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Tarboro Kiwanis Name Officials

Tarboro, Jan. 23.—Naming of directors and committee chairmen was the principal feature of a regular meeting of the Kiwanis club here last night.

J. W. Spiers, local PCX manager, was elected vice-president, Dr. M. W. DeLoatch had been named president and H. H. Riels, secretary and treasurer at a previous meeting. President DeLoatch named the committee chairmen and explained their duties. He and the secretary, it was announced, will attend a school for presidents and secretaries of Carolina Kiwanis clubs in the King Cotton hotel, Greensboro, January 30.

Named to act as a board of directors were J. W. Smoot, Arthur Fountain, Dr. E. V. Zoeller, Bartow Houston, J. W. Spiers, M. S. Brown and S. Q. Carlisle. Committee chairmen were announced as follows: agriculture and public affairs, Arthur Fountain; attendance, classification and membership, C. P. McCluer; business standards and Kiwanis education, M. S. Brown; inter-club relations and reception, H. M. Hicks; program, M. W. Haynes; music, Dr. J. L. Peacock; publicity, N. E. Gresham; underprivileged children, Dr. S. P. Bass; vocational guidance, Rev. E. E. Brown. Members of committees were to be selected later.

John R. Youngblood, local cotton mill executive, was welcomed as a new member of the club. Plans for a ladies' night program in the near future were discussed.

Brother Of Local Officer Interred

J. F. Gupton, 60, farmer of Louisburg, route 2, who died Tuesday night at a hospital here of uremia, was buried in the Wiggins burying grounds after graveside rites. Rev. H. C. Hilliard, of Sunbury, and Rev. John Harper, of Sandy Creek, officiated.

Mr. Gupton, brother of Police Officer E. W. Gupton, had been born and spent most of his life in the Louisburg section. He was brought to the hospital only last Thursday and died early Tuesday night.

Besides Officer Gupton, Mr. Gupton leaves a sister, Mrs. E. H. Hight, Louisburg, route 2; his wife, Mrs. Gupton, and a number of children and five grand children. His children include R. B. Morrisville, R. E. at home; Mrs. H. G. Aycock, Vicksboro; Mrs. W. L. Hilliard, Morrisville; Mrs. M. F. Strickland, Bunn; and Mavis, Ernestine, J. F. Jr., Wyatt and Annie Blanche Gupton, all at home.

Pallbearers were not known here, but honorary pallbearers included: C. E. Eden, J. H. Joyner, H. G. Conn, Norman Pleasant, Roy Duke and Dr. W. R. Bass, all of near Louisburg.

Cotton Growers Enter Suits

Four Southern Planters Take Steps To Impound \$3,500,000 Of Penalty Taxes

Washington, Jan. 27.—Four southern cotton growers filed suit in District of Columbia Supreme court today to impound \$3,500,000 collected in penalty taxes on surplus cotton production under the Bankhead act.

The plaintiffs, John Wood Thompson and A. W. Fisher of Leland, Miss., and D. S. Hopson and S. J. Ward of Wetumka, Ala., stated their suit was filed in behalf of all similarly situated cotton planters. They asked appointment of a receiver to redistribute the fund to planters from whom it was collected.

They argued the Bankhead act, whose constitutionality is under test in the supreme court, is invalid because the penalty tax was primarily for the purpose of controlling production. In invalidating the AAA, the supreme court held the federal government had no power to control agriculture, the brief contended.

Planters were required to pay a tax of 4 cents a pound on all cotton grown in excess of governmental allotments. The taxes were collected in the form of national surplus cotton tax exemption certificates, which the planters were required to purchase in order to market their product, the brief said.

They claimed they purchased the certificates under "coercion and duress." They set forth as their individual shares in the \$3,500,000 fund as: Thompson \$882.60; Fisher, \$6,747.80; Hopson \$248.80; and Ward \$626.60.

BENJAMIN F. HAVENS BURIED IN TARBORO

Tarboro, Jan. 28.—Final rites for Benjamin F. Havens, 50, were held from Carlisle funeral home here at three o'clock this afternoon with Dr. W. L. Peacock, pastor of First Baptist church, in charge. Burial took place in Greenwood cemetery.

Mr. Havens, an accomplished musician and former instructor in music at Brenau college, Gainesville, Ga., died at his home here Monday afternoon following a stroke of paralysis earlier in the day.

He is survived by a brother, R. B. Havens of this city.

Three Candidates For Governor To Speak In Wilson

Wilson, Jan. 28.—Wilson will shortly be able to hear the three main candidates for governor of North Carolina in the 1936 primaries in action, according to an announcement made by W. K. Helms, president of the P. T. A. of the Charles L. Coon high school here. The three candidates Dr. Ralph McDonald, of Winston-Salem; Clyde Hoey, of Shelby; and A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro will speak before the PTA of the local school during February, March and April.

