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Opening Program Eastern Carolina Exposition Success

American Legion and Auxiliary Float Takes First Prize; Will Rogers' Performances Please Thousands of People; Junior Queens Were Presented on Wednesday Afternoon.

Greenville, April 6.—The Fourth Annual Eastern Carolina Exposition opened Monday with one of the largest and most orderly crowds in the history of Greenville, in attendance.

The Exposition was officially opened by a parade which was featured by a number of beautiful floats. The American Legion and Auxiliary float was awarded the first prize, the Eastern Carolina Teachers College float, second prize; while the third prize was awarded to Tarboro.

Chief Marshal, D. J. Wichard, lieutenant marshals, Julian White, W. L. Whichard, R. W. Gorham, Dr. A. M. Schuler, Graham Flanagan, James Little, Dail Laughinghouse, Curtis Perkins and Francis Bowen; the Benson band, city and exposition officials, and no tables on the program; queens and floats as follows: Sans Souci Book club, E. C. Teachers College, W. C. T. U., Bethel; United Daughters of the Confederacy; End of the Century Book Club, Woman's club, Greenville Floral company, American Legion and Auxiliary, Tarboro, Robertsonville, Grimesland, Greenville Kiwanis club, Greenville Tobacco Market, two floats depicting the market 25 years ago and the present; Round Table Book club and L. F. Hill.

Following the parade the doors of the large exposition building were opened and the first formal exercises were conducted. Rev. James E. W. Cook, rector of the Episcopal church, offered prayer. Mayor D. M. Clark, in a brief but appropriate manner, welcomed the thousands of visitors to the city. His welcome was responded to by President John W. Holmes, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Mr. J. B. James, master of ceremonies for the week, in his usual eloquent and graceful manner, introduced the queens. The acclamations accorded the young ladies was proof enough that the queens' contest is an attractive feature of the week's events.

The De Reszke Singers delighted the large audience with their repertoire which consisted of songs, piano solos, tries and duets. Each of the singers were splendid in their respective roles and gave to the large audience some of the best music ever heard from the exposition stage.

Mr. James in a pleasing manner introduced Commissioner of Revenue, R. A. Doughton, who delivered the principal address of the afternoon. Mr. Doughton brought greetings from Governor McLean and in a few brief words told of the progress which North Carolina is making along all lines. He expressed great pleasure at being present and congratulated the city and exposition officials upon the wonderful manner in which they were conducting the exposition.

Will Rogers, the world's greatest humorist, and the screen idol of millions of people, put on a performance, which it would be useless to attempt to find words adequate to do justice. Just the name Will Rogers is sufficient to let the world know that a real notable appeared on the Exposition platform Monday. Will's jokes are unusual. They knock without hurting and at the same time bring food for thought. He is one of the country's best read men and is posted on every matter which directly or indirectly affects this great country. He has touched elbows with the world's greatest men, been in their homes, and made friends with them. He is at home on any American stage whether city or village, and always makes an indelible impression upon his audience. He was great and his performance was greatly enjoyed.

Monday evening's performance was opened by a concert by local orchestras. This orchestra which will be here for the entire week, is splendid. Several bands of the people of Eastern Carolina heard better music.

Following the concert, Mr. James again presented the queens and as usual they were given a beautiful selection of prizes. The presentation of the prizes was a most interesting feature of the evening. The presentation of the prizes was a most interesting feature of the evening. The presentation of the prizes was a most interesting feature of the evening.

their part of the program being an exhibition of the Charleston by Mr. Conklin, leader of the orchestra. Tuesday was American Legion day. The exercises were opened with a parade which formed at the court house and marched down Dickinson avenue to the Exposition building. The large number of legionnaires and their friends were addressed by Honorable Tasker Polk, Col. Merrill and L. Boyt, Port Bragg, and I. P. Davis, Warsaw.

