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District Meeting Legion Here

Meeting Featured By Speech Of
State Commander Olive. Many
In Attendance

The district meeting of the American Legion for this district met in Rocky Mount Friday, March 1, at the Masonic Temple, with a large number of members of the legion and auxiliary in attendance.

Barbecue and Brunswick stew were served at a banquet at 7:30 P. M. Representatives from all over the district were present, while State Commander Olive was present, and made the speech that featured the evening.

Mr. Draper, Commander of the local post, was toastmaster, which post the alleg most admirably, and as a veteran in this capacity. District Commander Long, of Farmville, was present and presided over the program of district affairs. He made a short but very interesting talk.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by Legionaire N. Y. Chambliss. The legion went on record for immediate payment of the bonus.

W. H. Brake Wins Pecan Cup

West Edgecombe Man's Patented
Pecans Score Highest In Nation
At Show

Entering competition with nuts from his patented tree in a contest at Uvalde, Texas, the nation's "pecan capital," William H. Brake, farmer and dairyman of the West Edgecombe section near this city, today had been presented with the coveted Dr. John R. Brinkley cup for having grown the best shelling pecans in the nation.

The local man said he entered five pounds of pecans which shell 100 per cent whole halves and 62.7 per cent kernels. The next in competition to the Brake pecan was the "Olfone," grown by E. E. Riscen of Waco, Texas, and which shelled 83.3 per cent whole halves and 61.4 per cent kernels.

The Brake pecan, one of the two varieties in the nation which has been patented, was developed after 25 years of experimentation by William Brake's father, the late H. L. Brake, and young Brake himself, who is a graduate of North Carolina State college.

Mr. Brake said today that his pecan trees have been distributed into ten states in the south and west including numbers of trees which have been planted in the grove of Vice President John N. Garner at Uvalde. Other states in which the Brake pecan has been planted are as follows: Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Arizona, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Virginia and Alabama. The trees have been planted in every section of North Carolina.

The Brake pecan was entered in the contest held in December at Uvalde, but it was not until today that the owner had been informed of the final outcome of the judging. A large silver loving cup was dispatched to him with words of praise from the pecan growers in Texas.

Dr. Simpson is a native North Carolinian (Jackson county) and has shown interest from time to time in the development of the Brake pecan.

MR. AND MRS. RICKS LOCATE IN GREENSBORO

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ricks and their little daughter, Judith, have gone to Greensboro to make their home. Mr. Ricks has maintained headquarters there for some time, while his wife and daughter have been here with her mother, Mrs. Sam Henry, and Mr. Ricks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ricks. Mr. Ricks holds a traveling position with the Texas Oil company.

Over thirty convicts shoot way out of Oklahoma reformatory.

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

Local Woman Fatally Injured

Mrs. John H. Westbrook Dies In
Richmond—Funeral Here Thursday Morning

Funeral services for Mrs. John H. Westbrook, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Richmond, Va., Tuesday afternoon, were held from her residence at No. 206 S. Grace Street at ten o'clock on Thursday morning with Rev. George W. Perry, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Rev. B. F. Black, of Durham, in charge.

Mrs. Westbrook died at 4:10 o'clock this morning from injuries sustained shortly before two o'clock yesterday afternoon when the car in which she rode with Mrs. Alice L. Bruffey, of Richmond, collided with a truck driven by Robert C. Clark, Negro of Richmond. State Officer W. H. Short, who investigated the accident, expressed the view that the car driven by Mrs. Bruffey skidded on wet pavement and was struck by the truck.

Mrs. Westbrook was rushed immediately to the Johnston-Willis hospital. Mrs. Bruffey sustained a concussion of the brain and a number of cuts and bruises. Mrs. Westbrook's skull was fractured in the collision. She was 61 years of age.

Mrs. Westbrook, widow of John H. Westbrook, was prominently known in this city. For a number of years she had been active in the affairs of the community and had taken a leading part in the program of the First Methodist church.

The body was brought here Wednesday afternoon from Richmond. Following the funeral services Thursday morning from the home, burial took place in Wallace.

Mrs. Westbrook is survived by two sons, the Rev. John H. Westbrook, Jr., of Hartford, Conn., and James Westbrook, a student at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill; and one sister, Mrs. Howe Dunn of Wallace.

