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THIRD RED CROSS ROLL CALL TO BEGIN SUNDAY

Plans for Campaign in Caldwell County Being Perfected—Chairmen of Township Committees Are Appointed

Plans for the Third Red Cross Roll Call in Lenoir and Caldwell county are rapidly nearing completion, according to Mark Squires, chapter roll call chairman. The campaign begins over the entire county Sunday, Nov. 2, and continues until Monday, the 11th.

Preparatory to the canvass all township and precinct chairmen are requested to meet in Lenoir Monday morning at 11 o'clock to receive final instructions for the campaign and to discuss the plans of the canvass. The township and precinct chairmen appointed are as follows:

Town of Lenoir, the American Legion, committee as follows: Mat Bernhardt, chairman; Roby Courtney, Wallace Lindsay, L. A. Dysart and Roy Moore; Lenoir township outside of Lenoir, Mrs. F. B. Mitchell; Lower Creek township outside of Lenoir, Mrs. J. A. Raby; Globe and Wilson Creek, F. P. Moore; John's River, J. N. Moore; Mulberry, J. A. Laxton; Richlands precinct, C. J. Dobbin; Patterson, I. C. Watts; Yadin Valley, Mrs. R. T. Lenoir; Buffalo Cove precinct, John W. Hamlet; King's Creek, Mrs. George Laxton; Little River, T. E. Story; North Catawba, R. L. Miller; Hudson, Miss Laura Brown.

American Legion to Work
This roll call will be the first real opportunity the soldiers have had to show their appreciation for the marvelous work of the Red Cross during the war. That the soldiers thoroughly appreciate this work, and are ready to show their appreciation in a practical way is evident from the fact that in Lenoir the responsibility for the city has been assumed by the Lenoir post of the American Legion. The legion will put in the field men who will go after Red Cross members just as they went after German scalps at Bellecour and in the Argonne. If anybody wants to know what the soldier really thinks of the Red Cross let him have the temerity to refuse to become a member when one of these soldier-campaigners comes to him.

In this campaign the American people will be asked to renew their membership for 1920 and contribute \$15,000,000 for the future work of the organization.

Foremost will be nation-wide activity for the promotion of public health and hand-in-hand with this crusade will go a vigorous campaign for the extension of the country's nursing resources; the broadening of Red Cross home service, which in the war proved so helpful through the assistance it was able to give the families of soldiers and sailors; to be of general usefulness where other social agencies are lacking; greatly increased Junior Red Cross activities; extension of relief resources for the victims of the war in this country and overseas, and preparation to fulfill whatever duties may be laid upon it as the official volunteer relief society authorized to assist the army and navy.

The plan of the Red Cross public

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MR. LOOPER, CALDWELL MAN, SELLS TOBACCO

"Statesville warehousemen find that tobacco grown in Caldwell county is, on the average, of a higher grade than that grown elsewhere in their trade territory," according to Mr. W. M. Moore of the Statesville Sentinel, who was here for the week end to visit his family. "It seems," Mr. Moore said, "that the land in the southeastern section of the county is better adapted to the growth of the weed than any other section of this part of the State."

A number of Caldwell farmers are selling tobacco on the Statesville market, Mr. Moore said. "Among the Caldwell county tobacco growers on that market during the past few days was Mr. W. P. Looper of Granite Falls. Mr. Looper's load of tobacco weighed 490 pounds and sold for \$481.80, or an average of 83 cents per pound."

In talking with Mr. Moore Mr. Looper said that he expected to realize about \$2,000 from his tobacco crop this year. Mr. Looper had about seven acres of land in tobacco this year, but said that he had a very poor stand.

RANSOM PAID FOR RELEASE OF AMERICAN CONSUL

Release of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Pueblo, Mex., who was kidnapped by bandits on Oct. 19, was effected by payment of the \$150,000 in gold demanded by the captors, the State department at Washington was advised Monday by the American embassy at Mexico City. The dispatch did not make clear whether the Mexican government or friend of Jenkins paid the ransom.

DOCTOR DOES NOT USE OWN PRESCRIPTIONS

Granite Falls Is Thinking of Having a Fair of Her Own—Thinks It Would Be Easy—Other Interesting Things

The Methodist congregation here is more than pleased to have the same preacher back again.

Miss Leslie Starnes, who has a position at Winston-Salem, is coming home on a visit Saturday.

Mrs. P. L. Terrell, who is here on a visit, is still very sick.

Mrs. M. L. Moore and little son, Jimmie, were pretty sick a few days the first of the week, but are better at this time.

