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Local Girl's Beauty Winner

At a recent Beauty Show sponsored by the Business Concerns of Nashville and surrounding towns, Miss Isabel Ross and Miss Yessie ... were awarded first prizes. Miss Ross was voted most beautiful from a group of town girls, and Miss Jenkins from the group of High School girls. There were about 40 contestants.

Nash Youngsters Look To School

Spring Hope and Momeyer Hold Pre-School Clinics

Spring Hope, Feb. 9.—The first of the annual pre-school clinics for Nash county white schools were held Monday at Momeyer and Spring Hope. Dr. T. O. Coppedge, county health officer, and Miss Merle Fletcher, county health nurse, were present at Momeyer in the morning from 10 to 12 o'clock and came on to Spring Hope at 1 o'clock.

In announcements made public by the principals, Guy Moore of Momeyer and D. H. Holliday of Spring Hope, urged that "all children who will be six years old on or before October 1, 1937" be present accompanied by both parents if possible. They also stressed the fact that Monday was the only day that would be given to this work at each school. The entire day Monday was termed "Beginners Day" at Spring Hope. At both clinics the county health authorities administered smallpox and diphtheria vaccinations to more or less bravely presented little arms, gave thorough physical examinations and discussed their findings with the parents. It was hoped that these early examinations will allow time for minor defects to be remedied before the rush of school starting in the fall.

A novel and more pleasant aspect of the day to the children was few hours spent in the first grade rooms of Miss Ann Bridges and Miss Jane Stewart at Spring Hope and Mrs. Frank Vester at Momeyer where they were given a sample of school-days to come.

According to Mr. Moore and Mr. Holliday, announcements were made to 80 eligible children at Momeyer and 60 from Spring Hope.

Former Enfield Pastor Dies

Enfield, Feb. 9.—Rev. Jesse L. McNeer died near Stem February 4 and was buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Enfield on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. McNeer was born at Salt Sulpher Springs, West Va., and was 74 years of age. October 10, 1889, he was married to Miss Ella Marvey Donald, of Wytheville, Va., who died and was buried in Enfield in November, 1915. One son, Fred A. McNeer, of Durham, was born to this union. June 12, 1917, Rev. McNeer was married to Miss Daisy Nance, of Stem, who with one son, Jesse J. McNeer, survives him.

Rev. Mr. McNeer was pastor of the Enfield Methodist Episcopal church from 1913 through 1915.

J. T. Green Dies At Spring Hope

Spring Hope, Feb. 10.—James Thoma Green died at his home on the suburbs of Spring Hope Tuesday morning at the age of 69 following an illness that practically confined him to his bed for almost a year.

Mr. Green was a well-known farmer of Spring Hope. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dora Green and the following children: Walter Green of Rocky Mount; J. E. Green, E. G. Green, Bernice Green and O. N. Green of Spring Hope; Mrs. Eula Coppedge, Alton Green and Mrs. Nealie Harris of near Spring Hope. One daughter, Ida Green, is dead. He is survived by 34 grandchildren and has 5 more that died.

Funeral services were conducted today at 2 o'clock at the home, Rev. H. H. Finch conducting. Interment followed in the family burial grounds about two miles from Spring Hope. Members of the local Junior Order assisted at the services.

FATALLY BURNED

W. G. Birk Batton, Nash county farmer, was found burned to death in the ruins of his home near Bailey last Saturday. Mrs. Batton and four children were in Bailey shopping when the fire occurred, and did not know of the tragedy that accompanied the flames until Batton's body was found in the ruins of his home.

DR. JANE" QUILTS

Dr. Jane S. McKimmon severed her connection with the State Home Demonstration Department when her resignation was announced last Friday. Dr. McKimmon has spent a large part of a century in the Home Demonstration work. She will be succeeded by Miss Ruth Current.

DOKK Temple New Court Unit Elects Officers Sought In West

Norman Gold was elected Royal Vizer at the meeting of the D. O. K. K. Temple, it was announced.

