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Flag Day Observed By D. A. R. Chapter Here

Lieut. - Gov. Fountain Delivers Address—Musical Program Given

In a comprehensive and timely address Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain reviewed the history of the American flag here Saturday at a flag day celebration staged by the Major Benjamin May chapter D. A. R., and the oath of allegiance to the banner and the principles of liberty, justice and freedom for all was renewed by the Daughters and others in attendance.

The Lieutenant Governor traced the flag from its first display over Fort Schuyler, through the Revolution, when it bore 13 stars, the War of 1812, with 15 stars, Mexico, with 29, Civil War with 35, Spanish-American with 45, and the World War with 48 stars.

He stated that the most interesting flag in the National Museum is the star spangled banner which flew over Fort Mifflin in 1814, and was the inspiration of Francis Scott Key's immortal poem, now sung as the national anthem. In closing he stated:

"In silent grandeur the flag waves over the tombs of the dead, over the homes of the living, the emblem of truth and righteousness, inspiring men's hearts on the land and on the sea with faith and hope, the symbol of power, the unity and purpose of our republic now and forever."

Mrs. T. C. Turnage, regent of the chapter, introduced the speaker as "North Carolina's next Governor."

Taking equal rank with the address in enjoyment was the splendid musical program presented by Mrs. Bertram Roberson, head of the violin department, and her accompanist, Mrs. Kuda Law Chapman, a piano instructor of Flora MacDonald music faculty, which is composed of six members. The program included "Melody" by Brig-Gen. Dawes; "Cane Brake," by Gardner; "Estrellita," Ponce-Ludlow; "The Bee," by Schubert, and "Little Song," d'Ambrase. Miss Genevieve McMillan, a Latin teacher of the college, and a former member of the Farmville High School faculty, was also a guest at this time.

The event marked the close of chapter activities until the fall.

Prior to the address an elegant luncheon was served in the garden of Miss Tabitha DeVisconti, with Misses Christine Smith and Ellen Lewis as joint hostesses, the colors of orchid, green and gold being effectively carried out. Miss Mary Barrett, bride-elect and member of the chapter, was presented with a silver fruit bowl as a gift from the chapter, by the regent.

Mrs. W. H. Whitmore, of Wilson, a member of the chapter, who has returned from a recent trip to Washington, D. C., made a short talk on the North Carolina room in Continental Hall, at the luncheon, and the out of town guests were introduced by the regent. These included: Mrs. L. D. Wooten and Mrs. W. H. Cobb, of Goldsboro; Mrs. A. B. Blount, of Dothan, Ala.; Mrs. Bertram Roberson, of Lenoir; Mrs. Lida Law Chapman and Miss Genevieve McMillan, of Flora MacDonald College; Mrs. W. D. Murphy and Mrs. James Exum, of Snow Hill; Miss Louise Carrothers, of Rock Hill, S. C.; Chrystelle Lucas, of Benson; Mrs. L. W. Lancaster, of Raleigh; and Mrs. M. R. Turnage, of Bath; Lieutenant Governor Fountain, and W. Dillon, of LaGrange.

Rev. H. L. Hendricks, of the Methodist church, offered the invocation and led the devotional exercises before the program which was held in the Methodist church.

DEATH OF JOEL BANNA MOZINGO

The Death Angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Mazingo June 11, and took from it their beloved baby, Joel Banna, aged two years and seven months.

On the previous day she was taken to Pitt Community Hospital, at Greenville, where her fatal disease was pronounced meningitis. Doctors, nurses, friends and family did all possible but their efforts were futile.

Little Joel Banna was a child of superior intellect, which everybody noticed. She was loved by everybody and we all mourn her loss but God knew best and took her to be one of his angels. She was jovial, amiable and attracted the attention of everyone.

Besides her mother and father, she is survived by two sisters, Paula Tyson and Margie Bell, and one brother, Mark Wesley.

Miss Lorena Thibault, of Los Angeles, heads the first trio of women ever to be given membership in the Negroes Credit Union, the national women's association.

Margaret Wood, first co-ed to enter Mississippi A. & M. College since 1912, has been made honorary counsel of the student credit union.

