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DE MOLAY CHAPTER ORGANIZED HERE

Texarkana Chapter Conferred Degrees on Sixteen Charter Members at Ashdown-Barbecue.

Border Chapter Order of DeMolay of Texarkana conferred degrees on sixteen candidates, charter members of a chapter order of DeMolay organized here Monday night. The Texarkana degree team, twenty-four in number, were met at Pleasure Lake at 6 o'clock Monday evening by the local candidates. A barbecue was spread at the lake and a great feast and social good time was had. At the conclusion of the supper the entire party drove to the Masonic hall at Ashdown, where the initiatory work was put on. Some forty local Masons witnessed the ceremony. Rev. W. G. Winans was invited in together with H. M. Powell. Rev. Winans made the boys a talk.

The Order of DeMolays is a boys' secret order for ages 16 to 21 and is sponsored by the Masons, Richmond Chapter No. 87 having sponsored the local DeMolay chapter. The boys themselves hold all the offices, and the only requirement is that some master mason must be present to act as adviser when they meet. The sons of master masons, and boys vouched for by master masons are eligible.

The minimum number of charter members were selected by the Advisory Council, composed of nine Royal Arch Masons, for the purpose of perfecting the organization. After election and installation of officers, the boys themselves will take over control of the chapter, receive and ballot on petitions and confer degrees. The following Little River County boys were present and received the degrees last night:

Paul Buster, Estes Johnston, Odean Phillips, Irving Joyner, Jim Sanderson, Ben Sanderson, George Welch, Jim Steel, Jennings Russell, Edward Johnson, Matthew Cook, Spencer Nixon, Worth Burlingame, Charlie Cobb, Lawrence Jester.

The following officers composed the Texarkana team:

William Henderson, Master Councilor; Claud Hendrickson, Senior Councilor; Emmet Countryman, Junior Councilor; Revis James, Senior Deacon; Thomas Kevil, Junior Deacon; Harry Webb, Chaplain; Ethridge McWilliams, Marshall; James Powell, Standard Bearer; William Scurlock, Almoner; Parnes Knox, Senior Steward; William Hendrickson, Junior Steward; Wilbur Smith, Scribe; Rellmon McCorley, Treasurer.

James Boswell, Heber Hoar, Napoleon Irving, Norman Smith, Johnnie Puckett, Carroll Williams and Aubrey Burton, Preceptors.

Hiram Dillon, Sentinel.

Clement Mays, Orator.

Charles Morgan.

Milton McKeehan, Advisor.

W. T. Merchant, Past-Advisor.

Mrs. Duke Bailey of Foreman is spending a few days in Ashdown with friends.

Planning Parking of Front Street

At the latest meeting of the Ashdown Improvement Club the project of parking the strip of ground between Front street and the K. C. S. Railroad was brought up and discussed with much interest. The committee previously appointed by the club reported favorably after a conference with Mayor May, who is always ready to advance any movement for civic improvement. This plan for beautifying Front street, as well as the railroad right of way, which first appeared in the News and was immediately taken up by the mayor, as well as the A. I. C., would consist in levelling and filling in that strip of ground, in which it is understood the railroad agrees to assist, providing, planting additional shade trees, grass, plants, flower beds, etc., everything which will make a pleasant, pretty parking place, such as is seen along the streets of other up-to-date towns and cities. This site which may be called the front doorway of Ashdown, would make a very favorable impression upon strangers, visitors and others if made attractive in the manner proposed; for everyone almost in these days has an eye for civic beauty, at least for the neat, pleasant appearance of a town. It has its effect even upon business, to say nothing of health and comfort, especially during the summer season.

This is a project for the aesthetic improvement of Ashdown which the A. I. C. has long had in mind. It was unanimously voted at the last meeting of this club that indorsement and encouragement of this plan be given, and that every assistance be rendered toward taking up this piece of improvement immediately. Every citizen should get behind this movement and lend assistance to the town council and club in this matter of improving Ashdown's front doorway.

Club Reporter.

TEST COMING IN RUHR

Will Occur When French Attempt Force, Henry Allen Says.

Duesseldorf, May 27.—Former Governor Henry S. Allen of Kansas, who is visiting the Ruhr, today in discussing the situation, said:

"The French are getting out all the existing coal and coke, but the real test will come when the supply of coal and coke are exhausted and they try to force the Germans to mine coal and produce coke."

"The Germans themselves admit they are helpless, and fear a revolt should the French policy bring starvation. Many of the industrial leaders in the Ruhr believe that eventually economic disaster will bring about a reign of Bolshevism."

Mr. Allen returned to Paris tonight.

Mrs. J. H. Welch and children are spending the week at Arkadelphia visiting friends.