The other new officers elected were W. Grover Robbins, Grand Emir; Joy Powell, Sheik; C. C. Harris, Mahedi; Thomas C. Shore, secretary; W. Gray Williams, treasurer; Allen Herrington, Satrap; and J. R. Tanner, Sahib.

The new officers appointed by Royal Vizer Gold were Bill Green, Mokanna; J. R. Thomas, master of ceremonies; J. M. Fox and E. C. Lucas, escorts; P. M. Stephens, captain of Brigands, and R. L. Rogers, captain of drum corps.

Club Boys Make High Corn Yield

Example of Clay County 4-H Boys Stimulates Interest Among Fathers

Haynesville, Feb. 8.—High corn yields secured by Clay county 4-H club member who produced 94.4 bushels of corn to the acre last year, shows how this has been done, said D. G. Allison, county farm agent of the State college extension service.

"When I started 4-H club work in 1933," Deal told Allison, "the farmers in our community were growing the same type of corn their fathers had grown.

"Many of them thought 20 to 25 bushels per acre was a good yield. Then we club boys started planting Holcomb's Prolific, which was recommended for this section by the experiment station at Swannanoa.

"The first year I made 40 bushels to the acre, and other club boys also got good yields. This attracted the attention of the men and some of them tried out this variety and got a 50 per cent or more increase in yield.

Deal also told how better cultural practices increased his yields still further. In 1934 he produced 45 bushels per acre, in 1935 it increased to 75 bushels, and then 94.4 bushels in 1936.

At least half the adult farmers in that community are now growing Holcomb's Prolific and using the recommended better cultural practices, Allison added, and others are getting ready to do likewise.

Allison stated that young Deal has made a good record with his other projects on dairy calves, sweet potatoes, and hog breeding. So far he has earned \$473.56, according to figures in his record books.

Governor Affirms Child Labor Views

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 3.—Any attempt to control child labor except through an amendment to the Federal Constitution would be unground and impracticable, Governor Lehman declared in a letter to Dr. Nicholas Butler, president of Columbia University.

Dr. Butler, a leader in the fight against the child labor amendment, had urged upon the Governor the advisability of this State withholding ratification of the amendment and had suggested as alternatives uniform legislation by all the States or a Federal act prohibiting interstate traffic in goods the product in whole or in part of child labor.

Governor Lehman in reply said experience had convinced him that it would be impossible to induce forty-eight states to agree on legislation so profoundly affecting their social and economic life. Attempts to control child labor through interstate commerce action, he feared, would lead to grave abuses and far-reaching stagnation of trade.

Rites Are Held For Wm. Griffin

Prominent Nash County Farmer Buried Sunday—Died Late Saturday Night

William Thomas Griffin, 76, a prominent and well known farmer of Nash County, was buried following services from the Mill Branch Primitive Baptist church with Elder A. B. Denson officiating.

Mr. Griffin died late Saturday night at his home in Nash county of complications of bad health which had afflicted him for several years.

Beside his widow he is survived by four sons, A. T. Griffin of Nash county, C. D. Griffin of Raleigh, L. E. Griffin of Nash county, and H. O. Griffin of this city, and a sister, Mrs. Mary Griffin of Nash County. Active pallbearers for the services were R. E. Davis, J. D. Batts, G. C. Batts, W. R. Batts, G. T. Davis, George Griffin, John Griffin and Sidney Griffin.

Honorary pallbearers were T. L. Simmons, F. P. Spruill, E. P. Weaver, D. P. Pridden, J. R. Batts, M. C. Batchelor, D. W. Lotchelor, S. Robbins, Dr. M. L. Stone, R. R. Gay, J. C. Edwards, J. M. Peele, Bunn Ferrell, J. M. Gay, Dock Viwards, W. E. Fenner, George S. Edwards, Charlie Calhoun and J. W. Robbins.

Forsyth Bar Would Reduce Size of Eleventh District; Create Another

Winston-Salem, Feb. 8.—The Forsyth County Bar Association today recommended division of the eleventh judicial district to include Forsyth and "not more than two other counties."

