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Winners Given For Contest Here

Treasure Hunt Contest For High School And Elementary Ends

Winners of the high school and elementary school "treasure hunt" contests were announced today as Dorothy Edwards, 413 North Church street, and Doris Daughtridge, 809 Long street, respectively.

This contest, which evinced considerable interest among the youngsters and older children of the city, consisted of answering a group of questions (different for the two groups, high schools and grammar grades) about personages in various books.

The Thomas Hackney Memorial librarian, and assistants served as judges.

Mrs. Battle, commenting on the contest, said, "A great number of children entered this contest and we heartily commend them for their interest and enthusiasm, also for their wide knowledge of the best in children's literature as was evidenced by the splendid answers to the Treasure Hunt questions."

Close seconds in the high school contest were Mary Lee Daughtridge and Mary Pittman, while Elizabeth Edwards and Marjorie Lee Sexton, all of this city, were listed as seconds in the grammar school one.

Cash prizes were to be awarded each winner, and the answers to the questions will be published in this newspaper tomorrow.

The contest ended Friday.

Doughton Talked For Cabinet Post

Concord Reports Rumors Congress-Man To Get Naval Portfolio

Concord, Nov. 19.—Constant mention of Congressman Robert L. Doughton of the ninth district, chairman of the House ways and means committee, as Secretary of the Navy is President Roosevelt's new cabinet is heard in this section of the State.

Friends of Doughton here reason that President Roosevelt did not ask the veteran Congressman to give up his ambition to be governor of his home State just because he wanted him in the House of Representatives.

The President, Doughton's friends say, have other things in mind for the veteran, powerful friend of the administration and it is regarded as them as likely that the Congressman will succeed Secretary Claude N. Swanson in the new cabinet. Swanson has been in poor health for months.

Right in line with that, the political dopsters here say that the removal of Congressman Doughton from the field will clear the way for Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham to run against Senator Robert R. Reynolds in 1938. Both Doughton and Graham are frequently mentioned as Senatorial aspirants.

In the event that Doughton does leave Congress, his departure probably would throw the district into a mad scramble in the effort to pick his successor, the Congressman having held his seat so long that the mouths of the others who might desire it water at the mere mention of his possible departure.

One of the most likely candidates is Hugh Mitchell, Iredell lawyer, fraternal "big-shot" and chairman of the county board of elections, who hasn't said he would run, but who hasn't said he wouldn't run, and whose friends already are pushing him for the job.

Superlatives Are Chosen at ECTC

Raleigh Boy, George Willard, Selected As 'Most Dependable'

Greensboro, Nov. 20.—Thirteen senior superlatives were elected at a class meeting at the college Wednesday night. Miss Ruth Cagle, senior president, also appointed committees to carry out the production of the class play.

Elizabeth Johnson of Goldsboro was selected as the most popular senior; Camille Turner, of Boykins, Va., the most attractive; George Willard of Raleigh, the most dependable; Frances Curran of Angier, the most beautiful; Viola Smith of Goldsboro, the most friendly; Marion Wood of Vanceboro, the most versatile; Ruth Wood of Vanceboro, the most individual; Helen Wilson of Reidsville, the most athletic woman; Hoot Gibson of Roper, the most athletic man; Bell Kearney of Oxford, the most capable; Della Grace Wilson of Benson, the most stylish; Frances Barnes of Draper, the most intellectual; and Callie Carlton of Greenville, the wittiest.

FARM INCOME UP

Washington.—The cash income of the farmers, received from the sale of their products, amounted to \$754,000,000 in September, or 16.6 per cent more than in September of last year, with all regions of the country showing similar gains.

General Parker holds the cavalry not displaced by machines.

Radio Feature Brings Lore Of Old South

'Uncle Natchel and Sonny' Make Their Bow Over The Air Beginning Week Of November Thirty

A new type radio entertainment goes on the air the week of November 30th. The Natural Chilean Nitrate folks, in behalf of all Chilean Nitrate dealers and agents, present Uncle Natchel and Sonny, these fun makers are the two characters who first attracted attention on the Natural Chilean calendars. For several years these calendars have been distributed and the two characters, Uncle Natchel and Sonny are familiar to thousands of Southern farm families.

The new program will be broadcast twice each week over twelve Southern stations.

Uncle Natchel is an old deep south darkey whose interest lies in natural things. That's where he gets his name, Natchel being his pronunciation. His part is played by Frank Wilson, the colored actor who plays "Moses" in both the stage and motion picture version of Green Pastures. Wilson is one of the leading character actors of his race, having to his credit in addition to his Green Pastures roles, notable parts in Porgy and other stage successes.

