

STATE'S NOTABLES ARE GUESTS AT BANQUET OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

CIVIC CLUBS TO BACK COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

Joint Meeting of Rotarians, Kiwanians and Merchants Association Is Held.

TO APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Judge Hayes, Mayor Williams and Messrs. Seawell and Gavin Are Speakers.

That no child in Sanford or Lee County may be denied the joy of Christmas is a goal toward which the efforts of three of Sanford's civic clubs—the Rotary, Kiwanis and the Merchants Association—were hunched last night. At a joint meeting of these organizations, held at the Hotel Wilrik last evening, a committee, composed of members of the three organizations, was chosen to draft plans and solicit the funds necessary to realize this community objective.

Making a direct appeal to the gathering in behalf of the Christmas tree, were Mayor Warren R. Williams who presided over the meeting; Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the United States District Court; United States District Attorney Edwin L. Gavin and Assistant Attorney General A. F. Seawell. Adding to the significance of the movement is the fact that two of the distinguished guests who spoke in behalf of the project are out-of-town men, Judge Hayes and Mr. Seawell, both of whom, however, readily responded when invited to come here and lend their voices to the promotion of the worthy cause.

A committee appointed by Mayor Williams, consisting of J. W. Kirkpatrick, A. M. Hubbard and W. R. Makepeace, chose the following as a committee to make such arrangements as will be necessary to realize the Christmas tree for the children of Lee County: E. C. Heins, Jr., A. K. Miller, H. F. Makepeace, D. B. Teague, Frank Andrews and John W. Gilliam. This committee will solicit and receive funds for the tree, select a place for it, purchase the tree, select the hour at which the distribution of them will be made. The vacant lot, on which the McBryde taxi station is now located, will likely be used as a setting for the tree.

It is quite probable, Mayor Williams said last evening, that a musical program by the Sanford Music Club, the singing of Christmas carols and a play will be presented at the time as the gifts are distributed.

Seventy-six persons, including members of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, the Merchants Association and guests, were present at the luncheon which featured the inauguration of the community Christmas tree movement last evening. The meeting was opened with the singing of the song "America," after which came the invocation by Dr. R. C. Gilmore, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Then came the luncheon, served around a rectangular table, and which was delightfully enjoyed.

For a brief interval the gathering enjoyed the lighter moments of the J. Carlton Pittman, brought forth evening which, under the direction of paroxysms of laughter. Luby Saults, a Rotarian who, most frequently, is not the champion golfer enthusiast of the organization to which he belongs, exhibited his prowess on the green by teeing off with an egg. Luckily the contents had been emptied of them and had been a splash of yolk and proplasmic matter at the feet of the venerable Dr. McIver, who sat nearby. "Luby" did not exhibit his accustomed adeptness.

Far more entertaining than any group of circus clowns who ever came to Sanford was the cracker-eating contest in which George Josephs and Johnny Monger challenged Pat St. Clair's reputation as the most agile at the festive board. Bill Bryan and Teddy Roosevelt were both considered masters at this but but connoisseurs say neither of these could run rings about the Sanford editor. Their attempt to wrest the title from Mr. St. Clair was a forlorn hope.

They were each given three crackers but he had eaten his and whistled but had begun on their third and last for either Mr. Monger or Mr. Joseph cracker.

Mayor Williams then outlined the purpose of the meeting after which he introduced A. F. Seawell, formerly of Sanford but now of Raleigh and Chapel Hill.

Mr. Seawell, in reality a cosmopolitan, but still claimed as "Sanford's Own" brought to the meeting that clear logic and sound reasoning from which more than one opponent in past legislative frays shrank. He made a powerful appeal for the community Christmas tree. Business has its place in our life, he said, but should be more than an end to itself, rather, he vouchsafed, it should be only an end to better and greater things. To make the hearts of little children glad at Christmas time, to offer aid to the needy and the downcast, he said, is one of the greater aims of life and one from which the greatest satisfaction is derived.

Edwin L. Gavin, in a short address, voiced his resentment at an inference of the French press that America is a selfish nation. Such is not true, he said, and he proceeded to outline the noble spirit of generosity to which the American people are traditionally committed. The gathering last evening and its noble purpose, he said, is the spirit that leads from the heartstrings of every hamlet in America.