McDonald will speak at the school auditorium on March 10; Hoey on February 11, and Graham on April 10.

Merchants Head Heard In Tarboro

Dowell Declares Advertising Should Be Constant And Not Sporadic

Tarboro, Jan. 25.—Willard L. Dowell, executive secretary of the North Carolina merchants association and principal speaker at a semi-annual banquet of the Tarboro merchants association and Chamber of Commerce here Friday night, told his hearers that newspaper advertising should be constant and not sporadic, assiduously truthful, plain, simple and direct.

He urged the large number of merchants present to increase their advertising lineage as the surest means of increasing the volume of their business, to provide for advertising in their annual budget and to advertise steadily and systematically.

"In this trading area," he said, "old people are dying and a new generation is going on. The merchants who want to keep in touch with the new crop of customers to counter-balance the loss of the old crop must have never let up in his advertising."

"If business is good, advertise to make it better, if it is bad, advertise to build it up."

"Be truthful always and never use language anyone could not understand."

Mr. Dowell praised efforts of leaders here to organize a baseball club and urged merchants to lend their support. He lauded and declared it is rendering more civic service than any other merchants association in the state.

Touching briefly on pending social security legislation, he said merchants would have to pay nine per cent of their incomes in taxation if the measure is enacted in its present form.

The meeting was presided over by M. S. Brown, president of the local association.

Figures Given On Bonus Payments

Nash and Edgecombe county ex-service men will get about \$1,120,000 out of the recently-passed cash bonus bill, according to a recent "American Legion News" issue, and about 64,000 veterans in the state will receive a total of nearly \$35,000,000.

Nash county's portion of this money will amount to \$581,446.52 while Edgecombe veterans are slated to get a total of \$27,600.31. The county receiving the largest share of the entire state was found to be Guilford with \$1,465,238.16 while Tyrrell county with its \$56,886.63 ranks lowest in the amount of money to be issued.

Ex-service men in Rocky Mount will total about 300, and they should get on an average of approximately \$450 apiece, director of Robert Dennis, director of publicity for the Coleman-Pitt, post of the Legion here, will mean the release of about \$135,000 locally. Mr. Dennis further made an estimate that ex-service men here and within a ten-mile radius of the city total about 509 men.

Wilson county's total share at \$494,772.63 while Franklin, another nearby county, has \$324,487.30 for its amount of bonus money due.

Precise state figures show that 63,826 veterans will get \$34,622,102.80.

2 EDGECOMBE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED FOR WEEK

Tarboro, Jan. 28.—Two Edgecombe county schools are closed due to prevalence of colds and "flu" and to bad weather conditions which possibly would cause additional sickness among pupils not already affected.

N. E. Gresham, county school superintendent, instructed principals at Leggett and South Edgecombe schools Monday to dismiss the few pupils present. Only 35 per cent were present at Leggett and 50 per cent at South Edgecombe, Mr. Gresham said.

He said he did not expect the schools would reopen before next Monday.

Mucky Wireless reveals plans for world rivalry with RCA

Officers Seeking Assailant Of Man

J. W. Robinson Injured In Face By Shot

J. W. Robinson, about 60, who lives out about two miles from here on the old Raleigh road, today nursed a rifle wound in his cheek as Nash Deputy Sheriffs J. R. Tanner and P. H. Johnston endeavored to determine the identity of the person firing the gun late Friday afternoon from near the old Raleigh road.

Mr. Robinson, the two Nash deputies who investigated the accident found, was walking along the road Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock when a rifle shot, apparently that of a .32 caliber gun, was heard. Mr. Robinson was reportedly struck on the right cheek with the slug which passed on into his mouth and allowed him to spit it out. It was a flesh wound.

He came to a local hospital from where he was sent to a local physician for treatment. Robinson was quoted as saying he did not know the identity of the "assailant."

The officers today expressed belief possibly it was a boy with a group of other boys out hunting and that the discharge was not intended to strike Mr. Robinson at all. They did not disclose the name of the person, if they knew it, they sought.

The officers revealed in connection with this investigation that only Wednesday on the Battleboro highway at May's service station Bob May was slightly injured in the face by a discharge of shot apparently fired from a gun in the hands of someone in a hunting group not far away. The identity of the "gunner" was not disclosed if it was known.

John Donlan Dies At His Residence

Former Engineer Buried Here Wednesday—Rites At 11 O'clock

John Milton Donlan, who devoted almost half a century of his life to the service of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, primarily as passenger train engineer, was dead today after an illness lasting over a period of years.

