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E. C. MUSIC LOVERS TO BE GIVEN TREAT

Weidemyer's Orchestra to be Music Attraction At Eastern Carolina Exposition in April.

Eastern Carolina music lovers will be delighted to read the announcement that the famous Weidemyer Orchestra has been secured for the entire week of the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held at Rocky Mount, April 4th to 8th. In making the announcement Friday, the management said that the Exposition officials had been importuned every year to get this orchestra. There will be ten pieces in the aggregation and with the special numbers that the orchestra carries, the afternoon and evening programs will be worth all the admission charge at the door, if there were nothing else, according to those who have heard this wonderful organization of musicians play.

A Week of Artists.
Not in a long time, if ever, has Eastern Carolina had so many real artists in one week, as the Exposition has booked for this Exposition. Opening Monday night, The World's greatest tenor, Giovanni Martinelli, the only possible successor to Caruso, they say, will be the headliner; Tuesday night the famous Soprano, Miss Luella Melius, who is the highest priced woman singer the Exposition has ever booked; the artist who received an ovation in Chicago recently, that has been given to but two other artists within twenty-five years, will hold forth; With Weidemyer's aggregation of artists for every afternoon and every night, together with our own Eastern Carolina talent, Eastern Carolinians are in for a week of real entertainment. The office in Kinston is working out for staging this big program, which will open in just seven weeks from next Monday.

LARGER TOBACCO CROP IN 1927 MEANS RUIN

Reports of Plans for a Bigger Crop Brings a Protest; Would Mean Very Low Prices.

Kinston, Feb. 10.—If tobacco growers in the southeastern states produce a larger crop this year than last, they will invite almost certain disaster, declare representative warehousemen here.
Reports are being had of preparations for an increased production in Georgia, Florida and parts of South Carolina. The North Carolina warehouse managers' organization has unflinching associations in the other states in the group to use their influence to keep down plantings.
"Threatened disaster" states the lease leaf industry in the face of the 1926 acreage is increased, the Tar Heel managers told warehouse operators to the southward. "A normal crop of tobacco can be cultivated and sold profitably. Over-production will bring financial depression, if not suffering to tobacco farmers."
Officers of the tobacco planters' local organization have called upon every planter in the Kinston territory to cooperate in the movement for reasonable production. "In no case should the 1927 planting be larger than that of last year," they said. "If tobacco growers continue to ignore the diversification call, they may expect that such experience as that had by the growers of cotton last fall."

Stories Told Of Bagging 40 Geese With Only 1 Bang.

Kinston, Feb. 10.—Stories of the bagging of many geese with single shots are being circulated along the coast, revealed by the recent capture of a geese reported to have been bagged with only one shot. The geese were taken from the marshes of the Tar Heel, but the story is being attacked by the Kinston press.

Sepalla and Togo



Leonard Sepalla and his lead dog "Togo" of Nome fame again proved their class by winning with ease the Poland Springs, Maine, annual sled classic last week.

WOMEN FIRM IN DEMAND FOR BALLOTS

Want No Compromise, Says Mrs. Palmer Jermain, Prominent Club Woman of State.

Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Women of North Carolina want no compromise on the question of the Australian, or secret, ballot.
Mrs. Palmer Jermain, a prominent club woman of Raleigh, and member of the legislative council composed of representatives of seven of the women's organizations in the state, says today: "The women, she says, want to see their complete form."

The legislative measure enforcing the announcement of a marriage, or rather the securing of a marriage license at least two weeks before wedding might take place, she said, aimed directly at "the growing divorce evil."
Statistics proved, he said, that over 60 per cent of the divorces today were caused by hasty or ill-advised marriages and in taking this measure over the women hoped many benefits would be derived.
Of close interest to the woman, she said the child labor law should attract much of their energies. Children from 14 to 16 years should not work more than eight hours a day as they should not be treated as adults.
Children in North Carolina work eleven hours a day or 60 hours a week, longest amount of time of any southern state, she said.
"Who is giving the children scotch? Who is going to look out for the children if the 'amen don't'?" Mrs. Jermain asks.

