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CORNER STONE OF LUTHERAN CHURCH LAID

The members of the Trinity Lutheran church, together with their friends and many out of town visitors met on Sunday afternoon, August 28, at 2:30 o'clock for the laying of the corner stone of their new church building now being erected on the beautifully developed triangular lot at the intersection of Tarboro street and Cokey Road in the heart of the Edgemont Park residential section of the city.

The Order for the laying of the corner stone was in charge of the pastor, Rev. C. Boss Ritchie, assisted by Dr. J. L. Morgan, President of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, of Salisbury, Rev. F. L. Conrad, Secretary of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, of High Point, Rev. O. E. Norman, Raleigh, and Rev. B. B. Fisher, of Fayetteville.

Others participating in the service and bringing greetings were, from the city, the mayor of Rocky Mount, J. Q. Robinson, from the State Lutheran Brotherhood, Hon. Paul E. Monroe, President, of Gastonia. From the neighborhood community, former Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina, Hon. Richard T. Fountain, from Brotherhood Districts, T. L. Stryker, of Winston-Salem, and E. W. Wagoner of Salisbury, both of the Executive Committee of the State Lutheran Brotherhood. From neighboring churches, student pastor Philip Fulewider of Raleigh who for John Lesley of Goldsboro, and were the first charter members of the local church.

Pastor Ritchie placed within a metal box, the Holy Bible, the Ritual and Hymnal of the church, a copy of the 133rd Convention Minutes of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, pertaining to the local church; National and State church papers; a history of the congregation and roll call of the members to date; along with The Raleigh News and Observer; the Rocky Mount Evening Telegram and the Rocky Mount Herald, pictures and addresses pertaining to the church now being erected. This box after being sealed was in turn sealed within the corner-stone of the church in impressive ceremonies.

The stone was placed in position by the four charter members of the congregation Mrs. L. H. Hicks, Dr. C. E. Minges, and Joe Fulewider who were guests of honor at the occasion.

The service for the laying of the stone was conducted by Dr. J. L. Morgan, President of the Synod. Construction on the new church building was begun on July 12 and is of English-Gothic architecture, built of brick conforming to the present beautiful residence. The structure will be a complete church-plant in cruciform outline with departmental Sunday School, glass rooms, and a large assembly hall and social room, besides the church auditorium. The meeting is so constructed that it will readily lend itself to future enlargement, the present structure forming the Nave of a larger church. A 35 foot spire will rise above the roof at the top of which will be a five and a half foot wrought iron cross adding to the beauty of the building and the community in which it is located.

Charles A. Scheuringer, Philadelphia, Pa., is the architect and the construction is being done by E. W. Wagoner Construction Company, Salisbury, N. C.

Trinity Lutheran church was organized on January 28, 1923, with 17 charter members and today numbers 105 members. Four of the original members are still connected with the church, namely, Mrs. L. H. Hicks, Dr. C. E. Minges, Joe Fulewider and Roy J. Johnson, guests of honor at the corner-stone ceremonies.

LOCAL MEN TO GET LICENSE

Two young men of Rocky Mount were included in the 119 persons out of 189 applicants who have recently received licenses to practice law in North Carolina, it has been announced by the State Bar examiners.

James Phillips Bunn, Jr., and James W. Keel, Jr., both sons of well known attorneys here have been admitted to the State Bar, according to the announcement.

Other young lawyers from this area who received licenses were John William Seaman of Tarboro, Joseph Branch of Enfield, Russell Faison, Van Landingham of Scotland Neck and John Buxton Weaver of Rich Square.

AMERICAN PLACE NAMES

Baltimore Evening Sun. Presenting: Pleasant Walk, Md.; Pleasant Garden, N. C.; Pleasant Dale, Neb.; Pleasant Grove, Ark.; Pleasant Garden, Mo.; Pleasant Lane, S. C.; Pleasant Mound, Ill.; Pleasant Lake, Mass.; Pleasant Island, Maine; Pleasant Plain, Iowa; Pleasant Mount, Pa.; Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; Pleasant Point, Maine; Pleasant Ridge, Va.; Pleasant Valley, Conn.; Pleasant View, Ky.; Pleasant Hill, Tenn.; Pleasant Gap, Pa.; Pleasant Hall, Pa.; Pleasant City, Ohio; Pleasant Hope, Mo.; and Pleasant Unity, Pa.

