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"DEESTRICT SKULE" TO BE GIVEN FEBRUARY 22

Proceeds Will Go Towards Furnishing the Home Economics Class Room in the School.

IS A VERY WORTHY CAUSE

A good, hearty, side-splitting laugh is coming Albemarle's way, and is booked for Tuesday evening, February 22nd. The occasion is the giving of a comic, old-fashioned school closing, with all the cute little boys and dainty lasses as well as the sober dames and stately patrons of fifty years ago. This entertainment is to be given under the auspices of the Merry Matrons Club, and the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the equipping of one of the rooms in the new graded school building for the study of home economics. "The Deestrick Skule" is the official name of the entertainment. There will be in this entertainment interesting little speeches by full-grown men and women, but who will be costumed as little girls and boys, and these will put as much fun into the entertainment as possible. The teacher, the musicians, the fathers and mothers of the children, yes, even the dignified "skule commity" will be represented in the persons of some of Albemarle's most prominent men. That nothing shall be undone to fully carry out the "skule-brakin" idea, even the visiting gentlemen of prominence will be on hand to deliver a school closing address. If we were to give the name of the man who will act the part of the school breaking orator, you would already start laughing now, but the ladies have censured us against naming any of the persons who shall take part. However, you'll know them when the entertainment comes off. You may even know the little girl who recites "Mary's Little Lamb." The admission fee will be 25 cents for small children and 50 cents for the larger children and adults. The entertainment will be given in the graded school auditorium, and will commence at 8:15 o'clock. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend, as the cause for which it is given is a very laudable one. Of course, we take it, all of the News-Herald readers know fully just what home economics covers, but that you may fully appreciate what its full meaning is we quote the following from a recent article appearing in the Greensboro Daily News by Mrs. W. T. Bost:

"Miss Edith M. Thomas, of Raleigh, state supervisor of home economics, whose one aim is to turn out efficient and capable home-makers of the future, has now 50 high school classes in the state taking this course of instruction besides the 10 or 12 evening classes of old women specializing in millinery, dress-making, cooking, or some other branch of the work. "The time has passed," Miss Thomas said a day or two ago, "when only 2 things were included in the Domestic Science course: cooking and sewing. We teach cooking and sewing, of course, but we also teach household budgeting and household management, and any other phase of work in the economics of the home that tends to make good housewives and home-makers." In the high schools Miss Thomas would have home economics a part of the course along with literature, science, mathematics and other branches. She considers that it is of vital importance to the girl to know something of home management, and those things that go into the making of an efficient home when she leaves the high school. Under the old regime, home economics in the school course was considered simply a fad, and even the parents sometimes rather discouraged their daughters taking it up. "You'd better spend your time on your Latin; I can teach you here at home all the sewing and cooking you ought to know," they'd say. And so the college and high school girls were wont to spend long and laborious hours on Latin translation and an infinitesimal fraction of time in the study of making for which a majority of them have a decidedly strong inclination. Neither theoretically or technically can the mother teach the daughter "all she ought to know" in home economics for this is an age of progress, and as a rule, mothers are going to teach their daughters, pretty much the same things that they were taught when they were young. In some cases, of (Continued on page eight.)

WOULD CENSOR MOVIES AND FIX HOTEL RATES

Bill Before House Provides For Censorship Board and Regulations As To Hotels.

LIVELY TILT IN HOUSE

(Raleigh Times.)

Bill providing for State-wide censorship of moving pictures and to regulate the charges of hotels, restaurants and cafes in North Carolina featured the introductions in the lower house of the general assembly at Friday's session.

The two measures were laid before the House just prior to adoption by the body of the conference committee report on Tom Bowie's bill abolishing the office of treasurer of Ashe County by a vote of 59 to 36. The bill was then put before the house and passed.

The first signs of a break in the Doughton-Bowie ranks came after the House had worked its way half through the session when Representative Bowie moved to have his bill providing for a reduction of twenty-five per cent in all real estate values taken from the finance committee. He wanted the House to pass upon the measure before the ad valorem rate for 1921 was agreed upon.

Doughton Objects.

Governor Doughton objected, and asked how the representative from Ashe arrived at the decision that 25 per cent cut was a fair and equitable reduction.

"I do not arrigate to myself the right to say that it is just," Mr. Bowie replied, "but I do contend that the House ought to say whether it is or not, and I am firmly of the opinion that the motion should prevail."

Mr. Bowie, after further objection by Governor Doughton, said that he would withdraw his motion with the understanding that the bill would be acted upon by the committee. This brought the "Grand Old Man" to his feet again.

