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INTERESTING NEWS AND VIEWS

SHANGHAI "POLLYANNAS" TOM McNEILL. PRECOCIOS YOUTH

The age of hero worship is past but this does not mean that there are no longer heroes. Nor is patriotism a spirit that belongs to a former age.

Only yesterday it was learned on good authority that quite a large number of applicants for membership in the local unit of the national guard have been received by CAPTAIN DAN B. KING since war-like gestures appeared in Shanghai.

Seeing America's intervention in the Sino-Japanese affair as possible, JACK EDWARDS, old and decrepit veteran of the Spanish-American and World Wars, yesterday dispatched the following message to Captain King through Sergeant Duncan St. Clair:

"Tell Captain King I want to go with him and the boys. I may be too old to kill many Japs but I can still qualify as a cook."

Speaking from first hand, the News and Interviews man can assure Captain King if he wants some one to carry "A Message to Garcia," the veteran jynotivist is not without the "guts" to do it.

On every street corner, in every drug store the inevitable conversation during the last several days has been of war.

Even AUSTIN McCORMICK, the communicant of congressmen, governors and senators, forewent his usual question: "Well, what's the latest in politics?" and asked for news from Shanghai. Sunday evening, instead of turning to the political news in the current issue of the New York Times, a fixed habit of his, he was observed to read first the front page story telling about the Japanese bombardment of the "International Settlement."

Nonchalant CAPT. DAN B. KING and diminutive KEN BALDWIN, exchanged banter on the prospects of America's entry, as they drank a cup of the "International Settlement."

"No, I'll get there before you do, if the United States goes in, for I have the longest legs and I'll go there as fast as they can take me," Capt. King told Mr. Baldwin with an air of finality.

In the lobby of the hotels the talk was the same. At the Wilk, JAKE EVANS, fiery South Carolinian who studied wireless telegraphy at Harvard and served through the World War, said in event of war he probably would offer his services to the wireless corp.

A. K. MILLER took occasion to roundly denounce the "Pollyanna" proclivities of professional pacifists, who in their fervor for international peace, have fostered a policy of unpreparedness upon this country. He pointed out China as a shining example of his contentions, and stated had China been prepared as she should have been, it would not today be necessary for the leading powers of the world to issue to Japan the ultimatum: "Quit kicking our dog around."

CLEVE YARBOROUGH, who raked in plenty of shekels as a tobacco warehouseman during the seasons of 1918-1919 when golden leaf, due to the World War and the newly increased demand, soared to unheard of prices, today bemoaned conditions in the tobacco industry.

"Those were the 'good old times,'" said Mr. Yarbrough. "In 1919, on every one hundred pounds of tobacco sold, I averaged for my part \$1.53." With the prices as they are now, a warehouseman, he lamented, does well to get 25 cents for his part on each one hundred pounds sold.

"Two minds never run in the same channel," philosophized GORDON O. REDDISH, as he scanned newspaper headlines Wednesday morning.

"Just what are you driving at?" he was asked.

He produced Wednesday morning's Raleigh News and Observer and the Charlotte Observer, each with a front page streamer, which reads as follows:

News and Observer: "GOAL OF PEACE SEEMS NEAR."
Charlotte Observer: "ARTILLERY DUEL IS RESUMED AT SHANGHAI."

Comes to town, LES BULLARD, of Lumberton, prominent in Carolina automotive circles, with a deposition in favor of Hon. Tom McNeill, his fellow-townsmen, for governor.

LARGE INSURANCE AGENCY LOCATED HERE

SANFORD NEARS QUOTA IN DRIVE FOR SILK FACTORY

DRIVE FOR FUNDS TO LOCATE SILK MILL SUCCESSFUL

Steering Committee Reports Practically Entire Sum Has Been Realized Now

A BIG BOON FOR SANFORD

A meeting of the steering committee, empowered recently with the duty of disposing of the local quota of stock and making such arrangements as are necessary for northern interests, here, held in the Merchants' Association headquarters, revealed that practically the whole of the \$5,000 in capital stock, assigned to Sanford, had been raised.