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

Robert R. Reynolds

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Since the adjournment of Congress, members are giving more real attention to studies of the farm problem than perhaps any other phase of pending legislation. The word pending can be used because the farm problem will be the first order of business at the next session, or at a special session should one be called by the President.

Such studies disclose some cheerful factors with reference to the general improvement of agriculture since 1932. Farm cash income has moved upward eighty-five per cent—forced farm wages have been cut in half—farm prices have increased seventy-five per cent and farm real estate values have gained sixteen per cent.

Thus there is reason for the statement that agricultural progress has been during the first four years of the administration of President Roosevelt and it strengthens the determination of all concerned to maintain those gains.

In agriculture, as in industry, greater strides in some sections have been offset by less favorable trends in others, but the general improvement has undoubtedly been felt throughout the country. In 1932, tobacco was selling on the average at ten and a half cents per pound, and on July 15, 1937, it was bringing nearer twenty seven cents per pound. In 1932, cotton was down to six and a half cents per pound and on July 15, 1937, was at 12.4 cents per pound. Corresponding improvement is noted in a wide variety of agricultural commodities.

Cash income available for farm family living, after deductions for wages, operating expenses, taxes and interest, increased even more rapidly during the four-year span from 1932 to 1936, than did cash income as a whole. Cash income available to the agriculture population for living from 1932 production was \$1,473,000,000. From 1936 production it was \$4,575,000,000. This was 204 per cent above the 1932 depression low and within eight per cent of its 1929 level.

Of course, the gain in income during this period was somewhat offset by an increase in the price of things the farmers buy. But allowing for an increase of sixteen per cent in prices farmers pay for commodities and services used in living and production, the purchasing power of cash income, from farm production was sixty per cent greater in 1936 than in 1932. Allowing for an increase of thirteen per cent in the price that farmers pay for things used in living, which did not advance quite as rapidly as the price of commodities used in production, the increase in purchasing power between 1932 and 1936 was even greater.

In other words, the disparity between their commodity and the prices at which they buy has been greatly lessened, although not entirely at the goal that is sought.

The improvement in farm real estate values is also significant and along with a reduction in forced sales, is certain to bring new hope to those who live on the farm. There are many other evidences of a widespread improvement since the dark days of 1932, when the farmer faced an almost hopeless situation.

The condition of the farm population in this country has come to be an index to conditions generally. Agriculture prices are usually found to be a barometer of the purchasing power of the great cross-section of Americans. And the improvement today indicates strongly that gains have been made and is most encouraging to members of Congress who are primarily interested in using the legislative machinery of the Government to preserve those gains and further improve the status of rural America.

GIRL TAKES SWIM HONORS

Mildred Quigley Receives Three First And One Second In Wilson Competition

Mrs Mildred Quigley, representing Rocky Mount, placed in four events at Wilson's water festival in its new \$40,000 pool, which about 5,000 people attended at the opening of the Wilson tobacco festival on August 19.

Miss Quigley took first place in the 50 yard and 100 yard free style swimming girls' meet with the time of 31 seconds in the 50 yard dash and 85 seconds in the 100 yard competition.

She also placed second in the senior girls' underwater swim for distance, Miss Elizabeth McLawhorn of Wilson, taking first place with a distance of 93 feet and Miss Quigley 92 feet.

Miss Quigley took first place in the senior girls' breast stroke of 25 yards distance with 13.5 seconds.

The last honor that Miss Quigley received was the silver trophy for the Best Senior Girls Swimmer.

Warehouse Is Gyped In Wilson

Wilson, Sept. 1.—Police here discovered a new racket yesterday.

Yesterday morning a farmer, described as short and stout with a four-day growth of beard, presented a tobacco ticket at the cashier's window of a local warehouse for \$194. He claimed to have sold that much weed. The ticket was paid for it was apparently all right.

Two minutes later Henry Johnson, cashier at the place, was presented another ticket on the same pile of tobacco. He investigated, found that the second ticket was the right one. He rang a local bank at once to stop payment on the first, but found out he was too late.

