

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN MADE FAVORABLE START LAST NIGHT

Excellent Dinner Served by Ladies of Trinity Reformed Church. — Mr. Webb Presides Over Meeting.

BISHOP PENICK MAKES ADDRESS

About 100 Men Present.—Captains and Teams Will Meet Every Morning and Work From 9 to 11 O'clock

The big campaign for the local Y. M. C. A. for which preparations have been going forth for several weeks and especially for the past ten days, opened Tuesday night under what are considered the most favorable auspices.

Following a very fine dinner served by the ladies of the Trinity Reformed Church, Chairman T. H. Webb called on the Davidson College quartet to sing. They performed so well that several encores were called for.

The speaker of the evening was introduced by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, of Central Methodist Church. In presenting Bishop E. A. Penick, of Charlotte, the speaker said: "We have known Bishop Penick now for several years. Long before he was a bishop he had the makings of a bishop in him."

Bishop Penick then told of the recent changes that have come over the country, and especially over the south more recently, due to the expansion of our industries.

He reminded his hearers that conditions are not what they used to be in this regard and that the present situation called for special treatment. He said that as he had observed the Y. M. C. A. in his limited field of observation he had come to the conclusion that the Y. M. C. A. had always been to place itself in the breach of the life of the young man where that influence was needed most.

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STAR THEATRE Laurette Taylor

"Peg O' My Heart" The most beloved play of a generation, starring the actress who made "Peg" famous.

ADMISSION 10c AND 25c WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

THE McBRAYEE HEARING

J. M. Clark, Former Bookkeeper, on the Stand—Judge Brock Attacks Clark.

Raleigh, N. C., May 16.—Attacks on and defense of J. M. Clark, former bookkeeper, the examination of L. Reed and testimony on the number of positions held by Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Superintendent, featured the second morning's legislative hearing of the charges against the State Sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis.

H. O. Slink, a clerk at Sanatorium, was on the stand when Judge Walter Brock renewed his attack on Clark. John W. Hindsdale, attorney for the committee, had asked the witness if he knew of any alteration of the books of the institution since the investigation got underway.

Objection to the question, Judge Brock told the committee, that such insinuations were chargeable almost exclusively to young Clark, "a discharged and discredited man, mad because he lost his job, who is now trying to destroy Dr. McBrayer."

STATE WANTS TO RESTORE ROAD AS THROUGH LINE

Attorney General of State Will File His Complaint Today.

Raleigh, May 15.—A complaint which seeks to oust the present membership of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad by the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern railway and to have the road returned to its initial status of an independent through line, will be filed in Wake superior court tomorrow, according to an announcement by Attorney General Manning.

The step to be taken by the attorney general is another in a chain of litigation started more than 20 years ago, the state attempting to establish an east-west trunk line in North Carolina and the two railroads contending they have the right to cut the C. F. and Y. V. to two at Sanford, giving the western section to the Southern railway and the eastern part to the Atlantic Coast line.

For Those Who Died in War

New York, May 16.—The British, French, Belgian, Italian and Japanese ambassadors at Washington have been invited to attend the American Memorial Dinner to be given tomorrow night at the Hotel Commodore in this city in memory of the men and women who died in the World War.

Conflict Between State and Federal Authorities

Newburgh, N. Y., May 16.—Repeal of state prohibition enforcement statutes would likely result in "more or less conflict between the state and federal authorities," in the opinion of President Harding. The views of the President were expressed in a letter to Wesley Wait, of this city, made public today. A bill passed by the legislature repealing the act, is awaiting action by Governor Smith.

Mr. Fred Bell to Marry This Afternoon

Mr. Fred M. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bell, of Concord, will be married this afternoon at 4 o'clock, to Miss Gertrude Leslie, daughter of Rev. J. Douglas Leslie, D. D., and Mrs. Leslie, of Kansas City. Mr. Bell holds a responsible position with the Westinghouse Electric Co., with headquarters in Philadelphia. Dr. Leslie, father of the bride, is stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Condition of Montague Class Slightly Improved

New York, May 14.—Montague Glass, author and playwright, was reported tonight as slightly improved and to have a "fighting chance" for life at Roosevelt hospital, where yesterday he underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Glass during the afternoon lapsed into unconsciousness for a time, and physicians believed he would die.

Southern Presbyterians

Asheville, N. C., May 16.—Hundreds of clerical and lay leaders of the Southern Presbyterian Church are gathering here for the annual meeting of the general assembly of the denomination. The sessions, which will be held in the convention auditorium at Montreat, will be opened tomorrow with the sermon of the retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. R. C. Reed, of Columbia, S. C.

Southwest Storm Warning Is Displayed

Washington, May 15.—The weather bureau tonight issued the following storm warning: Southwest storm warning displayed on the Atlantic coast from Norfolk, Va., to Eastport, Maine; increasing southerly winds tonight, be strong and possibly reaching gale force late tonight or Wednesday.