Sonny's role is played by James Franklyn Allen, a child actor of unusual ability. Although only nine years of age, he has already scored a number of radio hits, particularly in one of the well known children's programs. He is regarded as a "singer" in every sense of the word.

Other members on the various episodes of the program are movie and radio stars.

Each week a new twice-a-week program has been written by Mrs. Florence Richardson, a Southerner, who has made a life study of Southern folk lore, who is reported to know more Southern songs and stories than any other writer. Her American Mountain songs, published seven years ago has been accepted by the American Library Association as a permanent record of American songs. She has had wide radio experience.

Electric Chair Becomes History

One Hundred And Seventy Lives Electrocutted By 26-Year-Old Chair

Friday the 13th saw the end of the electric chair, which has been in operation for 26 years in North Carolina, as John Pressley sat down in it to pay the penalty for killing another Negro. The executed Negro had received seven stays of execution before the final decree from the Governor that he must die.

When the electric chair was put into operation in North Carolina, it was in use in only a few states. Among them being New York, and now it is being discarded for the newer method of death by asphyxiation. North Carolina is the first State east of the Mississippi river to inaugurate the newer method, which has been in use in several Far Western states for a number of years.

Executioner R. A. Bridges, after he had thrown the switch for the last time, said:

"I've been executioner for three years. Comparing gas and electricity, I'd say that gas takes less trouble from my point of view. There's no machinery to get out of order, and from my own standpoint I like it better because it means just throwing the switch one time, letting a cyanide pellet drop into a bucket of acid and that's all there is to it.

"But I'm still convinced that electrocution is the easiest way for a man to die," he said, "though it's not exactly like rabbit hunting." Unlike executioners in many states, Bridges gets no special fee for his work. He was assigned to it as a part of his duty as a guard, but the pay of a guard-executioner is higher than that of a regular guard.

RULE SUGGESTED FOR NAMING BABIES

Dr. C. T. Poole, of St. Pauls, Robeson county, sends the following letter to the State:

"A few months ago I observed a six-year old youngster pass my window. It reminded me of a circumstance which happened at his birth. "I was attending his mother. The son was her thirteenth child. In taking down the vital statistics report, I asked her if she had selected a name for the young gentleman. She replied: 'No, I haven't picked out a name for him, but I know one thing: he's de last.' I immediately spoke up and said: 'Let's give him that name, then.' So he was duly registered and if you will look up his birth certificate you will find that his name was put down as DeLast Peterson."

An El-Rotten-O

"What do you think of that cigar I just gave you. Satisfying, eh?" "I should say so. One of them would satisfy a man for life."

Legion Meet Is Coming To City

District Legion Session Conducted In Spring Hope With 200 There

Spring Hope, Nov. 21.—The fifth district of the American Legion, staging its session here last night with possibly 200 Legionnaires in attendance from about 10 eastern North Carolina cities, heard D. Mac Johnson, of Enfield, make the principal address, and decided to conduct its next meeting in Rocky Mount in February.

The session included a banquet and business meeting. Besides Mr. Johnson, who was introduced by O. B. Moss, of Spring Hope, the commanders of the different posts represented, also made short talks.

President W. H. Dunn, of Wilson, district president, officiated.

Represented were Wilson, Rocky Mount, Farmville, Greenville, Rich Square, Enfield, Weldon, Tarboro, Williamston, Pinetops, and the local posts.

At the meeting the Legionnaires accepted the invitation of the Rocky Mount post extended through Ben E. Fountain, of that city, to meet at Rocky Mount in February.

Attending from Rocky Mount were Commander Palmer V. Boyd, Mr. Fountain, the official delegates; P. E. Mallison, George W. Batchelor Paul Smith and W. H. Harrison.

Leaders Say Local Project Is Success

Health Department, Physicians Attack Mortality Rate

Reports released today on the maternity and infancy center, a recently created service for the guidance of prospective mothers and the protection of babies during difficult periods of pregnancy, revealed that definite progress has been made toward the lowering of the maternity and infancy mortality rate.

The local Health department, in conjunction with the medical society, conducts twice monthly meetings, which are open to dependent mothers who cannot otherwise obtain the advice and care of a physician. According to health authorities, local physicians are cooperating fully with the department in this project, and their services are given without charge.

Attendance at these bi-monthly meetings has been such that the leaders of the center are convinced of the need for such a service in the city. Certain case histories indicate, Dr. Allen Whitaker, superintendent of Public Health, stated, that the progress made toward a decreased death rate among mothers and infants is no myth. To substantiate his statement he pointed to several incidents in which the life of the mother had been saved by reason of advice placed at her disposal.