People Of Stokes County Coming Back Up Grade

Once Stricken With Drought and Faced With Starvation, Now Shows Fine Spirit

Raleigh, June 17.—Stokes county has come back and her people are now displaying as fine a spirit as the people of any section of North Carolina have shown in decades. Stricken with drought, faced with starvation, with finances on the down grade, Stokes county last fall was in a deplorable condition. Today, that county is rising to new heights of achievement. Her people are encouraged; finances are growing better; the credit of the county has improved greatly; the merchants are hopeful; everyone is optimistically inclined and not a soul in Stokes county is going to be in need of food this coming fall and winter. The change is next to miraculous. A whole people has risen from despair to triumph, to self confidence and reliance on themselves.

And written large across the map of Stokes county and in the minds of her people is: American Red Cross and the Governor's Council on Unemployment and Relief. The names of the men and women who helped in projecting the work that brought Stokes county back from starvation is deeply implanted in the minds of the populace of this county. The fine work of home and farm agents, of welfare workers, of Red Cross and Federal Farm Board workers, of hundreds of local citizens, this wonderful work will never be forgotten.

Last December the outlook was dismal, to say the least. There was one small bank in the county, for the depression and the failure of the crops, due to the drought, had swept them aside. Many families were starving; others were about to face the same fate; merchants were broke and unable to extend further credit; business leaders despaired and were unable to see through the ordeal; disaster greater than any county had felt since the Civil War, threatened Stokes and several other drought ridden counties. But in Stokes the situation was more serious than in any county in North Carolina.

On December 1st, through the operation of the Governor's Council, Mrs. Mary Camp Sprinkle, director of county organization work, went to Stokes county and investigated the situation. What she saw convinced her that the need was desperate. The county's funds were tied up in failed banks and there was no possibility of relief from that source. The board of welfare and the superintendent of schools were unable to see any way out, or hadn't.

Mrs. Sprinkle was not easily discouraged. She went to the school principals and submitted a simple report sheet for the compiling of needed information as to conditions. Through these men and women, a hasty survey was made of the entire county. It was then easy to see that nobody had made any food and that the situation was desperate indeed. Those persons, who in the past had been able to save a little each year, had lost their all in bank failures. There was no money in the county for any relief.

The Red Cross was appealed to and the county was quickly listed as a drought relief county, facing disaster.

Al Capone Confesses In Government Cases

Chicago Gang Leader Pleads Guilty to Income Tax Evasions

Chicago, June 16.—"Scarface" Al Capone pleaded guilty today to evasion of income tax laws and conspiracy against the prohibition law.

Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson will sentence the gang leader June 20. Capone decided to throw himself on the mercy of the courts rather than fight the three indictments returned against him by the federal grand jury recently.

Two of the indictments charged him with evading income taxes on a ten year income of \$1,053,654.34.

The other accused Capone of conspiring with 65 other men in manufacture and transport beer. In the Chicago area from 1921 up to the present time. Five thousand separate offenses were alleged.

Capone personally said "guilty" to each of the three indictments and three minutes after the hearing had started, he lay under heavy police guard.

The maximum possible sentence is

Foreign Beauties Here for Calveston's Annual Show



American girls will have to look to their beauty, judged by the looks of six European beauties who have crossed the Atlantic in an effort to become "Miss Universe." The girls are (left to right) Lucienne Nelms, France; Inga Norberg, Sweden; Gerd Johansen, Norway; Karen Schmitz, Denmark; Daisy Friedberg, Germany; and Netta Duchateau, Belgium.

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The Big Star Warehouse At Greenville Destroyed

Cotton Crop Of State Has Been Cut 15 Per Cent

So Says President Jno. T. Thorne, of Farmville, Tuesday

John T. Thorne, of Farmville, president of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, who attended the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors in Raleigh Tuesday, said yesterday that, according to an estimate of that body, the cotton acreage in North Carolina will be 15 per cent less this year than last and the use of commercial fertilizers will be reduced 26 per cent as compared to 1930.

Considering dry weather this year's crop is making satisfactory progress, according to reports of the twenty association field men who are located over the cotton area of the state. Prevalent dry weather over the state, and extremely dry weather in some sections, has retarded the growth of cotton. Several of the field men reported presence of boll weevil and a few reported that the pests were numerous.

General Manager U. B. Blalock, who is the North Carolina member of the board of directors of the American Cotton Cooperative Association and who just recently returned from a meeting of that board in New Orleans, said that the directors of the American association estimated a reduction of from ten to twelve per cent in the American cotton acreage this year as compared with last and a reduction in the use of commercial fertilizers ranging from 25 per cent in the eastern states to as much as 60 per cent in Mississippi.

