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Red Cross Plans Annual Roll Call

Thursday, Friday and Saturday Dates Set For Campaign To Get 1,000 Members

Postponed from the date set earlier in November, the annual Red Cross roll for the Rocky Mount-Nash county chapter definitely was scheduled today for Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Approximately 70 workers in Rocky Mount and other Nash county towns had been assigned certain territories to canvass during the three-day roll call period and Red Cross officials were hopeful of reaching or exceeding their goal of \$1,000 or 1,000 members.

Heading the drive locally were H. Lywood Emore, chapter chairman; Frank P. Spruill, Jr., roll call chairman; and Mrs. A. T. Croenberg, chapter secretary.

Mrs. Croenberg announced the following list of different Nash county towns: Spring Hope, Mrs. Alfred May and D. H. Holiday; Red Oak, E. C. Jernigan; and Nashville, Mrs. E. S. Paddison.

Miss Katherine Myers, field representative for the American Red Cross, was in the city aiding in the organization work.

Early on Thursday morning, according to the officials, the workers will take to the field with 1,000 members as their goal.

Reports on the progress of the campaign were to be made at the office of Frank P. Spruill, Jr., in the People's bank building.

During the past year, the Red Cross has sponsored several first aid, life saving, home hygiene and other projects, and has been instrumental in providing relief in numerous cases.

Father-Son Feed At Spring Hope

Largest Attendance On Record At Young Tar Heel Farmers Meeting

Spring Hope, Nov. 28.—The father-son banquet, held yearly by the Nash county chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers, this time far exceeded any attendance heretofore recorded with 127 people present and 43 of these were fathers. The largest number ever counted before was 83 last year.

A barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner was served Wednesday evening in the school dining hall. During dinner the following program was carried out: Opening songs of American and "How Do You Do?" invocation by C. B. Barnes of Macedonia; Y. T. H. F. opening ritual; welcome address by Edison Brantley, president of the chapter; outline of work program by nine members; recitation of the Y. T. H. F. creed by Howard Lester; introduction of visitors by T. H. McCray, vocational agriculture professor at Spring Hope; honorary memberships awarded; Y. T. H. F. ritual.

Degree of honorary membership was conferred upon W. P. Woodruff of Nashville, president of the Nash County farm bureau; J. S. Sney, Nashville, county agent; C. Matthews, secretary of the Nash county farm bureau; J. F. Vester, Momeyer, and C. B. Barnes, Macedonia, chairman of the local farm bureau; and Ralph Strickland of Hallow head of the commission who brought terracing plans to fruition in Nash. All of these men were cited for outstanding work in agriculture and Mr. Strickland also commended for work in rural electrification.

Music was furnished for the evening by the Pitts band of Taylor's Cross Roads community, all members of the band being former members of this Y. T. H. F. chapter. A young Negro buck dancer added much to the amusement of the group.

The program of work in this chapter was outlined by members Hubert Abernathy, Willoughby Murray, Tom Strickland, George Whitley, Russell Whitley, Phillip Murray, Alec Garman, Roscoe Joyner and Douglas Taylor.

Officers of the Spring Hope Y. T. H. F. chapter are: president Edison Brantley; vice president, Alec Garman; secretary, Mark Bunn; treasurer, G. W. Edwards; reporter, Fred Cooley; watchdog, Robie Barnes.

J. A. Tatum Is Taken By Death

J. A. Tatum, 68 years of age, father of Abner and Melver Tatum of Rocky Mount, died of heart trouble at his home in Shelter Neck, Nash county.

Tatum had suffered ill health five years.

Funeral services were conducted at the home. Burial followed at Mt. Zion church cemetery near the home.

Surviving are his wife, who was Mrs. Flora; eight sons, Abner, James, Julius, Clarence, Chancie, Earl, Marion and George; one daughter, Mrs. Fitzhugh King, of Shelter Neck; three brothers, George, Walter and William; and a sister, Mrs. Griswold, of Peterson and Mrs. as handsomely as

CUT ONLY INTERIOR OR DEAD TIMBER FOR FUEL

At this season farmers interested in improving their woodlands should go through their timber stands and secure their fuelwood by removing the dead, crippled and diseased trees.

