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NEXT WEDNESDAY IS FAIR OPENING

Everything in Readiness For Annual County Fair—Heads of Departments.

Randolph county's fourth annual fair will open Wednesday morning, September 24th. Extensive preparations have been made and everything is ready for the opening. It is expected that the largest crowd ever in attendance at a county fair in this section of the state will be present.

It is desired by the fair management that all persons living in Asheboro and vicinity who expect to enter exhibits have them in Tuesday, so that exhibits out of town patrons may be taken care of Wednesday morning. The exhibit buildings will be open Saturday, September 18th, to receive exhibits.

All old soldiers will be admitted to the fair grounds free during the entire week. Friday, September 26th all school children will be admitted free. Wednesday morning until 9 o'clock those holding merchants' tickets will be admitted free. These tickets will be good for 10 cents the rest of the day. All persons will not be admitted free until 9 o'clock the opening day as stated in The Courier last week, but only those having the merchant's tickets, and these only until this hour.

Mr. J. T. Redding is superintendent of the department of farm and field crops and M. F. Sken is assistant. County demonstrator, Millsaps is general superintendent of this department as well as the other agricultural departments of the fair.

In the livestock department Charlie Kearns, E. C. Byrd, J. B. Humble, R. W. Fuller, C. E. Macon, S. A. Pickett, and "Bud" Craven will be in charge. There will be exhibited in this department sheep, hogs and cattle.

Walter Davis, Jr., is superintendent of the poultry department, assisted by George Parks and E. L. Slack. Mrs. J. L. Overman, assisted by Mrs. W. C. York, will have charge of Home Economics; Mrs. C. C. Haxson, the children's department; Mrs. J. K. Wood, flower department, assisted by Mrs. J. O. Redding, Mrs. C. A. Hayworth, and Mrs. C. S. Tate; in the fancy work department will be Mrs. C. B. Griffin and Mrs. G. F. Burkhead.

Mr. Hal Worth, assisted by Mrs. C. R. Spence, have in charge the educational department; in art will be Mrs. J. T. Underwood, superintendent, with Mrs. J. C. Crutchen and Mrs. J. D. Ross assistants.

The department of curios and relics will be in charge of W. R. Poole. C. B. Spence, in charge of the bench show which will be Thursday.

In the educational department of the booth for colored people Rev. J. E. Brower will be in charge, and Mrs. M. A. Waddell superintendent of pantry supplies.

Dr. James G. Crutchen is president of the fair association and Mr. George T. Murdock treasurer. W. C. York is general manager. For the convenience of fair visitors the Randolph Telephone Company will maintain a service on the grounds. There will be a children's nursery in the main building and an emergency hospital will be maintained. Free parking grounds may be had just across the street from the fair grounds.

The general admission to the fair grounds will be 50 cents. On Saturday afternoon, September 27th, the admission fee will be 25 cents. Wednesday is designated as Everybody's Day; Thursday will be the dog show; Friday will be School Day; and Saturday Home Coming Day.

Sheriff Cox Is Active In Enforcing Laws

Sheriff A. Carl Cox is making life hard for blockaders in this county. Tuesday he and his two deputies made a raid in New Hope township capturing two stills. Deputies P. L. Walker, of New Hope, came to Asheboro about noon Tuesday and reported he had a line on the location of a number of stills in his township. Sheriff Cox and deputy Walker, accompanied by Fred Phillips, Walter Frenzel, and Chief of Police Steel, went to New Hope township about 4 o'clock, located a thirty-gallon capacity still, destroyed two beer stands containing 150 gallons of beer, and poured out 3 gallons of liquor. The whiskey was located in a fifteen-gallon keg about a hundred yards from the still, a well-beaten path leading to the keg.

Not content with taking this still the officers went about a half mile across the woods to a creek and found another still in a dense thicket. The still, which was about a 20-gallon capacity, was warm and showed evidence of having been operated. The officers had notes in the opening of the still, a barrel of beer along the roadside and a still was found at the still ready to be used. No liquor was found at this still.

No arrests were made since school was at either still when the sheriff arrived. However, there are several cases which may lead to arrests later.

This morning Sheriff Cox and Deak Love arrested two white men operating a still near Lead Cross. The operators went before a magistrate and gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 each. The still, which was a 20-gallon capacity and one of the best in the county, was brought to Asheboro, the county.

REPUBLICAN MANAGERS IN DESPERATE SITUATION

Bulk of LaFollette Vote From Republican Party—Women For Davis.

