

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING YESTERDAY

State Superintendent Sims and Professor Honline Chief Speakers of Day

The opening sessions of the New Hanover County Sunday School convention were held at Grace Methodist church yesterday afternoon and night.

The total attendance at the two meetings was estimated at 300. The records show that 19 Sunday schools were represented, and among those present were nine ministers, 18 Sunday school superintendents and 129 Sunday school teachers.

The four Sunday schools which had the largest attendance at the meetings yesterday were: Grace Methodist, with 11; St. Paul's Lutheran, with 17; Fifth Avenue Methodist, with 15; and the First Presbyterian, with 14.

The New Hanover County Sunday School convention is being held under the auspices of the North Carolina Sunday School association, and all sessions will be held at Grace Methodist church.

The six essentials I wish to present are: First, start on time; second, have live, attractive opening and closing exercises; third, have good leadership; fourth, have a teachers' training class at regular Sunday school hours; fifth, have a workers' meeting at least once a month for our teachers and officers; sixth, use blackboards and object lessons in teaching.

Prof. Honline speaks in discussing the topic, "The Place of Religious Education." Prof. M. A. Honline, associate educational superintendent of the International Sunday School association, said:

"Every child born into the world has a right to be well-born with a healthy body and mind. There is not a single authenticated case on record of a normal child emanating from a congenitally feeble-minded father and mother. If both parents are feeble minded practically every one of their offspring will be feeble minded."

"Education can not increase one's capacity; it only releases it and makes it usable; and if nature does not put it in the blood the teacher can't bring it out."

"Education can not transform inferiority into genius. Of equal importance with the kind of education we give our children is the kind of children we give to be educated."

America's feeble-mindedness and insanity are on the increase and out of all proportion to increase in population. Between 1880 and 1903 while our general population increased about 30 per cent the population in our institutions for mental defectives increased 101 per cent. In 1910 there were more inmates in our institutions for the feeble-minded than in all our colleges and universities combined.

New York state more than 20 per cent of the state revenue goes to the support of institutions for mental defectives. The idea that healthy blood tended to neutralize diseased blood is a serious fallacy for the very opposite is true; the diseased blood tends to vitiate the healthy blood. These things being true, fathers and mothers should be as particular about the pedigrees of their prospective sons-in-law and daughters-in-law as they are of the pedigrees of the domestic animals that feed in their barnyards, for the same genetic principles that apply to plant and animal life apply also to the children of men, and if human society is to be saved, these principles must be recognized, and speedily recognized.

Monday's program is as follows: Third Session Monday afternoon, February 7, Rev. D. H. Wilcox, presiding. 3:30—Devotional, Rev. J. O. Mann. 3:40—"The Place of the Child in Religious Education," Prof. M. A. Honline. 4:25—"Problem Solving Period," conducted by D. W. Sims and Prof. M. A. Honline. 4:50—Period of business: Attendance record, announcements. 5:00—Adjourn.

Fourth Session Monday night, February 7, M. F. Allen, presiding. 8:00—Devotional, Rev. G. McClanahan. 8:10—"The Place of the Teacher in Religious Education," Prof. M. A. Honline. 8:50—Period of business: Attendance record, announcements. 9:00—"Our Purpose and Our Task," D. W. Sims. 9:30—Offering for support of the Sunday School association. 9:40—Adjourn.

CREW OF DISTRESSED SCHOONER RESCUED Seminole Unable to Answer Call for Relief

Orders were received here yesterday by Capt. E. S. Addison, commander of the Coast Guard cutter Seminole, for his vessel to proceed to the assistance of the four-masted schooner George W. Truitt, Jr., around off Cape Lookout but as the emergency repairs are being made to the boilers of the Seminole, the vessel was unable to leave port. The cutter Manning, stationed at Norfolk, Va., went to the aid of the distressed vessel instead.

Captain Bennett and eight members of the crew of the Truitt were landed at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by life savers of Coast Guard station No. 190, located near Cape Lookout. The schooner, although hard and fast aground, was in no immediate danger and the life savers had little trouble rescuing the crew.

House of Cape Fear Country Club Is Totally Destroyed By Flames

Popular Social and Pleasure Resort Left a Heap of Smoking Ruins by Fire Which Started Shortly After 9 O'clock Sunday Night—Loss Estimated at Ten Thousand Dollars

Flames that lapped the tops of the high pine trees nearby completely destroyed the house of the Cape Fear Country club and contents last night shortly after 9 o'clock, entailing an estimated loss in excess of \$10,000, with insurance of approximately three-fourths that amount.

