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Clubwomen of District to Meet Here on October 27

Two Greenville Children Missing

Little Morton Boys Last Seen by Father on September 14

Greenville, Oct. 15.—Little Chesley Venable and Sidney Glenn Morton, children of S. V. Morton, of this city, have been missing from their home here since September 14, when they were turned over to Mrs. Neil Winters, former wife of Mr. Morton and mother of the children.

Mr. Morton has custody of the children under a court order. He revealed today that on September 14 a local police officer came to his office and requested that the children be allowed to go to the picture show with Mrs. Winters. He said the children were taken to the police station where they met their mother. They have not been seen since by Mr. Morton, he declared.

The local man said that he allowed the children to be taken as he had received a letter from Judge J. Paul Frizzelle on August 12, requesting that their mother be allowed to have them for a while during the day. The judge suggested that the children be turned over to the police chief, who in turn would allow their mother to have custody of them during the day. The children were returned late that afternoon as had been promised, Mr. Morton said.

On Saturday, September 12, he said, he was again requested to allow the children to spend some time with Mrs. Winters, but because he was planning to go out of town and take them with him he declined. On the following Monday he recalled, a local officer came to him and made the same request. He said he agreed, with the provision that they be returned in time for supper. That was the last time he saw them, he added.

Donald Deaver, of Raleigh, has been jailed here on two different occasions, one time on charges of attempting to kidnap and the other on a charge of kidnaping the children. On each occasion he was freed after the grand jury failed to find a true bill.

REYNOLDS IS HEARD BY PITT DEMOCRATS

Greenville, Oct. 14.—Declaring that President Roosevelt is not for individual groups of people but was for the masses of the people of the United States, Senator Robert R. Reynolds addressed a large gathering of Pitt County Democrats at the courthouse tonight in the first public rally to be held here during the present campaign.

Reynolds was introduced by W. E. Hooks, chairman of the Pitt County Democratic Executive Committee, who presided over the meeting. He discussed in detail the New Deal program and what it had meant to the people. He referred at length to the conditions of the country under the Republican rule and compared it with the Democratic rule of the past four years, stating that the Republican administration did nothing for the good of the country.

In discussing the present administration, he referred to the help given farmers, the Home Owners' Land Corporation and what it has done, and the placing of the banks in a sound condition.

WED 1 DAY; WANTS DIVORCE

Waterloo, Iowa.—After only one day of marriage, Arthur L. Belo, 28, filed suit for divorce from his wife, Virginia, 18, charging her with "cruel and inhuman treatment such as to endanger my life."

TIRE EXPLODES; KILLS MAN

Carlisle, Pa.—While C. V. Shambaugh, 55-year-old truck driver, and Charles Bortner, were changing a track tire, the inflated tire dropped to the ground and exploded. A part of the rim struck Shambaugh in the face fatally injuring him. Bortner jumped aside and was uninjured.

FOOT ALMOST CUT OFF

Princess Anne, Md.—Stepping in front of a corn harvester just as the horse started off, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shockley had his foot nearly severed by the V-shaped blade which passed almost entirely through his ankle.

NOVEL CASKET

Zena, N. Y.—Bolton Brown, famous lithographer, was recently buried—his body reposing on a pallet of white brick. The pallet was made by his son-in-law, Lloyd Woods, at the request of the artist.

The rising price of stocks should tempt the man who lost his teeth to hold on a few years ago.

Woman's and Literary Clubs to Be Hostesses—Federation President and Chairman of Districts Are to Make Addresses

Women of the local federated groups, the Woman's and Literary Clubs, are busy at present with plans for the entertainment of clubwomen from the 15th District, at the annual meeting, which is to be held here in the Methodist Church, on Tuesday, October 27.

Mrs. C. W. Beasley, of Colerain, will preside at the meeting and the splendid program, which will be given in entirety in these columns next week, will include addresses by Mrs. George E. Marshall, Federation President, and Mrs. John D. Robinson, Chairman of Districts.

Officers of the 15th District are: Mrs. C. W. Beasley, president; Mrs. O. L. Williams, vice-president; Mrs. M. H. White, secretary, and Mrs. F. M. Dunstan, general Federation contact chairman.

Will of R. L. Davis Probated Saturday

Nieces and Nephews Receive Large Share of Estate—Considerable Amount Left to Charity

The will of Robert Lang Davis was probated in the office of the Clerk of Pitt County on Saturday, October 10, by F. M. Davis, Jr., and Dr. F. M. Davis, executors. No value was put on the estate when the will was probated, but it is reported to exceed a million dollars.