Palbearers for the services were Sam W. Ruark and Robert J. Ruark of Raleigh; R. B. Murphy of Durham; Francis Sloan and Benford Sloan of Hopewell, Va.; Paisley Boney and Gabriel Boney of Wallace; and J. W. Aycock of this city.

90 Auto Deaths For January

Report Released At Raleigh Saturday Shows That 506 People Were More Or Less Injured While The Killings Were Taking Place

The Raleigh report released Saturday shows there were 90 people killed in automobile accidents in North Carolina during the month of January. At the same time 506 people were more or less maimed and broken. A year ago there were only 67 fatalities in January. As the Legislature seems determined to double the state-wide patrol perhaps the fatalities will be cut to a minimum when this is done if the patrolers attend to their business instead of providing funeral escorts and escorts for public men to ride around over the state.

There were 37 pedestrians killed and 64 injuries in January. There were 19 collisions that were fatal, and 279 were injured. There were two fatalities with horsedrawn vehicles and 43 injuries. Four were killed in a train collision and 12 injured. There was one killed by a street car and one injured. There were 10 killed in collision with fixed objects and 31 hurt; there were two killed on bicycles and one injured; there were 16 killed by speeding and 11 injured.

Drunken drivers caused nine deaths and 38 injuries. Friday, Saturday and Sunday did the greatest slaughter and the worst hours were from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening.

UNCLE JOE CANNON'S DAUGHTER IS DEAD

Miss Helen Cannon, 70-year old spinster who was head of her father's house in Washington during the long incumbency in Congress of the late "Uncle" Joe Cannon, died Saturday at her home in Danville, Ill., where she has lived since the death of her father.

Commerce Chamber asks \$2,000,000 out in relief fund.

Heftiest Baby in the World



Leslie, thirty-three months young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Bowls of Lovestoft, England, is perhaps the heftiest baby in the world. Otherwise a normal baby, Leslie is a miniature giant in weight, for height. He measures 36½ inches in height, and almost 3 pounds per inch avoirdupois. By British reckoning his weight is seven-stone, or 98 pounds, and this picture makes him seem even heavier than that. At birth Leslie was underweight.

Too Much "Economy" At Morganton

We notice from the papers that a resolution has been offered in the Legislature to investigate the Sanatorium for the Insane at Morganton. The head of the Institution Dr. McCampbell, has long been in the service of the State and we have never heard his honesty or ability questioned. The evidence given before the Legislative Committee disclosed a condition which to our mind has been brought about solely by the lack of funds.

The balancing of the Budget appears to have been the chief aim and object of this administration regardless of the needs, poverty and distress of our people. If a crime has been committed it must have been committed by the Legislature in not appropriating sufficient funds and if the funds were appropriated, then the Budget Commission must have withheld from the Hospital at Morganton more than was meant in the name of economy for the purpose of balancing the Budget.

Senator Clark from Edgecombe has very well said that we cannot budget the insane. We must not withhold from the insane proper heat, warm clothing, balanced diet, proper medical care and attention for the purpose of balancing a budget. When the Roosevelt administration was charged in the last Campaign with not operating a balanced budget, the wife of our distinguished President in one of her speeches in New York asked the question, "Do the Republicans expect us to withhold food from the hungry in order to balance the budget?" We believe in balanced budget but no budget should be balanced at the expense of the insane when those incarcerated in our State Institutions are unable to help themselves, nor at the expense of the children of this generation in not providing sufficient educational advantages.

We believe in good roads and North Carolina has built roads in a most extravagant manner. Roads have been built and parallel roads have been built covering practically the same territory at a great expense. The Director of the Budget has consistently opposed the diversion of any revenue, which is derived from franchise taxes and gasoline taxes for the operation of automobiles, for either the State's institutions or either the public schools. If a crime has been committed against society, who has committed this crime?

WHAT HAVE RELIEF FUNDS BOUGHT?

We never have at any time questioned the honesty of those who have administered the relief funds in our territory nor do we think it can be questioned, but we do say that we do not believe that there is a community in North Carolina that can show less material benefit derived from the expenditure of a vast sum of money, to its citizenship generally, than the city of Rocky Mount. It is true that the people have labored and they have received funds for this labor and with this money they have bought food and clothing for their family. Of course, we understand this to be the first and primary object of this work, but in most communities we have found that in spending the money they have tried to spend it in such a way that it would give lasting benefits to the communities in which it was expended.

