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Hearing Today On Court Bill

The time of the hearing on the bill to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Clayton Mayor's Court has been changed from 10:30 to 10:00 a. m., today.

His hearing will be held in room 513 in the Revenue Building.

A large attendance from Clayton is being urged by town officials.

Local Red Cross Begins Fund Drive

The Annual Red Cross Roll Call drive opens here today and will continue through March 15. Campaign Chairman James O. Waters and Co-Chairman D. Glen Wall will head up the drive.

The Clayton Chapter's quota in the 1953 Roll Call is \$1219, states Chapter Chairman E. E. Snipes.

A kick-off meeting was held last night at the school library. Workers chosen by Roll Call Chairman Waters will be announced later.

The demands on the American Red Cross during the past year have been very great. The Korean War has called for a large amount of relief assistance from the Red Cross and there has also been a great demand at home for help due to the many disasters we have experienced during the last year.

The local chapter has had to call on the reserve of the Chapter to meet some of their local expenses for last year. We hope when you are contacted you will donate as liberally as possible that this work may continue.

Ex-Clayton Girl Opens Business

Doris McNell, formerly of Clayton, opened an office at 58 Fisher Ave., White Plains, N. Y., on March 1, 1953, for handling publicity, advertising and promotion.

Miss McNell attended William Cooper High here and Fayetteville Teachers College, Fayetteville, N. C.

Prior to opening her own office, she worked for two years for several New York newspapers in White Plains.

Legion To Meet

The Leonard Moore Post No. 71 of the American Legion meets Thursday night (tonight) at 7:30 p. m., at the Legion Building on Second Street.

Commander Cole has requested that all veterans of World Wars I and II and the Korean Veterans attend this meeting if possible.

Supper will be served. A special invitation is extended to all visiting servicemen to attend this meeting.

50-Year Member Of Pythians Has Had Varied And Active Career

The Pythians had a supper at the Pythian Home celebrating the organization of the Pythian Lodge in Clayton on February 3, 1903, at which time John T. Talton became a charter member and has been a continuous member since then.

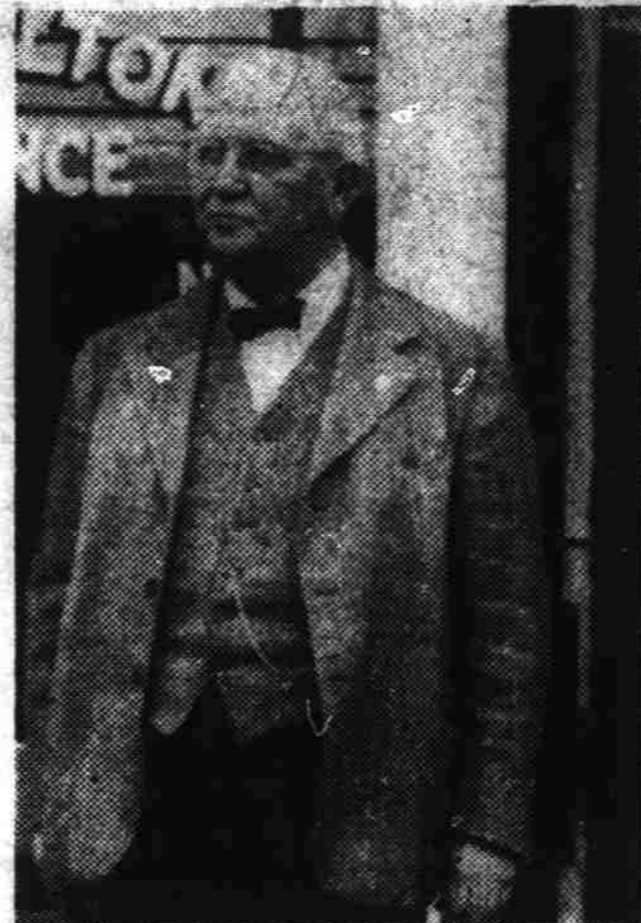
John Talton was born at Pinkney, in Wayne County, N. C., on February 29, 1880, which happened to be the fifth Sunday in February. There has been only one fifth Sunday in February since then, (February 1920), so Mr. Talton laughingly says he has only had one real birthday, and was 40 years old when he had that.

In 1886 his people moved to Clayton where he lived until he was about 15 years old. At that time he entered the famous Turrlington Institute at Smithfield, which was an unusually good school at that time.

He later went to A & M (now State College) in Raleigh where he studied for about three years, after which he went to Massey Business College at Richmond, Va., where he completed their Commercial Course and studied shorthand. He worked for the firm of Ashley Horne and Sons as stenographer from the fall of 1889 until 1903 except for a time out with a spell of typhoid fever.

In 1911 Mr. Talton and Miss Ruth Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barnes were married, and it is worth the price of any good show to hear Mr. Talton's description of the amount of luggage Mrs. Talton took on the wedding trip — how the trunk (yes, TRUNK) was lost and how it was subsequently found. He is witty anyway, and he can really "put the gravy" on this and any of you who have not heard this story, do get him to tell it to you soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Talton had eight children: Mrs. Linder Alford and



John T. Talton honored at a 50-year banquet at the Pythian Home.

Mrs. Robert Caldwell, both of Atlanta, Mrs. Frank Craig, of Athens, Ga., Miss Grace Talton of Williamston and Clayton, Mrs. Swade E. Barbour, Jr., Fred Talton and John T. Talton, Jr. of Clayton. One son, Robert, died in infancy.