Judge Johnson J. Hayes, of the United States District Court, lauded by Mr. Gavin in his introduction, as one of North Carolina's greatest men, and as a jurist whose decisions have been works of judicial art, was then presented.

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COTTON BLOOMS!

It is stated that the unseasonably warm temperature which prevailed the greater part of November was of sufficient intensity to place the month on record as being the hottest November ever recorded by the weather bureau since its establishment in Raleigh 45 years ago. The Express stated last week that ripe cherries were found in the county during the latter part of November. We have seen other evidences of warm weather during the late fall. Mr. F. Y. Hanner came to this office on the first day of December and exhibited three white cotton blooms which he found on a cotton farm in Harnett county. The fact that they were white showed that they opened that day. He could have brought many other blooms with him. He also had a small cotton boll. There was no sign that it had been punctured by a boll weevil. The little pests had probably gone to their winter quarters.

SALE OF LICENSE TAGS FOR 1931 TO START HERE SOON

Bobby Burns Service Station Will Handle Sale of Tags Again This Year.

MINIMUM PRICE IS \$12.50
Cars To Be Licensed By Weight—Rate 55c Per Hundred Pounds According.

As was recently stated in these columns automobile license tags will again be sold by Bobby Burns at his service station at Three Points. The sale will open Tuesday, December 15th and close February 15th. The sale runs thirty days at all temporary offices. The office at this place is a temporary office, but a movement is on foot to make it a permanent office, and should this be done it will be a great convenience to the people of this section. Mr. Burns has all necessary machinery for handling the business with promptness and dispatch.

The new law enacted by the last legislature basing the license on weight will be effective for the first time. The cost to motorists is 55c per hundredweight with the minimum price at \$12.50. When the law was passed there was talk of reducing the cost of the plates to motorists so more could buy them. The logical reasoning was that gasoline must be purchased to run the machines, and the State collects six cents a gallon on the fuel.

This year for the first time, automobile licenses in North Carolina will be sold on the basis of the weight of the vehicles, instead of by horsepower.

Under the new law licenses will be sold at the rate of 55c per hundredweight, manufacturers' shipping weight to determine proper weight, for passenger vehicles. The minimum license fee will be \$12.50.

Passenger automobiles used for the transportation of passengers for hire will be licensed on a basis of 90 cents per hundredweight, with the minimum fee to be \$18.00.

Rates for trucks vary from 55c per hundredweight for vehicles having pneumatic tires to \$2.00 per hundred pounds for vehicles equipped with solid tires and rated from three to ten tons.

Every person listed on the records of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, some 500,000 persons, will receive automobile license notices before December the fifteenth.

The new 1932 license plates may be put on automobiles after December 15 and the 1931 plates will be unlawful after January 1.

Mr. Burns and his force will appreciate it if people will call promptly and buy their tags. It will prevent a rush during the last few days of the sale. No credit, no checks.

BATTERY "E" TO RESUME DRILLS

The usual Monday night drills of Battery "E" of the 113th Field Artillery, which were recently suspended by order of the Adjutant-General, will be resumed next Monday evening, announced Capt. Dan B. King this morning.

According to the regulations governing drills, said Capt. King, forty-eight are scheduled for each year and appropriations providing for these drills are based, not on the full personnel of the batteries, but upon the average attendance at each drill. Due to the depression and other unforeseen factors, the average attendance at the drills this year has been above the average upon which the appropriations were based, and for this reason an order to reduce the drills to forty-three per year, so as to keep within the appropriation, was relayed from the militia bureau by the Adjutant-General. Additional appropriations have been made, drills will again be resumed and those that were omitted during the suspension will be made up from time to time, said Capt. King.

Every member of the battery must report at the Armory in uniform for drill next Monday evening. During the evening a turkey dinner will be served the boys at the Carolina Hotel.

HEINS TELEPHONE COMPANY IS GIVEN CHARTER BY STATE

Local Concern Incorporated With Authorized Capital Stock of \$25,000.

HAVE A SPLENDID SYSTEM Heins Interests Have Built Modern Telephone Business Since In Sanford.

