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### Y. M. H. A. IS AIM OF PIONEER CLUB

Entertainment Given by Club of Jewish Young Men to Arouse Interest.

The Pioneer Pioneer club, a social organization of the Jewish young men of Asheville, the purpose of which is to secure for this city a Young Men's Hebrew association, entertained with a dance in the ballroom of the Langren hotel last night. One of the most pleasing features of the entertainment was the program of short addresses delivered during the intermission. The program of short talks was led by E. J. London, whose remarks upon the purposes of the club were most interesting. He was followed by Harold Berman, who spoke on "What a Y. M. H. A. Can Do for You"; A. J. Hovard, whose subject was, "We Are Ready for a Y. M. H. A."; and R. C. Goldstein, who addressed those present on

"The Young Jew of Today." All of the speakers were given the closest attention, and their remarks aroused no little enthusiasm in the movement to secure for Asheville a Y. M. H. A.

Dancing began at 8:30 o'clock and, following the intermission, continued until about 1 o'clock this morning. The affair was strictly formal and all present made up an invited guest list. There were approximately 250 present to enjoy the evening's festivities. Music was furnished by Dunn's orchestra. A popularity contest was conducted during the evening, and Miss Rose Diamond won with a vote of 1950. She was presented, by the club, with a handsome bouquet of roses.

Refreshments were served during the evening, and the occasion was considered successful from every viewpoint, aside from being an auspicious gathering for the club.

### GRIFFITH GIVES FIVE PLAYERS FOR FIELDER

Washington, Nov. 28.—Manager Griffith of the Washington club has notified American league officials he had released players Cashion and Williams, pitchers; Wilson, a catcher; and Jennings and Holland, infielders, to the Minneapolis American association club for Henri Rondeau, an outfielder.

### PROFESSOR NOBLE BEFORE TEACHERS

Details Educational Achievements in State During Past 31 Years.

Special to The Gazette-News. Charlotte, Nov. 28.—The North Carolina Teachers' assembly in its second day's session here yesterday with about 1,400 teachers enrolled heard that night the annual address of its president, Professor M. C. S. Noble, of the University of North Carolina, who reviewed some of the remarkable achievements the state has made along educational lines since the assembly was organized 31 years ago.

At that time there was an annual expenditure for schools of about \$500,000 where there is now an annual expenditure of nearly \$4,000,000. There are now in the state 1,600 local tax districts whereas there were only a few when the assembly was organized. There are now 200 high schools in the state, over which the state has some oversight and about 300,000 children in schools of all kinds.

The late Governor Aycock, the late Dr. McIver, Dr. Edward A. Alderman, now president of the University of Virginia; Professor Alexander Graham, of Charlotte; Dr. Foust, of the Normal college, of Greensboro, were some of the leaders Professor Noble named as having had large influence in causing such an advance along educational lines as no state in the union has made in the same length of time.

The annual Thanksgiving service of the assembly was held Thursday in the College street school auditorium, which was taxed to its capacity to hear the special sermon by Rev. E. K. McLarty, pastor of Tryon Street Methodist church here, whose subject was "We Are Co-Workers With God."

The teachers were given a reception that night in the Selwyn hotel by the Women's clubs of Charlotte. The state association of city superintendents to the number of about 80 are in session here in connection with the teachers' assembly, whose seven departments are holding daily sessions at various places in the city. The high school division met and organized Thursday in the parish house of St. Peter's Episcopal church and the program was carried out in a most pleasing and instructive manner. This division is composed of the high school teachers and principals and one of the chief topics discussed was the "Permanency of High School Principals," by Prof. J. Y. Joyner, state superintendent of public instruction.

The North Carolina Music Teachers' association met in regular session in the Second Presbyterian church Thursday. The State Association of Primary Teachers, Miss Hattie Parrott, of Kinston, president, met Thursday in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church and had an interesting session.

The State Association of Grammar Teachers and Principals, Miss Hettie E. Fennell, of Wilmington, president, met in the Sunday school room of Tryon Street Methodist church, where a number of interesting papers were read on subjects pertaining to the welfare of this class of schools.

### BRITISH COLLIER SUNK BY MINE

London, Nov. 28.—The British admiralty yesterday announced that the collier Khartoum had been blown up today by a mine off Grimby. The crew of the Khartoum was landed at Grimby. Grimby is on the south bank of the Humber, 15 miles southeast of Hull.

### BREVARD MEN ARE RELEASED ON BAIL

Wave Allison and Allie Parker, Charged With Murder, Left Buncombe Jail Today.

