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THOMAS DIXON MAKES STIRRING ADDRESS HERE

Noted Author, Historian And Lecturer Heard at Kiwanis Meet

Appearing before the Kiwanis Club here last Wednesday noon, Thomas Dixon, noted author and one of the country's greatest lecturers, made one of the most stirring talks ever heard here in support of the "New Deal."

Referring to the legislation effected by the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the most important since the Constitution of the United States was framed, the noted North Carolinian stated without further reservation that he knew the "New Deal" will prove successful because it is supported by the right spirit and the right stock of people.

"Our forefathers conquered the conquerors and overcame untold hardships to settle this country of ours," he said, adding that they settled America with more than the one aim to establish rich colonies for mother countries as the French and Spanish wished to do.

"The Plymouth, Virginia, and Raleigh Colonies all had the one great purpose of building a better and freer nation, founded on the terms of love and service between man and man, a country where souls would be free. In support of that sacred principle they suffered hunger, cold, and massacres. The Jamestown Colony, after 18 years, had only 1,000 souls, more than 5,000 having died from hunger, starvation, and massacre during that time. Not one turned back to the old country; they remained true to their ideas of truth and justice and won in the face of hardships, the like of which this generation has never dreamed," he said.

Mr. Dixon, a history scholar of prominence, told of the trying days of the Revolutionary War, when Washington and his few ragamuffins defied the King of England and won against the mother country and its loyal allies, the Tories, in this country.

"Barefooted, a group of about 3,500 men marched over frozen and ice-jagged roads to defeat the Hessian wing of General Howe's army at Trenton and record the greatest military achievement of the century," the speaker said. "And we are sure to win now, because we are of that breed of men," he continued.

Mr. Dixon has the greatest faith in our President and believes his efforts to right things in this country will prove successful. However, the task will, no doubt, be a long and hard one. He urged every one to face the future with as much courage as our fathers possessed in gaining their freedom, even if we experience hardships and disappointments, of which this generation knows little as compared with those experienced by our fathers in those days when they waded like men through all kinds of distress and hardships to overcome the reconstruction and heal the wounds of bloody civil war.

The speaker looks to the valor of America's men and women, boys and girls and not to the amount of dirt and rich ores to make the recovery measures of President Roosevelt prove successful.

Mr. Dixon, a native of Cleveland County, North Carolina, explained that he had lost more than a million dollars, but that he had not given up, adding that he would write more and better books, that he would look to the future with courage.

Born during the reconstruction days, Mr. Dixon, at an early age, interested himself in the happenings of that period and later wrote the "Clansman," which attracted national attention. He is a stately man of distinguished appearance, and has been widely acclaimed on his lecture tour throughout many states of the Union.

Will Finish Contract Revision Next Week

ONE MORE

Although no contests have developed for several offices in the county, interest in Martin politics continues to increase slowly but surely. The latest development is the announcement of Mr. J. C. Ross, of Oak City, for county commissioner. Mr. Ross, a prominent farmer-merchant of Goose Nest Township, will likely be in a direct contest with Farmer Jim Perry, recently announced candidate from that district for county commissioner. However, the nomination and election of the two men are possible, as there is no definite rule prohibiting the election of 2 or more men to the board of commissioners from one district. With only a few exceptions a general agreement has been effective, providing joint representation for the 10 townships by five men.

PATHETIC CASE PRESENTED AT COURT HOUSE

Mother Placed in Jail and Four Children Taken From Her

A pathetic story, one that appealed even to the "hard-boiled," was reported at the courthouse Tuesday afternoon, when a mother was separated from her children and placed in jail. Officers and welfare authorities waited for each other to give instructions, Jailer Roy Peel finally getting the task of directing the woman to a cell in the jail, and Miss Selma Ayers, connected with the welfare office, accepting the ordeal of pulling a little undernourished 3-year-old girl from the arms of her mother.

Mrs. Lily Johnson, a welfare subject recently moved from Halifax to the upper part of Goose Nest Township in this county, is being held for the alleged receiving of stolen goods. Her 16-year-old son is also in jail awaiting developments in a series of robberies in which he is believed to have figured. The boy is said to have admitted taking part in a safe robbery down in Tyrrell County some time ago.