The Republicans have adopted the strategy of desperation on account of the inroads the LaFollette forces are making on Republican chances in the coming election. They are making an intense drive on LaFollette and the Republican organization is broadcasting statements that the chance of Davis even running second is scant. It is the "smoke screen" of the Republicans behind which they attempt to conceal the dismay which really pervades their organization.

Another smoke screen behind which the Republican organization is hiding is the claim of their national chairman that Coolidge and Dawes will get 404 electoral votes in this fall. The plight of the Republicans is serious. If the LaFollette forces make the objectives they have set out to reach, the carrying of the North-west and many states in the Middle West, it will mean that Coolidge will fall short of the necessary 266 votes to elect. In order to win the Republicans must carry some of the States claimed by LaFollette, and these states are steadily slipping away from the Coolidge-Dawes candidacy. The minds of the Republicans hark back to the 1912 campaign in which the regular Republican ticket carried only Utah and Vermont.

From the desperate efforts being put forth by the Republicans and the extravagant statements broadcasted to the press by Chairman Butler of the national committee, it is evident that the Republicans are noting the increasing strength of Davis as the days go by. It is being realized that the big bulk of the LaFollette-Wheelwright votes are going to be garnered from the Republican ranks. LaFollette is weakening the Republicans, and orders have gone out from headquarters to head him off. Six million German-American votes were cast in 1920 for Warren G. Harding, and there is increasing evidence that these votes will be found in the LaFollette column this year.

Another worry the Republicans are having is that there are clear indications that the women over the country are generally lining up for Davis and Bryan. They are nauseated with the naturalism of corruption which has existed under the present Republican administration and are turning to Davis in numbers. Davis is above reproach. Nothing has been said by the Republicans against his eminent fitness for the Presidency. All realize that he is by far the ablest man in either party. He owes nobody anything and will go into office with his hands clean and united.

American Legion Pays Tribute To Wilson

Impressive memorial services to Woodrow Wilson were held at the conclusion of the first session of the American Legion National Convention at Saint Paul, Minn., Monday. Members of the Virginia delegation carried to the platform a large framed portrait of the late President, the man who has been their commander in chief in the World War.

The thousands of Legionnaires reverently while John T. Wicker, past commander of the Department of Virginia, presented the portrait to the legion national headquarters.

Only Those With Merchants' Tickets Admitted Free

Last week The Courier announced that everybody would be admitted free to the fair grounds until 9 a. m. Wednesday morning, September 24th. Such was the information furnished as by Mr. York, the secretary of the fair association. However, this is in error as the fair management advises that only those who hold the merchants' tickets which a number of the merchants of the town have purchased and have sent out many to their customers will be admitted free until 9 a. m. Wednesday morning. After 9 a. m. Wednesday those holding these tickets will be entitled to enter the fair grounds upon payment of 40 cents and presentation of the ticket, as it is stated on the face of the ticket.

This unfortunate error is regretted very much as quite a number of people will be disappointed and it has been source of inconvenience to the merchants who bought these tickets.

Reception to Teachers and Parents

The Woman's Club was hostess to the teachers of the graded school and the officers of town Friday evening at the new school building. The guests were welcomed at the door by the officers of the club, Mrs. B. F. Brittain, Mrs. M. G. Edwards and Mrs. J. T. Lewallen and introduced to the receiving line, composed of the school teachers and members of the club.

After the guests had assembled they were welcomed by Mr. J. O. Redding, chairman of the school board, and by Mrs. B. F. Brittain in a few well chosen words on behalf of the Woman's Club. These short addresses were followed by two beautiful songs by Mrs. McMillan, superintendent of the school, then again briefly of the work of the school and some of the plans that the teachers hope to carry out. He asked the cooperation of every parent in town in making this the best year in the history of the school.

A most interesting and beautiful play was presented by Mrs. W. C. York, and this was followed by a beautiful play by Mrs. W. C. York, and this was followed by a beautiful play by Mrs. W. C. York.

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GROUND BROKEN FOR M. E. CHURCH

Methodists Will Have New \$75,000 Church Building—Large Auditorium.

Contract was let last week for the construction of the new Methodist Episcopal church to Crofts and Thomason, of Lexington. Excavation was begun yesterday on the corner of Fayetteville and Salisbury streets on the site purchased from Mrs. A. E. Burns for the purpose. Contract for the heating of the new church has been let to Hunt Brothers, of Greensboro. The contracts for furniture and fixtures, electric light fixtures, and art glass will be let later.

