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COOLEY WILL DELIVER COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS AT WEST EDGEcombe SCHOOL

Congressman Cooley Will Deliver Commencement Address May 6

Congressman Harold D. Cooley of Nashville will deliver the commencement address May 6 at the West Edgecombe school, Principal J. G. Feozor announced.

The final exercises will be conducted at 8 o'clock Friday night, May 6, at the high school. Graduates will receive diplomas, seventh grade students will receive certificates and other awards will be made.

Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, pastor of the Lutheran church of Rocky Mount, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the West Edgecombe school at 8 o'clock Sunday night, May 1, the principal announced also.

Class day exercises will be conducted by members of the eleventh grade at 8 o'clock Thursday night, May 5, embodying the general theme, "Youth Marches On." Members of the other classes will assist in the exercises.

What's What About Social Security

As another service to its readers, the Rocky Mount Herald each week will give authoritative answers to questions on the Social Security law. By special arrangement with George N. Adams, Manager of the Social Security Board office in the Municipal Building, in Rocky Mount, N. C., the Social Security Board has consented to pass on the accuracy of answers to questions on Social Security which may be asked by employers, employees, and others, thru the Rocky Mount Herald. Address inquiries to The Editor, the Rocky Mount Herald. Answers will be given here in the order in which questions are received. This is an informational service, and is not legal advice or service. In keeping with Social Security Board policy, names will not be published.—Editor.

(179) QUESTION: A certain older man was employed in a job, that comes under the old-age insurance law, for some time before he reached the age of 65, but failed to get a Social Security account number. Would it be possible for him to collect old-age insurance benefits to which he is now entitled?

ANSWER: It is entirely possible. But the claim could be filed and certified for payment, with less delay, if the applicant held a Social Security account number. No lump-sum payment of old-age insurance can be approved until a claim is filed, and proof of the claimant's right to benefits is submitted. As a rule the amount of any benefit payment of old-age insurance is based on the wage record kept under the claimant's Social Security number. However, if the investigation shows that the claimant is actually entitled to old-age insurance, he will be assigned a Social Security account number and then he can file his claim.

(180) Q: Is it possible for a person, whose employment is not included under the Act, to voluntarily participate in the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act?

A: No. The Social Security Act specifies that the following employment categories are exempted; agricultural labor; domestic service in private homes; casual labor not in the course of the employer's trade or business; services in Federal, State or local Government; services performed as an officer or member of a crew on a licensed vessel; services in the employ of a non-profit organization operated exclusively for religious, charitable, humane, scientific, literary, or educational purpose.

Most workers under the age of 65 who are employed in some commercial or industrial establishment are included under the Act. Whether or not a person under 65 is subject to the law depends upon the type of his employment. Not upon choice.

(181) Q: In a barber shop, where there is only one employee, it is necessary for the owner of the shop to make a wage-report to the Government for that one employee?

A: Yes. Under the old-age insurance provisions of the Social Security Act, an employer of one or

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PUPILS OF W. EDGEcombe IN RECITAL

Piano pupils of West Edgecombe school will present a recital Friday night, April 29, at 8 o'clock, it was announced by Principal J. G. Feozor.

Miss Esther Farmer will direct the recital, which will also include numbers by the girls' glee club and orchestra.

NYA SPONSORS EXPOSITION

The National Youth Administration is sponsoring an exposition of Nash, Edgecombe and Wilson Counties in Wilson, April 22-23.

The 4-H Clubs, boy scouts and girl scouts of the three counties will have displays there—also the Manual Arts Classes of the white and colored schools of Nashville, Rocky Mount, Spring Hope and West Edgecombe. The W.P.A. and NYA sewing and art rooms will have exhibits.

There will be no charge for admission and the public is invited. Blue ribbon awards will be given the winners and these will be sent to the State exposition in Raleigh. Mrs. Lewis Thorp will be glad to give you further information on the subject.

Hanged Auto Has Crowds Curious

Easter Motorists Pause to Gaze At Wilson Man's Effort to Make Them Think

Wilson, April 18.—Easter day motorists were treated to one of the most unusual sights ever seen in North Carolina, or in the United States, for that matter, as they rode along the Wilson-Rocky Mount highway over Toisnot swamp bridge near here.

All day hundreds stopped near the swamp bridge to gaze upwards at a point about 75 feet from the ground at the trunk of a tree.

