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FRIDAY IS DAY VOTE FOR SCHOOLS

From 6:30 In Morning
To 6:30 In Evening
Men and Women
May Cast Ballot

Tomorrow, Friday, April 8, is the date of the school bond election of Elizabeth City. Men and women who registered for this election are urged to be sure to vote for schools and to assist in any way possible to get their friends to the polls to vote. A great deal may be accomplished by the generosity of those who have automobiles at their disposal.

The polls will be open from six-thirty in the morning until six-thirty in the evening.

Voting will be a simple matter. The ballots are marked "For School Bonds" and "Against School Bonds." Surely everybody will choose the ballot "For School Bonds." Then it is an easy matter to drop it in the ballot box to help swell the majority.

There are two poll holders at each polling place and one at each place is a woman. This will make it easier and more pleasant for the women voters and everybody knows that the women stand for the education of their children.

The Polling Places

Following are the polling places:
First Ward—Godfrey's store.
Second Ward—Store on Harney back of Williams' store on Parsonage street.

Third Ward—Whitehurst's store on Fearing street.

Fourth Ward—City Market.

The Poll Holders

Following are the poll holders:
First Ward—L. R. Foreman, Mrs. A. B. Houtz.
Second Ward—E. M. Stevens, Mrs. M. E. Trueblood.
Third Ward—John Wells, Miss Marcie Albertson.
Fourth Ward—J. C. Spence, Mrs. Bessie Stewart.

Deny Permission To Reduce Wages

Chicago, April 7.—The Railroad Labor Board today denied permission to the New York Central Railroad to make provisional reduction of wages of unskilled labor on its lines.

The dispute over a permanent reduction in wages will be heard April 18 in connection with similar disputes filed by other railroads.

SAYS LONDONERS ARE GETTING ROUND HEADED

London, April 7.—Citizens of London are growing round headed, according to anthropologists, who say that the change is due to the incursion of middle European peoples. They say the old Britons were long headed with supreme initiative for governing and colonizing, while round heads lack initiative.

Had No Dealings With Soviet Russia

Mexico City, April 7.—The foreign office declares relations have not been established with Soviet Russia nor a Mexican minister appointed to Moscow.

Phila. Celebrates All American Day

Philadelphia, April 7.—All-American Day was celebrated here today with Pershing, Benson and Governor Sprout as guests of honor at patriotic demonstrations.

FOR SALE—MILK COW. WILL BE fresh in a few days. Good milk. Price \$75. R. M. Davis, 215 Hinton Building.

Williams Takes The Stand Today

Covington, April 7.—The state neared the end of its case here today in the trial of John S. Williams, charged with the murder of eleven negroes who met death after federal agents started investigation of alleged peonage conditions.

The final testimony was devoted largely to efforts to corroborate yesterday's statements of Clyde Manning, jointly indicted with Williams, that on the planter's orders he helped drown and knock in the head eleven negroes.

After Manning's wife testified supporting her husband's statements, Sheriff Johnson told of finding the bodies. The state then rested its case and Williams took the stand on his own behalf and declared that he was absolutely innocent. The defense then rested and arguments began at the afternoon session.

GO NEXT WEEK TO CHAPEL HILL

Successful High School Debaters Gather There—Also Interesting Athletic Events—Fine Prospects For Summer

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 6.—Present indications are that the attendance figures at the 34th session of the University of North Carolina summer school, which were higher last year than ever before, will be even higher this summer and that the registration records will again be broken.

Already more than 200 applications from teachers have been received, a marked increase over the early applications last year. All of the space in some of the university dormitories has already been filled. Last year more than 400 teachers were denied admission because there was no place for them to sleep or eat, and Miss Louise Coffey, secretary of the summer school, thinks it easily probable that not only the attendance record of 1,147 in 1920 will be broken, but that even more teachers will be turned away.

The summer school will begin June 21 and run for six weeks, ending August 4. Prof. N. W. Walker will again be director. He has been at Harvard this winter on a leave of absence from the university, but will return to Chapel Hill in time to take up his duties in the summer school. While at Harvard he has obtained the services for the university summer school of many well known teachers connected with Harvard. Many members of the University of North Carolina faculty also will continue their work with the summer school.

Plans are being made at the university to entertain during high school week the largest number of high school students, boys and girls, that has ever been in this already crowded community. The final rounds and the championship contests in debating, track, and tennis will be settled that week, April 13, 14, 15. Approximately 300 students and visitors are expected. Nearly half of them will be here for the debates, but entries already pouring in for the tennis tournament and the track meet indicate a larger number of athletes than ever before.

