

LOCAL MERCHANTS OFFER CASH PRIZES IN ESSAY CONTEST HERE

ON TRADE AT HOME

Value of Trading With Home Owned Business Text of Campaign

Nine cash prizes, the first fifteen dollars in gold, will be given by Twin City Merchants and business men for the best essays written by any man, woman or child in this trading territory on the subject "Why We Should Trade With Home - Owned Stores."

This essay contest will be the beginning of a drive by local merchants to educate the public as to the value of spending money at home. The contest will start on March 1st and will last one month, closing at midnight on Monday, March 31, at which time all essays must be in the hands of the judges.

The first prize winner will be awarded \$15 in gold; second prize is \$10; third prize is \$5; fourth prize is \$3.00; and the next five prizes will be one dollar each; so that nine different persons in this territory will win cash awards for a little study and work.

Everybody can enter except the merchants and judges. The trading territory of Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids includes those two towns as far South as the Aurelian Springs community and to the North includes all of Gaston Township in Northampton County. The merchants have chosen the following judges to award the prizes: C. W. Davis, city school superintendent; Mrs. Hazel Wheeler, county home demonstrator; V. C. Matthews, principal Aurelian Springs School; Carroll Wilson, editor of THE HERALD. No essay is to exceed 500 words.

Essays may be mailed or delivered to any school; to any of the judges or any of the Twin City drug stores.

This contest is on of the several ideas advanced by various merchants after a meeting was called last Thursday by the Rosemary Merchants Association and a similar meeting Tuesday by the Merchants of Roanoke Rapids. At least sixty business men attended the two meetings and it was decided to join hands in an extensive campaign to last several months for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the general public the value of trading at home; what it means to the community at large and to the individual himself.

While the movement follows in the wake of similar drives in other sections of the country against the "chain store menace," it was the consensus of opinion among local business men that the campaign here should be of a much broader scope and should not be a fight against anything. Rather it should be a positive drive in favor of home trading and keeping every possible penny here where it should be used in building a better community.

Other factors which take thousands of dollars away from the Twin Cities every year will be featured just as strongly as the chain stores. Chief among these are the mail order houses and the habit of going away to other cities to do shopping. Local merchants will try to point out the disadvantage all these factors play in keeping them from doing for their customers what they desire to do; how it hurts our schools, churches, community building, improvements, and other community benefits which make a town worthwhile and liveable.

Unfair business tactics will be explained in a cool, unbiased manner and no attempt will be made to passion or prejudice. The idea is to make the average citizen stop and think about local problems which he has thoughtlessly ignored in the past.

The winning essays will be printed in THE HERALD after the prizes have been awarded. Committeemen in charge of raising funds include J. H. Matkins, C. L. Grommer, George N. Taylor, A. N. Martin, Moody Hedgepeth, C. E. Matthews, J. W. Ross.

Mrs. C. A. Lewis of Henderson spent several days here this week with her sister, Mrs. T. E. Manning

Fire Department Has Busy Day With Two Alarms Tuesday

The local fire department was busy Tuesday with two fire calls. A truck fire at the Taylor and Collier corner Tuesday afternoon was quickly extinguished with fireman A. W. Wright featuring. Tuesday night, the department answered a call to the Pat Ransom House near Wyche crossroads on the Weldon road. Brush and burning grass threatened the house but the fire was quickly controlled.

A big pumper with a powerful 110 horsepower motor has been bought by members of the department and they hope to raise the money to put a fire truck body on it at an early date. It was reported last week that a house in Pattersontown was destroyed by fire. This was erroneous as the department put the fire out and the damage was estimated at \$200.

W. B. JONES KILLS SELF

Well Known Young Editor Ends Lifer Long Period of Depression

Warrenton, Feb. 26.—W. Brodie Jones, 38, editor of the Warren Record and business manager of The Press Publishing company ended his own life in his room here at 3:40 o'clock this afternoon. Worry over the condition of his health is given as the reason for the act. Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Jones had been riding with a friend and told him that he wanted to wash his hands, saying that he thought it would make him feel better. Entering the home he walked into the bedroom and shot himself in the head with a revolver. Death was instantaneous. Coroner E. Hunter Pinnell was called but deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Had Nervous Breakdown

Mr. Jones had become despondent following a nervous breakdown, but his family and friends believe it to be only temporary and advised him to take it easy for a few days until he felt more like himself.

Brodie Jones was born in Wilson on March 5, 1892, the son of Howard F. Jones and Estelle Brodie Jones. He came to Warrenton with his family in 1907 and had lived here since that time. He attended school at the John Graham High School, the University of North Carolina and Columbia University. He learned the printing trade at the office of his father as a boy and since his return from New York in 1921 had been editor of The Warren Record and business manager of The Press Publishing Company.