NEGRO SHOT ANOTHER ON HIGHWAY NO. 7

Monday Shooting May Prove Fatal to Green Williams Shot by Henry Creswell.

In a shooting affray about 5 o'clock Monday morning Henry Creswell shot and seriously wounded Green Williams, the shooting taking place on the highway from Ashdown to Foreman about 6 or 7 miles west of Ashdown near the J. W. McCullough farm. Creswell lives on the Roy Eaton farm. Williams on the J. W. McCullough farm, their houses being on opposite sides of the road. Both were negroes about 40 years of age and married. Woman trouble was said to have been at the bottom of the affair. Williams and J. W. McCullough, on whose farm the former works, were having an altercation and Williams was threatening to attack the latter when Creswell appeared. Williams tried to draw a pistol it is said, but the gun hung. Creswell drew and fired six shots, two taking effect, one alongside the spinal column and the other in the side. The wound is serious though not necessarily fatal. Sheriff Collins arrested Creswell and brought him to town. After the shooting Williams ran to his house and hid his gun, which was later found by Sheriff Collins.

Education Campaign Near End.

The Little Rock movement for Christian Education, a part of the statewide Presbyterian campaign for \$406,000, has opened up and with its conclusion it is expected that the work in Arkansas will be completed. In the field section many of the churches have been visited but it was stated at headquarters that there were still a large number of Presbyterians yet to be seen. Fort Smith, Hope, and Morrilton have been practically completed and the campaigns at Texarkana and Pine Bluff are now being conducted. It has been planned to call a conference of the workers early in June and review the entire field with a view toward making a whirlwind visit to every section of the state just prior to the close of the work on July 1. The state executive committee, of which Governor McRae is chairman, will meet at that time and pass on the reports by the workers. "Our work so far has been remarkably successful," says a statement from headquarters, "but we are still far short of our goal and it is necessary that every Presbyterian in Arkansas realize the importance of the campaign if we are to succeed."

NAVAL READINESS NEEDED

Denby Tells War College World Is Full of Menace.

Newport, R. I., May 26.—Warning that the navy must be kept ready for defense "in a world full of menace," was given by Secretary Denby in an address today to the graduating class of the naval War College.

"It is a day when naval strength is vitally necessary, and a full grasp by naval officers of world possibilities highly important," Mr. Denby said. "We think in terms of hope for continued peace; we strive through diplomacy, backed by power, to keep that desired peace, but we must not be blind to facts."

"We know now beyond peradventure that war between great powers or groups of powers will always involve many other nations, and we cannot say with certainty that such a war may not come at any time."

"There need be no demand for excessive armament. There will be none for a great increase of our present establishment by the Navy Department at the coming session of Congress. We shall ask for additional cruisers allowed under the treaty for the limitation of armament. We shall ask for additional light gunboats, the vital need of which is being demonstrated every day; and we shall ask for certain submarines and airplanes."

"There will be nothing extravagant in our recommendations to Congress, and we hope to be able to keep the proposed appropriations approximately within the limits reached last year."

New Carrier Ruling.

There has been a new postal ruling as applied to rural mail carriers as follows: "Rural carriers shall open and examine boxes of patrons only when signals are displayed to indicate that they contain mail for dispatch. When the mail is collected from the boxes the carrier shall lower the signal whether he has deposited mail in the box or not. The signal on the box is not to be raised by the carrier when he deposits mail therein."

BODY OF FORMER GOVERNOR ARRIVES

Taken From Train at Walnut Ridge and Escorted to Pocahontas for Burial.

Walnut Ridge, May 27.—Accompanied by a commission composed of Senator W. A. Jackson, Judge John W. Meeks and R. Hamil of Pocahontas and Sheriff Bob Gillette of Randolph county, the body of Thos. S. Draw, Arkansas third executive, arrived at Walnut Ridge this afternoon over the Frisco railway and transferred in a hearse from the Lewis undertaking parlors to Pocahontas. There it will lie in state in the courthouse until with appropriate exercises Decoration Day, it is reinterred by the side of his wife, who is buried in the old Masonic cemetery at Pocahontas. A throng was at the station when the body arrived and the people stood with heads bowed and hats removed in silent reverence as it was transferred from the train to the hearse. On the top of the casket had been written Thomas S. Draw, Third Governor of Arkansas, going home to rest at Pocahontas, Arkansas.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the ceremonies Decoration Day when many of the residents of Arkansas, Governor Pat Neff of Texas, Governor McRae, Senator Curaway and other county, state and district officials will be present. The ceremonies will be filmed by a representative of Pathe pictures. The 153rd infantry band from Marianna will furnish martial music and Company B, Walnut Ridge Guard Company, under command of Capt. R. V. Smith, will attend in a body and act as an armed escort. Lieut. Joe Decker of Pocahontas will have charge of World war veterans. Civil and Spanish-American war veterans also will march in the parade.

