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DEBATERS LEAVE FOR UNIVERSITY

Fifty-Two Schools to Send Representatives to Chapel Hill;—Big Week

Nearly 500 high school debaters and athletes, their superintendents, principals, teachers, chaperones and well-wishers will pour into Chapel Hill April 13, 14 and 15 for high school week at the University, when championship contests will be settled in debating, in tennis and in track. It will be the largest number of high school students that has ever been in Chapel Hill at any one time.

Fifty-two schools, the survivors of the State-wide contest in which more than 200 schools, all the way from the mountains to the sea, fought out the question of collective bargaining through labor unions, will send their winning teams to Chapel Hill for the further eliminating rounds. From Lenoir go Eubert Crisp and Max Warlick on the affirmative side and Green Thompson and Miss Virginia Seehorn on the negative side. Accompanying them is Miss Mary Coffey, principal of the high school. This means 104 debating teams, or 208 debaters, nearly one-half of whom are girls.

Added to these will be the largest entry list that has ever been received for the tennis tournament and the track meet, approximately 25 tennis players and 75 track men.

The debating cohorts will arrive Wednesday night and Thursday morning. A preliminary meeting will be held in Peabody auditorium at noon Thursday, where lots will be drawn for the sections in which the debaters will fight. There will be 13 different sections, with four complete debates in each section.

The first elimination round, Thursday night, April 14, will be in these three sections. From each section one team on each side of the question will be chosen. The second elimination round will bring together all the 13 surviving affirmative and the 13 surviving negative teams Friday morning. From these two groups one affirmative and one negative will be selected.

Friday night these two teams will meet for the final contest, the State championship, and the Aycock memorial cup, awarded for former collegiate debaters at the University. President Chase will preside, E. R. Rankin will be secretary, and Profs. H. M. Wagstaff, L. P. McGehee, L. R. Wilson and George Howe will be judges. Prof. Horace Williams will present the Aycock cup.

The interscholastic track meet will be held on Emerson field Friday afternoon, April 15, and the tennis tournament will continue through Thursday and Friday. University athletics officials and members of the track and tennis teams will handle these contests. Prof. M. C. S. Noble will present the medals and prizes.

Entertainments of various kinds have been arranged for the high school visitors. The Carolina- Trinity baseball game Thursday afternoon will be a stellar athletic event and the county clubs of University students will look after visitors from their own counties.

PICTURE CAN BE TRANSFERRED ANY DISTANCE BY WIRE

Herwood Peterson, a chief engineer in the employ of the Norwegian government telegraph service, has invented a wire and cable system by which it is possible to transfer a picture or a message in original handwriting over a practically unlimited distance, says a dispatch from Christiania. The device was recently publicly tested between two 600-mile points and was reported successful.

Contrary to the present telegraph system, Mr. Peterson uses an alternating electric current, allowing a strictly synchronous work of the sending and receiving apparatus, a higher speed and an enormous saving of operating costs. The system, it is claimed, also makes it possible to transmit double the number of words compared with any other telegraphic system now used and it operates automatically from the moment the telegram, picture or drawing is received by the operator until it is received at the place of delivery. No new wires or cables are necessary.

The manuscript to be transferred is placed on a metallic cylinder—somewhat resembling an original wax photographic film—and exposed to a strong arc light. The manuscript is copied on the cylinder film, developed and chromographically etched into the metal. The cylinder is then placed on the sending apparatus, to which is transmitted an electric current going to the receiving apparatus. When the cylinder rotates a needle moves on it, touching every point on the cylinder. Whenever it touches the copied letters of the manuscript it causes a short circuit, which is transmitted to the receiving apparatus with its photographic paper on which the copy is reproduced.

PICTURE FRAME MADE FROM CIGAR BOXES

A very odd and unique picture frame was brought to the News-Topic office by Mr. P. A. Healan last week. Mr. Healan said that Mr. Walter Bruce, one of the prisoners in the jail, asked for some cigar boxes a few days ago, and they were given to him. A few days later the frame was presented to Mr. Healan. Mr. Bruce will be liberated tomorrow.

FRUIT THOUGHT TO BE TOTALLY KILLED

Thermometer Dropped to 24 Monday Night—Heavy Frost and Ice

The fruit crop—apples, peaches and all other fruits—was totally killed Monday night, is the belief of farmers and fruit men here. S. E. Dula, owner of the largest commercial orchards in this section, says that he does not believe there is any fruit at all left. Mr. Dula kept smudges going throughout the night, but they were not effective against the freeze.

Monday night the government thermometer registered 24 degrees, says A. N. Todd, the weather observer.