Mr. Jones is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Jones, Sr., one sister, Mrs. Rives Taylor of Oxford and by three brothers, Bignall, Duke and Howard Jones, Jr., all of Warrenton. He was one of the most highly respected young men ever reared here, being universally admired and respected.

LOCAL BOY MAKES PHI BETA KAPPA

Charles T. Thrift, Jr., Son of Local Minister Receives High Scholastic Honor at Duke

Charles Tinsley Thrift, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Thrift, of Rosemary, was one of eight students at Duke University to receive the much coveted Phi Beta Kappa scholarship society key at the recent election by the Duke University Chapter.

The Herald reporter has found out the following additional facts about this young man's record. He graduated at Moyock High School four years ago. While there he took an active part in debate representing his school at Chapel Hill. Last year he was elected to membership in "Phi Beta Kappa" local scholars' fraternity at Duke. The year before he was made a member of the Classical Club. He will be nineteen in April and will graduate at Duke in June.

Young Thrift is not unknown here. He spent last summer at the Methodist parsonage in Rosemary and was one of the playground directors.

FAKE 20'S ARE PASSED AT STORES

\$5.00 Bills Changed To Twenties and Several Suffer

Local merchants were the losers in a free for all with old man Bad Money Saturday when they took in what were evidently perfectly good twenty dollar bills but which on examination proved to be only five dollar bills doctored up and disguised to look like twenties.

Among those reported to have taken the bogus bills were Rosemary Bargain Store, F. M. Coburns Store and one of the filling stations. The Citizens Bank and Trust Company discovered one of the bills but it is not known what merchant took it in.

A red headed man, strange here, is said to have been one of those passing them out. He went to the Carolina Hardware Co., and presented one of them but when Manager Lampley wanted to take the bill out for change the man ducked out of the store.

The change was made by covering the figure five of the new and small bill with 20's carefully cut and shaded. The portion around the bogus numbers were also shaded with lead pencil. Where the word "Five" was printed, the mutilator had used portions of the lettering work in the word Twenty in pencil. All the bills were dirty and wrinkled so that detection was not easy unless the bill was carefully inspected. Of course, anyone knowing of the fraud could easily detect the difference, as the work was rather crude.

FIX TENNIS COURTS

The community tennis courts located just North of the Roanoke Rapids Methodist Church are to be put in playing condition in the next few days. These courts which were built by several citizens of the community should be in better condition this year than even before. The ground is by this time well packed, and almost level.

The rules for playing in respect to time will be practically the same as last year. There is to be a different manner of financing the courts this summer. A charge will be made to all who play this season, and the price will depend on the following points: 1—For a family, \$3 for the season. 2—For an individual, \$1.50 for the season. 50c per month for an individual and 15c per week for an individual. These dues must be paid in advance, and no one whose names are not posted in the box on the courts is paid will be allowed on the courts. This fee will be used in keeping the courts in order.

The management will pay any boy 15c an hour for work on the courts to be credited on his court dues.

LET BRIDGE CONTRACT

State Highway Commission Accepts Bid of T. A. Loving And Co., of Goldsboro

The contract for a bridge over the Roanoke at Weldon was last week awarded to T. A. Loving & Co of Goldsboro. The award calls for an expenditure of \$204,438.13.

While no definite information has been secured, it is expected that work will begin on the project at an early date and citizens there are jubilant that at last months of effort on their part to have the bridge constructed has terminated in success. It is felt there that the Chamber of Commerce was largely instrumental in securing this structure at Weldon at this date, although the fact that high flood waters of recent years clearly demonstrated that the old bridge was unsatisfactory and the natural advantages for a bridge there was no doubt the chief factor with the Highway Commission in awarding the contract.

A local business dealer yesterday expressed his gratitude that the award had at last been made, and pointed out that this work in conjunction with the telephone building to be erected there and the giant power company dam on the Roanoke near here would do much to provide employment and bring better times in upper Halifax.

CHILDREN WHO WILL SING HERE

350 Listed In School Concert This Friday Night for Supplies

Friday night at 7:30 in the High School auditorium, three hundred and fifty children of the first four grades will be presented in concert. The program consists of songs by each grade chorus and "America" sung by all the children. The second part of the program will take the form of an operetta, "Picnic Day in the Woods," to be presented by grade 3A from Central School, and directed by Miss Lee Arnold.

The program has been arranged by Miss Mary Seales, assisted by the grade teachers. Miss Thelma Tyler will be at the piano.