HOLD HEARING LOCATING 91

Northern Route From Zebulon and Southern Route From Wendell Proposed

Raleigh, April 6.—A joint hearing on the location of route 91 from route 90 to Wilson was held yesterday afternoon in the house of representatives before Frank C. Kugler, commissioner of the first district, and John Sprunt Hill, commissioner of the fourth district.

Two routes have been proposed, one leaving route 90 at Zebulon, and running along the northern side of the Norfolk Southern railroad, and the other leaving route 90 at Wendell and running south of the Norfolk Southern railroad to Wilson. Although the commissioners announced no decision yesterday afternoon, the northern route seemed to have a slight advantage in that it required \$125,000 less to construct this route, and eliminate two grade crossings which are necessary on the southern route.

The southern route more nearly approximated the present roadway, and the traveling distance is 1.41 miles shorter than the northern route. By following route 90 from Wendell to Zebulon, however, it will be necessary to construct 10.92 miles of hard surface on the northern route against 13.17 miles on the southern, making the construction distance on the northern route 2.7 miles shorter. In addition it will be necessary to build two bridges on the southern route against one on the northern.

Wake county commissioners were in favor of the northern route while Nash county endorsed the southern route with the exception of one commissioner. Johnston county was not heard officially at the meeting, but it was reported to be on the fence.

Between 75 and 100 farmers and others interested were present at the hearing. Judge Loyd Horton and Y. Z. Parker appeared for the southern route while James H. Poy was counsel for those desiring the northern route. A large number of witnesses testified during the afternoon in regard to the number of inhabitants the road would serve and other merits of the respective routes.

Fountain's Political Pot Now Boiling

On April the second a nominating convention was called for the purpose of naming the ballot for the coming year. The following persons were nominated:

For Mayor: F. L. Eagles and Abner Eason.

For Town Commissioners: C. L. Owens, W. D. Owens, F. D. Turnage and M. E. Smith.

For Clerk: J. A. Mercer and C. V. Smith.

Mayor W. C. Moore became the "dark horse" of the convention, having announced at a later date his intention to run as an independent, making the race for Mayor a three cornered affair. At the close of its business, the convention went on record as unanimously endorsing its township candidate, Mr. R. A. Fountain, for the office of County Commissioner for the primary to be held in June.

Best Program of Season Next Week

The Trio management wishes to announce that one of the best programs of the season will be presented next week. On Monday and Tuesday "The Wanderers," a Paramount Super Special will be shown, and then on Wednesday comes one of the most liked of pictures of the year, "The Merry Widow," starring Mae Murray, with John Gilbert.



Two of the most exclusive fashions in Easter dress—both speaking the universal language of chic—both possessing a charm that is irrefragable. The hat is of draped silk trimmed with the gayest of embroidery, and has drooping, graceful lines. Particularly lovely and unusual is the new version of the popular ensemble consisting of a two piece dress of beige worsted, and a flowing wrap, the smartness of which is accentuated by being bordered with vividly colored stitching.

S. S. CONFERENCE BEGUN

Third Annual Gathering of Workers of North Carolina M. E. Conference.

Goldboro, April 7.—The third annual conference of Sunday school workers of the North Carolina Methodist conference began on schedule time here today and something over 200 delegates were registered before the night program began. The number of delegates will very likely pass the four hundred mark by the first session tomorrow.

The afternoon program was given over to registration of delegates and routing work.

Dr. E. D. Soper, dean of the Bible department of Duke University, was the outstanding speaker on tonight's program. He spoke on the subject, "The Worker and His Bible."

He said that one must know the Bible to be able to teach it and that knowing about the Bible or to be able to quote from the Bible is not knowing the Bible itself. "Many critics try to defend the Bible but it needs no defense. Just as soon as the Bible is understood and lived out in our lives it becomes its own defense."

"Allowing the Bible to become a part of you is knowing it. One reason why so many people misunderstand the Bible is because they think that it is verbally inspired and accept it as authority on religion, science and everything else."

Dr. Soper himself believes in the inspiration of the scriptures but does not accept it as authority on science.

