

TEN BIG CONCORD TRADE DAYS MAY 24-JUNE 2

Event Promises to Be Biggest of Kind in History of County With Many Bargains Available

TWO AUTOMOBILES TO BE GIVEN AWAY FREE

Ticket For Autos Will Be Given With Each \$1 Spent in Trade in Stores During the Big Event.

SEASONABLE GOODS And These Will Be Offered at Lowest Possible Prices.—Wide Publicity Given Throughout Section.

On Thursday of this week begins Trade Week in Concord, and the event promises to be the biggest thing of its kind ever planned and offered by the merchants of Catawba county.

Every business house in Concord is preparing the proposition and with the cooperation of every merchant, assiduous business men are expecting the event to bring to Concord the greatest number of shoppers in the history of the county.

While the autos are to be given away to the merchants, they will not be the prizes to be offered during the week, by any means. The special prizes will be found in the stores of the city, where hundreds of bargains in seasonable goods, groceries and other commodities will be offered.

For the purpose of letting the general public know just what will be offered in the stores during the big event, the business men are conducting a big advertising campaign.

General Synod of the Reformed Church Meets at Hickory May 23

The twenty-first triennial sessions of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States will convene in Corinth Reformed Church, at Hickory, N. C., beginning Wednesday evening, May 23rd, at 8 o'clock.

A special train is being run from Washington, D. C., leaving Washington Tuesday night. This train will stop in Greensboro, High Point, Lexington, Salisbury and Newton.

The Synod is scheduled to begin Wednesday night, May 23rd, and close Wednesday night, May 30th. This week the special commissions and boards will present their reports, and representatives will supplement these reports by addresses on the floor of the Synod.

REPORT TROOPS NOW FIRING ON BANDITS

The Japanese Government May Be Able to Secure the Release of All the Foreign Captives.

Peking, May 21 (By the Associated Press).—Reports that troops were firing on the Shantung bandits were received today by the diplomatic corps which immediately drafted a new note to the foreign office, asking the Japanese government how it reconciled its promise to procure the release of the foreign captives and the events transpiring since that assurance.

Gov. Morrison's Engagements. Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—Governor Cameron Morrison will be one of the principal speakers tonight at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Washington, D. C.

Some of the important items that will claim much attention of the Synod are the demands of the field of home missions. The Reformed Church recently received the two Classes of the Reformed Church of Hungary into this body.

The Board of Foreign Missions will report that the board is ready to enter into a field in the Moslem World, somewhere in Arabia. Heretofore the work has been centered in North Japan in the Hunan Province in China.

The United Missionary and Stewardship will ask for a higher appropriation for the regular work of Home and Foreign Missions, so that more workers can be sent out into needy and challenging fields.

A number of the Reformed Church people of Concord and other places in the North Carolina Classis will attend one or more sessions.

FEDERAL COUNCIL IS SUBJECT OF DEBATES

Council Both Defended and Criticized at Today's Session of Presbyterian General Assembly.

Montreal, May 21.—"The only safety to protestantism in America is to have an organization in Washington to act as a buffer against the great unscrupulous power of Roman Catholicism." Dr. E. W. McCorkle, of Rockbridge Baths, Va., declared here today in urging the 63rd General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church not to withdraw from the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America.

Montreal, May 21 (By the Associated Press).—The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church here today rejected, 146 to 109, a minority committee report favoring withdrawal from the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

SCHOOL HOUSE DEATH LIST NOW SHOWS 77 PERISHED IN BLAZE

Two Young Ladies, of Whom No Trace Has Been Found, Believed to Have Perished in Conflagration.

SUSPECT OTHERS DIED IN BUILDING

Efforts to Locate Two Children Have Brought No Results, and They Too, Probably Were Burned.

Camden, S. C., May 21.—The death list in the Cleveland school house fire of last Thursday night today had increased to seventy-seven persons, with two more placed on the doubtful list.