An automobile, a sedan that undoubtedly had been in a wreck had to the eyewitnesses who stopped all day long to view it, apparently left the road in a hurry and climbed the tree and hung there 75 feet from the ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Herman, of Ontario, Canada, stopped for a moment.

"How many were hurt?" asked the Hermans, "and how in the dickens did that car get up there and stay?"

Scores stopped and asked the same question, "How many were hurt?" The car was still there Sunday night. No Easter day motorist could find the answer to any question concerning the car.

But Sunday night Ben Pietri, local mechanic, supplied the answer that hundreds had been asking all day.

"I put the car up in that tree this morning," he said, "and for two reasons. One because I wanted to see the psychological effect it would have on motorists and to see how many times they would ask the question 'how many were hurt?' and second, I thought it would be a good lesson to motorists who are prone to be careless. It wasn't done as an advertising stunt. There is no sign on the car. Just the car."

And motorists continued to stop all Sunday. Even at night, the car, hanging in a tall cypress tree at a curve in the highway, was plainly visible for a moment as cars turned the corner and headlights illuminated the "hanged" auto for a moment.

Molasses Roads?

India's imperial Institute of Sugar Research is reported to have discovered a means of hard-surfacing roads with molasses mixed with coal tar and asphalt plus acids. The mixture is said to produce a ton of road-surfacing material that costs only one-third as much as a ton of asphalt.

Governor Hoey Becomes Safety Crusader



Surrounded by other state officials, Governor Clyde R. Hoey, of North Carolina, is pictured here as he signed the No. 1 pledge card in the Purol-Pep Drive Safety Crusade now in progress. Thousands of other North Carolinians have signed the pledge cards distributed by the Pure Oil company. With Governor Hoey in this picture are, left to right, Thad Eure, secretary of state; R. M. Morris; George Ross Pou, state auditor; LeRoy Allen, president of the Raleigh safety council; Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer; Dan C. Boney, state insurance commissioner; William J. Weber, of The Raleigh Times; Burrell Correll, commander of Raleigh Post No. 1, American Legion; Frank Daniels, of the News and Observer; Arthur Fulk, head of the state highway patrol; and Jerome Rosenthal.

WELCOME TO PASTOR GIVEN BY MEMBERS

Arlington Street Baptist Church Members Honor Rev. H. C. Lowder At Meeting

Members of the Arlington Street Baptist church entertained at a fellowship meeting and banquet at the church to formally welcome Rev. H. C. Lowder, new pastor of the church, Mrs. Lowder and their small daughter, Carolyn.

Rev. Mr. Lowder succeeds Rev. O. N. Marshall as pastor of the church. T. A. Ayers was master of ceremonies for the fellowship meeting. The congregation opened the meeting with a song, Dr. G. N. Cowan, of this city and Ahsokie, led in prayer.

Mr. Ayers then introduced Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church, and he introduced Mr. and Mrs. Lowder to the congregation.

Rev. Mr. Lowder told the congregation that he appreciated the welcome and asked the cooperation of the members as they begin their work together.

Rev. Frank Gaddy, pastor of the North Rocky Mount Baptist church, and a former schoolmate of Rev. Mr. Lowder spoke of their school days together and their mutual friendship.

Rev. J. N. Staniel, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, welcomed Rev. Mr. Lowder and pledged the support of his church in any possible way.

Rev. J. A. Satterfield, Presbyterian minister, closed the fellowship meeting with a prayer.

Members were then invited to the basement of the church where a barbecue and Brunswick stew supper was served. Featured on this part of the program were remarks by Rev. E. C. Sexton, and Negro spirituals by a Negro quartet.

Rev. Mr. Lowder is a former resident of Albemarle. After graduating from Wake Forest college he taught for two years. He then attended the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., and graduated with the class of 1931.

For five years he served as pastor in Indiana. He was later pastor of the Dolphin field, Dolphin, La., which pastorate he resigned to become pastor of the local church.

Methodists Expect Hot Debate In Sou. Conference Meeting

The general conference of the Southern Methodist Conference which meets in Birmingham, Ala., April 28, is expected to be the scene of hot debates before the close. It will be in session at least 10 days, probably longer.

The question of union with the northern branch of the Methodist church and the Methodist Protestant church will draw more attention than anything else. A majority of the conferences voted for unification but there is determined opposition in some others against the plan.

