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## EXPECT LARGE CROWD ATTEND CONCERT HERE

### Festival Of Negro Music To Be Presented On Monday Night

A large crowd is anticipated here Monday night, April 26, for the presentation of a Festival of Negro Music, a check up of the advance sale of tickets showed here today.

The program is a Federal Music Project and is under the direction of Mrs. Nell Hunter, nationally known Negro singer, and is sponsored by the Civic Forum, a local Negro organization.

She tickets went on sale here Saturday, and an entire section of the auditorium has been reserved for white patrons, and these tickets are on sale at the Standard Drug Co., it was announced by those in charge of the program. Members of the chorus are also making a canvass of the city in an effort to fill the auditorium for one of the most captivating musical programs ever to be staged in this city by Negroes.

Proceeds are to go towards an effort to erect a recreation center here for Negro citizens, and from all indications, the project is meeting with enthusiastic approval.

The chorus has been at work now for several weeks, and is composed of some of the best talent to be found in the city from various musical units. The program will be made up from Negro spirituals and folk songs. Mrs. Hunter will also appear on the program, it was announced.

## NIGHT SCHOOL ELECTS ITS OFFICIALS

### W. M. Wester Is Named President Of Industrial Classes

W. M. Wester has been elected president of the Y. M. C. A. industrial night school, Secretary J. A. Harper of the Y. M. C. A. has announced.

Other officers named were Charles Marshburn, vice president, and Van Williams, secretary and treasurer.

The night school, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A. and supported largely by the state department of industrial education, meets Monday and Thursday nights.

Its students include largely ACL shop apprentices and the courses are mechanical drawing, shop problems and practice.

E. J. Haley, Jr., a graduate of Georgia Tech, teaches the class and William C. Stancil, plant engineer at the ACL shops, is associate teacher.

## NEW OWNERS OF HALIFAX PAPER

### Scotland Neck Commonwealth Purchased By Local, Greensboro Men

Scotland Neck, April 20.—Sale of the Scotland Neck Commonwealth, fifty-five year old newspaper, and the J. T. Madry Publishing company to Robert B. Davis of Rocky Mount and Eric W. Rodgers of Greensboro has been announced here by J. T. Madry, publisher and editor of the paper for the past eight years. The transfer became effective Monday, Mr. Madry stated, and the new owners will publish their first issue on Friday.

Mr. Davis is a former banker and realtor of Rocky Mount, having been prominent in these activities in Rocky Mount for the past 30 years. During the past four years he has been an executive of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, having been district manager of office at Greenville, and during the past six months in charge of the corporation's loan accounts in several counties, with Rocky Mount as headquarters. He resigned this position a few days ago to enter upon the newspaper enterprise here.

Mr. Rodgers has had 15 years experience in newspaper work in North Carolina, South Carolina and Illinois. He served four years on the staff of the News and Courier, Charleston, S. C., two years as night editor and then two years as state president of The Associated Editors at Raleigh, one year as city editor and three years as editor of the Greensboro Record, one year as editorial writer of the Chicago Daily Times, one year as city editor and one year as telegraph and makeup editor of the Greensboro Daily News. For the past three and a half years he has been connected in an executive capacity with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, most of the time as district manager at Raleigh and more recently as loan service reviewer for Eastern Carolina with headquarters at Greensboro. He resigned this position effective this week in order to re-enter newspaper work.

L. E. Hudson, of Craven County has wired his home for electricity, put in a water system, built a new brooder house and painted his home and outbuildings with the income from his broiler project conducted during the past two years.

## IN WASHINGTON



Senator Robert R. Reynolds

### WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

UNITED STATES SENATOR

The intense Congressional interest in the President's court plan, sit-down strikes and other problems of national concern, do not overshadow the fact that before the end of the present session, members of Congress must make a highly important decision. That decision is whether Federal expenditures shall be decreased or whether they shall be maintained at present or even higher levels and new taxes levied to provide the necessary funds.

Before this article appears, or shortly thereafter, a relief message is expected from the President which will undoubtedly clarify the budget and tax outlook. Strong pressure is being exerted for curtailment of relief expenditures. Equally strong sentiment favors expending relief, and there is no small amount of pressure for curtailment of Federal expenditures in all lines. There is virtually no sentiment for new taxes.