The fire was witnessed by thousands of citizens, who were attracted by the great flare and many of whom journeyed to the scene in automobiles. So numerous were they in fact, traffic on the turnpike became congested, and Sheriff George C. Jackson and his deputies acted as traffic directors and passage on the road was obtained with difficulty.

The fire apparatus responded to alarms by telephone and from box No. 72, and while they arrived shortly after the fire was discovered, Chief Charles Schibben reported that the fire was beyond any possible control when the firemen arrived.

Chief Schibben said that the fire, according to unofficial report made to him, started from some clothing that was hanging on a line over a hot stove. Considered as a spectacle, the fire could hardly have been surpassed. In a grove of tall pines, through which the fire was viewed by thousands, the leaping flames illumined the surrounding territory. Sharp explosions, probably caused by exploding electric bulbs, fruit jars and possibly a few rounds of twelve gauge cartridges, or golf balls, hurled small pieces of the burning fragments into the air.

It could not be learned last night exactly how much the financial loss will amount to, but it was conservatively estimated that the loss will exceed \$10,000, with seventy-five per cent insurance.

Doubtless the club-house will be rebuilt, but no announcement along this line was obtainable last night.

FIELD SECRETARIES TO VISIT Y. W. C. A. Misses MacGeorge and Brown to Confer With Wilmington Workers

The Young Women's Christian association is looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the visit this week of two of the most prominent field secretaries of the South Atlantic field, who come to the city Tuesday from the field headquarters at Richmond for conferences with the leaders of the local work.

Miss Leona MacGeorge, field city economic secretary, is to spend most of the week in the business office with the treasurer, the general secretary and the business secretary, going over the books in detail and completely reorganizing things and placing everything on a firm association basis. Miss MacGeorge is especially fitted for this work as she is considered one of the best equipped business executives in the association. She was one of the few field city secretaries who called in no outside person to head up the war work activities, but preferred to accept the added responsibility in order to pass on in detail and completely reorganize the work.

Miss Lettie Brown, field secretary for girls' work, will be busy for several days conferring with the girls' work committee and leaders and discussing with them the psychology of the teen age and devising practical means by which the department's purposes may be carried out through recreation, devotional study and service. The program for the week will be as follows:

Tuesday—3:30 p. m. and Wednesday 10:30 a. m. Miss MacGeorge and Miss Brown will speak at a joint meeting of the board and all the committees at 206 North Second street. Wednesday—3:30 p. m. Miss Brown will meet with the girls' work committee in the regular monthly meeting at 114 North Fourth street. Thursday—11:00 a. m. Regular meeting of board of directors. At this time the officers for the coming year will be elected. Thursday—3:30 p. m. The grade school girls will meet with Miss Brown for a Valentine social in the gymnasium at 114 North Fourth street. Thursday—4:30 p. m. The High school club girls are invited to bring their mothers to a Valentine party at 206 North Second street. Miss Brown will be the guest of honor. Friday 3:30 p. m. Miss Brown will again confer with the girls' work committee at 114 North Fourth street.

CONFIDENT NAVAL UNIT WILL BE FORMED HERE Meeting Will be Held Tomorrow Night

Interest continues to grow in the proposed organization here of a naval unit, which will be a part of the United States naval reserve force. William M. Shaw, a member of the U. S. N. R. who has been very active in arousing interest for the naval unit, has little doubt that the proposition will be successfully launched at the meeting that will be held at the American legion hut on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Those behind the movement want it known that presence at the meeting will not mean that anyone will be morally bound to enlistment. The meeting has been called to ascertain if a sufficient number of young men are interested in the organization of a unit to warrant further steps toward organization.

Enlistment in a local unit of the naval reserve force will not be confined to young men who are at the present moment members of the N. R. If, at the meeting Tuesday night, proper interest is shown, efforts will be made to get a regular naval officer to come here to explain the details of the organization.

MISS GRIMBALL ENGAGED TO DIRECT PAGEANT HERE Scored Success With Recent Pageant at Raleigh

The North Carolina Sorosis has been successful in securing Miss Elizabeth Grimball to direct the presentation of the Pageant of the South at Cape Fear, which will be presented in this city under the auspices of this society during June. Miss Grimball just recently directed the staging of a similar historical pageant at Raleigh, and the members of the Sorosis regard themselves as being fortunate in securing the services of one who is so well qualified to direct this great affair. The Pageant of the Lower Cape Fear was written by a committee representing the literary department of the North Carolina Sorosis, and the treatise as prepared by them was submitted to Dr. Frederick Koch, of the University of North Carolina, who edited the paper. Mrs. Herbert Blumenthal was chairman of the committee representing the Sorosis in the preparation of the pageant, and Dr. James Sprunt contributed much of the data used in composing the historic vehicle.