Wave Allison and Allie Parker, who have been in the Buncombe county jail since September 15, last, on charges of murdering J. W. Clayton, a farmer, near Brevard, were released from custody today, on orders received by the sheriff's office from the clerk of Superior court of Transylvania county, who stated that the men had made bond for their appearance for the trial term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases, to be held in Transylvania.

Allison and Parker, sons of well-to-do farmers living near Brevard, were arrested last September at Brevard on charges of having murdered J. W. Clayton, whose body was found lying in the edge of the French Broad river. Owing to the excitement caused by the finding of the body and the arrests, the men were brought to Asheville and placed in the county jail. Later, attorneys for the men instituted habeas corpus proceedings to have them released on bail. Judge E. E. Cline, presiding here at the time, granted the men bail, but they have been unable to make it until yesterday.

### M. E. CONFERENCE IS IN ANNUAL SESSION

Dr. R. E. Jones Says the Only Thing the Negro Wants is a "Man's Chance."

(By W. B. Windsor). Thomasville, Nov. 28.—The 56th annual session of the North Carolina conference of the M. E. church was called to order here Thursday Bishop Theodore S. Henderson presiding.

The conference is the guest of St. John's M. E. church, of which the Rev. N. J. Posa is pastor. Quite a number of prominent visitors were present, representing the various educational religious activities of the church.

With an address by Bishop Henderson, the singing of "America" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" by those present followed by a fervent Thanksgiving prayer by Dr. R. E. Jones, the conference was formerly opened.

Dr. S. A. Peeler was elected secretary; Dr. J. P. Morris, statistical secretary; and Rev. P. J. Cook, treasurer. The welcoming exercises of the morning were featured by an eloquent and able address by Judge B. R. Farham, who represented the mayor of the city. The address of the judge was thoughtful and liberal and was frequently punctuated with applause.

The response by Dr. R. E. Jones was especially happy. He said that the negro's presence in this country was divinely appointed, that the black man was especially anxious to get along with his white brother, and if the politicians would only get out of the way and stop making trouble things would adjust themselves. He spoke of the part the negro had played in the defense of the flag and declared he was opposed to racial amalgamation because he wanted the negro as a race to contribute his part to the world's civilization.

"The only thing the negro wants," said he, "is a man's opportunity and a man's chance."

In response to the address of welcome on behalf of the churches by

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Rev. J. E. Boykin, Rev. H. L. Ashe spoke of the great work being done by the M. E. church among the negroes, and among other things said "some may accuse the negro of being ambitious but he also wants to let the world know he can think and plan as other people do and he would like to take his place by the side of other men who are doing big things for Methodism."

Dr. R. B. McRary's welcome on behalf of the charge was a masterpiece of literary art, responses to which were given by W. B. Windsor and Bishop Theodore Henderson. The afternoon session was principally taken up with reports from the various charges, which showed the work in a prosperous condition.

### DEVON HOLCOMBE DIES AT HIS CANDLER HOME

Devon Holcombe, aged 24 years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holcombe of Candler, died Thursday night after a long illness. His condition did not become serious until about ten days ago, but for the past few days his life had been practically despaired of and the end was not unexpected. Funeral services were held over the remains this morning at the Asbury Methodist church, and interment followed in the Asbury cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. T. A. Gross, pastor of the church. The deceased was well known in Asheville and Buncombe county, as well as in many other sections of western North Carolina, and his passing will prove a source of much sorrow to a wide circle of friends. He was a member of Asbury church, where the remains will be laid to rest. He is survived by his father and mother, two brothers, Theron and Glenn Holcombe; one sister, Mrs. E. W. Davis, all of Candler.

### DISCUSSES NEUTRALITY OF COLOMBIA, ECQUADOR

Paper Says France and England Do Not Contemplate Attempt on Sovereignty.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 28.—The Press, in an editorial has declared that the attitude of France and Great Britain on the subject of the preservation of the neutrality of Colombia and Ecuador does not contemplate any attempt on the sovereignty of these countries. France and Great Britain, the paper says, will ask the good offices of the United States to make this neutrality respected; they will in no sense intervene. The Press advises the countries of South America to observe the strictest neutrality in the present war.

President's Plans. Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 27.—The president planned to leave here this


afternoon for Washington. He may, however, stop over in New York Saturday and Sunday to visit his friend, Colonel E. M. House.

Forest Fires Subside. Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 27.—Rain, which began falling over southern Arkansas yesterday morning became general over the state today, and from all points located in the fire swept section in the timber areas, came reports of subsidence of the flames.

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