

FINISH PROGRAM FOR EXPOSITION

Elaborate Program Worked Out By Steering Committee of Sectional Trade Body

Rocky Mount, Feb. 4.—The program for the Eastern Carolina exposition, which is to be held in Rocky Mount during the week of April 4th, was announced today by N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, following a meeting of the steering committee at Whiteakers Wednesday afternoon when the various details and engagement artists on the program were approved.

The exposition, which is to be held at a local warehouse, or probably two warehouses, will open Monday afternoon, April 4th, at 2 o'clock with a parade in which handsome prizes will be offered for the most attractive and beautiful floats. The opening exercises at the exposition hall will start at 2:30 with President J. W. Holmes, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce presiding. The welcoming address will be delivered by Mayor L. L. Gravelly of this city, and the response will be by President Holmes, of Farmville, after which the exposition will be turned over to the platform manager. At 3 o'clock will come the introduction of representatives in the queens contest. After several novelty acts by a dancing team and a black-face comedian, there will be an address by the Governor, or some appointee from the chief executive's office. Giovanni Martinelli and his assistants in concert will be the chief attraction Monday night when the program will begin at 7:30 o'clock with a concert by Didenmeyer's orchestra, followed by a novelty act and the introduction of the queens.

Tuesday afternoon's program, beginning at 2:30, will consist of a concert by the orchestra, a novelty dancing act and a play by local children. That evening's entertainment, in addition to the orchestra music and novelty acts, will be marked by the coronation of the queens, in which cash prizes of \$25.00, \$15.00 and \$10.00 will be offered. The outstanding event for Wednesday night will be a style show which is to be staged by merchants of the city and section.

Thursday has been designed as the day for the annual membership dinner of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce when more than 1,200 business men of the section are expected to meet. A dinner will be served, and the annual election of officers will take place. The principal speaker at the gathering will be Sir Frederick McGill of London, England.

That afternoon what is expected to prove one of the most interesting events of the exposition will be given in the form of a concert by Eastern Carolina talent. Numerous artists who have gone out from the section and made a name for themselves will be brought back to entertain the home folks. The complete list of these will be worked out and announced later. That night Sir Frederick McGill will speak at the exposition and the queens will be introduced to the gathering after the usual orchestra concert and entertainment novelty acts.

Friday, the final day of the exposition, will be known as School Day. There will be a parade of school children at 2 o'clock, followed by a special musical and dancing program for the children at the warehouse. The exposition will be brought to a close that night with the coronation of the winning queen and a play and a pageant in which talent from over Eastern Carolina will be used.

MRS. RICHARD R. CARR PASSES ON TO HER REWARD

The funeral of Mrs. Richard R. Carr was held at her home on Church street Tuesday afternoon, February 1st, at 2:30. Rev. J. A. Roberts conducted the service. Interment was made at Forest Hill cemetery.

The passing of Mrs. Carr came as a shock to the community, although she had been confined to her bed for several weeks. She was well known and will be greatly missed, being one of Farmville's oldest residents, and was loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and a true Christian character. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Spight, who was born October 12th, 1859. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Richard R. Carr, one daughter, Miss Martha Carr, one son, Dr. M. L. Carr, of LeGrange, one sister, Mrs. A. E. Turnage, who lives near Farmville, one brother, Mr. Jesse Carr, of Greensboro.

Her nephews were her nephews, Mr. D. L. Turnage, A. C. Turnage, Mr. Carr, B. S. Turnage, S. L. Carr, and Mrs. Carr, friends of Mr. Carr, and all her family.

Honor His Memory



The above picture is of Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, noted clergyman, educator, lecturer and philanthropist—founder of Grace Baptist Church and Temple University, Philadelphia, Feb. 13th, will be observed Sunday throughout the country in honor of his memory.

THE CANNADY BILL FAVORABLE

Bill Changing Auto License Year Passed By Senate on Second Reading

Raleigh, Feb. 4th.—The first long-winded debate of the present session was staged in the Senate yesterday when the Cannady bill to change the automobile registration date from the fiscal to the calendar year was passed on its second reading.

Several proponents and opponents of the bill argued the matter for over one hour and a quarter, but the bill got no further than its second reading, final action being postponed until today.

Senator Hargett, of Jones, led the fight against the measure and tried to have it tabled, but by a vote of 24 to 23 the Senate kept the bill on the calendar.

Senator Womble, of Forsyth, objected on its third reading and it went over until today.