Mr. Parker Hayes, after trying Taylorsville as a place of abode, is moving back to Granite Falls.

Mrs. M. E. Jones entertained the Ladies' Aid Society at her home Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. James Shaver is moving here from his old home near Oak Hill so as to be near his work at the old Granite cotton mill.

Monday morning a little daughter, their first, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Whisnant.

A Mrs. Darden of Gainesville, Ga., is here to superintend Mr. Hickman's shirt factory, which will start up immediately.

Our telephone central is in new hands again. This time it is Miss Sadie Rosenberger by day and Miss Willie Houck at night.

Have you heard the mocking birds Dr. Russell says playing checkers singing their spring songs again these mornings? If not it's because you don't get up early.

For the week end Mrs. A. A. Cline had as her guests the following: Mrs. Rollins of Caroleen, Miss Sallie Lynch and Mr. Arthur Harrell of Henrietta and Misses Long and Morris of Davenport College.

Dr. Russell says playing checkers soothes and quiets his nerves, yet when any of the rest of us have a case of frolicking nerves he prescribes calomel, pills or hypodermic. After this we'll play fox and geese.

If the word "Finis" is finally written on the books of the Caldwell Fair Association then Lovelady township will have a fair of her own. All we will need is some strips of oilcloth with figures on them, some junk of various kinds and a fellow to whirl a wheel Indagareth y? I Lshrdlupshrd quarters as the suckers put them down.

JUDGE BOYD RETIRES

After serving almost two decades as presiding officer of the United States court for the western district of North Carolina and following 40 years spent in public life, Judge Jas. E. Boyd of Greensboro has asked President Wilson to allow him to retire. It is thought Congressman Webb will be made his successor.

METHODISTS SECURE THE RETURN OF MR. SHERRILL

Bishop Darlington Granted Request; Members Up in Arms Over Announcement of Change; A Meeting for Protest

Lenoir Methodists cleared for action Tuesday when the announcement came that Rev. R. D. Sherrill was to be sent to Waynesville. Tuesday afternoon and night there was much caucusing among the stewards and members until they succeeded in getting in touch with Bishop Darlington at Charlotte and receiving his assurance that Mr. Sherrill's appointment would be changed back to Lenoir. The final announcement of the change came Wednesday morning.

The announcement that Mr. Sherrill was to be sent elsewhere came as a complete surprise to the church membership. It was generally understood that he was to come back to Lenoir. He had only been here one year and his congregation was well satisfied with his work. He had succeeded in bringing the new church building out of debt and had done efficient work as pastor.

Church officials who were in touch with Bishop Darlington were informed that Mr. Sherrill was given another appointment because the bishop understood that an embarrassing situation had developed between the church, or Mr. Sherrill and President Craven of Davenport College. The change was to relieve this unfortunate situation.

BOUND OVER FOR SELLING A QUART BLOCKADE LIQUOR

Dick McCall was bound over Monday to the Superior Court by Mayor Lenoir on a charge of selling a quart of blockade liquor. The sale was made to R. E. Craig at the fair grounds on the last night of the fair, according to the evidence. McCall was placed under a bond of \$300 for his appearance at the next term of court.

Lee Wells, colored, was also before Mayor Lenoir Monday charged with having used an axe on the person of Robert Dallinger. This affair was staged at the Wilson Lumber Company crossing. Wells was bound over and was required to put up a cash bond for his appearance at the coming term of court.

CONFERENCE HELD ON UNTIL MONDAY NIGHT

Reports Show a Great Period of Growth—Appointments Read; Other Matters of Interest to the Public

The Western North Carolina Methodist Conference, in session at Greensboro, adjourned Monday after selecting Salisbury as the next meeting place over Hicwory, which put in a strong bid. Among many items of general interest will be noted the healthy growth as shown in the reports submitted.

The statistical and financial tables show gratifying progress during the past year. There has been an increase of 3,386 in church membership, the total having now reached 113,800. Number of Sunday schools, 820, number of officers, teachers and scholars, 99,587. There are 11 presiding elders' districts and 469 pastoral charges, including the 20 new charges established by this conference.

The increase in the amount paid pastors reaches \$40,577. The grand total raised for all purposes during the past year amounts to the snug sum of \$1,202,648.

The churches, of which there are 859, are valued at \$3,500,000, and the 225 parsonages have a value of \$675,000. The conference has a joint interest with the eastern conference in Trinity College and Greensboro College for Women and holds in its own right Davenport, Rutherford, Weaver colleges and Jefferson school.

The children's home at Winston-Salem is the property of the conference and one of its most fondly cherished institutions.