Police are still looking for the short stout man.

Only three minutes elapsed from the time the first check was presented to the time the cashier called the bank.

NASH COUNTY FARM NEWS

In visiting the various parts of the county I find that the boll weevil condition has become very serious in the last three weeks. The first of August the crop appeared to be in the best condition of any in the past several years. The boll weevils have damaged fields of young cotton in some places as high as 70 per cent. The old cotton is being severely damaged as the boll weevil has destroyed most of the young squares and is now puncturing the grown and matured bolls.

I attended the Edgecombe County Farm Tour on Friday and very interesting results were shown at various stops.

Hogs were vaccinated for the following men: J. Butler, N. H. Robinson, L. F. Foy, Ira Baker, Rocky Mount, R. No. 1; D. Womble, Nashville, R. No. 2; J. N. Viverette, Rocky Mount, R. No. 1; H. B. Clark, and J. T. Moore, Rocky Mount, R. No. 1. The life time cholera treatment was given.

No Difference In Charity

The small grants in the form of Old Age Pensions coming to our old people is no more of a charity proposition than the large grants coming to retired judges of the United States Supreme Court and all Federal judges and the retired judges of our State Supreme Court and, retired officers of the army and navy, widows of ex-presidents and widows of ex-governors. The only difference in these two classes of citizens is that the old people are getting a mere pittance for existence and the others are getting a plenty to live on, and in luxury, with some who have more than they need. So, these classes of citizens cannot look down on the old folks who are receiving a mere pittance under the law for they are receiving their share from the same though—no difference.

The following is a copy of an editorial which appeared in the Evening Telegram, an afternoon newspaper published in the City of Rocky Mount, relative to our honored Mayor, which is explained in the latter part of this article, to wit:

WHY, MR. MAYOR!

The Mayor's latest coup has sent 'em to the mat. The Jay Cees are mortified, the baseball team is chagrined, the officials are nonplused, and the citizenry is surrounded by question marks and exclamation points. It was a nice, quiet banquet consisting mostly of food and speeches and was given in honor of the baseball club following the Community Appreciation Day held at the park yesterday afternoon. Various personages had been called upon to express themselves and there were enough oral flowers in evidence to enable the listeners almost to pluck them out of the air for their lapels.

Then Hizzoner was called upon for some brief remarks that would go well with the victuals and leave the assemblage in a happy frame of mind so those gathered together for the occasion could go home to sleep with peaceful dreams about a baseball team for next year that would simply wow 'em and stay on top in the standings all the time.

But the Mayor's coup left 'em sprawling. Floundering around with references to the late Governor Aycock and his thankfulness for South Carolina, et cetera, Hizzoner finally remembered the Piedmont League standings and asserted, "Thank God for Winston-Salem!"

On last Friday night according to press reports the "Jay Cees" gave a dinner to the two baseball teams and our Mayor was invited to be present on this occasion and was asked to make an address and in line with the spirit of the occasion he complied. In the course of his remarks, he used the expression of our late beloved Governor Aycock which dreadfully displeased the editor of the afternoon paper. So much so, that it caused him to break forth as above which does not reflect with dignity. There is a history to this to which we think the public is entitled to know and, as a newspaper, our duty to mention. Mayor J. Q. Robinson was elected mayor of Rocky Mount last spring in a very hotly contested campaign. The Evening Telegram and its editor were the champions of another candidate and were violently opposed to Mayor Robinson, doing everything in their power to defeat him. Notwithstanding this violent opposition, Robinson won out. Both candidates were men of high character and standing in our community. The defeated candidate when he gave up his seat to the incoming Mayor, expressed admiration for his character and ability.

Now, we think that any citizen has a right to disagree with public officials on matters of policy or public concern. "Hizzoner" may go and be understood in baseball parlance, yet the public and the citizenry may be surrounded by "question marks and exclamation points."

In the recent debate in the United States Senate many of the Senators ceased to refer to the White House as the President, but spoke of it as "he" and "him," which many of the capitol writers interpreted as a lack of respect for the President and a serious departure by these Senators of customary senatorial dignity.

