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Farmers Of Edgecombe Ask AAA Retention

Tarboro, May 11.—Farmers from many sections of the county gathered in the courthouse last night to arouse interest in the movement for farmers to assemble in Washington, D. C., Tuesday to protest against the effort of certain interests that are seeking to repeal the AAA act passed by Congress for the relief of farmers of the nation. Clarence Johnson, a prominent business man, who is chairman for the county representing the cotton growers, and R. L. Corbett of Pine-top, chairman of the committee representing the tobacco growers, took prominent parts in the meeting. It was reported after a canvass had been made there that there will be about 50 farmers from Edgecombe who will attend the Washington meeting.

Steigleman Dies In Hospital

Well Known Local Engineer Will Be Buried In Kentucky—Kites At 1:30 P. M.

J. B. Steigleman, 65, long-time engineer for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company and well known local citizen, died after a lingering illness Monday night at a local hospital and was buried in Corbin, Kentucky, following home services Wednesday at No. 519 Hammond street with Rev. George W. Perry, pastor of the First Methodist church, aided by Rev. Tom Walters, pastor of the North Rocky Mount Baptist church. Mr. Steigleman, a Mason and member of the Shrine group here as well as of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, had been in the hospital for about three months with his illness. He succumbed Monday morning.

He belonged to the Methodist church and was a native of near Harrisburg, Pa., who moved to Corbin, Ky., when rather young. He had lived here for nearly 30 years, and had been connected with the Coast Line for about the same length of time. Prior to his employment with the Coast Line he had served with the old L and N railroad.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Malissa Steigleman, city; his children, I. Q. Steigleman, Detroit, Mich.; J. H. Steigleman Rocky Mt.; Miss Mary E. Steigleman, now a student at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C., one step-brother, W. H. Houston, Ponta Gorda, Florida, and one sister, Mrs. R. N. Atticks, Shiremanstown, Pa.

Active pallbearers included the following engineer friends of the deceased, H. D. Fowler, T. E. Jenkins, C. W. Ivey, J. F. Spears, Sidney Jones, and H. E. Lewis, all of this city.

The honorary pallbearers were Dr. R. H. Neel, C. C. Hinton, Lou Pentiman, Bill Pate, J. H. Hughes, Van Kennedy, J. T. Strinson, J. G. Harmon, Charles Payne, W. H. Horne, Walter Biggs, Scott Hollman, T. H. McPerson, J. P. Langley, Herbert Weathersbee, G. W. Gorham, Sr., W. H. Bowling and J. A. Holdren. Following services the body was strained here to go to Kentucky burial.

Anderson Child Is Injured Here

Pearsall, Nash Farmer, Is Free Under \$500 Bond—To Appear Before Swain

Harold Anderson, 3, son of Albert Anderson, route No. 1, city, injured last night in the Willifordtown section, apparently by an automobile hit him, was reported as "improving" this afternoon at a local hospital where he was taken after the accident, and J. L. Pearsall, Nash county farmer, free under \$500 bond, was scheduled to appear before Justice of the Peace W. S. Swain here Saturday morning on charges of reckless driving and assault on the Anderson child.

The accident occurred about eight o'clock last night. Apparently Mr. Pearsall was driving along slowly and hit the child who had gone out into the road, but Mr. Pearsall is quoted as denying he hit the child at all. He is said to have stated he stopped when he heard the child's cries. Mr. Pearsall's wife and child and sister were accompanying him in his car. It was said Pearsall lives only about half way between this city and Langley's Cross roads.

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

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Anniversary For Junior Order

Tarboro, May 13.—"May 17 is the 82nd anniversary of the Junior Order and many special programs are being arranged commemorating this event," stated E. V. Harris field secretary for eastern North Carolina. "One of the celebrations will be an initiation in Mount Olive arranged by District Deputy, U. M. ... data council is asked to send twelve candidates, honoring the twelve young men who formed Washington Council No. 1 on May 17, 1853. The degree teams of Goldsboro, Smithfield and Mount Olive will confer the degrees for this 28th district initiation. "Tarboro Council No. 133, degree team has been very active during the past week having performed at ... initiations. May 6, at Tarboro, initiating a class of seven. On May 8 at Hookerton, initiating a class of twenty-four. On May 10, at Rich Square, initiating a class of fifteen. These three class initiations were largely attended and were also featured by delightful suppers and short addresses by prominent members present.