Dr. Whitaker pointed out that the center does not undertake to deliver the patients who come to it for aid, but only attempts to prevent death or disease during the period of pregnancy. After the babies are born, mothers are given instructions and advice on the proper care and feeding of the infants.

It is the center's belief, Dr. Whitaker indicated, that the old maxim still holds good: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Seek To Curtail Federal Spending

Secretary And Head Of Public Works Administration Aims Views Before Mayors

Secretary Ickes, the Public Works Administrator, advocated at a conference of United States mayors held in Washington this week, that Federal spending in prosperous sections of the nation be curtailed.

Although favoring Federal loans and grants for municipal housing projects, and urging creation of a permanent skeleton staff in Washington to plan public construction in event of another depression, Ickes said:

"I believe that we should immediately set about to retrench all along the line. I am not in favor of approving projects for states or communities to which a large measure of prosperity has already returned. I become impatient when I am pressed to approve the expenditure of more Federal money in sections that are as prosperous as they ever have been in the past, or even more prosperous."

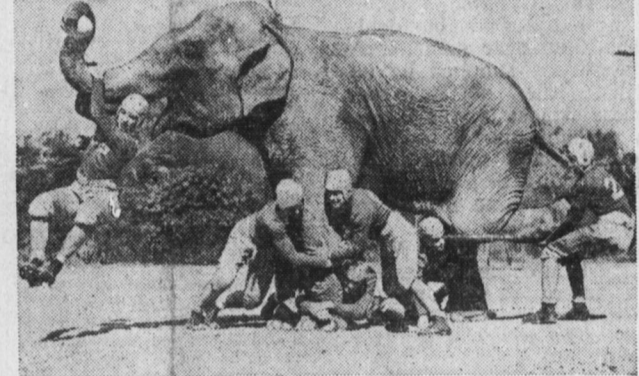
From Harry L. Hopkins, the Works Progress Administrator, the conference received assurance that the government has no intention of turning the relief problem back to their communities.

HEN VS. INCUBATOR

Washington.—Modern progress has about given the setting hen the gate, it seems. The incubators have all but replaced the setting hen, having used 1,800,000,000 eggs to turn out a billion-chick crop last year, according to poultry experts of the Department of Agriculture.

The Veer—I want to speak to you, Fisher, about the milk you have been delivering lately. You understand, we don't use it for christening.

Gridders Work Out With Pachyderm



Gridders at Loyola university of Los Angeles, facing a tough schedule, build up brawn at Zoo park, as they try out the latest interference tactics with Anna May, thirty-five-year-old, four ton elephant. Needless to say they met with a lot of opposition. The novel workout was devised by their mentor, Tom Lieb.

The Duty Of The Courts As To Election

Many charges of irregularities and frauds have been made as to the conduct of the recent election in North Carolina. Serious charges are being brought in Henderson, Ashe, and Yadkin Counties and many other counties. Now as to these charges, we have no first hand information, but the number of votes cast in some of these sections, if no other evidence appears, will invite inspection. These charges are being made by Republicans, and some man will say that it is the loser that has hollowed and it may be so, but Democratic Administration can not afford to pass these charges up without a thorough investigation, even though the charges are made by Republicans.

These same charges were made after the primary, not by Republicans, but by honest to goodness good Democrats, and the sad part about it is that the charges were proven to be true, and those who committed the crime were allowed to go free other than a few of them losing their jobs by being dismissed except one lone man in Wake County was sent to prison upon a confession which was not any ways as serious as those who were let free.

Now how do our courts discharge their duty as to these elections frauds? When an election case is brought before the court, they immediately lift up their hands when the law is violated, but say they are without authority. The court took the authority to declare a large part of the New Deal Legislation void without any written law to back them up in it. They take the authority to pass whether business can develop in competition with other businesses without any written law for it, and the courts will send a man to jail for stealing a pig, but when it comes to stealing an office in an election, they raise their hands up and say they are without authority of law.

MAKE PROVISION FOR PARKING NOW

If the city of Rocky Mount does finally makes the expensive improvements to the Masonic Temple to house the city office, we feel that it will be necessary for the city to acquire the open space back of the municipal building for the parking of automobiles.

In the big cities the parking space has become so acute that elevators are provided so as to park the cars on roof gardens. Buying the vacant land near the proposed city building will be much cheaper than installing an elevator and building a roof garden to take care of the cars.

Even if the building is remodeled, we believe that the police department, the lock-up and city court should remain where it is. It is convenient there, no elevator is required and it is plenty fine and comfortable for this purpose. The police court in the city of Richmond is located in the basement of the municipal building and has been situated there for time back.

