

BUSINESS LOCALS

Stop at the Sanitary Grocery Saturday and get all the ice cold Cliequot Club ginger ale you can drink absolutely free. 29-11-p. A Square Dance and a Charleston contest will be held at the armory hall Saturday night, April 30th, at 7:30 o'clock. Admission, 25 cents. Ladies free. Sharmon Orchestra will play. 29-21-p. Green Beans, Cabbage, sweet potatoes, green peas, yellow squash, celery and lettuce. Your credit good. Also one truck at 50¢ per week. Phone 563 or 107. R. M. Cook & Company. 29-21-p. Wanted at Once—Lady to Work in afternoons. Prefer high school girl or teacher. Boyd W. Cox Studio. 29-21-p. Plants, Plants—Extra Large Transplanted tomato plants, Earliana June Pink, Brimmer and Ronderoso. Sweet, strong and pimento pepper plants. Cabbage and sweet potato plants. Moore's Truck Farm. 29-21-p. Fish! Fish! Fresh Croakers and Trout Also fresh and cured meats of all kinds. Let us have your orders. Phone 565 or 107. R. M. Cook & Company. 29-21-p. Daily Shipments of Potato Plants at prices that make buying easy. It will pay you to get our prices on large lots before buying. Our potted tomato plants never feel the effects of being transplanted to the garden. Aster, giant dahlia, flowered zinnia, petunia, verbena, snapdragon, scarlet sage on sale at our place. Crowell's plant farm, 159 East Cochran Street. 29-21-p. North Carolina Shad and Specieed trout. J. F. Dayvault & Bro. Phone 524 or 85. 28-21-x. For Rent—My Home on South Union Street. M. F. Ritchie. 28-11-x. Native Spring Lamb. Call 85 or 524. J. F. Dayvault & Bro. 28-21-x. For Rent—8 Room House on Union street. Close in. Suitable for roomers or boarders. Jno. K. Patterson & Son. 25-41-x. Birth Announcements Beautifully printed at The Times-Tribune Job Office. Call 922 or 78. 11