Prominent Nash Citizen Dies Here

Mrs. Cicero Jones To Be Buried Tuesday—Harrell, Kinchele Will Officiate

Mrs. Cicero D. Jones, prominent Red Oak citizen, who died at a local hospital early Monday morning, was buried Tuesday afternoon in Red Oak after Rev. E. J. Harrell, pastor of Red Oak Baptist church conducted services at 4 o'clock from the Jones residence, assisted by Rev. J. W. Kinchele, pastor of the First Baptist church here. Mrs. Jones, who had been ill for about four months, would have been 50 years old Sunday.

Mrs. Jones, a member of the Red Oak Baptist church, was a Red Oak native and was Miss Arena Frances Beal prior to her marriage. Her husband, Cicero D. Jones, died last July. Survivors are her children, Mrs. William Ricks, Whitakers; P. Sentinel Jones, Rocky Mount; John Thomas Jones, Red Oak; a step-son, C. M. Jones, also Red Oak; and five grand children.

Also surviving is her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Beal, Red Oak; three brothers, J. M. Beal, instructor at the University of Chicago, Chicago; G. E. Beal, Red Oak; and W. F. Beal, Southern Pines; and three sisters, Mrs. A. F. Lofton, of Goldsboro, Mrs. R. C. Pitt, Red Oak; and Miss Mary Beal, Red Oak.

Pallbearers included the following Red Oak citizens: K. W. McIntyre, Battle High; J. W. Arnold, E. E. Edwards, I. E. Taylor, and J. Henry Jones.

J. A. Westbrook Buried Wed.

Mt. Olive, May 7.—J. A. Westbrook, prominent Mt. Olive citizen and a pioneer strawberry grower of his section, died at his home early today—Tuesday after an illness of only four days.

The funeral was held from the home at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning with his pastor, Rev. W. L. Loy of the Methodist church in charge. Members of the Masonic fraternity of which Mr. Westbrook was a member assisted in the funeral services.

Survivors are the widow and these daughters, Mrs. Estelle English and Mrs. Nannie Hatcher of Mt. Olive and Mrs. Seth Gibbs of Beaufort. Born in Guilford county May 8, 1852, he came to Mt Olive in 1880 and was among the first to grow strawberries extensively in that section. He continued to supervise his large holdings and was in his fields observing the farm work as late as last Friday. Death resulted from kidney disease.

Mr. Westbrook was born in West Green in Guilford county and had lived until Thursday would have been 83 years old. He was the son of Samuel W. Westbrook and Mrs. Westbrook.

Postpone Final Installation Day

Dr. Norton Sets Last Sewer Installation Day On June 15

Final date for completion of sewer installations here is now postponed a month by order of the city board of health, Dr. Roy Norton, superintendent of the health department here, disclosed this afternoon. The final date is now set at June 15, he said.

Explaining the change, Dr. Norton stated that plumbers throughout the city are busy and that the city has the largest number of men at work on installation of taps it has had in some time, but that apparently a delay of one month will be desirable to allow all the local citizens who wish to get this work done.

The original date was Wednesday of this week, but so long as sewer connection are completed by June 15, it will be satisfactory with the health group, Dr. Norton indicated.

S. A. Dunn Is Dead In Halifax

Prominent Scotland Neck Resident Dies Following Protracted Illness

Samuel Arrington Dunn, member of a Halifax county family prominent throughout the state for many years, died at his home on Bonoke street Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock following a protracted illness.

He was born in Halifax county in 1880 the son of James Leonidas Dunn and Dorothy Miriam Arrington and was educated at old Vine-hill academy of this place and Wake Forest college where he later studied law receiving his license in 1905.

He was married to Miss Huldah Edmundson Josey, daughter of Robert Carey Josey and his wife Marjetta Edmundson, who died in 1906. From this union two children survive, Miss Etta Dunn of Washington, D. C., and Samuel Arrington Dunn, Jr., of Scotland Neck.

He was married the second time in 1915 to Miss Olivia Norfolk Lawrence daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lawrence of this place. She with two children, Miss Nancy Dunn and Charles Wells Dunn, survive. Of the thirteen sons and daughters of the Dunn family there are now living five sisters, Miss Annie Dunn of Scotland Neck, Miss Ione Dunn of Asheville, Mrs. John Perry of Winston-Salem, Mrs. R. L. Hardy of Scotland Neck; three brothers, Raymond C. Dunn and Walter Dunn of Enfield and Balfour Dunn of Scotland Neck.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the home on Bonoke street with members of the local bar association acting as pallbearers.

