriental costumes, a well-devised lighting system, and a group of well-trained local people are envisaged for the production.

Miss Pendergast had charge of this same play in Salisbury and Danville Va., in this section.

NEGRO MERCHANT DIES AFTER LONG SICKNESS

James Sessoms, pioneer Negro merchant of the city, died following a lingering illness of two years. He was 77. He retired four years ago from the active work of his store which he operated for 47 years.

Funeral services were held from Mount Zion Baptist church of which he was a member and was in charge of his pastor, Dr. M. A. Hunter, assisted by Rev. J. H. Clanton, pastor of Saint James Baptist church. The services were held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Surviving are his widow, four daughters, Mrs. Walter C. Bryant, Mrs. Handy Gray, Daisy Sessoms, and Blanche Sessoms, of New York; one son, Innis and a number of grand children.

Stocks on the "big board" gained \$3,218,965.497 in January.

President moves to cancel billions of unused credit authorizations.

Health Officer Assumes Duties

Tarboro, Feb. 19.—Dr. L. L. Parks, new Edgecombe county health officer, took over duties of the office here Wednesday.

He came here from Auburn, Ala., where he was connected with the Alabama board of health for the last five years. A native of Gleason, Tenn., he received his academic and medical training at Vanderbilt University and served his internship at Hillman Hospital, Birmingham, and Ford Hospital, Detroit.

He had been with the Alabama health department continuously since 1930 except for a year spent at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, 1933-34, and for some time in CCC camp work. He is a captain in the Medical Reserve Corps.

Dr. Parks succeeded Dr. A. D. Gregg, whose resignation became effective last December 15.

LUXURIOUS STATEROOMS ON "QUEEN MARY"

Almost All Cabin Class Staterooms Will Have Connected Bath And Toilet—Many Tourist Rooms Will Have Private Bath, And 80 Percent Will Feature Private Toilets Adjoining

Happening to drop in at the offices of Graham Dozier your correspondent could not help observing their excitement over details, just received, regarding luxurious accommodations on the "Queen Mary," new Cunard White Star superliner now being groomed for her maiden voyage next May.

"More individual room for passengers than ever before," said Mr. Dozier "will be the keynote of the Queen Mary, for despite her immense size (she is the first ship in the world to exceed 1,000 feet along the waterline) the new ship will carry less than 2,100 passengers in all three classes."

"This is the reason why the Queen Mary's magnificent terraced decks have a total space of 112,320 square feet, or more than the area of 2-3 American football fields, providing exceptional opportunities for deck sports, promenading or lounging in hundreds of deck chairs.

"Even more important, however, is the fact that passengers will enjoy more spacious, better lighted and better ventilated staterooms. Not only are a greater portion of the staterooms outside rooms, but in Cabin Class, nearly every room has its own connecting bath and toilet. In Tourist Class a goodly number of rooms will have private bathrooms and fully 80 percent of the rooms will feature private toilets adjoining.

"The Cabin Class staterooms are the last word in restrained modernism and have been individually designed by famous British artists. A passenger crossing the Atlantic will thus occupy a room decorated in one style and on his return occupy one of entirely different lines, as there are no fewer than 26 separate types of treatment in the staterooms.

"For the sake of variety some of these beautiful de luxe staterooms are paneled entirely in wood, while others are various combinations of woodwork, fabrics, and tints of paint. No less than 21 rare woods, ranging from Australian maple to Swedish pine, have been employed to create unrivalled artistic efforts, while the general color scheme of the hangings and carpets will be in rich shades of gold, blue and green.

"Separate supplies of hot and cold air will pour into each stateroom, under the individual control of each passenger, quite aside from regular electric fans. Lighting will issue from concealed lights or graceful bracket lamps on the walls, with separate illumination for dressing tables and reading lamps.

"Unique 'extra' features include an individual telephone, by which passengers may communicate with other parts of the ship or with friends on either side of the Atlantic. An electric clock, wall plugs for the curling iron and an electric heater which supplements the regular heating system, are also included.

"Even in Tourist Class staterooms notable improvements are evident, including modern thermostat ventilation under the passenger's control, electric fans, box-spring mattresses, ample storage space for wardrobe trunks and an unusual number of private bathrooms and toilets.

"Good news to thousands of students, teachers and other thrifty people who travel Third Class, is the fact that the Queen Mary will actually offer rooms for two or four which will compare favorably with First Class accommodations of only a few years ago. Some of the most notable features of these Third Class staterooms include: thermostat ventilation, electric fans, reading lights with special direct downward beams over each berth, ceilings and walls that unlike the past style are completely covered, concealing the steel construction of the ship, mahogany bedsteads with box-spring mattresses and hot and cold running water in washbasins."

December net operating income of Class 1 rails rose 21.3 per cent. Bank clearings in 22 cities up 3 per cent from year ago.

When the Smelt Are Running



Millions of smelts are heading upstream in the rivers of the state of Washington on their way to the spawning grounds. The residents hurry out to catch all they can, using everything to dip out the fish and carry them home. This man has been using a bird cage to scoop up the smelt from the Cowlitz river, and loads them into a doll buggy.

Do Something Now!

The outlook for the farmer is very gloomy at this time. The committee of Governors meeting in Washington seem to have admitted the failure of their mission apparently before they had even gotten started.

We read in the paper this morning that our Governor states that they could not hope to do anything this year.

