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16 STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL NET TOURNAY

Play started today in a tennis tournament for students at the Rocky Mount high school with 16 boys entered.

The seeded players in the tourney are Rhinehart Freeman, Charles Brook, Ernest Wright, Thomas Owens, John Dozier, Luther Smith, Robert Bobbitt, and Arthur Weatherers. The other entries include Billy Young, Billy Avera, Frank Lee Greathouse, Carl Atkins, Norman Harper, Val Morgan, Tom Avera, and Nelson Large.

A number of matches with teams throughout eastern North Carolina are being scheduled and will be played when the tournament is over. Late in the month two men will be sent to Chapel Hill to participate in the state tournament.

Robert Bobbitt is the manager of the team. He is assisted by Joseph Jones.

AWARDS MADE LOCAL SCOUTS

22 Boys Presented Second Class Badges By Court Of Honor

Led by a group of 22 tenderfoot Scouts who were awarded the second class badge, 102 presentations were made at the April session of the Rocky Mount district court of honor held at the Parish House of the church of the Good Shepherd.

Five Scouts also were awarded the Life badge and three received the Star badge. The new life Scouts are as follows: Graham Williams and Tommy Harris, troop 7; Hugh Battle, Jr., and J. D. Richardson, troop 11; and Ted Poplin, troop 13. The Star Scouts are Leroy Muehison and Earl Cade, troop 7; and Bobby Hughes, troop 8.

Scouts receiving the first class badge were as follows: James Johnson and Tom Fisher, troop 5; and Herbert Knight, troop 11.

The second class badges went to the following: Perry Cuthrell, George Valentine, Reginald Holder, Irwin Nichols and Charles Binchard, troop 5; Joe Christian, troop 7; Robert Rogers and William Pittman, troop 8; Larry Battle, Frank Holman, Henry Capps, Roy Fredericks, Ben Aycock, troop 11; Edward Mayo, Joe Wilkins, Howard Shearin and Roger Mayo, troop 16; Gordon Davis, M. A. Batchelor, Grover Gupton, Millard Jones and Robert Sharpe, of troop 73 Sharpshooter.

A feature of the court of honor session was the presentation of a 15-year veteran's badge to E. E. Draper, troop committeeman of troop 11, who was awarded the badge by Rev. F. H. Craighill of the court.

Civic service awards went to Jack Dowdy and Joe Speight, troop 7.

Other awards went for merit badges.

The formal opening exercises together with a skit were presented by members of troop 7.

T. A. Avera, chairman, presided over the session.

53 SCHOOLS WIN DEBATES

Successful Debaters Will Enter Final Contest For Aycock Cup, At University April 21-22

Secretary E. R. Rankin, at Chapel Hill, Monday, said that 53 high schools had reported to him that both of their teams won decisions in the triangular debating contests held throughout the state last weekend and that they will enter the finals to be held at the university April 21 and 22 when the state championship and Aycock memorial cup will be at stake.

A number of other schools whose teams won both debates have not reported, and it will be several days before all reports are in, Secretary Rankin said.

Winners of the triangular contests last week-end reported so far are: Ashokle, Albemarle, Angier, Bakersville, Belmont, Bethel Hill, Broughton, Casar, Chocowinity, Collettsville, Cranberry, Epsom, Erwin, Fairview, Forest City, Franklin, Gibson, Gibsonville, Glendale, Granite Falls, Griffith, Hamlet, Hartsell, Hertford, Hobbsville, Kenilworth, Kenly, Kinston, Mingo, Morehead City, Morven, Mt. Airy, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Pleasant, (of Wilkes), Rowland (of Pasquotank), Newport, Oak Grove, Orrum, Pilot Mountain, Rock Springs, Rosewood, Roxobel-Kelford, Saratoga, Shelby, Spencer, Swannanoa, Swan Quarter, Vanceboro, Wakeon, Washington, Weldon, Wendell and Whiteville.

SEN. REYNOLDS STOPS IN CITY

United State Senator Robert R. Reynolds, enroute from Kinston to Washington, spent an hour here Thursday in conference with officers in charge of the air camp located near the city.

The senator, a member of the senate military affairs committee, was instrumental in bringing the Langley Field detachment here.

He left about noon for the national capital.