Vegetation is damaged to a large extent. The grass, flowers, leaves and trees were all frozen stiff, and after the sun had warmed up everything became black and drooping. There was right much ice found.

It was thought that a good deal of the fruit escaped the cold spell a few weeks ago, but it is feared it was all killed in this spell.

Snow fell Sunday night at Blowing Rock, and according to visitors from there about half an inch of snow fell up there. The wind blew a gale and the weather was very cold.

CARPENTIER AND DEMPSEY TO FIGHT JULY 2 IN NEW JERSEY

Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier will battle for the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship within the state limits of New Jersey Saturday, July 2. The exact location of a specially constructed arena will not be announced until later, but selection of the site will be confined to Atlantic City, Newark or Jersey City. This was officially announced by Tex Rickard, who will have sole control of the arrangements and presentation of the match.

Under the New Jersey state boxing law the bout cannot exceed twelve three-minute rounds, and should both boxers be on their feet at the termination of the match no official decision can be rendered.

Prices will range from \$50 for a ringside chair to \$5 for a bleacher coupon along the extreme edge of the structure. These seats will be placed on sale about May 1 in every city in the eastern, southern and central sections of the country.

HICKORY MEN OPEN A NEW GARAGE HERE

M. D. Whitener and S. L. Senter of Hickory have opened a new garage on West avenue. They are located in the Moore building, recently vacated by the feed store. Both Mr. Whitener and Mr. Senter are experienced automobile men and assure any patrons of correct work. They will carry a small line of parts to begin with, to be added to later. They have accepted the agency for Keystone tires and will carry the standard sizes in stock.

MR. GOFORTH CELEBRATES HIS 68TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. G. M. Goforth celebrated his 68th birthday Thursday, April 7. He received a letter from his employers dated on that date on which they told him that he was the youngest man in positions shown for his services that they had in their entire organization.

COMPANY 49 TO BE DISCHARGED SOON

All Equipment to Be Returned to Raleigh—Expecting the Order Daily

Members of Company 49, North Carolina reserve militia, will be discharged here within the next few days, according to Capt. K. A. Link. Several days ago Capt. Link received orders from Adjutant-General J. Van B. Metz at Raleigh instructing him to ship all equipment, including guns and other things which belong to the State, to Raleigh. This has been complied with, and Capt. Link is expecting discharge orders within the next few days.

Company 49 was organized early in the war after the regular North Carolina national guard had been called out to active service. While the Lenoir company was never called out to do active service, the Hickory company and other nearby companies were called out on one occasion to do guard duty during a strike in Charlotte.

DID YOU KNOW THAT NORTH CAROLINA STANDS—

First—In the production of cotton per acre; in the value of tobacco crops; in development of home economics, especially woman's work?

Second—In amount of cotton goods manufactured; in value of farm crops, per acre; in the value of farm crops per capita; in production of sorghum?

Third—In production of sweet potatoes; in production of peanuts; in production of buckwheat?

Sixth—In value of all crops; in amount of money paid into United States treasury?—Community Progress.

RUTHERFORD DEFEATS LENOIR

The Lenoir baseball team was defeated Saturday by the Rutherford College team by the score of 11 to 10. The game was played at Kentwood Park.

WATAUGA HAS 47 MILES GRADED ROAD

Clean-Up Week Observed—Other News of Boone and Community

(By J. M. Downum)
Boone, April 11.—Clean-up week was observed at the Training School and things on the campus are looking much improved. We trust the good work will go on.

We are reliably informed that Watauga county now has 47 miles of graded road, all practically ready for the hard surface, and 9 miles more now being graded and under contract to be finished in a short time. These 56 miles will connect this county with Caldwell, Wilkes and Tennessee.

Prof. A. T. Allen, supervisor of teacher training, was at the Training School during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the past week planning for the work he has in hand for the school to do under the new school law. He took minute account of everything pertaining to the school that he might be the better able to understand thoroughly the capabilities and the needs of the school to do the work to be required of it under the new plans. He seemed pleased with the equipment and efficiency of the school.

One of the hardest freezes in years for this season is now on in Watauga, beginning on the 10th with snow and a freeze on the 11th, the ground being frozen and very much ice formed. The peaches and cherries are doubtless all frozen, and as to the apples it is impossible at this stage to say to what extent they are injured, but many believe many of them are killed. It is hoped, however, that there may yet be at least a fair crop.

The Professors Dougherty went to Morristown, Tenn., on Saturday in answer to a telegram announcing the death of their cousin in the hospital at that place.

Prof. Greene, with several friends, spent the week end at his home near Mabel, than which there are few more hospitable homes to be found anywhere.