Objection to the bill by Senator Hargett was based on the fact that the State Revenue Department estimated the cost of the proposed change would be approximately \$143,000, but Senator Cannady countered with another mass of figures, secured from the Department. The Johnston Senator said the interest on the money collected from the sale of license tags would more than offset the cost of changing.

Senator Grant, of New Hanover, one-time proponent of the bill and who signed the measure when it was introduced, changed his attitude and announced that he was opposed to the measure. He asserted he had been led to believe the cost of changing would not exceed \$20,000, and with the revised estimate of \$143,000 he was opposed to it.

Senator Johnson, of Duplin, who hails from the same district as the New Hanover Senator, charged Senator Grant "with flying the coop" and announced that he would have Mr. Grant's name taken off the bill.

The Duplin Senator advocated the passage of the bill with all the oratorical power he could muster.

Postmaster Refuses To Work on Sunday

So Postmaster W. H. McCotter, Gritton, Pitt County, Turns In His Resignation.

Washington, Feb. 3rd.—Because he had to open his postoffice on Sunday, W. H. McCotter, postmaster at Gritton, Pitt County, has resigned.

The Post Office Department accepted his resignation immediately.

N. C. MAKES PROGRESS

Secretary Hoover Declares the State is Making More Economic Progress Than Any in America

WASHINGTON.—Characterized by Secretary of Commerce Hoover as the state which is making more economic progress than any other in America, North Carolina is one of the most lucrative revenue producers for the Federal Government.

In 1926 North Carolina led the United States in the payment of taxes on tobacco manufactured products, the collections from that state having been \$172,593,186.

No other state even approached the tobacco tax record set by North Carolina. Virginia came second with \$40,815,000 and the other leading states which paid 86 per cent of the total tax included New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Missouri and California.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue listed leading tobacco manufacturing states as follows: In the production of cigars weighing more than 3 pounds per 1,000: Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Florida, New Jersey, Indiana and Michigan.

In the manufacture of cigarettes weighing not more than 3 pounds per 1,000: North Carolina, New York, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and California.

In the manufacture of plug tobacco, Missouri and North Carolina.

North Carolina ranked first in smoking tobacco.

North Carolina led the nation in the consumption of virtually all tobacco products employed in manufacturing. Figures show the following consumption: For 1926: Unstemmed leaf tobacco, 82,351,738 pounds; Stemmed leaf, 5,246,196 lbs. Snuff, 11,656,505 pounds; Licorice, 11,001,133 pounds; Sugar, 14,792,723 pounds.

A total of 135,819,543 pounds of materials went into the production of tobacco in North Carolina in 1926.

According to the Bureau of Internal Revenue: Out of the 82,247,000 cigarettes weighing not over 3 pounds per 1,000 in 1926, North Carolina produced over half, or 46,815,000,000. While figures for 1926 are not yet available, the national production is expected to amount to about 95,000,000,000 and that of North Carolina to nearly 60,000,000,000.

It was believed by internal revenue officials that more tobacco is manufactured in North Carolina than in any other similar area in the world.

D. A. R. MEETING

The Major Benjamin May Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be entertained by Mrs. R. A. Fields, Mrs. R. H. Knott and Mrs. G. M. Holden Saturday, February 13th, at 2:30 p. m.

\$100,000 TO WILSON COLLEGE

J. W. Hines, of Rocky Mount, Donates Third of Amount to Be Raised in Drive

Wilson, Feb. 3.—Mr. J. W. Hines, wealthy citizen of Rocky Mount, and an enthusiastic friend of the Atlantic Christian College, today started the drive to raise \$300,000 for the Wilson institution, by a gift of \$100,000, the only contribution of the kind being that other supporters of the institution give the remaining two-thirds of the amount desired.

Members of the college endowment campaign steering committee and other ministers and laymen to the number of 200 will gather at Greenville Friday to discuss plans for the drive.

The conference will formally launch a campaign which is expected to increase the assets of the college to a total of \$550,000 or \$600,000 and make possible the rebuilding of the institution, from which large numbers of students have been driven away in recent years because of crowded conditions.

AGREES TO BAD BILL

Salmon-Lawrence Opposes Check Bill in Senate Floor

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—A worthless check bill introduced by Senator Salmon-Lawrence in the Senate yesterday afternoon, will probably reach the floor of the Senate Monday night.

