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Many Bands to Furnish Music For Legion Post Celebration At Elizabeth City July 4th

Anyone who likes rest, quiet and comfort on July the Fourth should get away from Elizabeth City Monday, but all who like a Fourth of July program that is replete with entertainment, excitement and fun should by all means stick around; for the Seth E. Perry Post of the American Legion is going to put on a program here Monday in celebration of Independence Day which they promise will eclipse anything of its kind ever before attempted here.

It is an event, makeshift celebration that the Legion is going to stage here Monday. It is to be a real, genuine Fourth of July celebration, with a colorful parade, horse races, fireworks, oratory, band contests and countless other entertainment features that go to make up such a detailed program, the subject of last minute change, was released yesterday by John H. Hall, general chairman of the celebration, and is as follows:

- 9:30—Parade forms on Pennsylvania avenue.
 - 10:00—Parade.
 - 11:00—Awarding Prizes.
 - 11:45—Public Wedding.
 - 12:30—Coast Guard Drill and Boat Race (Foot of Main St.)
 - 1:30—Horse Racing—Fair Grounds
 - 2:00—Greasy Pole Climbing.
 - 2:30—Meal Band Concert.
 - 3:00—Presentation medal by Y. M. C. A.
 - 3:15—Introduction of Speaker.
 - 3:30—Speech by Hon. J. C. B. Ehringhaus.
 - 4:00—Track Riding, Dr. Finck, at Hill Park
 - 4:30—Greasy Pig Contest.
 - 5:00—Summer Ball Game (7 in. ball)
 - 5:30—Ball Game—E. City vs. Edenton.
 - 6:15—Aerial Fireworks—foot of Main St.
 - 8:00—Boxing bouts—old Chevrolet building.
 - 9:00—Dance—Masonic Hall.
- The tentative route of the parade is as follows: Up Pennsylvania Avenue to Main, West to Road, South to Church, East to Water, North to Main and West again to starting stand at Pool and Main Streets.

June Bride



MRS. CHARLES ALBERT PORTER who before her marriage at Portsmouth, Va. Saturday, June 25 was Miss Monterey DeLon Lomax, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Pheneous DeLon of this city. The wedding was solemnized in Portsmouth's Memorial Methodist Church by the Rev. Dr. Harrell. Following a honeymoon in Washington, New York and Atlantic City Mr. and Mrs. Porter will be at home, 2025 West Grace St., Richmond, Va. after July 1.

HOOD ANXIOUS TO REOPEN THE SAVINGS BANK

Another and determined effort to reopen the defunct Savings Bank & Trust Co. of this city and pay off its smaller depositors is to be made by State Banking Commissioner Gurney P. Hood, who has sent A. M. Burns, Jr., of Roxobel, N. C. to Elizabeth City as a special agent to promote the new plan for re-opening.

Mr. Burns does not come merely to succeed Liquidating Agent W. O. Crump but seeks to make liquidation unnecessary by affecting a re-organization and reopening of the bank. To this end Mr. Burns will seek to induce larger depositors in the defunct bank to form a holding company to take over the bank building and other bank real estate in exchange for their claims. With the larger depositors satisfied it will be possible with aid from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, now said to be available, to pay off all of the smaller depositors dollar for dollar.

Mr. Crump has been given the liquidation of Bank of Abokio, Winton Banking & Trust Co. and Peoples Bank of Murfreesboro, N. C. He will also continue for the present as liquidating agent for the Carolina Banking & Trust Co. Elizabeth City and its branches, and also the Citizens Bank of Edenton.

Tentative plans, according to Mr. Burns, call for the organization of a new bank with a capital of \$50,000 to take over the assets and liabilities of the old. He will seek to work out a plan whereby those who have paid their assessments on their stock in the closed bank will be given stock in the new in reimbursement and those who have not paid the assessments will be relieved of the judgments docketed against them by subscribing to stock in the new bank.

Commissioner Hood in commending Mr. Burns to the stockholders and depositors of the local bank, says: "Mr. Burns has been associated with the commissioner of banks for some eight months in this particular type of work. He first undertook the reorganization and reopening of the bank at Blowing Rock. This was accomplished through the hearty cooperation of officers, directors, stockholders, depositors and debtors.

"Since that time Mr. Burns through the same sort of cooperation, has accomplished the complete liquidation of the Citizens Bank of Edenton.

PERQUIMANS' SHERIFF GETS IN AWFUL MESS

Because of financial entanglements which already are embarrassing him and which soon may cause him quite a bit of trouble, Sheriff Whit G. Wright of Perquimans county, is threatened with defeat in a second primary runoff Saturday between himself and Emmett Winslow, popular Perquimans business man, for the Democratic nomination to the office which Sheriff Wright now holds.