"I am not speaking for the other members of the finance committee, and I am not making any agreement with anybody," he said amid cheers. "I think the finance committee will recommend a reduction in land valuations, but the work has not been at this time completed."

Representative Bowie then withdrew his motion but served notice that if his bill was not reported by the committee he would renew it at Saturday's session.

Regulate Hotels.

The bill to regulate the charges of hotels, restaurants and cafes in the State was introduced by Representative Gosney of Wake. The bill provides that no hotel operated on the American plan shall be allowed to charge for the room alone "more than one-fourth of the rate per day for that room with all meals and no hotels so operated shall charge for such room with one or more additional meals more than one-fourth of said published rate plus one-fourth of said rate for each meal taken by the guest occupying said room."

Hotels which rent to guests in which there are more than one bed are to be required to make and publish a rate for each room when occupied by only one guest, not to exceed the single rate by more than twenty-five per cent for each additional guest. The bill also provides:

"That no hotel, cafe or restaurant or lunch counter in this state shall charge for any article of food or dish of food served and sold to a patron a price which shall be greater than twice the retail price of such raw article of food or the ingredients of such dish when purchased on the local market."

For violations of the above law a fine of not less than thirty dollars and not more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment of not less than ten and not more than thirty days, or both.

Censorship of Movies.

To carry out the provisions of the State-wide censorship of all moving pictures in the bill introduced by Representative Matthews of Bertie, the North Carolina State Board of censors is provided for, to be composed of two men and one woman, to be appointed by the Governor.

All pictures must be approved by the board, and only those recognized as "moral and proper" are to be en-

BUILDING BOOM HAS STARTED IN THE TOWN

Many Residents Will Begin Construction at Once—Others to Follow in the Near Future.

MORE BUSINESS HOUSES?

The News-Herald has heretofore predicted a great revival in building when the spring opens up, and indications are that our predictions are going to come true.

Clyde Skidmore has purchased a lot in East Albemarle, and says that he will commence the erection of a bungalow in the spring. Lee Morrow, it is announced, will build; Bob Austin and Nat Auton are among those who will build new homes in the near future. Roy Brooks will also build a handsome residence on his lot which is located just opposite from the A. P. Harris home in East Albemarle. There is some talk to the effect that new business buildings may also start in the spring and this we badly need. Just at this time the writer knows of a number of hustling business men who would go in business in Albemarle if they only had a place in which to do business, but there is no vacant store room or offices in the entire town. There never was a time in the history of this or any other town when business headquarters, office rooms, etc., were in greater demand than they are now. Residences for rent are also unobtainable, and just as fast as they are built they are all spoken for long before completion.

Talk also becomes more general as the days pass to the effect that the congregation of the Presbyterian church may decide to get busy in the erection of the new church structure as soon as the weather gets warm and agreeable.

These are just a few of the possibilities which are no longer remote in the building line, and it now seems a certainty that by the time the roses are blooming again the sound of the hammer and the saw will be one of the chief noises heard in and around Albemarle.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETS

The Walter B. Hill Post of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 17th, at 7:30 o'clock, at the court house. Matters of vital importance to the local post will be taken up at this meeting. There are only a few of last year's members who have not paid up for 1921. All dues must be paid in time to reach national headquarters by the 28th of the month or you will be dropped from the roll and your subscription to the American Legion weekly will be discontinued. Every member of the American Legion and all ex-service men are urged to be present.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Almond, Wed., Feb. 16, 3:30.
Mission, Wed., Feb. 16, 7:30.
Endy, Thurs., Feb. 17, 7:30.
Fairview, Fri., Feb. 18, 7:30.
Stanfield, Sat., Feb. 19, 7:30.
Bethel, Mon., Feb. 21, 7:30.
Bloomington, Tues., Feb. 22, 7:30.
Kirk, Wed., Feb. 23, 7:30.
Harward, Thurs., Feb. 24, 7:30.
Brooks, Fri., Feb. 25, 7:30.
Aquadale, Sat., Feb. 26, 7:30.

dorsed, and those "sacrilegious, obscene or clearly immoral, or such as may tend to debase or corrupt the morals of persons viewing them" are to be discontinued.

State Would Pay Bill

Censorship offices are to be established in Raleigh, at State expense and the purpose of the proposed law is to tax the exhibitors on the basis of \$1.00 for each twelve hundred feet of film inspected. The censors are to be bonded in the sum of \$4,000, two thousand and two thousand dollars.

Violation of the provisions of the act carries with it a fine of not exceeding \$50 for the first offense or a jail sentence of not more than 30 days. The act, if passed, is to become operative July 1, 1921.

