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Pythian Children To Give Program

Program Is Planned for August 27 At Methodist Church

The entertainment class of children from the Pythian home in Clayton will present an evening's entertainment in the educational building of the First Methodist church here on August 27, beginning at 8 o'clock. According to information received here. The public is cordially invited, officials of the Knights of Pythias, lodge no. 84, stated.

Besides the public, numbers of Pythians and their families are expected to attend.

J. W. Knowles, who managed the group in 1933, will again be in charge. It was understood nominal admission fees will be charged.

Fountain Speaks At Asheville

Mr. R. T. Fountain has returned from a short visit to the mountain regions of the state. While in Asheville he addressed the State Federation of Labor in a joint debate with Dr. Clarence Poe, on the merits of the new Proposed Constitution. Mr. Fountain opposing the Constitution and Dr. Poe advocating it.

The State Federation of Labor went on record as unanimously rejecting the Proposed New Constitution.

On August 15th, Mr. Fountain addressed the Civitan Club at the Vanderbilt Hotel on the subject. On August 16th, he addressed the Swannanoa Experiment Station at its Field Day exercise on the New Deal, and urged the farmers to be not weary in well doing but to continue to give their support to our President in his efforts in trying to bring about living conditions for the farmer and laboring man, which is the foundation of prosperity for all.

MILL SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT 10TH.

September 10th was announced as the opening date for the Rocky Mount Mills school. The list of faculty members was also revealed.

Mrs. C. F. James, principal of the school, stated that the new school building had practically been completed and will be ready for opening here next month. The mill school is included in the Nash county unit, and opens along with other schools in the county.

The list of instructors engaged for the approaching term, as disclosed by Mrs. James, is as follows:

- Mrs. James, teacher of the sixth and seventh grades.
- Mrs. R. A. Broom, teacher of the fourth and fifth grades.
- Miss Mary Hilliard, teacher of the third grade.
- Miss Barbara Edwards, teacher of the second grade.
- Miss Rebecca Knight, teacher of the first grade.

Dr. D. R. Merritt Injured In Wreck

Tarboro, Aug. 21.—Dr. D. R. Merritt, of this city, was in a local hospital today after an automobile in which he was riding was overturned near the city here Sunday night it was learned here today. Mr. Merritt was suffering from wounds in his chest resulting from the accident, it was said.

Two men were reported to be in the car with Mr. Merritt, but their names could not be learned. All three of the men were taken from under the car by people in a passing automobile, according to reports received here.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an open competitive examination as follows:

Press assistant, 84 cents an hour (based on 40-hour week), Government Printing Office. Of least one year's experience as printing press assistant, including feeding, required. Feeding alone not sufficient. Closing date, September 4, 1934.

The wage named is subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 percent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3 1-2 percent toward a retirement annuity.

Full information may be obtained from A. D. Cuthrell, Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners, at the post office or customhouse in this city.

TARBORO NEWS

The Tarboro Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Cliff Weeks on Wednesday, August 22, at which time a picnic will be held. The picnic is an annual affair and always enjoyed by the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Foxhall have returned home from Georgia, where Mr. Foxhall has been on the Tobacco market. Others who have returned home from the Georgia markets are Messrs. Joe Bunn, Sam McConkey and Irwin Johnson.

Mr. Henry Johnson and Miss Bella Johnson are at home again after a visit with relatives at Wrightsville Beach. Mrs. Johnson and Betty are expected home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Laughlin have returned from Atlanta, Ga., and Blacksburg, S. C., where they visited friends and relatives. While away Mr. Laughlin attended the convention of County Commissioners and County Auditors that was held at the Battery Park Hotel in Asheville.

Mr. Lee Ruffin, one of Edgecombe's most successful farmers is living up to his reputation as one who knows how to raise water-melons. Mr. Ruffin has brought several watermelons to town that were "eye openers," one weighed 111. Others 114 and 115 pounds. Last year Mr. Ruffin sent a melon to President Roosevelt that tipped the scales at 121 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gardner went to Raleigh, Tuesday, to attend the funeral of the late John D. Waldrop, state highway official who died Monday from injuries received in an automobile accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cherry and children have returned home from an auto trip through Virginia. Miss Mary Ballard Bunn went to Roanoke Rapids Tuesday for the day. She was accompanied by Mrs. Joe Bunn.