Most of the real estate, including lots, residences, apartment houses and stores, the last named covering almost an entire business block on Main street, was divided up among his ten nieces and nephews, namely: Miss Elizabeth and Miss Janie Davis, Mrs. Alexander Allen, Jr., and George, Frank and Robert Lang Davis, Jr., of Farmville; Dr. F. M. Davis, Jr., of Greenville; Mrs. L. B. Johnson, Columbia, S. C.; Miss Mamie E. Davis, Pala ka, Fla.; Lang Davis, Atlanta, Ga.

The farm land, estimated at more than 5000 acres, was divided among his nieces and nephews with the team and equipment to go with each farm.

The personal property and real estate, including the Monk Warehouse property, which was not devised, was left in trust for five years, with the income to be collected and paid out by trustees every six months. At the end of five years this is to be divided equally among his nieces and nephews.

The sum of \$100,000 was left in trust, the income to be used for hospital bills for "the very poor and needy" in this community, provided further that this fund may be used to construct a hospital here, if Dr. F. M. Davis deems it wise, in which case one-half of this fund may be used for construction of same and the other half as an endowment for the institution.

The house and lot adjoining the Farmville Baptist Church was left to the church. The sum of \$10,000 was left in trust, one-half of the income to be used in maintaining the Farmville church and the other used equally between the Meadow and Tyson churches. It is specified in the will, further, that if at any time either of these churches is closed that part left to it shall be put in the charity fund.

All of the employees of the firm of R. L. Davis & Bros. were remembered with gifts of from \$10 to \$500, and several friends are to receive sums of money.

In item 30 of the will (which is of great length, comprising altogether twenty-five pages and approximately 10,000 words), is revealed the rules for living, which governed the noble life led by Mr. Davis.

"My sincere wish and earnest recommendation is that accounts be accurately kept; that all incomes be accounted for; that all debts and taxes be paid promptly; that all accounts to be filed with the courts be done promptly at all times, and I do further counsel all my nieces and nephews to live soberly, honestly and humbly; continue to work; do not squander that which I have left you, and leave off fast living."

CARD OF APPRECIATION

Your kindness and comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude by the family of Robert Lang Davis.

Extend Time to Plant a Few Soil-Conserving Crops

Winter Legumes Sown In October May Be Counted

The time allowed for seeding conserving crops has been extended to October 31, since many farmers have been handicapped by dry weather, J. F. Criswell, of State College, explained.

He urged growers to take advantage of the time extension and sow enough conserving crops to qualify for the maximum payments possible for them to receive.

A change in the regulations, he added, now permits growers to meet their minimum crop acreage requirements by sowing winter legumes on fields where depleting crops were harvested earlier in the year.

The minimum acreage of conserving crops required is equal to 20 per cent of the best cotton, tobacco, and/or peanut acreage plus 15 per cent of the base acreage of other depleting crops.

This is the minimum amount of conserving crops a farmer must grow to participate in the soil-improvement program.

Conserving crops may also be grown for another purpose; to make a grower eligible to receive payment for carrying out soil-building practices. When grown for this purpose, the conserving crop must not be placed on land where depleting crops have been raised this year.

Since the work of checking growers' compliance with provisions of the soil-improvement program has been completed in most counties, Criswell stated, growers who seed conserving crops in October should report it to their county agents so they will get credit for the later seedings.

Missionary and World Traveler to Speak Here Sunday, 18th

The Rev. Yosip Benyamin, a missionary of Persia, missionary in Persia and Russia for ten years, world



Rev. Yosip Benyamin, Who Will Speak in Farmville Sunday

traveller and international orator, will speak at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at the Christian Church Sunday evening at 7:30. A cordial welcome is extended to the public to attend.

Rev. Mr. Benyamin is a graduate of Columbia Seminary and an ordained Presbyterian minister, who is endorsed by many outstanding ministers, including E. H. Rawlings, Secretary of Methodist Episcopal Foreign Mission Board; the Rev. Alexander Sprunt, of Charleston, and the Rev. John M. Wells, of Sumpter, S. C. He is recognized as one of the outstanding missionaries of the world, it is said, and has preached in Baptist, Methodist, Christian, Episcopal, Presbyterian and other churches.

IGNITES PANTS

Yakima, Wash.—While spraying in his orchard, a Japanese rancher's trousers became saturated with the spray mixture. When they rubbed together, they became ignited and the rancher was burned about the arms and legs.

BABY ESCAPES INJURY

Kittanning, Pa.—Straying from his home, David Abrahams, 18 months old apparently went to sleep between the rails on the railroad track. One hundred freight cars rolled over him and his only injury was a slight cut on his forehead.