The present indications are that the President will fix relief funds at the lowest possible amount consistent with the widespread national needs. Thus, if the amount recommended by the President is increased, it will be due to the pressure exerted upon members of Congress by their constituents. In other words, the choice of whether the Government expense shall be lowered or taxes increased is with the American people.

Under the pressure of relief demands, it is an open secret that "behind the scenes" consideration is being given to how new taxes may be raised, should they be necessary. In some circles there is even the suggestion of a general sales tax, which has been bitterly opposed in the past. In other circles there are suggestions for higher excise taxes. But all members of Congress have clearly evidenced their desire to do everything possible to make new taxes unnecessary.

President Roosevelt has expressed the hope that there will be no new taxes levied. Nevertheless, relief needs continue heavy and attention must be given to farm tenancy and housing legislation. As I have said, tax legislation seems imminent, and new sources of revenue are being studied.

Excise taxes now in effect, including the Federal gasoline tax, and a score of other levies, are scheduled to expire on June 30. Recommendations have already been made that they be reenacted for another temporary period, despite the admitted unfairness of some of these taxes. However, more optimistic members of the National Legislature cling to the hope that some way will be found to bring down the expenditures and break the log-jam of legislation without raising the already heavy tax burden now imposed on our citizens.

But with it all, the fact remains that if our citizens generally demand large relief funds and other Federal funds for new projects, they must be prepared to pay the bill. Thus, the expenditure and tax situation in Congress is of serious concern. This is true despite the fact that many thoughtful persons are beginning to realize that Government as individuals must find means of "living within the income."

Any other course brings a situation that may be postponed indefinitely by heavy borrowings and other Federal financing but one which cannot be fully corrected until Federal expenditures are no greater than the taxes collected.

The President's anticipated relief measure will, of course, be an indication of the future on relief and taxes. When it is made public, it should be studied by every person concerned with the national welfare. And individuals can do much by frankly facing the situation and realizing that the time has come when, with recovery here and greater improvement ahead, the Federal Government must economize as individuals have been forced to do to place their affairs on a sound fiscal basis. It is obvious that every possible means will be utilized to prevent wholesale tax legislation being thrown into the already muddled Congressional situation.

Whether this effort will be successful will depend largely on the developments in the next thirty days.

### CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows: Endocrinologist, \$3,800 a year, Bureau of Dairy Industry.

Full information may be obtained from the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or customhouse in any city which has a post office of the first or second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

## SENATOR IS SPEAKER AT CHARTER NITE

Senator Robert R. Reynolds was the principal speaker for the Junior Chamber of Commerce charter night banquet here at 6:30 o'clock Friday night in the Ricks hotel.

Senator Reynolds' address, the remarks of other distinguished guests, and the ceremonies of charter presentation were broadcast over radio station WEED from 7 to 9 o'clock Friday night.

Congressman Harold D. Cooley of Nash County presented a charter to the comparatively new Junior Chamber here, and President Dallas Alford, Jr., of the organization spoke of acceptance.

Secretary of State Thad Eure of Raleigh and Congressman John H. Kerr of Edgecombe county accepted invitations to attend the banquet and ceremonies.

Included in the guests for the charter night ceremonies were delegates from Junior Chambers in Norfolk, Richmond, Winston-Salem, Morehead City, Fayetteville and Henderson. Registration of visiting delegates at the Ricks hotel began at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The guests of the Junior Chamber for the banquet were also invited to attend the Gallopade Ball and Coronation at 10 o'clock Friday night in the New Planters Warehouse.

Jasper L. Cummings was toast master for the banquet and charter presentation program.

The banquet and charter night program follows:

Invocation by Rev. Rev. R. Dwight Ware of the First Methodist church. Address of welcome to delegates and guests, Emory Adkins.

Response by Fred Dixon, president of the Raleigh Junior Chamber. Entertainment, planned by Marion Justice.

Introduction of Secretary of State Eure by M. V. Barnhill, Jr.

Introduction of Congressman Kerr by Garland McPherson.