The engineering bill, on motion of Representative Murphy, was referred to the committee on propositions and grievances. This bill was reported unfavorably by the committee Wednesday.

THOMAS J. JEROME DIES AT HOME IN GREENSBORO

Was Well Known All Over State—Had Practiced Law in Many Towns—Once Editor Here.

WAS A BRILLIANT WRITER

The people of Stanly will read with much concern the following account of the death of Thomas J. Jerome, attorney, formerly of this place, which we clip from the Greensboro Daily News of last Saturday:

"Thomas J. Jerome, 61 years of age, one of the most prominent members of the Guilford Bar Association died at his home, 211 North Edgeworth Street, yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, following a protracted illness.

"The funeral services will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, D. D., pastor of West Market Street Methodist church, assisted by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, and Rev. Robert E. Roe, pastor of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, will have charge of the service. Interment will be made in Green Hill cemetery. The pall-bearers will be selected from members of the Young Men's Bible Class, of West Market Street church, of which he was teacher for a number of years.

"Mr. Jerome was born October 3, 1859, in Union County, North Carolina, the son of the late Captain and Mrs. E. A. Jerome. He spent his boyhood days in that county. In 1891 he married Miss Cora Ross, of Albemarle, and to this union three children were born: Edward C. and Vance Jerome and Miss Mary Kirk Jerome, all of this city. In addition to his widow and children he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Dr. J. R. Jerome, of Wingate, Union County; John E. Jerome, Charlotte; Mrs. John Henry, Ansonville; Mrs. Ellis May, Wingate; Mrs. Geo. Broom, Ansonville; and Mrs. Hugh McWhirter, Wingate.

In 1883, Mr. Jerome started practicing his profession at Albemarle, thence in Monroe, Atlanta and Salisbury. After eight years of successful practice in the latter city, he came to Greensboro, 1915, to make his home. Shortly after his arrival here he and J. I. Scales formed the law partnership of Jerome and Scales. Owing to decline in health he was greatly handicapped while practicing here. For the past five weeks he was confined to his bed.

Mr. Jerome passed an exceptionally bright mind. He wrote extensively. He was the author of Jerome's Criminal Code and Digest of North Carolina, of which four editions were published. He was also the author of two novels: "Ku Klux Klan No. 40" and "The Christ; the Evidence of His Divinity Reviewed from the stand point of a Lawyer." The latter book was written since his coming to this city.

"In 1898 Mr. Jerome represented the district composed of Union, Stanly and Anson counties in the state senate. In 1900 he was a candidate on the Democratic ticket for attorney general. After this he gave up politics.

"He was widely known throughout the state, having appeared in a number of prominent legal battles. He figured prominently in the Whitney receivership at Salisbury ten years ago.

"Before the Aberdeen and Asheboro railroad was sold to the Norfolk Southern, he represented it as general counsel.

"Mr. Jerome was an ardent Christian, and was always in the front rank of any christian movement. Shortly after coming to Greensboro, he became an active member of West Market Street Methodist Church. He was prominent in North Carolina Masonic circles, being a member of the local Corinthian commandery. He also was a Shriner, a member of Oasis Temple, Charlotte."

Mr. Jerome is widely known throughout this entire county, where he continued to practice his profession regularly up until within a year or two of his death, although he resided in another county. He was at one time editor of The Albemarle News.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF STATE-WIDE INTEREST

Digest of Happens of Week Gleaned From the Files of Our Exchanges.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Monroe, Feb. 12.—One of the most interesting actions ever filed in Union county civil court will be called for trial Wednesday, the 23rd, when the action known locally as the "Ross Will Case," will come up. More than a hundred relatives of the late Maggie and Sallie Ross, maiden ladies of Sturdy Ridge Township, are trying to break the will of these ladies, by which a thousand acres of fine farming lands and several thousand dollars in money was bequeathed to three negroes.

London, Feb. 10.—While British naval experts have not yet decided whether or not the submarine has out-classed big \$40,000,000 battleships in war, the controversy, started by Admiral Sir Percy Scott, has provided the country with a laugh.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, President-elect Harding's successor in the Senate, will deliver the principal address at the opening session of the Southern Commercial Congress at the Willard Hotel in this city on March 1st. Senator Willis will speak on "Today's National Problems."

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 13.—Although several decisions remain to be made in regard to the cabinet selections, President-elect Harding is confident the problem will be solved in a way acceptable to all elements of his party.

Paris, Feb. 12.—Love again is taking a hand in international affairs, complicating policies and traditions, by softening the hatred between the French and Germans in the Rhenish territory now occupied by the French troops under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles.

