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THIRD ANNUAL SAFETY CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

500 Prizes, Costing \$6,500, To Be Given for Best Essays

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Reverend of its annual safety contest, in which \$6,500 will be given away in prizes, was announced today by the Highway Education board.

Training children in habits of highway safety is the principal task of the 1923 safety campaign, it is said, but through the children it is hoped that the principles of traffic regulation and safety education will be impressed upon adults, both pedestrians and drivers alike.

The third annual safety campaign takes the form of two contests, one among elementary school pupils, and another among the elementary school teachers. Approximately five hundred red state and national prizes are to be given for the best essays and essays written. The prizes offered are the gifts of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which is desirous of reducing the number of accidents and fatalities due to traffic mishaps.

In the two previous years approximately 400,000 pupils and 50,000 teachers have participated each autumn. It is believed by those who make the cumulative effect of these contests, and the increasing attention given to safety education will result in an even greater number of participants this year.

The subject of the essays will be "Highway Safety Hazards in Your State." Essays, as last year are not to exceed five hundred words in length. Those eligible are pupils of the fourth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades. We are not more than fourteen years of age. The contest opens with the beginning of school, and closes December 4, 1923.

Teachers are requested to submit safety lessons on the subject, "Training Children in Habits of Safety on the Highways." The limit suggested is between 1,000 and 3,000 words. All elementary school teachers in the eighth and lower grades are eligible to submit lessons.

WILLIAMSTON MARINE ON MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Marching through the hills of Virginia with the East Coast Expeditionary force of the U. S. Marine corps, George Roberts Glenn, formerly of Williamston, N. C., is now taking part in the maneuvers, which began August 27th and will not be concluded until October 7, when the force returns to its base at Quantico, Va., near here.

The Marines are following a circuitous trail to Waynesboro, in the Shenandoah Valley, and will return over a northern route by way of Winchester, the entire journey being over 300 miles. They will reach Washington about October 6, where another football game and a great military spectacle is scheduled to take place before the force returns to Quantico.

George lived at the home of his mother, Mrs. Annie Glenn, 102 Hatton street, Williamston, before he joined the Marine corps at Norfolk, Va. about two years ago. He is now with the 5th company, engineers. More than thirty five Marines from North Carolina are taking part in the maneuvers.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN AT BIGGS' SCHOOL HOUSE ON SUNDAY

Rev. A. V. Joyner, the Pastor, Will Conduct Revival Services There Next Week

Beginning Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. A. V. Joyner will conduct a series of revival services at Biggs' School House, continuing next week with services each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services. Rev. Mr. Joyner will deliver the message of the Lord Jesus Christ in his usual forceful manner, and those who attend will be doubtless benefited in a spiritual and moral way as well as intellectually.

COLORED GIRL SMASHED STILL IN MAD REVENGE

Brother Had Been Supplied Whiskey By the Moonshiners

Lina Barrow of Williams township smashed a still in some woods near her home last Thursday.

Lina Barrow is a colored girl, who has a brother who was being made drunk by the moonshine running from the vile worm, and Lina did not like to see her brother drunk, nor did she like to have the families' earnings going to bootleggers, so she found the source of the trouble and proceeded to the wild woods, took the still up to her home and gave it a complete smashing.

Of course the owners' hands are tied, because it would reveal their identity to claim it. Now, if every son-of-a-bitch, wife, sister and daughter of the community, whose labors and pleasures are being sacrificed, would do like Lina, there would be less drunkenness in this country.

Bathing Girls Thrill Crowds At Carnival

Will Be Seen Here at the Roanoke Fair November 13, 14, 15, and 16th

Milwaukee's temporary Coney Island was going full blast Monday night at Thirty Fifth and Cleburn streets, where the Greater Sheepleys have pitched tents and set up joy apparatus for the June Festival of the Sons of Polish Pioneers.

The heat drove many persons out of their homes to walk the cooler streets and all streets in the vicinity led to the old circus grounds. A perspiring crowd swirled and eddied about the barbers and flowed along the midway; bugs buzzed around the lights.

The water circus was a popular place. The sight of bathing girls diving and swimming in the big tank had a cooling effect, and the high divers' leaps afforded thrills beyond the tiers of seats emptied of one crowd and filled up with another.