It was the opinion of those present at the meeting, which was held Wednesday, that the quota would be oversubscribed by late today.

It was said at the meeting that the northern silk mill interests, who recently made a decision to locate a silk mill here, should local capital to the amount of \$5,000 be raised, would be notified by wire at once. A representative of the northern concern is expected here before the end of the week.

MOVE TO GET SILK MILL

On Friday a large number of citizens gathered in mass meeting at the town hall in response to a call from Mayor Warren R. Williams.

The meeting was for the purpose of discussing the matter of raising a small amount of stock in a silk mill to be located in Sanford.

Mayor Williams presided and explained the object of the meeting. He placed the matter before the assembly, saying that it had been thoroughly investigated by a committee who had visited the plant of the company, and had found it to be a sound and meritorious proposition.

Talks endorsing the plan were made by T. S. Cross, O. P. Makepeace, W. C. York, and E. T. Ussery. It is explained that the company, an old and successful one, was considering a new location only on account of labor conditions at the present new location.

In order to acquire the good will of the people of the community the subscription of a small amount of stock in the enterprise was asked. Voluntary subscriptions totaling \$1,600 were made at the meeting.

Following this a steering committee, composed of O. P. Makepeace, T. S. Cross, D. D. Hinson, R. E. Bobbitt and A. K. Miller were appointed to solicit further subscriptions and to negotiate with the company.

LOCAL PEOPLE SAFE IN CHINA

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blackman, Who Live in Shanghai, Wire Of Safety.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Yates received a cablegram Wednesday morning which brought the good news to the effect that their daughter, Mrs. Blackman and husband, Rev. L. E. Blackman, were safe in Shanghai, the theatre of war now being waged between China and Japan. Since Mr. and Mrs. Blackman, who were at home summer before last on a furlough, and returned to China, they have been located at Shanghai. They are in the foreign settlement and under the protection of the American, English and other foreign troops located there. The cablegram contained three words: "Shanghai, Sanford, Safe." Mr. and Mrs. Yates expect to receive a letter in a few days which will no doubt give in detail their experience since the war broke out between China and Japan. Before returning home Mr. and Mrs. Blackman were located at Yangchow, in the interior of China. A civil war broke out in that part of the country and they moved to Shanghai. Their trip home was made after they had been in China seven years.

Affairs have reached a crisis in China, where the Japanese have occupied the native settlement in Shanghai, and have also occupied part of the foreign settlement.

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DEMOCRATS WILL BE INVITED TO HOLD MEET HERE

Invitation To Be Presented To State Executive Committee By John R. Jones.

AN IDEAL MEETING PLACE

It Held Here Will Bring At Least Two Thousand People To Sanford For A Day.

Members of the local Merchants Association decided Tuesday to extend an invitation to the Democratic State Executive Committee, which will convene in Charlotte in March, an invitation to hold the State Democratic convention in Sanford next June.

The invitation will be formally presented to the ruling body of the State's Democracy, by John R. Jones, local textile executive, who is a member of the executive committee.

1441 DELEGATES

While Sanford's chances of obtaining the big gathering are considered remote at this time, should the State Executive Committee act favorably upon the invitation at least two thousand people will be brought here for one day. In 1928, at least seven thousand people gathered in the auditorium at Raleigh to witness the battle for delegates between the Smith and Hull forces, but those were hectic days and the turmoil of that convention is not expected within the category of this year's events. Actually there will be 1441 delegates present to act upon the platform and to elect representatives to the Chicago convention but the convention always brings on a host of no-lookers.

The motion to bring the proponents of Democracy to Sanford was suggested by A. K. Miller and was given an unanimous vote of approval by the merchants present.

HOTEL FACILITIES

With four modern hotels, and as a central point in the State, Sanford is conceded to have the preference over any city its size in North Carolina. However, it is suggested that there is not an auditorium in the city of sufficient size to take care of the large numbers who usually attend the convention. To overcome this, it was pointed out that a large circus tent, with a seating capacity for 5,000 people, be obtained.