Prof. Downum spent from Saturday till Monday with Prof. W. L. Winkler, the lumberman and stock farmer, in the latter's splendid country home near Shull's Mills, and greatly enjoyed the fine hospitality of the good professor and his excellent wife.

The old road commissioners of the county have all resigned and to fill their places Prof. W. L. Winkler, G. M. Sudderth and T. L. Critcher were elected, than whom no county has a better board.

HOSIERY MILL IS TO START UP MONDAY

E. O. Willis Manager—Plant Will Be Increased from Time to Time

The Lenoir branch of the Hickory Hosiery Mill will begin operations Monday, according to the local manager, E. O. Willis. Mr. Willis says that they will only put 12 to 15 girls to work Monday morning, and that this number will be increased as they learn to operate the knitting machines.

This is the first hosiery mill to begin operations in Lenoir, and all help that is secured locally will have to be trained in the work. It is the plan of the owners to increase the capacity of this plant from time to time as help is trained.

HIGHEST DAM IN THE WORLD SOON TO BE BUILT

The highest dam in the world, to join the States of Nevada and Arizona and harness the turbulent waters of the Colorado river for extended irrigation in the southwest, is to be constructed in the near future by the United States reclamation service, says a dispatch from Washington.

The dam, according to tentative plans, would rise to the unprecedented height of 500 or 600 feet in Boulder canyon, where granite abutments rise more than 1,000 feet above the water surface. Engineers of the reclamation service, afloat on barges, are now boring for bed rock beneath.

A lake varying from 30 to 50 miles in length would be backed up in the Colorado and Virgin rivers, and in this basin would be held in check for irrigation the drainage from almost the entire Colorado river basin, including parts of six States.

The proposed structure would be higher by far than the world's highest dam at present—Arrowrock dam, on the Boise river, Idaho, which measures 348 feet—and would top other famous dams in the United States, among the highest of which are Shoshone, on the Shoshone river, Wyoming, 328 feet; Elephant Butte on the Rio Grande, New Mexico, 300 feet; and Roosevelt, on the Salt river, Arizona, 290 feet.

Preliminary work on the Boulder Canyon project is being done under authority of Congress, which appropriated \$20,000 for investigation.

ALUMINUM SALE

The Lenoir Hardware and Furniture Company will hold a big aluminum sale Thursday. They have a special offer of many different pieces of aluminum ware at \$1.49. The sale is for one day only.

DOLLAR DAY WILL BE BIG EVENT HERE

Merchants Ready for Crowds; A Big List of Bargains Being Arranged

Thursday, April 14, Lenoir's first dollar day, will be observed. Quite a number of merchants are co-operating and are placing many wonderful bargains on display for dollar purchases. Department stores, grocerymen, drug stores, jewelers and automobile dealers have joined in this big sale event, and this issue of the News-Topic carries announcements of their special offerings.

There has been much interest among people who are not merchants in this coming event. There has been considerable talk among persons visiting town during the past few days, and it is believed that one of the biggest crowds to visit Lenoir since the last fair will be here on Dollar Day. The merchants have something really wonderful to offer purchasers. The sales are all supposed to be cash sales, and this was considered in making up lists of special bargains.

Lenoir folks who have attended Dollar Day events in Charlotte and Hickory tell of the big crowds that were present at those places, and tell of the many unusual values that could be secured for the price of one dollar. These reports will add to the effectiveness of the announcement of Lenoir merchants, and will help swell the big crowds that are expected to be here during the day.

LITTLE INTEREST IN COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Very little interest is being shown in the coming mayoralty race. The election will be held on the first Monday in May. Attorney B. F. Williams has already issued a statement that he will not be a candidate, and Mayor J. T. Pritchett is the only avowed aspirant.

During the past few days there has been talk among the friends of Dr. A. W. Dula concerning his probable candidacy. Dr. Dula has not issued any statement concerning this matter.

There is some talk of a new set of commissioners, but whether or not they will develop remains to be seen.

MR. TEAGUE DEAD

Mr. Sebia Teague, a man who had many relatives and friends, died at his home near Dudley Shoals last Friday and was buried at Dudley Baptist church Sunday, Rev. B. C. Reavis conducting the burial services. Mr. Teague was a little over 36 years old.

CONTEST HEARING AGAIN ON APRIL 26

Dead Men Did Not Vote in Caldwell, as Claimed by Dr. Campbell

The hearing of the contestee, Congressman R. L. Doughton, in the contest proceedings brought against him by Dr. J. I. Campbell ended here Friday. However, on April 26, another hearing is scheduled for this county. Mr. Doughton expressed great pleasure in the showing made in this county towards disputing the contention of Dr. Campbell that numbers of irregularities were permitted. It was proved that Lower Creek precinct did not vote dead men, as Dr. Campbell contended, and claims made in other precincts were proven to be without foundation.