Rep. Warren Speaks On The Memorial Bill.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Representative Lindsay Warren today made a speech in the House in behalf of his bill for a national memorial to the first flight made by an airplane, which occurred at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina on December 17, 1903, when Wilbur and Orville Wright started civilization with their new invention.
The speech of the North Carolina representative which was a carefully prepared address caused a very favorable comment, and was listened to with interest. He was assured by Speaker Longworth that he would be given an opportunity to call up and pass the bill at this session. Senator Bingham of Connecticut, the co-author of the measure, has already spoken on same in the Senate, and Representative La Guardia of New York, who was a noted aviator in the World War, will speak in its behalf tomorrow. If the bill should become a law at this session, it is doubtful if any appropriation can be secured until next December. The attitude of members is that the memorial should be something notable and imposing.

JUNIOR PLAY AT THE EAST CAROLINA TEACHERS COLLEGE

"The Intimate Strangers," a delightful play by Booth Tarkenton, author of the celebrated play "Seven Years," will be given by the Junior class of E. C. T. C. in their auditorium Friday evening, February 25th.
The play sets forth the marked contrast of the old-fashioned girl of yesterday, and the daughter of today, which is being attacked by Mrs. ... of Farmville.

Local Citizens Beautifying Cemetery with the Planting of Trees and Shrubbery

Dr. and Mrs. David S. Morrill Plant 58 Trees In Farmville's New Cemetery.

Among the many vitally important activities of the Daughters of the "American Revolution" is that of Tree Planting. Great stress is placed on Re-foresting and Conservation of native trees and shrubs. In accord with this service the local Chapter is emphasizing a "tree planting" program. It remained for Mrs. D. S. Morrill, with the fine co-operation of Dr. Morrill, to reach, we believe, the high water mark individually in the State, for she has outlined the cemetery driveways with beautiful holly trees, cedars and pink crape myrtle. These trees came from the Col. Samuel Vines place and Cornelius Tyson farm. They will be silent memorials for posterity to enjoy, as witnessing the exquisite endeavor of these splendid citizens.
Let others emulate their lovely virtue! Scores of remote and nearby spots in Farmville await the transformation.

Farmville Had Winner In Tire Naming Contest of Chicago Firm.

Mr. M. S. Crinkley, of Farmville, is among the honorable mention winners in a contest just concluded in Chicago, according to word reaching here today. The contest was to name a tire, and was sponsored by Sears-Roebuck & Company. Close to a million persons wrote about two and one-half million suggestions in their attempt to get a share of the \$25,000 awards hung up for the contest.
The first prize of \$5,000 was won by Hans Simonson of Bismark, N. D. for the name "Allstate" and the second prize of a thousand dollars went to Donald S. Gray of Ames, Iowa, for "Dearborn S. R. Cordis," while the third prize was taken by a woman, Mrs. E. N. Decker, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, with "S. R. Fort Thomas." In addition to these three capital prizes, there were 1,957 other awards to persons who were given honorable mention for submitting names of unusual merit.

Entries in this naming contest were in 26 languages and were received from every state in the Union, all provinces of Canada, every American possession and many foreign countries. There was no limit to the number of entries one might submit, and William Walters of Marshall, Texas, topped the list with 4,316 names. George A. Ellwell of Kalamazoo, Mich., was his best second with 1,186 entries.

NOTE OF THANKS

To friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful to us during the recent sickness and death of our loved ones, we would offer thanks and assure them of our deep appreciation. W. R. Nannie and Daughters.

'BAD CHECK' BILL PASSES

There Were Only Two Votes Cast Against the Lawrence-Salmon Bad Check Act.

Raleigh, Feb. 11.—With only Senators Sedberry and MacRae voting in the negative, the Lawrence-Salmon "bad check" bill, designed to put more teeth in the present worthless check laws, slid through the Senate yesterday after Senator Sedberry had tried in vain to ditch it.
Senator Sedberry, who fought the bill on the Senate floor Monday night, again went after it yesterday. He declared that the Senate was "going to enact another unconstitutional law," and that the present members of the General Assembly should not try to emulate their predecessors. He declared hundreds of people have been punished by the 1925 "bad check" act, which he declared to be unconstitutional.
He asserted that the act sought "to evade the statute that says a man cannot be imprisoned for debt," and declared that the measure is nothing more than "a plain effort to whip the devil around the bush."
Senator Lawrence pointed out that the measure, which he sponsored, was fashioned after similar laws already in effect in South Carolina, Georgia, and Kansas, and he thought that with the Supreme Court in mind, after having ruled the measure unconstitutional, the North Carolina Supreme Court would do the same.