The healthy trees that remain should be thinned lightly so that they can make straight, vigorous growth, advise the State College Extension Service and Charles H. Flory, forester of the Soil Conservation Service.

But do not thin too heavily, he warned, as the light coming through the tops of the trees should reach the ground floor of the forest only in small spots. As the sun passes overhead the lighted spots will gradually move, thus any one place on the ground will not be dried out too much.

Seaboard Doctors Meet In Tarboro

Approximately 400 Expected To Attend Meeting In Tarboro

Tarboro, Nov. 30.—About 400 physicians are expected to attend the 41st annual convention of the Seaboard Medical Association of North Carolina and Virginia which convenes here tomorrow night and which will be in session three days.

At the opening meeting, Dr. R. A. Vonderlehr, assistant surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health Service, will speak on "The Hidden Scourge," and Dr. J. M. Ruffin of Duke University, will discuss "Pelagra."

Other speakers on the program will be Dr. Charles W. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., Dr. Howard A. Patterson and Dr. J. P. Hennessee, both of New York City, Dr. R. L. Payne of Norfolk, Dr. John S. Horsley of Richmond and Dr. A. R. Shands of Duke University.

Dr. Spencer Bass of Tarboro is president of the association. New officers will be elected and a convention city chosen at the final business session Thursday afternoon.

W. E. Tucker Buried At Pineview

W. E. Tucker, 63, Interred After Services From Home

W. E. Tucker, 63, retired employe of the post office department, was buried in the family plot at the Pineview cemetery following services conducted from the home with Rev. C. H. Matthews officiating.

Mr. Tucker, who had been ill for two months and in failing health for a year, died at his home, 213 Rose street. He came to this city from Columbia, S. C., 23 years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dollie Tucker; two daughters, Mrs. Fannie Epping of Columbia and Mrs. J. C. Roberson of this city; a sister Mrs. Mary Groom of Laurel Hill and a brother, Captain Tom Tucker of Florida.

Palbearers were W. H. Smith, H. D. J. R. Hill, Claude Lamb, T. D. Davis, and Howard Olt.

Thomas Crothers Passes At Home

Well-Known Rocky Mount Railroad Man To Be Interred Here

Funeral services for Thomas Crothers, who died at the age of 54, at his home, 409 Edgewood st., were conducted from the home.

Rev. Norman Johnson of the First Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Crothers was an active member, conducted the services. Interment was in Pineview cemetery here.

Mr. Crothers died of pneumonia after an illness of more than a week. He would have been 55 years old Thursday. Mr. Crothers was born in County Down near Belfast, Ireland. He had lived in Rocky Mount for 25 years, and during most of that time was a mechanic with the A. C. L. railroad.

Mr. Crothers was a member of the Odd Fellows and the W. O. W. here. In Ireland he was a member of the Masonic Order.

He is survived by his wife, who was Winnie Powell of Rocky Mount; a son, Francis, 14 years of age, a high school student here; one sister, Mrs. Stuart Lamb of Belfast, Ireland, and two brothers, Samuel and John, both of Belfast.

Palbearers will be Edgar A. Williams, D. L. Grady, W. N. Clark, George R. Edwards, M. Williamson, J. W. Jackson, H. H. Littrell and Thomas Dixon.

Services Held For W. L. Vick

Funeral services for William L. Vick, 54, of Whitaker, were held from the grave in the Whitaker cemetery with the Rev. R. L. Jerome, Methodist minister of Enfield, officiating.

Vick, who was connected with a meat market in Whitaker, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Levi Fountain, in Whitaker. He was stricken with paralysis and died about four hours later.

Surviving are two sons, W. L. Vick, Jr., and Mason Vick; a brother, J. A. Vick, of Enfield; and a sister, Mrs. Fountain of Whitaker.

NO BANK FAILURES IN NORTH CAROLINA

Durham, N. C., Nov. 25, 1936.—Not one commercial bank in North Carolina has been forced to suspend operations since the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation became effective January 1, 1934, according to information furnished R. M. Gantt, State Director for the National Emergency Council for North Carolina, by the Corporation.

Simerly Elected To Head Pastors

First Christian Church Minister Named President of Ministerial Group

Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian church, was elected president of the Rocky Mount Ministerial association at the regular meeting of that organization held at the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. E. E. Craighill, pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, was named vice-president; Rev. C. W. Goldston, Clark Street Methodist church, was re-elected treasurer; and J. A. Harper, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was selected to serve another year as secretary.