NEW LUTHERAN EDIFICE GOING UP

The construction of the handsome new Lutheran church at the intersection of Cokey Road and Tarboro Street, is going forward at a steady pace. The church building is of English-Gothic architecture and as the architectural lines are being put into effect by the contractor, we are beginning to see the beauty of this building. It is indeed a lovely building and an exquisite ornament situated in the gateway of the splendid residential Edgemont.

On Sunday, August 22, the Corner-stone of the church was laid with Reverend C. Ross Ritchie, its pastor, presiding, assisted by Dr. J. L. Morgan and many other dignitaries of the church and congregation present. A most impressive occasion. The Mayor participated with a short speech and also a short address by the former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain was heard speaking words of appreciation for the neighbors.

It is looked forward to by the City of Rocky Mount with high anticipation. When the block opposite this church, in line with the Mayor's proclamation, shall be acquired by the City for park purposes so that the youth and adults may enjoy this block, it will be a popular resting and recreational spot.

the hay is piled upon the tri-pod the hollow air space will permit the drying out process without causing the beans to go through a heat and spoil.

Cowpeas during the rainy seasons can also be harvested in a similar manner when a large growth of vines have been obtained cowpeas should be cut when the first pods begin to turn yellow and before any of the peas get ripe enough to shatter. This form of cutting would give the greatest amount of peas along with the vines. All types of hay should be permitted to dry long enough to remove sufficient moisture to insure good quality, however, they should not be permitted to lie in the sun after they have dried long enough for the leaves to become bleached as a bleached process destroys a great deal of the food value. A rich pea green color should be maintained for good quality hay. The maintenance of this color increases the palatability of the hay and increases the food value. Hay which is cut immediately before rain can be handled very satisfactorily. Rainfall upon hay which have not started their drying process does very little damage however, if the drying process is well advanced hay can be very easily ruined by the rain and very often where the hay is piled on the ground a decay process will start after it has been cut unless it is moved to permit the air to circulate in the pile.

Lespedeza is a coming hay crop. Many farmers are planting lespedeza for hay now who failed to produce a bleached process destroys a great

NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS READY FOR OCCUPANCY

8 HOUR DAY FOR POLICE

Three New Policemen Bolster City's Law-Enforcing Personnel—Promotions

Well pleased with the change the Rocky Mount police force switched to an eight hour schedule. With three new policemen, the force began operating three shifts a day instead of the former two 12 hour shifts.

Officer Zollie Wheless and Traffic Officer George Williams became desk sergeants for the second and third shifts. Desk Sergeant W. C. Walston continued to serve for the first shift. The first shift will serve from 7 A. M. to 3 P. M., the second shift from 3 P. M. to 11 P. M., and the third shift from 11 P. M. to 7 A. M.

Eight policemen will be on duty each shift and those off duty will be subject to call at any time in case of emergency, Mayor J. Q. Robinson explained in commenting on the plan. As well pleased as the police themselves, Mayor Robinson welcomed the eight hour schedule for police as one of his campaign platforms and one of his administration objectives since election. "The eight hour shifts will result in greater efficiency and better service to the people of Rocky Mount," the mayor stated his conviction.

The three new policemen whose appointments were announced by Chief of Police O. P. Hedgepeth were Henry Sellers, C. C. Glasson and A. B. Carr.

"I have never seen the men as happy in 30 years," commented veteran Chief Hedgepeth. Explaining the operation of the new schedule, he said, "The men will work eight hours a day, seven days a week. The eight hours will be strictly for service without any time off for meals. I believe this schedule will be more successful than the 12 hour shifts."

Though the salaries of policemen will remain the same, their vacations will be reduced to seven consecutive days a year, it was explained. They will be allowed 10 days sick leave during illness.

In place of the customary police force sessions in headquarters at 7 A. M. and 7 P. M., incoming and retiring shifts of officers will assemble in police headquarters at each change of shifts, Chief Hedgepeth said.

Carolina School Of Commerce To Open

Starts New Term Tuesday—Bright Future Seen

The Carolina School of Commerce has announced their opening date for next Tuesday, September 7, at which time a large number of young people from all over Eastern North Carolina will start upon their business training, it is stated by the management. The school will be beginning its ninth year of service to the young people and business firms in this section of the state.