The action of the senior bar followed on the heels of the Winston-Salem Junior Bar Association's recommendation that the district be divided to include only Forsyth, Ashe and Alleghany counties. Such a division would necessitate action by the General Assembly.

The senior bar also went on record in favor of an extension of the grand jury term to six, nine or twelve months "in the discretion of the Forsyth Board of County Commissioners." Fred S. Hutchins, county attorney, led the discussion of the grand jury question.

It was a consensus of the lawyers that division of the eleventh judicial district would "expedite litigation." Should the Assembly agree to the division, it would be necessary to appoint or elect a judge and solicitor for the new district.

Prelate's Death Occurs At Home

Heart Attack In Charlotte Fatal To Senior Methodist Bishop

Charlotte, Feb. 10.—Bishop Edwin DuBose Mouzon, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, died unexpectedly of a heart ailment at his home late today.

The 68-year-old churchman was a leading spirit in the movement toward unification of the three major branches of Methodism, and in his later years saw rapid strides made in that direction.

Bishop Mouzon gained wide attention in 1928 as the result of his pronounced opposition to the candidacy of Al Smith in the presidential campaign.

Preached Sunday

Bishop Mouzon returned to his home here Saturday from a strenuous mission into Florida, Alabama and Mississippi as one of the church officials conducting the "Bishop's Crusade" in that area. He preached here Sunday—his last sermon.

Late this afternoon he was sitting in his living room with Mrs. Mouzon, Dr. C. C. Weaver, pastor of the First Methodist church, and Mrs. Weaver, discussing his recent trip into the far South.

Suddenly he stopped talking and leaned back in his chair. Dr. Weaver went over to him, spoke to him, and attempted to arouse him. The Bishop died a moment later, never regaining consciousness.

A Charlotte minister said later that Bishop Mouzon had told him out in Oklahoma in 1932 that his physician had informed him he had a slight heart ailment and warned him not to overtax his strength.

I. E. Ready Chosen For Program Work

Principal of High School On Centennial Committee

I. E. Ready, principal of the Rocky Mount high school, has been appointed on the program committee for the centennial celebration of public education in North Carolina.

Professor G. B. Phillips, of Chapel Hill is chairman of the committee which also has as members L. E. Spikes of Burlington, John Lockhart of Raleigh, C. C. Carroll of Bryson City, Miss Nena DeBerry of Greenville.

The history of public education in North Carolina will be portrayed in a pageant to be presented in the Duke university stadium April 23, as one of the features of the centennial celebration.

Principal Ready attended the principals' meeting held at Chapel Hill over week-end. In the absence of Frank Ashley of Gastonia he served as secretary. He was also appointed on the committee to work with the University of North Carolina in holding the conference of secondary education at Chapel Hill in June.

Miss Margaret Ricks, a member of the high school faculty, attended the Chapel Hill conference as a representative of the class room teachers' group of the northeastern district.

GREENVILLE'S CHAMPS

The Greenville High School Basketball team is undisputed champion of the class No. A. High Schools for the eastern part of North Carolina by reason of its victory Tuesday night over the strong Durham team. The final score was 20-21 in favor of the Greensies.

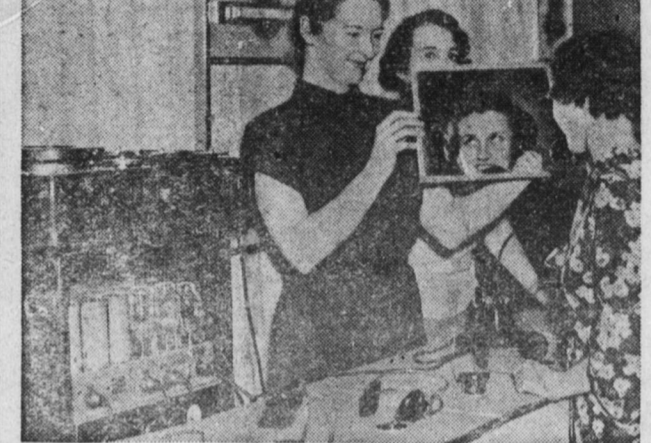
R. E. A. HEAD QUILTS

The resignation of Morris L. Cook, head of the Rural Electrification Administration, came as a shock to Washington Saturday. Rumors in the capital have it that Mr. Cook was too favorable to the private power interests to suit the administration.

