

## THANKS GOING TO SOUTH DAKOTA

### Coolidge Will Send Acknowledgment—White House Officials Pleased With Victory Over Johnson.

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Coolidge will acknowledge the action of the South Dakota Republican proposal convention in granting him preference for the presidential primary and will send a communication to Republican leaders of that state which may go a long way toward indicating his attitude toward 1924.

His intention to recognize publicly the South Dakota convention's endorsement was made known at the White House today where officials made no attempt to disguise their satisfaction in the majority given the President over Hiram Johnson.

Pierre, S. D., Dec. 5.—President Coolidge was yesterday given preference for the Republican presidential primary by South Dakota Republican proposal convention.

A resolution favoring McAdoo for the Democratic presidential primary was adopted unanimously by the South Dakota Democratic proposal convention.

Senator La Follette was endorsed for the Farmer-Labor party.

The selection of Coolidge, McAdoo and La Follette was made over Hiram Johnson, Republican, and Henry Ford, who was named by both Democrats and Farmer-Laborites.

## COMMISSION VOTES TO BUY A TRACTOR

The Pasquotank Highway Commission in regular session Tuesday voted to buy a Fordson tractor for use in dragging the roads of the County.

This step was taken on the recommendation of Superintendent Provo, who was of the opinion that dragging could be done more efficiently and economically with the tractor than under the present system of getting the work done by farmers with teams in various sections of the County. The principal objection to the present system is that the roads are seldom or never dragged. In the case of those that are dragged, it is the opinion of Mr. Provo that the cost is too high and the dragging too infrequent.

The practice of having roads dragged by individuals with teams is to be discontinued as soon as practicable, if the tractor proves as successful as Mr. Provo hopes it will. In addition to a road dragging program for this winter, sentiment at the Commission meeting Tuesday was outspoken for a program of widening the dirt roads of the County next spring. A wide dirt road, where all traffic does not have to follow the same rut, it has been observed in Newland where the State is building such a road across the Dismal Swamp, with regular dragging and average weather, stands up under traffic fairly well the whole year round.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission adjourned Tuesday about 1 o'clock after about a three hour session. All members of the Commission were present except J. N. Williams.

## ATHLETIC CONTESTS WHERE SOLDIERS DIED

Verdun, Dec. 5.—A standard athletic stadium, with regulation rugby and association football fields, running tracks, velodrome, grandstands and club house, being erected on the edge of this battered city, simultaneously with the work of reconstructing homes to provide shelter for the war victims, is evidence of the place which outdoor sports and athletics now occupy in French life.

"London Park" as the new grounds will be known, in grateful appreciation of the fact that 350,000 francs of the amount necessary for the expense involved were subscribed in London, is to be officially inaugurated by Premier Poincare next summer. Invitations will be sent to celebrated foreign athletes and their participation is expected greatly to enhance the ceremony from an athletic point of view.

A straightway cinder path chute of 200 metres is now completed and the plans call for a circular cinder track of 500 metres. Seating accommodations will be provided for 10,000 spectators with additional room for 20,000 standees.

## SEEKING EMPLOYES FROM OUTSIDE STATE

Raleigh, December 5.—Requests for help from outside states have been greater during the last week than the available supply in the State, according to the weekly report M. L. Shipman, Federal and State Commissioner of Labor, made public here tonight. These requests, according to the report, have come chiefly from ship yards and mines.

Wilmington led during the week with the number of men placed in positions, the figure being 107, while Asheville led in women, the number placed being 31. The total placements in the state were 437 divided between 353 men and 84 women.



FRED D. CARTWRIGHT

Young People's superintendent, New York Sunday School Association, who is one of the speakers in the County Sunday School Convention, in session this week at Christ Church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS ARRIVE

### And County Sunday School Convention Got Under Way at Christ Church Wednesday Afternoon.

Pasquotank County Sunday school workers gathered this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the opening session of the annual County Sunday School Convention, in Christ Episcopal Church. The meeting will continue through Friday night, two sessions being held each day at 3 in the afternoon and 7:30 at night.