Already entries have been received for the sixth annual inter-scholastic tennis tournament from Raeford, Sand Hill, Hillsboro, Greensboro, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Durham, Wingo and Wilson. For the track meet, which for the past eight years has been won by Friendship high school, entries have been received from Oak Ridge, Greensboro, Burlington, Red Oak, Hillsboro, Chapel Hill, Sand Hill, Durham, Asheville, Friendship, Wingo and Laurinburg. More entries are expected for both these events.

The high school baseball championship will be decided later in the spring. Plans for that contest follow in general the system used this year in both the football and basketball contests. Managers of the entering teams will arrange their own schedule for the elimination games. Eastern and western championships will be decided and the two sectional leaders will meet on Emerson Field some time in May for the state title. Greensboro won last year, with Burgaw, eastern champions, as runner-up. Wilson high school won both the singles and doubles in tennis last year.

C. D. Lampkin, who has been coming to this city for the B. F. Bond Paper Company for twelve years and is now a member of the firm, was in the city on business for his company Thursday.

DEMAND RETURN GROVER BERGDOLL

Hundreds of Letters and Telegrams Received at American Legion National Headquarters, Officials Announce

Indianapolis, April 7.—Hundreds of telegrams and letters demanding the return of Grover Bergdoll, convicted draft evader now in Germany, have been received at American Legion national headquarters, officials announced today.

National Commander Galbreath is now in Washington bringing every argument to bear on government officials to hasten the demand for Bergdoll.

DISCREPANCIES IN CONFESSION

Buffalo, April 7.—Although Roy Harris, alias Leonard, has not deviated from the original story of his alleged part in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell, wealthy New Yorker, the Buffalo police today after careful analysis of his signed confession pointed to certain discrepancies. New York detectives are expected here to question Harris today.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Blackwell Memorial church is observing the week of prayer for foreign missions. Services are held at 3:30 p. m.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. Mary McCoy will lead the service and the subject will be "The Indians."

PLAN MEETING FOR GROWN-UPS

And at This Meeting Serious Matters Will Be Discussed and Further Plans Will Be Made

At the meeting of the W. C. T. U., the mothers and the ministers at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday afternoon there was much serious discussion of modern morals and particularly of the young people of the community. Not that the young people themselves are so much to blame, but that the responsibility rests upon older shoulders to help the young people and to save them from many hurtful tendencies of the day.

It was then planned to have a mass meeting of adults at the First Baptist church on the night of Sunday, April 17. All earnest minded men and women are urged to attend that meeting, at which further plans will be made for solving some of the important problems confronting the community.

Meetings for the young people will be held elsewhere at the same hour.

A TOWN'S FUNERAL

Following are the sentiments of Owens Shoe Company, as expressed on a card in their show window today:

"A town that never has anything to do in a public way is on the way to the cemetery. Any citizen who will do nothing for his town is helping to dig the grave. A man that 'cusses' the town furnishes the coffin. The man who is so selfish as to have no time from his business to give affairs is making the shroud. The man who will not advertise is driving the hearse. The man who is always pulling back from any public enterprise throws bouquets on the grave. The man who is so stingy as to be howling hard times, preaches the funeral, sings the doxology. And thus the town lies buried from all sorrow and care."—Downs (Kan.) News.

Bodies Two Men Found In Canal

Washington, N. C., April 6.—Reports from Hyde County tell of the finding of bodies of two negroes in a canal near Juniper swamp. The men were employees of a lumber company. A hand of one of the corpses clutched \$18 in money. The negro had had \$100 a little while before he was last seen alive, officials stated. The bodies were in bad condition, and it was impossible to ascertain if there had been violence. One theory is that they were held up and robbed and then slain; another that they stumbled into the canal while drunk and drowned.

FORK SCHOOL SANG AND SANG

Secretary Job, J. Sterling Moran and G. W. Falls Made Splendid Talks at Community Meeting

The community get-together meeting and singing event held at Fork high school near this city Wednesday night was a pronounced success. Roy L. Hoffmeister, community service song director, led the audience in a number of old song favorites which everybody knows, and the response to his leadership was very enthusiastic.

Richard C. Job, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly upon the close parallel between the work of the civic organization which he represents and the community service work which J. Sterling Moran is introducing here. Mr. Job declared that, whereas the Chamber of Commerce assists in the business of the community and the development of its economic resources, community service develops the leisure time of the people. He also urged that everyone attend the meetings of the North Carolina Drainage Convention which will be held at the Chamber of Commerce quarters here Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12 and 13.