Admission will be fifteen cents for adults and five cents for children who are not in the program. The proceeds will be used to pay new musical equipment for the grade buildings.

Members of the first grade chorus will be Frances Andrews, Hazel DeBerry, Percy Midgett, Curtis Newsome, Willie Mae France, Dorothy Thomas, Dorothy George, Horace Riggan, Hazel Forbes, Myrtle George, Melton Boyd, Russell Taylor, Catherine Lyles, Hazel Thomas, Lloyd Earl, Finch, Wilbert Carter, Mary Lucas, Jean Cox, J. W. Wall, Edna White, Lewis Hasty, Hubert Miller, Henry Lee Howell, Minnie Murphy, Avenue Shaw, Janet McGinnis, Hazel (Lullon), Nettie Lee Stewart, Emily Dunning, Marie Cole, Mary Hudson, Mary Louise Pitts, Lois Holliday, Ann McNeil, Doris Mae Hedgepeth, Margaret Hines, Charles Davis, Raymond Williams, Alma Hansley, Elizabeth Suddith, Lucille Johnson, J. C. Sewell, Miller Lewis, Roy Cooper, Ollie Mae Jordan, Virginia Dare Hale, Virginia Clark, Jack Dover, Katherine Traynham, Nancy Nash, Lloyd Nethercutt, Merritt Collins, Irvin Riggan, Otto Hux, Forest Bryant, Dorothy Lee, Millard R. Taylor, Mildred Blow, Linwood Lewis, Joseph Craddock, Francis Williams, Edward Keeter, Virginia Pepper, Edith Gibson, Jessie Britt, Lucille Davis, Margaret Daniel, Agnes Haislip, Frances Wilder, Marvin Davis, Lizzie Mae Acey, Ruby Gray, Jim Rook, Gilbert Holliday, Gwyn Wilson, B. C. Jones, Preston Pulliam, Alton Finch, Mary Nellie Wheeler, Beulah Cross, Lois Jones, Gretchen Kie, Helen Harp, Avery Allen Genevieve Spivey, Notice Tudor, Janette Rook, Virginia Taylor, Lily Morgan, Frances Keeter, Atlas Lee Hux, Hurley Tyndall, David Vaughan, Lloyd Ennis, Beatrice Peavey, Mary Stanley.

The second grade chorus will consist of Dan Anderson, Juanita Cooper, Margaret Burton, Richard Webb, Virginia Reeves, Frances Williams, Lula Britton, Dorothy Britton, David Clark, Everett Stanback, Elizabeth Lewis, Marie Hedgepeth, Brinkley Lewis, David Haislip, Hazel Vaughan, Dorothy Sigleton, Elizabeth Walker, Katie Moore, Wilson Myrick, Mattie Lee King, Hazel Greene, Virginia Hux, Sallie Mae Eason, Arthur Greene, Wilson Cary, Annie Anderson, Mable Bryant, Mary Matthews, Myrtle Owens, Myrtle Lyles, Lennie Vaughan, Edith Tanner, Lillian Tanner, James Lowe, Albert Hux, Pleasant Taylor, Lucille King, Thelma Harris, Mary Britton, Clara Mae Pierce, Marie Cates, Katherine Kirby, Edith Wood, Mary Louise Wells, Doris Louise Edwards, Lois Lyles, Mahaler Wright, Doris Edwards, Clarence Harbour, Ray Rightmeyer, Bettie Sue Jones, Mildred May, Lily Mae Anderson, Edna May Harrington, Ollie Gums, Edna Woodard, Louise Shay, Frances Lassiter, Lucy Outland, Juanita Acee, Herbert Edwards, Levie Register, A. W. Thompson, Pattie Barrell Edna Johnson, Edna Nicholson, Emma Paris, Verda Wells, Hettie Finch, Mary Cobb, Virginia Manery, Opal DeBerry, Mildred Parrish, Helen Smith, Louise Kidd, Cecil Collins, Sidney Britton, Henry Evans, Charles Jarvis, Joseph Coburn.

The third grade chorus members will be Alma Edwards, Hazel Keeter, Verona Smith, Edith Evans, Eugene Jenkins, Joseph Rhodes, Cota Pulley, Janet Grant, Evelyn Draper, Horace Olmstead, Beulah Jenkins, Frances Lewis, Ruth McDonald, Grace Jones, Hattie Leggett, Odell Blythe, Ruby Mae Wells, Bynum Norwood, John Taylor, Lawrence Beale, Burnett Connell, Arthur Dupriest, Neal Keeter, William H. Davis, Earl Carver, Kermit Robinson, Walter Sewell, Marie Hasty, Ophelia Sadler, Florentine De

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MINSTREL SHOW ON MARCH 14

"Minstrel Mimics" By Kiwanis Club Feature of The Season

Get ready for the biggest social event of the season, the night of nights, the fun frolic of all times, or the night of Friday, March 14.

