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## WILL BUILD 3 ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY HERE

Two Wings And Rear Addition Will Be Constructed At Braswell Memorial Library

Bids on the construction of two end wings and a rear addition to the Braswell Memorial Library on Falls Road will be opened here about August 10 or 12, it was learned today from Harry J. Harles, architect for the additions.

The new additions to the building are a gift from Dr. M. R. Braswell who originally established and endowed the library in honor of his son, the late Thomas Hackney Braswell, it was stated today by F. E. Winslow, chairman of the committee of the library trustees in charge of arrangements for the additions.

The wings at each end of the main reading room of the library, Mr. Harles said, 35 feet deep and 24 feet wide. One will be a reading room for children and the other a reference room.

The rear addition, 51 feet long and 28 1-2 feet deep, will be a two-story construction with a lecture hall down stairs and upstairs stacks in which to keep books, a work room and a committee room. A new boiler plant will also be added to heat the additions.

## CERTIFICATES ISSUED FOR LIFE SAVING

Three examiners were given their certificates and two seniors received awards following the three-day life saving course which was conducted at the municipal swimming pool by Charles M. regional Red Cross life saving instructor.

John King Brewer and Mokey Faison were given their reappointments as examiners and Leon Grimes passed the tests for the first time. Mickey Bennett and Paul Holcheier passed the senior tests. Brewer, Faison, and Grimes will conduct further classes at the pool.

## E. C. T. C. Offers New Credits Now

Greenville, N. C., July 30.—East Carolina Teachers College will offer a major, leading to the A. B. degree in physical education, beginning with the fall term, 1937. Although physical education has been taught since the opening of the college, this will be the first time students will have the opportunity to major in this work.

The college is making this addition to its course of study to meet a wide-spread demand for trained teachers in this field. Students have been requesting an opportunity to major in physical education for several years, and public school officials have shown much interest in this work; they want teachers of physical education in both grammar and high schools and supervisors of playgrounds.

The college has secured the services of J. D. Alexander as head of the physical education department and coach. Mr. Alexander was an all-around star athlete at the University of Iowa. He has his M. A. degree in physical education from Iowa, and has completed most of the work of the Ph. D. degree in physical education at Peabody College, which probably has the best graduate school of physical education in the south. At Peabody Mr. Alexander is considered one of the best men who has majored in that department. For the past seven years he has been head of the department of physical education and head coach at Lincoln Memorial University, where he has built up an excellent department.

Miss Lucille Horton, who has taught physical education in the college for the past two years, will continue in the department. She has her M. A. degree from Peabody College, and has made a splendid record as a teacher.

## Nash Students At Louisburg

Louisburg, August 4.—Several of the more than 200 students who have already enrolled at Louisburg College for the coming year are from Nash County and nearby territory.

A total of 10 students have already enrolled from this area and 5 towns and cities are represented. These are Bailey, Nashville, Middlesex, Castalia, and Red Oak.

The names of boys and girls from this section who have indicated their intentions to attend Louisburg College during the coming year are: Edward Lamm of Bailey; Miss Eleanor Bone, Miss Anne Cleo Dickens, Miss Nancy Lee Harper, and Dorothy Dozier, of Nashville; Miss Bettie Beal of Red Oak; Miss Margaret Corbett, and Carlton Allen of Middlesex; and Miss Juanita Bobbitt of Castalia.

## IN WASHINGTON



Pitt R. Ripley, United States Senator

The economic map of the country looks much better than it did a year ago. Improvement has been more rapid in some sections than in others. But the general level of business, industry and agriculture is higher than it was when the Congress convened last January for what has been one of the longest sessions of the last fifteen years.

Evidence of the widespread improvement in our national economic structure is found in the uncertainty surrounding the legislative course to be followed before Congress adjourns. There are many precedents for the present situation. In times of emergency, when there is great pressure for new laws to meet conditions threatening the stability of our people, the Congress has always moved quickly to enact needed legislation. But when times get better, legislative action is usually slower and more studied. Strong sentiment against new experiments is always the rule rather than the exception.