The contract calls for the completion of the church by May 1st, 1925. The approximate cost of the church will be \$75,000. The building will be a three-story structure of tile and masonry brick, presenting a most pleasing and artistic appearance. The roof will be of tile. Harry Barton, of Greensboro, is the architect. The church will be in the shape of a "Y", the oblong fronting Fayetteville street. The main auditorium will be in this oblong and will have a seating capacity of 600. The church will also have a pastor's study.

There will be 20 or more Sunday school rooms in that part of the building represented by the cross on the letter "Y". Part of these will be in the basement and the others in the other two stories. The auditorium for the Sunday school will be in the basement and it will be ample to accommodate a large Sunday school. In addition to the Sunday school facilities afforded by the basement, there will be in addition the heating plant and kitchen.

The building committee is composed of Messrs. C. C. Cranford, W. J. Armfield, Jr., Sulon B. Stedman, D. B. McCrary, and Hugh Parks.

The M. E. Church has a large and growing membership in Asheboro and the church is to be congratulated in its progressive spirit in erecting a church which will rank among the best and most modern in the State. The board of trustees has been authorized to sell the old church building.

New Fixtures For Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian church, Asheboro, is being equipped with new furniture and fixtures throughout. The pews and pulpit fixtures are of mahogany and provide seating capacity of approximately 400. New carpets will be laid along the sides and on other portions of the floor. When the job is completed the church will be one of the most nicely equipped churches in the state. Rev. Cotran G. Smith is the pastor.

The work of installing the new fixtures is under the supervision of Mr. J. H. Price, manager of the Greensboro branch of Theodor Kuntz Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, which has contract for the job.

Jesse Vanderberg, a well known Cabarrus county farmer, was shot by another farmer, Martin Boat, Tuesday. Cause of the trouble has not been given out by either of the men. Boat is being held pending the conviction of Vanderberg.

HAVE NOT RECOGNIZED FARMING AN INDUSTRY

This Is Charge Davis Brings Against The Republican Administration.

John W. Davis, Democratic candidate for President, in carrying his fight for election into the West, last Monday he made an address in Missouri to a crowd estimated at from 40,000 to 50,000 people. Davis told his audience that this is a fighting campaign and that the Democratic party still made war on corruption.

He denounced the corruption in the Republican administration and special privilege. Although Fall, Daugherty, and Denby are no longer in the cabinet, he said the Republican party is the same and has just changed its general manager. The Republican party and none other is accountable for the corruption unmentioned in Washington and must bear the blame.

Davis told the people at the outset of his address that he was not a farmer and did not claim to be one. "The Republican party has never recognized agriculture as an industry," Davis stated amid great applause. "There have been just three things put forward by the candidates of the Republican party: First, that the farmer shall 'help' himself. 'Physician, heal thyself' is their prescription.

"What is the second remedy? Why the remedy is that the farmer has been working too hard. He has been too industrious, in his enterprise he has brought too much land in cultivation—he must cut down. With hungry mouths all over the world, the farmer must turn his cornfields into weed patches, empty his irrigation ditches, and sit down to enjoy a life of luxurious ease and pleasure until better times come again.

"And what is the third remedy that emanates from this quarter? 'We must appoint a commission to investigate it.' If there is in this audience any farmer who feels that he has not been sufficiently investigated; if he will give me his name and address, I will see that the process is begun without delay. But the great trouble in this particular instance is that the patient is going to die before the doctors finish their diagnosis."

Liberty To Have Cement Sidewalks

The citizens of Liberty are enthusiastic over the fact that the contract will be let within the next few days for one thousand yards of cement sidewalks for the town. Mayor W. F. Ashburn and Mr. H. L. Peace were in Asheboro yesterday on business connected with the letting of the contract. They think that by spring the progressive town of Liberty will put down hard surface streets in the business section at least. Liberty has grown considerably since Highway No. 62 has come through the county.

James H. Cowan, Mayor of Wilmington Dead

Mayor James H. Cowan, mayor of Wilmington died last week. Mr. Cowan was one of the foremost editors of the state. He has served as President of the North Carolina Press Association. The Wilmington people are suggesting Mrs. Cowan as his successor to her husband as mayor of Wilmington.

DAVIS HITS BULL'S EYE IN THE WEST

Republicans Organize Terror Squad To Head Him Off—Last Resort.