Sheriff Whit Wright for years has been regarded as one of the most fearless sheriffs in the State. He has a reputation for getting his man, and he several times has risked his life in pursuit of his duty. He has made a good sheriff for Perquimans county. But the manner in which he has conducted himself over personal financial matters, and the fact that he has allowed himself to become aligned with an attorney of dubious reputation now threaten to react against the Sheriff to such an extent that he may find himself defeated Saturday by a political novice.

Back in January of this year, Darden Brothers, Hertford department store proprietors, brought suit against Sheriff Wright for around \$3,000 which he owed to them. The plaintiffs won the judgement. Dr. T. A. Cox, Perquimans county coroner, then was called upon to execute the judgement because the laws of this State hold that only a coroner can serve papers on a sheriff. Dr. Cox went out to the five or more farms owned by Sheriff Wright and levied on all the stock, farm implements and other salable items he could locate.

Finally, after much quibbling and delay and numerous legal moves on the part of Sheriff Wright, who was represented by Luther F. Congleton, Hertford attorney, Dr. Cox, V. M. Darden and W. A. Worth, local attorney representing Darden Brothers, went to one of Sheriff Wright's farms on Monday, June 20, to auction off the implements, stock and other goods on which they had levied under the terms of the judgement. When they reached one of the Wright farms, they could find nothing but a colt. The cattle, sheep, hogs and other articles on which Dr. Cox had levied, it is alleged, had been moved, sold, or otherwise disposed of in the interim between the levying and the date of sale. Then, to cap matters, Sheriff Wright ordered Mr. Worth, Mr.



The BANK CLERK AND THE SODA JERKER

The Bank Clerk found the Soda Jerker lost in deep thought when he entered the diabetic factory the other morning. "You seem to have something on your mind?" said the Bank Clerk.

"Yes, I was just putting two and two together," said the Soda Jerker. "If you recall, Vannie Higgins, the Brooklyn gangster who was shot down by a lot of other gangsters one night recently, had just come out of a Knights of Columbus hall when he was shot."

"All right, go ahead," said the Bank Clerk.

"A few days later I see by the papers that Irving Bitz and Salvy Spitalo, another pair of notorious gangsters were also in the same Knights of Columbus hall and probably would have been killed too if Higgins hadn't got his first."

"And why does all this interest you?" asked the Bank Clerk.

Dangerously Ill



M. LEIGH SHEEP, one of Elizabeth City's noblest and most beloved citizens who is dangerously ill at his home in this city. His health had not been good for several years and the strain incident to recent business reverses is believed to have been too much for a weak heart. He collapsed while resting at Nags Head Monday and was hurried to his home in this city by ambulance. Mr. Sheep is 46 years old. The picture is from an early photo by Zoeller.

M. Leigh Sheep Fought Hard In A Losing Fight

By signing a petition in voluntary bankruptcy last week M. Leigh Sheep, proprietor of M. Leigh Sheep Co., of this city went down for the count in one of the most stubborn fights a small business man ever made to keep his doors open against insurmountable odds. To-day Mr. Sheep lies seriously ill with an alarming heart attack at his home on West Main St.

Leigh Sheep started his business career under the tutelage of the late Chas. H. Robinson more than 30 years ago when Mr. Robinson conducted the city's biggest department store on South Water St. Leigh Sheep was Mr. Robinson's prize department manager and Mr. Robinson aided him when he decided to go in business for himself about 25 years ago.

Leigh Sheep opened the first exclusively woman's wear store in Elizabeth City, featuring women's ready to wear. Sober, honest, industrious, lovable and with a good family and social background he had the good will of his local public from the start. By study and experience he had developed keen merchandising ability, knew the value of advertising, advertised extensively and by scrupulous truthfulness in his advertising soon won the confidence of a large outside public.

Beginning business on South Poindecker St. in the stand now occupied by the American Railway Express Co., he outgrew his quarters in a few years and moved up into the Y. M. C. A. building on East Main St.

He did an extensive credit business and his troubles began in 1920 when the country went into a panic, with a consequent tightening of credit. He came thru the panic of 1920-21, but shortly thereafter his health failed. He labored against great physical handicaps for several years before a major surgical operation restored him to something like normal health. In the meantime he had much illness in his family, calling for more surgical and medical bills.

The beginning of the present panic (they call it depression) found him with large stocks of merchandise that were depreciating in value daily, with many thousands of dollars of worthless accounts on his books, and owing much money for merchandise for which he could never hope to recover so much as the wholesale cost. In fact, in numerous sales, he has sacrificed thousands of dollars worth of high cost merchandise at a fraction of its original cost.

