

Valuable Prizes Offered Boys And Girls Of Pitt

Cotton Associations Offer Two Trips and Several easy Prizes For Best Essay

Two free trips to Raleigh, a free trip to Memphis, Tenn., a beautiful medal and a total of \$325.00 in cash are some of the awards which are to be contested for by farm girls and boys of North Carolina during the next eight weeks. These awards have been offered jointly by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the American Cotton Growers Exchange to the girls and boys of school age who write the best essays on the subject, "Cooperative Marketing As It Affects The Cotton Farmer".

The contest in North Carolina is a part of the south-wide essay contest being held by the American Cotton Growers Exchange, which is the parent organization of the cotton cooperatives in fourteen states. The Exchange will give an additional trip to Memphis, Tenn., to the writer of the prize essay in each of the fourteen States, including North Carolina.

In addition to this trip to Memphis and the beautiful medal to be awarded the champion in each state, the American Cotton Growers Exchange will also give first, second and third prize winners in the south-wide contest the following amounts: \$50.00, \$25.00 and \$12.50 each. One set of prizes will be awarded to the three highest scoring members of North Carolina Boys' and Girls' Club, the other set will be awarded to the highest scoring students of agriculture in vocational classes. The winners of first prize in these two groups will be taken to Raleigh where they will compete for the state championship, the trip to Memphis and the right to enter the south-wide contest.

April 20, 1935, has been designated as "Essay Day" in North Carolina. On that day the boys and girls entering the contest will assemble at points named by their teachers, county agents or home demonstration agents and write their essays.

Requests for information concerning the essay contest are already pouring into the Raleigh office of the Cotton Growers Association even before the contest has been officially announced and it is expected that thousands of boys and girls will enter the contest. It is announced by the Cotton Growers Association that rules governing the contest are being prepared and will be distributed during the next few days.

Charlotte Woman Misses By Hand

What's The Use? Mrs. Leslie Left Scribbled on Card

Charlotte, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Stewart Leslie, about 35, leaving her daughter in an office room, went into the kitchen of a tourist lunch stand at downtown near Love and fired a small caliber bullet into her head tonight. She died almost instantly.

I am going into the kitchen a moment, Mrs. Leslie told her 11-year-old daughter, whom she left reading a magazine. A few moments later a shot rang out and the daughter rushed into the kitchen to find her mother lying by her side.

What's the use? and a brief time Mrs. Leslie lay motionless on one of the many tables of the lunch room. Her death was announced by a black nurse proprietor of the city who said she could contain no reason for her wife's suicide.

Police officers remained at the scene until 11:30 o'clock.

Feb. 23.—The new bridge over the South Fork of the Tar River, which has been completed, was opened to traffic today.

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New Speed Champion



Photo shows Captain Malcolm Campbell, British ace, just after he established a new world's speed record. He drove his huge Napier-Blue Bird Special over the land beach course at Daytona Beach, Fla., at an average speed of 200 miles an hour, breaking all records.

Drys' May Bolt Wet Democrat

Will Attend Caucus Following the National Convention

North Carolina "drys" will attend the caucus of Southern Democrats at St. Petersburg, Fla., March 5, and may propose creation of a "dry" third political party in event Governor Al Smith of New York wins the Democratic nomination at the Houston convention in June.

No word has been publicly made to that effect, but it has been talked about in "dry" circles and the policy of the position thoroughly discussed. While C. A. Upchurch, Democrat of Raleigh, Superintendent of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, a branch of the Anti-Saloon League which in Washington, Monday, January 28, moved to base in St. Petersburg, has remained silent in his proposition to "bolt" in event of Smith's nomination. Speaking for the "drys" as a whole, he made it clear that he personally will not vote for Smith if he is nominated.

"Neither will I vote for the Republican nominee if he should turn out to be a wet," the dry Democrat said.

In a statement released last night, coincident with his appearance at the Washington meeting of "dry" organizations, he said, "we might just as well let Tammany, the liquorists and the underworld put Al Smith across."

He did not amplify his statement on this account although several Anti-Saloon leaders here remarked it would be better for the Democrats party and the South to have party's hold on this section aired "once for all time," and that this would result from Smith's nomination.

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Spring May Halt Measles Spread

State Health Officer Believes Warm Weather Alone Will Stop Epidemic

Spring weather, alone, will halt the spread of measles throughout North Carolina, in the opinion of Dr. Charles O.H. Laughlin, State health officer.

By last Saturday at noon there had been 29,214 cases of measles reported to the Bureau of Epidemiology of the State Board of Health since January 1. With four more days to be included in the monthly report, the total for the first two months of the year is expected to be well over 30,000 and close to the 50,000 total for the whole of 1927.

"The greatest danger of death from measles is among children under four years of age," said Dr. Laughlin. "It is especially important that these children be protected and kept out of contact with others who have been exposed."

Dr. Laughlin stated that though medical science is yet to learn how to cope adequately with measles, the State Board of Health is continuing to fight the disease with every weapon it has. Chief of these is education of parents to the point where they will protect their children from exposure and which carefully for the first symptoms, such as fever, stomach trouble.

In Charlotte the local health officers are experimenting with the use of a blood serum to immunize the school children against the disease. There are several objections to the use of the serum, first of which is that the period of immunization is only about three months and the other health officer. This serum is made from the blood of a measles patient, taken just at the very outbreak.

