

Edward Is Firm Concerning His Personal Rights

Mrs. Simpson Offers To Give Up Her Love For English Monarch

King Is Adamant

English Government Continues To Consider Morganatic Alliance

With Mrs. Wallis Simpson offering to give up her love for King Edward of England, the fight rages on and on, with Baldwin holding his position and the King claiming his right to select his own wife.

In a simple statement, the commoner whom Edward would make his wife, proclaimed to the world her readiness to give up her love to that of the King of England could marry according to the dictates of empire.

The King was firmly resolved to marry Mrs. Simpson, Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin told the House of Commons earlier in the day. His speech, however, let it be strongly inferred that the question of a "Queen Wallis" had never been broached by either himself or Edward in their many discussions of the situation.

Baldwin's speech thus presented to the empire and the world these official stands in the struggle between the throne and love:

1. Edward's insistence on marrying Mrs. Simpson.

2. Mrs. Simpson's readiness to surrender her love to the crown.

3. The government's refusal to permit a morganatic union.

4. Baldwin's assurance that the Dominions, after the King's final decision be made known, would have the opportunity to express their views.

Despite anything Mrs. Simpson might do or say, Edward's intimates insisted the struggling Sovereign never would allow their future happiness to be frustrated by the code of Britain's Kings.

In their darkest hours, friends said, Mrs. Simpson repeatedly had beseeched the monarch to give her up to save his throne.

Proudful of his deep and sincere affection, the monarch spurned all such tearful entreaties, they said, even coming as they did from the lips of the person he held closest to his heart. Edward, they said, would follow the dictates of his heart no matter what the world, his government, or his chosen one herself should urge him to do.

Edward, friends of both him and Mrs. Simpson said, consented to permit her to flee to the Cannes villa of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers only after making clear his determination not to give up either his throne or his love.

Violin Duet Played At Epworth League

A very interesting meeting was arranged and conducted last evening at the Epworth League of the First M. E. church by Miss Elizabeth Harrell. Choosing as her topic "Our First To God," the program was opened with a prelude by Miss Ethel Johnson. After the quoting of John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

A violin duet was played by David Stedman and Gerald Ford. "Joy to the World."

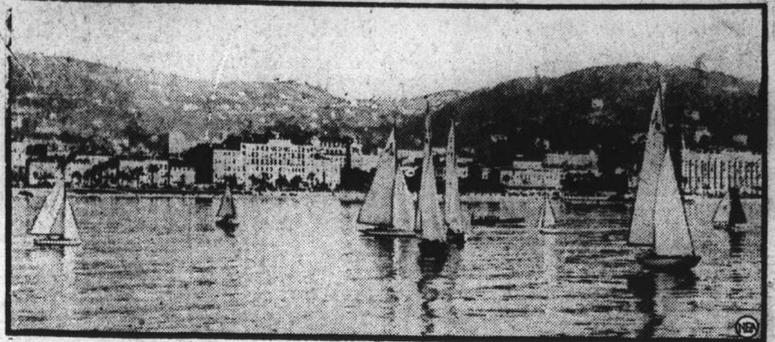
Romans 12:1, 2, 9, 21 was read as the scripture lesson by Miss Mary Brown. She then read a poem relating to the topic of discussion. Several short talks were made by Miss Virginia Cross, Miss Helen Thompson and Miss Elizabeth Harrell. Miss Marion Stedman led in prayer. After the singing of the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be, Consecrated Lord to Thee" the meeting was brought to a close by the repeating of the league benediction.

Fox Driver Hurt In Collision Mon.

F. L. Presnell, driver for the Fox Laundry, who was hurt in an automobile collision on Highway 220 just north of town Monday afternoon, is reported resting well at his home today. Mr. Presnell suffered a chest injury which is not believed to be serious.

The crash occurred about 5:30, as Mr. Presnell, driving the laundry truck, attempted to turn left into the road leading to the Garland Lake Dairy. As he did so the truck was struck by a car coming toward Asheboro, which he failed to see, it is said. Both the truck and the car were badly damaged, but the other driver escaped with slight cuts and bruises, which were treated at the Randolph hospital.

REFUGE OF MRS. SIMPSON EXPECTED TO BE CANNES



In the famed resort of Cannes, in the French Riviera, Mrs. Wallis Simpson is expected to remain in seclusion until the hue and cry of the crisis stirred by her romance with King Edward VIII has subsided. There, in the hills rising back of the harbor, reside her American friends, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rogers. The waterfront of the city, one of the leading play and rest places of French society, is shown in the above picture, with yachts dotting the harbor and splendid buildings facing the Mediterranean inlet. Jimmy Walker and Betty Compton resided in Cannes for a time after their marriage, in one of its beautiful villas.

Likeness Of Stars At First Christmas

Planetarium Reproduces Appearance Of Heavens At Time Of Birth Of Christ

Star Of Bethlehem

Mention Of Eclipse Leads To Belief Christ Was Born In Year 4 B. C.

As a contribution to the Christmas spirit the Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia has reproduced the exact appearance of the heavens, complete to each star in the place it occupied so long ago, just as they appeared when the Star of Bethlehem looked down on the birth of Jesus. A Christmas program appropriate to the representation of the heavenly bodies is given twice a day throughout December and three times each Saturday and Sunday.

