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HIGH SCHOOL OFFICERS ARE NAMED

Students Complete Election Of Officers—Snead Low Chosen Head Cheerleader

All officers in the student government of the Rocky Mount high school have been selected by a recent election and committee chairmen have been named to carry on the work of the organization for the school year.

Mickie Bennett is the president of the consolidated junior and senior high schools, and Frances Daughtridge, vice-president.

The officers in the senior high are: Snead Low, president; Eddie Ryals, vice-president; Bill Leloudis, secretary and Mary Lee Daughtridge, treasurer. The junior high officers are Charles Rinehardt, president; Anne Bennett, vice-president; John Daniels, secretary; and Mary Elizabeth Fant, treasurer.

The committee chairmen who have been appointed are John Chambliss, board of finance; Laura Ann Parker, cafeteria; Nell Speight, social; Reece Thomas, program; Mary Lee Daughtridge, publicity; Bill Leloudis, traffic; Frances Henry, lost and found; Nelson O'Quinn, fire drill; and Haywood Taylor, house and grounds.

The election committee consists of five members of the senate and includes Eveline Looney, Norma Large, Lulu Wyatt Wilkinson, Constance Sweeney, and Roy Thurmond.

By receiving the highest number of votes among twenty contestants Snead Low has been chosen as chief cheerleader for the school year.

At Briles park one Friday afternoon the competing students were allowed to try out at the game. Monday the voting took place at which time the chief and eight assistants were elected from the long list of entrants.

Five boys and three girls received the vote to aid Snead Low. Those winning the election were: Carl Atkins, William Glover, Bill Leloudis, Milton Henry, Johnny Harper, Doris Betty Waller, Phyllis Peritt, and Elizabeth Speight.

Beginning this year the Rocky Mount high school is starting a new program of club work for students who wish to take part in various activities during school hours but who do not have the time.

The schedule is arranged with seven fifty minute periods beside the thirty-five minute activity in the morning. Principal I. E. Ready hopes to make possible an hour activity period next year.

The activities will include various things such as dramatics, public speaking, needlecraft, archery, handicraft, fencing, or even dancing. Those students who have a regular class in dramatics or journalism go out for some other activity in order to broaden their interests and abilities.

Junior and senior high school pupils will hold separate meetings since the presence of upper classmen might lessen the initiative of the juniors.

As Mr. Ready said "The idea is to get students to broaden their interests and to take part in things—not because they have to but because they want to."

Say Depression Mild Compared To Days Of Reconstruction

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Atkinson of Beulah, township were in town Monday and gave the Herald office a call. Mr. Atkinson was 81 years old last February and Mrs. Atkinson was 79 in August. From their appearance they would easily pass as 15 years younger than they really are. They celebrated on July 15 their 61st wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have had 12 children, eight of whom are living. They have 50 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Mr. Atkinson says he wants to live to see the fourth generation.

The aged couple characterized the recent depression as nothing compared to times during the Civil War. They had land then but little else. Mrs. Atkinson, who was Miss Sarah Jane Sales before she was married, says she remembers her mother burying a stand of lard in the yard and planting a rose bush on the spot.

In spite of their well preserved appearance, Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson they had done plenty of hard work. Mrs. Atkinson said after she was married and had several children, she spun and wove the cloth of which she made the clothes for the family, and knit the socks and stockings which they wore.

Living at the ancestral Atkinson home, a farm that has been cultivated for 100 years, they commented on the fact that in all those years they only one death had occurred at the place.—Smithfield Herald.

Preliminary work toward the establishment of a 4-H Service Club in Beaufort County has just been completed. Forty-eight older boys and girls in the Campbell's Creek and South Creek sections have been invited to join.

DARING IS THE WORD



PAYMENTS NOT TO BE MADE UNTIL 1938

Proof Of Compliance With '38 Program Could Not Be Given Before Spring

I. W. Duggan, acting director of the Southern Division, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, said that under provisions of the law setting up the cotton price-adjustment payment plan, no payments could be made before 1938.