IN WASHINGTON



WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

UNITED STATES SENATOR

The big drive is on in Congress for action on legislation that may have the effect of virtually shaping national affairs. The fact that this drive is along many fronts and is without the noise of verbal "big guns," does not lessen its significance. And "behind the scenes," is much feeling as legislative generals map plans for their lines and prepare for the "zero hour," of voting on measures that effect all our citizens.

The situation in Congress is all the more acute because Congressional procedure is naturally affected by the acts of the legislative and judicial branches of the Government. What will be the final government policy with regard to the sit-down strikers that may cause concern in the South? What changes, if any, will be made in the president's court plan before it comes up in congress for a vote? What will the Supreme Court do with regard to the Labor Relations Act, which is certain to influence action on the court plan? Not even the most optimistic member of Congress will attempt to answer these questions today. And they must be answered before the present uncertainty in Congress gives way to certainty--that is before the objective of the "big drive" is clear.

As a result, members of Congress are unable to give satisfactory answers to many questions raised by constituents. They are unable to hazard a guess as to what will be done about this or that. They find it difficult to form their own final decisions.

The reason is simple. It is because factors outside of Congress are, perhaps more than ever before, having a strong effect on legislation. In other words, conditions that are acute today may become less serious tomorrow, make drastic legislation unnecessary. However, they may become more serious, and require swift movement in the "big drive."

Whatever else may be said it can be stated that the President is keenly alive to the situation, and his record for action clearly indicates that he will be ready to move, at a moments notice. The fact that all his plans have not been disclosed does not minimize their sweeping character. It has been amply demonstrated that our people, by and large, have confidence in the President's recommendations and that the Congress, in the final analysis, will be in accord with his more important policies. This will be more in evidence during the weeks ahead.

Our people should not be alarmed by the evidences of the present uncertainty in the legislative branch of the Government. It is in reality a most hopeful sign. It indicates that members of Congress are studying and weighing the various proposals. It is a sign that members have the courage of their own convictions as to what is best for the country. And it is a refreshing indication that this is not a "rubber stamp" Congress.

With it all is new evidence that the day of temporary expedients to meet emergencies is over. The mere fact that the Congress is moving slowly toward final objectives is really a hopeful sign -- a sign that the experience of the last decade and all the lessons learned are not being forgotten. That in itself, should allay many fears with regard to Federal activities in the future.

TEACHERS PICKED FOR STATE MEET

Tarboro, April 12.—County teachers met here in the court houses Saturday, and elected J. N. Grant, of South Edgecombe school; J. G. Fezzer and Mr. Wheeler, of West Edgecombe school; Miss Estelle Jenkins, of Pinetops graded school; Miss Matlock, of West Edgecombe; Mrs. E. E. Jones, of Battleground; J. T. Biggers, of Conetoe; N. E. Gresham, county superintendent and Miss Deane Hardison, of Conetoe, a committee to attend the North Carolina Educational association at Durham on April 22.

In addition to talks by Superintendent N. E. Gresham on elections for 1937-8; Dr. L. L. Parks, county health officer, read a letter on health; Mrs. Mary Godfrey, secretary of the Merchants association welcomed them to Tarboro; and Aubrey Shackell, spoke to the teachers on publicity.

Elections are to be held shortly, with committees to be named this afternoon.