"The Bible does not agree with science and is therefore no text book on science," he said. "If you go to the Bible for a text book on religion, it is one of the greatest books ever written. One reason why more people are not Christians is not because the Bible is not clear, but because we are not clear in our living. The main theme of the Bible is Jesus."

Dr. Soper speaks again tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and Dr. A. A. Brown, president of the University of Tennessee, speaks tomorrow night.

EXPRESSION RECITAL

The member of Mrs. D. C. Gordon's expression class gave a student recital in the studio at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. The program was as follows:

Reading—Innocence, Elsa Gray Caraway.

The Reason Why—Becky Wheeler.

A Story Without Words—Mildred Barrett.

Social Things at Night—Edlyn Taylor.

COLE DAMAGE SUIT FOR TRIAL

Set for Monday April 26th is Brought by Rev. A. L. Ormond in Wake County Superior Court.

Goldboro, April 7.—Final of the suit brought by Rev. A. L. Ormond against W. B. Cole, Rockingham capitalist, asking for \$150,000 in damages for the death of Ormond's son, has been set for Monday, April 26, in Wake superior court.

There are several cases set ahead of it, but as several of them are expected to be continued or settled out of court, it is considered altogether probable that the Ormond case will be reached early in the week.

This suit was started last fall immediately following Cole's acquittal of the killing of W. W. Ormond. The answer was filed early in January, a reply filed later, and the case is now regularly set on the docket.

Lawyers listed for the plaintiff include: Douglas & Douglas, of Raleigh; W. R. Jones, of Rockingham; Larry I. Moore, of New Bern; R. N. Simms, of Raleigh; Harold D. Coley, of Nashville.

Lawyers listed for the defendant include: Poy & Poy, of Raleigh; A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro; Jones & Horton, of Raleigh.

TOOK PLAYERS IN "WANDERERS" 14 HOURS TO DON MAKE-UP

Fourteen hours are required by the featured players in "The Wanderers" to apply their make-up for the picture.

Because of the scant amount of clothing worn in many of the scenes it was necessary for many of the cast to cover much of their body with grease paint.

William Carter, Jr., is the role of the principal and required the longest time of any of the players. Assisted by two helpers, it was necessary for Collier to start at 7 o'clock each morning in order to be on the set by nine.

Tyrone Power, who plays the part of "Jethro" patriarch of Hobson, started applying his make up exactly one hour and a half before the camera was called to work in the company with Wallace Beery, Grete Nissen, Kathleen Williams, Kathryn Hill, George Riggs and Holmes Herbert all consumed about the same amount of time preparing for the picture every morning.

"The Wanderers," which was directed by Raoul Walsh for Paramount, is a drama of the Holy Land, filmed on a scale of unprecedented beauty and business. The story was adapted by James T. O'Donoghue, from the stage play of the same name. It opens at the 10 theatres on Monday and Tuesday next.

37 DISTRICT ROTARY MEET

Large Attendance is Expected to Be Present. Five Rotary International Officers on Program

Durham, April 7.—Sixteen hundred and seventy persons, including 1171 Rotarians and 499 ladies, are on the lists to attend the 37th district Rotary conference here April 13-14. Governor A. W. McLean will welcome the visitors. Five Rotary international officers and committeemen, Cornelius D. Garretson, Wilmington, Del.; Paul Reiger, San Francisco, Cal.; John E. Norman, Miami, Fla.; Harry H. Rogers, San Antonio, Texas, and M. Eugene Newson, Durham, are on the program.

William N. Harmon, 31, city mail carrier here for five years, stopped work last Tuesday and disappeared Wednesday, leaving his wife and three young children in rather destitute circumstances. The deserted woman went to the boarding place of her sister, Mrs. Hettie Cole, 22, for help, to find that the sister also had disappeared. Police were notified and went to work trying to locate the two, on the assumption that they left together. Mrs. Cole's husband is said to be in the state penitentiary.