"SUNSHINE" HAWKS RENEWS TIES HERE Heard by Two Large Audiences of Men and Boys Here Sunday

The Fast Young Man and the Slow Young Man" was the subject of an address made to a large and attentive audience of boys and young men at the Victoria theater yesterday afternoon.

At the completion of the services at the Victoria theater yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hawks went to the Y. M. C. A., where he addressed the regular Sunday afternoon boys' meeting. To hear the intangible talker there had gathered a record-breaking crowd of the younger members of the association. As at the Victoria, Mr. Hawks was heard with marked attention by the Y. M. C. A. boys, the subject being one of particular interest to them.

Tonight at Grace Methodist church at 7:30 o'clock, Mr. Hawks will inaugurate a series of talks that will continue through the coming week. Mr. Hawks has been an inspiration to boys and young men wherever he has conducted his meetings and the services at Grace church will be particularly popular. However, ever, the public is extended a cordial invitation to attend.

Although both talks made yesterday afternoon by Mr. Hawks abounded in humorous stories, which brought forth rounds of laughter from his hearers, they carried with them a most serious lesson. They had to do with the traps and snares into which boys and young men may fall if they are not always on the alert and walking in the right paths. Many instances of men coming to bad ends all because they followed the wrong roads, were told by the speaker.

A special feature of the service at the Victoria theater, yesterday afternoon was the music rendered by St. Andrew's Presbyterian church choir. The congregational singing was led by Rev. John H. Jones, assistant pastor of the Southside Baptist church.

BOY IS HELD UP, HANDS OVER TOTAL OF 71 CENTS Two Keys Also Included in the Bandit's Haul

Paul Weaver, a 17-year-old call boy for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, was held up early yesterday morning by a negro at Sixth and Gray streets, and compelled to hand over to the bandit 71 cents and two keys.

This hold-up happened just a short time after the completion of Willie Burnett, the negro who was shot by Sergeant Marcus Gray as he attempted to escape, and the police were inclined to believe that Burnett was the man who held up Weaver. However, Weaver could not identify Burnett when he viewed the negro at the police station yesterday.

MOVIE TO MAKE CLEAR MECHANICS OF MOTOR Hayes D. Pettit, in charge of instruction work for the local Federal-State motor mechanics school, has just announced that the general public will be given an opportunity to see a two-reel moving picture film on Wednesday night, the 16th. These films are intended for instruction work, and are so made that anyone who is at all mechanically inclined can fully understand just what happens when a foot is put on the starter pedal. They will have an opportunity to see just how the battery supplies current to the starter, how the generator charges the battery, how the ignition system gets its current and what is necessary to repair these important parts of a car. George W. Moore, state supervisor, will be present.

This school is maintained by the United States government and the State of North Carolina, and is under the local supervision of the Wilmington school board.

DEATH OF MRS. KUH. The funeral services of Mrs. Mary A. Kuhl, wife of F. W. Kuhl, who died last morning at 9:30 o'clock, after a week's illness from pneumonia, will be conducted from Epworth Methodist church this morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Kuhl is survived by her husband and three daughters, Misses Catherine Kuhl, Alida Kuhl and Wilhelmina Kuhl; also one sister, Mrs. Martha Carney.

PUTRELL'S CAR STOLEN The Oakland touring car of W. Leon Futrelle, the well known druggist, was stolen last night according to a report filed with the police department last night.

POSTOFFICE ROBBERS SENTENCED DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 6.—Albert E. Rowan, Ben Luna and W. S. Scrivner, charged with robbing the Jackson street postal-substation here January 14, were found guilty by a jury in Federal District court here and Rowan and Luna were sentenced to 25 years each in a federal penitentiary and sentence on Scrivner was withheld at request of the government.

DANCES IN BAVARIA GO ON BERLIN, Feb. 6.—Despatches from Munich report that little attention is being paid to the Bavarian government's recent edict suppressing all carnival celebrations in view of the situation created by the allied repatriation demands. Many public balls and entertainments are being given in Munich, but it is stated the organizers will be prosecuted.

HINTON TO TYBEE E. L. Hinton, who successfully managed the famous Seashore hotel until the time of its destruction by fire several years ago, will manage the Hotel Tybee, at Tybee Beach, Ga., again this season, according to an announcement made by the hotel officials in Savannah yesterday.

Mr. Hinton managed the hotel last season with signal success and the owners of the hostelry report themselves as being pleased with their ability to engage Mr. Hinton for another year.