While the mother and oldest son continue in jail, two sons, D. C., 10 years old, and R. L. Johnson, 6, are being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. John Bland at the county home. A fourth child, the baby in the hands of welfare authorities, is receiving excellent care. The 6-year-old boy cried a while for his mother the first night they were apart, but Mr. Bland said the little fellow was fast adapting himself to the home and was apparently enjoying the necessities of life offered him there.

BOYS' MEETING IN WASHINGTON

Eastern Carolina Older Boys' Conference Gets Under Way There

Under the auspices of the Interstate Y. M. C. A. committee of Charlotte, there is being held in Washington, N. C., this week-end the Eastern Carolina Older Boys' Conference, at which time free entertainment is to be provided for those attending between this Friday afternoon and Sunday evening.

It is understood that for boys between the ages of 14 and 18 years there will be no expense other than \$1.50 for registration—meals and sleeping quarters being provided by the entertaining city.

The Hi-Y clubs of Washington, under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Miller, are looking after local arrangements. As many as 150 boys are expected to attend. This furnishes a splendid week-end for Williamston and Martin County boys, and makes it possible for any such boys to enroll in the Y's summer camp at Chimney Rock next summer for only \$7.50 per week. If any are interested they might call upon Prof. David Hix or the Rev. Charles H. Diekey, either of whom will furnish further information.

Winner in Baby Contest Held in Rocky Mount

Little Anne Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lane, of Jamesville and Rocky Mount, was recently recognized as the second healthiest baby in a contest held in Rocky Mount. One of 116 babies entered in the contest, little Miss Anne scored 99, and was awarded a silver loving cup.

NO COMPLAINTS BEING MADE BY MOST FARMERS

Few Are Said To Be Taking "Bull-Headed" Attitude; Expose Schemers

The work of revising more than 1,000 tobacco reduction contracts is progressing rapidly, as a whole, in this county, it was learned here this morning. One or two districts are about through with the work and the others will likely finish some time next week, it was stated.

While there have been a few complaints against the revision order, a large majority of the growers is accepting the terms willingly. There has been a marked cooperation in the revision work, and when it is completed, the authorities believe the campaign will be near the objective desired by the government and as advanced in the terms of the bill.

Many unfair schemes have been uncovered, the latest being reported in this district, where a farmer reported tobacco grown on a fictitious farm. One or two cases have been discovered where the husband and wife have duplicated the reports, probably with the intention of going into the tobacco-raising business on a larger scale than ever before.

A few farmers, one committee member is said to have remarked, have acted a bit "bull-headed" about the revision order, but they are not many and will not effect any great change in the program, even after their contracts are thrown out.

Just how many acres and numbers of pounds so far eliminated in the county could not be determined this morning, but the authorities believed the results will be mighty near in keeping with the allotment when the revision work is completed. Those contracts, unsupported by actual figures and above the county average, will hardly be accepted, but will likely be returned for adjustment again. However, where contracts show an inconsistency the agreement may be revoked altogether by the government.

FISHERIES WILL START MONDAY

Drift and Skim Netters Are Making Fair Catches This Week

Weather and water conditions permitting, owners of the Fleming Fishery will start operating their seines next Monday, Charlie Davenport, Jamesville merchant, said yesterday. Water currents were said to be unusually strong, but plans were going forward today for starting operations next Monday.

Fair-sized catches of herring were reported by drift net and bow-net operators yesterday, but it is believed the seine catches will be fairly small during the first few days of operation next week.

Operating until about the 10th of May, the fisheries generally make their largest catches about Easter time. During the season thousands of people from miles away visit the fisheries.

Rededication Sunday At Episcopal Church

E. F. Moseley, rector. Fifth Sunday in Lent (Easter Sunday). Church school, 9:45 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon, at 11 a. m.

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30. Throughout the Episcopal church this Sunday has been designated by the Presiding Bishop as the Sunday for rededication of our lives, this act as a part of the church-wide endeavor. Members are asked to bring their signed enrollment cards to this service.

This will be the second Sunday of the attendance contest, and a large congregation is urged and expected. Easter is only two weeks off. A satisfactory Easter depends upon our spiritual preparation for it.

