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CONTEST CLOSES MARCH 5. FORTY-FOUR WORKING DAYS REMAIN FOR THE CONTESTANTS.

All Contestants Will Now Go to Work with More Zeal than Ever to Win the Elegant Piano or One of the Other Splendid Prizes.

The TIMES' Piano Contest will close on Saturday, March 5, 1909, at 12 o'clock. The average length of news contests of this kind is three months, and THE TIMES' contest will be running just three months on the above date. In our last issue the Collegiate Institute has cast nearly 5,000 votes, which puts it again at the head of the list. Miss McEachern makes a considerable gain in her vote, while Miss Watkins goes up from 2045 to 3075. Several others make good gains. The Piano Contest is stirring and the race is waxing warm each day. The contestants are devoting considerable time to getting subscriptions, and with very encouraging results. Besides many new subscribers lots of old ones are renewing way ahead, to aid some favorite of the contest.

The interest of the contestants and their friends continues unabated and loyalty to their favorites has taken the form of great zeal with their supporters. No sign of weakening nor "defection from the ranks" is discernible anywhere along the line, and it is destined to be the most spirited contest ever witnessed in this community.

Each day discloses some new resource or supporter of some one of the contestants quietly at work in that one's interest, and pretty nearly every time they come to note it is to find ballots already in for them, cast by some friend they did not know of, but whose name signed to the ballot pointing to a here-to-fore unknown ally. Their spirited race has commanded the admiration of the public.

As to who will get the piano, the matter is yet as much an uncertainty as it was when the contest first started.

The vote to-day stands as follows:

Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute.....	19,652
Miss Margie McEachern, Concord.....	16,880
Miss Laura Barnhardt, Concord.....	8,455
Rocky River High School.....	6,555
Company L, Concord.....	6,170
Miss Mary Moser Misenheimer, No. 5 Township.....	5,750
Miss Grace Watkins, Concord.....	3,955
Mrs. C. C. Hill, Glass.....	2,770
Miss Ola Yerton, Newell.....	1,580
Miss Loula Hartsell.....	1,012
Miss Bertha Linker, Concord.....	950
Miss Aylma Ridenhour.....	450
Kannapolis School.....	250
Miss Louise Means, Concord.....	250
Miss Lena Harris, Concord.....	150

Hit Him on the Head.

Mr. Walter Turner, who manages Mr. M. F. Teeter's store in Harrisburg, had a rather serious difficulty with a negro man named Al King in Morrison's store there last Friday evening. About ten days ago the negro purchased a sack of flour from Mr. Turner and promised to pay him in a day or two. Last Friday evening Mr. Turner went to Mr. Morrison's store with a patented single tree he is agent for, and on going in the store he saw the King negro and ask him to settle with him for the flour. The negro told him that he had no business in that store and he had better get out, whereupon Mr. Turner hit him a terrific blow on the head with the single tree, knocking him down and cutting a bad gash on his head. The negro walked to his home, three miles from Harrisburg, but was taken seriously ill soon after he arrived home. Dr. Grier attended him and the latest reports from there are that he is getting along alright. Fortunately for him, he was hit on the head.

The Laymen's Meeting.

A quite a number of the laymen of the different churches of the city will attend the Laymen's Movement Convention, now in session at Greensboro. Among those who will attend as representatives of their churches here are: Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, Messrs. F. C. Niblock, E. D. Sherrill, Frank Carroll and Z. A. Morris, from the First Presbyterian church; Messrs. W. Reece Johnson, D. B. Coltrane, J. B. Sherrill, Col. Paul E. Means and Rev. Plato Durham, from Central Methodist church; Messrs. W. A. Stone and James C. Fink, from Forest Hill Methodist church; Mr. Hope Alexander, from Cannonville Presbyterian Church and Mr. Will. L. Morris, from Patterson Mill church. Prof. Geo. F. McAllister, of Mt. Pleasant, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Greensboro to attend the meeting as a delegate from the Lutheran Church of that town.