This attraction with the Greater Sheepleys shows, that will fill the midway at the Roanoke fair, Williamston, N. C., November 13-16th, is the largest and cleanest show ever in the Carolinas.

LOCAL NEWS OF BEAVER DAM

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Peel and Miss Essie Peel and Mr. George Peel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Peel Sunday afternoon.

WATTS-HEYDENREICH

The following announcements have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Gladys Watts to Mr. Robert Francis Heydenreich, to the out of town friends and relatives of the popular young couple.

THE FARMERS' PROBLEM NOW IS TRANSPORTATION

Relation Is Shown Between Bread and Roads

Senator Arthur Capper, Kansas farmer, who, if anyone, should know the facts about the farms, says that transportation is the greatest problem the United States has to solve.

"In Kansas today the farmer has to pay 22 cents a bushel for shipping his wheat to Chicago. He gets about \$1.20 for it there, amounting to a net of 90 cents a bushel, for wheat which really means a loss of about 20 cents on every bushel grown and sold at that rate.

"Today the situation is 10 cent bread or higher for the consumer, while the farmer, the producer, gets out 60 cents or the wheat which costs him not less than \$1.20 to grow. The same situation prevails, of course, in the rest of the country.

"The people of this country are being brought to see that basically, it is this country is to enjoy stable prosperity the condition of the farmer must be better than it is now. There is no getting away from the age-old truth that 'as for the earth, out of it cometh forth bread.'

When every trunk line railroad is paralleled with a broad, smooth, well graded national highway, strong enough to support trucks of five or even ten ton capacity, the railroad will not get 22 cents a bushel to take wheat from Kansas to Chicago.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL HAPPENINGS OF BATT'S CROSS ROADS SECTION

Mrs. A. H. Harrison of Kenly is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. H. Peel. Mrs. J. G. Peel is improving from a serious operation. She is in the Fowle Memorial hospital, but we all hope she will soon return.

NOTED LECTURER WILL BE AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. M. E. Cotton To Be Here Wednesday Night

On Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, Rev. M. E. Cotton, Field Secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League will address the people of Williamston at the Baptist church.

In the World War, Rev. Mr. Cotton enlisted in the Y. M. C. A. work and served overseas two years. Since 1915 he has been Field Secretary of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, and has visited and spoken in nearly every county in the state.

At the Liberty association, Rev. M. E. Cotton delivered one of the strongest addresses I have heard on the subject of temperance and law enforcement. While he makes an unqualified attack on the forces of evil and lawlessness, his address is characterized by the temperate language that is sometimes used in such discussions.

Brother Cotton is making a great campaign in behalf of civic righteousness, law enforcement, and the abolition of the illegal sale of liquor. The people have learned that he makes telling speeches and good crowds greet him everywhere. Gentle reader, if M. E. Cotton comes to your community do not let pass the opportunity to hear the best speech that you have heard in many a long day.

SAYS HE WAS ASKED TO TELL A PACK OF LIES ABOUT HERRIN

DECATUR, Ill., Sept. 17.—Disclosure of a proposal which Col. Sam N. Hunter told the state federation of labor today, was made at Herrin, that he testify to "lies that would have secured indictment of Gompers, Lewis, Walker, Farrington and Olander," on charges of conspiracy in connection with the Herrin riot, was the chief development in this afternoon's convention session.

"I told them," Colonel Hunter cried dramatically, "to go to hell!" Without telling details of this proposal, which he said until now "has been a secret," Colonel Hunter said the agents of the chamber of commerce approached him and outlined a plan whereby he was to testify that President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, International President Lewis, State President Farrington, President Walker and Secretary Olander of the State Federation had entered into a conspiracy to close the Lester mine at Herrin, Illinois, "by violence."

BONEY-SPRUILL

A Marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends throughout the state took place in the Good Shepherd church of Rocky Mount Friday afternoon, when Miss Millie Spruill of Roper, became the bride of Edgar R. Boney of Raleigh. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis N. Taylor, of Roanoke Rapids.

LOCAL RED CROSS TO AID THE EARTH QUAKE VICTIMS

Will Raise \$250 for the Relief of Suffering Japanese

The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been asked to raise \$250 for the earth quake sufferers of Japan.

