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THE REVIVAL MEETING IS RESULTING IN SUCCESS

Church Auditorium Crowded to Utmost Capacity—Many New Converts Are Reported.

The revival meeting, which has been in progress at the Methodist church for more than a week, is meeting with great success with interest growing daily. The crowds flocking to the services have been steadily growing in numbers. Sunday night every foot of floor space in the church auditorium was taken as well as available seats in the balcony, and many were turned away or remained on the outside. Arrangements were made Monday for enlarging the seating capacity of the balcony, and while the crowds Monday night were great, all were seated. The great choir of 60 voices is furnishing some of the best singing ever heard in Ashdown. People are crowding in from all over the countryside and neighboring towns to hear the services. A large number of converts have been reported, the number being especially large on Sunday. Evangelist McIntosh makes an especial appeal to men, and scores seldom ever seen in church are attending. A men's meeting was held at the Royal Theater Sunday afternoon at which the building was packed to the doors. At the conclusion of a stirring sermon, in the vernacular of Billie Sunday, three men hit the sawdust trail. Preaching services are at 10 a. m., and 8 p. m.

LARGE ENROLLMENT AT UNIVERSITY

University Enrollment Reaches 500 Students.

Fayetteville, Sept. 30.—Over 500 students had registered for work in the University of Arkansas at noon Friday, and students were still arriving on all trains. This year's freshman class is the largest in the history of the institution and many young men who have been in the service of the government are returning to complete their college education. Registration began September 27 and continued through September 27. Class work began Monday.

GOING TO WHITE HOUSE

Belgian Rulers Will Also Be Received in the U. S. Senate.

Washington, Sept. 27.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, will be guests of the president and Mrs. Wilson at the White House next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, it was announced today at the State Department. On Saturday the king will be received by the Senate, which today agreed to recess at 2 p. m. that day to receive him.

Unveiling Postponed.

The unveiling that was to have been held at the Peytonville cemetery Sunday, October 5, has been postponed indefinitely.

TEACHERS AND DIRECTORS HELD MEETING SATURDAY

Little River County Teachers and Directors Held Meeting at Winthrop Last Week.

The Little River County Teachers and Directors' Association met at Winthrop Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27. On account of the rainy weather the program for Friday night was not given, but the teachers who succeeded in getting there were entertained in the home of the Winthrop people.

The following program was rendered Saturday at 10 a. m.:

Song, "America."
 Invocation, by Rev. J. T. Fisher.
 Roll call, enrollment of fourteen new members.

Reading, Miss Lillie Rose Couch, "Supervised Play," free discussion led by Prof. Wheelis, Baker and Key.

"Problems of the Present," Mrs. Jesse K. Edwards, F. C. Baker and L. F. Wheelis.

"Organization of Teachers," C. E. Key.

"Methods of Good Discipline," W. M. Kelley and L. H. Brannon.

Resolutions and new business.

Following is a copy of the resolutions adopted:

"Resolved: That in spite of the inclement weather, we have had a profitable and enjoyable meeting.

"Be it resolved that each and every teacher present, help to create a sentiment toward the organization of teachers.

"And furthermore be it resolved that we extend to the people of Winthrop our hearty things for courtesy extended.

"F. C. Baker, Mrs. Jesse K. Edwards, Miss Lillie Rose Couch, Committee."

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Foreman January 6th and 7th.

Cotton Prices Tuesday Were from 33 to 34 Cents in Local Market

Cotton took a tumble the first of the week, and current prices Tuesday were from 33 to 34 cents. During the latter part of last week cotton sold readily from 36 to 40 cents, which was several cents above the market. This was said to be due to winding up September contracts, after which the price for local spot fell back to the market as quoted in New York and New Orleans. The market is stronger than it was during the higher spot prices.

Van Coats Home.

Van Coats returned home Sunday night, having been discharged. He recently returned from overseas with the first division, with which organization he served throughout the war, and was the division given the three star decoration on their return. Van is looking fine.

Miss Lena Caulder of Texarkana was in Ashdown Sunday visiting her mother, of the East side.

RICHMOND ROAD BILL HAS BEEN PASSED

According to Bill the Original Richmond to Ashdown Road District Is Reinstated.

Complete unbroken rest the president must have, says Dr. Grayson, special bill to the original Ashdown to Richmond road, and which was organized before the war for the purpose of building a highway. For some reason the matter was deferred at that time and more recent developments have created obstacles in the way of building this road under the Alexander law. This is why a special bill was necessary. This route is the logical route for a road from this place to Richmond. The original district went beyond Richmond to the Reynolds farm, touching the Walnut Bayou bridge. The construction of this road will give some of the finest territory in the county a direct outlet to market, and connect them up with the county highway system.