After the Vagrants.

This sounds like business, and is needed elsewhere than in Charlotte. Recorder Smith of Charlotte, said to his Chief of Police last Monday: "Chief, I want you to instruct all your officers to round up all of the vagrants and bring them before me. If they are guilty I will punish them and if they are working and can support themselves I will let them go, but this thing of vagrants, both white and black, in the city has got to stop and we will have to use extreme measures to do it. Intend doing just that thing and believe that we can make them all go to work or leave."

The seventeen months old son of Mr. Walter Plyler, of Forest Hill, died Tuesday morning.

LOCAL PENCLINGS.

Short Items of Local Interest in City, County and This Section.

The annual inspection of Co. L will take place March 22.

Mrs. P. B. Fetzer entertained the Emery Club Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. F. Goodson entertained the Game Club Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. D. R. Hoover is now traveling salesman for the York Furniture Co.

The city of Concord is now enjoying a round of the chicken pox, mumps and measles.

Mr. C. L. White has been confined to his home for a week threatened with blood poison.

Miss Elma Sp... who was confined to her home for several days with appendicitis, is now able to be up.

Miss Mary Bingham will entertain the Euchre Club next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home on Georgia Avenue.

Mr. Robert A. Cloyd moved recently from the E. P. Deal place, in No. 5 township, which he sold to Mr. J. Wallace Cook, back to his old home in No. 3 township.

Mrs. R. H. Jordan, of Spencer, Va., and Mr. P. H. Watson, of Martinsville, Va., were married yesterday afternoon. The bride is the widow of Mr. R. H. Jordan, of Charlotte.

Mr. Turner Walker, of No. 6 township, had the misfortune Tuesday of getting his fingers caught in his wood saw, and the ends of two or three of them were sawed nearly off.

Mr. M. Safrin, of No. 6 township, was in Concord to-day for the first time in over five weeks. He has been laid up for some time with a disabled foot, caused by receiving a cut from his axe.

Miss Alma King, telegraph operator at the Postal Telegraph office, has accepted a position as operator in the company's office in Hendersonville. Miss King will leave as soon as the company sends some one to relieve her.

Miss Emma Rudolph, the popular milliner of H. L. Parks & Co., left Tuesday for her home at Winchester, Va. Miss Rudolph has a host of friends here, who will be pleased to learn that she will be with this firm again next season.

The Southern Railway will sell low round trip tickets to the Mardi Gras festivals at New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, from February 1 to 7, good to return until the 19th. Tickets can be extended until March 7th by depositing same with special agent at destination on or before February 19th, and upon payment of fee of \$1.00.

Following a long illness from tuberculosis, Mr. John Eagle, a well known railway mail clerk between Washington and Atlanta, died at his home in Salisbury Monday. He was 30 years old and is survived by a wife and one child. He was a son of Mr. Joseph Eagle, of Gold Hill, where the burial took place Tuesday.

Mr. Martin V. Sykes, son of Mr. J. C. Sykes, of this county, returned Friday from Columbus, O., where he went to join the regular army. He was unable to pass the examination on account of some slight physical defect. He had been gone about two months. Mr. Frank McDaniel, son of Mr. J. H. McDaniel, went with Mr. Sykes. He was accepted, and is now serving at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Asheville correspondence Greensboro News, 10th: "Patrolman McConnell has just returned from Concord, where he placed Violet Weaver, a 12-year-old boy, who was sentenced by the police court to go to school at the Jackson Training School. The Weaver boy was convicted of larceny. This makes five boys that Buncombe has sent to the Training School, and reports indicate that they are all doing well and taking interest in their work."

Superintendent Boger has received a notice from State Superintendent Joyner, saying that the order for maps from the schools of Cabarrus county had been received and forwarded to the publishers. They will be sent out to the different schools at an early date and each teacher is requested to collect the amount due from each school, so as to be able to make prompt settlement. The price of the maps are 25 cents each.