The three out of county speakers, Fred B. Cartwright, Albany, New York; D. W. Sims, and Miss Flora Davis, of Raleigh, reached the city Wednesday morning from Wilson, where they had held a very successful meeting similar to the meeting to be held here. These workers are on a chain of meetings in the eastern part of the State. Following the meeting here in Elizabeth City they will hold meetings in Kinston and Raleigh.

It is expected by those in charge of the Elizabeth City meeting that practically every Sunday school in the County will be represented at the various sessions. All workers of all denominations have been invited to attend.

Plans and problems concerning many departments of the Sunday school will be discussed during the sessions of the convention. Those who are interested in the work with young people, will have an opportunity to discuss their problems with Mr. Cartwright who is a specialist in that particular line of work. Miss Davis will give several addresses on the value of story telling in the Sunday school, as well as discuss other phases of the Sunday school. Mr. Sims will discuss general Sunday school problems, and each afternoon conduct a "Let's talk it over" period at which time opportunity will be given for specific problems to be presented and discussed.

The program for sessions of the convention follows:

**Evening Session**  
7:30—Devotional—Dr. Samuel H. Templennan, Pastor First Baptist Church.  
7:45—Our Greatest Asset.—Fred D. Cartwright.  
8:20—Record of Attendance.  
8:30—Trained Workers—Why and How.—D. W. Sims.

**Thursday Afternoon Session**  
3:00—Devotional—Rev. Frank Scattergood.  
3:15—The Story—Its Value and Elements—Miss Flora Davis.  
3:45—Organizing the Young People's Class—Fred D. Cartwright.

4:15—Record of Attendance.  
4:25—"Let's Talk It Over" Period—Conducted by D. W. Sims.

**Evening Session**  
7:30—Devotional—Rev. R. F. Hall.  
7:45—Our Responsibility to the Young People—Fred D. Cartwright.  
8:20—Period of Business.  
8:35—Better Results Through Better Co-operation.—D. W. Sims.

9:10—Offering for Support of County and State Sunday School Associations.  
**Friday, Afternoon Session**  
3:00—Devotional—Rev. Daniel Lane.  
3:15—The Story—Testing and Telling It—Miss Flora Davis.  
3:45—Why Have an Organized Young People's Department?—Fred D. Cartwright.

4:15—Record of Attendance.  
4:25—"Let's Talk It Over" Period—Conducted by D. W. Sims.

**Evening Session**  
7:30—Devotional—Dr. J. H. Thayer.  
7:45—The Adult Bible Class Organized for Service—Miss Flora Davis.  
8:15—The Jesus Way of Living—Fred D. Cartwright.  
8:45—Reports of Committees and Election of Officers.  
8:55—Using the Eye-Gate—D. W. Sims.

Mrs. G. R. Little has returned from Raleigh where she visited her daughter, Miss Helen Little, who is attending St. Mary's.

## Calls His Father "Failure"



This exclusive photograph, made recently, shows the British premier's son, Oliver Baldwin, with his pet Finnish wolf. The premier's son is campaigning for the Labor Party and calls the government's foreign policy "terrible."

## HIGH COST HOUNDS GERMANS TO GRAVE

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The high cost of living hounds Germans from the cradle to the grave.

Layettes for the baby are so expensive few families can afford them. A child's skirt cost from 12 to 20 billion marks in November. Even a second-hand perambulator costs 30 gold marks, and the mid-wives and doctors have all placed their fees on a gold-mark basis.

It costs trillions of marks to outfit a new arrival in a German family in these days of declining paper marks, and the trillions are lacking in all families except those of profiteers.

A girl baby is more of a tragedy than a boy baby in the average German family today, because of the dowry which must go with every German girl who finds a husband. No girl without a dowry can avoid being an old maid in Germany, and there is little prospect of the average German family accumulating enough surplus to endow daughters with sufficient linen and money to make them attractive to German men who have such a large assortment of women to choose from because of the great excess of the female population.

## PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR DEB.

"Walking a Cure for All Diseases" is the first article in Physical Culture for December. It is of especial interest because its author, Bernarr Macfadden, has just been featured by every newspaper in this country and abroad as having performed the most extraordinary walking feat in history. "Abolish Prudery or We Perish," says United States Senator Dr. Royal S. Copeland, a fearless presentation of an important subject. "Fighting Fit at Fifty-five" is an illuminating article by the father of physical culture, illustrated with surprising photographs which reveal the well muscled body of an athlete. There is hope for every middle-aged man in this article which will be read with interest by all those who think that they are too old to exercise. "The Woman Who Slewed Her Own Soul" as told to Fulton Oursler is a valuable contribution on a vital subject. The magazine is brimful of beautiful photographs and interesting articles.

## THREE PERSONS BURNED TO DEATH

Bay City, Mich., Dec. 5.—Three persons were burned to death and another escaped with serious burns today when the farm home of Joseph Delosh in Arenac County was destroyed by fire.

## HOLD UP CLERKS OF A BANK AT DAYTON

Dayton, O., Dec. 5.—Two unmasked men held up two clerks today in the Xenia Avenue branch of the City Savings & Trust Company and escaped with approximately \$10,000.

## GUNMEN SEAL LIPS OF THEIR VICTIMS

Cleveland, Dec. 5.—Adhesive tape was used by three gunmen today to seal the lips of a dry goods merchant and his clerk while they robbed the store of \$300 in cash and a similar amount of merchandise. The bandits forced their victims into the basement, bound them hand and foot and pressed the tape across their lips so they could make no outcry.

O. B. West is out again after a recent attack of pneumonia.



ALVA M. LUMPKIN.

Governor Carolinas District Kiwanis Club, with headquarters at Columbia, South Carolina, who will be the speaker of the evening at the Kiwanis Banquet Friday night of this week. Governor Lumpkin was on the program at the recent Capital District Kiwanis meet at Baltimore, and according to members of the Kiwanis quartet, who were present, made one of the biggest speeches of the meet. Mr. Lumpkin is a practicing lawyer at Columbia, S. C. With him as speaker at the evening and with a banquet served by the local degree of Pocahontas, Elizabeth City Kiwanis are looking forward to this week's banquet with an unusual degree of pleasure.

## DICKENS' LANDMARKS ARE FAST DISAPPEARING

New York, December 5.—Those who wish to see Dickens' literary landmarks in London should hurry, says A. A. Hopkins in the Mentor for December. The London County Council has decreed the widening of the Strand and landlords are not apt to be sentimental when it comes to improvements and higher rents.

There is hardly any part of London which is not associated in some way with Dickens' novels. Scores of houses, streets, hotels, taverns, inns, pumps and monuments have become familiar through that author's camera eye. There is no difficulty in locating over eight hundred Dickens London localities. Recent researches determined one hundred and twenty references to Fleet street and its tributaries and this is the part of London which must make way for improvement.

## TRINITY OPENS NEW GYMNASIUM FRIDAY

Trinity College, Durham, Dec. 5.—The new Alumni Memorial Gymnasium will be formally opened to athletic contests on Friday night, December 7, when the Trinity mat artists meet the representatives from the University of North Carolina in the first wrestling match of the season for both institutions.

A great degree of interest is being manifested in the coming match between Trinity and Carolina. Last year Trinity defeated Carolina by a decisive score, winning the State championship. In fact, Trinity has led in championship honors in this State for two successive years. Last season Trinity lost the South Atlantic championship to V. M. I. by a margin of only three points.

The Methodists will be represented this year by the following members of last year's team, according to a recent announcement by Coach Bill Bailey:

Hardaway, 119 pounds; Daniels, 129 pounds; Mayes, 139 pounds; Midgett, 159 pounds; and Matheson, 179 pounds. The 149-pounder man is yet to be picked. Three strong men are out for this place and the winner will be chosen for that position before the match Friday night. These men are Merritt, Levet, and Yearby. Trinity's heavyweight is also yet to be chosen. Three beetles are daily struggling for this position, and the representative for Friday's fray will be Herring, Spruel, or Jordan, all of whom are showing up exceptionally well.