The Heins Telephone Company, of this place, has been incorporated by the Secretary of State to operate and maintain telephone and telegraph systems in Sanford and this section. The authorized capital stock is \$250,000.00. Subscribed stock, \$300.00. By E. C. Heins, Sr., E. C. Heins, Jr., and M. T. Heins, all of Sanford.

Messrs. Heins came from Raeford to Sanford in 1922 and bought the Sanford-Jonesboro telephone system from Mrs. D. E. McIver. The system was built by her husband, the late D. E. McIver, under the supervision of W. H. Garner, who later moved from this place to Chatham county, where he built and operated a telephone system for several years. The old system was junked and the common battery system installed. The new company bought a lot on Moore Street and constructed a modern telephone exchange building. All the old cables, wires and poles were removed and new ones installed. At the time the old system was purchased by the new company it had only 350 phones and they were not all working. Now the Heins Telephone Company has approximately 1,000 phones in Sanford, Jonesboro, and Broadway and the surrounding country. The system is connected with outside systems and subscribers can talk to not only all parts of this country, but to many parts of the outside world. Ships on the high seas can also be reached. When the old system was in operation Sanford subscribers had to pay 10 cents to talk to Jonesboro and 20 cents to talk to people in Broadway. The same amount had to be paid by subscribers in those places in telephoning to Sanford.

When the old system was in operation the company paid no state tax. The present company has to pay an annual 5 per cent gross tax to the State. The Heins Telephone Company gives good service and keeps its system in repair. In many instances the subscribers can get long distance service without hanging up the receiver.

NEW CHEVROLET WILL BE SHOWN

Chevrolet's New Car For 1932 Goes On Display Here Next Saturday.

The new 1932 Chevrolet, which embodies every proven automotive feature in recent years, will be exhibited in the show room of Leggett Motor Company, of this city, Saturday, according to announcement made this morning by W. M. Leggett, head of the Chevrolet agency.

"The new model," Mr. Leggett told a representative of The Express this morning, "embodies silent synchromesh transmission in combination with electric free-wheeling, a twenty per cent increase in power, top speed of 65 to 70 miles an hour, streamlined bodies and a wealth of other new features. The new car," he said, "remains in the price range of the current series, the lowest at which a Chevrolet has ever sold."

"Heralded as 'The Great American Value for 1932' the car," explained the local Chevrolet man, "boasts extensive changes than any annual Chevrolet model since the change-over to a six in 1928. Yet changes, he went on, "are mostly refinements over the basic design of the 1931 car which, from the standpoint of public acceptance, was the most successful in the history of the company, and brought Chevrolet first place in the industry during the highly competitive market of the past twelve months."

"Outstanding improvements in the '32 line over last year's models are down-draft carburetion, counter-balanced crankshaft, smaller wheels and larger tires, radically changed front end appearance, 'finger touch' front seat adjustment, cow ventilator on all models, hood doors instead of louvers, improved clutch and an additional cross member in the frame," he added.

AN EXPLANATION

Due to an eleventh hour appearance of more than our usual amount of advertising we are compelled to forego the publication of most interesting reading material offered by our contributors. As an influx of advertising, since the advent of the depression, is so unparalleled an occurrence, neither our correspondents or readers should despair. We do not at this time contemplate many repetitions of the present week's volume of advertising. Suffice it to say that your contribution will appear in the next issue of The Express as usual.

It Was Business, But Wrong Kind. To prove to his employees that they could get business if they tried, E. W. Stark, of Naperville, Ill., a taxi company owner, drove a cab himself. His first passenger robbed him of \$30, his pants—and his cab.

AGENCY SEEKS FUNDS FOR LEE NEEDY

TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Jonesboro. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

This week's tantalizer: PHNEISOEL LFUKA YYNLARM LMTNIOAH

Last week's winners: Minnie Malloy Evelyn Hamilton

KIWANIS PLAN MINSTREL SHOW

Civic Organization To Raise Charity Funds Square Dances On Program.

