

Bestcity Votes For Schools and Bonds

All Together At 4 O'clock

Ready, Sing — Everybody Sing —
It's A Community Sing And
Part of Community Service

Song books ready, sing! If song books are lost through long disuse, sing anyway!

The hour is four o'clock Sunday afternoon, at the high school auditorium, same as last Sunday.

But the crowd will be bigger and the chorus will swell into a mighty community service anthem that will reach the skies.

There will be a few short talks by local folks interested in community service, but singing's the thing. Not the other fellow's singing, but one's very own singing.

For everybody sings, and those who haven't been around when Roy L. Hoffmeister is on the job, do not know singing when they hear it. He doesn't sing, it isn't that. He simply gets everybody to sing. Nobody leaves it to the choir or lets George do it. Everybody sings the good old fashioned songs, and it's beautiful.

The house was nearly full last Sunday. This Sunday it ought to overflow. There's time for the auto ride and for the other things before and after. But at four o'clock everybody's going to sing.

MISS SYKES WINS GREAT PRAISE

Bestcity Girl of Unusual Talent
Gives Delightful Graduating
Recital at Conservatory

The following from the Fayetteville Observer will be of much interest to friends of Miss Emerald Sykes, whose musical talent has attracted much attention from her early childhood:

The superior facilities afforded at the Fayetteville Conservatory for instruction in music were especially emphasized Monday night by the recital incidental to the graduation of Miss Emerald M. Sykes, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

The auditorium was filled with an audience that evinced its appreciation of the music by the most flattering applause. The recital was a distinct success from every point of view. Miss Sykes covered herself with glory and reflected credit upon the teachers and the entire institution. She proved herself to be a pianist of rare ability, evincing a conception of music, which not only speaks natural talent of a high order, but training of superior excellence.

She was ably assisted in two numbers on the program by Arthur Talma as violinist and by Raymond Putman, second piano. The stage of the auditorium was tastefully and handsomely decorated with spring flowers and presented a most attractive appearance.

The graduation of Miss Sykes is the first of the new year and if the recital last night is to be taken as an earnest of future events of similar character, the friends of the institution and the Fayetteville public generally have reason to expect a future of the greatest promise for the Conservatory of Music. Miss Sykes is a pupil of Raymond Putman.

Miss Sykes' first year at college was at Meredith, Raleigh. This her

AMERICANS ARE HURRYING HOME

As Industrial Situation
In England Grows
Daily More Serious
and Tide Surges

London, April 9.—Railway and transport workers representatives called on Lloyd George today to convey their decision to support the striking miners.

The impression prevailed that their conversation might result in some new move toward solution of the industrial situation which yesterday assumed threatening proportions.

All army reserves have been called to the colors excepting those in Ireland and the civil police force.

The Daily Graphic says Americans in England are flooding steamship companies with applications for berths to America.

Daily Mail quotes one leading figure of the Triple Alliance as saying "A revolutionary tide is surging up and carrying us with it."

The Daily Telegraph declares it sees no hope to save the nation from disaster. It is asserted in some quarters that actual calling off of the general strike was deferred until Tuesday night so it might be possible to bring about resumption of negotiations.

Recruiting of volunteer workers and safety units was energetically begun by the government today and other plans were perfected to meet the threat of wide spread industrial tie up which would involve directly two million workers.

Reports from various parts of England, Scotland and Wales indicate that the rank and file of the railway men are challenging the right of the executive body to call a strike without a ballot.

Says Harris Is Just Plain Nut

Buffalo, April 9.—Although Roy Harris, who confessed to implication in the murder of Joseph Elwell, of New York, last June, has been pronounced normal mentally by alienists, the lay opinion persists that he is a notorious seaker.

District Attorney Moore, of Buffalo, says he is a plain nut. Harris will be taken to New York and given certain tests in the attempt to prove or disprove his story.

second year at Fayetteville. She was the recipient of many beautiful presents and flowers from friends far and near.

Next month Miss Sykes gives her graduating recital on the pipe organ.

John Henry Burgess, Aged Veteran, Dead

Funeral Sunday Afternoon at
Four O'clock at First Metho-
dist Church

John Henry Burgess, aged 78, adjutant of the William F. Martin Camp of Confederate Veterans, died at his home on West Main street Saturday morning after several weeks' illness.