The Western North Carolina conference, which has approximately 10,000 more members than its sister conference, the North Carolina, is the third largest in the entire church. The two that excel numerically are the North Georgia and the Virginia. The conference went on record against universal military training and urged our Senators and members of the House to use their influence and votes to defeat the pending bill or any other measure that would require military training in times of peace by all our young men.

Davenport College Report
One of the interesting reports coming to the conference was that of Davenport College, whose president is Rev. J. B. Craven. President Craven is an educator of high ideals, and at all times zealous for the most thorough work to be accomplished by his students. In consequence of the standards maintained by this leader in all things that are really worth while in education, Davenport College has become one of the very best schools in all this section for the training of young women.

The report of Davenport College

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DR. COFFEY IS INTERESTED IN S. C. OIL PROSPECT

Dr. L. H. Coffey, a local oil magnate who recently returned from a trip through South Carolina, tells of the probable discovery of oil near Clio, S. C. Dr. Coffey also has a newspaper clipping from the Columbia State, which gives the history of this phenomena near Clio. The clipping reads:

"About two years ago strong evidence of oil was discovered on the plantation of C. H. Jackson at Five Forks, near Clio. It was a very wet season and an excavation that was being made on the place became filled with water that seeped in from below ground. It was observed that a heavy scum of greasy substance began appearing on the surface of the water, and though disturbed and partially removed each day, it readily reformed. Discussing this phenomena with acquaintances, they became curious and began investigating and speculating on the probable composition of the substance. A newspaper which was saturated with the substance burned with explosive rapidity, which was sufficient evidence of oil possibilities to create considerable excitement. Reports reached the newspapers and great crowds drove there daily from all parts of the Carolinas to see for themselves, many of them carrying away samples for the purpose of analysis. Mr. Jackson himself had samples analyzed and the unanimous report was that the samples contained crude oil. Men who had lived in Texas and other oil countries were sure that oil was present, as the conditions of water, ground and general appearance of the territory suggested the presence of oil in large quantities. Mr. Jackson was urged at the time to develop the output and offers from experts from all over the country were heaped upon him, but he decided to wait until conditions were more favorable before beginning the project. Knowing what it means to that section of the county to have it known that oil is really to be found there, the people have continually been after Mr. Jackson to have the land drilled, offering all kinds of assurances of the success of the enterprise. This he has finally agreed to do, and has petitioned for a charter, asking for a commission to create a corporation of about \$100,000, the estimated cost of carrying the operations to a definite conclusion, and he hopes to begin operations soon."

DREW GUN ON OFFICER, WAS SHOT IN THE ARM

Deputy Carroll Tolbert Arrested Two Men With Keg of Whiskey; Resisted Arrest and Drew a Gun; Men in Jail

Julius Reece of Wilkes county and William McKinney are in jail here, with Reece nursing a bullet wound in the arm and shoulder, as a result of their resisting arrest and drawing a gun on Deputy Sheriff Carroll Tolbert at Collettsville Monday night.

Deputy Tolbert found Reece and McKinney with a five-gallon keg of whiskey near the depot at Collettsville Monday night and proceeded to take the men in custody. Reece drew a gun and had it leveled on the officer when the latter shot him through the right arm, according to a statement made by the officer. The bullet entered just back of the elbow and ranged up the arm, coming out just back of the shoulder. Following the shooting Deputy Tolbert had little trouble in placing both men under arrest and bringing them to Lenoir, where they were turned over to Sheriff Triplett and lodged in the county jail. The five-gallon keg of whiskey was also brought in. In making the arrest pistols were found on both men.

The two men are scheduled to come up for trial before Justice of the Peace J. A. Bush Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

EPISCOPALIANS END CONVENTION AT DETROIT

Adjourning to meet in Portland, Ore., in 1922, the triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America late last Friday ended the most momentous session of its history. In the closing service of the convention the church was called upon through the pastoral letter to squarely face its duty in the new era and the problems of the periods of reconstruction. The convention just closed made church history, leading men of the Episcopal Church declare, and adopted legislation destined to place the communion on a broadened plane in the eyes of the entire Christian world. In this connection they cite the following four general points:

First, the almost complete reorganization of the church through the creation of an executive council and the granting of increased powers to provincial synods.

Second, the broadening of the church's outlook on social matters, industrial questions and international affairs.

Third, the general approval of the movement toward church unity by amending the church constitution to make possible the proposed concordat with the Congregational church, whereby ministers of that church may be ordained in the Episcopal faith, these amendments also making possible similar agreements with other denominations.

Fourth, the broadening of the worship of the church in revision of the Book of Common Prayer and its enrichment.