Tarboro citizens are happy to welcome home Dr. Julian Baker who has been in the mountains of North Carolina for several weeks.

Tarboro's Municipal swimming pool seems to gain in popularity, now that the new cooling system has been installed the water is delightful at all times, and large crowds of out-of-town visitors are seen daily. Large attractive signs have been placed on Main Street to direct visitors, who are always welcome.

Annalist index of commodities is highest since 1931.

Reasons Why the Proposed New Constitution Should Not Be Passed

First: It gives the Legislature the power to pass any kind of tax laws without any restrictions or constitutional restraints. The old constitution proposed that Poll Tax should be placed only on males not to exceed \$2.00. Under the new constitution both male and female could be made to pay Poll Tax to an unlimited amount. It would permit the Legislature to classify property and have different rates of tax for different species of property which the people have already voted against four times.

Second: It would give the Legislature power to give the Governor the right to appoint all County officers. It would make County Government purely a creature of the Legislature and would take away its constitutional standing. Under the present constitution it provides that each County shall have a Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court, Sheriff and Coroner. Under the proposed constitution these officers would be absolutely in the hands of the Legislature to abolish or appoint or handle, as the Legislature sees fit in its wisdom. In other words, County Government would become a Legislative football.

Third: The proposed constitution would take from the people the right to elect their State Board of Education and instead of the people electing a State Board of Education, it provides that the Governor shall appoint a State Board of Education.

Fourth: Under the new proposed constitution it gives to the Judicial Council composed of thirty-seven Judges, the right to outline Court Rules and Court Procedure which has been satisfactory heretofore except to the Judges. Under the proposed constitution the Court of the Justice of Peace is absolutely left out and it leaves it up to the Legislature to set up such courts as it sees fit.

Are we ready to abolish a Court of simple and low cost procedure and place the matter solely in the hands of the Legislature to deal with as they see fit? The Justice of the Peace Court is now the only Court that a poor man is able to bring suit in to enforce his rights without giving bond.

Fifth: The proposed constitution gives to the Governor the right to appoint 30,000 state employees. Is this not sufficient power? Why give him more? The proponents of the present constitution contend that there were several Carpet Baggers in the convention that wrote the constitution of 1868, 18 to be exact, while the convention was composed of 120 members. We are not living under the constitution of 1868. We are living under the constitution of 1875 which was sponsored by Governor Vance and advocated throughout the State. The proposed constitution was inspired by the Brookings' Institution report and according to rumor was written by Dean Vanhecke of the State University Law School and Dean Miller of Duke University Law School. Both gentlemen from foreign States and was accepted with some changes by the Constitutional Commission which was appointed by Governor Gardner.

Now have we reached the time when we are willing to transfer from the constitution espoused by Governor Vance to the constitution that was inspired by the Brookings' report?

SALARIES OF STATE EMPLOYEES

At a meeting of the State Federation of Labor last week, Highway Commissioner Jeffress stated that there were 30,000 state employees including teachers, and that he felt like the salaries of these employees were too low but that it was a matter that the executive department through the Highway Commission and other Commissions did not have authority to deal with. That it ought to be remedied but that it was a Legislative function and not an executive function.

We do not understand this kind of reasoning. The salaries were cut by the Executive Department and the various Commissions and were lowered from time to time in instances where the Legislature had already fixed a high salary. We should do justice by our employees. There is no doubt that many of our salaries are too low. How can it be expected of a prison guard who is receiving from \$29.00 to \$32.00 per month to live and for the State to be able to get the right kind of guards with sufficient ability to handle prisoners upon this salary?

There should be an adjustment of teachers' salaries at an early date. There are some high salaries being paid by the State to officers that are not supposed to be rendering vital and necessary services. Would it not be better to let some of these officers go and take their salaries and help raise some of these lowly paid vital and necessary officers, such as prison guards and the teachers on the low schedule? Until the Legislature meets and provides the funds, if the money cannot be found at present.