Presentation of charter by Congressman Cooley.

Acceptance speech by President Dallas Alford, Jr.

Introduction of Senator Reynolds by J. R. Tanner.

Address by Senator Reynolds.

## OUR BOB IS J. C. SPEAKER

### Senator Will Attend Charter Night Ceremonies in Ricks Hotel Friday Night

United States Senator Robert R. Reynolds has accepted an invitation to attend the charter night ceremonies of the Junior Chamber of Commerce here Friday night, President Dallas Alford announced today.

Secretary of State Thad Eure, Congressman Harold D. Cooley of Nash county and Congressman John H. Kerr of Edgecombe had already announced their intention to be present.

The presentation of a charter to the comparatively new Junior Chamber here and the address of the speaker of the evening will be broadcast from the dining room of the Ricks hotel, where the banquet meeting will be held, over radio station WEED.

Guests to the Charter Night presentation, according to Chairman Ben Arrington of the Charter Night committee, will include representatives from Junior Chamber in Norfolk, Richmond, Henderson, Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Charlotte and Morehead City.

## E. Carolina Scouts To Attend Jamboree

Wilson, April 17.—Eighty-nine Boy Scouts from the East Carolina Council will travel to Washington, D. C., on June 30 to attend the National Scout Jamboree to be held there June 30-July 9 this year, Scout Executive John J. Sigwald said today.

Registration for scouts who wished to go to the Jamboree was closed last night.

Scouts from Wilson, Rocky Mount, Washington, Greenville, Scotland Neck, Williamston, Winterville, Ahsokie, Roanoke Rapids, Belhaven, Tarboro, Winton, Windsor, New Bern, Grimesland, Spring Hope and Ayden have signed up to go to the Jamboree.

Wilson led in registration for the trip with 19 scouts while Roanoke Rapids was second with 18.

## THE FORGOTTEN MAN

Bill Griffin, secretary of the Exchange Club, of Montgomery, Ala., says: "The forgotten man is a plain every-day citizen who does an honest day's work, meets his obligations promptly, can be depended upon in an emergency, has little to say, never gets into trouble with the police, never finds fault unless a principal is at stake, stands hitched, is self-supporting, self-starting, self-sufficient, keeps going on his momentum in good times, bad times or indifferent times. About the only time he's ever counted in is when the census man comes around."

## Notable Visitors From Britain



Sir Robert and Lady Craigie as they arrived from England on the Queen Mary. They are here to visit Lady Craigie's mother in Savannah, Ga. Sir Robert is British ambassador-designate to Japan.

## Gallopade Parade

The last of the Gallopade parade has just passed the window of the Herald's office and according to our way of thinking is one of the prettiest parades that ever took place in Rocky Mount, if not the prettiest. Eastern Carolina was well represented with bands from as far east as Edenton and as far west as Duke University and North Carolina University. The parade was more than two miles long and lasted about an hour and a half, with the streets being lined on both sides for at least a mile or nearly two miles. It was indeed a beautiful spectacle.

## JORDAN STREET UNDERPASS MONEY ALLOTTED TO ELM CITY AND SMITHFIELD

The \$200,000 allotted by the State Highway Commission to Rocky Mount for the construction of the Jordan Street Underpass, according to reliable information received, has been withdrawn and re-allotted to the town of Elm City for the construction of an overpass and to the town of Smithfield. This money was not bond money, but an allotment from the State Highway Commission to the City of Rocky Mount for the particular purpose of building the Jordan Street Underpass, without any financial liability to the city, except the City of Rocky Mount is being called upon now to pay for the damage incurred by the State Highway Commission and the contractor for the canceling of the contract, in the neighborhood of about \$2,000. It has been suggested that this whole survey proposition was gotten up by certain citizens as a means to kill the Jordan Street Underpass when it would cost the City of Rocky Mount nothing.

### Mr. Elliot And The Survey

According to statement appearing in the afternoon paper that George Elliot, President of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, did not object to Rocky Mount making a railroad survey, on being asked if he objected; I think that it is true that Mr. Elliot had held no objection to Rocky Mount spending in the neighborhood of \$10,000, to employ a so-called railroad expert.