The past year has been the most successful one in its history and the coming year promises to be even better, officials of the school indicated today. The President and Manager, I. D. Thomas with his able assistants are thorough in their training as evidenced by the fact that business firms have recognized this feature of the school and are calling regularly for their office help. Their "ree Employment Department receives calls every week for recommendations. Thirty-five young people have been sent to positions since January 1.

Carolina School of Commerce has recently been accredited by the American Association of Commercial Colleges, which is made up of over 125 select business schools throughout the United States and Canada. The College also has been given the stamp of approval by the State Board of Commercial Education of the Department of Public Instruction at Raleigh, it is stated.

It is urged that registration be made early as desk assignments are being made in order of the receipt of registrations. Prospective students should write the school for literature or visit them. Its service and influence extends throughout the entire eastern section of North Carolina.

Except for the police department, the occupants of the old city hall had completed their emigration to the new municipal building a couple of doors away yesterday, ready to begin September in their new quarters.

The police were held up by a few minor snags in the general operation of things. In the first place the desk which will segregate Desk Sergeant W. C. Walston's office from the general public arrived about half a foot too short and had to be exchanged. The new jails are not quite completed, either. Quite a step from the present jail will be two jails in the new building. One for women, is on the second floor, and the other, for men, is on the first floor. The men's is about twice the larger.

Both jails are equipped with shower baths and enclosure outside the individual cells in which the prisoners may be released. All the cell doors may be controlled from outside the enclosure, and locks are built into the cell doors so there will be no more prisoners twisting off their locks like Johnnie Cobb did last winter.

Entirely finished except for the judge's bench, the new courtroom is expected to be ready for use within a few days.

The courtroom, lofty and immaculate in white walls, will be considerably more fitting to the dignity of city recorder's court than the present quarters, court officials are confident. Deputy Clerk of Court Walston is polishing up his new "Oyez, Oyez" (which will emphatically not be pronounced in any such slouchy manner as "O-yes, O-yes). Mr. Walston has the speech, which was written by Judge Ben H. Thomas, down pat except for one sonorous phrase which winds to in a roll of thunder and explodes to the dazzling glory of: "... jurisdictionally contiguous thereto."

MRS. BANDY TO LEAD PROGRAM

City's Program To Be Developed With Plan Carried On By YMCA, Director Says

Rocky Mount's city recreational program began to crystallize with the announcement that Mrs. J. M. Bandy had been chosen as acting director, Mrs. Bandy, who has been supervising of the WPA recreational program in the city for the past year, assumed the position City Manager L. B. Ayeoek announced, as result of her appointment by the aldermen's park and playground committee.

The city recreational program will be developed hand in hand with the Y. M. C. A. program directed by J. A. Harper, as the WPA program was conducted, Mrs. Bandy stated.

"Both groups working together serve more people," she said, "and that is the main purpose." "People here are already recreation minded," Mrs. Bandy remarked as she expressed her belief that a city recreation program in Rocky Mount has an inviting opportunity and will be of great value. She attributed the city's recreation-mindedness in part to the efforts of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and praised the work of the Y. M. C. A.

The program will also include a planned program for Negroes, whose WPA dramatic group here won a state dramatic tournament at Smithfield last week.

Mrs. Bandy came to Rocky Mount as supervisor of the WPA recreation program in July, 1936. The operation of the program during the past year has been accompanied, she said, by a 50 per cent reduction in juvenile delinquency in the city.

The new acting director is a graduate of Winthrop College with an A. B. degree and has taken summer training at the University of South Carolina. Since coming to Rocky Mount she has attended recreational institutes at Camp Betty Hastings, Winston-Salem; Lake Eden, Black Mountain, and at Raleigh. She taught for eight years in the Wilson schools.

B. S. Sherrill, Lincoln County farmer, states one of the best ways he has found to combat Bermuda grass is a thick growth of lespedeza which will shade out the objectionable grass.

Requests for vaccinating poultry in Richmond County have become so numerous that the county agent is having to hold demonstrations in each community to show farmers how the birds are immunized against the disease.

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