Mrs. Hassel Dies At Residence

Mrs. A. E. Hassel, 60, who died at home at No. 1116 Cokey road here early Monday morning after having been confined to her bed for three months, was interred at Watha, her native town, Tuesday afternoon following services here from her residence at 11 o'clock with Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating.

Mrs. Hassel belonged to the local Christian church, and had lived here for about four years.

Her husband, A. E. Hassel, three children, Edward, E. H., and Elizabeth Hassel, all of this city; two sisters, Mesdames W. Y. Thompson and Dan Garbis both of Watha, and three brothers, Rob and Roy, of Watha, and Clyde Moore, of Goldsboro, survive.

She leaves a number of friends both in this state and in South Carolina. Death came about 7 o'clock Monday.

LOCAL RESIDENT BURIED SUNDAY

Ambrose Lancaster Is Buried at Castalia, Former Home

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in Castalia for Ambrose Lancaster, 75, native of Franklin county and local resident who died of heart trouble in Raleigh Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. W. Bell.

Mr. Lancaster, who was reared in Warren county, moved to Willifordtown about two years ago after a residence of about 35 years in Castalia. Interment followed at the family burying grounds Monday after Rev. E. C. Sexton, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, and a Rev. Mr. Walker, his former pastor at Castalia, conducted final rites.

Mr. Lancaster leaves his wife, Mrs. Bettie Lancaster, city; five children, Walter of Spring Hope, Esker of Castalia; D. L. of this city; Mrs. W. M. Murphey, Wilson; and Mrs. Bell in Raleigh; and four grand children.

Citizens Have a Right to Protest

We cannot agree with the afternoon paper when it says that local merchants have lost money because of their outspoken protest against the gross sales tax. The Governor of North Carolina is in office today on a platform denouncing the gross sales tax. The Revenue Commissioner, who also ran for governor and is now holding an appointment from the present governor, denounces the gross sales tax as "unjust and inequitable and the most successful tax upon poverty that human ingenuity can devise." One of the inalienable rights of the American citizen is the right to protest, and while the Evening Telegram has always advocated the gross sales tax, we cannot go with it to the point that the merchant who has protested against this form of tax has lost money because he had the boldness to protest against something he thought unjust. The following paragraph appeared in the Telegram on Tuesday, May 14th:

"And with this the condition we believe the wise merchant will accept the inevitable and stop chafing at the bit, regardless of how he may feel about the gross sales tax. The ad valorem tax on his stock has been much reduced since the advent of the sales tax, and if he is short memoried he might inspect his tax receipts. We call to mind in Rocky Mount how local merchants here have been known to have lost money because of their outspoken protests against this form of taxation. Some were using sales arguments on the debatable question of the inequities of the sales tax, and missing out on sales of their goods."

SERIOUS NEED OF PARK TO HOLD VESPER SERVICES

Last Sunday morning, on a day set apart to honor Mothers, there was raised on the triangular lot in front of the Lutheran church, an American Flag on a field filled with Boy Scouts, Mothers, Fathers and friends. The grounds were beautiful and it was indeed an inspiring sight which took place almost in the center of our town. If it had not been for the generosity of the Lutheran church, its pastor and congregation, the Scouts would not have had such a beautiful place to raise the American Flag.

Yet—just opposite this very spot, is a plot of land centrally located, surrounded by three streets, already beautifully planted with trees, which the city could buy, or condemn, without having to buy buildings. This is an opportunity that this city cannot afford to overlook, and it is to be hoped that our new Mayor, Hon. T. W. Coleman, will look into this matter, and put the force of his good business judgment behind this project, since he has always been interested in things for the benefit of the public, and especially the boys of Rocky Mount.

The Civitan Club has endorsed the purchase of this lot and passed a resolution requesting the board of aldermen to purchase same. The School board passed a unanimous resolution requesting the city to purchase the lot, and many interested citizens have been active trying to get the city administration to buy this lot for park purposes. The churches of the city need an outdoor place to hold vesper services in the center of the town, and they have none. Warehouses, which are too hot for the people to meet pose. This lot would be an ideal spot to hold vesper services. If any distinguished guest came to town we would not have a spot in the center of town to receive him except the warehouses, which the too hot for the people to meet there. It is to be hoped that the new Mayor will put his force and personality behind this park movement.