Under the provisions of the new bill, a measure carrying more teeth than any other "bad check" bill yet introduced and which if passed would repeal the 1925 "bad check" law, the giver of a worthless check when he knew he had no bank account would be charged with a misdemeanor. Conviction would carry a fine of not less than \$50.00, or a jail sentence of not less than 10 days, or both in the discretion of the court.

The "10-day notice" clause in the 1925 act would be repealed.

The majority of the members of the committee indicated they were in favor of enacting a more stringent worthless check law. Some members were of the opinion the law should not be so stringent and declared that although they were against the bill they would not fight it on the floor.

The bill reported out embraces portions of both the Lawrence and Salmon bills.

TELLS SECRET OF LONG LIFE

Representative Chas. M. Stedman of North Carolina Oldest member

RALEIGH.—Representative Charles M. Stedman, (D) of North Carolina, the oldest member of Congress, scoffs at the time-honored recipes for attaining a ripe old age.

Major Stedman, at the age of 88, eats what he pleases, smokes when he desires, and works hard.

"The whole secret of my long and active life is the Providence of God," he said. "He fixes the time for the death of all persons. I know my time is already fixed by Providence, and it doesn't worry me."

Graduating from college at the age of twenty, Major Stedman entered the Confederate army as a private in 1861 and was wounded three times and emerged as a major. As a lawyer, he held many public offices in North Carolina before coming to Congress sixteen years ago.

"I smoke more cigars than the ordinary man, and have smoked a great deal most of my life," he said. "I eat anything that I like that is set on the table before me. I do much walking at home, but in Washington I take no particular form of exercise. I usually retire at 10:30 and rise at 7:30."

Major Stedman prides himself on his ability to keep his work as a congressman up to date. He never refuses to answer a letter, however trivial. They come to him in great batches from all parts of North Carolina.

"I haven't given the matter of retirement a moment's consideration," he said.

He has great confidence in his state. "North Carolina at the present time is enjoying prosperity and the prospects for the future are bright," he said. "The state has a magnificent climate, great resources, a conservative people and is in the midst of an era of prosperity and growth."

NOTED NEGRO MUSICIAN COMING TO FARMVILLE

The Farmville colored school will present Joseph H. Douglass, of Washington, D. C., in violin concert Monday evening, February 14th, in the school auditorium. Douglass is a grandson of Frederick Douglass and is rated as the best violinist the race has ever produced. He has played to packed houses in most of the large cities of America and has also played to the supreme delight of many of the crowned heads of Europe.

He was formerly head of the violin department of the Howard University school of music and was also head of a prominent music school of New York City.

A rare treat is in store for all lovers of real music. He plays no jazz. His entire program will be made up of choice selections from the master pieces of the best American, German and French composers.

Our white friends are cordially invited and special seats will be reserved for them.

Takes Ban's Place



American League baseball club owners have named Frank J. Navin to take Ban Johnson's place as president of their circuit.

U. S. ABANDONS PEACE HOPE

And Continues Preparations to Protect Americans There at Any Cost

Washington, Feb. 4th.—The United States today abandoned hope of early peace in China and continued preparations to protect Americans there at any cost.

This development followed receipt of confidential advices stating that neither of the warring factions is able to guarantee such protection, it was learned on high authority.

Just how far reaching this step may prove will be determined by future events, it was stated. "This country and Great Britain are taking the same grave view of the situation and are acting in accordance, officials said."

The plea of Chinese minister Sze that the ships now in Chinese waters be released and those on the way turned back, has been refused. The ships will remain within reach of Americans in China until a victorious army is able to establish a stable government and new protective treaties are actually negotiated, it was stated.

Clarence E. Taus, American General at Shanghai, reported by cable today that Americans are being concentrated there as rapidly as possible. Americans are pouring in every day, leaving everything they possess behind them, he stated.

FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Second Degree Verdict Returned By Jury in Case of C. E. Beaman of Wilson

Wilson, Feb. 4.—Verdict of guilty against Ernest Boswell, charged with murdering C. E. Beaman in February 1925, was returned by a jury in Wilson county Superior Court today.

Judge Dunn announced he would pronounce sentence later. Boswell was not being tried for his life, but on a second degree indictment.

Conviction is Boswell's second for the offense. He was granted a new trial by the Supreme court on the first on the ground that improper testimony had been introduced by the state.

Boswell was convicted of killing Mr. Beaman, a slot machine salesman, on February 7th, 1925. His trial consumed more than two days. The defendant was the last witness on the stand, and was subject to a grueling cross-examination.