Some members of Congress now feel that it is time to adjourn. They contend that the country is more prosperous, that men are going back to work, that crops are good and that things are moving along in an orderly fashion. In this group are those who oppose controversial legislation and believe that it should be postponed until a later date.

The other group, those who believe that Congress should remain in session until it completes its work, feel that such action is essential to preserve the gains already made. This group strongly opposes any delay in the enactment of new legislation affecting industry and agriculture.

Whatever the merit of each of these schools of thought, and sound arguments can be advanced for both sides, there is a growing belief among the members of Congress that they need to discuss current conditions with the leaders among their own constituents. First-hand information on local developments and needs are eagerly sought. How will some particular proposal affect the workers of my state? What do the farmers themselves feel is necessary? Are the views of constituents being accurately presented by pressure groups? What are the facts? These and other questions are being asked daily by members of the Congress as they study pending legislation.

It is a hopeful sign. It is a sign that legislation is more and more undergoing the acid tests of true public opinion. It means that the village store and the town hall are still great political forums. It is evidence that our citizens are more alive to the important part the Federal Government plays in their daily affairs.

One unfortunate condition in the effort to draft a national pattern of laws, is that some piece of legislation may help the country as a whole, but be extremely bad for a particular state or section. The Administration speaks for the country as a whole. An individual member of Congress speaks for his state. It is becoming more and more difficult to reconcile the national good with that of the individual states. Farm legislation is a case in point. What may be a fine thing for agriculture generally, may be harmful to one or more elements of the farm population.

An indication of this is the attitude of the Senate Committee on Agriculture in favor of a subcommittee holding hearings at strategic points throughout the country as a preliminary to drafting new farm legislation. Such a course would delay a new measure, but some contend that the law finally drafted would be more constructive. There are some grounds for the belief that it might result in legislation free of some of the red tape now vitally affecting administration of farm aid. In any event, it would secure the views of the "dirt farmer," who is without the time and means to present his views in Washington.

## Parent-Teacher Institute At U. N. C.

The tenth annual Parent-Teacher Institute, will open at the University of N. C., at Chapel Hill, Monday evening, August 9, at 7:30 o'clock, with Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury, of Wilmington, State President in charge.

The sessions will continue through Friday. E. M. Grumman, director of the University Extension Division is chairman of the Institute Committee.

A broad program has been outlined, with daily round table discussions on subjects relating to the North Carolina Schools.

## R. E. A. PROJECT IS FAVORED BY MANY FARMERS

Carmody Receives Warm Reception From Farmers Indignant Over Action Taken By Directors Of Cooperative

Federal REA Administrator John M. Carmody, who wrote Governor Hoye last week that if the REA retired from Johnston county it would be upon the expressed will of the people and not "because a power company has spent or stands ready to spend a million dollars," found awaiting him in the courthouse here Wednesday night a crowd of farmers and farm women indignant over the recent action of the directors of the Johnston County Electric Membership Corporation in agreeing to abandon their REA project in favor of the Carolina Power and Light Company.

Administrator Carmody, who with several of his Washington associates came here to attend the mass meeting called by supporters of the cooperative project and to investigate personally the decision of the directors, told the assembled throng which packed the main floor of the courtroom that he came as a "servant of the people to ask for further instruction." If he accepted the sentiment of those attending the meeting as "further instruction," the Federal government will continue to exert efforts in behalf of Johnston county farmers who have been struggling to obtain electrical energy cooperatively.

There was no uncertainty as to how the crowd felt about the controversy over rural electrification that has been in progress in the county for more than a year. The cheers that followed utterances of men backing the cooperative, the gibes thrust at speakers apparently not in sympathy with the cooperative and, chiefly, a show of hands on the issue indicated conclusively that the farmers assembled wanted to overrule the directors of their membership corporation, who in their opinion acted with too much authority in deciding to abandon the project without consulting the prospective patrons of the project through a mass meeting of some similar means of determining sentiment.