ALL DISSATISFIED WITH LIQUOR LAWS

There are two sincere viewpoints in the state concerning the liquor question. There is a group which believes in prohibition and believes it would be a success if it had the sincere backing of the people and the proper zeal for enforcement which was placed behind the law. There is another group which is equally as sincere as the former group, which believes that temperance would be promoted by having legalized whiskey sold under strict governmental regulations; that it would have a tendency to destroy the business of the bootlegger, and that there would be a far greater respect for the law. It is generally conceded by both groups that the open barroom is a bad institution, and neither group desires its return, or at least if they be among us we have not heard them give open expression.

W. Gregg Cherry, Chairman of the finance committee, is quoted from the press as saying "It was time for them to go home; there had been a mess made of some things," and we are constrained to believe that he must have been referring to the liquor legislation that was slipped in and passed during the dying days of the legislature.

The law of giving each county the right to say what shall be done with the liquor question is unsatisfactory to all groups, regardless of what their views are on the question. This law which places Nash and Edgecombe Counties in the position of going forward with an election as to whether liquor shall be sold or not, was never thought of nor dreamed of by the public generally. We have heard open expression among both classes of citizenship, those who believe in prohibition and those who believe in the sale of liquor under government supervision, and they all feel that this new legislation which was slipped in by the skin of the teeth during the closing days of the legislature when the public was not given an opportunity to give an expression of their views, is most unsatisfactory.

Miss Worsley Gives Recital

Miss Hazel Worsley will present pupils of her class in piano in a recital to be given in the auditorium of the Rocky Mount high school on Friday evening of this week.

The program, which is scheduled for 8 o'clock, has been arranged to include several two-piano numbers, duet and solo selections. The spring event is open to the public and a cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested to attend.

Rainbow Order Gives Party

Members of the Order of Rainbow will sponsor a benefit bridge party at the Masonic Temple on Friday night. The affair will be given at 8:00 under the direction of Mrs. G. A. Winstead, counselor of the order, while plans for the affair will be in the hands of a committee headed by Miss Mary Lee Daughtridge, Miss Nelle Speight and Miss Martha Longest are included in the group and reservations for places may be made through either of these three girls.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Martin Calls Liquor Vote

Williamston, May 15.—Martin county's board of commissioners today called a referendum for July 6 on the question of establishing a county liquor control system. J. E. Pope, chairman of the board, said the action was taken unanimously at a public meeting as he vigorously denied published reports that a secret call had been issued for the session. Martin was one of the 17 counties included in full in the amended Pasquotank county liquor control law passed by the general assembly.

No Hurry For Special Vote

The Nash county board of commissioners will probably wait "a few days" before taking any action on the liquor referendum here in order to see what action, if any, Governor Ehringhaus will take, R. R. Gay, chairman, indicated today, and the Edgecombe board of commissioners is having County Attorney C. H. Leggett investigate to find what steps will be necessary before acting, M. L. Laughlin, county auditor, disclosed today. Meanwhile word was received here today from Martin county indicating the board of commissioners of Martin will convene tomorrow morning to consider the liquor referendum. Action probably will be taken by the Edgecombe board within a day or so when the investigation has been made and Mr. Leggett's report is heard, it is understood. Just when, if at all, the Nash board will consider the matter was not known this afternoon.

We'll wait a few days to see what action the governor will take, was Chairman Gay's statement in effect today. Any possible action he considered was a special session of the general assembly, called by the governor.

Mr. Laughlin revealed the Edgecombe board convened in Tarboro yesterday but did not consider the liquor referendum at that time. When board members are fully apprised of the procedure, they will act, possibly within a day or so, he said.

Members of the Nash county board include: Mr. Gay, J. D. Nelms, Nashville, W. B. Bunting, Nashville, G. R. Strickland, Bailey and G. R. Finch, Spring Hope.

On the Edgecombe board are the following: W. C. Hargrove, chairman, Tarboro, B. C. Mayo, Tarboro, C. A. Ward, Rocky Mount, S. W. Anderson, near Whitakers and E. Y. Lovelace, South Edgecombe.

Chambliss Lists Fairs And Dates

Clinton Is New One Recently Obtained, Said

Announcing the recent addition of the Clinton fair to the list of fairs which he and George A. Hamid, New York, will operate jointly, Norman Y. Chambliss, of this city, who has had charge of operating several well known state fairs, today revealed the complete list of fairs he and Mr. Hamid plan to operate this fall and the dates of the fair.