The Kiwanis Club held its regular weekly meeting at the Carolina Hotel last Friday night. Luncheon followed a program of music put on by the club. In the absence of Chairman H. C. Bessinger, the program of the evening was turned over to S. J. Husketh, a member of the program committee. It was understood that the club should hold a business meeting with the Rotary club and the Merchants Association at the Wilrik Hotel Wednesday night. There will be no meeting of the Kiwanis club on Friday night.

The question of raising funds for charitable purposes at Christmas was discussed and by a vote the club decided to put on a minstrel at the auditorium of the high school on the night of December 11th to raise the proposed funds. The program will be put on by the minstrel of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club. The following members of the club were appointed a committee to work out the necessary plans: Gilliam, Anderson, chairman; James Melver, L. E. Warrick, Gunter Watson, J. E. Bonn, Dr. Waylon Blue, John Davenport, M. E. Makepeace, Jack Davis, W. E. Hyner and H. C. Clark.

The new officers will be installed the first Friday night in January. A new board of directors will be elected before the date. James Melver, who was recently received as a member in the club, entertained the club with what purported to be a history of his life, and if one is to judge by what he said he began with the New Year. His family history is concerned. He stated that in order to give an adequate explanation of how "I got to be what I am, I will have to go back some years and discuss briefly who and what my ancestors were and why they did not die of old age. My ancestor of whom I can find any record was named Binbo and he rode a bicycle in a circus and could eat out of a plate. His wife was named Soko and is now in the American Museum of Natural Arts, stuffed. My ancestors back in the times we were not called the terrible they are today. They were called baboons, chimpanzees or orangutangs."

D. B. Teague made a talk on some of the activities at the University. He told of the \$100,000 bell tower or carillon chimes that was given to the University by two native North Carolinians who now live outside of the State. He quoted Gov. Gardner as stating that about half of the funds for the construction and maintenance of the University were private gifts and contributions.

Mr. Teague also discussed the action of the University in putting Johnnie Branch back on the football squad after his suspension for violation of the rules and regulations. He expressed the opinion that the alumni felt that suspension was justified, but that the right action was taken in putting him back for the last game.

CUMNOCK BRIDGE WILL BE REBUILT

Construction of New Bridge Replacing One Burned Has Begun by Convicts.

Work has begun on the construction of a bridge to take the place of the one which was destroyed by fire at Cumnock when a fire of road convicts set fire to a lot of debris which had lodged against the structure. The material which is being used was taken from the steel bridge which was torn down at Lillington to make room for a concrete bridge. The State Highway Commission is having the work done by State convicts under the supervision of road engineers. It is expected that the bridge will be constructed and ready for use in a few weeks.

An anthracite coal company has been organized and incorporated with principal office in Sanford, to mine coal and other minerals. The authorized capital stock is \$50,000; subscribed stock, \$300; by John M. McIver, of Gulf; T. J. Williams and D. B. Teague, of Sanford.

Relief Association Will Inaugurate Campaign To Aid The County's Destitute.

HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CANVASS

Draft Leading Business and Professional Men and Women For Solicitors.

A determined campaign to raise funds for the relief of the unemployed of the county will be inaugurated Tuesday morning when a canvass of the city will be made by solicitors working under the direction of the Lee County Relief Association.

The canvass will continue through Tuesday and Wednesday and solicitations will be made of every business concern and individual.

In addition to the call for funds from the city residents, contributions will be sought from the more substantial citizens residing in the rural districts. Not only are cash contributions invited, but gifts as fire wood, clothing, potatoes, corn and necessities will be gladly accepted.

In handling the situation, it is proposed that contributions from all firms and manufacturing establishments employing five or more people be solicited in a lump. Conference will be held with owners and managers of these establishments and an effort made to establish an arrangement whereby the employees will agree to a small allowance for charity being deducted from their salaries. Each manager or head will act as treasurer for his firm and at some appointed time turn the funds in his possession over to the relief association.

TICKET SALES FOOTBALL GAME

Lee Post American Legion Sells Tickets To Football Charity Classic Here.