FUNERAL OF MR. BRASWELL The funeral services of S. P. Braswell, a well known citizen, who died Sunday morning at James Walker Memorial hospital, after a brief illness from pneumonia, will be conducted from the residence 606 North Fifth avenue, at 1:30 o'clock today, and interment will be made in the family burying ground near Brunswick Station, Brunswick county.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bernice Braswell, and his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Braswell, of Brunswick county; also two sisters, Mrs. Frank Harris of this city, and Miss Bernice Braswell, of Brunswick county; also two brothers, W. F. Braswell and Percy Braswell.

TRUCK DRIVER HELD LeRoy Elebery, a negro truck driver, will face Recorder George Harris this morning on the charge of reckless operation of an auto. He was arrested Saturday afternoon, after complaint had been made to the police department that he had collided with a machine driven by Walter Taylor, Jr., in Market street Saturday afternoon.

FOUND DIVIDING LOOT, THREE MAKE ESCAPE Several Hundred Dollars Worth of Merchandise Is Recovered by the Police

Three supposed burglars who were dividing spoils in the old Burr & Bailey building, a relic of one of the old foundries of this city, located in an alley between Market and Dock, and Front and Second streets, were put to flight yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, when they were discovered by Edward Paul and Charles Daniels. A quantity of wearing apparel and other merchandise, valued at \$300 or \$400 and stolen Saturday night or Sunday morning from the wholesale establishment of S. & B. Solomon, was recovered.

The burglars made their escape by darting through a hole in the wall, continuing their flight through a vacant lot and across Dock street, into Racket Store alley and out of the Second street mouth of the alley.

Mr. Daniels notified the police department and Police Officer D. W. Coleman arrived on the scene shortly after the strangers had escaped. The merchandise was carried to the police station.

Observing three white men acting rather suspiciously in the lot to the rear of his quarters, Edward Paul, who resides in a tenement building nearby on Second street, called upon Charles Daniels, of Davis-Daniels vacant lot by and he and Mr. Daniels went to investigate. They surprised the burglars who made a hurried departure.

The merchandise recovered consisted of about twenty dozen silk socks, 18 blue flannel shirts, 12 pairs of garters, two mouth organs, two decks of playing cards, a suit of clothes and two hats.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE OF S. S. STRUCTURE Ceremonies at Church of Covenant Will Be Held This Afternoon

The impressive ceremonies attending the laying of the cornerstone of the new Sunday school building at the Church of the Covenant this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock will be a matter of wide popular interest. Rev. J. O. Mann, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the ceremonies.

Mrs. Jessie Kenan Wise, of this city, presented the building to the congregation, as a memorial to her father, Rev. John H. Col, and to William R. Kenan. The edifice will cost over \$200,000.

The building is designed in modern Gothic architecture, conforming in design and material with the handsome church edifice. The exterior walls will be constructed of Plymouth seam-face granite, shipped from the quarries at Waymouth, Mass., and laid up in Random Ashlar bond. The roof is of varicolored slate.

On completion of the structure, which will be one of the city's most beautiful buildings, the Church of the Covenant will have one of the most modern and completely equipped church plants in the entire south.

Plans for the building were drawn by Kenneth M. Murchison, architect, of New York city, who also designed the beautiful church and also the manse. James F. Gause, architect, is associated with Mr. Murchison in supervising the construction of the building.

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Sergeant Gray reported that he and Sergeant Moore recovered the negro just as he was coming out of the rear window of the drug store, and that he ordered the marauder to stop. Sergeant Gray reports that the negro continued, and hid behind a barrel. When directed to hold up his hands and surrender, the negro moved as if to draw a pistol from his hip pocket, and the sergeant fired his pistol. The shot lodged in the negro's leg, and the officers carried him to the hospital, where his wound was dressed. The negro was later placed in the city prison on the charge of store breaking.

Sergeant Gray states that the negro had moved the cash register from midway of the store to the window, and that he had also placed some cigars there and was preparing to make his getaway, when the officer arrived on the scene.

ALLEGES SKIN GAME Radolph Crosswell, a negro who resides at Gore's Row, reported to the police station that he was fleeced out of \$250 Saturday morning by a young negro named "Jim," who is believed to be the brownskin, gold-tooth negro who has been operating "skin games" in this city and section for some time. Crosswell says that the gold-tooth negro persuaded him to let him have \$250 until he (the gold-tooth negro) could get his bank book. Crosswell says he also loaned the negro his bicycle, and that he has not laid eyes on the gold-tooth negro, the \$250 or the bicycle since.

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