The Kiwanis Club of the Twin Cities, business and professional men will do fantastic costumes, grease paint and cork and present to the public in person "Minstrel Mimics of 1930."

The show, its music and songs are protected by copyrights and will be produced under the direction of the John B. Rogers producing Company of Fostoria, Ohio. The director and his wife will arrive from Ohio on this Saturday and rehearsals will start next week. Costumes, scenery and properties will arrive some time next week.

The club is selecting its best talent for the minstrel and members who are not in the show will have a busy two weeks advertising, selling tickets, acting as stage managers, property men, ticket takers, ushers, etc.

The entire net proceeds of the show will be used by the Kiwanis club for its work this year with crippled children and with Boy Scout work.

There will be only one performance and an advance sale of tickets will be made by members of the Club, by the drug stores, the various Kiwanis Clubs in other parts of the county and by school children.

The producer will go outside the Club for some of the best talent in the Twin Cities for specialty acts, but the main burden of the show will be carried by such blackface entertainers as Sam Peace, Joe T. Chase, Wilson Mullen, Ned Manning, Neighbor Smith, Howard Pruden, Wick Ross, Leslie Towe, Alfred Martin, Hurley King and a long list of other famous actors.

Put this date down in your book. You don't want to miss a lifetime of happiness. Friday night, March 14.

HIGH VOLT WIRE KILLS

Son-in-Law of A. B. McAlister Dies Instantly in Charlotte; Well Known

James R. Fisher, 32, son-in-law of Mr. A. B. McAlister of this city, was almost instantly killed Saturday morning about 11 o'clock when a radio aerial with which he was working came in contact with a high voltage wire at his home in Charlotte.

Witnesses said Mr. Fisher was standing on the ground and threw the aerial up to a friend, who was on the roof of the house. The wire fell on a live electric wire, the shock instantly killing Mr. Fisher, who was formerly an employee of the Ford Motor Co. in Charlotte.

The funeral services were conducted in Asbury Church, Lincoln County, Monday afternoon near Mr. Fisher's old home.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Fisher, two daughters, Christine and Frances and one son, James Adress; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Fisher of Charlotte. The following are the surviving brothers and sisters: H. C. Fisher of Statesville, P. E. Fisher, H. E. Fisher of Charlotte, Mrs. P. D. Strong of Burlington, Mrs. C. E. Grimes, Mrs. W. R. Murphy and Mrs. W. P. Poplin of Hoskins, Misses Suddie and Rachel Fisher of Charlotte.

The friends of the deceased in this community will regret to hear of his death. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Massey and son have returned from Charlotte where they attended the funeral of Mr. McAlister's son-in-law, James R. Fisher.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Recent patients at the hospital include Mrs. Jake Lassiter, Conway; Mrs. O. B. Worsham, Mrs. C. L. Outland, Mrs. Willie Hayes, Wm. Payne Edmonds. The following underwent operations this week: Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. J. I. Thompson, Catherine Chapel, Weldon; Mrs. J. W. Crowder, Mrs. Marnell Cullom, C. B. Overly, Macon.

Birth announcements: Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Bright, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wheeler, a girl; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Bryant a girl; Mr. and Mrs. P. S.

COLTRANE ASKS FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC OF MODERN SCHOOL

Cartoons Start In This Issue of The Herald For Readers

Seeking ways to improve THE HERALD, we are beginning the new year with two cartoons which will be found each week on the editorial page. One is a strip cartoon by Louis Richard, nationally known cartoonist. It is entitled "Squire Edgegate," and you will follow the Squire through many interesting legal tangles and some not so legal. The Squire is a typical country and small town magistrate who lets a little horse sense and horseplay color his court.

The other is a single cartoon by Gene Byrnes entitled "Things That Never Happen." You will see many of your friends portrayed here from time to time and if you look good you might even catch a glimpse of yourself.

We hope you enjoy them. They are for your pleasure and benefit.

PITTARD IS CHAMP

Aurelian Springs Orator Wins State Finals at Raleigh to Make Clean Sweep

Lorenzo Pittard, Aurelian Springs orator, won the State contest at Raleigh last week in the American Legion contest with his oration "Our Flag." Young Pittard, who spoke before the Kiwanis Club here several weeks ago, won the Halifax County contest at Halifax after eliminating his schoolmates at Aurelian Springs.