Now we do not see where it is necessary for the citizens of Rocky Mount to build an elevator and an expensive set up for the usual group waiting on the police court. Richmond is more than ten times the size of Rocky Mount and the court continues in the basement.

Coast Line Pays Stock Dividend Action Brought Against Tarboro

Payment Of \$1 Per Share December 23 Will Be First In Five Years

Wilmington, Nov. 19.—Wilmington rejoiced tonight upon receipt of the news that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad has resumed dividends upon its common and "class A" stock, after a lapse of nearly five years.

Thousands of shares of the stock, of which the total outstanding is 825,000 shares, are owned here, and the \$1 dividend ordered today by the A. C. L. directors comes as the best piece of "prosperity news" here since the start of the depression.

The payment was particularly welcome in view of the restoration a few weeks ago of a pay cut to officials of the company, including a large number of persons in the general offices here, and the restoration, effective next week of a full working month for clerks to replace the two-day-off-permonth system that has been in effect for several years.

The dividend payment is the first on the common and class A since January, 1932, when \$2 was paid. The new distribution is payable December 23 to stockholders of record Nov. 30.

Except for one year, 1933, the Coast Line maintained during the depression the payment of the \$2.50 annual dividend on its preferred stock.

London, Ohio.—While raking leaves in a cemetery, Max Weimer, 14, saw an escaped convict from the State Prison farm. For two hours he played a game of hare and hounds with the convict until he finally cornered him in a cornfield and stood guard over him with a pitchfork until guards from the prison arrived. A check for an undisclosed amount and a dinner in the officers' mess hall were Weimer's rewards.

PARAGRAPHS ON NATIONAL PROBLEMS AT WASHINGTON

Enfield Man To Succeed Morgan

Eastern Carolina ABC Group Has Meeting In Kinston

No longer does a Nash county man serve as president of the eastern Carolina association of alcoholic beverage control boards following a meeting at Kinston of the association this week end.

R. Hunter Pope, Enfield, was named president of the association, succeeding Millard F. Morgan, of Middlesex, chairman of the Nash ABC board. Other officers were Thomas Mewborn, of Kinston, vice-president, replacing Mr. Pope, and W. D. McMillan, of Wilmington, was made chairman of the committee that considers things of legislative interest to the association.

The association convened in Kinston Friday night, and besides Mr. Morgan, W. W. Ricks, of Rocky Mount, and W. C. Ferrell, of Nashville, the other members of the Nash board, attended. So did R. L. Corbett, of Macesfield, chairman of the Edgecombe ABC board and T. T. Thomas, of Tarboro, Edgecombe county manager of the ABC stores.

The association heard its leaders urge the members to aid in the completion of information about the ABC board activities which the state liquor commission desires.

There were nine of the 17 counties represented and about 35 attending the Kinston session.

Ask Removal Of Henderson Chmn.

Henderson County Board Chairman Is Charged With 'Fraudulent Practices'

Henderson county citizens Tuesday asked the State Board of Elections to remove L. T. Dermid, chairman of the county's election board, on charges of "fraudulent practices" in the voting of November 3.

The state board probably will hold a hearing on the charges in the courthouse in Hendersonville before meeting in Raleigh November 24, to certify election returns, Raymond C. Maxwell, secretary, said.

In the event of the Hendersonville hearing is not held prior to the session at Raleigh, a delegation will be allowed to present the case at the certification meeting Maxwell added.

A brief filed Tuesday, Richard Allbritton and C. H. Roberts charge that absentee ballots were "caused to be printed and distributed by the chairman of the county board of election" without application of voters and "before an order was entered by the full county board of elections as required by law, for the printing of the same."

Other charges are that the chairman permitted "wholesale distribution" of absentee ballots to party workers, that persons were allowed to register after the books should have been closed, that some ballots were changed after they were voted and that ballots were cast in the name of some persons who did not vote.

Farmers Hold All-Day Session

Windsor, Nov. 20.—Hundreds of farmers from all over Bertie county gathered here, Wednesday, in an all day session, enjoying a barbecue dinner at noon time provided by the Bertie county farm bureau.

The exercises were held in the high school auditorium with W. L. Powell, chairman, presiding. A welcome was extended by Mayor J. A. Pritchett.

Addresses were made by Judge John H. Kerr, congressman from the second district, B. E. Grant, county agent, and others. "Importance of Farm Organization" was discussed by E. F. Arnold, secretary of N. C. State farm bureau, and J. E. Winslow, president of N. C. State farm bureau, and others.

Economizing

He—I've told you often enough that we must save. Last month I paid \$500 for your gowns and this month I have a bill of \$300.

She—Well, don't you see I've saved \$200 this month.

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