DEFENSE ENDS TESTIMONY IN BLAKENEY CASE

Case Will Probably Go to the Jury Late This Afternoon or Early Saturday Morning. Testimony for the defense in the case of Carl T. Blakeney, former cashier of the Bank of Midland, now on trial in Cabarrus Superior Court before Judge Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, charged with setting fire to the bank April 8, 1925, ended this morning at 11:10 o'clock. Following the conclusion of the defense testimony counsel for the State started speaking to the jury. Both the State and defense counsel will be allowed two hours to address the jurors. It is thought that Judge Schenck will complete his charge to the jury before the close of court today and will give the jury the case either tonight or early tomorrow morning. During the morning the witnesses testifying for the defense told of feeling a bump on the head of the defendant, and that he appeared extremely nervous after he was taken to his home on the morning of the fire. The defendant took the stand after the noon recess Thursday afternoon and told in a quiet way of the audies that had been made of the books of the bank and which showed a deficit. He testified that the examination of the books in March, before the fire in April, showed that there was a deficit of about \$1,200. In the cross examination, Mr. Blakeney said he received several loans from the bank which would total about \$2,130. He said that no definite salary was set for him at the bank though it had been customary for the directors to pay \$100 a month. He said he went to work on the understanding that if he needed more than \$100 a month he could draw it and put in a note for the amount. When telling of the incidents leading up to the fire, Mr. Blakeney said that on the afternoon of April 7 a man was brought into the bank and introduced as an auditor who wanted to look over the books of the bank. He said that the auditor worked for a while and then said he had gone as far as he could until further entries were made in the books. He said that he told Mrs. Blakeney, his wife, that he had to go and work on the books that night to get them ready for the auditor in the morning but that she asked him to stay at home that night and go down early in the morning. He said that he left the house to return an umbrella he had borrowed and while in town went into the bank for a few minutes and met T. R. Litaker and spoke to him in front of the bank. It was brought out in his testimony that he left the house about five o'clock the next morning and went to the bank. He said that when he opened the door of the bank he heard a noise and struck several matches to search the bank but did not see anything. Then he opened the vault and got out several books and started to work. He testified that he heard a noise again but in a search made in the back room of the bank he did not see anything. He resumed his work and heard another noise and went through the back door of the bank and picked up a stick of wood and walked up an alley beside the bank to the street but saw no one so retraced his steps and started working again. "I then lost consciousness—my first sensation was feeling heat" and the first thing I remember was seeing A. B. Widehouse in an automobile, while I was being taken home." "Did you see that bank fire," he was asked. "I did not," he replied. Cross examination showed that the floor of the bank had been oiled a few days prior to the fire with turpentine and cylinder oil. Troy Furr, a young boy of Midland, testified that he was one of the first to reach the scene of the fire and that the smoke was pouring over the partition in the bank. He also said that he saw Mr. Blakeney lying about 12 feet in front of the bank with his head away from the building. Mr. Blakeney was in front of the alley beside the building, the boy testified. At Hotel Concord. Guests registered at Hotel Concord Thursday included the following: F. J. Thrush, Rutherford, N. J.; Mrs. W. J. Edwards, Greensboro; H. L. Guiney, Charlotte; H. E. Elliott, Greensboro; C. Davis, Richmond, Va.; G. B. Davidson, Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Laughmen, Vicksburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Lanier, Luversville, Pa.; Ernest Latham, Raleigh; B. H. Duval, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. M. B. Black, Bridgeton, Mo.; C. Strickland, North Carolina; E. C. King, Bristol, Tenn.; E. L. Sherry, North Carolina; J. T. O'Neal, Salisbury; D. R. Boyles, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Bevan, Atlanta, Ga.; J. W. C. Brittingham, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Ray, Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. S. C. James, Hickory. Grain Crops Heading Out Early. Mooreville Enterprise. In conversing with farmers within the past few days, it was learned that wheat is heading out in all sections around Mooreville, and one well known planter, who has passed the meridian of life, stated that in all his years he does not recall a time in the past when wheat headed out in the month of April. The crop is several weeks ahead of time in this vicinity. Barley is an earlier crop than wheat and within a few weeks from now that grain will be ready for the reapers. The heads have been full and mature for a week, and the straw is beginning to color rapidly. The grain will be sufficiently ripe to harvest within a very short time. "Hammie" one of the most famous, is also the longest of Blakeney's plays, containing 2,980 lines, and "The Comedy of Errors" the shortest, with 1,177 lines.

LEGION OFFICERS OF DISTRICT GET IDEAS EXCHANGED

Commanders From Five Posts Confer Here With District Committeeman, James M. Caldwell. Present and past commanders and a number of other officers of Legion posts in the eighth district conferred here Thursday night with James M. Caldwell, eighth district committeeman. The posts represented were those at Salisbury, Kannapolis, Mooresville, Albemarle and Concord. The meeting was called at the direction of State Committeeman Youns who asked each committeeman to hold a district meeting not later than May first. Various problems confronting the posts were discussed informally at the meeting. These subjects in the main touched on membership and finances. Committeeman Caldwell asked officers from the various posts to discuss these and other problems that have caused worry in the past, the idea being that the exchange of ideas would prove beneficial. A roll call shows that the Kannapolis post is the only one in the district to have reached its membership goal for the year. The Kannapolis post was asked to secure 55 members and its latest report shows an enrollment of 60. The Salisbury post also has more members now than it had last year, while the other posts show at present a decrease although it was pointed out that complete reports will show an increase over the totals in membership reported at the meeting from State headquarters. The Albemarle post was represented by seven members at the conference, the Kannapolis post by three members, the Mooresville post by three, and the Salisbury post by four. There were about a dozen members of the local post present. Monroe Adams, of the Stateville bar, former committeeman, was present and briefly addressed the conference, pointing out the importance of Legionnaires making the public understand the nature of their work. Following the business session Committeeman Caldwell served "cats."