According to Supt. V. C. Matthews, his hardest fight was in his own school. At Halifax, his nearest competitor was Harvey Woodford, representing the local High School. Going to Tarboro, Pittard defeated the county champions from five counties.

Entering the State Finals, the Halifax champ met the best districts of the State had to offer and came away with flying colors. Significant is that Pittard was the only county school speaker to enter the finals. The rest were city high school pupils. Significant also that second place went to a girl.

For first prize, young Pittard won the coveted Legion gold medal and fifty dollars in gold as well as other honors.

Needless to say, a warm welcome awaited the champ when he returned home and Twin City citizens were about as jubilant over the victory as his home folks.

SENIOR PLAY MARCH 7TH

Senior Class To Present Mystery Play at High School at Early Date

On March 7th, in the High School auditorium, the annual Senior Class play will be presented by a cast selected from the class.

The seniors are putting on "Oh, Kay!" a genuine mystery play with many uncanny inexplicable things happening.

Along with all the mystery there is humor enough to keep one laughing thruout. The leading comic characters are grandmother and grandfather, called "Gram" and "Gramp." These parts are played by Gladys Fields and Graham Lynch and are decidedly the most humorous and witty parts. The other parts are:

Edith Whitman, Margaret Wood; Evelyn Whitman, Edith's Mother, Mary W. Shell; Arthur Whitman, Ralph Shell; Capt. George Whitman, Ikey Johnston; Alice Barden, Virginia Newsome; Fred Alden, Edwin Akers; The Black Terror, Harrison Giles; Jim Hayes, Hubert Wirtz; Kay Willis, the Detective, Annie I. Taylor.

This is the first mystery performance ever produced in the local High School.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Glover, Miss Ruth and Viola Glover and Miss Hazel Cobb spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Barbee spent the week-end with relatives near Washington, D. C. and Richmond.

STRIKES AT WISE GUYS

Who Don't Understand Modern Methods of Educating

One hundred county and city school superintendents, principals and teachers of Halifax and Northampton Counties attended the meeting of the School Masters Club here Monday night and heard E. J. Coltrane, Salisbury city school superintendent, formerly of this city, speak for an hour and a half on the problems confronting the schools of North Carolina.

A splendid banquet was served, by the pupils of the Home Economics Department of the Local High School. Place cards and favors had been arranged by a special teachers committee. Supt. C. W. Davis was master of ceremonies.

The regular program for the evening was postponed when it was found that Mr. Coltrane would stop over here on his way to the National Educational Association at Atlantic City, and it was decided to give him the entire time usually consumed by the program.

Mr. Coltrane's speech was a frank discussion of the problems of North Carolina altho he also touched on similar problems in other states. He said it had now become necessary for educators to educate the general public as to modern methods, curricula, and expansiveness of public schools. This was necessary because after all the public owned the schools and was entitled to know what was going on; because the future success of education depends upon the wholehearted support of the public; because the future was being threatened by "wise men" who really approached the modern problems with viewpoints thirty years back.

These "wise men" or "wise guys," seemed to consist, according to Mr. Coltrane, of certain newsmen of the State who he said did not understand the modern methods; of a few legislators who might have had local trouble with schools and were trying to apply curative measures by State control; of private citizens who live back in the days of the 18's. For example they cannot understand how it is possible to teach children to read before they are taught to spell. Yet it is being done every day in a thousand schools.

The Hancock Law, passed by the last legislature, was assailed by Mr. Coltrane and pointed to as evidence that the support of the public must be secured, else the advancement of the last ten years will be lost. He praised the support of Attorney General Brummit, saying his interpretations have saved the day so far. Incidentally, Mr. Brummit is spoken of as a candidate for Governor. It seems certain he will have the support of the majority of educators and teachers.

The movement to consolidate all county and city schools under one State control was attacked by Mr. Coltrane as illogical and unfit. Lauding local rights, he urged that each community be allowed to solve its own particular problems.

Striking home at educators and teachers, he said it was up to them to regain the friendship and confidence of the public. Home visitation, school visitation, human interest in school stories in the local newspapers, a general acquainting of the school patrons with school facts, were remedial steps he advised. In the rush of progress in education in recent years, he charged that educators have been so busy with their own school work they had failed to keep the public informed of the changes and growth.

The speaker gave comparative figures showing the tremendous growth of education in the State since 1900, with the number of pupils, the percent of attendance, the quality and standard of teachers, the curricula and added departments, increasing in number far more than has the actual cost of operation increased. Comparison showed the actual cost per pupil far less today than in 1900 with every advantage in training. While

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