J. Sterling Moran, community service organizer, then spoke upon the necessity for an intelligent use of leisure time. He declared that it is not work that kills, but the never-ending monotony of existence without play, and he stressed the importance of keeping alive the play spirit in the individual on through life. Community play, he asserted, tends to bring about community co-operation along other lines, and it is doubly valuable for that reason.

At the conclusion of the addresses Mr. Hoffmeister directed the singing of other songs, and G. W. Falls, Pasquotank County farm demonstrator, made the closing remarks, again urging that the people attend the coming sessions of the drainage convention. The meeting was well attended, and much enthusiasm was shown by those present.

WAGE REDUCTIONS MAKE NO DIFFERENCE

Chicago, April 7.—Wage reductions haven't brought increased demand for cheaper cuts of meat as had been expected, according to the meat packers.

JAZZ MUSIC

By Abe Martin

"Let's all resolve to do all in our power to discourage jazz music. There's somethin' about saxophone and trap drummin' that lures us on to recklessness and license. Somehow we don't seem to care what becomes of us while a jazz orchestra is rattlin' and gruntin' and shriekin'. We forget home-an' mother, unless mother happens to be in the crowd. But, anyhow, we fergit home. We feel tough an' bold. We dance with people we never heard of before an' we lounge about like a sorceress on th' Nile. Jazz records are in ever' home. Th' modern parlor smells like a star's dressing room—cigarette smoke, cosmetics, dandelion wine an' steam heat—a combination of fumes unknown in private life before the introduction of jazz. Once we stop jazz, much of th' demoralization now so common 'd die out. Let our mothers resolve to 'slow down' an' set an example for their growin' daughters—oversee their dressin' an' warn them against th' pitfalls of jazz music. The first impulse when a jazz orchestra begins to mumble an' squeak an' rattle is to kick up, or hug some one, or shimmy, or git fresh. What else is there to do with such music? Nobody ever sit still an' listened to a jazz orchestra."—Community Service Bulletin.

CHORAL PRACTICE EVERY AFTERNOON AT 4:45

The Elizabeth City Choral Society is practicing every afternoon at 4:45 at the Y for the coming opera which is to be the biggest musical event in the life of Betsy.

The date will be announced soon so that everybody in the surrounding counties may come to this really splendid affair.

Mrs. G. W. Norris and daughter, Miss Lillian Trafton, and little son, Cetus, of South Mills, were in this city Saturday.

School Teacher Commits Suicide

Greenville, April 6.—Miss Neta Harris, who has been teaching school at House Station, near this city for the past several months, committed suicide yesterday afternoon, hanging herself from a tree the body found about 4:30 o'clock this morning and was still limp. The surmise is that ill health was the direct cause of her rash act.

Said to Be Despondent

For the past several weeks she had been despondent over her condition and last Monday she came to Greenville and consulted Superintendent S. B. Underwood and County Health Officer Dr. P. B. Chester. They both advised her to go to her home and rest up, which she said she would do. In consequence of her decision a substitute teacher was placed at the school.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Harris went to the store of W. L. Rice at House Station, and stated that she wanted to buy a piece of rope to tie around a trunk, saying she intended to go to her home for a few days.

After purchasing the rope she went directly to the woods and found a tree bent over. Walking up the tree she tied the rope around her neck. After doing this she fastened the rope to the tree and jumped off. Her neck was dislocated by the fall.

Thinking it was about time for the substitute teacher to return to their home after the duties of the day, W. L. Rice and wife left for the school house to bring back Miss Harris and the substitute teacher. On their way to the school house they met the substitute teacher. Miss Harris was not with her. They asked where she was. The substitute teacher said she did not know.

Search was then started, and within a short time the body of Miss Harris was found hanging from a limb about two hundred yards from the road and between the school building and Rice's store.

"THE KID"—A KNOCKOUT

Charles Chaplin's New Feature To Be Shown In Elizabeth City Next Week

The most remarkable and unusual picture released within the past six months is Charles Chaplin's six reel feature "The Kid," scheduled for exhibition at the Alkrama Theater on Tuesday, April 12th. This Chaplin is a distinct departure—a feature with a story—written and directed by the star—and marks Chaplin's debut in a film more pretentious than a short slap stick comedy. "The Kid" is an artistic mixture of comedy and pathos—a fine example of the kinship of the emotions and the proximity of laughter and tears.

