

SENATOR SIMMONS NO CANDIDATE FOR LEADER

Senator Simmons has withdrawn in consideration of health and party harmony. The withdrawal was announced in a statement brought to a sudden conclusion late this afternoon with a statement from Senator Overman saying his colleague would not continue the contest.

This striving for the minority leadership has been a development that has attracted a vast amount of attention. It has been a fight singular that men would have been so much interested, and that it would have been so much interesting, at this time.

The greatest retail stores in the world are to be found in Chicago, Philadelphia, and Toronto, according to one English expert who has made an exhaustive investigation of the subject.

ership of the majority should the Democrats secure control of the Senate in two or four years from now.

Some said the bosses, like Murphy and Taggart, had ranged themselves behind the candidacy of the Arkansas senator. But there was no outward indication of it if the Tammany chief had concerned himself with the political aspirations of Mr. Robinson. Only a day or so ago Senator-elect Copeland ranged himself alongside the open supporters of Mr. Simmons. Frank A. Hampton, secretary of the senatorial campaign committee, is to attend the dinner to be given in New York in honor of Dr. Copeland, and is to be the guest while in that city of the senator-elect.

The attitude of Dr. Copeland was one of the developments which led the friends of Senator Simmons recently to lay confident claims to a majority.

FINAL SESSIONS OF THE S. S. INSTITUTE

Annual Institute, Held This Year in St. James Lutheran Church, Came to a Close Friday Night.

ATTENDANCE GOOD AT ALL SESSIONS

Addresses by Miss Magee and Messrs. Sims and Albertson Featured All Sessions of the Institute.

Closing sessions of the Cabarrus County Sunday School Institute, which was held in St. James Lutheran Church this city, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, were held Friday afternoon and evening.

Large crowds, composed of pastors, Sunday School Superintendents and teachers, and other interested persons, attended the closing sessions, interest in the Institute having increased each day. Officials declare much good was accomplished by the Institute.

The last sessions were featured by addresses by Miss Daisy Magee, Mr. E. T. Albertson and Mr. D. W. Sims, who conducted the Institute, and who were heard daily with great interest.

The address of Miss Daisy Magee Friday afternoon on "Worship in the Sunday School" was interesting and contained many practical suggestions for bettering the Sunday school. In speaking on this topic Miss Magee declared that "worship is the heart of religion, and men worship because they have a religious nature." She further stated that worship is not an emotion but an act of the will at which time the soul of man communes with his Creator.

In outlining the subject the speaker stressed two types of worship—individual worship when each individual worships alone with his God, and social worship when individuals meet together and worship in a group, which serves to strengthen individual worship.

"There are certain elements of worship," the speaker stated, "that are used in the Sunday school. Perhaps more people worship through music than any other element. Music should be good and express devotion of prayer. There are two types of music—the spiritual and sensual. The spiritual expresses the holiest emotions of the soul—the sensual appeals to the physical person. Only spiritual music should be used in worship."

"Prayer is another element of worship. Worship is the heart of prayer." The prayers of the Sunday school should be short and linked with the worship theme. Sentence, individual and song prayers may be used.

"No worship program is complete without scripture. The scripture may be used to illustrate the theme or as a statement of faith. Different methods may be used, such as reading responsively, in unison or in groups. Sometimes the scripture may be recited."

"The offering should be made a part of the worship. In order to do this each member of the Sunday school should know the purpose of the offering and give in a worshipful spirit. An offering song or prayer increases the spirit of worship. This part of the worship should be a part of the departmental or class program."

"The teaching element in worship must be subordinate, but nevertheless it may be used. The teaching may be done by address, a song, a picture, a story or a poem."

"In order to make the worship effective there should be a theme and all elements correlated so as to terminate in an exquisite whole, a great climax of worship. There are certain conditions for worship in the Sunday school which may be outlined as follows: (1) Beautiful place; (2) A reverent atmosphere; (3) A worshipful spirit on the part of the teacher."

In a very practical way Mr. Albertson outlined some of the reasons why we are unable to hold the boys in the Sunday school of today. He asserted that the most outstanding reason why they are not staying in the schools longer is because they are so few men who are seriously taking the tasks of maintaining the Sunday schools and groups in our churches. He asserted further that many of our churches have not provided adequate places for the boys which they can call their own. The speaker asserted further that boys are very sensitive and respond as no other animal to the attention of adults, but one thing that affects the soul of a lad is a task that is really a test of his ability to assume it and really perform it in a way that shall appeal to the respect of his elders. Our boys everywhere have demonstrated their ability to assume responsibility they have won our wars; cleared our forests; drain our swamps; they can demonstrate their ability to build into a church program the ideals that shall be compelling to their fellows, with adequate organizations, which are outlined by every leading Protestant body. Our boys may be assigned responsibilities which shall tie them to the churches and build them into the ideals for which the church stands.