SIZE OF VEHICLES FIXED BY LEGISLATURE NOT POLICE DEPARTMENT

In a recent editorial entitled "Traffic Jams," appearing in the afternoon paper, there was complaint about traffic conditions in Rocky Mount and the size of motor vehicles. This complaint was lodged very largely at the Police Department of Rocky Mount. Now in justice to the Police Department, the police have nothing to do with the size of motor vehicles. The size of motor vehicles is regulated by the Legislature. The police have nothing to do with it. We agree with this editorial that some of these vehicles are entirely too large and out of shape to be operating on the highways but this complaint should not be put on the policemen of Rocky Mount.

While we believe every precaution should be taken to save human life but it may be said that most of the serious accidents do not occur in the congested and business districts where this complaint is lodged but out on the highways and suburban sections and it has been our contention that the State Traffic Officers should patrol these sections and halt those who are driving in violation of the law rather than serving as outrunners and bellringers and horn blowers for public officials appearing out on state and public occasions.

It is true that the afternoon paper through its editorials did advocate a change of the executive head of the police force but the people recognized that Rocky Mount had a Chief of Police of high order and asked that he be continued (Please turn to Page Eight.)

Last Tribute To Henry T. Rainey

President Roosevelt Among Thousands Attending Rites At Illinois Home

Carrollton, Ill., Aug 22.—President Roosevelt, scores of national and state dignitaries and thousands of plain citizens joined today in an impressive though simple farewell to Speaker Henry T. Rainey.

Following brief Episcopal services, attended by the President, at the Rainey country estate, "Walnu Hall," on the outskirts of Carrollton, the body was taken to the Carrollton cemetery and interred beside the bodies of Mr. Rainey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rainey.

The President arrived from Washington aboard his special from Washington train at 3:35 p. m. (Central Standard Time) and started his return trip to the Capital a 5:34 p. m.

Rites In Home
Funeral services, conducted by Bishop John Canler White of the Episcopal diocese of Springfield, Ill., were held in the front parlor of the rambling red brick Rainey home.

Only dignitaries, relatives and close personal friends of the family were admitted to the home, but thousands stood on the large lawn. Estimates of the crowd inside the estate ranged upwards from 10,000.

Many thousands viewed the late Speaker's body during the four hours it lay in state in the rotunda of the old stone Greene County courthouse preceding the service.

All told, it was estimated by state highway police that more than 25,000 came to this little county seat town for a final tribute to the man most of them knew as "Henry T."—good farmer and a good Congressman.

Speaker Rainey, who died unexpectedly in a St. Louis hospital Sunday night, returned to the "home folk" for the last time at 8:40 a. m.

Sorrowing Through
This time the customary happy "Welcome home, Henry T.," was missing. Sorrowing friends, some of them lifelong, stood with bowed heads as the massive copper casket was carried into the courthouse by Legionnaires.

In the four hours the body lay there Legionnaires estimated that an average of 50 persons passed each minute—a total of 12,000. Some were farmers with overalls who always voted for Rainey because he was their friend—a farmer himself.

Cattle Orders For State Total 70,700

Raleigh Stockyards Receive 18,000 Bovines For Testing Before Fattening

North Carolina has ordered a total of 70,190 cattle from the mid-Western drought area, officials of the State Emergency Relief Administration said yesterday.

While this State's quota is only 75,000 cattle, it is understood that orders will not be stopped when that amount is reached. The cattle are to be fattened in pasturage in this State then slaughtered to be canned into beef for relief purposes.

A total of 1,296 carloads—approximately 52,000 cattle—already have been shipped into this State. Of that number, 464 carloads—approximately 18,000—have been shipped to Raleigh for testing.

President orders nationalization of silver at 50.01c an ounce.

Readers, when you purchase goods advertised in these columns tell the merchants you saw it in

THE HERALD.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Local Market Has Big Break

Farmers and warehousemen both seemed well pleased with the opening of Rocky Mount's Tobacco Market yesterday. Approximately half the available warehouse floor space was covered with tobacco, which was selling at a very satisfactory price. Unofficial reports estimated the average price to be about twenty-five cents per pound.