Mr. Talton has always taken an active interest in civic and church affairs as is shown by the following list of offices he has held and the number of businesses in which he has been interested:

He worked for Ashley Horne and Sons until 1906, then went with the Clayton Banking Company as assistant cashier until January 1, 1919, when he was elected cashier, which position he held until the bank closed in 1930. He has been in the coal and insurance business, also the real estate business since about 1915.

It just wouldn't seem like Clayton if we couldn't see the familiar sign: John T. Talton on

the window.

As aforesaid, Mr. Talton was a charter member of the Clayton Lodge, Knights of Pythias and has served in all the various offices of the lodge at various times. He also served as treasurer of the Pythian Home for several years.

He has been secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School for several years, deacon for a long time, member of the Clayton School Board, served as treasurer for the same board for a number of years, was a member of the County Board of Education, was Mayor of Clayton for two years, served on the Board of Directors of the Clayton Telephone Company, Clayton Building and Loan Association, Clayton Banking Company and the Clayton Rotary Club. He was the second president of the Clayton Rotary Club.

Mr. Talton is an authority on the History of Clayton, having published a booklet called "Illustrated Handbook of Clayton and Vicinity". These are some of the many things Mr. Talton has done to fill the years of his rich, full life, and as we see, he has been most unselfish of his time and talents given to the betterment of the social, civic and religious life of the community.

Attending this recent supper meeting were about 60 local Pythians and candidates. After a most enjoyable supper for which the Pythian Home is famous, Supreme Representative Robert D. Holloman of Durham presented a 50-year membership pin to John T. Talton.

Past Grand Chancellor R. L. Cooper introduced Dr. Trexler Collins of Durham, who was the speaker of the evening. Dr. Collins gave a very interesting talk on the Pythian organization and the friendship that existed between Damon and Pythias.

Drug Stores Plan To Close Sundays

Clayton's two drug stores are this week announcing plans for closing on Sundays commencing March 15.

Beddingfield Bros., and Whitely-Bain Drug Company explained that they are making the change in order to provide their employees one day of rest each week.

They emphasize, however, that a druggist will be available at home for emergency prescriptions all day Sunday and 24 hours per day every day.

Two Plays Set By Local Group

Two plays will be presented in the school auditorium on Friday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock.

Do you want one hour and fifteen minutes of good, hearty laughing and thirty more minutes of weird, hair-raising suspense?

Then, by all means remember Friday, the 13th, your lucky evening for then you can see and enjoy "Bashful Bobby", a rich, good comedy, starring Larry Johnson, Betty Bain, Jimmy Moore, Bucky Coats, Lynne Benson and Jimmy Lassiter.

Others in the cast are Jennings Gower, Sue Cavanaugh, Patricia Branuan, Delores Wall, Beth Williams and Caroline Nelson.

This play is being presented by the Youth Fellowship of the Methodist Church.

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Methodist Church will present the other play, "The Opening of the Door," a ghostly thriller. The cast includes Miss Frances Southerland, Mr. Roy Justice, Mrs. Connie Hicks, Miss Jane Young, Dr. William Dunnagan and Mrs. Genevieve Bell. Miss Sarah Richardson is directing the plays.

The admission price is only 25 cents for boys and girls in school and 35 cents for adults. All proceeds will go toward buying a piano for the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Clayton Teams Place Two Each On All-County Basketball Squads

The Clayton boys and girls basketball teams each came up with two all-county players when the selections were announced after the final tournament games Monday night in Four Oaks.

In addition the local girls received the sportsmanship trophy for the Southern half of the county.

Smithfield walked away with both the boys and girls championships. The boys defeated Princeton 45-35 and the Smithfield sextet downed Micro 57-37.

The Clayton girls bowed out of the tourney in the semi-finals with a last minute loss to Smithfield, 41-39.

Our boys Blue Comets were upset in the quarter 52-47 by Four Oaks.

Third Straight Year William Snipes, a senior, re-

ceived his third all-county award and Nelson Coats, a sophomore, also was named to the mythical team. Together they usually formed the Comets one-two scoring punch this season.

Anna Belle Cole, another senior, also took her third all-county award, winding up probably the most outstanding career a girl player has ever had in this county.

Frances Poole, a sophomore guard for the local sextet walked off with a well-earned place on the all-county selections, to round out the four Blue Comets receiving the coveted honor.

COMETS REGULAR SEASON RECORDS
BOYS
WON 13 - LOST 5
GIRLS
WON 12 - LOST 5

Mr. & Mrs. Snipes Earn Awards

Two Clayton residents have been awarded employee service emblems by the Farmers Cooperative Exchange, according to Robert A. Ponton, Raleigh, personnel director for the organization.

Receiving the awards were E. E. Snipes, manager of the Clayton FCX Service, who received a 10-year service emblem, and his wife, Mrs. Irene Snipes, who received a 5-year service emblem. The Farmers Cooperative Exchange is a purchasing and marketing organization with a membership of 161,000 families in the two Carolinas. It operates service stores in 58 cities and towns

Fire Destroys Two Buildings

An early morning fire here Wednesday destroyed a brooder house and a smoke house belonging to Robert Barbour of Second Street.

The Clayton Fire Department answered the alarm, but the buildings were past saving by that time.

The 3:15 a. m. blaze consumed 100 young chicks and about 300 pounds of meat in the smoke house.

World War II cost the United States \$300 billion, or two years' average national income, against \$35 billion or six months' income for World War I.

Chemicals can be applied to cotton plant to cause it to shed leaves prematurely to make picking easier.