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OLD-TIME FOURTH JULY CELEBRATION.

Dresden Business Men Preparing for Ye Old-Time Frolic in Dresden on National Independence Day.

Ho! for Dresden on July 4! Independence Day is to be fittingly and appropriately observed in Dresden with an old-time celebration.

Mayor Robt. L. Suddath has consented to turn the city over to the fun-makers on Tuesday of next week, giving them full rein, and a gala day is expected, the weather permitting.

The program is a unique one, in that the contests are all of the old-time order—contests that may be engaged in by both old and young, male and female. Liberal premiums have been offered, as will be seen from the page announcement on another page of today's Enterprise.

The Dresden business men are paying the expenses of this great entertainment out of their own pockets and no one who comes to Dresden on July 4 will be asked to spend a penny for any amusement—and, talking of amusement, there will be something doing every minute of the day.

Besides the old-time contests, the Palmersville band will make music, and we understand that Gov. Rye and Hon. Walter Overall, the republican nominee for governor, have been extended invitations to be here and make short talks.

Everything looking to the comfort, entertainment and edification of each guest on the Fourth will be looked after by specially appointed committees. Dresden desires again to show her appreciation of the many courtesies shown her by the citizens of the county, and this is her method of doing so. Come! Bring all the family. There will be plenty of free ice water and the courthouse will be reserved as a rest room for mothers and children and the aged. The courthouse is equipped with toilets for both men and women and there is ample shade in the large court yard, which will be provided with seats for all. Come!

The organization is headed by Mr. Jas. T. Edwards, as president; Emmitt McElwath, secretary, and jolly, jovial Max Levy, treasurer.

Committee on Ice Water—Whit LaFon, Dick Eskridge.

Committee on Contests—Jack Freeman, Alfred Thomason, C. A. Eskridge, Herbert Jones, Frank Mangum, John McWhorter, Chas. Irvine, Bill House, Ben Rawls, Loyd Reavis.

Decoration Committee—Misses Sarah Jeter and Annie Shannon.

Entertainment—Judge R. Maiden, Senator R. A. Elkins, J. W. Thomas, W. R. Bobbitt, Dr. B. S. Mayo, Harry E. Jones, Bob J. H. V. Johnson.

Reception Committee—J. R. Thomason, Judge Jos. E. Jones, T. M. Little, Oscar Alexander, Dr. Copeland, John Brasfield, V. C. Sandefer.

All citizens are urged to decorate in the national colors their places of business and residences.

Mother Asks Officer To Recover Baby

Mrs. Roy Hawks came here on Tuesday from Hickman and asked local officers to assist her in the recovery of her small baby from her husband, Roy Hawks, who, she claimed, stole the child from her at Hickman one day last week, bringing it to Dresden, going from here out to the home of his grandfather, Mr. John Hawks, near Latham.

The Hawks are living apart, Mrs. Hawks going to Hickman some ten days or two weeks ago. Mr. Hawks went down there and, she alleges, stole the baby from her. Officers Dick Eskridge and Finis Summers accompanied Mrs. Hawks to the John Hawks home, near Latham, and upon their arrival Roy took the child and ran to the woods with it. The officers followed him and he agreed to have a conference with his wife. It is understood that she consented to return to Hawks if he would give up the child, which he did, and when she got the baby in her arms she ran off with it.

The officers were armed with no legal papers for Hawks' arrest, Judge Jones being out of town, so that the proper legal document could not be issued, and it was merely a matter of persuasion to get possession of the child. Friends of the estranged man and wife hope they will adjust their differences, get together and unite hands, and hearts in rearing their child, which both seem devoted to.

Dresden Vs. Palmersville July 4th.

One of the real big events of the Dresden Fourth of July celebration will be the big ball game between Palmersville's crack team and the Dresden nine, to be played in the afternoon on the local field.

Palmersville enjoys having the fastest team in the entire county. They will match strength with the Dresden boys, Herbert Jones, the renowned pitcher, in the box for the home boys. Before he advanced so in age, Herbert was some ball player, and claims he has lost none of his old-time ability as a Southpaw.