Show Of Hands  
The show of hands came early in the meeting and forewarned the tone of the remainder of the proceedings. Z. L. Talton, farmer of the Sanders Chapel section, who was the first to take the floor after Mr. Carmody had prefaced the session with a review of the issue involved, told of his futile efforts to get the power company to build a line through his neighborhood as late as two years ago, and fired with zeal for the cooperative, suddenly asked how many in the crowd wanted the government project to continue in Johnston county. Hands went up from over the whole audience.

Then Mr. Carmody intervened for a more accurate check. He asked for another show of hands this time only from farmers, one from a family, who were included in the survey of the cooperative project and who wanted the project completed as proposed. At least 200 hands went up. On another vote by raised hands, only five or six persons indicated opposition to the cooperative.

Mr. Horne Heard  
J. L. Horne, Jr., publisher of the Rocky Mount Telegram and a former member of the State Rural Electrification Authority, was called upon for his views by Mr. Grady. He pleaded for "harmony" and asked the farmers to cooperate in getting the "heat out of the Johnston county row."

Mr. Horne told of the state REA efforts for the Johnston project and explained that the State Authority last summer thought it best for the membership corporation to withdraw its application for Federal funds when it appeared to the Authority members that the Federal REA was not showing the interest it should be in the Johnston project when it advanced only a partial allotment of \$80,000, instead of the requested \$310,000. He quoted from a letter received from Morris L. Cooke, then the Federal administrator, which he said gave no assurance that the additional funds would be allotted making possible the originally proposed 295-mile project.

Mr. Horne declared that the State REA did not think the country's interest could be best served by a small project, such as could be completed with \$80,000, and the Authority therefore passed a resolution suggesting that the smaller loan not be accepted. He said the power company was asked to enter Johnston county because it proposed to build about 125 miles of lines or more lines than the cooperative could build with \$80,000.

Nicholson's Answer  
Attorney Nicholson said he wrote the letter referred to, which went over Mr. Cooke's signature, and that it plainly indicated that the Federal REA was ready to back the Johnston cooperative until the full project of 295 miles was completed. He said the partial allotment was made pending the start of another fiscal year when the additional funds were to be allotted out of new appropriations.

Near the close of the meeting, E. G. Holland, who said he was a "neighbor and friend" of J. W. Woodard, president of the membership (Please turn to page three)

## Outstanding Boy and Girl



In New York to receive the \$500 college scholarship awards they won in the 1936 national social progress program, Billy Hale of Hixon, Tenn., and Daphne Debrun of Fort Benton, Mont., the nation's outstanding boy and girl members of the 4-H clubs, are pictured looking over the big city from the top of the RCA building. This is their first visit to New York.

## Cotton Farmers Suffer

The delay of Congress in passing needed agricultural legislation has had a very bearish condition on the price of cotton. Many of our southern Senators who haven't been supporting the President in his effort to do something for the agricultural people of the State as they should have, have undertaken to place the blame upon the shoulders of the President when the real blame rests on the shoulders of these Senators.

When the price of cotton began to go down, these same Senators made a request upon the President to make 12c loans on cotton. The President immediately informed the Congress and the people at large that the Government could not afford to make 12c loans on cotton without the authority to put into effect crop control, and that the action of the Supreme Court in declaring null and void the Triple "A" took all authority from him to put into effect crop control; that Congress had not passed much needed legislation in the place of the voided Triple "A".

There has been much talk of adjournment in Congress, but our opinion is that the nearer time comes for Congress to adjourn and no necessary farm legislation passed, it is going to prove embarrassing to many of these Senators who had stood in the way of and blocked all farm legislation, particularly in the cotton producing States. In fact, we believe that quite a few of them will take their rest in other States than the cotton producing States for they are not going to find it wholesome where cotton is selling far below the cost of production.

## OLD PEOPLE SUFFERING

The slowness in putting into effect the Old Age Pension Law in this section is very bad on many of our old people. This morning we had a caller, an old negro, who was seventy-five years old, who has been on the charity list, but by reason of the anticipated benefits of the Old Age Pension Law, has been denied this July allowance and unless there is more speed put into the operation of this law; it appears that he will lose August and it does not yet appear but what he may even lose September.