Dr. John D. Biggs, chairman, has been asked to receive donations for the relief of the sufferers who will contribute their contributions direct to him however for convenience, he has arranged for the Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Martin County Saving and Trust Company to receive and receipt for same.

Up to the present only about \$75 has been contributed. Martin County should see that the small amount asked goes over in full.

WEEKLY COTTON REPORT LETTER

The report of cotton consumed during August, 1923 was given out Saturday as 491,634 bales against 527,404 last year. This showed a decline of 35,800 bales, but was larger than the previous month. American mill stocks at the end of August were only 806,671 bales against 1,024,993 last year. Foreign exports thus far this year amount to 362,000 bales against 309,000 in 1922. There is also much more cotton on shipboard awaiting clearance now than there was at this time last year.

Foreign news continues to improve and it would not surprise us if exports this season prove to be larger than those of last year, provided more than five million bales are available from the present small crop.

Consumption of cotton by American mills is increasing as fast as receipts of new cotton will permit. The spinners are said to be declining orders for distant deliveries, fearing an advance in the price of raw cotton.

Heavy receipts and sales in Texas have failed to break the market down. The crop is so small outside of Texas that it can be marketed slowly; thus preventing a big decline. Crop news from the eastern belt is anything but favorable, and all signs point to higher prices.

Treasury Department Furnishes Book Free Concerning Investing

In order to contribute to the financial welfare of the people of this community and to warn against the danger of speculative and unseasoned investments, a number of banks and stores in Williamston are cooperating with the United States government in an effort to educate the people generally, and particularly persons of moderate means, in the management of their financial resources, by distributing free of cost a booklet, "How Other People Get Ahead," issued by the treasury department through the Government Savings system of the Fifth Federal Reserve district, Richmond, Virginia.

This booklet shows the underlying secret of success, the necessity of exercising care and prudence in the management of resources, the beneficial effects of saving, how to distinguish between good and bad investments, the danger signs of fraudulent schemes, and the essentials of sound investment. One leading business man said: "I have read this booklet and consider it very good and very useful information to be disseminated among the people." Another said: "It is an important and needed literature."

These booklets are free upon application to the banks or stores handling them, or will be sent you direct upon receipt of post-card request, mailed to Howard T. Cree, director, Government Savings System, box 1798, Richmond, Va.

ENTERTAINS IN THE HONOR OF BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Rogerson entertained several young friends of their little daughter, Miss Mary, on her eighth birthday, with a dinner party. The table and dining room were artistically decorated in fall flowers, and pink and white favors, little baskets filled with mints.

COTTON GINNING LAW MADE PLAIN BY ASSOCIATION

All Bales Must Be Plainly Numbered In the Order Ginned

RALEIGH, Sept. 17.—The last session of the legislature enacted a law which became operative August 15th, that requires every public gin to number consecutively every bale of cotton ginned and to so number it that the number cannot be removed or disguised by ordinary handling.

Section 1. That any person, firm or corporation operating any public cotton gin, that is, any gin other than ginning solely for the individual owner, owners, or operators thereof, shall hereafter be required to distinctly and clearly number, serially, each and every bale of cotton ginned, in one of the following ways:

(1) Mark in color upon the bagging of the bale, in figure; (2) attach a metal strip carrying serial number to one of the ties of the bale and ahead of the tie hook, and so secure it that ordinary handling will not remove or disguise the number; (3) impress the serial number upon one of the bands or ties around the bale.

Section 2. That any person, firm or corporation failing or refusing to comply with the preceding section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor for each and every offense, and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after August fifteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty three.

Children's Home Society Has Good Report for August

Report for the month of August, 1923, from the Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., of Greensboro, is reproduced for the benefit of our readers who are interested in this noble work.

We submit our report for the month of August. We call special attention to the increase in number of children handled, which was made possible by our enlarged facilities being opened and also more generous financial help coming in. We are now prepared to do more work as fast as maintenance funds are available. We have the plant and equipment, but must arrange for larger donations to expand our budget to at least \$2,500.00 per month. We are now operating with \$1,700.00 per month. Consider this important matter and also present our needs to your friends. We are doing a great service for the homeless children of North Carolina and claim support from all home-loving citizens.