Only two sets of buyers were here for the beginning and a block sale was expected late yesterday. Thousands were in town to attend the sales.

Wendell Fair Opens Sept. 3rd

One of the first Tobacco Expositions ever held in U. S. A., will open at Wendell on September 3rd, combined with the Old Eastern Wake Fair and it promises to be the big event of 1934. Exhibits are coming in fast and every inch of the Exhibit Halls are packed to overflowing, if all the Exhibits are placed on exhibit. Over 263 pieces of fancy work have already been entered, and hundreds more are expected. The Wendell folks are solid behind the big event and are pushing it over the top. The decorators are here and work has already started, to turn the exhibit hall into a fairland.

Tobacco is being entered each day and the Fair Association hopes to have 2000 pounds on display of the finest in North Carolina and Virginia. Everyone is asked to send their exhibits in. Prizes are given all winners. One of the biggest Free Act programs ever shown except at the State Fair will be featured, with The Great Morris Family heading the bill. This is the first appearance of this wonderful troupe of Mexican Performers, and they come here direct from New York State Fair. The Taylor Brothers featuring 40-foot slide and other acts are on the program. Fireworks will be used as an added attraction.

Special added attractions are a great Style Show with 30 Models, an Old Time Fiddlers Contest with over 30 bands are already contracted, as well as Wilsons Sound Systems, who will erect 6 Great Trumpets over the fair grounds. A 26 piece band will furnish the music during the week. Bunts Greater Shows will be on the Glad Way all week. Other special features are being contracted.

TO ORGANIZE YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUBS

Baxter M. Linney who is state chairman of the organization is planning to open state headquarters of the Young Republican Clubs of North Carolina, at Lenoir, at an early date. John W. Hollifield, secretary, will be in charge.

Young Republican clubs are already organized at 59 points in North Carolina and the organization of additional clubs will be pushed vigorously by Mr. Linney.

New relief plan for winter proposes "white-collar" aid.

NRA REORGANIZATION DROUGHT NEEDS FACED FOR SOCIAL INSURANCE PARK AREAS FOR WORKERS

The reorganization of the NRA which will take place soon, provides a permanent structure to be operated by an administrator under control of a Board. The NRA will continue to supervise codes of "fair competition" and trade association control of industry will be regulated through the organization or under the Sherman Antitrust Act. Officials declare while the NRA has permitted combinations in some instances in order to establish "fair competition," it has safeguarded the public against "unfair competition" and that the set-up must be continued or anti-trust laws must be rigorously enforced.

Price-fixing will probably be eliminated except in emergencies and secret rebating, together with other ruinous trade practices will be prohibited. Blue eagles will be continued and its withdrawal used as a lever in cases of dispute but litigations will be turned over to the Department of Justice. Labor problems will probably go to the National Labor Relations Board and the Department of Labor. As to enforcement of anti-trust laws, it is hoped to work out a method to secure cooperation between the NRA, the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice in order to give a "certain security to business" which will be protected from conflicting decisions on the part of various bodies.

President Roosevelt, upon his return to Washington, gave his attention to the drought problem and the huge program which may have to be enlarged to meet the new situation. Since Congress appropriated \$525,000,000 for drought relief, the drought area has been enlarged by more than three hundred per cent and the number of those for whom relief will be necessary has greatly increased. At the same time profiteering in foodstuffs will be prevented, if possible.

A survey of the food and feed supply of the nation has been made and is expected to reassure those who fear a shortage. The purchase of surplus commodities that otherwise will not be harvested under market control agreements has been suggested and the Government urged to buy up large quantities of foodstuffs to be held as a weapon against undue price increases. Officials have relied upon publicity to prevent profiteering but expect to call upon other devices if it proves necessary.

Banking Company Opens At Tarboro

Tarboro, Aug. 21.—The Pinetops Banking company, with a \$25,000 capital and \$10,500 surplus already paid in, opened its doors yesterday. Deposits total approximately \$75,000 with \$5,000 insured by the Federal government.

Henry Clark Bridgers is president, John H. Little, of Pinetops, is vice president, and the cashier is S. B. Kittrell, also of Pinetops.

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