(By David F. St. Clair.)

Washington, September 17.—The Republican organization has organized a "terror squad." The purpose of this squad is to frighten the conservative element in the Democratic party into voting for Calvin Coolidge. This squad is officered by such persons as General Dawes, the Republican Vice-Presidential candidate, Chairman Butler of the Republican national committee, James M. Beck, Solicitor General of the United States, and Colonel George Harvey, the editor of a number of Republican newspapers.

The "terror" raised by this group is "the danger to the constitution" that is alleged in the candidacy of both the Democrats and the Progressives for the Presidency. Mr. Beck warns that the Democratic party in asking for a referendum on the question of joining the league of nations is as guilty of attempted sabotage to the constitution as Senator LaFollette is in his effort to abolish the Supreme Court in defining and constructing the constitution. To Beck the very word referendum is a red flag flouted in the face of all law and order by the old historic Democratic party in this campaign.

Mr. Beck of course knows that a referendum vote in favor of joining the league of nations will not of itself put this country into the league. That can only be done by the joint action of the President and the senate. They might and probably would feel that the referendum was morally binding but not legally so. The referendum proposed in the Democratic platform was put there to avoid the direct issue of the league of nations in this campaign and was offered as a sop to the Wilson Democrats. If the Democrats win in November they probably will consider the election a referendum in favor of the league and try to join the league.

But in this terror raising business Mr. Beck had to find some way to yoke up the Democrats with radical progressives. Colonel Harvey has played on the Bryan note with the country sent to perdition under the regime of Bill and "Brother Charlie." Dawes has worked himself into a frenzy of profanity over the Wilson "master demagogue of the age." And the cold blooded Butler is moved to cry, "the struggle is not over methods of government, but the abolition of government itself."

However, the Dawes-Butler-Harvey signals of distress have accelerated the rush of Republicans to the LaFollette standard. So word went out of Republican headquarters here, "let us put Davis out of the running and stampe as many Democrats as possible to the Republican ticket. The party of Jefferson has joined hands with the radicals, socialists and anarchists to destroy the constitution and annihilate our republican form of government."

That is the line of argument Mr. Beck takes his Chicago speech delivered on the evening of the 18th. Mr. Beck is considered one of the "best minds" in the Republican party and is not to be associated with those other "best minds" that used to do business at the "little green

TO RENEW INVESTIGATION OF SEC. MELLON'S OFFICE

Senator Couzens Creates Excitement In Republican Circles Over Announcement.

There is excitement in Republican circles in Washington and in other parts of the country over the announcement of Senator Couzens, of Michigan, that he will renew the investigations of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's office. The investigation was discontinued last spring on account of the illness of the Michigan senator. Couzens has just won out in the primary in his state for nomination for the senate although the administration endorsed another man and a desperate effort was made to beat Couzens.

Now Couzens will call the investigating committee together September 17th and resume the hearings that were interrupted last spring. Even the investigation of the Teapot Dome scandals did not cause half the worry and excitement in administration circles last spring as did the Couzens' investigating committee. The main objective of the committee is to search out all the alleged seams and flaws and sources of dereliction of the internal revenue bureau of Commissioner Blair. Senator Couzens wants to show from income tax returns why the Secretary of the Treasury launched his celebrated income tax plan. What the Republican administration most fears, however, is the investigation of the prohibition unit before his committee and throw the spot light on its conduct.

The Democrats say that if the Michigan senator really means business he can in the six weeks before the election turn up enough political dynamite in the prohibition unit to blow up the Republican party. According to those who claim to be on the "inside" there are scandals in this department which if they ever come to light will make Teapot Dome an incident of small importance.

Democratic County Headquarters Open

The Democratic county headquarters were opened Monday morning with county chairman, C. C. Cranford, in charge in person. The headquarters are upstairs in the building occupied by the Asheboro Bargain House, in the offices formerly occupied by Mr. T. C. Moser.

He now defines the "assaults on the constitution" by the Democrats and their alleged partners in crime, the radical Progressives, as the chief issue in the campaign and the chimes are sounding this note all along the line. But to put it across the Democrats must be made to believe that Davis is already a dead cock in the pit. A vote for Davis is a vote to wipe out the constitution and pull down the republic for Davis' election is impossible.

To achieve their purpose the Republicans are relying on a system of the most persistent and unscrupulous propaganda according to observers at Democratic headquarters. Their great fear is that Davis having hit the bulls' eye in the Middle West will repeat his shot in the East. The great Supreme court lawyer has at last taken off his kid gloves and got down to brass tacks but is not bringing his fingers as Dawes is.