GETS TWINS AND \$5,000

Altadena, Calif.—Insuring against the birth of twins, William J. Pringle, Jr., had the double joy of being the father of twins—a boy and a girl—and the recipient of \$5,000 from the insurance company, to whom he had paid \$200 for the policy.

Why is it that some people think that other people ought to support them?



By Hugo Sims, Washington Correspondent

CAMPAIGN MONUMENTS EXPERTS DISAGREE PUZZLING FACTORS BUSINESS SITUATION THE LABOR VOTE WHO HAS THE FARMER THE "RELIEF" VOTE OTHER PUBLIC ISSUES

The campaign is on in full swing this week with speakers parading the nation and political prognosticators busy trying to figure out how the voters will cast their ballots in November. Both President Roosevelt and Gov. Landon are carefully weighing the strategic value of their personal appearances, anxious to make their addresses where they will do the most good. Both sides are studying events and doing their best to keep things moving smoothly and effectively.

Meanwhile there is not much real news in Washington for a commentator, although one or two news breaks are liable from the Supreme Court, which convened last week and has on its programs decisions in regards to a rehearsal on two important cases. These will probably be acted upon before the end of the month and one of them may precipitate the court into the limelight again, although the political significance of the Court's opinion can be discounted to a large degree.

Readers of newspapers all over the country are anxious for Washington correspondents to give them the right dope on how the nation will vote, but, almost without exception, they want to hear good news for their candidate. If the writer is sending out his stuff to Democratic newspapers he can play the tune that will suit the New Dealers and all will be well. If he is sending his dispatches to Republican newspapers he can call the music to a turn and know that those who read what he has to say will be satisfied. These two sentences account for much of what is being read on the present campaign.

The writer of this weekly feature article, which appears in hundreds of newspapers, scattered all over the United States, lists among his publishers Democratic and Republican journals. Consequently, he is read each week by thousands of Democrats and thousands of Republicans. Facing this situation there is nothing to be gained by trying to please either group, but much to be acquired by giving an honest, unbiased and impartial survey of the situation as he sees it from week to week. In the long run the reputation of this feature is worth more to the author than the failure or success of any candidate or the triumph of either party in an election.

There were a number of very interesting factors that combine to make predictions somewhat risky in the present campaign. There is, of course, the personal popularity of the President, his unusually acute political sense and the power that he has to dramatize his position. Against him, we have an able and honest man, with a record as governor that has been capitalized by his backers but, without anything like the advertising that has accompanied the President and certainly nothing like his popular acclaim in the past few years during a great national crisis. Who knows which type the voters will favor? Who can tell when the bulk of the Roosevelt citizens will tire of the Roosevelt legend and prefer a business-like figure on the order of the man from Kansas.

Calvin Coolidge, it is said, before the campaign of 1928, expressed the opinion that the people of the nation would not prefer his type much longer. He seemed to sense a change in the mood of the people and did not prefer to fit in with the sentiment that he expected to dominate the electorate. Certainly these drifts to and from certain types exist but it is hard to say when they start and when they end, and mid-campaign weeks are not the occasion for passing on such a question.

Then again, there is so much propaganda being sent out, in the form of speeches and from party sources, so much big talk at party headquarters and so many patent efforts to pull something that will get over big and hurt the other side, that it is difficult to gauge the full effect of the various moves being made in the game of politics. In fact, it is often a question whether there is any net gain made by either side through the use of such tactics, but they have cluttered up previous campaigns and they will continue to becloud and befog the public mind for years to come. During the campaign it is not easy to put a finger on the dominant (continued on page four)

RECORD AVERAGE SET THIS WEEK

Pitt Road Claims to Be Presented On November 13

County Officials Attend Hearing "In Raleigh and Frown On Contentions of State

Greenville, Oct. 13.—Pitt County will present its claim for refunds to the State Road Debt Commission on November 13, at the final of a series of hearings called for the purpose of considering briefs by the various county units seeking rebates for money loaned to the State to construct roads and also for roads built and turned over to the State system.

Pitt contends that it is due approximately one and a half million dollars. "Our claim is a legitimate one and based on actual expenditures by the county," said J. H. Coward, County Auditor.

Auditor Coward, County Commissioner Roy T. Cox, County Attorney F. C. Harding and J. B. Beland attended a hearing in Raleigh yesterday when a number of counties presented their claims to the commission, set up by the last Legislature to make a study of the contentions of the various counties.