QUANTITY FINALS TO BE HELD IN HIGH SCHOOL TOMORROW

Dr. John H. Cook, of North Carolina College For Women, To Deliver Principal Address. The fifteenth annual Cabarrus county commencement will be held in the high school here tomorrow afternoon, the full program being announced today by Prof. J. B. Robertson, county superintendent of schools. The exercises will begin at 1:15 with a concert by the orchestra from Mr. Pleasant and musical numbers will be interspersed throughout the program. The program as announced by Mr. Robertson follows: 1:15—Concert by the Orchestra. 1:45—Song: "America." Invocation—Rev. M. R. Gibson. Presentation of Certificates, Awarding of Scholarship, etc. 1. Certificates in spelling. 2. Certificates in library reading. 3. Certificates for perfect attendance. 4. Certificates of graduation. 5. Awarding of scholarship. 6. Announcements. The literary address by Dr. John H. Cook, dean of the school of education, North Carolina College for Women, Greensboro. Contest for the Chas. B. Wagoner Gold Medal in Recitation: 1. "Naughty Nell"—Lillian Blackwelder, Liberty school. 2. "Guilty or Not Guilty"—Mary Lippe, Hahn school. 3. "Mice at Play"—Ollie Scott, Mt. Pleasant school. 4. "Tricks, Vice Versa"—Mavis Shim, Gilead school. Contest for the Chas. B. Wagoner Gold Medal in Declaration: 1. "The Traitor's Death Red"—Chas. Edgar Barrier, Fink school. 2. "Washington and Lincoln"—Gilbert Hahn, Hahn school. 3. "The Character of Washington"—Grosclouth Honeycutt, Dry school.

NEARLY \$2,000 IS RAISED FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Quota For Cabarrus County Is Nearly Doubled With Still Other Contributions Being Given. Cabarrus county has gone over the top and nearly doubled the quota assigned to it for the fund being raised for the relief of the flood disaster victims, thousands of whom are homeless in the Mississippi River valley. The Cabarrus county chapter of Red Cross was given a quota of \$1,000 by the national chapter of Red Cross to be raised and at noon today the report given by L. B. Coltrane, Sr., treasurer of the fund, shows that \$1,860.36 had been contributed by the residents of the county. The total for the city of Concord up to noon was \$1,881.26. Kannapolis reported a total of \$325 being raised with a goal in sight of over \$400, and Mt. Pleasant has turned in \$102.60. The Jackson Training School today sent in a contribution totaling \$56.50 that had been raised there. Officials of the local Red Cross chapter are confident that the quota of \$1,000 will be more than doubled during the day. Should this be done Cabarrus will be the first county in North Carolina to double its assigned quota. Statements in the press accounts from the flood areas tell of increasing damage being done with a larger number reported dead and thousands more being made homeless. There is a possibility that the national chapter of Red Cross will raise the county's quota but with the amount already raised it will be possible to take care of any increase, it was said.

Who Said Straw Hats and where can you get one to fit your and head and one that looks nice o nyou? At Parks-Belk Co., of course as we have the largest stock to select from in Concord and there won't be any trouble in finding just what you want. We have all kinds of fancy and plain bands, panama and straw hats. We have all kinds priced from 50c to \$3.95. PARKS - BELK CO. CONCORD'S BEST STORE

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AUTO RACES WILL BE HELD AT FAIR HERE THIS YEAR

Ralph Hankinson, Connected With American Automobile Association, Arranges For Races Here. Auto races will be one of the features at the Cabarrus County Fair here this year, it was announced today by Dr. T. N. Spencer, secretary of the County Fair Association. The last day of fair week, Saturday, will be given over to professionally sanctioned automobile races and will be conducted under the same rules and governing body of the speedway races of Charlotte and other cities, which means that the sanction will be issued by the contest board of the American Automobile Association. Residents of Cabarrus county and surrounding counties will have an opportunity to witness races driven by drivers prominent in dirt track circles. Among the drivers who will be here are several record holders and stars of the dirt track coming direct to Concord from York, Pa., and Brockton, Mass., where they have participated in dirt track races at fairs. The spectators witnessing the auto races will not lack for thrills for driving in races on a dirt track is much more hazardous than on a wooden or brick bowl. Cars to be used in the races here will be the same kind of racing cars used in bowl races with the exception of a change in the gear ratio. There will be eight cars on the track for each race. This will be the initial season for automobile races at the local fair and it is believed by the Fair Association officials that the feature will prove a popular one, drawing a large number of spectators, and will be repeated in following seasons.