The American cotton crop, reports indicate, is two weeks late because of drought. "With the exception of the western part, Texas is dry and needing rain," reports from the American association said. "The crop is late and rain is needed in Arkansas and Tennessee. Drought is becoming acute in most of Georgia. It is getting dry in all sections of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama."

The directors of the American association and General Manager E. F. Creekmore, Mr. Blalock said, had unanimously decided that, as present holdings are financed for a three-year period, if necessary, no 1930 cotton will be sold at anything like the present prices. Hon. Carl Williams, cotton member of the Federal Farm Board, declared at the New Orleans meeting that the Stabilization Corporation did not intend to dispose of the 1929 crop at present market prices.

The North Carolina board of directors, in a resolution, pledged their support to Cason J. Callaway, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, in the movement to have cotton baled with cotton instead of jute this coming season.

Mr. Callaway recently sought the cooperation of all southern cotton manufacturers in the movement by asking them to allow seven pounds extra weight on each bale of cotton wrapped with cotton bagging. He also suggested that a moderate tariff on jute would help to offset the disadvantage that cotton bagging is suffering when compared to jute bagging. If all American cotton was wrapped in cotton bagging it is estimated that it would require over 200,000 bales annually for this purpose alone.

Ursula Bitter, 9 years old, was awarded first prize in the cooking contest for children held in Berlin.

Babson Says Business Has Seen Its Worst

Authority on Economic Problems Says Unparalleled Prosperity Will Follow Depression

New York, June 16.—Roger W. Babson, authority on economic problems, is willing to stake his reputation that business has seen its worst.

In a letter to newspaper advertising executives attending the convention of the Advertising Federation of America today he said:

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Flames Threaten Adjoining Buildings But Are Brought Under Control

Greenville, June 17.—The Star Warehouse, one of the largest leaf tobacco warehouses in the state, was completely destroyed by fire here this morning. The loss was estimated at \$100,000 and was partially covered by insurance.

The blaze was discovered about 8 o'clock and in two hours time the building, covering nearly an entire block, was a mass of ruins.

For a time the fire threatened to spread to the Ficklen Tobacco Company and adjoining residential property and a call for aid was sent to the Washington and Farmville fire departments. By the time the visiting firemen arrived, however, the blaze was under control and confined to the single building.

The flames originated in the stables beneath the warehouse and were believed to have been of incendiary origin. It was the fifth time the building has been fired the last several months, and each blaze was attributed either to children playing about the building or to looters.

The fire had made so much headway when the alarm was sounded that efforts to save the structure proved futile. In a short time after the firemen reached the scene the entire structure of brick and wood construction, was enveloped in flames.

As the blaze broke through the top the flames shot heavenward, and dense clouds of smoke drifted over the tobacco district, causing hundreds of people to hurry to the scene of the conflagration.

The building contained 76,000 square feet of floor space and was the property of G. V. Smith and B. B. Sugg. It had been enlarged several times in past years to keep pace with the rapid development of the Greenville tobacco market, and was considered one of the most modern and commodious buildings of its kind in the state.

Even as the ruins of the old building smoldered plans looking to rebuilding began to assume shape. Members of the firm stated rebuilding would get under way immediately and that the new structure would be ready by the opening of the approaching season. They said the building would be modern in every respect and would contain all features looking to the expeditious handling of leaf and the comfort and convenience of the thousands of growers who patronize the market from season to season.

Ayden Bank Celebrates

People of Town Entertained at House Warming Celebrating Opening of Institution

Ayden, June 16.—The First National Bank in Ayden had its formal opening or house warming today. The home of the new bank is in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Ayden which closed in 1927. This is more commodious and in keeping with banking requirements than was the building formerly occupied by the First National. For the occasion it was beautifully decorated with baskets of spring flowers, ferns and flags.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Allen Johnson and Misses Bonnie Ruth Tripp, Emma Edwards, Helen Dixon and Renno McGlohon, and each presented with a boutonniere of sweet peas. Delightful punch was served in the lobby by Misses Mary Alice Bullock, Ruby Lee Hart, Willie Boyd and Margaret Pierce.

In keeping with Ayden's policy of making religion a part of its daily life, the Rev. W. H. Brunson, pastor of the Christian church, asked God's blessings upon the community and its enterprises.

The occasion was featured by speeches by G. B. Dixon, L. W. Smith, A. F. Rowe, J. B. Fikes, J. R. Turnage and Mrs. A. C. D. Neal.

The opening of the bank is due to the inevitable change and transfer of the officers and directors and the splendid cooperation of the community.

President G. B. Dixon was present and presided over the occasion.

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