Our understanding is that the money expended in this community was spent under the direction of Mrs. Bulluck but that the Board of Aldermen generally requested the projects where this money was to be spent. We have called the attention to the serious need of additional play grounds for our children and still there has been nothing done along this line except to beautify a Lake that we are informed cost more than \$40,000.00 to dig, which was carved out of property owned by the family of the State Relief Administrator, Mrs. Thos. O'Berry.

Inflation Threat Seen In Capital

Senator Josiah W. Bailey Points Out
That the Inflation Threat Is
Dangerous

With legislation proposing the expenditure of nearly five billions of dollars for work-relief, with another measure calling for payment of more than two billions in the soldier's bonus, still another piece setting aside over three billions for financing farm mortgages, yet another measure calling for more liberal silver laws and finally the unrest in congress for inflation of the currency, the capital scene is disturbing for a number of reasons.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey, senior North Carolina senator, takes these measures into consideration when he discusses, at length, the dangers of inflation now present, in spite of the recent statement of Donald R. Richberg, close adviser of the president, that inflation during the next six years, if President Roosevelt remains in office, will not come to pass.

Senator Bailey sets forth his views in a letter to Lee B. Weathers, editor and publisher of the Cleveland Star in Shelby. The letter is as follows:

"There is no intention to discharge any appropriation by means of inflation. However, the difficulty is that the more we pay out, the greater the necessity will be for inflation. Inflation will come as a consequence of actions, rather than by purposeful intent. Once we get the debt of the government to the point where it threatens the financial structure of the government, inflation will ensue.

"We have now the conditions of inflation, but we do not have inflation. However, these conditions would be regarded as inflation if the flight from the dollar should begin. It may begin at any time. Certainly, if congress continues to appropriate great sums of money, and to borrow the money, inflation will ensue as an inevitable consequence.

White House "Baby" Is Dead

Dr. Lyon Gardiner Tyler who died recently at Williamsburg, Va., was the son of John Tyler, tenth President of the United States and was born in the White House.

Dr. Tyler's death writes another chapter in the romantic and tragic story of the tenth President. In February, 1844, President Tyler, then a widower, and a large party took a cruise down the Potomac on the U. S. S. Princeton, for the testing of a new gun. The gun exploded, and Secretary of State Upshur, and Secretary of the Navy Gilmer, were among those killed. Eight months before his term expired President Tyler, at 56, married Miss Julia Gardiner, of New York, whose father also had lost his life in the accident. She was only 20. Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, born in 1853, was their son. He was not, as sometimes declared to be, the first baby born in the White House, which Tyler left in 1845.

Incidentally, however, the first White House baby was born in the Tyler administration. This was the president's grandson Robt. Tyler Jones, who died in Washington, in 1895. From Tyler's time until the birth of Esther Cleveland, born Sept. 9, 1893, there had been no other "White House baby."

Dr. Tyler had been invited by President Roosevelt to visit Washington this spring and be a guest of the White House but death stepped in and intervened.

Leggett Takes Double Bill

The Leggett high basketball teams scored a double win over Hobgood. The boys' game was close, with Hobgood leading, 10 to 9, at the half. Leggett forged ahead in the second half to win, 14 to 12.

Donaldson was high scorer for Hobgood with eight points, while Cherry led the winners with seven points. The Leggett boys have won 12 games while losing but two during the season. In the girls' contest, Leggett won a decisive victory.

Miniture World's Fair In Shrine Exhibition

Dramatic Group Meets In City

District Preliminary Dramatic Contests To Be Held Here On Friday

Plans were progressing rapidly today for the district preliminary dramatic contest which will be staged in the local high school auditorium Friday night, beginning at eight o'clock, and in which the Black Masquers, local high school dramatic group, will complete with groups from Wilson and Henderson high schools for the honor of participating in the finals in the state dramatic tournament later this month.

About 25 people are expected to come here in the Wilson delegation which will include a cast of about 10 people and the director, Miss Johnnie Gay Currin, and about 15 people will come here from Henderson, with a cast of about 10 and the director, a Miss Shannon, Cyrus M. Edson, local high school dramatic teacher, announced this afternoon.