Mr. Burgess was one of Elizabeth City's oldest residents. His health, which for a man of his age had been unusually good, began to fail about three months ago and for the last two weeks he had been confined to his bed, his death momentarily expected.

The death of John Henry Burgess takes from Elizabeth City one of the four or five remaining Confederate veterans of the William F. Martin camp, and removes from the life of the town a man who had been identified with it as long as any one now living here. Perhaps M. B. Culpeper is the only other man in the town who lived in the Elizabeth City of sixty years ago.

John Henry Burgess was born in Elizabeth City on February 21, 1843. He was but little past his seventeenth birthday when on May 21, 1861, he enlisted in the Confederate army and served until he was captured on February 8th, 1862. Later he was exchanged and in April, 1863, he re-enlisted in the signal corps service, army of Northern Virginia, with which he served until Lee's surrender at Appomattox on April 9, 1865.

On November 15th, 1866, Mr. Burgess married Rebecca Newbold, and of this union nine children were born. His widow and seven of these children, five sons and two daughters, survive him.

The daughters are: Miss Nancy N. Burgess, of this city, and Mrs. C. R. Bell, of Baltimore.

The sons are: J. H. Burgess, Jr., and J. W. Burgess, of Baltimore; W. F. M. Burgess and C. N. Burgess, of Norfolk, and A. E. Burgess, of Petersburg.

Up until eighteen years ago Mr. Burgess was engaged in the mercantile business; but for the last eighteen years has retired from business and has lived a quiet life with his family. For the last several years now he has lived at number 2 West Main street.

Mr. Burgess was one of the oldest members of the First Methodist church of this city. When the building now used as a house of worship on East Church street was dedicated Mr. Burgess was a member.

The funeral will be conducted at four o'clock Sunday afternoon at the First Methodist church by Rev. J. M. Ormond.

WILLIAMS GETS LIFE SENTENCE

Convicted of Murder of Negroes — Jury Recommends
Mercy — Motion For New
Trial Filed at Once

Covington, Ga., April 9.—John S. Williams, accused of the murder of eleven of his farm hands to halt federal investigation of peonage, was found guilty of murder by the jury here today and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Motion for a new trial was immediately filed and the hearing on the motion set for April 30 at Decatur.

The verdict recommended mercy which under the Georgia law automatically carries a life sentence.

Williams received the verdict calmly, but when his wife and children began to sob he seemed endeavoring to restrain his emotions. His wife sobbed on Williams' shoulder, his arm about her.

WILL TELL OF PAST FIFTY YEARS WORK

Sunday morning at the First Methodist Sunday School C. E. Kramer, fifty years a member of the Sunday School, will make a very interesting talk on the progress of the Sunday School during half a century.

WITH APOTHECARY SHOP

Vincent Hughes has accepted a position at the Apothecary Shop.

38TH COUNCIL AT EDENTON

Bishop Darst Calls to Arms All
Episcopalians of East Caro-
lina in Masterful Address at
St. Paul's Church

Edenton, April 8.—The 38th annual council of the Episcopal diocese of East Carolina was called to order at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by the Right Rev. T. C. Darst in historic St. Paul's church here. The Rev. W. R. Noe, of Wilmington, acted as secretary and organization was perfected by the election of Rev. R. B. Drane, rector of St. Paul's parish, as president, and Rev. Mr. Noe, secretary. Bishop Darst, who presided at all the meetings, announced the appointment of special committees, The Board of Examining Chaplains for the diocese was nominated by the Bishop and elected by the council.

At 11 o'clock the opening service of the council was held. The church women of the diocese who held separate meetings in the Methodist church, were present at this service. After the annual address of the Bishop there was a celebration of the Holy Communion. The Bishop was assisted in this service by the rector and the secretary.

Bishop Makes Address

In his masterful address, the Bishop declared in many ways the year 1920 was the most remarkable and fruitful year in the history of the diocese. It was an address worthy of the place in which it was delivered, a counsel which is not only a spiritual shrine, but also a great historical significance. It was a call to arms to Episcopalians in East Carolina.