Henry Osby, a South Carolina negro, was arrested yesterday morning by Chief Boger, charged with stealing a bible, memorandum book and lead pencil from the McDavid store Tuesday morning. He carried the articles down to Barrier & Widenhouse's store and wanted to trade them for some merchandise. Mr. Barrier suspected that the goods had been stolen and traded for them so that he could investigate the matter. He immediately notified Chief Boger, who arrested the negro. The negro was identified by Mr. McDavid as being one who was in his store the day before, and after being questioned by the officer he finally admitted his being guilty of stealing the goods. He is now in jail.

Mr. L. A. Graeber, of Yazoo City, Miss., is now visiting relatives in Cabarrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Delma Petrea are making their home at Mr. J. P. Query's.

The congregation of the M. P. Church pounded their pastor last Saturday night.

Mr. M. O. Harris has gone to High Point, where he has a position with the Peerless Machine Works.

Mr. Charles Cotton Moore will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Clerk of the Court in Mecklenburg this year.

Dr. Amzi W. Alexander, one of Charlotte's oldest and most honored citizens, died Wednesday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George B. Hanna, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Geo. S. Klutz, the well known lumber dealer, of No. 6, has rented the room recently vacated by Smith Scott over Jno. L. Miller's store, and will open a branch office there.

Lee Christian, a typical ante-bellum negro of the old slavery days, is spending several days in the city, visiting his relatives and calling on what he terms his young "masters" and "mistresses." Before the war he belonged to Mr. Samuel Christian, a very prominent and wealthy citizen of Montgomery county. He makes his home in Raleigh.

Mr. Lacy Cochran was right painfully injured yesterday by falling off of the ticket booth in the Pastime moving picture show. He was tacking some cloth to the wall and while he was reaching over driving a tack he lost his balance and fell, his body striking a small step ladder. He was painfully bruised on his hip and received several other small bruises.

The Vassar Girls Next Week.

Among the most notable recent achievements of the lyceum managers in providing a high grade of entertainment for Southern audiences has been the engagement of the Eight Vassar Girls, who will appear here at the graded school auditorium Thursday night, January 20, under the auspices of the Radcliffe Agency, and the presentation at popular prices of a splendid attraction that has heretofore been monopolized by the large cities of the north and west.

The history of this remarkable company of accomplished young women is of itself a matter of no little interest. Ten years ago, or more, a wealthy and liberally inclined man, by some curious process of ideal-hunting, determined, without regard to time or expense, to educate a double quartette of girls for concert work. He selected, from his own personal acquaintanceship, eight young women marked for their superior character and musical ability, furnished them with the means to complete their literary and musical education, and then awaited results. Five years passed and then the girls came forth from the school. An initial performance in a big eastern city was an instantaneous success and since then for five more years, large and enthusiastic audiences in cities from New York to San Francisco have demanded return engagements.

The Eight Vassar Girls with their splendid program of instrumental music are now appearing regularly in a number of Southern cities and will be one of the stellar attractions of the entire season, in Concord.

The Radcliffe Lyceum Co., wrote to Mr. Leutz to make the price of admission for this entertainment \$1.50 and \$1.00, but he decided to make it as usual, only 50 cents.

To Celebrate Lee and Jackson's Birthdays.

The Dodson-Ramsey Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will celebrate the birthdays of Gen. Lee and Jackson on January 19th. This will take place at the Pythian Hall at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of that day. There will be several short addresses, music and songs, followed by a presentation of crosses of honor to those who are entitled to them. Rev. Plato Durham will be the principal speaker, and all talks will be brief. Everybody is cordially invited, and the old soldiers are especially invited. The treasurer, Mrs. D. B. Morrison, asks that all members of the chapter who have not paid their dues come prepared to pay them on this occasion.

Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

The stockholders of this excellent institution met last Monday in their regular annual meeting. All the old officers were re-elected. Two new directors, Mr. J. Frank Goodman and Dr. D. G. Caldwell, were elected in the place of two that had died, Messrs. H. L. Parks and W. W. Morrison. The past year was the best year of business this bank has had, and the usual semi-annual dividend of three per cent. was declared. The stock of this bank is now worth 116, and the surplus is \$4,600.

Mrs. Emma Boyd, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent a few hours here Tuesday with Mrs. R. S. Wheeler.

AT THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND RECEPTION TO MR. AND MRS. ROTH.

Administration Building to Be Erected at Once.—Industrial Building Formally Presented.—King's Daughters Give Check for \$500.00.—Dr. Dixon's Fine Address.

Yesterday was a most eventful day in the history of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School, which is accomplishing so much in the noble work of saving the wayward boys of North Carolina. It was the anniversary of the first birthday of the institution, and the occasion of the annual meeting of the board of trustees and the reception given to Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Roth, of Elkin, who formally presented the institution with the handsome and commodious Industrial Building. On account of the press of private business Dr. Royster, of Raleigh, resigned as secretary of the board, and Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, was elected secretary. The chairman of the board, Mr. J. P. Cook, Superintendent Walter Thompson and the treasurer, Mr. D. B. Coltrane, made their annual reports, all of which were very encouraging. The finances of the institution are in capital shape, much of which is due to the untiring efforts of the chairman of the board, Mr. J. P. Cook.

The board instructed the authorities of the school to begin at once the construction of an Administration Building and another cottage similar to the two now in use. The Administration Building will be large and commodious. In this building will be the quarters of the superintendent, the offices for the transaction of business, the detention room and numerous other rooms that will be needed in the administration of the institution.

The additional cottage that is to be built now is to be provided by the educational forces of the State by securing subscriptions to The Uplift, the monthly magazine published by the authorities of the school. When The Uplift first began publication there was no one connected with the school who was experienced in journalism, and the authorities secured Mr. J. P. Cook to take charge of the editorial work of the magazine and to launch the publication; which has been a valuable contribution to journalism in this State. He has done his work nobly and well, and yesterday the board unanimously selected him to guide the destinies of this publication in the capacity of editor-in-chief, with all the boys of the school as his assistants.

Following the meeting of the board the exercises of the day were held, when the Industrial Building was formally presented to the school by Mr. J. F. Hurley, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Roth, of Elkin, who very generously donated this building to the institution several months ago. Superintendent Thompson presided at the meeting, and the exercises of the day were opened by the boys of the school and the audience singing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," with Mrs. Plato Durham presiding at the piano. Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier made the invocation; after which Mr. Hurley presented to the school the finished Roth Industrial Building. Mr. J. P. Cook in a few well chosen remarks accepted the building in behalf of the institution. At this point Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Weldon, representing the King's Daughters of the State, handed to Chairman Cook a check for \$500.00 for the Training School.

Mr. D. B. Coltrane, treasurer of the institution, introduced to the audience Dr. B. F. Dixon, State Auditor of North Carolina, who delivered a masterful address on Uplift Works, emphasizing the work which was represented by the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School. Following Dr. Dixon's address the boys and the audience sang "The Old North State," after which the benediction was announced by Superintendent Smith, of the Thompson Orphanage, of Charlotte. Prior to these exercises a general reception was held with the board of trustees and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Roth in the receiving line, during which time all present were served with a substantial lunch.

This meeting on the 12th of January will be made an annual one, as it is the date upon which the institution was founded, and it might be termed Benefactors Day, considering the number of gifts the institution received yesterday. It is the hope of the trustees and officers of the school to make this a great institution by the cultivation of benevolence and a missionary spirit on the part of our people, and the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. Roth is the first answer of the wisdom of their hope and prophecy.