Chaplin never registered the pathos, nor caused the chunks in your throat as he does in this. And he has rarely made you laugh more heartily. Once in a while he slips into slapstick stuff, but as a rule this is happily missing, and there are some touches that make you forget it's a comedy. And this only accentuates the laughs when they come. There are a lot of them, too.

The story is there with a wallop. A little waf, abandoned by its mother, is finally taken up by Charlie because he can't lose him, try as hard as he does. All the humor is there showing how Charlie takes care of him, in the end the kid being returned to his mother, who is now a famous singer. How Charlie takes to the little one protects and raises him and finally fights off the county officials who would take the youngster to the county orphanage, and how, in the end, the youngster goes to his mother, only to be followed by Charlie, makes up the plot. But this synopsis cannot begin to do justice to the innumerable bits of real humor, of real comedy, that, interspersed as they are, contribute to making this one of the greatest pictures you ever had a chance to see.

Little Jackie Coogan is "The Kid." A newcomer with a real personality, he is immense. Edna Purviance has a mighty good part, and Charlie—well, he is the same old irresistible laugh make that he has always been.

Daughtery Issues Warnings To Business

Washington, April 7.—A general warning to business that the Department of Justice will countenance no violations of the law was sounded by Attorney General Daughtery today.

He pointed out that while the protesting section of the Lever Act had been declared unconstitutional, the Department still could proceed under the Sherman law.

Daughtery was discussing specifically the situation in the building materials industry which he declared intolerable.

HEARING IN MAY OF VITAL INTEREST

Question of Government Ownership of Dismal Swamp Canal to Be Re-opened Before Government Engineers

W. K. King, first president of the Norfolk Southern railroad, and now president of the Lake Drummond Canal and Water Company, was in the city Thursday to confer with representative Elizabeth City people about the hearing to be held some time in May by the government board of engineers relative to recommending that the government take over the Dismal Swamp Canal as a part of its inland waterways.

The Rivers and Harbors Committee of the last Congress before adjournment passed a resolution providing for the hearing, but it has been deferred until May in order to give those interested in having the government take over the canal time to compile facts and data to show the wisdom, the justice and the expediency of the proposed step. The date is not yet set.

"The government," said Mr. King while in the city to a reporter for this newspaper, "encouraged the building of the Dismal Swamp Canal and it was recommended by the government engineer for this district at the time."

"The wisdom of his recommendation is shown by the fact that after the canal was completed and up to the time that it was made to compete with a free waterway 75 to 80 per cent of the traffic between the Albemarle Sound and Chesapeake Bay passed through the Dismal Swamp Canal.

"Including Elizabeth City 16 million dollars in assessed taxable property and 25,000 people would be affected by the government's action in the matter.

"The people on the canal are absolutely dependent on it as a highway of communication with the outside world. If the canal is abandoned, as it appears it will have to be unless the government intervenes, Camden County officials estimate that the loss of population in the western part of the county will be so considerable as seriously to hamper and cripple and perhaps cause discontinuance of the schools in that section.

"Elizabeth City is not so apparently affected as the people along the canal proper, but the canal has always been one of the most valuable assets and facilities of the town.

"The Dismal Swamp Canal is the parent of Elizabeth City. This was the point where all vessels from the Albemarle Sound enroute to and from Norfolk would stop to get ready to go through the canal. Little business shacks went up to sell these vessels supplies—and that was the beginning of Elizabeth City.

"For forty years the Dismal Swamp Canal was the only outlet for Elizabeth City. It is still the shortest waterway between Elizabeth City and Norfolk by 36 miles. Every loaded barge now coming into and going out from Elizabeth City adds 72 miles to the distance and \$150 to the cost it would be required if the Dismal Swamp Canal were a free waterway. Who pays the freight for this 72 miles? Why Elizabeth City. You have paid half of it on every barge of brick that have come into your harbor for the construction of your roads. The longer haul increases the cost of fertilizer to the farmers and the list of items might be multiplied many times over.

"But not only the big shipper, but, indirectly, the small shipper as well will be benefited by keeping open the Dismal Swamp Canal. With this canal operated as a free canal the daily boat line schedule to Norfolk will be restored, and it is reasonable to believe that a lower freight rate will be established which the railroad will have to meet. Certainly this canal would protect the city against any increase in freight rates.

Greece Celebrates Freedom From Turks

Athens, April 7.—Greece today celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of her freedom from the Turkish yoke with great parades, mass meetings and patriotic speeches.

Employers and Miners Not Meeting

London, April 7.—Leaders of the Miners' Union who conferred with Lloyd George today, refused to order the pumpmen and engineers to resume work pending negotiations with owners. As a result miners and employers will not meet today.