HUTSON C. K.'S ACT

J. B. Hutson, former chief of the Tobacco Section, Department of Agriculture, passed through Raleigh a few days ago. He placed his O. K. in the Tobacco Control Bill as drafted and passed.

"Voice Mirror" to Cure Yankee Twang



Hoping to cure New Englanders of their Yankee twang, the New England Telephone company has installed a "voice mirror" in Boston which is to record and reproduce the telephone voice of Bostonians. Visitors using the "mirror" are to be convinced that they are in need of better articulation both over the telephone and in face to face conversation. The mechanism records the voice magnetically on steel tape and reproduces it through an earphone. Most listeners are surprised how unintelligible and unpleasant their own voice sounds over the telephone. The company also provides tutors in an effort to teach New Englanders clear and proper pronunciation, thus eliminating countless wrong connections in manually operated telephone exchanges. The photo shows Miss Dorothy V. Dever of the New England Telephone company speaking into the "voice mirror". She can watch her lip movements while her voice is recorded for later reproduction.

Should Carry Out Promise

The Democratic platform which was adopted in Raleigh at the State Convention, pledged to the people of North Carolina that the sales tax would be removed from all necessities of the people. Can the Democratic party as the dominant party of this state afford to fail to give this relief to the people after its solemn promise in the last campaign. Individuals may back-track and not do what they promise but the great Democratic party should not be put in the false position of absolutely paying no attention to its promise and wilfully misleading the public.

The taking of the sales tax from fat-back and self-rising flour certainly will not be carrying out the promise of the Democratic platform. The platform meant precisely what it said and the legislature should make it speak the truth.

PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE ON BONDS

We have no official information, but we are reliably informed that the lowest estimate of the railroad company of expenses for removing the railroad from the center of the town is \$1,300,000, as the least sum and that it is very probable it will exceed \$2,000,000.

If the railroad is to be removed, we understand that the city will have to bear that whole expense, less the small relief money which may be credited on this amount, and our general experience is that the manner in which the money is handled sometimes, it would cost less to build without such aid than with it.

Our governing authorities have this information and the public is entitled to know what is going on. It has been suggested that the businessmen of the city who have property fronting the railroad, will agree to pay a large part of this expense. Up to this good hour, we have not seen a one who says he is willing to pay one cent. The whole property that fronts on the railroad company is not valued as much as the estimate for removing the railroad which is our information through the business section. This city of Rocky Mount should not issue any bond in connection with this matter without a direct vote of the people on this subject.

CENTRALIZATION DESTROYING THE COMMUNITY

We notice in the press a statement of the Honorable Hiden Ramsey, editor of the Asheville Citizen, in which he states, "That the great local community centers of the great western section of the state are drying up because all authority and governmental activities have been dumped and centered in Raleigh." We feel that this is a very true statement, and what is true of the great western section, is true of every section in North Carolina. Local initiative government has been destroyed. The county commissioners only employ two people at present in the county—the janitor at the court house and the keeper of the county home. It may be probable that the keeper of the county home may have to be confirmed by the Commissioner of Welfare.

Now we have a bill in the legislature pending which makes it necessary to go to Raleigh and get the great Utilities Commissioner to grant them the authority where two or three get together to build a cooperative electric line before the same can be built.

Where will the end be? the question of centralization was raised in the campaign of 1932 and we are now reaping just what Mr. Ramsey says is taking place.