Number of CWA Workers To Be Reduced To 177 Men

The number of men working on CWA projects in this county will be reduced from 215 to 177 today, it was learned from relief headquarters here yesterday.

It is understood here that the whole works will be "shot" the latter part of this month, the remaining activities being handled under the emergency relief group.

23 CASES BOOKED TO BE TRIED IN SUPERIOR COURT

Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City Will Preside

Twenty-three criminal cases have been scheduled for trial in the Martin County Superior court convening here next Monday with Judge Walter Small, of Elizabeth City, presiding. Other than the Sam Ayers murder case, the docket carries no cases of any great importance. Two days have been reserved for the handling of the criminal docket, and unless additional cases develop, it is believed the criminal cases will have been cleared by the middle of the second day.

For the first time in months and months not a single case charging violation of the liquor laws is on the docket. In fact, there have been very few on the docket in the recorder's court recently, only now and then various justices of the peace hearing such cases.

Quite a number of the cases were appealed from the county and justice of the peace courts, several others having been continued from the previous term and still others entered directly by warrant and grand jury bills.

The one charging M. L. Bunting with embezzlement, a charge growing out of an investigation ordered in accounts of guardians by Judge R. Hunt Parker, was continued from the June term last year.

Cliff Bunch, charged with forgery, was called and failed to answer last December term. A true bill was returned by the grand jury at the last September term.

Appealing from the recorder's court sentence, Claud Manning and Raleigh Coburn are scheduled for trial in the case charging them with false pretense. The case was continued at the last December term.

The case charging Louis H. Peel with perjury was continued from the last December term.

Raymond Wynn, charged with larceny, appealed to the higher court from the sentence imposed upon him by the recorder.

The case charging J. C. Sexton with larceny was entered by warrant. Tried in the county court, J. A. Whitfield, charged with abandonment and non-support, appealed to the superior tribunal.

Charged with larceny, Howard Griffin, appealed from the county to the superior court.

Walter Gainer is scheduled for trial under warrant for alleged rape. Joe Davenport, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, appealed, Maggie Davenport, facing a similar charge, also appealed to the higher court. After appearing in many of the county court sessions during the past, the "Islands" section of Williams Township representatives are striving for bigger recognition from bigger courts.

About as regular as the docket, the case charging Jeffrey Taylor with abandonment and non-support is scheduled for next week.

Herbert and Charlie Mason appealed in the case charging them with larceny. Willie Rollins, following a hearing in the county court, was bound over to the superior tribunal for trial in the case charging him with larceny.

Walter Godard, after appearing in the county court, appealed to the superior court to hear the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Orange Peel, not at all identified with the fruit, is scheduled to answer a larceny and receiving charge, the case having been appealed from the sentence meted out in county court.

Charlie Harrell, charged with larceny, appealed from a justice of the peace court.

Russell and Stancel Perry, charged with robbery, also appealed from a sentence imposed in a justice of the peace court.

Hezekiah Briley, apparently a familiar figure in the courts, appealed in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

A warrant was issued in the case charging George W. Pope, alias James Williams and Harry James, with larceny.

A warrant was issued calling Jesse Hooker to answer for trial in the case charging him with bastardy.

Town of Robersonville Purchases Fire Truck

The Town of Robersonville has purchased a fire truck and pumper costing, when new, approximately \$10,000, it was learned here this week. Delivery of the equipment will be made by the American LaFrance manufacturers within the next 60 days it was said.

The action was taken following several costly fires there during the past two or three years.

CWA Will Be Abolished in County by End of Month

MAKE ARRESTS IN SERIES OF LATE COUNTY CRIMES

Mother and Young Son Are Being Held in Connection with Robberies

Finding the hideout of several criminals in a backwoods of Goose Nest Township this week, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, assisted by other officers, partially if not completely solved the series of robberies reported one after another from one end of this county to the other in recent weeks. The developments were recognized as the most important reported against organized crime in this county in many months.