UNDER THE DOME OF THE COURTHOUSE

A Frank Explanation Of The Need For Bonds For School Buildings In Edgecombe

A great many taxpayers have approached us during the past several days in regard to a proposed bond issue for \$250,000 to be voted on May 1, 1937 and the bonds to be sold for the purposes of constructing school houses in Edgecombe County. The question has been asked over and over again why the amount is so large and why the County Commissioners issue bonds to build school houses in Tarboro and Rocky Mount. In answer to the first question, namely, why the amount is so large, I wish to state that even this amount is not adequate to take care of any future needs; that it will only provide the necessary equipment for the school years of 1936-37 and 1937-38. In Tarboro the building for Negro children in Princeville has been condemned by the State Inspectors. It is not only a fire hazard but is hazardous from the standpoint of being safe. The High School at Tarboro for white students is not equipped with an auditorium which is very necessary adjunct to public education. In Rocky Mount the Rocky Mount school trustees are renting a building which has been condemned as a fire hazard and which is used for the instruction of Negro children. The white high school building in Rocky Mount is over-crowded and totally inadequate. The City of Rocky Mount felt the need of the white high school and proceeded to construct a gymnasium at this school without cost to the taxpayers of the County. The Conetoe school is trying to carry on a course of vocational instruction without any shop and without the necessary equipment and material with which to work. This school has no gymnasium and whether we believe that now is the proper time to construct gymnasiums or not they are coming and while I am on the subject of gymnasiums I wish to say that I saw a letter from State Supt. Clyde Erwin's Office a few days ago in which it was stated that 99 of the Counties out of the 100 in North Carolina have some gymnasium located therein. As a further example as to why we will have to get in the gymnasium business I use for example the Battleground High School. George C. Phillips, member of the Board of Education in Edgecombe County, when the proposed bond issue of \$250,000 was arrived at for school purposes, Mr. Phillips did not ask for anything for the Battleground school. Within the last few weeks it has developed that Nash County is constructing a gymnasium at a Nash County school located near enough to Battleground so that the children can be transported on trucks and all of the patrons of the high school, with possibly a few exceptions, have made up their minds to go to the high school that has a gymnasium, which simply means, that if the Battleground high school is not equipped with a gymnasium that so far as high school is concerned it is headed for liquidation.

At the West Edgecombe High School conditions there are over-crowded. They are unable to take care of the number of children who are supposed to attend. They are in dire need of four additional class rooms at the present time.

The Pinetops auditorium is built in such a manner that it is not safe from a fire standpoint; in addition, more class rooms are needed. Therefore, if the bond issue carries it is the purpose of the Board of Education to turn the old auditorium into class rooms and construct a new auditorium at the Pinetops school.

At South Edgecombe High School, which serves Pinetops, Macesfield and Crisp, it is intended to construct a gymnasium. At Leggett's the Board of Education is attempting to carry on vocational instruction without any shop and very little equipment. It is intended to construct a gymnasium at Leggett's and a shop and class room for the vocational instruction.

While the Legislature was in session Senator L. L. Gravelly and who by the way was a very influential member of the General Assembly of North Carolina for 1936 and a member of the Board of Trustees of Rocky Mount city school, introduced a bill in the legislature taking the property in the city of Rocky Mount out of Edgecombe County so far as expenses for school purposes were concerned. The Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education considered this bill so vital to the welfare of Edgecombe County that Senator Clark and Capt. W. W. Eagles were requested to call for a hearing before the legislative committee before the matter was voted, on the floor of the house of representatives and the state senate, however, at ten o'clock on the night before the hearing was to be held the next day, Capt. Eagles and Senator Clark had a conference with Senator Gravelly, Representative Bill Finner and Rep. Abernathy of Nash County and Capt. Eagles and Senator Clark told these representatives that they were morally certain that if they would withdraw the bill taking Rocky Mount out of the County so far as taxes for school purposes were concerned that they could carry the bond election for the purpose of constructing adequate school buildings.

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First Lady Feted by Indians



Tribal dances and gifts were presented by Osage Indians in honor of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt when the First Lady visited Pawhuska, Okla., and viewed the colorful ceremonies of the tribe headed by Chief Fred Lookout.

N. C. Welcomes First Lady

North Carolina has been honored this week by the visit of the wife of the President, the first lady of the republic, who has made a tour of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, having gone over the same trails that the President followed last year in his trip through Tennessee and North Carolina. While we are always happy to have her in our midst her visit at this time is indeed auspicious, as it focuses the attention of the entire country on this beautiful and marvelous section.

A group of gentlemen from North Carolina, composed of Lieutenant Governor Horton, Representative Giles, Assistant Attorney General Bruton, former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain and Sheriff Adkins of Marion, called on the President last week in the interest of the early opening of the Great Smoky National Park. The committee had a most gracious reception at the White House and was assured by the President that this undertaking was receiving his constant consideration and would continue to do so until it was completed. The committee was represented by Representatives Doughton and Warren.