HARVEY BUTLER IN JAIL FOR FORGERY

Passes Worthless Checks On Randolph Citizens—Was Arrested In Lexington.

Harvey Butler, seventeen year old youth of the Liberty section, giving his name as Howard White to the Davidson county officers, was arrested in Lexington Friday by the authorities upon request of Sheriff A. Carl Cox, of Randolph, charged with the forgery of two checks on local people. The automobile, a Ford roadster, in his possession, is alleged to have been stolen. Butler is in jail at Asheboro and has not yet been able to furnish bond.

Friday morning young Butler, giving as his name Julian Couz, and claiming to be working with a construction force at Statesville, stopped at Clarence Davis' garage and after making a few purchases of automobile parts and oil and gasoline, gave in payment a check on the First National Bank of Statesville for \$275, making alterations on a blank First National Bank of Asheboro check for the purpose. There were two blank checks in the book handed him and he asked to take the other with him since he had no money with him and might need to make a check for some change before he reached Statesville.

Butler's next stop was at J. C. Routh's place at the old county home on the Asheboro-Thomsonville highway. Here he purchased two inner tubes and a Ford timer from Mrs. Routh, giving a check in the amount of \$22.81 in payment and getting some change in return. This check, which was drawn on the First National Bank of Asheboro, was made to Ernest McPherson and signed to E. E. Davis, evidently being meant for C. E. Davis.

Mrs. Routh came to Asheboro later in the day and brought the check with her and presented it to the bank for payment when it was ascertained that a forgery had been committed. Sheriff Cox was notified and he immediately notified the officers in adjoining towns to be on the lookout for a man of Butler's description. In a short while the Chief of Police of Lexington wired that he had arrested a man of the description given and was holding him for identification. Sheriff Cox and Grady Ridge immediately went to Lexington and Ridge identified the man as being the person who gave the garage the \$275 check. Mr. Routh identified the automobile tubes in the possession of Butler as being those purchased from his store. Butler, when taken to jail, denied that he was the man who gave the bad checks and also denied having been in Asheboro that day.

However, on the return trip to Asheboro the youth confessed to Sheriff Cox that he passed the checks, that his name was Harvey Butler, and that he was a brother of Glenn Butler, who was sentenced at the last term of criminal court to a term in the penitentiary for a number of offences, one being the stealing of wheat from Edgar Brown, of Moore county, and the selling of the grain to the roller mill at Coleridge. Butler talked freely about his misdeeds and expressed the regret that he and his brother should have pursued a course that had gotten them in trouble with the law.

Sheriff Cox immediately wired the automobile department of the office of the secretary of state to ascertain the ownership of the Ford roadster Butler was driving. He was advised that it was registered in the name of F. A. Gessmeyer, of Elkin. Butler admitted that the Ford was a stolen car, but maintained that he bought it paying \$25.00 for the car, although he knew at the time that it was a stolen machine.

R. L. Cavens, of Coleridge, has identified Butler as being with Glenn Butler when he sold stolen wheat to the roller mill at Coleridge some months ago. Edgar Brown, of Moore county, from whom the wheat was stolen was also in Asheboro Tuesday to see Butler.

Wheat Crop Shows Loss 25c on Bushel

The fallacy of the Republican claim that the tariff on wheat imposed by the Fordney-McCumber act "saved the American wheat farmer" is based by figures on production costs and selling prices for 1923 in a bulletin issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department's bulletin shows that wheat on 7,552 farms covered in the survey cost to raise on the average \$1.24 per bushel, and had an average sales value to the grower of 93 cents per bushel, a loss of 31 cents on every bushel of wheat grown. The survey shows and averages that the cost of raising the wheat of 1923 was \$1.55 per acre, leaving an average net cost of \$1.02 per acre on 177 bushels, the average yield in 1923. The average cost of raising the wheat of 1923 was \$1.55 per acre, leaving an average net cost of \$1.02 per acre on 177 bushels, the average yield in 1923. The average cost of raising the wheat of 1923 was \$1.55 per acre, leaving an average net cost of \$1.02 per acre on 177 bushels, the average yield in 1923.



Hon. W. N. Everett Secretary of State Will speak on the Political Issues of the day in the Courthouse at Asheboro, Saturday Afternoon At 2 O'clock

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