NATIONAL CHILD HEALTH DAY IS TO BE OBSERVED

Ministers of Local Churches Are Expected to Mention Child Health Day Here on Sunday. There will be a quiet observance of National Child Health Day in Concord Sunday with the ministers of many of the churches calling certain facts about the day to the attention of the congregations. The National Child Health Association is pleading not only for physical but also for spiritual health. "If American childhood is to have a full and beautiful fruition there must be health of soul and body," a statement from the National Association says. In speaking of the children of the country, Herbert Hoover, secretary of the department, said the following recently: "The life to which we strive is that there shall be no child in America that has not been born under proper conditions, that does not live in hygienic surroundings, that ever suffers from undernutrition, that does not receive primary instruction in the elements of hygiene and good health; that there shall be no child that has not the complete birth-right of a sound mind in a sound body and the encouragement to express in fullest measure the spirit within which is the final endowment of every human being."

Dr. Davis Gives Barbecue at Country Home.

Editor Tribune: Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock, April 28th, Dr. J. V. Davis gave a royal barbecue to a cosmopolitan gathering of men from the various walks and professions of life at his beautiful suburban home, south of Concord. It was indeed a rare treat to the writer to mingle with such an interesting assemblage of men. The roast pig, with appropriate accessories, was indeed a pleasure to the palate while the good humor and wit pervading this concourse of men was most refreshing! But, notwithstanding Dr. Davis' elaborateness, he was lacking in one or two particulars, in giving to the occasion its full measure of flavoring. He should have had a three-acre new ground, covered with logs to be rolled, with hand sticks of dogwood, at either end of which the fat and the lean might have displayed true uphoold, as in the long ago! He should at least have had suitable sticks, by which to have pulled at square toes on the lawn! Dr. Davis has a lovely home, where, surrounded by his flocks and herds, life is worth living! And, after the toil of the day spent midst the din and confusion of the city, how refreshing must be the sight of his home, as he haves lighter, to the embrace of his family bathed in the fragrances from the fields, woods and grass. I want to thank Dr. Davis again for the inclusion of the writer among the participants of this most enjoyable occasion. Very sincerely, J. EDWARD SMOOT.

LOCAL STUDENTS ENTER CONTEST OF MUSIC TODAY

A Large Number of High School Students Go to Greensboro to Enter the State Contest There. A large number of Concord high school students, accompanied by several residents of the city, left for Greensboro today to enter the music contest being staged in that city today and tomorrow. The Concord High School Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Harry Bush, director of music in the Public Schools, will enter the contest during the afternoon and will return to the city tonight. Several of the individual students will also enter the contest and confidence was expressed today by those going to Greensboro that Concord representatives would make a good showing in the contests they enter. Those going from Concord included: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pike, Mrs. H. S. Williams, John and Rufus Brown, Reid Craven, Joe Pike, George Peck, John A. Pickard, Billy Howard, Joe Widehouse, Sinclair Williams, Edgar Russell, Hubert Turner, Edgar Davis, Leonard Long, Ernest Hansell, Wm. Boyd, Jim Willeford, Eugene Kidd, Chas. Long, David Sears, Dick White, Weldon Walk, Fred Brown, Misses Dorothy Hartsell, Sarah Johnson, Alyce Wall, Kobe Jenkins, Virginia Dayvaul, Millicent Ward, Mary Lee Peck, Evelyn Goodmann, Frances Weddington, Ruth Turner, Sadie Harris, Mabel Russell, Frances Howard and Marguerite Preslar.

Boy Injured by Hit and Run Driver.

Wilton Crowell, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Crowell, sustained a broken nose when struck by a car early this morning. The boy was on his way to school and as he started across the street in front of the First Presbyterian Church he was knocked down by a car. The driver of the car did not stop the machine, relatives of the injured boy said they were advised. They also stated that they were told that two women were in the car. One report stated that the car was driven by a man who stopped to give aid but did not give his name to the injured boy. Judge—Why were you driving at such a rate of speed? Prisoner—Your honor, I was late for an appointment. Judge—Well, you will be on time for a while now.

Announcements FOR MAYOR.

We the citizens of Concord do hereby announce G. L. Fisher a candidate for mayor subject to the wishes of the people. CITIZENS. 23-11-x.

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