Officials Go as Hostages

Peking, May 16 (By the Associated Press).—With the government's consent, Minister of Communications Wu Yu Lin, and Gen. Yen Teh have proceeded to the stronghold of the bandits as hostages in order to obtain the release of the foreigners held captive.

A Chicago woman is said to have pawned her fur coat in order to obtain the money to pay the license on her pet dog.

Give to the Y and coin your cash into character.

New Million Dollar Company Is To Promote Textile Plants in South

That the interests of the Cannon-Roberts interests, Inc., will not be confined to North Carolina alone, but probably will be extended as far south and west as Texas, is indicated in reports from The Charlotte Observer and The New York News Record. The Cannon-Roberts Company was issued a charter Tuesday by the Secretary of State, the company being capitalized at \$1,000,000 with M. L. Cannon, of this city, L. W. Roberts, Jr., of Atlanta, and John M. Robinson, of Charlotte, the principal incorporators.

Mr. Cannon has been identified with cotton mills for a number of years, and has made a success of the Cannon Mills of this city and Kannapolis. Mr. Roberts is a cotton mill construction engineer of Atlanta, and Mr. Robinson a prominent attorney of Charlotte.

GATHERING EVIDENCE AS TO PRISON CONDITIONS

A Mass of Information Has Been Placed in Mrs. Johnson's Hands.

Raleigh, N. C., May 16.—Experts of the State Department of Public Welfare have been busily engaged in different sections of the state gathering evidence in connection with the investigation of prison conditions, a mass of information having been placed in the hands of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner, since the inquiry was ordered several weeks ago, it was learned last night.

The representatives have been engaged chiefly in investigating the more important reports. The hurried trip of Roy M. Brown, of the department, to Washington to see E. E. Dudding, president of the Prisoners Relief Society, who advanced charges against North Carolina's prison system, resulted in the expert obtaining information Dudding already had made public and a promise to send other evidence said to be in the latter's possession.

Dudding was moving his offices at the time Mr. Brown was in Washington and said the information he promised to send to Raleigh later was packed in boxes. Mr. Brown is understood to have investigated Dudding's work as head of the society and his general standing in Washington. The society president is not expected to come to this city in connection with the official inquiry at an early date, it was learned.

Commissioner Johnson is conducting the investigation quietly and is not giving out the result of her findings, except in some instances when direct questions are asked by newspapermen. She is expected to continue this policy until the definite program to be followed is decided upon.

Convention to Discuss Lutheran Church Union

St. Paul, May 16.—Ranking as the outstanding Norwegian church organization of the country, the triennial gathering of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America will be held here June 7 to 15, with the local committee planning for 10,000 visitors.

One of the important issues to come before the convention is the proposed union of the church with three other Lutheran churches—the Lutheran Free church, the Icelandic Lutheran Synod, and the United Danish Lutheran church. Missionaries from China, India, Africa and Madagascar will address the convention.

Cotton Mills Reduce Output

Shanghai, May 16.—The cotton mills of Shanghai have agreed to reduce production schedule, for a period of 60 days, that will cut their output by 50 percent. This was brought about under an agreement approved by the Cotton Mill Owners' Association, and was caused by a weak and falling market for yarn at a time when high prices were ruling for raw cotton.

San Pedro Fire Under Control

San Pedro, Cal., May 16.—Fire in a pump hole of 500 barrels of oil on the General Petroleum tank farm here early today menaced one of the large tanks and resulted in reports being made by the San Pedro police station that an 85,000 barrel tank had exploded. The fire was near the Ft. McArthur fortifications, but firemen declared it to be under control.

At the Theatres

Laurette Taylor in "Peg O' My Heart" is the feature at the Star today. "Stormwept," with Wallace and Noah Beery in the leading roles, is being shown at the Piedmont today.

ORDER IS RESTORED OUT OF CHAOS AT HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Stories of Remarkable Rescues as Told by Eye Witnesses Increases Wonder Many Were Not Killed.

PROPERTY LOSS MAY REACH TWO MILLION

Along Line of the Flooded Streets Stores Were Crushed and Merchandise Ruined or Washed Away.

Hot Springs, May 16 (By the Associated Press).—Merchants reopened their doors today after a midnight through which crews of men worked in tireless efforts to remove the wreckage and debris left behind the flood and fire late Monday when torrents from a mountain cloudburst dashed down the slopes to form a raging current in the principal streets which swept and developed the buildings in an entire block.

COMMENCEMENT AT CATAWBA COLLEGE

Will Begin Sunday, May 20, and End Wednesday, the 23rd.

Newton, N. C., May 16.—Rev. J. W. Meninger, Philadelphia; Z. V. Turlington, Mooresville; and Rev. George W. Richards, Lancaster, Pa., will be the principal speakers at the annual commencement exercises of Catawba College, beginning Sunday, May 20, and extending through Wednesday, May 23.