Mr. Doughton expressed confidence that the final result would prove he and his friends were winners in the election. He stated that the hearings would continue about three weeks longer and that the evidence would come to Congress, where it would be printed and referred to one of the election committees of the House. He said when the evidence was all in it would be shown that Dr. Campbell received more "illegal votes" than were received by him and that while there had been no great amount of irregularities it would be shown that where illegal voting had been practiced Dr. Campbell had been the greater beneficiary. He also stated that it has taken evidence up to date that deserters who had not paid their poll tax, ex-convicts who had not been restored to citizenship and bigamists had voted for Dr. Campbell; also one man and his wife, who voted the Republican ticket in Ashe county, had testified in the Superior Court in said county twice in the last year that his home was in Virginia. Also it has been shown that in one county, having a Republican sheriff, poll taxes had been given out after May 1 and dated back.

ASHEVILLE VOTES \$550,000 FOR SCHOOL BONDS

Opposition to the issuance of \$550,000 school bonds for the erection of four new schools buildings and repair of others and a special school tax of 10 cents to provide additional teacher salaries proved practically negligible in the special election held in Asheville last week. The vote for the bonds was 2,014; opposed 68. Women were particularly active in getting out the vote and were aided by school children, who were given a holiday for the occasion.

REGISTER NOW FOR SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

All persons in the school district must register before they will be allowed to vote in the school bond election next Monday. The registration books will close Saturday, April 16 (next Saturday) at sundown. Until that time the books will be open in the office of Mayor J. T. Pritchett, over the Lenoir drug store. Every person should register and vote in this election. Register now.

NO REDUCTION IN LAND VALUATIONS

To Reduce Valuation Would Cause Rate Increase; Smith Appointed Supervisor

The county commissioners, in joint session with the board of appraisers and review, declined to make any horizontal revision of the tax rate property valuation. To make any change in the valuation, they said, would cause the rate to be increased. This would not give taxpayers any relief which they are asking for.

The petition signed by a number of property owners asking for a reduction of 33 1-3 per cent was presented the joint meeting. Many other property owners attended the meeting in person.

Mr. E. H. Smith was appointed county supervisor for listing taxes this year. This is a new office created by an act of the last legislature. Mr. Smith has appointed the following township list takers:

Globe—J. D. Moore.
Hudson—J. W. Hickman.
John's River—M. C. Estes.
King's Creek—Alonzo Laxton.
Lenoir—R. H. Pipes, H. W. Kent and Haywood Clark.
Little River—J. J. Roberts.
Lovely—Grant Miller.
Lower Creek—S. E. Dula.
Mulberry—J. Richmond Moore.
North Catawba—Walter Evans.
Patterson—T. C. Curtis.
Wilson Creek—Theodore Bean.
Yadkin Valley—Francis Hawkins.

In connection with the listing of taxes this year the farmers are also to list the number of acres which they have in certain crops. Blanks for this acreage listing have already been received from State authorities and the list takers are to be furnished with same. An act providing for this acreage listing was passed by the recent general assembly. In such listing the farmer must list the total acres in his entire farm, then he must list the number of acres plowed or pastured. In addition to this he must list the number of acres planted in corn, cotton, tobacco, wheat, potatoes and other crops.

MR. PUETT IMPROVING

Mr. Elisha Puett, who lives near Collettsville, is improving, according to visitors here from that section yesterday. Mr. Puett was taken suddenly ill several days ago and for a time it was thought his condition was critical. However, he has grown better during the past few days and has almost totally recovered.

VALMEAD VOTES A SPECIAL SCHOOL TAX

Not a Single Ballot Was Cast Against the Measure—Plan a New Building

Valmead, located in Lower Creek township of Caldwell county, held an election for a special school tax on Monday, April 11, which was carried unanimously. When the returns were counted it was found that 56 voters had registered and 50 votes were cast for the tax, with not a single vote against it. The registrars advised that the six who had registered and failed to vote were unable to reach the polls, but if they had been able to come out they would have voted for same.

This is one of the finest manifestations of the spirit for schools ever exhibited in this county or anywhere so far as we know. It is a fine example for the other townships and districts to follow which are getting ready to vote for bonds.

It is planned to build a new and modern graded school building this summer and have it ready for the beginning of the fall term.