The charity office in Rocky Mount has been practically closed, expecting the Old Age Pension Law to give the needed assistance. The County and City has a serious responsibility in this matter and these payments should not have been stopped until further provision had been made to take care of these old people. We called attention week before last to an old colored preacher in Rocky Mount, eighty-three years old, sick, and unable to work, having to depend upon the slipshod handout from a few passers by. He had been receiving four dollars per month from the charity office and since this has been closed, he has been left in this destitute condition.

The State Welfare Department which has control of the operation of the Old Age Pension Law should have made these investigations in June rather than wait until July when they knew it was impossible to put this law into effect in one month's time.

## WE HAVE NOT SEEN IT

Sometime back the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rocky Mount had a very costly survey made in connection with the removal of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company from the City of Rocky Mount. The survey cost, we are told, in the neighborhood of twelve or thirteen thousand dollars, considering the expenses incurred by the City and including a seventy-five hundred dollars fee for the "Expert." Now, while there has been some little publicity given to this report, yet the real report has never been published, and we have had many requests from interested citizens to know if we had a copy of the report and, of course we informed them that we had not, but referred them to the City office for the report. We have no idea how long this report is, and we naturally expect that the Board of Aldermen has placed it in archives to be read probably by future unborn generations. We have never thought at any time that anything would come of this report other than perhaps the killing of the Jordan Street underpass.

## HAIL HURTS CROPS BADLY IN THREE COUNTIES MONDAY

## POSTOFFICE BIDS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1

Postmaster Discloses Letter From Procurement Division Official To Kerr

Barring "unforeseen contingencies" the probable date for placing the work on the Rocky Mount postoffice building on the market for construction bids has been set for November 1 of this year, according to information received here today. Postmaster E. C. Speight disclosed as much in a letter to Congressman J. H. Kerr of the Second district, from W. E. Reynolds, assistant director of procurement in the United States Treasury Department's building division. The letter assured Congressman Kerr, who has been instrumental to a large extent in securing a sum of around \$150,000 to effect needed improvements in the local postoffice building, that "if it proves practicable to anticipate this schedule, advertisements will be released at a correspondingly earlier date."

Mr. Reynolds pointed out that for a project of the size contemplated "completion of working drawings and specifications—would ordinarily require an approximate ninety days," as he pointed out that the bids would be placed for November 1 if possible.

## LOCAL HORSE IS WINNER IN TWO RACES

Ben Mayo, Edgecombe County farmer and commissioner, is the proud owner of "Chief Counsel" which this week established a track record for two-year-olds at old Orchard Beach, Maine, in the Grand Circuit there, when the pride of the Mayo stables walked away with the mile race in 2:03 1-2. Mr. Mayo, who has been a successful race track driver himself in other days, is a lover of the sport and of horses. He has many of them on northern tracks at this time, and expects that his two-year-old Chief Counsel will be the horse to beat when it reaches the age of three, four or five years old. Chief Counsel, suffering from a cold, has made but two starts lately, winning them both. Now that the cold is better Mr. Mayo has instructed his rider to enter the two-year-old in the races at Goshen, N. Y., Cleveland, Ohio and Indianapolis, Indiana.

When the Coastal Plain Fair opens, Mr. Mayo, who is president of the Edgecombe Fair Association, expects to enter all of his horses in the races here. If he can get a group of two-year-olds Tarboro and Edgecombe county will see Chief Counsel this fall. "Chief Counsel is going to make a great horse, a fine racer, and I look to a great season if no injury happens," said Mr. Mayo.

## Sampson Boy Wins Contest

Hartwell Dawson, 16-year-old farm boy of the Plainview High School in Sampson County has been awarded first prize of a one-year college scholarship in the State finals of the 10th annual cooperative essay contest, sponsored by the FCX and the State Cotton Association.