The Distribution of Federal Aid to County Highways Should Be Obtained Now

Special to the News.

Little Rock, Sept. 30.—The following important statement has been given out by W. B. Owen, State Highway Commissioner:

"The distribution of Federal and state aid road funds is like cutting a pattern from a piece of cloth. We had just enough cloth to cover the pattern and the pattern has already been cut.

"The creation of a large number of new improvement districts many more than had been expected when the extra session met, will greatly complicate the situation. There might be some money unexpended on allotments made to roads that do not build, that could be diverted to the new roads, but there will be few in this class, because of the remedial acts that have been passed by the extra session. The purpose of many of these acts is to enable the commissioners to proceed with their work.

"The newly organized roads will, of course, appeal to the State Highway Commission for aid. Now this can be secured and the amount available, is a problem for the Advisory Board to work out. It cannot be done in a few days. It will require time, and a readjustment of conditions. No doubt the advisory Board which meets this week will set a specific date upon which the question will be taken up for consideration.

"The good roads sentiment of the state is at a high tide in Arkansas at this time. The fact that this short extra session is enacting almost as much road legislation as the regular sixth day session, which is demanded by the people, shows the temperament of the state. The people have learned the necessity of good roads, as economic necessity, and they are willing to pay for them.

"Thousands of miles of hard-surface roads are being provided for and millions are being spent in their construction.

"But it is well to stop for a moment and take an inventory of what has been done. The state must be cautious in its enthusiasm. I do not contemplate that the state or any county or community is facing bankruptcy on account of its highways program, but as in all other enterprises, there is a chance at times of permitting our enthusiasm to get the best of our judgment.

"The cost of construction must come down. It is a notable fact that some of the more recent bids have been lower than they were during the summer. Of course cost varies according to the type of road, and the type of road depends upon the character of traffic it must bear. A good gravel road costs from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per mile, while some of the highest type of roadway, with wide drive-ways, a heavy concrete base and an asphaltic-concrete surface, costs as high as \$30,000 a mile. Of course, the latter is relatively a small mileage in the grand total."

Work on Texas Produce.

Work again was resumed on the Texas Produce building Tuesday morning. The ground is being graded, and brick work will be started as soon as the foundation is laid.

NEW BOSTON TO RETAIN THE BOWIE COUNTY SEAT

Texarkana Fails to Get the Necessary Majority in Removal Election Held Saturday.

Texarkana Sept. 28.—Texarkana was defeated in the special election held yesterday on the proposal to move the Bowie county seat from Boston to Texarkana. Complete returns show 3,324 votes for the removal of the county seat and 2,558 for its retention by Boston. A two-thirds majority was required. Texarkana was 579 ballots short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

Considerable bitterness developed in the campaign preceding the election, but no trouble was reported from any of the polling places yesterday.

The county seat was located at Texarkana about 30 years ago, and was then removed to Bowie after a bitter fight.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Local Committee Will Put Forth a Big Membership Drive for Red Cross.

An appeal to all former soldiers, sailors and marines in Little River county to join the army of Red Cross volunteers who will aim to put the Little River county Chapter of the Red Cross first "over the top" in the forthcoming drive for members November 3 to 11, was received today by Mrs. S. C. Reynolds, chapter chairman and A. P. Steel, local Campaign Director. The call is issued by Edward Nidden, of St. Louis, Division Campaign Director.

"One of the most important things to receive your immediate attention in order to make the present Red Cross roll call campaign an overwhelming success is organizing all the soldiers, sailors and marines—that is, all the service men and former service men—in your community to become workers in obtaining Red Cross memberships," writes Director Hines.

"These men have, on account of the service of the organization in their behalf during the past two years, a most kindly feeling toward the Red Cross, and doubtless every one of them will be a 'boomer' in the coming drive.

"Will you not therefore, upon receipt of this communication, see the most prominent service and ex-service men near you and have them start to list all soldiers, sailors and marines who will help in the campaign. The latest available statistics indicate that there is a large number of returned service men in your vicinity."

ROAD TO McNAB

McNab, Saratoga and Fulton Road Is Being Rushed.

Hope, Sept. 29.—The new contractor to build the culverts and bridges on the Fulton and Saratoga improved highway out of McNab, has arrived and is pushing his part of the work. The work in general on this highway in the McNab community is all making progress. Twenty-five teams are now working one mile north of McNab toward Saratoga.