H. Fisher Makepeace, commander of Lee Post No. 18 of the American Legion, today announced that he had appointed a Special Ticket Sales Commission, consisting of all the local drug stores, to handle the sale of the Post's quota of tickets locally for the "Big Five" Football Charity Classic which will be played in the Duke Stadium on December 24th, when the composite team composed of Duke and Carolina stars battle with the combined forces of the best football stars which Wake Forest, State College and Davidson can muster together. The price of tickets for this great game, which promises to make this year's greatest stars in the Big Five being scheduled to actively participate therein) is one dollar for general admission, and two dollars for tickets with reserved seats.

The Local Legion Commander has invited, expects and will appreciate the wholehearted support of all other civic organizations in helping this most worthy cause. All the proceeds from the sale of tickets for this great football charity game, will be used for relief purposes. Forty per cent of the proceeds from ticket sales is to be set aside for relief work in the communities in which the tickets are sold; the remainder to go into the general fund for relief to be disbursed by the State Council.

Stout-McIntosh

The following announcement has been received here: Mr and Mrs. D. A. McIntosh, of Sanford, announce the marriage of their daughter, Annie, to Willie S. Stout, of Sanford, Sunday, November 8, 1931, Chesterfield, S. C. At home: Raleigh, N. C.

Both the bride and groom, who were formerly employed at Efrid's Store have a host of friends here who wish them every happiness.

Mr. Stout is a son of Mr. D. V. Stout, of this city.

Christmas Bazaar

The Young Women's Wesley Bible Class of Steele Street Sunday School will have a Christmas bazaar Friday, December 11th, beginning at ten o'clock in the Lee Furniture Company building.

They will have many attractive Christmas gifts most reasonably priced, much beautiful fancy work, and a variety of home made cakes and candies.

A RIPLEY STORY

"Believe It Or Not"—Ripley—Recently carried a story, which was published in The Sanford Express some time ago to the effect that an electric light has been kept burning at the Sanford Cotton Mill for the past 30 years. The readers of Ripley can rest assured that this is true story. This light was kept burning day and night for that long period of time. Many people passed away and great changes have taken place in Sanford while that light was burning. The fact that Ripley got that story should convince our many readers that The Express has a wide circulation.

HANCOCK GUILTY RECKLESS AUTO DRIVING CHARGE

Sentence Upon Defendant Deferred Until The Next Term of Court.

TRY TO REPAIR DAMAGE Lee Recorder's Court Has An All Day Session—Docket Over-Crowded.

It is the same old tale. Too much whiskey and an automobile. The two do not mix. So Hal Hancock, convicted Tuesday in Recorder's Court on a charge of reckless driving and operating a car while under the influence of whiskey, found to his sorrow.

Hancock, according to the warrant drawn against him, is alleged to have smashed into a car belonging to Mrs. N. L. Prewatte, which was parked near the Three Points filling station. He is also said to have knocked down Mrs. Rex Kelly from which he suffered very painful injury. It was also borne out in the testimony that he ran down a Mrs. Crutchfield, she suffering injuries. Mrs. Crutchfield appeared at the trial and offered testimony.

The case was continued until the next term of court. Hancock, in the meantime will make an effort to repair the damage brought about and when such is done will file a plea in alleviation of the punishment.

John Dunbar and Sam F. were arraigned on a charge of theft of an automobile and a count belonging to Jimmie Melver. The evidence offered tended to point toward the defendants and they were found guilty. Dunbar was given four months on the roads and Hunter six months. Upon the completion of their sentences the defendants, by the order of the Court, must leave the county for twelve months.

Eugene Gunter, who was alleged to have stolen chickens, was dismissed. Bud Atkins will be tried December 15. Barton Trulove and Lotie Bradley, white youths, will know their fate next Tuesday. The Court having reserved the decision at the late hearing. The defendants are charged with reckless driving under the "hit and run" statute. Trulove, according to the testimony, was driving a year which was alleged to have hit two negroes on Chatham street. Trulove and his companion, Bradley, stated that they remembered passing two negroes but denied hitting them. The negroes testified they tried to wave the defendants down but they refused to stop.

Tuesday being the monthly "good behavior day" a number of the Sunday school boys appeared to give a report to the Court of themselves for the past thirty days.

MR. COTTON LEE HOG CHAMPION

Killed Porker In 1925 That Hit 1,100 Pounds—Kills Two Big Ones This Fall.