"Call to Service" was the title of a paper delivered at the session by Rev. Rufus Bradley, pastor of the North Rocky Mount Methodist church.

Discussion of regular business and committee reports also claimed the attention of the ministers at the December meeting.

A nominating committee appointed at the November session and composed by Rev. O. N. Marshall, Arlington Street Baptist church; Rev. W. H. Skeels, First Universalist church; and Rev. George W. Perry, former pastor of the First Methodist church, submitted the nominees for the offices at the meeting.

Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, is the retiring president of the association.

Circus Magnate Taken By Death

John Ringling Dies in New York at Age of 70 After Brief Illness

New York, Dec. 2.—John Ringling, whose name was synonymous with the "big top," sawdust ring and circus spangles from coast to coast died today.

The circus magnate succumbed at the age of 70 to a brief illness of bronchial pneumonia, the last of seven brothers whose back-yard playtime show in Baraboo, Wis., grew to become perhaps the nation's largest entertainment combine.

At Ringling's bedside at his Park Avenue home when death came were Mrs. Ida Ringling North, his sister; John Ringling North, a nephew; Dr. Maurice Costella, his physician; Frank Hennessee, a life-long friend, and his servants.

Funeral arrangements were being made today.

Ringling's interests during his last years were not devoted entirely to the show business, for he owned extensive real estate in Florida, railroad stock, and was a collector of art masterpieces. Sarasota, Fla., became the center of his interests.

Ringling's first wife died in 1929, and in December, 1930, he was married to Mrs. Emily Haas Buck, from whom he was divorced.

The son of a German-born harness-maker whose name originally was August Ringling, John Ringling was born at McGregor, Iowa, but his family moved to Wisconsin when he was a small boy.

At the age of five he collected pins for admission to the performances he and his brothers gave in their father's backyard. John also played the bass violin in these shows.

In the early 70's a wagon show visited Baraboo, bought harness from the Ringling boy's father, and departed without paying the bill. After they went four of the boys to collect. They joined the show instead.

The Classic Concert Company was their first real venture in the show business. Successful in this, they formed the Ringlings Brothers' Comedy Concert company and a short while afterward bought a full-fledged circus of their own, three old spring wagons, home-made tents, seats, stakes and rigging.

Mrs. Baggett Is Buried Here

Windsor, Nov. 30.—Mrs. Ida May Baggett died at her home near Windsor on Friday of pneumonia. She was sixty-seven years of age, was a member of Siloam Baptist church.

She leaves nine children, four daughters and five sons as follows: Mrs. George Dunn of Goldsboro; Mrs. Luther Spruill of Windsor; Mrs. R. P. Brown of Wilmington and Mrs. R. S. Whitley of Murfreesboro; Charlie, Willie, and James Allen all of Windsor; Joe Baggett of Roanoke, Va.; and Fred Baggett of Murfreesboro.

The funeral services were conducted by her pastor at Siloam Baptist church on Sunday, 1:30 o'clock. Interment was in the family burial ground near Windsor. Palbearers were her sons and sons-in-law. Her granddaughters acted as flower girls.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP WILL HELP

We predict great good in the interest of the cause of Peace will come from the trip of President Roosevelt to Buenos Aires, the leading city of South America to open the Inter American Peace Conference. Heavy long trip, but somewhat using the language of the President, a great cause, "Peace" justified it.

We recall the trip of President Wilson to France and his great work of leadership in trying to bring about a just and righteous settlement in the interest of world humanity, and his work was not in vain.

While Europe is troubled and unrest is abroad, yet we have had 18 years of comparative peace, and but for his

Appropriate Setting for Beauty



Jean and Martha Shtiani posed in a setting of chrysanthemums at the Garfield park conservatory in Chicago. The two little Japanese girls are friends of the Japanese consul at Chicago.

County Control Is Better

The Governor sometime back appointed a commission to study and make recommendations as to the manner of handling alcoholic beverages in North Carolina.