If you want to get a road repaired, you have to travel to Raleigh. In fact all governmental activity is there and the community life is becoming stagnant just as stated by Mr. Ramsey.

Rites Conducted For Mrs. Cross

Mother of Local Woman Interred In Roanoke Rapids

Funeral rites were conducted in Roanoke Rapids from the home of the late J. R. M. rick, for Mrs. A. T. Cross, 71 who succumbed Sunday morning following a brief illness.

Mrs. Cross was the mother of Mrs. George N. Williams, of this city, and had visited in her daughters' home here frequently.

Surviving Mrs. Cross are Mrs. Williams, Mrs. W. S. Rochester, Mrs. A. N. Woodruff, Mrs. W. M. Moore, and Mrs. W. H. Watson, all of Erwin; two sons, W. R. Myrick and E. R. Myrick, both of Roanoke Rapids.

Rev. Mr. Steele of the Roanoke Rapids Presbyterian church was in charge of the funeral service. Rev. Fra cis H. Craigbill, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in this city, officiated.

Pallbearers were Eli Stevenson and Zolli Wheelless, both of Rocky Mount; Moody Hedgepeth, J. E. Jackson, Coley Smith and John Bell, all of Roanoke Rapids.

J. H. Lamb Ends Auto Fatalities His Life In City Reach New High

Traveling Sales Manager For Feed Mill Machinery Company Shoots Himself

J. H. Lamb, 53, a well known and popular resident of the city and traveling sales manager for a Pennsylvania feed mill machinery company, died instantly in his room from a shot gun charge through the heart.

Nash Coroner M. C. Gulley pronounced the death "suicide" when he completed his investigation.

Police found near the body in Mr. Lamb's room a note written by Mr. Lamb and addressed "To My Friends." The contents, which Coroner Gulley and Police Chief O. P. Hedgepeth did not disclose, were said to explain the reason for his death and to contain a few simple funeral instructions.

Mr. Lamb is survived by his wife, a young daughter, Harriet; and a brother, D. C. Lamb of Atlanta, Ga. Miss Leta Harrison, Mrs. Lamb's sister, also lived with the Lambs.

Mrs. Lamb and her daughter were not in the house when their Negro housekeeper, Anna Cohen, heard a heavy fall upstairs and discovered Mr. Lamb in his room, dead of a shotgun wound.

Anne said she heard no shot but a heavy fall upstairs while she was eating her breakfast in the kitchen. Receiving no answer when she called Mr. Lamb from outside his room, she looked in and discovered the body.

Mr. Lamb's death came as a distinct shock to a host of friends and business acquaintances. Most of those who knew him could not imagine any explanation for his action.

He was well liked, good natured, and an able business man, they said.

One of Mr. Lamb's friends said, however, that he thought Mr. Lamb had recently been despondent because the unusual weather conditions had disturbed his business. A neighbor said Mr. Lamb had not been feeling entirely well for the past week.

The shotgun charge entered Mr. Lamb's chest and pierced the lower part of the heart, the coroner's examinations showed.

Negro Youths Steal Meat

Two Negro Youths Who Came To "Play Piano" Charged With Stealing Meat

Two Negro youths went to Victoria in Harrington's to get some "steam" (whiskey) but remained to steal meat, according to charges against them in police court and their explanation of their doings.

Judge Ben H. Thomas declared Raymond McKeiver and Bernice Williams, the two, not guilty of stealing \$5 worth of ham, sausage and steak from Victoria's kitchen.

The two seemed to be guilty, the court expressed its private conviction, but the evidence did not prove them so.

The youths came to her house, Victoria said, "to play the piano." Bernice said they came to buy a drink of "steam." While Bernice was rambling around the rear of the house, Victoria said, he sneaked the meat out over the back fence and came back through the house.

David Virgil, a Negro youth, was lucky in another case, escaping sentences for two charges because of lack of evidence in one charge and because of the court's ruling in the other.