Dr. Duggan said a large number of letters and telegrams had been received urging the AAA to make payments available immediately to cotton growers who cooperated with the 1937 program.

"Under the act, Congress appropriated \$130,000,000 for price-adjustment payments on cotton grown in 1937," Mr. Duggan stated. "Payments at the rate established by this act may be made to growers on proof of their compliance with the 1938 agricultural adjustment program, legislation for which will be the first business of the next session of Congress. Proof of compliance with the 1938 program could not be given, of course, before last next spring."

"Participation in the 1937 program of the AAA is not required of those applying for price-adjustment payments."

Payments will be made to growers on that part of their 1937 crop not exceeding 65 per cent of the cotton production base which was, or could have been, established for each farm under the 1937 AAA program. Growers must support their applications for payments with original sales receipts or certificates on all their 1937 cotton sold before July 1, 1938.

The rate of payment will be the difference between 12 cents per pound and the average price of 7-8 inch middling cotton on the ten designated spot markets on the date of sale, the amount not to exceed 3 cents per pound in any case.

Mr. Duggan said that communications also had been received asking that payments be made on the full 1937 crop rather than 65 per cent of the grower's cotton base.

"Payments were limited to 65 per cent of the base production to bring the total estimated amount of the payments within the fixed appropriation of \$130,000,000," Mr. Duggan said. "However, payments will be made on additional amount of cotton, above 65 per cent of the base, if sufficient funds remain available from the appropriation following payments on cotton sold up to the 65 per cent limit."

Oldest Buncombe Woman Is Dead

Mrs. Sarah Penland, 101 years old, died Tuesday at her home near Candler, Buncombe county. She was one of North Carolina's oldest residents, and had lived in Buncombe county all her life with the exception of three years spent in the West.

Miss Penland was born February 2, 1836, near Candler. She was one of 18 children.

She was the seventeenth to die, leaving Mrs. Malitha Holcombe, of Candler, as the only surviving member of the immediate family.

Miss Penland served as postmaster at Hominy several decades ago before the post office was moved to Candler. She was a teacher in the old Newton Academy in Asheville 70 years ago.

IN WASHINGTON

WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY
Robert R. Reynolds
UNITED STATES SENATOR

The possibility of a special session of Congress prior to January may have something to do with the fact that fewer members are in Washington than perhaps at any other time in recent years. Virtually all are in their home areas conferring with constituents. As this is being dictated, only one of my Senatorial colleagues and myself are in the large Senate Office Building to see visitors, handle mail and take care of departmental matters. Seldom has the building been as empty of Senate members, even in the vacation season.

Reasons are not far to seek. With a special session threatened, members of Congress have found it desirable to be prepared by spending as much time as possible in their respective states, securing the views of farmers, workers and business men on important legislative questions.

Fortunately, the fact that North Carolina is so near the national capital, has made it possible for the state delegation to spend the necessary time in the state and still be in Washington when necessary. It has also meant that the delegation has always been able to keep a very close touch with the people of the state.

As regards to a specific session, advocated by farm leaders and those who seek early action on labor standards, there is little crystallized opinion on the subject. Some predict that it will be called in November and others contend that there will be no special session. No one can correctly interpret the views of the White House and only the President can issue the call that will bring members of Congress hurrying back to Washington.

There seems to be some reason for the belief that the President's trip through the West will have an important bearing on the financial decision. He will be in close touch with the agricultural needs and labor conditions in a large area of the country. Should reports from spokesmen for the various elements of the people indicate that things are moving along satisfactorily, it is doubtful whether the Chief Executive will call Congress into special session. However, having recently visited the South, should the President find in the west a need for early action on farm legislation and labor standards, he will undoubtedly issue the session call for around November 15. These statements represent the general viewpoint of students of Congressional affairs.

Of course, a sudden emergency in international affairs might change the whole situation momentarily. While there is a general determination on the part of the President and the Congress to keep a "hands off" policy with regard to the strife in the Far East, no one can foretell what might happen at anytime which would make the situation most serious.