Mr. Donlan, native of Wilmington and one time holder of the record for the fastest passenger train run between Rocky Mount and Florence, S. C., died at his home, No. 342 South Franklin street, at about six o'clock Monday night.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday morning from the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help with the minister, Eugene P. Carroll, in charge. Rites were at 11 o'clock and interment took place at Pineview cemetery afterwards.

Mr. Donlan, who was in active service for the Coast Line from 1881 to 1928, was 72 years of age. He belonged to the local Catholic church, having been a member since the present building was constructed. He was also a member of the old Sagamore club, a social organization for men, and belonged to the Current Topics club as well as the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers with whom he held a secretarial post for a time.

Friends point to his unusual interest in children and love for them, and tell of the Christmas trees he held at home for the young people of the neighborhood.

Mr. Donlan was the son of the late Timothy and Margaret Donlan and was twice married. His first wife was Kate W. Riley of Wilmington, and his second wife is the former Annie Marriot, of this city. His first helpmeet died a number of years ago.

He had his schooling partly at St. Charles College in Eliot City, Md.

Tonight the members of the Holy Name society and women of the Altar society of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will gather at the Donlan home at eight o'clock for the recitation of the Rosary.

Mr. Donlan's wife survives here as do two sisters, Misses Mary and Kate Donlan, both of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers included F. P. Spruill, W. G. Weeks, Oscar T. Elliott, and T. E. Jenkins, of Rocky Mount; Robert Huffines, Fayetteville; and William Proctor, of Raleigh.

The family today requested that friends send no flowers. This was understood to be Mr. Donlan's request also.

NEW WELFARE GROUP FORMED IN EDGECOMBE

Tarboro, Jan. 28.—A meeting to organize a county council which would work in cooperation with the Edgecombe welfare department has been held at the office of Mrs. E. L. Forbes, welfare officer here, and a nominating committee appointed by Mrs. Forbes to bring in a slate of officers at a meeting to be called later this week.

The nominating committee was composed of M. S. Brown, Mrs. Mary E. Godfrey, Dr. J. G. Raby, Dr. W. M. DeLoatch, C. A. Johnson and R. A. Phillips.

The council will supplement the activities of the welfare department by assuming responsibility for various projects which arise from time to time.

They Smite The Hand That Feeds Them

The human memory is sometimes fleeting and indeed short.

Who is there among us that does not remember the effects of the great depression that was upon this country from 1929 to 1933? Two-thirds of the high school children in Rocky Mount were underfed, undernourished and the percentage in the grammar grades was higher and condition that existed in Rocky Mount was practically the same throughout the country. The sad condition is indescribable.

Hungry children crying to destitute fathers for bread. The fathers unable to listen to the cries of their hungry children sought flight through suicide. In fact, we had an epidemic of suicides throughout the country.

The American people ceased to be laughing and smiling people. They carried heavy fads and sad countenances.

When Mr. Roosevelt took the oath of office the above was a true condition. Mr. Roosevelt was the first President of the United States that gave his first concern to help the farmers and try to improve living conditions of labor. He realized that there could be no permanent recovery, unless the agricultural conditions were improved. Agriculture has been improved. The living standards of labor have been bettered and what has come to the farmer and labor has benefited industry and business.

The dividends of the great corporations, many of them the greatest in the history of the nation. No longer ago than yesterday it was published throughout the nation by the General Motors Corporation that they had earned the greatest dividend in the history of the corporation.

Yet many of the major stockholders are crying out Mr. Roosevelt and the Democratic leadership in Congress are ruining the country.

The naked have been clothed, the hungry have been filled and the great stockholders of the great corporations have received their dividends so that they can have their accustomed luxuries which they did not receive during the depression. Yet they cry out against the hand that has made all of this possible.

ROCKY MOUNT LOSES LEADING CITIZEN

In the passing of Thomas Battle, Rocky Mount has lost one of its finest citizens and one that the citizenship of Rocky Mount mourns with his family in their loss.

Mr. Battle was a man of many labors and many interests. He was the leader of his church in Rocky Mount. He was one of the most successful business leaders and besides this, was one of our best and most public spirited leaders in the development of the city of Rocky Mount.

He took the lead in the municipal ownership of our public utilities—water, lights, and gas; always progressive but his progressiveness was always hedged about by good business conservatism.

The present splendid economic condition of our town is due to the primary work of such men as Mr. Battle, P. C. Vestal, R. R. Gay, W. D. Joyner and others who gave largely in time in the early development of our town.

Mr. Battle was a fine example to the citizenship of our community. The elegance and simplicity of his character made him a fine example, both to those who had more of this world's goods than he had, also to those who had less than he possessed.