Why should Mr. Elliot object? The citizens of Rocky Mount are having this burden to bear rather than the railroad. We feel sure that Mr. Elliot would never have made such a contract for his Board to approve. The so-called Citizen's Committee and the committee from the Board of Aldermen, came back from Wilmington with the intimation through the press that Mr. Elliot gave them a courteous reception and was practically consenting to their procedure. His letter to the mayor of Rocky Mount showed that his views were directly in reverse, for he stated that even if Rocky Mount furnished the enormous estimate of \$3,600,000 that because of the serious consequences to the operation of the railroad line, he could not afford to recommend it to the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Coast Line.

From what we are able to learn, the survey is still going on. We read a statement of the press from the expert that he was ready to give a report on the estimated loss of time of individuals waiting for the train and the number thereof; that he was now trying to decide the momentous question of either going east or west, or to continue north or south. In fact, he was very frank in saying that the matter was extremely important since the railroad had done much for the town and the town had done much for the railroad. This, indeed, is a correct and righteous conclusion, but we can't see why it took such a marvelous expert to arrive at that conclusion. The city has engineers, a Board of Aldermen, many of whom have been on the Board for many, many years, and we feel quite sure that any of these gentlemen were just as competent, even more so, to have carried out this survey, and the city would not have dumped \$10,000 in the waste basket. The old saying is that "It is not good for a church to be out of debt," and this sometimes is applied to political sub-divisions: cities, counties and etc., for when they are out of debt and appear to have a surplus, somebody will propose something that will not mean anything worthwhile to anybody.

## LOBBY FEES LEAN

According to returns filed by lobbyists in reporting expenses incurred by them for themselves and their clients, the last General Assembly was so unanimous in its action that many of the interests of the country did not employ as many attorneys and lobbyists as they previously have done during the legislatures and those who were employed are not reporting more than one quarter of the amount of money heretofore received by them.

This is a condition that is hard to understand. Is the legislature achieving their ends without the use of lobbyists or have they become reconciled to what the legislature is doing and are willing to keep their hands off the enactment of laws? These are questions that the public will probably give some thought to.

## 1,025 NAMES ON BOOKS NOW

Final registration of Edgecombe county residents in Rocky Mount to vote May 1 on the proposed \$250,000 Edgecombe school bond issue totaled 1,025, Superintendent R. M. Wilson of the city school has announced.

Registration closed last Saturday night. The election is separate from the city election about the same time.

Besides several other schools or school additions throughout Edgecombe county, the bond issue would provide for a \$31,000 enlargement of the high school here and a new \$60,000 Negro elementary school here, both of which school authorities say are badly needed.

## BISHOP PENICK VISITS IN CITY

### Bishop Penick Confirms Class And Preaches At Rocky Mount And Battleboro Churches

The Rt. Reverend Edwin A. Penick, D. D. Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, preached at the 11 o'clock service of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday, and administered the rite of confirmation to a class of twenty-five. In the afternoon Bishop Penick preached at a 3 o'clock service held at St. John's church in Battleboro.

At the local service the Rev. Francis H. Craighill, rector of the church, read the lesson for the day and the vested choir of more than forty voices presented special music. Mrs. E. H. Austin was at the organ and William W. Shaw directed and played the violin obligato for the beautiful offertory, "Mozart's 'Gloria.'" Mrs. Austin used a Festal prelude and for the processional the hymn, "Oh, Saviour, Precious Saviour." For the recessional Geibel's arrangement of "Stand Up for Jesus" was presented.

Bishop Penick based his sermon on the book of Jeremiah, taking his text from the verse: "And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Bishop Penick voiced opinion that man's relationship to God is the most vital concern of his life. All men desire to reverence God and to seek Him out said the Bishop, yet many become discouraged in the search. The man of liberal views, leaning toward the radical, goes through a period of disquietude described by the Bishop who compared man's life to the spokes of a wheel running both ways—inward and outward. So long as the spokes are fixed by faith in Jesus Christ that man will be eternally strong, and will find the way to God eventually, was the summation of the Bishop's able and liberal discourse.

For the Bishop's visit to the local church the edifice was taxed to its capacity, a number of worshippers of other denominations being included in the congregation who heard him.