Other factors enter into a special session. Up until the Seventy-fourth Congress, beginning in 1935, regular sessions always began early in December, instead of January, which is the case at present. This extra month was of importance when the Congress was faced with a heavy legislative schedule, with Congressional elections soon to follow, as is the present situation. This may be taken into account by the President should other factors tend to give weight to the arguments for a special session.

Meantime, regardless of whether desired legislation will be considered at a special session or the regular session in January, much field work is being done by Congressional Committee members and staff members. This is particularly true with reference to the original situation, and hearings in widely scattered areas have been scheduled. It is recognized, however, that from the present schedule, it is questionable whether these hearings will be completed in time for a special session.

It is entirely possible that the Senate Committee on Agriculture may insist that these hearings be held and the findings drafted before consideration is given to farm legislation, which has been agreed upon as the first order of business when Congress convenes.

In addition, unannounced legislative proposals which the President has in mind for submission to Congress, may also have a bearing on the special session decision. But it is unlikely that any unexpected recommendations will be made by Congress by the President until the regular session, unless some emergency, not in sight at the moment, should develop.

An increased interest in vetch, crimson clover, and Austrian winter peas is being shown by growers of Gates County.

Again Driven From "Good Earth"



As in previous Sino-Japanese "unofficial wars," the women and children of old China are the real sufferers. Thousands like those shown here are seeking sanctuary in the international settlements in Peiping and Tientsin as high explosives once more rip the "good earth" whence comes their living.

People Already Made Choice

The statement of the President of the American Bar Association, that the public might have to choose between the President and the lawyers, appears to have been a rather peculiar statement, and one we cannot yet understand. About fifty-eight leading lawyers of the country did give their opinion that certain legislation was unconstitutional, but when the court passed on it, the court ruled it constitutional. The President did make mention of this fact in his speech and did say that the laymen had as much to do with the Constitution as the lawyers, which is probably true. Of course, this statement may have been of offense to certain of those lawyers who were responsible for this opinion. Discussing this matter with a former friend of mine, Mr. Dempsey Pitt, out in No. 12 Township, who is a great reader and well-informed on public questions after reading this statement of the President of the American Bar Association, said he did not know so much about it, but it looked like the people had already made their choice—that they were with the President according to the last presidential election and recent mayor's election in New York City. To this statement we had no reply.

P. C. VESTAL PASSING GREAT LOSS

Rocky Mount and Edgecombe County have sustained a great loss in the passing of Honorable P. C. Vestal, one of its ablest and most active citizens. He had been a citizen who gave unstintingly and largely of his time and services to the upbuilding of Rocky Mount and his adopted counties. Edgecombe and Nash; serving Rocky Mount twenty-four years as member of the Board of Aldermen and represented Edgecombe County two terms in the Legislature, besides being a member of the County Road Board and serving on special missions. He came to Rocky Mount in his early manhood from his native County of Alamance, Snow Camp being his birth place. He was born in 1861, in troublesome war-times. He grew up during the aftermath of war, when schools were closed, and he, like most others of his day, did not spend many days in school. Notwithstanding this lack of early school advantages, he was a highly educated man. He was recognized as being probably the best historian in Rocky Mount and surrounding country. He had been a constant reader all his life from early childhood until the day of his passing. He loved history and the science of government, and believed that governments should be kept close to the people and run by the people. He was outstanding in business, having been one of the early promoters of the Rocky Mount Tobacco market and at the time of his death, was head and manager of the Planter's Tobacco Warehouse for the sale of tobacco, one of the leading warehouses in Eastern Carolina belt.

The vast crowd of people at his funeral, fully half of the number being from the county, gave unmistakable evidence of his services and wide influence rendered to citizens in all vocations and callings so freely.

CHURCHMEN CONVENE IN ROCKY MT

More than 200 delegates have arrived for the week-end to attend the annual state convention of Universalist churches, Rev. W. H. Skeels, Universalist minister of this city announced.