The General Assembly of North Carolina appropriated \$2,000,000 in the legislative session, 1927, for this park, Mr. Fountain at that time being Speaker of the House of Representatives. This was the beginning of the National Park in a real way, though the citizens of that wonderful section had banded themselves into an organization enlisting public interest and support, prior to this time. This bond issue received practically the unanimous support of the entire state. It had been feared that probably the eastern representatives were so far removed from this great area that they might not understand it and probably would not see the importance of giving their support. The Speaker was requested to call an informal conference of the representatives which was done. The appropriation went through with the united support of all sections, the money being used to match with Tennessee the \$5,000,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, in honor of the memory of Mrs. Laura Spellman Rockefeller.

There was a desire by the citizens of the Grandfather Mountain section that the National Park be located there and there was some rivalry but when these citizens found that that area was not large enough, they joined hands with the Smoky Mountain group and gave their most loyal aid, one of their citizens, the Honorable Mark Squires, being chairman.

The opening of this great National Park will bring to North Carolina, and is bringing, visitors from practically all over the world which will mean great things for our State.

THE USHERS OF ALCOHOL TOO SOCIAL

The hour for selling of alcoholic beverages in the ABC Stores has been extended from six to eight o'clock P. M. It is somewhat hard for us to understand the purpose of extending the time for the sale of whiskey from six o'clock until eight especially since the authors of the bill which established the ABC Stores had in mind the desire of temperance and the curtailing of the use of whiskey according to press comments which were issued out from the General Assembly. We have heretofore complimented the manner in which the stores have been conducted by the local managers and of course we know these gentlemen had nothing to do with the extending of the time as the rules and regulations are formulated and promulgated by the whiskey Boards and not by those who conduct the stores. We do feel that this extension of time for the sale of whiskey from six until eight cannot be explained except by the desire to sell more whiskey to the laboring man. Even though, we have heard the suggestion that the stores were kept open so as to give the man who works during the day time an opportunity to purchase liquor without having to buy from the bootlegger. If we take this interpretation the public is bound to admit that this is really a very generous and far-fetched interpretation to produce temperance.

The management of the stores in Rocky Mount and the conduct of same have been good far as we are able to learn, but the boldness and loose-manner in which whiskey is being handled and served in many of the leading social places and clubs is bound to hurt the cause, and to bring a strong reaction, unless those who use whiskey exercise more convention in the serving of same. There are many people who do not care for whiskey but have no objection to other people using it, provided these people who desire whiskey exercise restraint and decency in gratifying their thirst so as not to offend the sensibilities of other guests and people.

CLEAN UP DRIVE RESULTS EVIDENT ALL OVER CITY

HIGH HEALTH RATING FOR ROCKY MOUNT

Rocky Mount Is In Finals Of National Contest For Public Health Programs

Rocky Mount was among 15 cities in the United States of between 20,000 and 50,000 population listed as still in the finals of an annual public health contest conducted by the American Public Health Association of New York and the United States Chamber of Commerce of Washington according to a report today from those organizations.

Of the 15 cities in its population group, Rocky Mount was the only southern city.

The others were Auburn, Elmira, and Watertown, N. Y.; Maplewood, Montclair, Orange and Plainfield, N. J.; Aurora, Ill., Elyria, Ohio; Greenwich and New London, Conn.; Mishawaka, Ind., Pittsfield, Mass., and Williamsport, Pa.

Elimination of contestants had almost reached the selection of winners when the report was made, and winners were expected to be named soon.

Prizes are given annually to the cities and counties which have the best complete programs of community-wide health supervision, sewage disposal, control of disease, preventing automobile accidents and health education of citizens.

Last year 257 cities competed.

DR. KITCHEN IS GEN. PRESIDENT ALUMNI ASSN.

Dr. Thurman D. Kitchen, former president of Scotland Neck, now president of Wake Forest College, received notice this week from Philadelphia, that he had been made president of the General Alumni Association of Jefferson Medical College.

Dr. Kitchen was graduated from Jefferson in 1908, and practiced medicine in Lumberton and here, before becoming president of Wake Forest College in 1930.

Dr. Ross V. Patterson, dean of Jefferson Medical College, wired: "As one of the distinguished sons of Jefferson, the honor is well merited. I hope for you a pleasant incumbency during which you may be sure of cordial cooperation of myself and others."

Dr. Kitchen served as vice-president and member of the executive council of the Association of American Medical Colleges in 1935. He is a recognized authority in the field of mental hygiene, having served as consulting physician at the State Hospital for the Insane in Raleigh and a member of a special committee appointed by the Governor to study the problem of the feeble-minded in the State.