## Governors Fight Relief Reduction

### Almost Solid Front Presented Against Reducing Federal Program For States

Chicago, April 19.—In advance of President Roosevelt's expected relief message to Congress this week, state governors presented an almost solid front today against reduction of the federal program—if it meant placing a greater burden on the states.

Their views, obtained by The Associated Press in a national survey, showed sentiment strongly favoring continuation of the Works Progress Administration, the Civilian Conservation Corps and other federal employment agencies on the present \$2,000,000,000 a year scale.

Only two governors—one a Democrat and the other a Republican—declared the time had come for the states to lift the relief load from the government's shoulders. Several contended there should be a loosening, rather than a tightening, of Washington purse strings.

Farmers in the Creedmoor section of Granville County have about 8,000 bushels of cured No. 1 Nancy Hall sweet potatoes that will be marketed in cooperative carlot shipments this spring.

Every landowner in the Copeland Community of Surry County is cooperating to promote the building of the new rural electric line from Siloam to the Copeland School.

## METHODISTS HOLD DIST. CONFERENCE

### J. C. Braswell Named From This City As Delegate To Conference

J. C. Braswell, local and conference Methodist leader, was named one of the twenty-five delegates to the annual conference which will meet at Edenton Street Methodist church, Raleigh, this fall, in the Rocky Mount District conference which convened in Warrenton.

A stirring address by Bishop Paul B. Kern, who spoke of the Bishop's Crusade, featured the afternoon meeting of the Warrenton conference.

Besides the address of the bishop and the election of annual conference delegates, the conference, was featured by reports from the various pastors and churches in the Rocky Mount area. First Methodist church, this city, with Rev. E. Dwight Ware as pastor, reported the largest gain in membership of any church making a report.

At the evening service, Revs. Henry Ruark and C. W. Goldston, addressed the conference on "The Emergency Peace Campaign."

Dr. J. M. Culbreth, presiding elder, was in charge of the conference, and under his leadership large gains were recorded from all over the district.

## HASSELLS REA LINE IS NOW IN OPERATION

### Recently Constructed REA Line Carries First Load Today

Tarboro, April 17.—The recently constructed REA line from Tarboro to Hasells, which runs through one of the richest farming lands of Edgecombe county, was put in operation today. The power, long delayed because proper transformers had not arrived, was cut in at noon.

Superintendent J. C. Martin of the Tarboro municipally owned power company, which is to supply the current for the Hasells division, stated today that definitely the power would be cut on for consumption all the way through on the line. The town of Hasells has been wired for some two weeks, and the promised service has been delayed due to the transformer situation being anything but what was ordered. Tarboro has installed sufficient turbine equipment to give the city and the REA line more than an abundance of cheap power. It is expected that Tarboro's electrical plant is good for ten years of normal expansion in power.

Mayor Rawls Howard threw the control switch in a ceremony lasting a few minutes at the power plant.

## Greenville Cuts Electric Rates

### Domestic Rate Cut Designed To Save Consumers \$18,000 Annually

Greenville, April 18.—The Greenville Water and Light Commission today announced a reduction in its domestic rate which is designed to save customers at least \$18,000 annually. The reduction will take effect on July 1, beginning of the next fiscal year.

Decision to defer application of the new rate until the end of this fiscal year was reached because of the fact the budget is already made out and drawn up in line with revenue anticipated from the old rates.

The new rate applies to all customers included in the domestic class. Rural customers will benefit also, as well as those in Falkland, Stokes, Bell Arthur, Ballard's Cross roads and other communities. Winterville and Ayden, which buy the electricity wholesale and retail it to their local customers, will not receive the benefit, however.

A reduction in the commercial rate is being worked out and will be announced before the end of the fiscal year, it was stated.

The reduction will make the local rates as low as any in the State for cities of similar size. Only Carolina Power and Light and the Duke Power companies now have rates lower than those in effect here at present, and the anticipated cut will put the local rates on a basis with these two big companies.

Blue mold is attacking tobacco plant beds throughout Wilson county and in some cases the small plants have been killed 100 percent, says County Agent W. L. Adams.

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