Dr. Laughlin said yesterday that he believed only the arrival of warm weather would put an end to the epidemic in the State, it being the experience of the past that measles (Continued on page two)

Hope Abandoned For Navy Aviator

Plane Last Heard, Apparently Attempting To Return To Hampton Roads

Hampton, Va., Feb. 27.—First Lt. William H. Williams, a Navy aviator, whose plane was reported to be attempting to return to Hampton Roads, Va., on Feb. 26, was reported to have been shot down by a German submarine in the Atlantic Ocean. The plane was last heard from on Feb. 26, when it was reported to be attempting to return to Hampton Roads. The plane was reported to have been shot down by a German submarine in the Atlantic Ocean.

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Hold Man's Body for Tar Heel Kin

Hourahan Stabbed Himself in Washington Theatre; Was Jobless and Despondent

Washington, Feb. 28.—The body of John J. Hourahan, who stabbed himself to death in Keith's Theatre last night, is being held here, pending further advice from his widow in Hendersonville, N. C. Hourahan was formerly employed by a rubber company in Westport, Mass., but told a police officer before he died that he had been out of work since December.

With a railroad ticket from Hendersonville to New York, Hourahan got off the train in Washington yesterday. He only knew one man in Washington, W. G. Kendall, who was at one time with the Boston and Maine Railroad in North Adams, Mass., which was the home of Hourahan until his removal to North Carolina a short time ago.

"They are following me around," Hourahan told Kendall, and the latter thought that his mind was unbalanced. Kendall accompanied Hourahan to a lodging house and tried to quiet his fears. Later Hourahan went to a friend for advice and then to the theatre.

As Miss Adela Vorne, vaudiville pianist, was playing List's Second Hungarian Rhapsody, Hourahan rose from his seat in the rear of the theatre and began beating his hands against his chest. A nearby spectator saw the gleam of a pen knife. A police officer, who had accompanied his wife to the theatre, was standing not far away. Both grabbed his hands and held Hourahan, but too late. He had thrust the knife into his chest five times, and died shortly afterward at Emergency Hospital.

Few people in the theatre knew about the spectacular suicide. The pianist did not cease her playing.

What the Senate needs now is some one with a good strong voice to shout "louder and funnier."

New Industry Added To Farmville's Growing List

Carpenter and the idea that there's no place for him. Mr. J. I. Morgan of the Tar River Oil and Fertilizer Company is establishing in our progressive town a mattress factory for the manufacturing of what is believed to be the most comfortable sleeping mattress obtainable. At present the factory is not in operation but plans are being developed and ample machinery is now being made and it is only a matter of days before this new company will be a thriving plant.

Following an original idea developed by a method of making a mattress by pleating, or folding a single piece of felt in upright folds, and placing it inside the mattress ticking in such a way that the buoyancy or resiliency of the felt is increased to an extent that would normally seem possible at first thought.

The principle on which systems of all kinds operate is, essentially, the same. The spring is laid in a zig-zag, or flat or low straight, the form of the resiliency of cotton fibres, or other fibres in a mattress is lost, unless given an opportunity to be a back and forth or up and down. Consequently, it felt is laid flat, layers upon layers, it is quite evident that its resiliency is largely lost in the way mentioned. A good illustration of this is given in an ordinary hair comb. When the pressing down on the comb of the teeth is not a springing motion, but a steady pressure, the teeth are flattened and lose their natural shape and resiliency, and the comb is rendered useless for its purpose.



New Municipal Building Is Occupied; First Court

America's Highest Girl



Miss Doris Duke, 16, daughter of the late James B. Duke, released from the Supreme Court a \$1,000,000 Fifth Avenue House filled with the richest furnishings, a private railroad car bearing her name, four automobiles, a collection of rare tapestries and other luxuries worth a fair sized fortune. She is the richest girl of her age in America.

Farmville High School Notes

News Of Interest In And About Local High School And Its Athletic Teams

Having been defeated previously by Kingston 19-18, and having lost the captain through sickness one day before, the local quinte went into the game Friday night against Kingston "Red Terrors" with the determination to win.

The Lions started with a ruff and never ceased rushing for thirty-two minutes. They passed, drilled, shot and scored as they never have before in a conference game. They had decided to win and it took more than Kingston to check their eagerness. The quinte was superb, only three times did Kingston break through for goals. The offense was the best seen here this year. The regularity of field goals from tip off at center was astounding to the visitors; but the Lions continued for thirty-two minutes only to meet the most man announces the final score. Farmville 46, Kingston 11.

The same Kingston which had defeated Farmville in the original Washington located on Tar River, the 1934 Washington that won 11 games and lost two with one more to play Tuesday night at Greenville.

The local boys beat the ball around Friday night as it was red hot, but one seem to want it, for it was however being tossed either to some one else or to the basket. Whether tossed to a player or basket, the ball was not fumbled for the basket held the ball eighteen times for field goals and 4 times for foul points.

Wilson and Farmville are the top two honors during the last few conferences, each team winning 5 games and losing one. Greenville defeated Wilson and Rich Square defeated Farmville.

The Lions will do some more traveling down across the county Tuesday night at Henderson. This will end the Lions career for 1934, and they will go back into their den for about two months and come out again to face the opponents.

The many friends of William P. Smith who is now in the Greenville Hospital, will be glad to hear that he is steadily improving from an operation. Everyone, especially his boys, about residents wish Bill's early recovery.

A number of our High School students are out of school as a result of influenza. The unfortunate ones are Harold Harlan, Margaret Davis, Frank Burdette and Alfred Mason. We hope that each of them will be back with us again soon.

The many friends of Frances Hamby will be glad to hear that he has returned to school after recovering from the flu.