Other cities which will likely present invitations to the Democracy are Charlotte, Raleigh, Greensboro, and Asheville, none of which occupy so central a point in the State as Sanford.

SANLEE THEATRE OPENS NEXT WEEK

New Enterprise To Be Under Management of Dewitt Holt, of Troy.

A force of workmen have been busy for the past two or three months remodeling the Wanda Theatre building on Carriage street and are now putting the finishing touches on the interior of the building. 340 beautiful cushioned seats have been shipped in and will be installed in a few days. The floors will be varnished and carpeting put in the aisles. The name has been changed to the Sanlee Theatre.

It was recently stated in the Express that this theatre had been leased for a period of five years or more by Messrs. Dewitt Holt and J. C. Hurley, of Troy.

Mr. Holt is owner of the Troy Theatre, and his associate, Mr. Hurley, is one of the leading business men in Montgomery county, having various railroad, manufacturing and farming interests. In identifying themselves with Sanford, they did so because of their confidence in the business future of this section and its present potential business possibilities.

WORLD'S DAY OF PRAYER

"The World's Day of Prayer" which is an annual event all over the world, will be observed this year at the Sanford Christian Church on Friday, February 12th at 3:30 o'clock. As this is an interdenominational meeting all the Missionary Societies of the different churches of the town are expected to be present and take part in the service.

WATCH OVER 200 YEARS OLD KEEPS GOOD TIME.

An aged time piece, said to be over two hundred years old, is in daily use by A. E. Deaton, local railroad watchman. The ancient watch, owned by a prominent Lee county family for four generations, came into Mr. Deaton's possession recently. It keeps good time.

Inside the rear case is the following inscription: "Straight Time. L. Montadon Locke. No. 19279."

A legend is that the valued heirloom was the property of a Revolutionary soldier who fought under General George Washington.

RAILROAD WANTS PASSENGER TRAIN TAKEN OFF HERE

Atlantic & Yadon Applies For Hearing Before the Corporation Commission

HOLD HEARING FEB. 9th.

Sanford and Other Towns Served by Railroad To Resist the Discontinuance.

The Sanford Merchants Association decided Tuesday to resist the A. & Y. Railroad in its efforts to have its passenger service discontinued here. It was also announced that an effort will be made to have Judge Fell of the Corporation Commission, defer the hearing until February 16th.

The Express is informed that the A. & Y. Railroad Company has again asked the Corporation Commission to grant it permission to discontinue its only passenger train. We are told that the matter will come up for a hearing before the Corporation Commission in Raleigh next Tuesday, the 9th. It will be necessary for the local residents opposing these trains to give a hearing before the Corporation Commission last June, but after hearing the matter thoroughly discussed pro and con the Commission refused to let the trains be taken off the road.

Strong argument was put up by representatives of both sides. The railroad people claimed that an account of automobiles and buses the railroad company operated the trains at a heavy loss. On the other hand the people of Sanford and other towns along the line of road argued that as they were giving the railroad good business in freight traffic, also in mail and express business they were entitled to some consideration at the hands of the railroad company. It was also argued that as this railroad crossed the entire State from the mountains to the seacoast it was too important a rail line to have no passenger train service. While there has been a great falling off in the passenger traffic over this road during the past few years, it would be a great inconvenience to the traveling public to discontinue these trains which have been operated since the road was built from Mount Airy to Wilmington. To discontinue the passenger service over this road would throw quite a number of people out of employment and work a hardship on their families. A number of these families live in Sanford and are among our best people. It is planned to have Sanford well represented at this hearing and a strong effort made to prevent the passenger service from being discontinued on this road.

GAINS ACCEPTS POSITION

John Gains, who has held a position with the Acme Drug Company for the past four and a half years, has resigned from that firm and is now with the Izenhour Brick Company. Mr. Gains will be in charge of the commissary operated by that company for its employees.