He took a hand in the debate and declared that one of his constituents had asked him to sponsor a measure which would require all banks to post worthless checks on a bulletin board so that the general public might see them. Senator Broughton was against any such proposal, but he thought the Lawrence-Salmon bill "about the best we can get."
Senator Salmon declared that if Senator Sedberry's words carried far enough "there must certainly be great rejoicing among the members of the Check-Flashing Association." He said the purpose of the bill is to place checks in the same category as counterfeit money.
Scrap 1925 Act.
Under the provisions of the bill the "ten-day notice" clause in the 1925 Worthless Check Act is stricken out, and persons "willfully giving" a worthless check, "knowing that they were without the necessary funds in said bank" would be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor. The punishment would be left up to the trial judge.
The "man with the one joke" should be required to keep a list of the people he has already told it to.

PRES. DIAZ READY TO GIVE UP HIS OFFICE

He Declares, However, That the United States Marines Should Stay in Nicaragua.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb. 10th.—With Conservative forces now in control in Chinandega and the Liberals reported to be in flight from that town, the Conservative government under President Diaz is making preparations to meet an expected attack by the Liberals on Matagalpa, 75 miles northeast of Managua. Liberal forces are reported to be approaching Matagalpa and Conservative troops are being rushed to the city to prevent its capture by the Liberals.
Matagalpa is almost mid-way between the Conservative capital, Managua and Puerto Cabezas, headquarters of the Liberal government under President Sacasa.
The battle for the possession of Chinandega was one of the most sanguinary in the present conflict. The Conservatives lost 100 men killed, while 200 were wounded. Eleven city blocks, the Conservatives announced, were destroyed by fire.
President Diaz, in announcing his readiness to give up the Presidency if the United States deemed it best that another man should take the office as a means of furthering the interests of Nicaragua declared he thought the United States marines should remain in Nicaragua no matter who held the reins of government.

Says State Ready To Bar Evolution From Its Schools.

Statesville, Feb. 10th.—The school board of North Carolina schools, whatever the fate of the Peole anti-evolution bill, Rev. McKendree Long, fundamentalist leader, declared here.

The militant evangelist, who is the newly-elected head of the North Carolina Bible League, left here for Raleigh Thursday to champion the Peole bill before the House educational committee.
"I do not wish the gentlemen of the committee, or of the legislature to think that we are a small bunch of fundamentalist irritants," said Rev. Long. "Rather I desire that they understand the real truth of the situation that we are but the humble spokesmen of a great army of conservative Christian people."
The Bible League head declared that 92 per cent of the petitions mailed over the State asking church workers for their support in the fight against evolution had been signed and mailed in to the Bible League's headquarters.

Order in the Court

Judge (sternly): "The next person who interrupts the proceedings will be sent home."
Prisoner: "At a boy, Judge. Hurrah!"

And George Did It



George T. Swearingner, of Trenton, S. C., is "Cotton King" winning the crown and reward for having raised more cotton per acre in 1926 than any other planter in the state.

RECOMMEND GIVING SMITH SENATE SEAT

Law-makers Would Admit Illinois Man and Then Oust Him; Being Considered Best Plan.

Washington, Feb. 10.—After a very lengthy investigation of precedents, the senate elections committee decided informally today to recommend the immediate seating of Senator-Designate Frank L. Smith, (R) of Illinois, and to recommend further his subsequent exclusion from the senate because of his expenditure in last November's campaign.
The committee failed to take final action in the case because of a disagreement over the manner of writing its report to the senate.
A majority favored letting Smith take the oath of office at once, but then to declare his seat vacant. Minority reports probably will be filed by some members of the committee protesting against both decisions.
The committee will meet and make a further report.

Poultry Specialist in County Next Week.