This commission has been meeting from time to time, but up to the present time there has not been any report, but according to certain feelers, which appears to have been put out through certain press reports, more in the nature of suggestions, which are supposed to have come from the commission, it is expected that they will find the present manner of handling whiskey in the ABC under county management all wrong. But they have not, so far as we have been able to learn let it be known what they intend to recommend, whether it is no liquor or more liquor, or who they will recommend to handle it.

While we have not been an advocate of the sale of liquor, we believe that if it is to be handled, the control of it by counties is much better than the control of it by the State. For the citizens in the county have influence with their county officers and will see that the law is carried out, but from the press reports, it is expected that they will find against the control of the county and recommend that it be centered in Raleigh with a new set up of State appointees, which added to the numerous appointees of the highway department, the prison department, game and conservation department, and the revenue department, will make a condition worse than that spoken of by Governor Vance in olden days, when he said that federal officers had become thicker in North Carolina than grasshoppers.

Until the new ABC control was centered in the counties the only appointments the county commissioners controlled in the various counties were two; the janitors in the various court houses and the keepers of county homes.

We believe if whiskey is to be sold, it will be far better for the counties to select the officers, rather than make it a state political machine to bring about further circumstances in Raleigh.

While we are making this suggestion, we are not taking the position for the sale of whiskey, but if it is to be sold it is better in the control of county commissioners, where the people can see that the law is enforced rather than create a political machine and football out of the matter.

PASSING OF W. E. TUCKER

The city of Rocky Mount in the passing of the late W. E. Tucker, lost one of its most beloved citizens and public servants. He served for years in the Post Office here, waiting on the public in the duties of the Post Office always accommodating, genial, courteous and obliging, until his retirement by reason of long service.

We join with the citizenship of Rocky Mount in extending our sympathy to the members of his family in their sorrow.

TOO CONSERVATIVE?

North Carolinians are want to boast of her conservatism, being the last to join the union and last to secede.

Now all of the other States of the Union, even Republican States have passed legislation to take advantage of the Social Security laws, which have been proposed by the President, except North Carolina. The Governor said there was sufficient law on the books; the attorney general says otherwise. Can North Carolina afford to run this risk, because she was conservative? North Carolina was not too conservative to be one of the first and only states to put a consumption tax on meat, meal, fat back molasses and other things.

CASH FOR ASHES

Aberdeen, Dec. 2.—The Rev. L. M. Hall, who burned up \$126 in currency his wife had hidden in an oil stove, sent the ashes to the Treasury Department in Washington and received a check for the full amount.

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Court of Honor On Friday Night

November Session To Get Underway At 8 O'clock—Pow Wow Circle Meets

With the candidates for various awards being examined at the board of review session this afternoon, plans went forward today for the regular December meeting Friday night of the Rocky Mount district court of honor for Boy Scouts.

The session will get underway at 8 o'clock in the Parish House of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal), according to information from T. A. Avera, chairman of the court.

The various candidates were examined this afternoon in the board of review session held at 5:15 at the Methodist church under the direction of A. T. Croenberg, chairman.

Mr. Croenberg said that a large number of applicants would be on hand for various awards, including advancement in rank and numerous merit badges.

Three local boys, Johnny Daught-ridge, Fred Wenk, Jr., and Bill Greathouse, recommended last month to the national court of honor, also were expecting to receive eagle badges.

All local troops which meet on Friday nights have dispensed with their meetings in favor of the court. Troop No. 13 also was slated to present a short skit.

The Pow Wow circle, Scoutmaster's organization, was slated to hold its monthly supper meeting at 6 o'clock at the Winstead cafeteria.

Students To Give Play Here Soon

High School Dramatists Prepare "The Black Flamingo" For December 11

"The Black Flamingo," a drama of the French Revolution, will be presented by high school students here December 11, according to an announcement from Cy M. Edson, high school dramatics director.

The story concerns the disappearance of the Queen's necklace in an old inn near Paris, Edson disclosed, and nearly all of the cast of nine men and four women are suspected before the historical drama has run its course.

History is slated to present no more mysterious character than Count Cagliostro, a contemporary of Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette. Frank Lee Greathouse, plays the role of the count.

Nelle Speight and Leroy Murchison are the shadowy innkeepers. Roles of fleeing aristocrats are taken by Bobbie Williams, Hilda Harper, Carol Gardner and Helen Saunders.