Among the out of town visitors present were: Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, Mrs. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Weldon; Miss Easdale Shaw, of Rockingham; Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte; Mrs. A. L. Coble, of Statesville; Hon. J. H. Tucker, of Asheville; Mr. C. W.

Hunt and Superintendent Smith, of the Thompson Orphanage, of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Roth, of Elkin. Quite a large number of people were present from Concord and the county.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A Partial List of Those Among Us Who Come and Go.

Mrs. C. W. Swink is visiting in Statesville.

Mr. Henry L. Propst, of Lexington was here yesterday.

Mr. John Trice, of Lexington, is visiting his grand parents, Capt. and Mrs. Wm. Propst.

Mrs. H. M. Barrow and Miss Adelaide will leave to-day for Norfolk to spend several months.

Mrs. T. J. Gattis (nee Miss Mayfield Cole) is expected in Concord in a few days to visit friends.

Rev. J. Q. Adams, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in the city, the guest of Rev. S. N. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ivey, who were married in Lake City, S. C., last Tuesday arrived home last night.

Miss Weller, who has been nursing Miss Sudie Smith, returned to her home in Charlotte yesterday.

Rev. W. L. Hutchins attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Masons at Raleigh this week.

Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, of Lancaster, will arrive the last of the week to visit at Judge Montgomery's.

Mrs. Fannie Bynum will leave on Thursday of next week for Raleigh, where she will visit Mrs. J. O. Guthrie for some time.

Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., Mrs. M. L. Cannon and Miss Shirley Montgomery will go to Charlotte Saturday to see "Paid in Full."

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wall who have been visiting Mr. Wall's parents in Henrietta, for the past week, will arrive home to-night.

Mrs. Morris Caldwell and children who were visiting at Mr. R. V. Caldwell's, in No. 2, left Tuesday morning for their home in Wilmington.

Attorney Welsh Galloway, of Brevard, spent yesterday in the city on legal business connected with the lawsuit between the Brevard Light and Water Power Co., and The Board of Water and Light Commissioners of this city.

"Parsifal" Friday Night.

In the scenic production of "Parsifal" to be presented at the Concord opera house Friday night of this week, human ingenuity, art and skill have succeeded in creating effects that impress the mind as actually belonging to the realms of fairyland. In the first scene in the third act, the curtain reveals the sorcerer, Klingsor, in his awesome abode, commanding Kundry to appear. The grim shadows of the place just reveal the darker forms of the magician and his slave. In a twinkling, the scene has vanished and the spectator looks in astonished bewilderment on a garden of flowers and playing fountains, where a company of fair girls dart here and there amid the tinted loveliness, in all the abandon and beauty of youth and charm. In an instant, while the spray of the fountains forms rainbow webs against the delicately colored background, and while the gay laughter of maidens fills the air, the Utopian vision is blotted out, a desert appears where flowers bloomed, and prone in the arid sand lie spent and withered human forms.

In Martin & Emery's production of "Parsifal," this and other equally marvelous stage illusions, will be seen. The performance will be a masterly effort, as the members of the visiting company have been chosen for proved ability and special aptitude in the various roles.

Owing to the unusual length of the performance, the first curtain will rise at 7:45 sharp. Auditors should be seated at that time as the darkened auditorium will prevent showing anyone to their seats during the rendition of the first act.

Dr. Johnson Has Not Sold His Farm.

EDITOR Times:—I see a local in your last issue of THE TIMES that I have sold my farm and gone in the drug business at Richmond. I'm curious to know where you got your information. I have not sold my farm and have no idea of going to Richmond to re-enter the drug business. Please correct and come up to see us. Yours truly, D. D. JOHNSON.

Western View Farm., Va., Jan. 12.

Mr. D. B. Penich, of Austin, Texas, died last Monday morning after a long illness of paralysis. He was formerly of this county, and had many friends here. He was a brother of the late Mrs. M. A. Phifer.

Mr. Frank Cannon has rented his house to Mr. C. C. Ramseur till next September, and the latter will move into it next Monday.