There will perhaps be a half dozen bishops elected at this conference. Since last meeting four years ago, Bishop Mounson has died, Bishop Ainsworth may retire on account of ill health and Bishops Moore,

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Farmers Generally Pleased With Control Act

We have seen suggestions in some of the newspapers that there was dissatisfaction among the farmers over the recent adoption of the new farm control act and that they were sorry the act had been adopted.

Of course, we would not undertake to speak for many other communities but from the general knowledge of this community, especially Edgecombe and Nash counties, we have yet to find a farmer who has expressed himself as desiring to go back to the old method and we have not heard a single one express dissatisfaction with the unanimous vote cast by the farmers. This does not include those voters who opposed any kind of control from the beginning.

Now surely there are those who feel that errors have been made in their individual allotments and that these errors should be inquired into and if found to be in error, should be corrected. Even those who have errors to be corrected are in favor of the crop control. It has been suggested that much of this so-called opposition in the newspapers has been inspired propaganda coming from many interested in the tobacco business who do not desire control; if this be so then our farmers would be standing in their own light to become disturbed over this propaganda.

AMBASSADOR AND MRS. DANIELS EXPECTED BACK TO THIS COUNTRY SOON

Honorable Josephus Daniels, United States Ambassador to the republic of Mexico and North Carolina's Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to all Courts wherever North Carolinians are concerned is expected to return to Raleigh for a vacation the last of this month or the first part of May, accompanied by Mrs. Daniels.

The golden wedding anniversary of this most gracious and delightful couple will be observed on May 2, by a reception given by their four sons and their wives in honor of their father and mother, Ambassador and Mrs. Josephus Daniels. It is difficult to realize that this couple has reached their 50th anniversary for they are both so young in heart and spirit and so active in everything that pertains to the welfare of our citizenship. Every citizen in North Carolina will be interested in this coming event.

FEWER ACCIDENTS PAST MONTH

We are glad to note that there have been fewer accidents for the past month than the month before. It is very probable that the reduction in accidents was brought about by the campaign being put on by the oil companies safety drive. The citizen that would violate the law willfully on the highway and then take pride in his feat must be frowned on by the public. Life has become, in North Carolina and in the nation as a whole, too cheap.

We read about the casualties in war torn China and Spain and it makes us feel sad. We read about these terrible accidents in this country and we have come to take it as a matter of course. Our Young people must be taught that we must obey the law for righteousness sake as well as from fear.

NEED MORE BENCHES

Some months ago we called attention to the lack of resting places in the city of Rocky Mount. At that time we only knew of two places a bench back of the old police station and the rock window sill at Five Points Drug Store. Since our last article we are glad to note that Bill's Soda Shop has added a very comfortable bench.

Land is very cheap in Rocky Mount and there are places that benches might be put that would give the weary traveler a place to stop and rest himself. Rocky Mount is not a court house town. Most of the towns of Rocky Mount's size are court house towns and generally people find a resting place around these public buildings. Rocky Mount does not have such and it is up to the City Fathers to provide it. It is not a question of shortage of money. Rocky Mount has been extravagant in some of its expenditures less important.

TEN MILLION POUNDS FOOD GIVEN TO N. C. NEEDY IN YEAR

Distributed By The Surplus Commodity Division In This State

Almost ten million pounds of foodstuffs were distributed free to

needy North Carolinians from July 1, 1937 through March 30, 1938, by the surplus commodity division, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, according to an an-

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EDGEcombe FARMERS GET COTTON AND TOBACCO QUOTAS

RED MEN PLAN STATE MEET IN ROCKY MT.

Great Council Of North Carolina To Have Three Day Session Starting May 9

The Great Council of North Carolina, embracing all the tribes in the state of the Improved Order of Red Men will be called to a three-day session in Rocky Mount on May 10, high officials of the order announced today.

Around 250 Red Men and members of their auxiliary, the Poochontas, are expected for the convales, it was stated by officers of local Tribe No. 15.

Joint sessions, group meetings, a public gathering and a ball will feature the convention.

Several local citizens will participate in a public meeting to be held on Monday night, May 9, at the high school auditorium, where the Poochontas will conduct a memorial service for deceased members, while there was to be a joint session of the deaths benefit and insurance departments earlier in the day.

The Great Council will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at the Masonic temple, with T. J. Mitchell, great sachem, of Reidsville, in charge. On Tuesday night a banquet will be staged at the Ricks hotel, while a ball will be given that night in the new ballroom at the hotel.