TANTALIZER

The letters in the lines below properly arranged spell the names of two persons in Sanford. If the persons whose names are represented by the group of letters decipher their own names and bring copies of this paper to The Express Office before next Wednesday night, to each of them will be given a free ticket admitting them to the show at the Temple Theatre Thursday night.

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Last week's winners: Charles Rogers Clyde Williamson

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BIBLE CLASS HOST TO KIWANIS CLUB

McNeill Bible Class Serves Old Southern Dinner To The Local Kiwanians.

The McNeill Bible Class of the Presbyterian church served a delicious and Southern dinner to the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening. After the ladies of the class had served yams, corn bread and roast pork, the club held its regular meeting in one of the church Sunday school rooms. The program featured a talk by Kiwanian Gilliam Anderson and piano renditions by Mrs. Katherine Whitehead, of Statesville.

Mrs. Whitehead, guest of Miss Louise Futrell, Kiwanis musical director, opened the program with several popular numbers, arranged and played with skill and musical personality.

Mr. Anderson's speech, quite informally dealt with Kiwanis fellowship and the speaker drew from his own experience for examples to prove this Kiwanis characteristic. He related his experiences in Florida, at a Kiwanis convention, to indicate lack of snobbishness among members, regardless of position; he cited incidents which occurred on the trip to Florida to show the friendly spirit prevailing in one club toward another. Much laughter arose when Mr. Anderson stated that the streets of Miami were filled with booths. His listeners were unwilling to accept his spelling of the word and stoutly maintained that he said "boose." They finally compromised on "booes," and Mr. Anderson continued. He offered the recent surprise dinner given the wives of the members as a symbol of the spirit of camaraderie within the club and closed his address with a striking definition of Kiwanis by Dean P. E. Lindley, of High Point College.

Two "stunts" preceded Mr. Anderson's talk. The first, a "blowing" contest, was won by W. E. Horner, who succeeded in blowing a paper cone the length of a string before C. P. Rogers and Pat St. Clair got their lungs in working order. The second saw H. C. Renegar, T. T. Hayes and Jimmie Overton hold newspapers in each hand and walk the length of the room twice, stepping only on the papers. Mr. Renegar was adjudged the winner and was presented with a corn cob pipe.

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URNER LAUNCHES BIG INSURANCE AGENCY IN LEE

Statewide Insurance Business Will Be Underwritten At Headquarters Here.

OUTLOOK IS PROMISING

A new enterprise for Sanford was revealed today when it was announced by F. H. Urner, formerly president Page Corporation, that he had completed arrangements for the establishment of a general agency for the State of North Carolina for the handling of fire insurance business here.

While it will require several months before the business can grow to any considerable proportions, the inevitable development will result in adding to Sanford's various business enterprises that will be a real community asset.

IMPRESSED BY SANFORD.

In explaining the establishment of this business, Mr. Urner said: "Ever since I had the privilege of living in Sanford, I have been impressed with both the town and the facilities which it affords to any enterprise serving the state as a whole. The business I will conduct in Sanford consists of state representation for certain fire insurance companies. This means that all of the local insurance agents appointed in various cities and towns for such companies, will report their business to my office in Sanford. It is the General Agent's duty to underwrite this business and report it to the office of the company. While

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POLITICAL GOSSIP GROWS

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POULTRY SALE FEBRUARY 12th

A cooperative poultry sale will be held in Sanford on Friday, February 12th. This will be a car lot movement and a car will be on the Seaboard track near the passenger depot to receive the poultry from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. This sale will be held on Friday instead of on Saturday as theretofore. This is being done in order to fit in with loading dates at other places.

Heavy hens will sell for 15c per pound, Leghorn hens 12c, chicks 12c, and roosters 7c. A complete price list is given in an advertisement at another place in this paper.

Poultry will be received at the car door by numbers, so be sure to get your number as soon as you arrive at the car.

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