Chester, S. C., Feb. 13.—Associate Justice George W. Gage, of the South Carolina Supreme court, died at his home here at 6 o'clock this evening after a long illness. Justice Gage is the second associate justice of the South Carolina Supreme court to die in less than one month, Associate Justice Daniel Hydric having died January 15.

Lumberton, Feb. 13.—A Robeson couple were married twice in three days' time. The couple ran away and were married in Dillon County, South Carolina, on Saturday. When they returned as husband and wife, the bride's father insisted that they be remarried, and they were. The second marriage was solemnized here on Monday afternoon, the license having been bought in the usual manner.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Congress will be asked to enact special legislation authorizing the Shipping Board to employ vessels to haul to China grain donated by American farmers for the relief of the starving in that country, and giving the Navy Department permission to pay the necessary expenses of volunteer naval reserves to form crews for the vessel, it was announced today after a conference between Secretary Daniels and Chairman Benson of the Shipping Board.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Great Britain made a formal proposal that the United States discontinue all capital ship construction contained in its big naval program of 1911, including ten giant super-dreadnoughts and six battle cruisers, it was learned from a high official source.

Kinston, Feb. 13.—The Kinston fans baseball committee have started out to get the money with "all kinds of encouragement" from the clubmen of the city. Business men are pledging liberally. Thirty-odd members of the Kiwanis club have pledged to take stock. They will account for not less than one-fourth of the capital needed for a start.

Arthur Pickler, of Pine Hurst, spent the week end with his family in East Albemarle.

HOOVER SUPPER WAS A MOST ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Several Hundred Dollars Were Raised As Result of Unique Drive For European Relief.

TICKETS SOLD FOR \$5.00

A very enjoyable and interesting occasion during the past week was the Hoover Banquet given by the Woman's Club of Albemarle to the men of the city last Thursday evening at the Maralise Hotel. The occasion was one designed to raise funds for the benefit of the starving children of Europe, and quite a large number of the business and professional men of the city attended. Of course the menu was not elaborate, as the name "Hoover Banquet" suggests, but nevertheless the same was exceedingly palatable for a hungry man. After the past, Attorney W. L. Mann, who acted as toast master, called upon a number of those present, who made short but interesting addresses on various subjects. Among those making speeches were Messrs. R. L. Brown, G. D. B. Reynolds, A. C. Huncyett, Rev. R. S. Howie, and Rev. Q. C. Davis. After these had made short addresses Mr. Mann called upon H. L. Horton for a short speech. Mr. Horton arose and asked that he be allowed to substitute Mr. Charles A. Smith. Mr. Smith responded with a few brief remarks, and closed by moving that the price of the tickets to the banquet be doubled by those present, and asked all to stand who were in favor of this motion. Every one present promptly stood up.

Several hundred dollars were raised for the benefit of the starving children of Europe as a result of the banquet.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the members of the Woman's Club, Miss Mabry and others assisting in making the occasion such an enjoyable one.

COTTON EXPORTS.

New York, Feb. 13.—Cotton manufactures exports of the United States made a record during 1920 and the United States now supplies nearly 15 per cent of the cotton goods entering international trade as compared with about five per cent at the beginning of the World War. These facts are the outstanding features of an analysis of the cotton manufacturers exports, or the country announced today by the National City Bank. It shows \$400,000,000 worth of cotton manufactures were sent out of the United States last year, while only \$51,000,000 worth were exported in the year immediately preceding the war.

About 850,000,000 yards of cotton cloths were exported as compared with 326,000,000 yards in 1914, with prices averaging 29 cents a yard as about seven cents a yard in 1914. Although the United States produces two-thirds of the world's cotton, the country had never been a large exporter of cotton goods until the war conditions cut off the cotton goods markets of the world from their usual source of supplies when these markets naturally turned to the United States.

This demand for American cotton goods comes from everywhere, and in increasing volume, the analysis states. Argentina took 45,000,000 yards compared with 1,500,000 in 1914; Brazil took 9,000,000 compared with 100,000,000 and South America as a whole took 425,000,000 as compared with 53,000,000, or eight times as much in quantity, notwithstanding prices averaged approximately four times as much as in 1914. Canada increased her takings from 25,000,000 to 75,000,000 yards, while Australia is also supplying her mother country by increasing her consumption of American cotton.

International trade in cotton goods averaged about \$1,100,000,000 yearly, prior to the war, of which the United States supplied about \$50,000,000. Last year the world's trade aggregated Great Britain, who buys most of her cotton from the United States, still leads in world cotton goods trade, her total exports last year, at par for sterling, having been about \$1,900,000,000. American exports totalled \$400,000,000; France \$275,000,000; Japan \$25,000,000 and Switzerland \$150,000,000.