Mr. Meninger will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday. The following day, the academy graduating class will be addressed by Z. V. Turlington, after which diplomas will be presented. On Tuesday evening, John Carpenter, of Maiden, will deliver the alumni oration.

President A. D. Wolfinger will give his annual statement Wednesday morning. The salutatory and valedictory then will be delivered. Mr. Richards' address will precede the presentation of degrees.

Members of the graduating college class are Mary Rose McKnight, China Grove; Lester Troxell, Ninton, Pa.; and Fred S. Whisenand, Newton.

The academy senior class members are Jimmie Angel, Lincoln; Henry Boger, Newton; Frederick Carpenter, Newton; Mary Carpenter, Newton; Merle Cornelius, Catawba; Paul Drum, Maiden; Carroll Harris, Hickory; Cleo Lantz, Gold Hill; Rudy Morrison, Newton; Benjamin B. Monroe, Newton; Shunford Platt, Greensboro; Mary Sitzer, Newton; Nellie Syre, Newton; Hugh Sigmon, Newton; W. Howard Wilson, Huntersville; Ray Whisenand, Newton; Samuel Yunt, Newton.

Commencement at Greensboro College

Greensboro, May 16.—The commencement season at Greensboro College will open Saturday, May 26th, and extend through Tuesday, May 29, having as its principal speakers Dr. Franklin N. Parker, Emory University; Rev. C. G. Pomphrey, Nashville, Tenn.; and Dr. Harry Clark, of the same city, according to the program announced today.

Forty girls are in the senior class. Saturday evening, the school of entertainment will present a program of entertainment. The following morning at 11 o'clock, Dr. Parker will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and in the evening the anniversary of the Young Women's Christian Association will be observed. Mr. Homshell will be the speaker. On Monday afternoon, the Alumnae Association will hold its annual business meeting, followed by class day exercises. At six o'clock, the alumnae-student dinner will be served just previous to the annual concert. Dr. Clark will deliver the literary address at the graduating exercises Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock.

John A. McCubbins

Salisbury, May 15.—John Absolum McCubbins, aged 72, of Mill Bridge, died in a Salisbury hospital last night following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered while attending the state convention of Patriotic Order Sons of America in the first session of the annual meeting in the community building. Mr. McCubbins was a widower and is survived by four children, Grady, who lives at the old home place, Clyde, of Besseville, Maryland, Mrs. William Longstreet, of Trenton, New Jersey, and Mrs. Myrtle L. Crabb, a Presbyterian missionary in China.

Governor's Inquiry to Begin Monday

Raleigh, May 15.—Governor Cameron Morrison, who has assumed personal direction of the investigation of the North Carolina prison systems, today announced that during the afternoon he would call a meeting of the state prison board of directors in connection with the inquiry to be held here probably Monday.

The Leviathan Leaves for Boston

Newport News, Va., May 16.—The shipping board steamer Leviathan, delayed by fog yesterday, left Newport News at 8:25 a. m. today for Boston where she will be drydocked for the finishing touches of her reconstruction for trans-Atlantic passenger and freight service.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS AT GOLDSBORO

Sam B. Currier, of Greenville, is Grand Master—Gifts of \$10,000 to Home.

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Policemen-Soldiers Attack Officials and Beat Up Their Servants.

Shanghai, May 16 (By the Associated Press).—Members of the Chinese government gendarmarie boarded the train bound from Peking to Shanghai today, attacked officials, beat their Chinese servants who resisted, seized everything on the table despite the protests of foreigners, and held possession of the train for several hours. It was learned when the train reached here this afternoon.

Bandits Strongly Entrenched

Shanghai, May 16 (By the Associated Press).—The strong force of bandits are entrenched in the hills back of Lenchow where they are holding their foreign prisoners, contemplating a possible attempt to kidnap parties of foreigners at Tsoo-Chwang, who have been negotiating for the release of the prisoners captured on the Shanghai-Peking express May 6th, according to advices brought here today from Lenchow.

Bandits Hurl Three Chinese Captives Over Precipice

Shanghai, May 16.—Three Chinese captives, taken by the Snow train bandits in the raid on the Shanghai-Peking express, have been hurled to their death over a precipice near the brigands' mountain stronghold as a warning that negotiations for the release of the foreigners must be brought to a speedy termination, according to an unconfirmed message received today from Linchow.

President Harding to Leave June 20

Washington, May 15.—President Harding has decided definitely to make his contemplated trip to the West and to Alaska, leaving Washington about June 20 and being absent from the capital about sixty days, it was announced today at the White House.

Southern Baptist Convention

Kansas, Mo., May 16.—Thousands of delegates and visitors are in Kansas City for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, the sessions of which began today and will continue through the coming week. Many important questions affecting the future police and work of the denomination are scheduled to come before the convention. In addition, the delegates will be called upon to engage in the transaction of a large amount of routine business relating to the educational, missionary, publication and other activities of the church. New Orleans, Galveston and Hot Springs are in the field for the 1924 convention.

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