Greenville, Feb. 10th.—Mr. Parish, North Carolina Extension Poultry Specialist, will be in Pitt County Feb. 14-18, for a series of poultry meetings. He will give demonstrations in poultry house construction and culling, and will talk on care and feeding of poultry.
If you are interested in improving your flock of poultry please attend the meeting most convenient for you.
Grimesland, Feb. 14, School House, 10 a. m.
Bethel, February 14, School House, 3:00 p. m.
Fountain, February 15, Town Hall, 10 a. m.
FARMVILLE, February 15, School auditorium, 3:00 p. m.
Grifton, February 16, School House, 10 a. m.
Ayden, February 16th, Town Hall, 3:00 p. m.
States, February 17, School House, 10 a. m.
Greenville, February 17th, Court House, 2 p. m.
Falkland, Feb. 18, School House, 10 a. m.
Winterville, February 18th, School House, 3 p. m.
BERTHA LEE FERGUSON, County Home Demonstration Agent.

MRS. W. R. NANNIE LAID TO REST

The funeral services of Mrs. W. R. Nannie were conducted at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 8th, by Rev. J. M. Duncan, pastor of the Baptist Church.

PARENT - TEACHERS MEETING TO BE HELD FEB. 15.

The Farmville Parent-Teachers Association will meet Friday afternoon, February 15th, to enjoy a very interesting study on "The Dependent and Neglected Child." The program will be as follows:
"What do we mean by the dependent and neglected child," Mrs. Tabitha DeViscenti;
"Cases of dependent and neglected children in and around Farmville, by Mrs. T. C. Turnage, City Welfare Worker;
"What we should do for the dependent and neglected children in Farmville school," Prof. G. R. Wheeler; Melvin solo, Mrs. A. C. Hovges.
All people interested in the school should be present at this meeting.

POLICE OFFICER IS ARRESTED FOR ASSAULT

Officer Is Under \$1,000 Bond as a Result of a Shooting Affair Monday Night at Fountain.

Policeman A. D. Gardner, of Fountain, Feb. 10.—Policeman A. D. Gardner, of Fountain, was this afternoon placed under bond of \$1,000 on a charge of assault with intent to kill, as a result of the affair in Fountain Monday night when he shot Preston Gardner and Dennis Mercer, who are alleged to have attacked him. The warrant was sworn out here this morning before Justice of Peace B. F. Tyson, by Preston Gardner.

According to the officer's version of the affair he shot the two young men when they sought to enter the central office in Fountain after he had gone there to keep out of their way following information that they were out to get him. The trouble with the boys he said was the outgrowth of his arresting them earlier in the day on a charge of being drunk and speeding. Just prior to the climax of the affair he said the boys again speeded through the streets of Fountain and discharged firearms.

According to the warrant sworn out today by Gardner the officer is charged with attacking the two young men with intent to kill.

Young Gardner, who swore out the warrant and who received a bullet wound through the arm is under a \$2,000 bond on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the alleged attack upon the policeman. A similar warrant for Dennis Mercer, who is confined in the hospital suffering a wound in the abdomen, has been served because of his condition. Reports from the Sheriff's office today tend to the effect that warrant would be served as soon as Mercer's condition would permit. His condition today is reported as favorable.

RECOMMEND \$250 SALARY PITT OFFICERS

County Commissioners Urge Bill for Such Salaries for All Elective Officers in Pitt.

Greenville, Feb. 10th.—The Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Clerk of Court and County Treasurer would receive salaries of \$250.00 per month under recommendations by the Board of County Commissioners to legislators from this county for a bill to be presented to the General Assembly that would authorize changes in the present salary scale. Following discussion of the matter at the last regular meeting of the board, a committee of citizens was appointed to study the problem and to meet with the commissioners in special session yesterday. The session yesterday was behind closed doors and definite details of the changes could not be learned.
According to announcement made today by Chairman S. White, the cost of operation of each of the offices was studied and the changes recommended in order to place the heads of the various departments on the same footing from the standpoint of net salaries received. The recommendations, it is understood include provisions for certain assistants in each of the offices, where heretofore a portion of the extra help has been paid by the head of the office.

THE DARKEST DAY IN HISTORY

BY A. B. CHAPIN

TO VALENTINE DAY WHEN YOU HAD SKIMPED AND SAVED AND HAD DENIED YOURSELF A LOT OF THE THINGS YOU WANTED — AND YOU HAD RAKED AND SCRAPPED ENOUGH TO BUY HER THAT SWELL BOX OF SON BONDS AND THEN TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN!!

HERE, JIMMY — WANT SOME CANDY? HELP YOURSELF — TAKE ALL YOU WANT! I'M OFF OF CANDY NOW, I'M RETAINING —

THANKS SIS —!