From the time the Cost Line station was robbed in Jamesville on January 21 and up to and including the postoffice robbery in Hassell the 22nd of last month, the officers trailed the robbers. John Whitfield, 16-year-old white boy, is being held in connection with the robberies, and his mother, Mrs. Lily Johnson, is in the county jail charged with receiving stolen goods. Efforts are now being made by officers in several counties to effect the arrests of others believed implicated in the wholesale series of daring robberies.

Quantities of stolen goods, including sugar, cigarettes, extracts, clothing and other articles, were found hid in and buried near the Johnson home this week by officers. The arrests of the mother and son followed.

Making the Johnson home their headquarters, the band of robbers are believed to have operated throughout this section and in parts of Virginia, officers withholding detailed information in connection with the activities of the group in other sections. The 16-year-old boy is said to have admitted the robbery of a safe in Tyrrell County a few weeks ago.

A native of Halifax County, Mrs. Johnson lived in New Jersey for a while. Returning to this section about two years ago, she rented the out-of-way house and located there with her four children, John, Whitfield, 16 last July; D. C. Johnson, 10, R. L. Johnson, 6 years old and a baby three years old.

Pending developments in the case, the woman and her oldest child continue in jail, her next two children at the county home as special guests of the keeper, and the baby with welfare authorities here.

DEATH OF MRS. MARTHA WYNN

Hold Funeral Services In Cross Roads Church This Afternoon

Mrs. Martha Wynn, highly respected woman of Cross Roads Township, died at the home of her daughter there yesterday afternoon, bringing to an end 84 years of honorable and useful life. She had been critically ill for some time.

Mrs. Wynn, the daughter of Bryant and Pattie M. Biggs, was a member of a family included among the early settlers of this country. She was born in Bear Grass Township, where she spent her early life. When 22 years old, she was married to the late John Wynn, moving at that time to Cross Roads, where she spent the remainder of her life. During 60 years she was a faithful member of the Cross Roads church, leading a noble life in striving for the uplift of her community and the care of her family.

She leaves six children, three daughters, Mrs. Tempie Britton, of Greenville; Mrs. Hattie Roberson and Mrs. Fannie Wynn, of Cross Roads Township; and John H. and Sylvester Wynn, of Everetts, and Gray Wynn, of Roanoke Rapids. She also leaves 30 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted from the Cross Roads church this afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister. Interment will follow in the family plot on the Henry Wynn farm.

Third Snow Within One Week Falls Wednesday

Snow, the third to fall here within a week, covered the ground with a two-inch blanket Wednesday night. The white covering surprised many yesterday morning when they glimpsed it from their windows. Ole Sol and rising temperatures chased away nearly all the snow before the day was spent, however.

A RECORD

An unusual record in the liquidation of defunct banks was reported in a state paper this week, the report adding that the record is without parallel in all this section, and to which might be added a record for any ole section anywhere.

Liquidating the Carolina State Bank of Gibson, down in Scotland County, Receiver John L. Rodgers, formerly of this place, is paying off the depositors in full this week. In addition to that, there is a balance on hand of \$1,500, with around \$10,000 still due the bank, the report explained.

Mr. Rodgers is located at Lumberton, and has been in charge of several bank liquidations since leaving here a few years ago.

H. C. HARRINGTON DIED THIS WEEK NEAR OAK CITY

Funeral Held at His Late Home There Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services for Henry C. Harrington were held last Tuesday afternoon from his late home in Goose Nest Township, the Rev. T. A. Sykes, Methodist minister of Scotland Neck, conducting the last rites.

Mr. Harrington, 82 years old and a prominent county citizen, died early Monday morning at his home near Oak City. He had been in ill health for several years, spending the last two as an invalid in bed. He recently suffered three strokes of paralysis, hastening his death.

Mr. Harrington was the son of the late Elder and Mrs. H. D. Harrington. In early manhood he moved to the upper part of the county and married a Miss Williams, member of a prominent family of that section. Mrs. Harrington died a number of years ago. Four children, Misses Mollie and Annie Harrington and Mrs. Carrie Thompson and one son, Mr. Chas. Harrington, all of this county, survive. He also leaves a half-brother, Rev. W. B. Harrington, of the Farm Life section of this county.

Experiencing the many hardships of the reconstruction days, Mr. Harrington continued with strong courage throughout his life. He became a successful farmer and business man and was recognized as a friend to all. He was one of the oldest citizens in this county.