The line-up is as follows:
Palmersville: Buckley, c; Siscero, p; Moore, 2b; Brann, 3b; Beville, ss; Norman, lf; Tyson, 1b; Pentecost, cf; May, rf.
Dresden: McWhorter, ss; Mayo, c; Pritchett, 3b; Reavis, 2b; Mangum, 1b; Glisson, rf; Little, cf; House, lf; Jones, p.

Buggy in Ditch; Child's Back Broken.

On last Sunday morning, Mr. Monroe Gregor and wife, north of Dresden, started to church in their buggy. One side of the vehicle got into a ditch, throwing Mrs. Gregor and baby out. The wheels passed over Mrs. Gregor several times, but no serious injury was inflicted upon her. The baby cried some, and they returned home, where clean clothes were put on the child. It fretted during the day, but the parents thought that it was merely bruised. The little fellow continued crying during the night and Dr. Fields was called on Monday or Tuesday, when he found the child's back broken. Dr. Fields thinks that with the proper nursing the child will recover and that its back will be straight.

GOES TO NORFOLK, VA., FOR PRISONER

Sheriff LaFon On Long Trip to Bring Back Harold Bingham, Wanted Here for Violation of Age of Consent Law.

Sheriff LaFon, accompanied by Mr. W. B. Mayo, left Dresden on last Sunday night for Norfolk, Va., where he will take charge of Harold Bingham, formerly of near Gleason, but now in the U. S. navy, and who was preparing to sail on a battleship when arrested and held pending the arrival of the Tennessee officer.

Bingham is charged in a state warrant with violating the age of consent law. Respect for the family of the young lady, whose home is in the east part of the county, forbids the publication of her name. After the commission of his crime, Bingham left Weakley county, joining the United States navy. It required some time for our diligent sheriff to locate him, and when located he was just making ready to sail on a battleship. Sheriff LaFon went to see Gov. Rye, who asked the secretary of the navy to honor a requisition for Bingham. This was done, and on Saturday Mr. LaFon received a wire stating that Bingham was being held in jail at Norfolk, Va., awaiting the arrival of the Tennessee officer.

The Enterprise feels like commending our handsome young sheriff for his untiring efforts in this particular instance. The crime Bingham is accused of is a revolting one, and the sheriff felt like doing his best to bring the accused back here to face the music. He has been at work on this case for the past several weeks, spending a considerable sum of money, and we commend him for it. The crime of which Bingham is accused is the lowest in the whole category, and the punishment prescribed entirely too light.

Sheriff LaFon expects to reach Dresden Sunday night with his prisoner.

\$1,360 AUTO TAX FOR COUNTY ROADS

Suggested That the Sum be Utilized in the Construction of Concrete Culverts Each District Receiving its Pro Rata

Clerk Jeter informs the Enterprise that the last apportionment of the auto tax showed the sum of \$1,360 due Weakley county, and since that time, some three weeks ago, there has doubtless been some added to this.

Up to the present time no disposition has been made of the fund coming to this county from the payment of the special automobile tax. There have been various suggestions as to how this sum should be used. One gentleman favors dividing the sum, putting half on one road out of Dresden and half on another road west out of Martin.

This has reference to hard road. Another suggestion is that the sum be utilized in constructing concrete culverts, giving to each district the amount paid by auto owners, and allowing this to go for concrete culverts. Another suggestion is that it be used in dragging the roads.

Anyhow, the money is doing no good where it is and there should be an early disposition of it. Many of the car owners who paid this tax without a murmur are now complaining because there has been no use made of the fund in this county. They want to see some of the good come from it.

Bids on School Building Contract.

Sealed bids will be received at my office in Dresden, Tenn., up to 2 o'clock p. m., of Saturday, July 8, 1916, for construction of an annex to the Dresden High school building, in accordance with terms and conditions of the specifications and plans, which will be furnished the bidders on or before said date. Right to reject all bids is reserved.—R. T. Lewis, Chairman Building Committee.

Attempt to Burn Greenfield Church.

During the past week some one made an unsuccessful attempt to burn the Presbyterian church at Greenfield by pouring coal oil on the floor, igniting the fluid.

Strange to say, the oil burned out without setting fire to the building, other than charring the floor, and went out of its own accord. The blaze was never observed by any one and the attempt to burn the edifice was not known until some one chanced to enter the building, when the matter was detected. Empty bottles which had contained coal oil were discovered on the floor, having been left there by the party or parties attempting to burn the church.