Leroy Virgil, his brother, and Robert Newton, both Negroes, pleaded guilty to stealing about \$10 worth of corn from W. M. Daughtridge's farm east of the city. David, who was with the two when they tried to sell the corn at a local feed mill, was charged with receiving stolen goods but was freed for lack of evidence.

Charged also with driving a car with improper brakes, David was found not guilty because he was merely driving the car from the feed mill where the three were arrested to the police station in compliance with an officer's directions.

Leroy and Robert Newton received six months road terms for their activity.

FOUR KILLED

Four persons were instantly killed in an airplane wreck near Louisville Sunday. The dead have been tentatively identified as Mrs. J. W. Carpenter, of Villa Route W. Va. Arthur Ohio, and Daniel Breen, of Akron, Ohio, and the pilot, Chet Bretz, also of Akron. The cause of the wreck probably will never be definitely known. The bodies were badly mangled.

WOULD CURB COURT

President Roosevelt has announced an epoch making plan to curb the power of the United States Supreme Court. He proposes that all justices seventy years or more of age be retired, and if they decline to retire additional justices be added until a limit of fifteen is reached. This would eliminate six of the present nine justices. Retirement rules would also apply to all Federal Courts. Much difference of opinion has been aroused by the proposal.

JOHNSTON FOREMAN

Royall Hudson, of Meadow Township, will be foreman of the Grand Jury in Johnston County for the next six months.

Accidental Deaths In The U. S. Highest In 20 Years—National Cost Enormous

The National Safety Council, at Chicago, Saturday, estimated that accidents cost the nation \$3,750,000 in 1936 while running up the highest death rate in 20 years.

Fatalities on the highway and in the home mounted to new highs, and pushed the year's accident death total to a record figure of 11,000. The previous record was 10,139, in 1934.

Motor vehicles accounted for 38,500 deaths, an increase of 1,500 over the record set in 1935. Fatal accidents in the home totaled 39,000, an increase of 7,500 over the 1935 figure and the first time in eight years that type of fatality exceeded traffic deaths.

The accidental death rate for the nation in 1936 was 86.4 per 100,000 of population, the highest since 1917.

H. B. Cooley Dies As Auto Crashes

Nashville, Feb. 9.—Hubert Bernard Cooley, of Nashville, brother of Congressman Harold D. Cooley of the Fourth District, was killed instantly late last night when his automobile crashed into a bridge abutment near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Miss Gloria Davenport of Marsh Plains, N. J., who, officers said, was driving the machine, was injured seriously. She was taken to Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson, where it was said Tuesday night she was resting well. She had regained consciousness, hospital attaches said.

Mr. Cooley, who was 44 and unmarried, was employed as assistant auditor in the New York PWA office and was en route here to visit relatives at the time of the wreck. The crash occurred on Smith Creek bridge, 20 miles north of Henderson. Miss Davenport was reported en route to Miami Beach, Fla., to visit her mother, Mrs. Homer Davenport, and a sister, Mrs. Mildred D. Malanos.

Funeral services for Mr. Cooley will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the residence here of his sister, Mrs. B. J. Downey. He is also survived by another brother, Horace C. Cooley of Raleigh and a second sister, Mrs. Mildred L. Sanders of Smithfield.

Mr. Cooley formerly lived in Raleigh, being connected with the Sanders Motor Company.

Rev. F. H. Craighill of the church of the Good Shepherd here and Rev. S. T. Habel, Baptist pastor, of Enfield conducted the rites from the home of Mrs. B. J. Downey, Mr. Cooley's sister.

Three Cars Are Damaged Here

That was not an explosion Wednesday night. That was a three-car accident in which all three cars were standing still.

Automobiles belonging to Norman Golt, Tom Braswell and Van Neal were parked in W. V. Gupton's Service station near the Thomas-Main Washington street intersection when about 1:30 the air-pressure lift somehow began operating and came up under the cars, overturning them. Neal's car received the worst treatment.

The noise of the accident led several persons to telephone police headquarters this morning asking about the "explosion." It also brought the three car owners out into the midnight breezes to inspect the damage.

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