Young Colored Girl Hurt When Hit by Automobile

The seven-year-old daughter of Henry Ruffin and wife, colored, was painfully but not seriously hurt yesterday afternoon when she was hit by an automobile on West Main Street here. Attending doctors said this morning that her injuries were not considered serious.

The girl is said to have darted into the street and in the path of the car, making it impossible for the driver to miss her. She was struck by a fender and was cut about the head.

The driver of the car rushed the girl to a doctor and arranged for medical attention.

Appoint W. F. Crawford To Head Garden Projects

Will F. Crawford, Everetts man, was appointed this week to head the garden projects in the county for relief cases. Mr. Crawford will supervise the work and make regular reports to welfare authorities, it is understood.

Shaw Choral Society To Give Concert Here 21st

One of the best numbers of the season is coming to the colored high school on Wednesday, March 21. At this time the choral society of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., are to appear in grand recital on our stage. It is one of the best musical aggregations in the South, and we are taking this means of inviting all our people, white and colored, to come out on this evening and enjoy themselves. A small admission will be charged. Be advised that this is one of our best numbers.—E. J. Hayes, principal.

RELIEF AGENCY WILL TAKE OVER BURDEN APRIL 1

Action Will Greatly Curtail Activities at Present Under Way

Under new orders coming from Administrator of Relief Harry L. Hopkins, the Civil Works Administration will be abolished the last of this month, indicating that all work carried on after March 31 will be handled by the Emergency Relief Administration. The action will greatly curtail relief activities, however, it is understood important projects will be continued.

Definite information could not be learned here this week, but it is believed that a number of workers now employed on CWA projects will be transferred to the division of emergency relief. Just how many men will be continued in this county is not known, some estimating that at least 100 would probably continue on the emergency relief working list during the next few months.

Wholesale employment of jobless workers will be a thing of the past under the new division. In those families where more than one person has gainful employment, no applications will be considered. Persons with any resources will be dismissed, the general policy only considering those persons as are entitled to emergency relief. In other words, the emergency relief administration, as it is understood here, will care principally for those families who are on the direct relief list.

The new ruling is not very favorable to rural sections, it being understood that most of the work will be handled in cities of 5,000 or more population and in industrial centers.

The Work Division will be responsible for planning the organization and conduct of work for those certified to the division as eligible for relief, which, it is understood, automatically abolishes offices outside the relief office.

All projects handled in the future will be strictly of public character, specifically in connection with the economic and social benefit to the general public and publicly owned institutions.

Employment will be limited to 24 hours each week, the rate of pay ranging about 30 cents an hour, the exact amount depending upon the prevailing conditions in those communities where the work is handled.

SWINE KILLED BY WILD DOGS

Two Dogs Are Shot This Week While Killing Hog Near Here

Martin County farmers have lost many hogs to bears annually for years, but only recently did several farmers learn that wild dogs were killing and eating their hogs. Ten hogs have been killed and eaten by dogs near here recently, Mr. Jesse Whitley said yesterday.

Hearing a hog squealing this week, Henderson Norfolk, tenant farmer, took his gun and went to investigate and found two dogs tearing a big sow to pieces. He killed the two ferocious animals, but it is believed that there are others in the Roanoke Swamps and in the old Davis grave yard section.

Coming from the Roanoke lowlands where they have run wild for some time, the dogs, said to be of the bull species, have killed and eaten the heads and hams of hogs for farmers living near here on the Hamilton Road for some time.

Virginia Dare Automobile Group To Meet Tonight

A meeting of the Virginia Dare Automobile Dealers Association will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the Chowan Motor Company plant in Edenton. The meeting of both used and new car dealers will elect delegates to a convention for the election of a State Advisory committee, President G. H. Cox, of Robersonville, announced this morning.

"The code of fair competition for the motor vehicle retailing trade is now the law and governs every automobile dealer whether or not he has formally assented to the code," Mr. Cox explained. He added, "It is therefore decidedly to the advantage of every automobile dealer to attend the meeting and have a voice in the election of delegates who will elect the State Advisory committee which administer the code in this State."