Convening again at the Masonic temple on Wednesday night, the Red Men and the Poochontas will finish their work and elect officers for the ensuing year.

In addition to Great Sachem Mitchell, other officers of the Red Men are as follows: A. S. Hollowell of Edenton great senior sagamore; M. C. Bradley of Charlotte, great junior sagamore; W. L. Sherlock of Elizabeth City, great prophet; W. Ben Goodwin of Elizabeth City, great chief of record; and E. P. H. Strunch of Wilmington, great keeper of wampum.

Officers of the local sponsoring tribe are as follows: D. G. Adams, sachem; W. A. Faulkner, senior sagamore; W. B. Beacham, junior sagamore; R. H. Hocutt, prophet; T. M. Mooring, keeper of records; and E. W. A. Woolard, keeper of wampum.

President Saves Pension Pioneer

Pardons Man Who Drew 30-Day Sentence For Defiance Of House Committee

Washington, April 18.—An eleventh-hour Presidential pardon saved 71-year-old Dr. Francis E. Townsend, the old-age pension leader, from a 30-day jail sentence today. The sentence had been imposed upon the elderly California physician because of his defiance of a House committee which investigated his old-age pension movement in 1936.

Congressmen who feared the jail term might lead to a new surge of public interest in the Townsend plan heaved a sigh of relief when they heard of the President's act.

Dr. Townsend, originator of the movement to obtain \$200-a-month federal pensions for everyone past 60 years of age, was waiting in the United States marshal's office to be taken to jail when he received the pardon.

"I smile creased his lean face. 'I am very happy,' he told reporters. 'It is complete vindication and an act of contrition on the part of Congress.'"

He said he would fly back to the West Coast within a few days. A White House statement announced (Please turn to page four)

County Agent Fixes Tobacco Crop At 15,000 Acres, Cotton 25,500, Peanuts 18,000

Tarboro, April 19.—Edgecombe County Agent Joseph C. Powell, questioned by farmers for information on the recently passed farm bill and how it affects Edgecombe county, said today

"Approximately 15,400 acres of tobacco and 25,500 acres of cotton will be grown this year in Edgecombe county, under the New Farm Act and Soil Conservation program. The majority of both cotton and tobacco acreage allotments for each individual farm have been mailed to the producers.

"The peanut allotments have been approved by the county committee and will be mailed to the peanut producers during the next few days. This will amount to a planting acreage in peanuts of approximately 18,000 acres for this county.

"Some dissatisfaction over allotments has been manifested by a few of the growers but apparently fully 95 per cent are satisfied," Powell added.

The cotton planting allotments will vary to a greater degree than either tobacco or peanuts, from the old planting allotments, inasmuch as cotton is set up on an entirely new basis from that used in the past.

The agent pointed out. Under the provisions of the New Farm Act the cotton acreage is figured on a pro rata basis to the cultivated acreage, less the tobacco acreage, on each farm with certain limitations in regard to past plantings. This means, unless they fill in the class affected by the limitations, that each farmer who has been planting cotton in the immediate past will have an equal share of the cotton acreage allotted the county according to the land he cultivates.

"The county allotment for general depleting crops, which includes corn, small grain, potatoes, truck, etc., has not as yet been received from the state office," Powell declared. "The general allotment for each farm will be computed quickly as possible, upon the receipt of the county allotment, and mailed to each producer.

"Requirements for soil building crops and practices have lessened and simplified to such a degree that it will not be difficult for any farm to carry out these."

Spend Thousands To Aid Dependent Children and Aged

A total of 43,487 needy North Carolinians received \$343,968.14 during March of this year through the provisions of the State's Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children sections of the Social Security program, it was announced recently by the Public Assistance Division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

The report disclosed that 26,245 persons over 65 years of age were awarded \$247,427.57, for an average of \$9.43, and 17,242 dependent children under 16 were allotted \$96,540.57 averaging \$5.60 each.

The disbursements for old age assistance were \$20,854.08 greater than those made in February, when 24,160 recipients were granted \$226,573.49, an average of \$9.37. The gain in aid to dependent children amounted to \$12,141.60 over February, during which month 15,246 children received \$84,398.97, an average of \$5.56. The total increase for both assistance divisions was \$32,995.68, and the increase in the number of recipients was 4,081, or 2,085 old persons and 1,996 children.

The sequoia trees of California are thought to be the oldest living things. Some are estimated at 4,000 years old.

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