Over 200 automobiles came from Pocahontas to escort the body there.

APPROPRIATION LEGAL

Attorney General Thinks That Agricultural Department Bill Will Stand.

Little Rock, May 27.—In an official letter to J. M. G. Ferguson, commissioner of mines, manufactures and agriculture, written at Mr. Ferguson's request, Attorney General Uppley expressed the opinion that the appropriation ordered expunged by the Senate after its passage, is valid and that the state auditor and state treasurer are legally justified in issuing warrants on vouchers and paying warrants from the appropriations. However, the appropriations do not become available until the beginning of the 1923-24 fiscal year, July 1.

Despite the attorney general's opinion, the status of the bill will not be definitely fixed until the Supreme Court passes on the expunging proceedings now pending on the appeal of the Senate Journal Committee from Chancellor Martineau's decision that the committee had no right to obliterate or remove records of the bill from the Senate Journal. In its transcript of appeal, the committee contended that under the Senate rules a bill after its passage must remain in the Senate for three days, and that this rule had not been complied with when the Ferguson appropriation bill was sent to the governor.

Two Stores at Columbus Robbed.

Hope, May 26.—The little town of Columbus, sixteen miles northwest of Hope, was the scene of a burglary last night about 1 o'clock. The burglar robbed the stores of R. C. Stuart & Co., and W. A. Bolding, entrance to the former being secured by breaking out the glass of one of the large windows. About \$15.00 worth of goods was taken from the Bolding store, the loss at Stuart & Co.'s being confined to the damage done, as the robber was frightened away by Dr. J. R. Autrey, whose home is just across the street. Being awakened by the crashing of broken glass, Dr. Autrey arose and saw the thief as he was leaving, when he fired three shots at him.

Drilling Progressing at Two Test Wells

Drilling is going on steadily at the Gaines test and good progress is being made. Naturally slow progress was made the first few days while the hole was being started but the last of last week saw this completed and the big drill on its way down.

The Steele test is 2600 feet down. The rock formation was passed through last week and gumbo encountered. The Grote test near Arden has been inactive for a few days.



W. GREENE WINANS, Evangelist.



H. M. POWELL, Singer

WINANS-POWELL REVIVAL OPENED SUNDAY

Large Crowd Attends Opening Services—Meeting Will Continue for Three Weeks.

The revival meeting conducted by the Winans-Powell Evangelistic party opened at the big tabernacle on Commerce Street Sunday morning at 11. The party is composed of W. G. Winans, evangelist; H. M. Powell, director, soloist and young peoples' worker; Mrs. H. M. Powell, pianist and soloist; J. W. Hammond, advance and tabernacle man. Mr. Powell, the director was not able to take any part on account of trouble with his throat until Monday night.

This party of Christian workers are no strangers in Ashdown, having conducted a great meeting at this place a year ago. Their work was found to be solid, and an unanimous call was made for their return.

The evangelist spoke to a large crowd Sunday night on the subject, "Roll Away the Stone," and was founded on the raising of Lazarus from the grave. There was no service Monday afternoon, but it was announced that day services would be held every day except Monday and Saturday, night services all the week. The meeting will continue for three weeks, and it is expected that a great meeting will be had. People from all denominations are invited to co-operate.

GROCERIES ARE HIGHER

Lead All Commodities in Price Increase in April.

Chicago, May 27.—Groceries averaged a higher gain in April over the same month of the previous year than any other wholesale commodity, according to a report of the Federal bank of Chicago, issued today.

Wholesale trade in April lost some of the momentum apparent in the first quarter of the year, the report says.

Little Rise in Red River.

Red River is reported to have risen about a foot Monday. The stage at Index is 20.7 feet, Fulton 24, and at Arthur City 19.6. The flood stage at Index is 27 feet. Little River is again back in its banks and still falling.

Purchase New Seats For Court House

Judge W. D. Waldrop has purchased new folding seats for the courthouse, which will be installed soon. The seats were bought at a bargain from A. N. LaGrone at Foreman, who recently purchased the theater building and will change it into a business house. These seats will replace the old homemade benches and will be much more comfortable as well as add to the appearance of the furnishings.



"Thrift is commonsense applied to spending." --Theodore Roosevelt

Every one knows the famous quotations by this great American.

Economy—one of the war's best gifts—applied to peace time will bring life-time prosperity.

ARKANSAS STATE BANK

No Road Laps—No Doors to Be Closed
A. E. Waters, President J. L. Martin, Cashier

LEGAL HOLIDAY

Wednesday,
May 30th

Memorial Day

This Bank Will Not
Be Open

First National Bank
Ashdown, Ark.