There is no clue as to the identity of the guilty party, but the matter is being investigated by members of the organization.

Two Papers for \$2.50.

From now until July 10, we can give you the Dresden Enterprise and the St. Louis Daily Republic both one year for only \$2.50. This is the biggest newspaper bargain of the year and cannot be duplicated, nor will it continue after July 10.

Take advantage of this extraordinary low price and get your supply of reading matter which will enable you to keep up with (first) your county news every week, and (second) the Mexican situation, the national political situation and European war matter.—all for only \$2.50. 14-2t.

Operation Removes Whistle in Throat

The eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Adz Burroughs, in the east part of town, was carried to Nashville Monday morning by his father, accompanied by Dr. Copeland, for an operation for the removal of the plug of a whistle from the lad's throat. The operation was performed on Monday afternoon, word being received here that the lad was resting well.

While blowing a toy wood whistle, the wooden plug was sucked down his windpipe, lodging there. The little fellow suffered intensely from the obstruction in the wind-pipe, and was carried to Fulton, where the physicians advised that he be carried to Nashville for a delicate operation. The plug lodged in the boy's throat Saturday night, remaining until Monday afternoon, when removed at Nashville.

Mr. Burroughs and wife have the sympathy of their friends in this trouble, and they are to be congratulated that the little fellow's life was saved by the skilled surgeon.

Legar Sets Fire to The Tenements.

Legar sets fire to Golden's tenements with the aid of Steins electro-ray projector. The instrument is located by Manly, and Stein and two of his henchmen are captured. Margery, hoping to save her father's property, returns to Legar. Manly then surprises a veiled woman watching the house, and later she proves to be Mrs. Golden, waiting an opportunity to speak to her husband regarding Margery's fate. Golden orders her from the house, but Manly runs after her and supplies her with money. Later, the Laughing Mask smuggles the girl from Legar's den in a cognac cask. Legar follows in an automobile, but the machine dashes through an open drawbridge, killing all but Legar. Margery suspects that the Laughing Mask is a woman. This episode at the Kozy Saturday.

SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE ENLARGED.

Two Rooms to Be Added to the Dresden Public School Building by Public Donations. Work Begins at Once.

The Dresden public school building will be enlarged by the addition of two large rooms. This was definitely decided at a citizens' meeting held on Tuesday night at the Kozy theatre.

While the meeting was not largely attended, there was an air of determination, born of necessity, that showed those having the matter in hand would push the work to a rapid completion. Plans and specifications were submitted for ratification and a plan approved by the citizens that will cost about \$1,500. This does not include seating the rooms and other necessary equipment.

A finance committee, composed of Senator Elkins, Messrs. F. C. Ezell and Robt. L. Suddath, was elected at Monday's meeting, at which time the sum of \$300 was pledged by those present. This committee is now interviewing our people, meeting with reasonable success, though, as might be expected, there are some who are touching the contribution feature as lightly as possible.

The idea is to have the work begin at once, so as to have the rooms ready for the opening of school, when another teacher will be added to the faculty. We understand Miss Mildred Fuller has been chosen for this place, making six teachers in all. The addition of these extra rooms will afford accommodations for all the pupils whom may wish to enter this school. Last year, on account of a lack of room and teachers, it was necessary to refuse admittance to the school of several who wished to enter their children here. However, with the new rooms and additional faculty, there will be ample room this year, and when the school opens in the fall it is hoped every room will be full.

The citizens of Dresden have always been quite liberal in their contributions for all purposes, and especially so for educational purposes, and the Enterprise is rejoiced to know that this demand is being liberally responded to. There possibly may be some who do not now reside here, but who wish to aid in this matter, and we are sure the committee named above would be glad to receive the check of any one wishing to help in the addition. Don't be backward about offering them your check for \$500 or \$5.

In this connection the Enterprise wishes to state that prospects for a good school at Dresden were never more flattering. Mr. Heber Finch, the newly elected principal, has been on the ground for the past week looking over the situation and is already laying his plans for the year's work. He will have issued at an early date a nice catalogue containing the courses of study, faculty, etc. Get in behind him, you mothers and fathers, and help him give Dresden her banner school.

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