Reports were current here that a Miss Blackmon and a Miss Thorpe, both of the Thornhill section of this county, had attended the play and had not been heard of since.

Ellen Barnes, according to statements made to the sheriff today, went to the play with her brother Frank. He escaped and made his way home.

Fannie Bowers went to the play with members of the Dixon families, 12 of whom were lost. Relatives saw her in the burning building, but were unable to make their way to her.

Columbia, S. C., May 21.—A nationwide appeal for funds for the relief of the women and children who were widowed and orphaned by the Cleveland school fire in which 77 persons perished Thursday night, was issued today by Governor Thos. G. McLeod, of South Carolina.

THE ALLIANCE OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Indianapolis, May 21.—Dr. Henry B. Master, of Philadelphia, today reported to the Presbyterian General Assembly as American secretary of the Alliance of Reformed churches throughout the world holding the Presbyterian system.

Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission will hold hearings on the petitions of the town of Mooresville to require the Southern Railway to erect a new depot at Mooresville and of citizens of Oxford to require physical connection at that point between the Southern and Seaboard Air Line Railways on Friday morning, it was announced today.

Henry W. Miller, Vice President in charge of operations of the Southern Railway, will attend the hearings, it was announced. Mr. Miller formerly lived in Raleigh.

Brooklyn's only woman optician, Katherine Blanc, who has followed her calling for nearly a quarter of a century, now owns the building in which she conducts her business and has her own factory for grinding lenses.

SANATORIUM HEARING

Doctors, Farmers, Preachers and Former Patients, Defend Dr. L. B. McBrayer. Raleigh, May 21.—Testimony by Dr. J. M. Parrott, of Kinston, that Dr. Paul McCalm "hasn't a superior in America as a diagnostician," together with voluminous testimony relating to the character of Drs. L. B. McBrayer and Reuben McBrayer, and an examination of H. A. Underwood, former engineer for the council of state, featured the morning session of the legislative investigation of the state sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis.

All five members of the committee, headed by Chairman Thos. C. Bowie, of Ashe, spent yesterday on a trip to and inspection of Sanatorium. Members of the committee stated today that they went further into the case than to examine the physical equipment at the hospital.

Doctors, farmers, preachers and former politicians contributed to the character testimony offered in behalf of Supt. McBrayer. Other witnesses testified to his scientific skill and professional ability.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL TO GASTON COUNTY WOMAN

Either Fell or Jumped From Auto Near Hickory Early Yesterday Morning. Hickory, N. C., May 21.—"Jack" Laws, a young white woman whose home is said to have been near Gastonia, died in a local hospital late last night of injuries to her head caused when she fell or jumped from an automobile, according to a story told Chief of Police Lentz by Ruth Ennis, a Caldwell county girl.

Robert Holler, of Newton, was driving the car at the time, the girl said, and refused to let the Ennis girl leave the car. He seized her around the waist and drove rapidly with one hand, the chief said he was told, and the young woman fell or leaped from the machine. The affair occurred on the Rhodiss road near here early Sunday morning.

Holler was held in \$500 bail for his appearance, and Chief Lentz said Holler also was under bond in connection with the seizure of 15 gallons of whiskey in his automobile on Lookout Shoals bridge several weeks ago.

FORMER JUSTICE DAY RESIGNS FROM BOARD

Cannot Serve as Umpire of the Mixed Claims Commission He Tells President. Washington, May 21.—Wm. R. Day, former associate justice of the Supreme Court, today presented to President Harding his resignation as umpire of the mixed claims commission.

Mr. Day explained that his desire to resign was due to recognition of the enormous amount of work facing the commission, with claims amounting to \$1,479,064,000 to be settled, and to his belief that a younger and stronger man should be charged with the work of adjusting the claims on which the work of adjusting and German commissioners are unable to agree. The resignation becomes effective immediately.