The delegation from Pitt said the line of questioning at the hearing showed that the Highway Commission is basing its contention that the counties are not due any refund on the argument that the State has given counties sufficient mileage in excess of the theoretical allotment to offset any claims the various units may have. It was stated that the Highway Commission, through its counsel, would contend that Pitt County has been provided with roads which cost in excess of a quarter-million dollars more than the County holds it gave the State in cash and highways.

The contention being made by the Commission is frowned on by counties seeking the refunds as inequitable as the State already has refunded a number of counties the money loaned the State for roads built and turned over to the State system.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS

Cotton in Union County is late but is well fruited and prospects are good for a normal harvest this fall.

Because of the good practices followed on his farm, Clyde Robinson has been selected as the best demonstration farmer in Watanga County.

Cattle buyers from Eastern North Carolina have been in Randolph County recently for the purpose of securing pure-bred Guernsey cows.

Franklin County farmers are leaving small quantities of cow peas, lespedeza and other feed crops in little nooks or corners near the woods to provide food and cover for quail and other birds.

Poultrymen in Wayne County are busy housing their pullets and culling old birds. Many of the poultrymen began keeping records in October.

Levy Batten, of Selma, Route 1, Johnston County, has taken over management of the family poultry flock and transformed it into a flock of pure-bred Plymouth Rocks as a 4-H Club project.

Swine growers of Duplin County have purchased 77,000 pounds of Western feeder pigs this season.

Columbus County growers report an excellent crop of sweet potatoes this fall. The season has been unusually favorable for the sweets, they say.

Twelve county agents from Western North Carolina recently visited beef cattle and sheep farms in Virginia and West Virginia to study improved practices of feeding and management.

TOO EAGER

Los Angeles—Running to obtain a closer view of a collision he thought about to happen, J. R. Williams fell and broke his leg. There was no collision.

FIND MOTHER DEAD

Weston, Va.—Returning from school, the children of Mrs. Raleigh Puty found their mother dead on the floor of the bathroom. Doctors said the 30-year-old mother had apparently slipped on the floor and broken her neck.

MORE \$10,000 BILLS

Washington—While it doesn't interest most of us, Treasury officials announce that \$10,000-bills are becoming more numerous, there being 1,937 of these bills in circulation on August 1st, or \$12 more than there were last August.

After very light thought on the matter, but after studying some human specimens, we are not so certain that Mr. Darwin was wrong.

More Than \$400,000 Received by Farmers Here in Four Days, With Average of \$25.23 Paid for All Offerings On Market

The highest daily average of this season, and next to the highest reached last season, when Farmville topped all the averages of all the markets in the State, was recorded here on Monday, when prices soared upward on every grade and medium to good tobacco were in more demand than on any sale to date.

Official figures on Monday reveal offerings of 608,980 pounds, sold at \$167,793.37, at an average of \$27.55.

Monday's block was cleared on Tuesday in a near capacity sale, with poundage on Wednesday and Thursday reported as much lighter.

Sales for the first four days of this week are reported as 1,689,078 pounds, money paid out \$426,182.29, average \$25.23, which boosts the season's totals through Thursday to 12,007,351 pounds, receipts \$2,671,844, and sets the average at \$22.25.

Tobacco in large quantities poured in last night and early this morning, and another heavy sale is in progress today, Friday, with little change noted in prices.

The Farmville market continues to rate above many others of the belt in poundage and daily average, and to merit its reputation of being the steadiest market in the State.

PITT COUNTY FAIR TO BE OUTSTANDING SEASON'S EVENT

The Pitt County Post and the Farmville Post of the American Legion are sponsoring the Pitt County Fair, which will be held on the Fair Grounds at Greenville, N. C., during the week of October 26th to the 31st, inclusive, and has secured the services of A. J. Grey, of the Grey Producing Company, to put forth every effort in making the Fair an outstanding event.

The various committees in charge are sparing no time nor trouble in securing every possible attraction which will afford the Fair-going public a full week of educational and entertaining features, which will carry a full line of the growers' produce exhibits, live stock, poultry Home Demonstration Clubs and 4-H Clubs, each being urged to try and outdo themselves to form a competitive exposition where the premium list will amount to \$1000.00, of which checks will be forthcoming at the termination of judging, and we sincerely hope to bring back to Pitt County an Agricultural Fair of the old standard.