## COMMANDERY MEETING ON THURSDAY NIGHT

Grizes Commandery of Knight Templars will hold a special convocation on Thursday evening at 7:30 for the purpose of conferring the temple degree. All Sir Knights are urgently requested to be present promptly in full uniform.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, December 5.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 35.85; January 35.29; March 35.79; May 35.99; July 35.99; October 28.68.

New York, December 5.—Cotton futures were quoted at the following levels at 10:29 a. m. December 36.25; January 35.72; March 36.03; May 36.29; July 35.37; October 28.82.

New York, December 5.—Cotton futures at 2 p. m. were quoted as follows: December 35.65; January 34.98; March 35.21; May 35.41; July 34.61; October 28.37.

New York, December 6.—Cotton closed quiet today, with a decline of 100 points. Middling 35.65. Futures: December 35.10; January 34.50; March 34.75; May 34.98; July 34.10; October 28.00.

## CRANK IS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

### But Verdict of Simple Assault All That Could be Obtained Against Him in Police Court Wednesday.

Guilty of simple assault was the only verdict obtained by the State Wednesday in the case against F. A. Crank, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, with operating a motor car recklessly and while under the influence of liquor and with the illegal possession and transportation of liquor.

On the charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. There seems to be no doubt about Crank's having been drinking on the night in question, but there seemed ground for reasonable doubt to the jury that he had been operating a car on the public highway's while under the influence of intoxicants. There was another man in the car who has taken leg bail, and he it was, according to the theory of the defense, who did the shooting and the driving of the car. To be sure there was direct and undisputed evidence that Crank was at the wheel at one time and that he was under the influence of liquor and that he was driving in a reckless and careless manner, but all of this, says the defense, was not on a public road.

Having obtained a verdict of guilty in the assault case, the State took a nol pros in the other two cases against Crank when the court had imposed a sentence of 30 days in jail for the assault. Crank, through his attorneys, Ayldett & Simpson, noted an appeal.

All four cases against Crank grew out of a wild night ride of Otis Bland and the defendant in Crank's Ford on Thanksgiving night. At Berea Church Crank's car overtook another car in which were Eugene Sharber and Johnnie Brothers, young men of Newland township who are said to have been on their way to town with their lady friends to attend a moving picture show. Crank's car gave chase to the Newland car and when it caught up with it drove alongside on the right hand side and somebody from Crank's car fired at the Newland automobile. Dropping behind while off the brick, Crank's car again came alongside the Newland car, this time on the left hand side, and fired another shot into it.

Sharber and Brothers sought safety up the road leading to the Old Brick House, and driving into the yard started to flee into the house. Walter White who lives at the Old Brick House, admitted the young ladies, but, supposing them to be fleeing from the young men in the car, refused to admit Sharber and Brothers. Bland and Crank, coming up at this time and discovering who were in the car they were pursuing, hastily got out of the White yard. When Crank left the White yard, he was at the wheel, with the odor of liquor on his breath and with a fruit jar thought to have contained liquor at his feet, and was having such difficulty in steering the car that he ran into the Newland car and backed into a sycamore before he could get out.

The cases against Crank are now set for trial in Superior Court.

Other cases disposed of Wednesday morning included one against Willis Sprout, colored, for failure to list and pay his taxes, and one in which J. W. Casey was charged with operating a motor car with a defective muffler. In the former case the defendant was required to pay taxes and costs; in the latter the defendant was let off on payment of costs.

## SEABOARD RAILWAY GETS LAST PAYMENT

Washington, Dec. 5.—Payment of \$650,188 to the Seaboard Air Line was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce Commission, completing the \$7,476,188 which the road was entitled from the Government in payment of the guarantee of earnings during the first six months after the termination of wartime Federal control.

## WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Rooms Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

Reports from departments will be heard and many important matters will be taken up. It is urged, therefore, that all members attend.

## COOLIDGE DELIVERS MESSAGE THURSDAY

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Coolidge's annual message to Congress will be delivered at the joint session of the Senate and House shortly after noon tomorrow.

Definite decision as to the time of his appearance was reached today after the White House had been in communication with leaders at the Capitol.

Miss Lena Yokeley has returned to her home in Scotland Neck after a visit to Mrs. G. P. Hood on Cedar street.