Since Mr. O. C. Cotton, of this place, killed a hog in 1925 that weighed 1100 pounds he has been known as "Lee County's Champion Hog Raiser." No one has since the county was created killed a hog that would compare with the weight of Mr. Cotton's hog. While Mr. Cotton is 68 years of age he is still raising large hogs. Passing his place a few days ago we noticed that he had two hogs of the Poland China breed that will probably tip the scales at more than 500 each when killed. One of these is the most beautifully shaped hog we have ever seen and reminds one of the pictures of hogs in farm papers. When Mr. Cotton bought these hogs about a year ago they were small pigs.

Mr. Cotton has demonstrated the fact that he can raise other things besides hogs. He has a small farm adjoining his home near the Sanford Cotton Mill, and by his own labor, working about half the time, raises his home supplies, such as corn, small grain, potatoes and other things for his family and stock. He even raises the tobacco he consumes. If this community were full of farmers like Mr. Cotton we would enjoy a greater degree of prosperity and "live-at-home."

BIG SPECIAL FAVORABLY RECEIVED

To Appear Tuesday, December 15, Coming, Featuring Sanford Business.

COPIES TO BE BROADCAST

Many Leading Merchants Already Identified With This Booster Number.

Many of the business and professional men of Sanford are to be congratulated for the manifest interest they take in any move that will have a tendency to stimulate business and give promise to a bigger, better and brighter future for Sanford, Lee county and this section of the Carolinas.

Last week we made the announcement of the preparation of a feature and biographical edition of The Express, and already many of our most prominent and progressive business houses and professional men have agreed to participate in the general promotion of the community's welfare, so much so, indeed, that we have decided to combine our Christmas edition along with the feature and biographical work, combining same and making one big, attractive issue that we will herald broadcast in the interest of those it represents and the city and county as a whole. Copies of this booster number will be sent to such places as the Union League in Philadelphia, and the Manufacturers Club of Newark, N. J., where the industrial heads of the universe meet and congregate from time to time; also into the various Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade throughout the various states, in our effort to attract the attention of the world at large to Sanford and Lee County, North Carolina.

The Manufacturers Record, published at Baltimore, in a recent issue says that at present there are more industries seeking new locations now than ever before in the history of the country. This possibly is due to expectation and more hopeful business conditions in the near future. In view of this we are through the columns of this number going to ask them to come to Sanford, where every possible industrial convenience awaits them in the way of railroad facilities, ample water supply, abundance of electrical power, good surfaced roads, well kept broad streets, first-class business houses, modern and most efficient; land sites for the asking and a hundred and one other inducements are available in this section to the manufacturer and home-seeker, the exploitation of which will be graphically pen-pictured in this special number.

Every business and professional man owes it to himself to be feasibly identified with this number, which will be kept as criterion of the latter days of 1931 and will be history in years to come. As said last week the offices of The Express will be open evenings until 10 o'clock for the convenience of those who cannot get in during the day. If it is impossible to get in call The Express office by phone and our special representative, Frank J. Payne, will be glad to call on you at his convenience, regardless of where you live in Lee County.

**GAVIN PROSPECTS
LOOK PROMISING**

District Attorney's Friends Believe He Will Be Endorsed For A Second Term.

Advice received from various points over the middle judicial district, believe friends of District Attorney E. L. Gavin, who spent several days at his home here this week, point steadily to his increasing chances of endorsement for a second term as Federal prosecuting officer.

While the District Attorney himself had no statement for publication, he appeared quite optimistic over his prospects for another endorsement at the hands of the state Republican executive committee which convenes in Greensboro Saturday. Endorsement will, of course, be tantamount to a reappointment.

The Sanford man, who has held the district attorneyship for the past four years, is an able prosecutor and the newspapers in the district have quite frequently commented most favorably upon his work. Only recently the Winston-Salem Journal, in an editorial, was highly commendatory of Mr. Gavin's record as district attorney.

Work is being pushed on the walls of Mr. J. R. Ingram's new bottling plant. The walls are up to the second floor and the steel beams have been placed in position. This is going to be a very attractive building when completed. It will probably be finished about the beginning of the new year.