POINDEXTER IS A CANDIDATE FOR G. O. P. NOMINATION

Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, in a statement Tuesday to the people of the United States, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President and submitted a platform of policies and principles which he will advocate in his campaign.

The Washington Senator in his statement of policy, denounces threats of labor leaders to tie up the railroads as "government by terror, for a special class," and declares that the government must be made supreme to both capital and labor, though insisting that just claims of labor should be recognized.

Communism, Senator Poindexter declares, is inconsistent with the vested rights of the laborer to his wages.

Treating of international matters, the platform remarks that the "process of making a 'supreme sacrifice' of America and of joining our fortunes with the fortunes of men everywhere" should be stopped.

In making his statement of principles Senator Poindexter, who is the first publicly announced candidate for the Republican nomination, asserted that his announcement of policy makes it necessary for the Republican national convention in 1920 to stand by his platform should he be chosen as the party's standard bearer.

LIQUOR ATTORNEYS TO TEST PROHIBITION LAW

Attorneys for the national liquor interests were in Louisville, Ky., Monday for the second step in a contest inaugurated Oct. 10 in Federal court there to test the constitutionality of the wartime prohibition law and eventually secure the release for sale of 70,000,000 gallons of whiskey in bond valued at approximately \$75,000,000.

MAYNARD'S OFFICIAL TIME WAS 69:3.40 1/2, ROUND TRIP
Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, winner of the trans-continental air derby, made a record trip from New York to San Francisco and return in less than 70 flying hours, the official time-keeper has reported to Maj. Gen. Menoher, director of the air service. The record shows that he spent 69 hours 3 minutes and 40 1/2 seconds in the air.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY

The Red Cross Membership Campaign opens Nov. 2 and closes Nov. 11. I have been appointed chairman to conduct the work in Caldwell county. The quota set for the county is 4,000 members. I realize that the task is difficult and the time for organization short, but our people have so nobly responded to former efforts with success that all we need to do is to work. To that end I am asking that the township chairmen appoint workers as quickly as possible, meet with us next Monday and with the assistance of our soldiers who have returned from France, go forward to success. I respectfully urge every soldier of Caldwell county, who is already familiar with the Red Cross work, to begin at once the work of assisting in organization. With your help we can win. The only requirements are that you have a heart and pass in a dollar. With so small a requirement victory should be in our grasp.

Very truly,
MARK SQUIRES,
Chairman Roll Call Campaign Caldwell County.

TO ALL SERVICE MEN:

I call upon every previous service man in the navy, navy or marines in Caldwell county to lend his unqualified support to the campaign which begins Monday, Nov. 2, for the enrollment of members in the American Red Cross.

To a man who has been in the service no argument is necessary as to the merits of this organization. You have seen the scope of its work; you have felt the power of its force. But, comrade, it is for you and me to see that this great organization meets with the success to which it is entitled. It is for us not only to give our dollars, but to see that the indifferent person gives his. Even though the war is over the battles of the Red Cross in caring for the maimed, the sick, the poverty-stricken; its great work for humanity and civilization has just begun. It needs your help. It needs your moral support. Won't you give that with all your might?

I call upon you to assist the local organization in your community in every way you can to make this Roll Call a grand success. Caldwell county is allotted 4,000 members. Let's demonstrate the real Caldwell spirit and put this campaign across.

JAMES T. PRITCHETT,
Post Commander American Legion

SELECT QUERY FOR HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE THIS YEAR

Caldwell County Again Will Enter Race for the Aycock Cup; More Than 300 Schools Are Expected to Enter

More than 300 high schools are expected to take part this year in the high school debating union of North Carolina, conducted by the University of North Carolina. The query will be: "Resolved, that the United States should adopt a policy of further material restriction of immigration," and the final contest to decide the State championship and the winner of the Aycock memorial cup will be held at Chapel Hill early in April, 1920. Among this number Caldwell county will be represented. Already plans are being made for a determined effort to win the honors.

The high schools participating in the debate will be arranged in groups of three, each school having an affirmative and a negative team, and those schools winning both sides of the debate will send their teams to Chapel Hill for the final rounds and the championship debate. A bulletin containing outlines and arguments on both sides of the query and references to further sources of information is being prepared by the University and will be sent to all schools.

This is the eighth year of the debating union, which was inaugurated by the literary societies of the University. In 1917 and 1918 more than 300 schools in the State debated, and an average of 80,000 persons has heard the debates each year. Durham high school won last year and Wilson has won twice, though not consecutively. A school winning twice consecutively obtains permanent possession of the Aycock memorial cup, donated by former intercollegiate debaters of the University. N. W. Walker is chairman of the committee in charge and E. R. Rankin is secretary.