World War Veterans Clamor For Loans

Charlotte, Feb. 3.—Clamor of ex-service men to secure loans on their adjusted compensation certificates has swamped the office of H. Grady Goode, service officer of Hornet's Nest post, it was learned today.

"There are 80 applications for loans on file in my office now, banks are unable to handle more than three a day and I am forced to stop accepting the applications for at least 30 days," Mr. Goode explained. Since January 1st, the service officer has put through more than 125 loans, which netted the ex-soldier owners of the certificates approximately \$11,200 and banks have loaned approximately \$28,000 additional, it was disclosed.

"Social Workers! Do you believe in the transmigration of souls?"

Fisherman, Well, no, sir. I like 'em fried in the ordinary way.

THE BISHOP'S CRUSADE ON

Is Now Under Full Swing in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of N. C.

The Bishops' Crusade is now in full swing in the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of East Carolina. Last week Bishop Bratton, of the Diocese of Mississippi, and the Rev. Pembroke W. Reede, of Richmond, Va., conducted a Mass Meeting with highly gratifying results in St. James' Church, Wilmington, N. C. This week Rev. II. F. Klonan, of Cumberland, Md., and the Rev. Mr. Reede are having another successful Mass Meeting in Christ Church, Elizabeth City. Beginning Monday, February 6th, the Rt. Rev. Frederick Foote Johnson, D.D., Bishop of Missouri, and the Rev. Mr. Klonan will begin a Mass Meeting in St. Peter's Church at Washington.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., Bishop of East Carolina, has issued the following statement as "The Next Step in the Bishops' Crusade":

"What is to follow? How shall results be conserved? Is it to be simply a mighty gesture or is it to result in experiences, so real and significant that men and women will be constrained to go forward in Christ's name to do Christian work in Christ's way? The answer to the question must be made by the Bishops, Priests and laymen and women of the Church. The members of the National Commission, while keenly conscious of their limitations, corporately and individually, feel that they have made reasonably adequate preparations. The Crusaders, with zeal and devotion and high courage sounded the message of the Crusade. Many men and women have rededicated themselves to the service of God. All of these things constitute, not the end, but the beginning of the movement.

Diocesan Commissions must plan for the Diocese what the National Commission planned for the General Church. Diocesan Crusaders must carry the message of the Crusade to the parishes and missions of the Diocese.

Rededicated men and women must carry the glory and splendor of their new vision to lives that are still in darkness.

It is not enough to stand in the reflected glory of the cross and renew allegiance to Jesus; we must show that allegiance by a loyal devotion to His purposes; by a consistent walking in His ways, and even if we went that far, it would not be enough for the Crusade must do more than simply make us good. It must make us good for something. It must send us out with a passion, not only for souls, but for righteousness. It must make us realize that the "City of Sin" has no place in the plan of God, that injustice and arrogance are contrary to the teachings of Jesus, that contempt of law, be it God's law or man's law, is not a mark of discipleship.

There are certain ugly outstanding characteristics of the City of Sin: Easy and frequent divorce; immorality bearing the sanction of society; lawlessness that boasts of its success; gross sin that stains and soils all that it touches; blasphemy that sneers its bitter hatred in the very face of God.

We know that these things exist, and I am quite sure that the majority of us are sure that they do exist, but unfortunately most of us stop at being sorry. We regret but we accept. We "view with alarm" and then turn our faces the other way.

The great message of the Bishops' Crusade will have been sounded in vain unless it results in a different attitude on the part of many of the members of the Church toward the forces of evil that arrogantly claim a place in our civilization.

Those evil forces have no rightful place. They are here on sufferance. They stay because we allow them to stay. They will go when we say they must go, and we will give that order when we realize that they do not belong in God's great plan.

How is this to be done? Not by the Bishops and other clergy alone, although our leadership must be finer than ever before, our appeal more definite, our example more inspiring.

No, there can be no substitute for the devotion and loyalty and consecrated service of that great body of men and women and boys and girls who make up the lay membership of the Church.

You must drive out these forces of evil by developing in your own lives those forces of good against which the forces of evil have never been able to stand.

You must come back to the source of all power.

In the Sacrament of His love and grace you must find strength. In the study of His Own blessed word, you must find the way to a larger life, by earnest and continued prayer you must keep the channel open between your willingness to serve and God's power to make your service worth while.