The two men, who will have their office located in Raleigh, will have the State fair again in Raleigh and this year it will be staged the week of October 14; the Rocky Mount fair, the week of October 21; the Clinton fair, October 28; the Williamston fair, the week of November 4. They also will run the Greensboro fair the week of September 23, Mr. Chambliss said.

E. J. Jordan, of this city, resident manager of the local fair last year, will have it again, Mr. Chambliss said, and Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon will once more have charge of all agricultural exhibits. "Extensive improvements including building a poultry building and cattle and swine buildings" are planned, the local man indicated, and harness horse racing will be revived.

Mr. Chambliss intends to leave for Raleigh early in June, and will devote his full time from that time on, he said.

"PLAYMATES" ARE SISTERS

Butte, Mont.—For the last 11 years, Rose Montana Neal, 18, and Josephine Lee Neal, 16, living within four blocks of each other, have played together, gone to the same school and have been the best of friends. The two girls, adopted in babyhood from an orphanage, have just discovered that they are really sisters.

Britain will build up air fleet to equal Germany's.

The House Request Big Business Speaks — Three Organizations — Past Relations Reviewed — The Peace That Failed — Political Estimates — The 1936 Line-Up — No Cause For Joy — Resentment Is Bitter

By Hugo Sims, Special Washington Correspondent

One aftermath of the break between the President and Big Business, as represented by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, was the House resolution asking the Chief Executive for a transcript of his press conference in the course of which Mr. Roosevelt walloped the trade organization, asserting that these commercial groups often misrepresent business sentiment and, in some instances, the sentiment of a majority of their own members. The request was in no sense mandatory, being made in order to get the President's remarks before the country, where the sponsors of the resolution think they will have good effect.

Press conferences are notoriously "unquotable" except by specific authorization. They include many flippant, jocular and inconsequential remarks. To make public a transcript would advance the record to that of a public document, quotable from top to bottom, and set a precedent in future that might militate against the freedom of conversation, "off the record," that often imparts valuable background to White House news reports. Conceivably, there might be an occasion when such a request would prove extremely embarrassing to any President.

That Big Business, as represented by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the American Bankers Association, is against the administration's program has been plain enough to those who know. Combined, these organizations may be taken as spokesmen for large enterprises in the field of industry, employers and bankers. The so-called partnership, widely advertised last fall, was only surface deep; although the opinion of the country at large was widespread that it was an understanding of real meaning.

In the gloom of 1933 capital and finance joined hands with labor and others to vest great powers in the President's hands. He was given an ovation when he addressed the Chamber of Commerce in 1933. The next year the welcome was not so spontaneous, and there were undercurrents of hostility to the reform program. This came to light, just before the elections of 1934, when the directors of the organization, in an aggressive move, practically demanded a pledge from the President to balance the budget and stabilize the dollar. Mr. Roosevelt, unable to do either, ignored the move, and regarded the election result as positively sustaining his position.

After being snubbed by the Presidential silence in October, the guiding forces of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, taking note of the election results, met to state that the Presidential utterances encouraged the belief that Mr. Roosevelt was receptive to suggestion for "promotion of the common welfare" and there was some reference to the arrival of recovery. This year, however, the pent-up feelings of the Chamber were expressed, voicing opposition to most of the proposed legislation advocated by the administration.

The bankers association, just before the election last fall, managed to proffer an olive branch to the White House and the President attended a session of the convention, where he heard a Morgan banker say that no reasonable person could expect the specific pledges requested by the Chamber of Commerce the month before. Mr. Roosevelt, in reply, appealed for an "all-American fidelity" with the bankers. Today being opposed by the organization, recovery team" and was at peace of the administration banking bill is

The National Association of Manufacturers, however, in December, 1934, called a business conference of "leaders" at White Sulphur Springs, where alarm and anger were noted, especially at the famous planning commission's report about spending about 105 billions on work relief in twenty years. However, no harshness appeared in the resolutions making suggestions to the President. These opposed the relief supervision by political power, urged that private agencies conduct the role, deplored work relief, asked a balanced budget by 1937, that social security legislation be deferred, that the government relinquish credit control, that the 1933 Securities Act be modified and that, if work relief began, that lower than prevailing wages be paid.

Most of the suggestions were not acceptable to the President, and there was marked coolness and nonchalance in their reception, followed by open attack upon the document by administration leaders. The President admitted that he had "five or six" such petitions to read and (Please turn to page eight)