Nash Men Out Conduct Rites For Sheriff Job For T. H. Battle

Prominent Local Citizen Buried Today At Pineview Cemetery

Funeral services for Thomas Hall Battle, 76, prominent local citizen who died Thursday afternoon following a long siege of heart trouble, were held this morning from the church of the Good Shepherd with Rev. F. H. Craighill presiding. Burial followed in Pineview cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mr. Mary Weddell Battle and six children, Kemp Battle and Hyman Battle of this city, Miss Josephine Battle of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Ethel Hall Paxton of Wilson, and Martha Anne Battle and Mary Thomas Battle both of the home here. A brother, William James Battle of Austin, Texas, also survives.

F. P. Spruill, E. E. Winslow, O. P. Hedgepeth, Turner B. Bunn, Turner W. Battle, E. G. Johnson, Russell Braswell, and R. M. Wilson served as pallbearers.

E. J. PITT PRESENTED SERVICE EMBLEM HERE

E. J. Pitt, well-known local assistant foreman of the boiler shop at Emerson shops, today had a 25-year service emblem presented him in recognition of his service since he entered the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company February 1, 1910.

Revelation of the award was made through W. B. Middleton, newly appointed master mechanic at the shops.

Mr. Pitt, whose home is No. 321 Nash Street, is a native of Edgecombe county and entered service nearly 26 years ago.

He was presented with his emblem highly prized among the Coast Line employes, only January 23.

TOOTH AT BIRTH!

Little Veniece Patricia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, six weeks old, has two teeth. The first tooth was discovered when she was a week old, and the doctor thinks that perhaps she had the tooth at birth.

Colonel Edgar S. Gorrell is named "czar" of airlines.

President Roosevelt to call conference on low-priced homes.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Wallace Renews Attack On Court

It's Probably Greatest Legalized Steal In American History Secretary Says

Washington, Jan. 28.—Contending "this is probably the greatest legalized steal in American history," Secretary Wallace today renewed his attack on the supreme court's decision refunding \$200,000,000 to processors.

Wallace in a radio address over a national network, cited profit figures of various processors to show the large returns they would obtain. "In the Hoosier mills case," Wallace said, "the supreme court disapproved the idea that the government could take money from one group for the benefit of another. Yet in turning over to the processors this \$200,000,000 which came from all the people we are seeing the most flagrant example of expropriation for the benefit of one small group. This is probably the greatest legalized steal in American history."

"You will get some idea of its size when you contrast these returns with the profits of the processors in their most prosperous years. Cotton mills reported profits of \$30,000,000 in 1929; their processing tax refunds amount to \$51,000,000 on cotton. Flour mills reported profits of about \$20,000,000 on their wheat flour business in 1929; their processing tax refunds amount to \$67,000,000.

"Packers' profits on their hog business in 1929 were in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000; their tax refunds are \$51,000,000. One of the largest packers had total profits of \$14,000,000 last year. If half of this came from the firm's hog business, as is likely, that profit, \$7,000,000 is only about half the \$13,000,000 processing tax refunds to the one corporation."

New Drug Store Opens Here

The Andrew's Drug Company which owns two drug stores in the city of Goldsboro has opened in Rocky Mount this week its third drug store at 178 North Main Street, next door to the Cameo Theatre.

The active management will be in charge of Chester Moore, formerly of Asheville, who is associated with Mr. Andrews in this drug store here in Rocky Mount.

George, Tripp, formerly of Raleigh is connected with the drug store as pharmacist.

This store has been remodeled throughout. All fixtures new and modern, finished in the natural color. While the drug store is open for business at this time yet this firm expects to give a formal opening date to be announced in the near future at which time they will serve refreshments and give favors.

SPRING HOPE FIRMS CLOSED IN BANKRUPTCY

Spring Hope, Jan. 29.—The past two weeks have witnessed the closing in bankruptcy of two of the largest business firms in Spring Hope. First the John R. Baker stores in this city. Taylor's Cross Roads and Zebulon closed their doors in involuntary bankruptcy. Attorney Hubert Brantley was named trustee. Appraisers John C. Matthews and John M. Sykes of Spring Hope and Louis Jones have placed estimates upon the goods and the matter is in process of liquidation at present.

Work began Tuesday on the voluntary closing of the Murray motor company. Attorney O. B. Moss has been named receiver in this case. Co-owners of the motor company were R. C. Murray and N. H. Stallings.

FEARS FAILURE; DIES

Washington.—Fear of not passing his approaching examinations in high school, caused Joseph Williams, 18, to commit suicide by gas asphyxiation.

DISAPPOINTING

Spirit Lake, Iowa.—It must have been disappointing to the robbers who broke into the county treasurer's office and blew open the safe. It was empty.

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