MARCH WAS A MILD MONTH

The temperature during the month of March was the highest in history is the belief of A. N. Todd, weather man in charge of the government station here. It also showed the biggest range of temperature. The highest temperature registered during the month was 90 on the 21st. The thermometer registered 27 on four different occasions, on the 1st, 4th, 5th and 11th. The rainfall was 1.76 inches. Seventeen fair days and light frosts on two days, 29th and 30th.

ATTENDING CONVOCATION

Messrs. H. C. Martin and A. G. Jonas, delegates, and Rev. D. M. Walton, pastor of St. James' parish, are attending Episcopal convention for the district of Asheville in session at Gastonia this week.

CALDWELL MEN HELD IN NEWTON

A. B. and Fred Brinkley Are Charged With Causing Death of Man

A. B. and Fred Brinkley of Caldwell county are being held in Newton jail on a charge of inflicting injuries on Homer Barringer of Catawba county, on March 20, which caused his death two days later. The Brinkley boys are the sons of Jule Brinkley, who lives in the Grace Chapel section, it is said here. A preliminary hearing was given the young men in Newton last week.

Carroll Little, who accompanied Homer Barringer on a picnic Sunday, March 20, was the State's principal witness and told the court how he and Barringer drove from the picnic to the Brinkley home that evening, says a report from the trial. The two Brinkleys and Barringer gambled in the woods. He said he became tired of watching them and went to the automobile alongside the road for a nap. The witness said a little later the three men passed by, cursing, which aroused him.

A. B. Brinkley was in front with a pole eight or nine feet long. Barringer followed and Fred Brinkley followed Barringer, the three being about 15 feet apart. They went to the home of Brinkley, where a few minutes later he heard a noise as if a hog had been knocked over the head, followed by an expression from Barringer, "The boys have killed me; I did not think they would do it." Little described the trip to Catawba for a physician, and told of Barringer driving the automobile to Newton, where Dr. Rowe, a witness for the State, dressed the wound. Dr. Rowe said the injury was two inches and a quarter long. Little said he found a piece of iron bar in the Brinkley yard about four feet long the Wednesday following the tragedy and it had blood on it.

Barringer died in a hospital in Statesville on Thursday following the assault.

Noah Barringer, uncle of the slain man, said that he saw Fred and A. B. Brinkley in Newton on Saturday before the attack and that Homer Barringer had about \$200 in money.

BILL TO BE INTRODUCED FOR A SALES TAX

Senator Smoot of Utah, a Republican member of the Senate finance committee, has formally announced that he will introduce a bill providing for a general sales tax.

Senator Smoot's measure, which he estimates would yield approximately \$1,500,000,000 in revenue annually, would place a flat tax of one per cent on gross sales above \$6,000 annually of virtually all commodities, both raw and finished products. The bill carries a few exemptions, but application of the tax would be stayed practically only on such commodities as now bear a heavy levy.

Early consideration of the Smoot proposal is planned by the Senate finance committee in its study of the taxation question. Tentative arrangements contemplated the opening of hearings on this phase before the end of the week.

In discussing his proposed sales tax Mr. Smoot said it would be simple in application and easy to compute. He declared it would properly distribute the burden of taxation, compelling each citizen to bear a share proportionate to his ability to pay as measured by buying or producing powers.

"If the sales tax becomes a part of the revenue laws of our country," the statement continued, "Congress can repeal not only the items provided for by the bill as presented by me, but can repeal all of the irritating, nagging, discriminatory taxes amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars and the excess profits tax, the result of which has worked such havoc with business concerns of our country and which have in many cases been compelled to pay the excess tax on paper profits."

Present taxes on soft drinks, tobacco, automobiles and some other so-called luxuries would remain under the Smoot bill. These commodities already bear taxes regarded as heavier than the flat one per cent tax. In addition to the tax on sales, a levy having the same application would be placed on total amounts of all leases.

SATURDAY IS ANNIVERSARY OF LEE'S SURRENDER

"Fifty-six years ago today Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox," said Mr. R. M. Tuttle, who was recalling war-time days last Saturday. "It took the men from Caldwell county from five to seventeen days to return home," Mr. Tuttle said.

Recalling Stoneman's march through this section, Mr. Tuttle said that Stoneman passed through Lenoir April 16, 1865, which was on Easter Sunday. He, with many others, had taken the cattle and horses and were hiding in the swamps.

BARACA-PHILATHEA CONVENTION AT HENDERSON

The Baraca-Philathea convention will meet in Henderson April 21 to 24, inclusive, the opening session being at 8 o'clock p.m. April 21.

A splendid program has been prepared, and a number of noted speakers and Sunday school workers are expected to take part in this meeting. It is hoped every Sunday school will send delegates and get the benefit of this convention.