"A Problem Solving Period," conducted by Mr. Sims, was another feature of this session.

The Sunday school teachers who were present at the evening service were very much impressed with the practical suggestions which were given by Mr. Albertson on the subject of "The Winning Teacher." He asserted that the teacher who is to win for the church and Christ must first of all be a Christian. It was the thought of the speaker too that the teacher should be attired as are our public school teachers, ready for real serious business as a teacher. The teach-

er who is effective must know her pupils, some of the outstanding characteristics of the individual groups, and understand that the methods which would apply to a primary or intermediate group would not apply at all to a junior group. The questioning period of intermediates and seniors must be handled cautiously by a sympathetic soul, who is willing to understand and believe in the genuineness of our boys and girls. It was the conviction of the speaker that boys normally are not bad, but readily respond to the type of leadership which they have about them. They always have respect for authority, if squarely administered, and the teacher who is unable to lead this group has failed, both in their sympathetic approach and to reach the subject. The speaker further asserted that to be able to teach civility, one who is having trouble with a child, must know something about the Bible Geography and Bible History, and the social conditions under which God spoke to his people, in order to start intelligently with the group which is to be taught. When our teachers recognize the outstanding facts that the Bible was made primarily to teach religion, and are able to locate it on a real earth with a real folk, as the message of a living, loving heavenly Father, we shall have eliminated a lot of confusion which is apparent in the attitudes of many of our people.

"Teaching Through the Eye Gate," a discussion led by Mr. Sims, and "The Call for Trained Leadership," by Miss Magee, also proved unusually fine features of the closing session.

The following are the officers of the County Sunday School Association, which sponsored the Institute: J. J. Barnhardt, Township President. J. B. Robertson, County President. C. J. Goodman, Vice President. Miss Rosa Mund, County Secretary.

STATE RANKS TOO LOW IN LIVESTOCK AT PRESENT

Figures on Livestock in North Carolina Made Public by Frank Parker.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 7.—The comparison of the state livestock statistics, compiled by the co-operative crop-reporting service, shows that North Carolina ranks entirely too low. In the number of sheep and beef cattle we rank thirty-seventh; horses, thirty-first; milk cattle, twenty-fifth; swine, twentieth and mules, eleventh, while in the value per head we go lower on cattle, but come up to fifth rank in mules; fifteenth in hogs and eleventh in horses.

This is the leading paragraph in the January livestock report for North Carolina made public today by Frank Parker, statistician of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. During 1922, it is stated, there was an increase, compared with 1921, in the number of mules, milk cattle, sheep and hogs both in this state and the country. Horses, sheep and beef cattle increased in value per head, while mules decreased for the whole country, according to the report.

"Livestock is not the principal farm asset in North Carolina, but it is an important one in the United States," the report continues. "The aggregate value of North Carolina's farm livestock is over \$90,000,000, or 1.7 per cent. of the national value, which is less than our proportional share and out of all proportion to the total crop values. We had a four per cent. increase in value of all stock in this state compared with 6.5 per cent. for the United States."

"The fifty-four per cent. increase in the value per head of sheep and a substantial increase in numbers is the most conspicuous change in the national farm livestock trends."

"Iowa is decidedly the largest swine state, having almost seven times our hog population, but our \$13.30 per head compares favorably with Iowa's \$12.50. Idaho and Wyoming are the leading sheep states, but our \$8.00 head and Watauga counties are truly sheep counties in numbers, quality and breeds."

"In milk cattle, Wisconsin leads with 2,195,000, of which we have about 19 per cent. as many, averaging \$18.00 less per head than the former's \$75.00. In other than milk cattle, Texas and Iowa lead—Iowa averaging \$35.20 and Texas \$18.70, while North Carolina averaged only \$17.10 each."

"The south has the largest number of mules. This state ranks eleventh in this respect, but in value we are third at \$128.00 each. Horses lead in Iowa (1,305,000). North Carolina has only 13 per cent. as many horses as Illinois, but in value per head their average of \$79.00 compared with this state's \$108.00."

WAR ON BOLL WEEVIL STARTS IN EARNEST SOON

National Conference for Boll Weevil Control to Be Held in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—Leaders in all branches of the cotton industry, planters from all the southern states, government agricultural experts, cotton manufacturers and specialists in allied industries will assemble in Atlanta on February the 20 and 21 for the purpose of launching the National Campaign for Boll Weevil Control, the most extensive effort for eradication of an insect pest which has ever been planned.