Miss Ella M. Umstead and James N. Umstead, of Durham, won a suit in Norfolk, Va., last week which gives them and H. C. Meyer a clear legal title of 180 acres of land with about a mile of shore line at Virginia Beach, said to be worth \$1,000,000. The Umsteads own half interest in the tract, which they bought two or three years ago for \$20,000. Earl White, one of the defendants in the suit, was charged with attempting to swindle the owners of the property out of it.

Chairman W. C. Brannan reports that he does not expect to enter into any controversy with Messrs. Butler and the other members of the Alabama Power company before the republican state convention here April 8, but will step down and out quietly. He says that Mr. Butler wrote the plan in operation now about 16 years ago, but wants to change it, as conditions have changed since then.

Walstonburg News.

Among those who are at home from the various schools to spend the Easter holidays with their parents are: Messrs. Albert West, Sam Cobblett, Bonnie Wheeler and Ben Gay, of Oak Ridge Institute, and Miss Martha Lee Wheeler, of Louisburg College.

Mrs. Ray West and Mrs. M. O. Pope were Wilson visitors Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hicks and son, Leake, spent the Easter holidays in Rockingham with their parents.

Messrs. Ray West and E. C. Carr were in Wilson Tuesday night.

Mr. J. M. Bailey spent a few hours in the Lizzie section Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. Riddick and children are spending a few days with their parents near Greenville.

Mrs. E. C. Carr and Mrs. J. T. Wellington were in Murry Saturday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Tucker spent last week end in Greenville.

Mrs. Ida Burch and daughter, Miss Ruby, were Farmville visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Carr and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. T. E. Barrow near Farmville.

Mr. Maynard Thorne, of Farmville, was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Ray West was a Farmville visitor Tuesday afternoon.

Paul Pays



Photo shows Mrs. Nellie Stark Whitman, first wife of Paul Whitman, who sued the famous "King of Jazz Music," for \$10,000. But the suit will be dropped because Paul is rumored to have secured out of court for \$7,500.

SOUTHERN POWER TO BID

Present Proposal to Operate Shoals; Ford Expected to Make Counter Bid.

Washington, April 7.—With Henry Ford reported ready with a counter bid, a group of Southern companies came forward today with proposals for leasing Muscle Shoals.

Thomas W. Martin, president of the Alabama Power company, acted as spokesman for the power interests and for more than two hours discussed with the joint Muscle Shoals congressional committee the merit of a bid which they expect to submit by Saturday, the dead line set by the committee.

Mr. Ford was reported as having already prepared a bid, but that he might withhold it until the recommendations of the committee are placed before the senate and house. There it could be offered as a substitute for the power companies' proposal.

The power companies were represented as controlling a capital of \$150,000,000. It was the first time during congressional consideration of Muscle Shoals that power companies of Arkansas, Kentucky and Florida were found among the bidders. The companies associated in the proposed joint bid include the Alabama Power company, Arkansas Light and Power company, Mississippi Power company, Tennessee Power company, Kentucky Utilities company, Gulf Electric company of Florida, Georgia Railway, Light and Power company, Memphis Power and Light company and Kentucky Power company.

The committee pointed out that any bidder for Muscle Shoals must make the required 40,000 tons of fixed nitrogen annually, indicating that it would be influenced more by a proposition to make cheap nitrogen than by a monetary rental.

It was understood that the power companies would turn over the problem of making nitrogen to Theodore Swan, a chemical manufacturer of Anniston, Ala. In addition to manufacturing the fertilizer, it was reported the power companies agree to pay an annual rental of \$2,000,000 for Dam No. 2 and \$1,500,000 for Dam No. 3. It is constructed, for 50 years, making a total of \$175,000,000.

It further was understood that the companies offered to pay an annual rental of four per cent interest on the cost of construction of a storage dam at Cove Creek, headwaters of the Tennessee river, if the government would build it. This dam greatly would increase the primary horsepower at Muscle Shoals.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday when Elen H. Hooker will discuss a report bid he expects to present Saturday.

