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Penney Company Adds 56 Stores

Penney Company Mammoth Retail Organization Now Has 825 Establishments in U. S.

Taking over 54 retail stores, known as the F. S. Jones Company stores, operating mainly in the northwest states, the J. C. Penney company has increased its retail establishment throughout the country well over the 825 mark, according to an announcement made this week by officials of the Penney organization. The Jones stores, located in Minnesota, Montana, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, will be operated by the Penney organization beginning June 1.

For more than a month prior to the completion of the deal, there had been numerous rumors in financial circles regarding the change in management and ownership of the Jones stores. It was reported at one time that a group of midwestern financiers had made overtures to the Jones company for control of the stores. This was before the Penney company had been mentioned in connection with the deal.

At several meetings of the officials and stockholders of the Jones company, the various propositions were discussed. The Penney offer was deemed the most attractive and gave greater promise for future with consent of the stockholders accepted the proposal of the Penney organization.

When the consolidation was finally closed by E. C. Sams, president of the J. C. Penney company he announced that there would be no change in the management of the new group of stores, in each instance the Jones store manager being retained, but with the added advantage of operating under the J. C. Penney plan.

It was also announced that under the Jones management the 54 stores taken over by Penney had done an annual business of approximately \$3,000,000, but with the advantages accruing through the consolidation it is expected that this business will show an immediate increase to \$5,000,000 annually.

SHIMMERING OF TREES STARTLING SPECTACLE

Vicksburg, Miss.—Where swift currents flow through wooded places over the flooded area, sapling, trees and towering leafless trunks are shaking a ceaseless shimmy in the senseless agony of jazz.

The shaking, shivering, frenzied movement of the trees furnishes a startling spectacle and sends forth a weird, moaning sound to blend with that from the rushing currents. Back and forth they sway, as if in wild passion, tugging ceaselessly at their rooted anchorage.

Some mighty trees of the forest, more deeply rooted perhaps, stand firmly, unemotional observers of the fierce gravitations of their fellows.

Tom Tarheel says he is getting his roadside market ready for the summer trade.

KINGS MOUNTAIN NEWS

MRS. W. K. CROOK, Reporter.

— Items Of News Will Be Appreciated — Telephone 177 —

The Kings Mountain and the Gastonia Civitan clubs held a joint meeting Tuesday at 12:30 o'clock in Gastonia. The local club had charge of the program.

The Civitans entertained at a banquet last Thursday evening in the Pythians club room. The Kings Mountain orchestra and students from Lincoln academy (colored) furnished the music. Addresses were made by Mayor W. H. McGinnis, Mr. O. B. Carpenter and Mrs. George E. Webber. Out of town visitors present were Mayor O. M. Hoffman, Mr. W. D. McInnis, Mr. E. H. Kohn, Mr. J. D. Hobbs, and Mr. D. W. Baucom.

The Confederate veterans reunion will be held Tuesday, May 10, in A. R. Presbyterian church. Major A. L. Bulwinkle will make the address and there will be special music by the choir. Basket lunch will be served to the Confederate and World war veterans in the basement of the Sunday school building by members of the U. D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Herndon were Charlotte visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers visited relatives in Statesville, Tuesday.

Church Society Meets. The ladies of the Woman Missionary society of the Methodist church were guests at an interesting meeting of the childrens society, Monday afternoon at the church. Miss Mary Faust Plunk, presided and Miss Winnifred Fulton announced a Mothers' day program as follows: Song "Praise God for Mothers" by entire society; Miss Virginia Warlick, pianist. Scripture reading, read by Miss Ruby Fall was taken from the 31st chapter of Proverbs, 10-28th verses.

Prayer by Mrs. O. P. Ader. A reading "How Felicitia Kept Mothers' Day" was given by Douglas Plunk. A vocal duet "In the Garden," was sung by Misses Ruth Black and Margaret Ware. Mrs. E. W. Griffin then gave an interesting report of her trip to the missionary conference, which was held in Greensboro last week. "Mothers' Devotion," was sung by all. Immediately after the program delicious sandwiches and homemade candies were served. Mrs. P. B. Stokes is leader of the childrens society.

Master Woodrow Falls entertained a number of his little friends at a party last Saturday afternoon in celebration of his 6th birthday anniversary.

D. A. R. Entertain. Mrs. Hayne Blackmer entertained the membership of the D. A. R. and a number of invited guests Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at her attractive home on W. Mountain street. The home was lovely with roses in silver baskets and spring flowers arranged most artistically. Mrs. W. F. Thomson presided and Mrs. C. E. Neisler sr., had charge of a program on "Conservation and Re-forestation and those assisting Mrs. Neisler were Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Mrs. T. F. Boozer, Mrs. D. C. Mauney, Mrs. Frank Summers and Mrs. E. C. Cooper. During the business session the old officers were re-elected. They are Mrs. W. F. Thomson, regent; 1st vice regent, Mrs. D. C. Mauney; second vice regent Mrs. O. B. Carpenter; 3rd vice regent, Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour. Mrs. J. E. Herndon, recording secretary; Mrs. P. B. Stokes, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Annie Dilling, treasurer; Mrs. M. E. Herndon, registrar; Mrs. O. G. Falls, historian, and Mrs. Helen Hay, chaplain. At the conclusion of the program, a delicious salad with accessories was served followed by mints. Members present were: Mrs. Dave Baker, Mrs. T. F. Boozer, Mrs. O. B. Carpenter, Mrs. E. L. Campbell, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, Mrs. Annie Dilling, Mrs. H. T. Fulton, Mrs. E. W. Griffin, Mrs. M. L. Harmon, Mrs. Helen Hay, Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Mrs. D. C. Mauney, Mrs. C. E. Neisler sr., Mrs. S. A. Mauney, Mrs. C. E. Neisler jr., Mrs. W. K. Mauney, Mrs. P. M. Neisler, Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour, Mrs. Frank R. Summers, Mrs. W. F. Thomson, Mrs. Joe Thomson, Mrs. E. A. Smith sr., and Mrs. S. A. Lowry.