The convention opened Thursday night at 6:30 at the Universalist church. Chief among the speakers for the convention is Dr. Raymond Adams, of the English department of the University of North Carolina, who will speak at a banquet on Saturday night. Dr. Adams attended the international conference of Religious Liberals last summer at Oxford, England. Rev. F. P. Wilkins of Rose Hill, president of the state organization presides over the sessions. Mr. Skeels announced that the convention will be concluded with the banquet at 6:30 o'clock Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A.

Although peanut harvesting has just begun, prospects look favorable for a high yield of good quality goobers in Edgecombe County this fall.

Demonstrations in which TVA triple superphosphates is being used are showing good results in Rockingham County.

GROUP NAMED FOR AIR MAIL CELEBRATION

R. H. Gregory, Jr., Heads Committee To Plan Celebration Of State Event

Air Mail Week will be celebrated in Rocky Mount October 11 to 16 as a part of a state wide program, Postmaster E. Carr Speight and Secretary Erle H. Austin of the Chamber of Commerce have announced.

A Chamber of Commerce committee has been appointed to work on the local celebration of the event, Mr. Austin said. The committee includes R. H. Gregory, Jr., chairman, M. R. Robins, City Manager, L. B. Aycock, Postmaster Speight, Manager R. E. Lee of the city airport, Avery Wynne, J. L. Horne, Jr., and President F. S. Wilkerson of the Chamber of Commerce.

A special cabinet is being prepared for use on air mail sent out from Rocky Mount, Postmaster Speight stated.

Making North Carolina air mail conscious and impressing on business men the great value of air mail service is the purpose of the Air Mail Week, which was designated by Second Assistant Postmaster General Harlee Branch, Postmaster Paul R. Younts of Charlotte has been appointed chairman of the state Air Mail Week committee.

Joining in the event will be the North Carolina Association of Postmasters, the Eastern Air Lines and the Post Office Department.

BIG MIDWAY AT FAIR HERE

The World's Wonder Shows under the personal direction and management of Mr. Frank West who has made thousands of friends during his many tours of North Carolina and the other southern states.

After a visit to the Big Midway at our Great Fair the other day we must say that Frank, as he is generally known to all, has brought the biggest and best and also the cleanest midway of fun and frolic ever seen here.

The big show arrived on its own special train consisting of twenty all steel double length railroad cars over the A. C. L. railroad, and immediately started to unload the numerous big circus wagons loaded to the top with amusement devices. Soon the big midway of the fair grounds started to assume the shape of a veritable traveling amusement park, and tented city. Thousands of visitors wandered around, and watched the small army of expert assistants assemble the many big rides and shows. At daylight Monday everything was in readiness to furnish amusement to the patrons of the Rocky Mount Fair of 1937.

On the big Joy Plaza or Midway can be found all of the latest sensational riding devices, the Double Loop-O-Plane; the Octopus, which is the latest sensation ride seen here for the first time; the racing Caterpillar; the Belgian Dangler, and all the old favorites, including the Flying Jenny; the Garden of Kiddle Rides; the Gasoline Auto Speedway, and many others. Two of the largest Ferris Wheels to be carried give all a High Ride.

The Auto Scooter that just arrived for the balance of the fair season, is the very same that played the annual Toron-O Exposition, which is the largest fair on the North American continent. It is without question the largest portable ride ever seen on our fair grounds. It has proved a Mecca for young and old all the time.

Many new and novel shows are to be seen. Among them are: the Hawaiian Village, Miss America, the Jazzer, Dark Harlem, the Circus Sideshow, the trained monkeys and lions and the Snake Show.

All in all, it's a great fair this year. It is hats off to Frank West, who started his carnival in the Old North State, and who, with his present secretary, George S. Marr, of Mount Olive, spent several months here during the flu epidemic in 1918, when all the company were on the fair ground during the quarantine. They rendered much personal service to assist the authorities in that hour of need.

So when you go out to the fair grounds don't fail to visit the midway. You will have a good time. It is the best we have ever had.

Compliance work under the 1937 Agricultural Conservation program has been completed in Mitchell County.

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