Now when do those who represent us expect to do anything for us?

The tobacco seed, in many instances, has not even been planted and it takes about two and one half months to get large enough to transplant.

I believe it would have been better, if the farmers themselves had gone to Washington and let the Congress and Supreme Court know their feelings.

It is unfortunate that the Governors conference should have admitted their failure so soon.

When President Roosevelt was inaugurated on March 4, 1933, he did not delay, he never said it was too late. He put legislation on the books that gave immediate relief to the farmers, which relieved the destitute condition of the country. He never said anything about the time being short! It is true that Senator Bailey got up on the floor of the Senate and worked against the first farm relief bill, saying that he was from a tobacco state and said the President's legislation would do no good. He was wrong. It did do good. The price of tobacco was raised from 8c to 20c that fall.

When those who were against this legislation failed to deter the President with the argument that it was too late, it was then the first Liberty League talk of destroying the country began to appear that the Constitution was being violated because the President was undertaking to clothe the naked and feed the hungry.

The farmers should insist on something being done immediately, if it can be done in 1937, it can be done in 1936. The farmers can not afford to have this crop of 1936 taken from them and unless something is done to protect them, we fear the consequences.

TOO MUCH MONEY

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen last Friday night, bids were open for the re-modeling of the old Masonic Temple. The lowest bid being around \$76,000.

We are not prepared to say that the bid was too high, for we are not acquainted with the specifications, but we are prepared to say that \$76,000 is entirely too much money to be spent in re-modeling this building.

It would appear to us that \$25,000 should be the greatest amount that the city should undertake to spend on this building.

Plain, convenient, comfortable construction is all that is necessary. To do more would be wasting the tax payers money and we commend the Board of Aldermen for turning the proposition down.

Our recent heavy expenditure has made some of us lose our idea of the value of a dollar.

Before the great bank failures, most of the banks advertised with pictures of their great buildings. It appeared that those with the biggest buildings were the first ones to break. So now, you never see a bank advertised with a picture of its building.

Rocky Mount has been fortunate in that it has not buried much of the public money in fine buildings, fine offices and swivelled chairs for its employees.

Let us not start it this late date.

100,000 VISITORS IN NEW ORLEANS

Over Half Million Persons Pay Homage to Rex, Lord Of This Rule; Miss Cora Jahneke Is Paid City's Greatest Social Honor, That Of Being Queen Of The Mardi Gras

New Orleans, Fe. 25.—New Orleans became a bedlam of carnival hilarity today as the whole city joined once more in mass celebration of Mardi Gras.

Business paused as young and old took to the streets to pay homage to Rex, Lord of this Rule, and his consort in a setting of glamorous parades, singing and dancing by

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Thomas Accepts Fire School Post

Assistant Chief Named On Fire College, Drill School Group

J. N. Thomas, assistant fire chief since 1929, has accepted a place on the Fire College and Drill School committee of the North Carolina Firemen's association following his unanimous selection for the post by the executive committee of the association.

Mr. Thomas, who since 1932 has been acting as assistant to the instructors of the yearly fire schools held in this state, will now be a regular instructor, having been named an additional member of the fire college and school drill committee.

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal and conductor of the "early firemen's training school, indicated in a letter that Mr. Thomas' work in this First School has been wonderful and has made him the most popular instructor on the staff."

Mr. Brockwell, who spoke only a short time ago at the annual firemen's banquet here, said in a communication notifying the assistant chief of his selection, "Your work in the development of this major undertaking of the association has been outstanding and certainly justifies this recognition."

The fireman's school this year will be in Wilmington in May.

Arthur Everette Buried At Tarboro

Tarboro, Feb. 25.—Funeral services for Arthur Everette, 43, were held from his home here at three o'clock this afternoon with burial following in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Everette died in a local hospital Sunday night after a five day illness with pneumonia. He was a machinist employed by Runnymede mills and numbered many friends in Tarboro.

Surviving are his widow, six sons and daughters, Betty, Arthur, Lucy, Ruby Mae, William and Thomas, all of this city, and one brother, J. T. Everette, of Greenville.

Alice Suiter Will Compete

Alice Suiter was elected by the seniors of the Rocky Mount high school to represent them in a statewide contest sponsored by the D. A. R. Miss Suiter's record of scholarship citizenship, character, and service will be submitted to the judges who will select the winner for North Carolina.

Every state in the country will select a representative who will be the guest of the D. A. R. at its annual congress at Washington, D. C., which will be held in April. The contest will be held in March.

Maude Battle was the representative of the Rocky Mount high school last year.

LIVING 100 YEARS NOT NOW UNUSUAL

Living for a century is no longer as uncommon as one might imagine. The average length of life is steadily getting longer. Women are more likely to reach a ripe old age than men.

So reports the current Illinois Health Messenger, drawing conclusions from a study of mortality statistics in that state. One in each 2,000 persons who die in Illinois has reached the age of 100 or more.

"To live for 80 years is now almost ordinary. More than one in each 10 people who die have reached their eightieth birthday.

"Living for at least 80 years grows constantly more frequent. Thus in 1910 only 6.9 per cent of all deaths in Illinois were among people who had lived for more than 80 years, while in 1934 the proportion was 10.8 per cent. . . ."

\$2,249,178,375 is demanded by the President to settle the bonus.

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