Personals. Miss Eleanor Spear Neal spent the latter part of the week in Charlotte with her aunt Mrs. J. D. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. E. W. Neal had as her week-end guest, her sister, Miss Catherine Galloway, of Due West, S. C. Miss Galloway is en route home after studying voice for two months in New York.

Miss Moselle Krawchek entertained quite a number of her friends with a party Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of her mother on S. Railroad avenue, in celebration of her birthday anniversary. After an afternoon spent in playing various games, the guests were invited into the dining room, where delicious ambrosia, cake and orangeade were served.

Rev. O. P. Ader was a guest at the banquet at Forest City, last Monday evening, given by the Kiwanis club in the interest of the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. M. A. Ware and daughter Jean, returned from a visit to relatives in Charlotte Tuesday.

Farmers of Craven county have receive about \$42,000 in spot cash for their hog feeding operations this spring.

Right To Possess

Rum In Home Is Upheld In Court

Raleigh.—The Supreme Court Wednesday handed down seven opinions, one holding that the failure to use liquor in one's private dwelling for personal consumption does not make its possession therein unlawful unless it was kept there for some purpose condemned by statute.

The case in question came up from Gaston Superior court from a jury trial in which Lester Mull was convicted of violating the prohibition laws and sentenced to two years on the roads. Higher court discharged the defendant of court prosecution on eight separate counts of alleged violations.

"If it be lawful to possess liquor in one's private dwelling, occupied only as such, for the personal consumption of the owner, his family and bona fide guests when entertained therein, we apprehend the failure to use the liquor thus kept in one's home did not make its possession therein unlawful unless in addition such liquor were kept there for some purpose condemned by the statute with which the defendant has either been acquitted or was not indicted."

Officers went to Mull's home and found two-thirds of a pint of liquor which a woman there said was hers. Mull was present, but not arrested until later in the day. Previously some liquor had been found about 250 yards from his filling station.

School Has Day For The Parents

(Special To The Star.) Friday morning at 8:45 o'clock Parents' day was observed by having special Mothers' day exercises and a declamation, recitation and harp contest.

The following program was rendered:

Chairman, Banks Mauney; song, "America," school; Scripture lesson, Miss McBrayer; a prayer for mothers, Mrs. A. C. Lovelace; origin of Mothers' day, fifth grade; quotation, first grade; song, third grade; poem, second grade; picture study of Mothers, fourth grade; song, sixth grade.

Recitation Contest "As the Moon Rose," Evelyn Smalley; "Farmer Gray's Photograph," Lucille Whisnant; "Our Hired Girl," Amanda Harris; "Miss Edith Helps Things Along," Margaret Ray Bridges; "The Raggedy Man," Virginia McMurry; "The Song of the Housekeeper," Ruby Bridges; "Kittens and Babies," Mary Margaret Mull.

Mr. C. C. Blanton, president of the First National Bank gave the prize, five dollars, to the best reciter, Amanda Harris was the winner. Evelyn Smalley and Mary Margaret Mull received honorable mention.

Solo, "Mother MacCree" by Miss Mary Adelaide Roberts.

Harp Contest "Home Sweet Home," Boil Those Cabbage Down," Billy Irvin; "The Little Orphan," "The Little Rosewood Casket," Jack Wallace; "Dixie," "The Wreck of Ninety-seven," Colbert McKnight.

The prize for the harp contest was donated by the T. W. Hamrick Co., which was a fine watch. It was won by Colbert McKnight. Billy Irvin and Jack Wallace received honorable mention.

Declamation Contest "The Return of Regulars," Billy Irvin; "Citizenship," Edward Post, jr.; "Gettysburg Address," Lowry Bettis; "The American Flag," Colbert McKnight.

Mr. C. C. Blanton also donated the prize of five dollars for best declamation. Edward Post, jr., was winner. Colbert McKnight and Billy Irvin received honorable mention.

Mr. John McKnight, a member of the school board was present and made a short talk, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the faculty, children, patrons and friends of the Washington school.

The judges for the contests were Mesdames Doggett, Henry Mills and Dempsey.

The ushers were: chief, Walter Wilson, Elgin Caruthers, Lloyd Hamrick, Keith Philbeck.

The welcoming committee who gave the guests flowers for Mothers' day were Nancy Coble and Maxine Costner.

The pageant, "A Trip Around the World" will be given on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

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