CHARGED WITH DEATH OF WILLIAM TAYLOR

Garland Wynn is Being Held on Suspicion by Washington Officers. Washington, N. C., May 21.—William Taylor was shot and killed at his farm house near here last night, and Garland Wynn was arrested and held on suspicion pending an inquest. Taylor had chastised his 13-year-old daughter, it was said, because she went riding Sunday with Wynn and another man, both of whom, he said, were forbidden to come to the house, came, and it was said he men had words.

After dark Taylor was called to the door by some one and shot to death. Sheriff Harris said he discovered today the prints of a bare foot and found a man's sock. Wynn's arrest followed.

Funeral of Mrs. C. T. Troy.

The funeral of Mrs. C. T. Troy, who died early Friday morning at her home on Loan Street, was held at her late home Saturday at four o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, assisted by Rev. T. W. Smith and the pall bearers were W. A. Foll, P. M. Lafferty, W. J. Hill, Jr., Dr. J. A. Patterson, Dr. T. N. Spencer and Ernest Porter. Interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. A quartette composed of Mrs. C. B. Wagoner, Mrs. R. A. Brown, S. K. Patterson and J. B. Sherrill sang several selections. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Supreme Court Ruling.

Washington, May 21.—A state cannot control freight rates upon a commodity shipped between points within its borders when the article is intended for public improvements, the Supreme Court held today in two cases brought by the United States, and the Interstate Commerce Commission and a number of railroads against the state of Tennessee.

90 Per Cent of Our School Houses Are Just as Dangerous!

Boston, May 19.—Repetitions of the Cleveland, S. C., school fire in which 75 children and parents were burned to death, are possible in many schools of the country and Canada, Franklin H. Wentworth, secretary of the National Fire Protection association, said today.

SUCCESSOR TO BONAR LAW NOT CHOSEN YET BY ENGLAND'S RULER

Marquis Curzon and Stanley Baldwin Are Prominently Named to Be Next Prime Minister of England.

OTHERS ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED

Bonar Law Forced to Quit Because of Ill Health.—Labor Party Against Appointment of Curzon.

London, May 21 (By the Associated Press).—The physicians of Andrew Bonar Law, retired British Prime Minister this afternoon issued this statement: "Mr. Bonar Law had slight operation on the throat today. Ootherwise his condition is unchanged."

King George who is in Aldershot had up to this afternoon asked no one to accept the premiership in succession to Bonar Law. The King, it is said, has no present intention of certifying his visit to Aldershot which is expected to last most of the week. Meanwhile the two most promising prospects, Earl Curzon and Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the Exchequer, is away for the Whitsuntide holidays, and plans to remain away until Wednesday making it very likely that the country will remain without a premier throughout today at least.

Possible Nominees. London, May 21 (By the Associated Press).—Political gossips are almost unanimously of the opinion that Marquis Curzon, Secretary of State for foreign affairs, will be offered the premiership and that either he or Stanley Baldwin will be successor to Andrew Bonar Law who has resigned because of ill health.

Lord Derby is also spoken of as a possibility for the office. The Earl of Balfour's age is generally regarded as ruling him out, although it is suggested that he might take the Prime Ministership in the event—which at present is considered altogether unlikely—existing schisms in the conservative ranks are healed, and all agree to pull together.

The Daily Herald, labor's newspaper, says Curzon's appointment would be a disaster for Great Britain and for Europe. Lord Curzon's supposed aloofness and reputed attitude of unbending superiority are alluded to by many writers who, however, do not think he should necessarily be barred from the post. Two or three newspapers impressed asert that the popular impression of Curzon is far from being correct and that he is actually a modest man of very human personality, who would like to unbend, but who does not possess the faculty for doing so.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of From 6 to 22 Points.

New York, May 21.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 6 to 22 points on unfavorable weather reports, covering and buying, supposed to be for the Japan account. July sold at 25.56 and October at 23.13, but the demand was not active, and the advance appeared to be meeting some scattered southern selling.