Carl Atkins and Frances Walker, a maid, provide humorous moments. Tom Avera plays the colorful brigand who is the romantic lead. Joseph Jones is a friend of the evil innkeepers. A. W. House is the villainous Ravoche, leader of the revolutionists, and Thomas Easterling takes the part of an associate.

The entire dramatic department serves as supporting cast in the drama, which Edson describes as the most ambitious drama to be staged in the high school auditorium.

Students Place In Judging Contest

Chicago, Nov. 29.—The North Carolina Agricultural team placed second in identification, sixth in seed grading, and fifth in commercial grading in the collegiate crops judging contest at the 19th annual International Grain and Hay Show here. L. Hall of North Carolina tied for eighth place among the individual scorers.

James A. Patterson of Salisbury won second prize for his mottled cowpeas and R. L. Patterson of Salisbury was third.

The study of tuberculosis in industry has been another important link in the chain that Christmas Seals have helped to finance. In an effort to emphasize health as a factor in industry, the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute in 1911 started a campaign to detect tuberculosis among industrial workers.

In 1907 the first Christmas Seal sale was launched in Delaware by Miss Emily P. Bissell. She raised \$3,000 to use toward building a hospital for children ill with tuberculosis. Much has been accomplished since then.

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Vick Is Held For Cox Killing

Killer Of Tarboro Man Surrenders And Claims Self Defense Shooting

Tarboro, Nov. 29.—Berle Vick, 39, guard at the Edgewcombe County Prison camp, was held without bond in the city jail here today for the fatal shotgun shooting of Frank Cox, 52-year-old textile worker, here last night.

Cox died at a local hospital with one lead of shot in his abdomen and another in the hip, 45 minutes after the shooting took place in front of the home of Luther Taylor, Vick's father-in-law, in the Hart Mill section of Tarboro.

Vick walked from Taylor's home to police headquarters, where he surrendered and said he fired in self defense following a fist fight, just as Cox leveled a shotgun at him, Cox, it was learned, had accused Vick of being too friendly with Cox's wife.

"It was simply a matter of me beating him to the draw," Vick asserted.

He said both he and Cox had been drinking and that they engaged in a fist fight in front of the Taylor home where he knocked Cox down several times and that Cox then departed with the threat he would return with a gun. Soon thereafter, Vick came out of the house and kicked a panel out of the front door when he refused, Vick stated.

Vick said he took a double barrel shotgun, went out of the back door and slipped around to the front. "I told him to go on home," Vick said, "but instead he jumped off the porch and pointed his gun at me. I fired from the hip twice, then I came on uptown and surrendered."

Police said there were no witnesses to the shooting.

Cox, for whom funeral services will be held Monday, leaves his widow, several sons and daughters and several grandchildren.

Edgewcombe Death Still A Mystery

Coroner's Jury Unable To Determine How Gardner Was Killed

Tarboro, Nov. 30.—How Ed Gardner, aged white man whose body was found in a roadside ditch near Fountain, met his death remained an enigma after a coroner's jury brought its investigation to a close with the finding that the 70-year-old Macedonia resident "came to his death on November 23 at 11 P. M. at the hand or hands of a person or persons unknown to the jury."

Dr. J. G. Raby, Edgewcombe County coroner, said Gardner's neck was broken but that neither he nor the jury could determine whether he sustained the fatal injury in a fall from a moving vehicle or whether the dead body was tossed from a speeding car.

Marks on the highway shoulder indicated the possibility of both these theories. They showed Gardner slid along for about 14 feet diagonally away from the highway before stopping in a crumpled heap in the ditch.

Dr. Raby said it was not likely the man was struck by a hit-and-run driver, since there were no serious lacerations or bruises on the body.

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JOB OFFERED MAN—BUT IT'S FIFTY YEARS OFF

Columbia, S. C.—A man in Pittsburgh, Pa., may have to wait 50 years for the job he wants.

Chairman James H. Hammond of the Columbia Sesquicentennial committee said the man applied for work in connection with the 150th anniversary celebration of the South Carolina capital last spring. His letter arrived after the festival.

Hammond wrote, "The next celebration of the founding of Columbia will begin March 22, 1986, when it will be the anniversary of its 200 years. If I have anything to do with it, I shall be glad to have your services."

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