Twelve hundred women in sixty-six clubs are studying a course on Americanization prepared by Mrs. Thos. W. Lingle of the bureau of extension of the University of North Carolina. The course is one of the after-war series of the University extension leaflets and embraces a study of the peoples and the movements contributing toward the building of the American nation.

There seems to be no middle ground with advice. Some of it is decidedly shopworn, some has never even been used.

PLATOON OF ARTILLERY TO TOUR THIS SECTION

Part of 20th Field Artillery May Visit Lenoir—Traveling With Full Equipment—Guns and Everything

Lenoir and this entire section of the State will soon be visited by a platoon of artillery from Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, unless very unfavorable weather sets in and frustrates plans of the war department.

With the purpose of bringing about a closer contact between the people of North Carolina and the regular army, the war department is inaugurating a tour by units of the fifth field artillery brigade that will cover practically the entire State. It is the desire of the department to let the people of the State see the troops under actual conditions of active service, and for this reason the artillery organizations will make the tour by marches, or "hikes," from town to town, with full field equipment. The fifth field artillery brigade, at Camp Bragg, is the only complete organization of the regular army stationed within the State and is, therefore, being used for this purpose.

Lieut. Col. H. C. Van Der Veer, recruiting officer of Camp Bragg, stated that motion pictures of the 30th (Old Hickory) division, in action in France, will be used in connection with the tours of the regulars. Col. Van Der Veer also expects to have films showing the various types of army material and these will be used likewise. Exhibition drills will also be given by the artillerymen in order to give the people an opportunity to become familiar with the army material and its uses.

The units taken from the fifth brigade will be one platoon from each of the three regiments composing the brigade, which are the 19th and 20th regiments of light field artillery and the 21st heavy artillery. The platoon from the 20th field artillery, which got away from Fayetteville last Friday, is scheduled to cover the western and northwestern part of the State. This will be a horse-drawn platoon of American 75-millimeter field guns. These guns have seen action in France, and guns, carriages and caissons are camouflaged. It is in command of Capt. William P. Metts, a native of Columbia, S. C.

The platoon from the 19th field artillery, comprising two gun sections, is covering eastern Carolina. The heavy artillery, comprising a platoon from the 21st field artillery, left Camp Bragg Monday. This platoon will cover the western and southwestern portion of North Carolina. It will work over to Charlotte, visiting the intermediate towns. The rest of the itinerary has not yet been arranged, but as much of the country beyond Charlotte will be visited as the continuance of warm weather will permit. This platoon carries the 155-millimeter howitzer and is tractor-drawn, the big guns and caissons being pulled by 5-ton army traction machines.

The campaign will be kept up until the coming of cold weather interferes, and Col. Van Der Veer hopes to keep the three platoons out till Christmas, that from the 20th field artillery covering the north central and northwestern part of the State, the 19th covering the south central and eastern section, and the 21st the west and southwest.

These organizations represent the artillery brigade of the fifth division. The brigade was engaged in the Saint Mihiel offensive, in the vicinity of Thionville. The fifth, known as the Red Diamond division, performed one of the most remarkable feats of the war, when the Meuse-Argonne offensive, it forced the passage of the Meuse river under fire and established a bridgehead. Gen. Pershing declared in his report to the war department that this was the only instance recorded in the war of the forced passage of a large river and the establishment of a bridgehead, under fire.

RED CROSS SEAL CAMPAIGN IS ALREADY UNDER WAY

Local organizations throughout the State are being rapidly perfected for the Red Cross Christmas seals campaign for 1919 from Dec. 1 to 10. Seventy-five communities have completed preliminary organization for the work already, and by the first of November it is expected that every town and city in the State will be prepared to handle the sale of these little messengers of hope and better health.

The campaign in North Carolina is being directed by Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the State sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis, and executive secretary of the State Red Cross seal commission. This is the sixth year the seals have been offered for sale, and the indications are that North Carolina will more than double any previous high record. All the money obtained is used for the prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

Prominent in the leadership in this work for humanity in different portions of the State are Mrs. Charles E. Platt of Charlotte, Mrs. L. B. Williams of Burlington, Mrs. E. L. Gwyn of Lenoir, Mrs. Claud B. Barbee of Raleigh, Mrs. William N. Everett of Rockingham, Mrs. J. Howell Way of Waynesville, Mrs. Francis D. Winston of Windsor, Mrs. Cuthbert Martin of Wilmington.