To add to his troubles, improved highways and better automobiles offered inducements to the better class trade to shop and buy in Norfolk. It was to this class, able to go to Norfolk, that Leigh Sheep had catered. Many of his best customers thoughtlessly let their bills ride at his store to spend their cash in Norfolk stores. A heart breaking fact.

Leigh Sheep was licked two years ago and didn't know it or had too much pride to admit it. With impaired credit and in the face of

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Pasquotank Voters Just Won't Get Steamed Up Over Second Primary Contest on July 2nd

Because the political campaigning in Pasquotank since the first primary on June 4 has been, for the most part, undercover work, and because there has not been a political rally or a political speech in the county since the first primary, the political fervor that featured the first primary campaign seems to have disappeared and the people of the county appear to be indifferent and apathetic with the second primary only a few hours away and some of the most important and most interesting contests yet to be decided.

The two highest State offices and three important county offices will be run off in the second primary Saturday, July 2, and the electorate should be greatly interested in the second primary voting. Yet, there has been such a decided lack of interest among the voters in the second primary that the Young Men's Civic Club on Monday night felt it necessary that the voters be reminded and urged to vote Saturday, and the Club decided to have two thousand handbills printed and distributed throughout the city Friday afternoon, calling upon the people to get out and vote on Saturday.

Of most importance to Pasquotank voters should be the second primary contest between R. T. Fountain and Elizabeth City's own J. C. B. Ehringhaus for the gubernatorial nomination. It is the Albemarle's first chance in many years to place a man in the Governor's mansion and is Pasquotank's first chance ever to do so; yet the voters of the county will have to be urged and begged to vote Saturday, and even then hundreds of them will not vote. At a time when the entire electorate of the county should flock to the polls, indications are that the vote in Pasquotank in the second primary will not exceed two thousand. Of course it is conceded that Ehringhaus will give Fountain a terrific licking, and this may explain Pasquotank's lack of interest in the contest. But in politics no one should take anything for granted.

Another State contest that should interest the voters and draw them to the polls on Saturday is the fight between R. R. (Bob) Reynolds and Cameron Morrison for the U. S. Senatorial nomination. Reynolds, running on a Wet platform, held a smashing lead over Morrison in the first primary, and a lively close contest is expected in Saturday's runoff. Senator Morrison's friends who did not take Reynolds seriously in the first campaign, have bestirred themselves for Morrison since June 4th and Morrison is expected to get the big vote Saturday.

Three Local Contests Right here in Pasquotank, tho, there are three contests yet to be decided, and it was in these three that the greatest interest was manifested in the first primary. They are for the following offices: Representative, Trial Justice and Prosecuting Attorney. These three races, together with the Senatorial and gubernatorial contests, ought to attract the voters of this county to the polls on Saturday, but a lot of them will have to be dragged to the polls and the candidate who does the most dragging will most likely get the votes.

Most interesting to the people of the county is the race between W. T. Culpepper and F. Webb Williams for the nomination to represent Pasquotank in the next General Assembly. It is not so much the men, but the issues, in which the people are interested. Mr. Culpepper is running on an anti-sales tax platform, and Mr. Williams is favoring the luxury sales tax. Aligned with Mr. Culpepper are the forces of Bill Dawson, who ran for the same office on an anti-sales tax platform and was eliminated in the first primary. Also with Mr. Culpepper are most of the large property owners and farmers. Mr. Williams was high man in the first primary, but the chances are that he will be licked Saturday, for the 968 votes that were cast for Bill Dawson in the first primary are expected to go chiefly to Billy Culpepper in the second primary because the Dawson and Culpepper platforms were almost identical and were directly opposed to the Williams platform. The other three candidates, Frank Kitchell, Norman Trueblood and Hilary Cartwright, also were opposed to the sales tax, and it is probable that most of them will vote for Culpepper in preference to Williams. Pasquotank is distinctly opposed to the sales tax and is not keen to send to Raleigh as its Representative a man who is in favor of such a tax. But Webb Williams is popular and is intelligent, and he will poll a lot of votes Saturday, altho it is this newspaper's prediction that he is in for a licking.

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Dare Coast From Kitty Hawk To Nags Head and Roanoke Island Looks for Big Fourth

The Dare Coast from Kitty Hawk to Roanoke Island is all set for a glorious Fourth and record breaking crowds are expected at the beaches over the week-end. No unusual formal events are scheduled, but folks who go to Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Oregon Inlet and Roanoke Island make their own fun and have a good time "that is different."

The Wright Memorial Bridge Co. announces a flat toll of \$1.00 for an automobile and all passengers from Saturday noon until Tuesday noon. Chuck Collins' Carolina Beach will continue to issue return trip passes to patrons of Carolina Beach, by special arrangement with the bridge company.