LOCAL CHAPTER D. A. R. INVITED TO HALIFAX

The Benjamin May Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has received an urgent invitation from the Elizabeth Montfort Association of Halifax to attend the unveiling of a tablet there, April 12, at 1 o'clock, commemorating the Halifax Explosion of April 15, 1917.

HENDERSON MAN CONQUERS STATIC

North Carolinian Completes Notable Achievement in Radio Field

New York, April 8.—Elimination of radio interference, static, squealing and howling and perfect registry of high notes from instruments and voice, regardless of atmospheric conditions, apparently has been accomplished by Fred A. Jewell, a young North Carolina inventor, who demonstrated his set in total darkness recently while guests believed the singing to come from persons in the next room. The tones which came from the receiver lacked the scratching and screeching encountered in even the latest models and tests revealed fidelity to the human voice heretofore considered impossible.

The tests were made by Dr. Horace G. Knowles, patron of the young southerner, who invited him to come to New York to continue his experiments when he had carried them as far as he could at Henderson.

The set uses eight tubes and appears unlike other sets on sale. Mr. Jewell proposes to build others for President Coolidge, Otto Kahn, President Calles, of Mexico and the government laboratories in Paris. The machine is not in the market, as Jewell plans improvements, although for more than an hour the program continued without interference, voices and music coming over without distortion and screeching. Jewell would not be present at the test. He will meet interested persons later at his laboratory at 25 East 30th Street, to explain the mechanical details of his invention.

Jewell was a radio expert with the government when he discovered the method of eliminating interference while in the laboratory of General George O. Squier and during the world war he perfected such a stilling device. His invention includes the new receiving set, a more sensitive intercom and a set of ear phones which changes without distortion.

D. A. R. MEETING

The meeting of the Benjamin May Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held at the home of Mrs. G. E. Moore with Mrs. D. S. Merrill and Mrs. J. R. Newton as joint hostesses on Saturday, April 10.

The regent, Mrs. T. C. Turnage, presided. After the reading of the scriptures, the chapter creed and the Lord's Prayer were repeated in union.

The time of meeting was changed from the first Saturday to the second in each month. The meetings will continue through the summer and will not disband as is the usual rule.

The hospitality committee are Miss Annie Perkins, Mrs. R. O. Lang and Mrs. G. M. Holden.

At an early date there will be a fielders' convention, the committee to arrange for this are: Mrs. W. C. Holston, Miss Mary Barrett and Miss Tabitha DeVicenti.

Mrs. A. C. Monk and Mrs. Cecil Dixon were appointed on the art exhibit committee.

Monday, April 12, at nine o'clock, there will be a program in Perkins hall to celebrate the Halifax Explosion. Mrs. T. E. Joyner, Mrs. Paul E. Jones and Miss Annie Perkins will have charge of this.

Miss Tabitha M. DeVicenti gave the society a most interesting surprise in presenting the original will of Major Benjamin May, written in 1805, for his descendants to see.

Plans are being formulated to erect a memorial to Astron Tyson, who fought in the Tuscarora war.

Mrs. C. E. Moore, of Wilson, Mrs. E. S. Sheppard, and Mrs. J. L. Horton, of Raleigh, were appointed on this committee.

Mrs. J. E. Barritt, Miss Beulah Keel and Mrs. C. E. Moore, all of Wilson, were asked to draw up the by-laws.

Mrs. Turnage, in well chosen words, introduced Miss Gertrude Caraway of Newbern, state publicity chairman, who made a most inspiring talk, reviewing the aims and objects of the Daughters of the American Revolution, challenging us for greater work in the future. She urged us to cherish the memory and noble services rendered by our ancestors and by those courageous history and knowledge to see that it is properly taught our boys and girls.

Mrs. C. E. Moore, of Wilson, invited the chapter to meet with her on May 24.

At the conclusion of the meeting a delicious social supper was served by the members.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank each and every one of the friends who were present at the unveiling of the tablet at the Halifax Explosion of April 15, 1917.