Dr. Kitchen is a brother of L. H. Kitchen and Mrs. Annie K. McDowell of this place.

WATCHMAN IS HIT BY CAR

D. L. Bridgers, 67 year old night watchman at Rocky Mount Mills, had regained consciousness and was reported in a satisfactory condition at a local hospital after being struck unconscious by an automobile about 6:30 o'clock Sunday night.

Though police today could not give the identity of the driver who struck Bridgers or details of the accident, it was understood that Bridgers was crossing Falls Road on his rounds of inspection at Rocky Mount Mills and was struck by a car.

Taken immediately to a hospital he found to have cuts about the head and bruises and possibly fracture of the skull. He regained consciousness Sunday night at the hospital, but was unable to recall anything of the accident, hospital attendants said.

WANT NO HITLER
Belgium by a great majority returned Premier Van Zeeland this week, rejecting the Rexist leader DeGrelle. The vote was 275,840 for Van Zeeland, and 69,242 for DeGrelle. Thus Belgium has definitely rejected Fascism, and will cling to her traditional democracy.

"Most Cleaning Up In History" Is Reported By Health Department Continue

Rocky Mount saw "the most cleaning up in the history of the city" during the Clean Up campaign last week, Francis Patterson of the health department announced today, and in many homes the intensive cleaning has not stopped yet.

Especially in the suburban and Negro sections, he commented, Clean Up results were particularly commendable.

As concrete evidence of the cleaning up that took place, Mr. Patterson said that the six trash trucks and three extra wagons hauled 602 loads of trash during the nine days ending Monday of this week, more than half as much trash as they hauled during the whole month in February.

Hard pressed trash collectors are still handling an overflow, begun by the Clean Up campaign, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and all the civic clubs.

As comparison, trash and garbage collection records showed in February 1,176 loads removed, besides 43 dead dogs and 197 other small animals. In March trash removal rose to 1,525 loads with a corresponding increase to 72 dead dogs and 244 other small animals.

With 602 loads of trash cleared away in nine days, April bids fair to set up a record, Mr. Patterson prophesied.

One result of the Clean Up drive that has been slow in appearing, he said, is the placing of large trash cans or boxes behind the stores here, all of which have large amounts of waste paper and trash daily. Stores are beginning to recognize this need, he reported, and most of those who do not have such containers have agreed to get them.

While Mr. Patterson is not expecting to prosecute anyone, it is a matter of record that the court here has fined merchants \$25 for having no trash can or container behind their stores.

Negroes Planning Community Center

Nell Hunter To Direct Music Festival On April 26

One of the most inspiring music festivals ever to be presented here by Negroes, will be held in the Booker T. Washington high school auditorium, Monday night, April 26. The singers will be under the direction of Mrs. Nell Hunter, who is now connected with the Federal Music project of the Works Progress Administration.

The festival is being sponsored by the Civic Forum, local Negro organization, and the proceeds are to go towards the erection of a community center for Negro citizens. The program will be the beginning of a concerted drive to raise funds to match a Federal grant of approximately \$10,000 for the building.

The choir is composed of local talent from various musical units and has been rehearsing regularly for several weeks, and is now putting on the finishing touches for one of the most captivating musical performances ever to be staged here.

The advance sale of tickets will go on sale here Saturday afternoon it was announced today.

Ex-Prince Needs New Name Now

Bucharest, Rumania, April 10.—The man, now nameless, who was King Carol's brother Nicholas until the crown council ceremoniously read him out of the royal family started this day, his first as a commoner, in search of a name.

Without title or legally recognized connection with the ruling house—a role he chose in a showdown with the king—the slender, gay 34-year-old ex-prince began a new life with his commoner wife, the former Helen Dumitriu and their two-year old son. She is a former divorcee.

His choice life as a commoner with his blonde wife in preference to life as a prince without her. Their elopement and marriage in 1931 was in violation of the royal family law. King Carol refused to sanction it and the royal court declared the union invalid.

The steamer Waziristan was in port at Morehead City last week loading a mountain of junk for Japan. The whole state seems to have become, "junk conscious," as so-called prices have cleaned all the municipal and private junk piles of every scrap piece of iron and steel.

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