And, by the way, Carolina Beach and the bridge company are catching the devil from many people who think that the concession granted Carolina Beach by the bridge company is unfair to other resort enterprises. The concession obtained by Chuck Collins from the bridge company means that patrons of Carolina Beach get a round trip over the three mile Wright Memorial Bridge for the price of a one way toll, while the patrons of other resorts place must pay tolls both ways.

Concession Defended The concession to Mr. Collins is explained by an officer of the bridge company in this way: "We consider it a perfectly legitimate concession in the interest of our real estate development. We have nearly 5,000 acres of beach property tied up with the bridge and the success of the bridge is largely dependent upon the development of our property. When Mr. Collins agreed to spend several thousand dollars in making over what was formerly The Pirates Den into a high class dining and dancing pavilion where good order would be maintained at all times by special police and where bathing would be made safe by experienced life guards, we agreed to make him a bridge toll concession, believing it to be the best interests of the entire coast from Kitty Hawk to Roanoke Island."

And it must be said for Chuck Collins that he has given the Dare Coast a high class resort free from hoodlumism and disorderliness; maintaining a good college orchestra, a fully equipped restaurant, bath houses, board walk and other refined amusements. In fact, Carolina Beach has been made over into a resort of such class and refinement as to repel and incur the hostility of an element that would much prefer a rough board shack, a Negro orchestra and no restrictions on White Mule and petting parties.

Shiek's Place But for folks who don't like Chuck Collins' and his college crew of entertainers, there are other places. There is Shiek's popular place. See Hawk Inn where they may dance barefooted if they like. Shiek Alfred is almost native and respects the native idea of a good time. Shiek's dances and his Fred Rogers Orchestra are popular and for those who don't dance he has talking pictures from 7 to 9, a first class bowling alley, billiard tables, soda fountain, restaurant and numerous

Where Folks Go To A Saw Mill For Choice Meats

Who would ever think that folks in a modern town like Elizabeth City would go out of the city limits to a saw mill to buy porterhouse steak, rib roasts, dressed chickens, butter and eggs. And yet that is what scores of city people are doing.

Having been unsuccessful in the City Markethouse, Marion C. Love recently established a meat market adjoining the commissary of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Co. on the mill yards on North Road St. extended. Having a lively appreciation of the kind of meats demanded by the best trade in town, Mr. Love is handling just those kinds of meats, using the choicest stall fed steers and lambs from the Foreman Stock Farms, supplemented by importations of choice Western steers. Escaping high rents and city license taxes he is able to sell at 5c a pound under city market dealers. There are a lot of people who will go a long way these days to save 5c a pound on their meat bill, when they can get choice meats to boot.

Being located on the mill yards and having some affiliation with the mill owners, Mr. Love has a ready market for the cheaper cuts of meats among the saw mill hands. His stand is equipped with modern refrigerated show cases and steam and hot water direct from the boiler room of the saw mill nearby enable him to keep his storage cabinets, utensils, etc. sanitary condition at all times. Choice cuts of meat are wrapped in the finest waterproof vegetable parchment paper.—adv.

Predicts 75,000 To 100,000 Lead For Ehringhaus

R. T. Fountain, the Rocky Mount politician who is running against J. C. B. Ehringhaus and the Democratic party in the Second Primary has vigorously assailed the Elizabeth City man in numerous speeches and interviews, denouncing him as a machine candidate and the choice of rich corporations, specifying the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. as notable Ehringhaus backers. To which Mr. Ehringhaus replies:

"Our only machine is the sovereign will and honest judgment of the 162,000 free Democrats of North Carolina who voted for me in the first primary."

"The only hands which have picked me as Governor are the hands of these sovereign voters," Mr. Ehringhaus added.

Major L. P. McLendon, Ehringhaus manager, made this statement: "We have no alignment or alliance with either of the senatorial candidates. Among our active workers throughout the State, many of whom are our managers and directors, some are supporting Mr. Reynolds and some are supporting Senator Morrison.

"We heartily approve of a recent newspaper statement made by Mr. John Bright Hill, State campaign manager for Mr. Reynolds, in which he emphatically stated that Mr. Reynolds is aligned with neither of the gubernatorial candidates.

Since Mr. Ehringhaus received 162,000 votes, a plurality of 47,000 over nearest opponent, and was first or second man in 91 of the 100 counties in the first primary, an indication of the State-wide support accorded him, we believe this is a strong indication of the preference of North Carolina Democracy.

"We are confident that Mr. Ehringhaus' majority in the primary next Saturday will be from 75,000 to 100,000, dependent on the number of votes cast."

75 per cent of all people have defective vision. Are you one of these? Have your eyes examined today. DR. J. D. HATILAWAY, Carolina Building.

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