Another contractor from Texas was expected to arrive at McNab today and begin work on the three-mile gap between Fulton and McNab, which, it is said, will be completed in three weeks if the weather is not too bad.

Work is being held up somewhat at McNab, it is said on account of the Frisco railway not having sufficient siding to unload gravel fast enough.

WINE MAKERS ARE FREED

Woman at Texarkana Freed Her Husband from Blame.

Texarkana, Sept. 27.—J. G. Gill and wife, living east of the city, who were arrested Wednesday night on charges of violating the prohibition laws, following a search of their home by revenue officers, were discharged after a hearing before United States Commissioner Hudspeth yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Gill said she had been making wine from muscadines for home use for the last 10 or 15 years, and was unaware that it was now unlawful. She declared her husband had nothing to do with making the wine.

It was said that the officers found about 10 gallons of the wine at the time they searched the house.

Brick Work Finished.

The brick work on the First National Bank building has been completed, and workmen will now go to work on the interior decorations.

COTTON MEN FORM A STATE ASSOCIATION

Governor Brough Heads Committee to Campaign for Members of the Association.

Little Rock, Sept. 28.—Farmers, cotton men, merchants and bankers met and organized the Arkansas Cotton Association yesterday morning at the Capitol hotel. The new association is a branch of the American Cotton Association, and is established for the purpose of securing a fixed minimum for cotton of 36 or 40 cents.

Following the organization yesterday a committee of seven was appointed with Governor Brough as chairman, to take charge of arrangements for a state membership campaign. This committee will appoint a chairman, with two assistants in each county, who will be instructed to appoint a chairman and two assistants for each township, to solicit members. The committee will meet Monday. It is composed of B. C. Powell, chairman of the Bankers' Agricultural Committee; W. C. Lasseter, director of the University Extension Division; Dr. George L. Sands, president of the Farmers' Union; J. R. Alexander, planter; Jim Ferguson, state commissioner of agriculture; Clio Harper of the state press association, and E. J. Rodman, chairman of the Arkansas Profitable Farming Bureau.

Thomas J. Shakelford of Athens, Ga., and J. F. McGrath, Atlanta, both national organizers spoke on the need for such a state cotton organization. Mr. Shakelford said he had helped in organization of cotton associations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas. He addressed the members of the House at the capitol yesterday afternoon, and several legislators said they wanted to join the association.

Governor Brough spoke at the cotton organization meeting yesterday, endorsing the movement. Other speakers were: J. H. Alexander, B. C. Powell and C. W. Watson, formerly connected with the university extension work here.

Club Meeting.

The first meeting of the Ashdown Improvement Club for the new club year will be held at the club home at the court house Friday afternoon. All members are urged to be on time. Let's have a homecoming of all library books at this meeting.—Mrs. Lon T. Jones.

W. P. Leslie was here Sunday from Lockesburg. He is buying cotton at Lockesburg this fall.

POLITICAL FORECAST OF LITTLE RIVER COUNTY

Little River County Men Who Will Probably Be in the Running Next Primary.

While some counties has a long line up of men who will be in politics next year for county and district office, there has been no general discussion in this county sufficient to give an accurate forecast of the races some 11 months hence. Nevertheless the names of a few men have been made known who will probably appear on the ticket.

Earnest Johnson, lawyer of this city, is a bona fide candidate for prosecuting attorney, having announced definitely that he would be in the race. It is also said that George R. Steel and June R. Morrell are considering becoming candidates for that office.

Representative T. T. C. Anderson announces that he will not be a candidate for a second term for representative, but will likely seek instead the office of county treasurer. County treasurer Wat Duren has made no statement of his political future so far. John J. DuLaney has stated that he had about decided to become a candidate for the legislature to succeed Mr. Anderson.

All the other officers are now serving their first terms, and so far is now known, will make their various races without opposition.

TEACHERS WOULD STRIKE

Miss Taft Advises the Professors to Get in Line for Strike.

Bryn Mawr, Pa., Sept. 27.—Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the former president, acting president of the Bryn Mawr college, declared today in an address before the alumni conference in the Bryn Mawr campaign for \$1,000,000 to increase faculty remuneration that she wished professors of the country would organize a union and strike for higher wages.

She said that they had a better case than the ministers. Miss Taft said that the faculty of Bryn Mawr and other colleges are taking the most reasonable way possible to press their claims. She said they are justified in refusing to serve the country. Miss Taft said that she would not object to a strike as a college president, because she believed it would not be a strike against college activities, the college directors or trustees, but against the public, which ought to be made to pay for its education.

Mesdames G. A. Orton and B. B. Norman were in Texarkana Saturday.



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