Judges for the contest, all from Chapel Hill, include Prof. A. C. Howell, of the University of North Carolina English department; John Parker, teacher of dramatic arts of the University extension division; and Mrs. Jennie Walt Hanft, wife of one of the law faculty at the University of North Carolina. All have had wide experience in judging dramatics. Mr. Edson pointed out, and have judged in preliminary contests before.

Mrs. Irene Fussler, executive secretary of the state dramatic group which is sponsoring the dramatic tournament at Chapel Hill, is also expected to come, it was said.

The judges will name the winner on the following bases; first, acting in the play, including under this makeup, diction, and other points; the suitability of the play, characters; and the costuming effects. Mr. Edson disclosed.

The young actors and actresses from Wilson will present a Chinese comedy, "The Thrice-Promised Bride" by Ching Chui Hsuing, and the Henderson students will produce Lady Gregory's play, "Surrendering the News," it has been announced.

The order of the plays Friday will not be decided upon until just before the show, it was understood. The dramatics class at the high school will be host to the other groups at a buffet supper in the high school cafeteria just before the performance. Mr. Edson indicated this afternoon.

GUARD IS KILLED ACCIDENTALLY

Andrew Ayseue, 28, guard on duty with the state highway commission convict force, three miles from Henderson, Vance County, was instantly killed Friday when his gun accidentally discharged as he sat on a truck during the dinner hour. A mixed crew of white and negro prisoners were employed on the project. The noonday meal just finished, Ayseue perched himself on the fender of a truck, his feet resting on the front bumper and his gun dropped against the bumper. He reached for his pipe and his tobacco for a smoke when in some manner the gun was shaken from its prop and fell, the hammer striking against the bumper and discharging the load.

HANGS FROM WINDOW

Boston.—Dangling from a six-story window, Alfred Le Fleur, 30, a window washer, was rescued by a policeman, lowered head-first from a higher window. The man held a single strand of his broken safety belt, fainting as he was being pulled to safety.

Mammoth Exposition To Be Staged
By Shrine Club—Merchants And
Manufacturers Join To Make The
Event A Miniture World's Fair

The Shrine Club and Masons will stage the biggest event of its kind during the week of March 18th at the Mangum Warehouse under the name of the Merchants and Mfg. Exposition. Fifty of Rocky Mount's leading Merchants and Manufacturers with Auto Dealers will offer more than \$250,000 in spectacular displays that will be equal to the Merchants Building at the Century of Progress. Elaborate booths are being brought here by the Shrine, the equipment being the same that has been used at the largest Exposition in the Country. The displays will offer everything one might use in the home, office, farm or factory. Many food products will be demonstrated in the booths as well as electrical appliances and the Exposition will not be only entertaining but educational as well. Seven feature circus acts will be used each evening and dancing will be enjoyed from 10 to 12. Valuable gifts and souvenirs will be given free each evening. The Shrine has offered \$150.00 in cash to the person selling the highest number of season tickets and the contest is open to all. The Shrine Club says that the mammoth show will be just as advertised as a miniature World's Fair or a two dollar show for a quarter.

Couple Born In 1815 Found

Stoyan Krastanoff Says He Did Not
Take Any Particular Care Of
Himself

Sofia, March 2.—Stoyan Krastanoff and his wife, Pena, who were both born in 1815, have been discovered living happily together in the village of Ogradishite, near here. They have three daughters and one son living; but their grandchildren and great-grandchildren number about 100.

Both are in very good health, although Pena finds housework a little tiring at the age of 120. Stoyan is as fit as ever, and takes his daily constitutional. His eyesight is still quite good, but his memory for recent events is not very strong. He clearly recollects the events of his early life when the Turks ruled the land. For 12 years he was mayor of his village, and talks proudly of those days.

Asked how he managed to live so long, Stoyan said he had not taken any particular care of himself. He ate drank and smoked like any other man—and had lots of hard work in his youth.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: Assistant naval architect, \$2,600 a year. Optional subjects are ship piping and ventilation, hull structures and arrangements, scientific ship calculations, and general.

Assistant mineral economist, \$2,600 a year, Bureau of Mines. Optional subjects are coal, metals, petroleum, nonmetallic, and general economics of minerals.

Typewriter repairman, departmental service, Washington, D. C. All States except Utah, Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C. The position of typewriter repairman is not affected by the State apportionment law.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or custom-house in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

NEW PHONE BOOKS

The new 1935 Telephone Directories are being handed around this week. There are few changes noted in their set-up.