The National Cotton Conference has been called by Dr. Miller Reese Hutchinson, distinguished scientist and engineer, who has accepted the position of managing director of the campaign. Among the speakers who have accepted positions on the program are Hudson Maxim, noted inventor; Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, who has directed the government's fight upon the weevil; Howard W. Ambruster, of New York, international authority on calcium arsenate; former Secretary Hoke Smith; J. S. Wamaker, president, and Harvie Jordan, secretary of the American Cotton Association, and J. J. Brown, Georgia commissioner of agriculture.

The call for the conference has been seconded by Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, of Georgia, and personal letters have been sent by him to all the southern governors inviting them to be present and to appoint official delegates from their states.

The National Campaign for Boll Weevil Control is the outgrowth of the movement started in January by the American Cotton Association for a concerted nation-wide effort against the "billion dollar bandit."

"The campaign provides for the expenditure of a fund of \$2,500,000 in a five-year warfare upon the weevil, which will include the most extensive educational work to secure use of effective weevil killing methods which has ever been attempted and independent research work by distinguished scientists to discover a way to eradicate the pest."

INCOME TAX FACTS.

Number Ten.

Pensions paid by a corporation or an individual to retired employees for services rendered are taxable. Pensions paid by the Federal Government to retired civil employees also are taxable, except as provided by the revenue act of 1921, which exempts "amounts received as compensation, family allotments and allowances under the provision of the war risk insurance and vocational rehabilitation acts, or as pensions from the United States for services of the beneficiary or another in the military or naval service of the United States in time of war." Under prior acts all pensions paid in recognition of services rendered by the pensioner were taxable.

Allowances, whether paid by the Government or private individuals to one who performed no duties, as for example, to a widow in recognition of services performed by her husband, are regarded as gifts, and are not taxable.

Pensions and bonuses paid by a State or political subdivision thereof to its residents who served in the military or naval forces during the war with Germany do not constitute taxable income.

Benefits paid by a labor union to members while on strike are to be included in the income, subject to tax, of such members.

Annuitants paid retired employees of the Federal Government under the act of May 22, 1920, are subject to the tax to the extent that the aggregate amount of payments exceeds the amount withheld from the salary of the employees. If an employee leaves the civil service before becoming eligible for retirement and receives the amount of salary withheld, together with interest, he should report as income only the amount of interest for the year in which received.

Number Eleven.

While ordinarily income is money, it does not follow that all money is taxable income. Unless favored with a gift or legacy, practically all the money received by a salaried man is income and taxable as such. But it is different in the case of a professional or business man. Such person is compelled to pay part of his receipts for business or professional expenses.

In arriving at the net or taxable income the taxpayer is allowed to deduct certain items, including all business expenses, from gross income. Gross income includes not only salary, wages, and other compensation for personal services rendered, but gains, profits, and income from professions, vocations, trades, business, commerce, or sales or dealings in property, whether real or personal, or the transaction of any business carried on for gain or profit, or gains or profits or income derived from any source whatever.

To determine the amount of net income a man in trade or business may claim as deductions from gross income a reasonable allowance for salaries paid employees, amounts spent for advertising, premium for insurance against fire or other business losses, rent paid for store or warehouse, the cost of light, fuel, water, telephone, stationery, postage, etc., used in his place of business, drayage and freight bills, and the cost of operation and repair of delivery wagons or trucks.

A professional man—physician, dentist, architect, etc.—may claim as deductions the cost of supplies used by him in his practice, expenses paid in the operation and repair of an automobile used for professional calls, dues to professional societies, subscriptions to professional journals, office rent, the cost of fuel, light, heat, and water used in such office, and the hire of assistants.

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SCHOOL HOURS, PAY, AND FREE DAYS DISCUSSED

Underpay and Overwork Injuries to Education, Say Solons.

Washington, Feb. 9 (Capital News Service).—The country-wide agitation for shorter hours and better pay for teachers is much discussed in the National Capital. Superintendent of Schools, Frank Ballou, has just sent out an order putting all teachers on a five-hour a day basis, although, as it is explained, these hours refer to attendance at and work in schools, and by no means limit the activities of teachers to those hours. Attendance at teachers' meetings, preparations and examination of papers naturally take up several hours more per day.

Washington teachers are hereafter to have one "free day" per week for "catching up" on papers, rest, preparation of work to be done, and more especially for visiting other schools, to get in touch with the problems of other teachers and their methods of handling them.

No possibility of raising teachers' pay exists in the hands of the Superintendent or the School Board or the District Commissioners, such action being only possible by Congress, sitting as a City Council for Washington. Mrs. Marietta Johnson, educator, founder of the progressive schools of Alabama and Connecticut, states that Washington teachers are so far underpaid that their salaries should be doubled to enable them to make a fair living wage.

"With such a material increase in salary," Mrs. Johnson declared, "the energy now devoted to anxiety over making both ends meet, could be put into constructive study of the child and its needs."