Every child received during August was carefully examined by Dr. Robert Herring, physician in charge of our clinic, and all defects noted have been carefully corrected. This new clinic department has improved our service.

We have reopened our school department for the fall and winter term in charge of a competent teacher, Miss Annie Seymour.

The regular annual meeting of the board of directors will be held October 10th, and all directors are requested to note this date and attend in person. A new member will be elected in place of our dearly beloved friend, Mr. Archie Joyner. Superintendent for 1924 will be elected and several important matters concerning 1924 operations will be discussed.

CITIZENS MEETING AT THE COURT HOUSE

MAYOR URGES EVERY CITIZEN TO BE AT COURT HOUSE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK

A meeting of the citizens of Williamston has been called by Mayor J. L. Hassell, to determine the advisability and wishes of the people at large regarding the proposed paving of Haughton street and the sidewalks of the main streets of Williamston.

BRIGHT PROSPECT FOR EXHIBITION AT CHARLOTTE

Made In Carolinas Exposition Expected To Be Biggest Yet

CHARLOTTE, Sept. 17.—The greatest attendance in the history of the Made In Carolinas exposition is expected the two weeks of September 24th to October 6th this year, on account of the intensive efforts made by citizens of Charlotte to spread the gospel of the exposition and made in Carolinas products in cities within a radius of 75 miles of Charlotte. Already the Citizens committee of Charlotte, self charged with the plans for entertaining the visitors to the exposition reports that encouragement and endorsement of their efforts is beginning to be given by chambers of commerce and civic bodies in every town within 75 miles of this city.

The musical program, announced by David Owens, chairman, including Creator's Great Band for the entire two weeks of the exposition, with other artists' organizations, such as Vera Curran, the Scotch Quartet, the American minstrels and others, will be the finest the exposition has ever put on. Afternoon and evening performances by the musical artists will draw large crowds not only from among Charlotte people, but from every town on the good roads leading into this city from every direction.

The exhibits at the Made In Carolinas exposition will include this year a variety of Carolina products ranging from canned goods to coat hangers, and from print cloths to peanut butter, taking in an assortment of manufactured articles that leaves no room for outside competition. Chambers of commerce of several of the largest cities in the two states have arranged community exhibits, and in some instances have made plans to bring large delegations to the exposition to boost their home towns and home products. Among the most interesting and instructive of these will be the four loom show brought here by the Rosemary and Roanoke mills, of Roanoke Rapids, showing what is being done in the south in the largest manufactory of damask goods in the world.

Over twenty thousand feet of floor space in the big exposition building on Park avenue, has been sold to exhibitors, contracts made for decorating the building and the booths, and for decorating the streets of Charlotte, and with everybody in Charlotte and chambers of commerce within a radius of many miles of this city boasting the exposition, the director feels that the prospects for the biggest attendance on record are very bright.

AUTO CRASHES INTO HORSE AND BIGGY ON THE WASHINGTON ROAD

Negro Driver Was Running Without Lights On His Car, the Victims Claim

A Studebaker car, said to be driven by Malachi Moore, colored of Washington, smashed into a horse and buggy in which two boys were riding and a third boy riding a bicycle holding to the buggy.

The collision occurred on the Washington-Williamston hard surfaced road near the home of Mr. Thad R. Hodges Sunday night.

One of the boys in the buggy was hurt on the head, while the boy on the bicycle received cuts and bruises on his leg. The buggy was torn to pieces and the horse was cut and bruised. The boys say that the car had no lights showing, or if they were, they were so dim they could not be seen. After striking the buggy the car dashed across the road into a ditch. The escape of the boys from instant death was miraculous.

Moore, the driver of the car, was placed under arrest by Policeman Hardy of Washington and is now under \$250 bond for his appearance before the recorder.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA AND NORFOLK COOPERATION URGED

"Business Relations of Eastern North Carolina With the Norfolk-Fortsmouth Community," is the theme of the address to be made at today's meeting of the Monday club at the Chamber of Commerce. The speaker will be John D. Biggs, president of the North Carolina Bankers' association, who is here from Williamston, N. C., where he is president of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.