Speaking of the splendid results of the nation-wide campaign, the Bishop said in part: "At one time we may have looked upon the world's needs as our opportunity. Now we have accepted it as our responsibility. Last year we found it comparatively easy to meet our pledges, this year we are finding it hard. We gave of our abundance last year and received the praise of men. This year we will give out of our poverty and receive the praise of God. We have come to a time of testing and the future of spiritual life of the diocese depends on the way we meet this challenge."

The address made specification of negro work of the diocese and contained recommendation for its enlargement. The address cited facts that have a grave bearing on the ministry. The number of candidates for the ministry is much less than in 1916. The Bishop made enthusiastic mention of the organizations of the diocese but urged the delegates not to lay too much stress on organization. Machinery is excellent, he said, but it is the spirit of the Lord that must move the wheels.

Women Hold Meetings

In their morning session, the women attended to much business. The meetings were presided over by Mrs. James G. Staton, of Williamsport diocesan president of Woman's Work. Reports from all diocesan officers were received. Mesdames W. D. McMullan, Jr., and Richard Williams, vice-presidents, made report of the work of the two convocations of the diocese. Mrs. A. M. Waddell, field secretary of the diocese for Woman's Work, made a report reviewing her activities for the year. Miss Rena Harding reported for the church service league. Mrs. Sidney McMullan reported for the box work. Miss Minnie Albertson and Mrs. Guy Cardwell reported for diocesan educational work. Mrs. K. C. B. Wade, of New York, supply secretary of the church service league, was present and gave a most interesting address.

All the visiting delegates were entertained at luncheon in the Historic Cupola House at 1 o'clock. They were the guests of the ladies of St. Paul's parish.

The afternoon session of the council, which convened at 3 o'clock, was given over largely to the consideration of reports of diocesan officers and special committees.

The report of the treasurer showed the financial support given the church during the past year showed an increase over 1919 of well 100 per cent. The question of the support given by the diocese to the University of the South precipitated much discussion. The council went on record as endorsing the campaign

Good Majority Puts It Over

Only 57 Out of Registration of 1,033
Get Out To Polls And Cast Ballots
Against Issue

Elizabeth City voted for schools and bonds Friday, April 8th, with 225 votes to spare.

Dempsey-Carpentier To Fight July 2nd

New York, April 9.—The Dempsey-Carpentier championship fight will be held July 2nd in New Jersey. Tex Rickard announced today. Atlantic City, Newark or Jersey City will be selected.

BIG CLAIM FILED FOR CHEROKEES

Title to Fourteen Million Acres
of Land Including Two Cities
and Rich Oil Field Is In-
volved

Washington, April 9.—A claim for fourteen million acres of land in Texas and Oklahoma, including the cities of Tulsa, Oklahoma City and practically the entire Burk Burnett oil field, was filed in the Supreme Court today in behalf of the Cherokee Indian nation supported by government patent certified authentic by the Department of the Interior. The patent was found in the effects of a deceased tribal chief.

TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS CHIEF JUSTICE

Nashville, April 9.—The Tennessee Supreme Court today affirmed the action of the Chief Justice in issuing writs of certiorari and super-seedeas in woman suffrage litigation as a result of which Governor Roberts certified the ratification of the thirteenth amendment to the Constitution to Secretary of State Colby, following which the amendment was proclaimed.

FIND BALLOON BUT NO CREW

Panama City, Fla., The naval balloon missing since March 22 from the Pensacola naval station has been found in the gulf by fishermen and was brought here today. There is still no trace of the crew.

Reverses Cause Great Depression

Athens, April 9 (By The Associated Press)—Reverses suffered by Greek forces in Anatolia and casualties inflicted by Turkish Nationalists have caused great depression here.

GRIGGS COMMANDERY ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

Following are the newly elected officers of Griggs Commandery: W. P. Wood, eminent commander; T. A. Commander, generalissimo; C. V. Ballard, captain general; C. M. Griggs, prelate; C. H. Twiddy, senior warden; T. S. Hughes, junior warden; A. G. James, recorder; H. G. Kramer, treasurer; J. C. Bembury, sentinel; H. A. Flora, standard bearer; G. W. Beveridge, sword bearer.

Bryan To Address Florida Solons

Miami, April 9.—William Jennings Bryan announced today that he had accepted an invitation of the Florida Legislature to address that body next Wednesday.