Second prize of \$25 went to the lone female contestant, Helen Pierce Whitlock of the Eudora High School in Stanly County; third of \$15 to Randolph Denton, of the Gold Sand High School in Franklin County; fourth of \$10 to Jim Davis, representing the Clyde High School in Haywood County; and fifth of \$10 to Russell Knowles of the Windsor High School in Bertie County. In delivering the prizes T. E. Browne, State director of vocational education, complimented all the contestants highly on their ability to speak and "to think problems through." "We must have sound thinkers on agricultural questions," he said, "but thinking is not enough. Thinkers must also be able to impress their thoughts on others in a forceful, clear and concise manner." Dr. Clarence Poe, President and Editor of the Progressive Farmer, spoke emphasizing the need of an enlightened agriculture. W. Kerr Scott, State Commissioner of Agriculture, also spoke briefly.

Edgecombe Badly Hit, Wilson And Greene Also Visited By Disastrous Storm

Tarboro, Aug. 4.—A rain and hail storm that began at McKendree church section Monday night and forty-five minutes later lifted beyond Archie Burnett's farm, left an inch and three-quarters rainfall and hail destruction, that even today was undetermined.

The hail began to fall near McKendree church, and running in a line hit Cliff Weeks, Bill Eason, E. T. Fischer, County Agent Joe Powell, John Price, Van Anderson, W. L. Page and the Bill Clark's Bourne farm. Then it hit Tarboro, and passing over the town, continued towards Oak Springs, and hit Archie Burnett, the W. S. Clark Cummings farm, John Whitehurst's Council farm, and in slight measure touched parts of Harry Edmondson, Hannah Jenkins, the Keech place and the Knight farm.

The worst part of the storm was between Tarboro and McKendree church, and seemed to center its fury on Bill Eason and Cliff Weeks farms. Most of the hail hit in number 11 township, a little in number one and number seven.

Damage was estimated from 10 per cent to 100 per cent, and money damage was undetermined this morning, as farmers with insurance rushed to town to file their claims. Neither hail nor rain at Speed.

There was no hail at Wiggins Cross Roads, Macclesfield, Crisp, and Assistant County Agent E. Alphin in reporting on the hail hit area stated:

"A survey of the territory hit between the Rocky Mount-Pinotops and Rocky Mount-Tarboro highways shows a conservative damage of \$85,000. Most of the damage is tobacco, and the destruction of the crops is from 5 per cent to 85 per cent," said Mr. Alphin.

"Tobacco jeopardized greatest appears to be in the Hartease and Noble Mill section, where W. S. Clark's farm was hard hit on hail, wind and rain.

"In some sections wind did far more damage than the hail. Ernest Gorr, near Rocky Mount, was hit twice by hail this year, the storm last night, and the one last June. Even his cotton, corn and peanuts were damaged as well as the tobacco.

"The damages were spasmodic, with the average damage around 25 per cent and the majority are covered by insurance.

"The tobacco of M. A. Killibrew in the Nobles Mill section was damaged about 40 per cent; Silas Weeks about 90 per cent; Bill Eason about 55 per cent to 70 per cent.

"Unfortunately the tobacco was hit at the most crucial time. Damage could not have been worse. Time is not left for the leaves to grow, and the suckers to produce quality tobacco.

"The best means to salvage the tobacco jeopardized by the hail is to leave the tobacco on the stalks until the leaves turn yellow and then pull. If the farmer tries to cure the hail and wind swept leaves now they will turn black or brown and of course he worthless."

## LEGION LAYS PLANS FOR ARMISTICE

Austin Addresses Committee Meeting—Installation Friday Night  
Working committee members of the Coleman-Pitt post of the American Legion formulated plans for local observance of Armistice Day, November 11, in a special meeting last night at Duke's luncheonette.

Commander Palmer V. Boyd said today that all members of the Legion would gather at his home in Englewood Friday night at 7:30 for the installation of officers for the coming year. Mr. Boyd said that a social hour would get underway at 8:30 o'clock. He invited each legionnaire to bring an ex-service man with him and also the ladies.

Dr. J. Lewis Clinton is the commander-elect to succeed Commander Boyd.

## AUTOMOBILE KING IS 74 YEARS OLD

Dearborn, Mich., July 30.—Henry Ford was up bright and early, as usual, today, paying little or no attention to the fact that it was his 74th birthday.

The automobile manufacturer, in excellent health, went to his laboratories early and was reported at work there where technicians are preparing for production of 1938 Ford cars.

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