Associate Justice Walker Ill.

Raleigh, May 21.—Associate Justice Platt D. Walker, of the North Carolina Supreme Court, is seriously ill at his home here, it became known today. Justice Walker has been ill for about a week, and his condition is said to have become gradually worse. No improvement was noted in his condition today, it was stated at his home.

Nearly fifteen hundred women in London earn a livelihood as hair-dressers.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT MOUNT PLEASANT THIS WEEK

The First Exercises Were Held Saturday Evening in Auditorium, Which Was Unable to Hold Crowd.

DR. A. CHAPPELL THIS AFTERNOON

Commencement Sermon Sunday Morning by Dr. Gongaware.—Address Tomorrow Before the Alumni.

Last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock the Class Day exercises at Mount Amoena Seminary, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., took place in the auditorium, and was attended by a large and appreciative audience, entirely filling the spacious room, while many were unable to find even standing room.

The program was divided into two sections, the first part being the regular exercises usual upon such occasions, which was carried out in a manner worthy of the enviable reputation of the Seminary, and evidenced fine training and much inherent talent on the part of each member of the Senior Class. The young girls, in their pretty pink dresses, were a sight to delight the hearts of the crowd of admiring swains gathered to view and listen to the various performances.

Where there was so much to commend it would be a difficult matter to particularize, suffice to say that each and every girl carried off the assigned parts in a graceful and refined manner.

The second section of the program of the evening was a very delightful playlet, entitled, "The Graduate's Choice," and all the members of the Senior Class took part in this play. The plot centers around a maiden—"Youth"—clad in her white graduation robes and carrying her diploma, who wonders and soliloquizes as to what her future life will be, unable to decide what course shall sway her in this decision. She falls asleep, and is awakened by an impersonation of her own fancy, and in rotation all the virtues and all the vices are made to appear before her for her to choose from among them one who is to control her future life. When, at last, she is still unable to decide, five fairies, in white, draperies and wings, enter and slung around her and then take off the black robes of the Vices, showing them turned into Virtues, with snowy robes and different names on their sashes. At last Youth chooses "Faith," as her guardian spirit, and the scene closes by Fancy crowning Youth with a wreath, and all forming a pretty tableau.

The Senior Class of Mount Amoena Seminary this year comprises nineteen members, including the two graduates in music, Misses Margaret Barrier and Wilma Lucille Stirewalt. The other graduates are: Misses Ruth Beckerdite, Bessie Lee Ellis, Mary Virginia Fisher, Ola Furr, Alma Furr, Mae Blackwelder, Elizabeth Hahn, Lena Keller, Ruby Lentz, Helen Moyle, Inez Shinn, Laura Mae Shinn, Miriam Shirley, Mary Stewart, Alice Tavis, Betty Williams and Ethel Williams.

Baccalaureate Sermon. Rev. George J. Gongaware, D. D., pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Charleston, S. C., and member of the Educational Board of the United Lutheran Church of America, delivered a strong and appreciated sermon at 11 o'clock, Sunday morning, in the auditorium at Mt. Pleasant.

The speaker began his remarks by saying that it were enough honor if only he were pastor of the old and historic church of Charleston; that it were enough honor if only he were a member of the Educational Board of the great Lutheran Church in America; but he considered it a greater honor to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ on this occasion. Continuing his introduction, Dr. Gongaware told of a conversation with a mother, on

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Booster Trip Tomorrow The Booster Community Advertising Concord's Trade Event will start from the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock sharp. They will take in Kannapolis, Landis, China Grove, Salisbury, Mooresville, (Dinner) Davidson and other nearby towns. We have secured the Jackson Training School Band, 15 strong. Banners are all ready for the automobiles. We need four or five more cars to go on this trip. Anyone who has not already signed for this trip, call J. E. Davis. We want to boost Concord and make this Trade Event a Big Success. LET'S GO! J. E. DAVIS, Chairman Advertising Committee.

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