Mice and Rats Will Not Eat Match Heads.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—The poor mouse and rat have been suffering under an undeserved stigma for centuries, getting the blame for fires which have cost untold millions, according to conclusions reached by the Fire Underwriters Laboratories, Ltd., of this city, after exhaustive tests.

As a result of experiments conducted by the laboratories' experts on more than 100 rats and mice the conclusion was reached that the rodents will not nibble matches.

For the tests more than fifty rats and as many mice were trapped and confined in cages for three days without food or water. Then a quantity of straw and 150 matches were placed in each cage. Observations over periods of from one to five days showed that neither the mice nor rats so much as nibbled at the match heads.

State Liquor Bill is Reported Favorably.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Sub-committee of the house judiciary No. 2 reported favorably this afternoon the bill making the Volstead act supplemental to the existing state laws. The bill had rough sailing yesterday when the full committee failed to get it out with a favorable report, but when the sub-committee got on it today it went through without difficulty.

Complications arose over the bill through the opposition's contention that if the Volstead law is adopted the repeal of the existing laws, demanding all the legislation procurable that will tend in any way to curb the liquor traffic.

\$75,000 FIRE IN CHARLOTTE

W. E. Ferguson & Co. and Craig-Fite Cash Store Principal Losses in Blaze

Charlotte, Feb. 9.—Fire which burned several hours sending volumes of smoke through the down town section of Charlotte last night, caused damage estimated at \$65,000 to building and wholesale grocery products concern of W. E. Ferguson & Co.

The loss to the Craig-Fite Cash store was placed today at \$10,000 and both that and the loss by the Ferguson Company was said to be covered by insurance.

Wiley Perry Sentenced to Be Executed on March 15.

Oxford, Feb. 9.—Wiley Perry, convicted of first degree murder by a jury in Granville court for killing Roy Alken, of Creedmoor, was sentenced today by Judge Bond to be executed March 15.

The largest anti-friction bearing in the world, recently on show in London, weighed more than a ton, and was more than four feet in height.

Comparing the Goods.

Charlotte Observer.

A Cabarrus man named Query, who drifted to the sandhills some years ago, is now beating California in the home markets on home-canned peaches. His factory is at Marston, not far from Hamlet, and his goods are put up in lithographed cans as neat and attractive as is known to the trade here or anywhere else. But what Query banks on is the contents. He carries a can-opener in his suitcase and whenever he strikes a dealer who indicates he has a stock of California product, Query pulls out his can-opener, and snips into a can of "Sunshine" brand, yellow clings. The dealer opens his can of California product and the comparison does the work. He signs up with North Carolina for the present and the future. The North Carolina canned peach is the finest thing of the kind on any market, and this North Carolina sales man has a practical way of proving it. Within the course of several seasons more North Carolina stores will be stocked with North Carolina canned goods, and the trade in other States will be calling for it.

Sawyer Withdraws Appeal.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 8.—C. M. Sawyer, sentenced to serve eight years in the state-penitentiary following his conviction on the charge of conspiracy to burn his store here, and who appealed to the supreme court, has withdrawn his petition and has been taken to Raleigh to begin his term of imprisonment.

French and American Ships Collide.

London, Feb. 8.—A Constantinople dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says the French cruiser Ernest Renan was in collision with an American torpedo boat destroyer in Turkish waters. The American boat was damaged, but the French warships was not.

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ITALIAN ASKS DAMAGES AFTER HIS BEARD IS TORN

Socialist Leader Demands 500,000 Lire Following Leghorn Attack.

Rome, Feb. 8.—Giuseppe Monteziani, Socialist leader and member of the Chamber of Deputies, has gone to Court in an effort to obtain satisfaction for the tearing of his luxuriant and famous beard by a crowd of youths who attacked him in Leghorn last Saturday. He charges that he was cubbed, and that his whiskers were torn during the scuffle. He asks 500,000 lire damages.

Horse Show at Biltmore.

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 8.—April 12 has been set as the date of the second annual horse show of the Biltmore Forest Riding Club. Eleven silver cups will be offered in addition to cash prizes. The cup donors are Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, B. S. Colburn, Julian Woodcock, Mrs. H. H. Briggs, Mrs. A. S. Wheeler, Miss Christine Memminger and Mrs. P. S. Henry.

Mrs. R. O. Alexander Granted Alimony By Superior Court.

Charlotte Feb. 8.—The jury hearing the case of Mrs. R. O. Alexander, against her husband, R. O. Alexander, that Mr. Alexander in the armature of north for several years, the amount of alimony will be determined by Judge Long.

Charlotte will present no new claims for the proposed North Carolina Medical college to the board of trustees' meeting Friday What Charlotte originally offered will again be submitted to the college authorities.

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