Mr. Grey is preparing a highly entertaining program of free attractions which will afford every patron a thrill long to be remembered. These attractions will consist of high-class thrilling circus acts, and will feature the Ownby kiddies, the world's youngest wire performers, also Fred and Marie Guthrie, high trapeze performers, on a forty-foot aerial trapeze, and for a pleasing presentation for the youngsters, Al. Smith will present his troupe of trained Eskimo Spitz dogs, along with the barnyard opera, an offering of unique intelligence in the form of five educated Florida razor-back hogs. This being only a portion of the program which will be offered free on the high elevated platform and will be followed immediately thereafter each night by a beautiful display of fireworks, which we know will be enjoyed by every one of the family.

Each member of the American Legion has now in his possession and for sale, the advance admission tickets, which are being sold up until October 24th, at ten cents each and will entitle the purchaser to one admission to the Pitt County Fair on any of the six days or nights. At the conclusion of the sale of advance tickets, the general admission will be 25 cents per person, so the General Committee advises that you buy your advance tickets now and make preparations for a full day's visit to the Pitt County Fair, October 26th to the 31st, at Greenville.

FARMVILLE REGISTRAR APPOINTED

Ed Nash Warren has been appointed recently as Registrar of Farmville township, as will be seen in an announcement in these columns, and the books are now open at Warren's Young Men's Shop for registering those only who have become qualified by coming of age or residing in the township for the required number of months, since the last election or primaries. Those who registered prior to these will not have to register again at this time, according to Registrar Warren.

NEW AIR ROUTE

Washington—Permission has been granted the Pan-American Airways to begin passenger-carrying flights between Oakland, Calif., and Manila, Philippine Islands, by the Bureau of Air Commerce. The service, expected to start this month, is to provide weekly passenger schedules.

The giant clipper ships to be used are capable of carrying seven passengers on the first hop from Oakland to Honolulu, a distance of 2,404 miles. On the remainder of the route, about fourteen passengers may be carried, due to the lighter gasoline load.

N. C. Farm Bureau Membership Drive Securing Results

Rallies Scheduled In a Number of East Carolina Counties During Next Few Weeks

Greenville, Oct. 15.—The North Carolina Farm Bureau drive to build up its membership in counties adjoining Pitt, is gaining momentum each day, declared E. F. Arnold, executive secretary today, with Nash and Edgcombe reporting progress in their sign-up.

J. E. Winslow, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, B. B. Sugg, president Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association and Secretary Arnold attended a Farm Bureau rally in Jones County, at which a large number of Jones County farmers were present. After the meeting and sign-up, those present enjoyed a fish stew put on by the Jones County Farm Bureau.

Farm Bureau rallies have been held in Johnston and Beaufort counties, at which enthusiastic crowds of farmers attended. Rallies will be held in Wilson County, October 20, Lenoir County, October 22; Greene County, October 24, and Bertie County, October 29.

Arrangements are underway for scheduling meetings in Martin, Craven, Wayne and Wake.

Secretary Arnold today made the following statement:

"Every indication points to a State membership of more than 20,000 members when these drives are completed, which should not be later than November 15. Farmers in the above named counties are becoming more aggressive in their sign-up campaigns as the first of the year approaches, in order that they may be in a position, both financially and a membership point of view, to be able to put over a farm program that will prevent the return of conditions such as they experienced in 1932.

"November 15 has been set as the date when the drive will be started west of Raleigh, which is expected to result in a state total membership of some thirty to forty thousand members."

North Carolina Leads in Vegetable Growing

North Carolina leads all other States in the value of garden vegetables grown for home use.

That is the conclusion reached by M. E. Gardner, extension horticulturist at State College, after studying figures recently released by the bureau of the census, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The figures did not cover Irish and sweet potatoes, but they included the other principal vegetables grown in American gardens. Mississippi stood next to North Carolina, and Tennessee ranked third.

The value of North Carolina's crop of vegetables grown for home use was placed at \$9,631,010. The Mississippi and Tennessee valuations were between eight and nine million dollars.

In 1935, North Carolina farmers also raised 95,684 acres of garden vegetables for sale, not counting Irish and sweet potatoes, Gardner observed.

This acreage was divided thus: Beans, 22,009 acres; cabbage, 8,515 acres; sweet corn, 9,619 acres; tomatoes, 5,420 acres; watermelons, 20,240 acres, and other vegetables except potatoes, 29,878 acres.

Gardner pointed out that the increased production and consumption of garden vegetables over the nation indicates a change in the dietary habits of the American people.

This is particularly true in North Carolina, he went on, where the people are paying more attention to a balanced diet and where farmers are seeking to live at home by producing on the farm as much of their food requirements as possible.

The greater consumption of garden vegetables is not only conducive to better health, he added, but it is also providing many families with another welcome source of cash income.

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