The exhibition, entitled "Skies of the First Christmas," is in two parts: first a discussion of the skies at the time of the birth of Jesus, and second, the scriptural prophecy, account of the appearance of the Star of Bethlehem and the message to the shepherds. Music arranged by Guy Marinier, associate director in charge of music at the institute, adds to the characteristic atmosphere.

As the lights slowly dim, early Christian and medieval melodies float down from the dome which its faint blue of night spreads mysteriously. Suddenly the full blaze of the stars appears—just as they might be seen at that hour above Philadelphia itself. As James Stokely, planetarium director, describes what is taking place, the movement of the instrument carries observers to the latitude of Palestine and then back through the centuries to December 25, Four B. C., which is thought by many to have been the actual date of the birth of Jesus.

The event took place, Mr. Stokely points out, during the reign of King Herod, who according to the Jewish historian Josephus, died shortly after an eclipse of the moon. As the planetarium shows the only such eclipse which occurred in that period was on March 13, Four B. C., so the Nativity apparently must have been earlier than that.

The planetarium then turns back the starry heaven to their exact position on December 25, Eight B. C. To move slowly forward to the same date in Six B. C. when the planets Saturn, Jupiter and Mars shone closer together in the western evening sky—a striking spectacle which may have been the phenomenon which attracted the attention of the Wise Men of the East, who probably were deeply concerned with astrological symbols.

To the astrologers of that day, Saturn held a special significance for the Jews, while the conjunction of the three planets occurred in the constellation of Pisces, the fish, a symbol of the Jewish people. A little later Saturn and Jupiter were joined by Venus against a background of the same constellation, producing an equally noticeable and brilliant effect.

The second part of the program interprets the Biblical narrative in the manner of religious art. A brilliant, pointed star appears and is surrounded by light shapes, suggesting wings and opening petals of glowing color.

A voice reads passages from the Bible, music swells and recedes, and finally in a dim blue arch below appears the silhouette of a Nativity scene, which slowly emerges, as front and side lights are added, into rounded form and color. Then peals of bells break into the calm atmosphere as the dawn spreads over the great dome.

News Flashes from Everywhere

EXPECT LOBBYISTS AT GENERAL SESSION

Raleigh.—Lobbyists are already reported to be gathering in Raleigh to get the special session of the assembly to consider other matters in addition to social security. Among the groups said to be in waiting for the legislators are the liquor interests, anti-sales tax men, and a huge body opposed to diversion of highway funds.

CONDITION OF POPE CONSIDERED SERIOUS

Vatican City.—Varying reports on the condition of Pope Pius XI, who is suffering from paralysis and a complication of diseases, continue to come from officials of the Roman Catholic church. However, the fact that chapters of four major Papal Basilicas were asked Monday to give special prayers for him led to a belief that his illness is serious, since this ritual usually occurs when a pope is in a critical condition.

RUSSIA ACCLAIMS NEW CONSTITUTION

Moscow.—Heralded as a beacon to workers in the entire world, the new Russian constitution was publicly proclaimed Sunday as more than 2,000,000 paraded through Moscow's famous Red Square. The constitution establishes two houses of Parliament, both of which are to be elected by direct vote of the people, and is declared to be a great victory for communistic principles.

Soil Conservation Blanks Now Ready

E. S. Millsaps, Jr., county farm agent announced this morning that he now has application certificates for payment under the soil conservation program ready for signing. Everyone receiving payments, both landlord and tenant, must sign, and the county farm office is holding a series of meetings for farmers to sign these certificates. The meetings will be held as follows:

Thursday, December 10: Brown's Cross Roads, 8:30 to 12:00; J. A. Ellis' store, 12:30 to 2:00; Moffitt's store at Coleridge, 2:30 to 4:30; L. H. Smith's store at Liberty, 8:30 to 12:00; Providence school, 1:00 to 4:30; Cameron's store at Tabernacle, 8:30 to 10:00; J. C. Ridge's store, 10:30 to 12:00; Farmer, 12:30 to 2:30; New Hope school, 3:00 to 4:30.

Friday, December 11: Pleasant Grove school, 8:30 to 10:00; Erect, 10:30 to 12:00; Seagrove Hardware company, 1:00 to 2:30; S. A. Cox's store, 3:00 to 4:30; Gray's Chapel, 8:30 to 10:00; Level Cross, 11:00 to 12:00; Trinity, Royals' store, 1:00 to 4:30; Sophia, 8:30 to 12:00.

Wrap Parcels Well For Christmas Mail

Declaring that during the holiday time the volume of mail increases approximately 200 percent, post officials have repeated their appeal to the public to mail Christmas presents and letters early. A week or ten days, depending upon the distance of the destination, should be allowed for all mail to insure its reaching the recipient by Christmas.

Advise concerning the wrapping of packages is also given. All parcels must be securely packed and wrapped with strong paper and heavy twine. Articles easily broken or crushed should be wrapped specially well and should be marked "Fragile"; parcels containing perishable articles should be suitably packed and should be marked "perishable."

Ramsour Feeling Christmas Cheer

Stores Decorating With Holiday Goods; Churches Planning Programs

Annual Xmas Party

G. Ed York Has Guests On Week's Hunting Party; Texas Oil Officials

Ramsour, Dec. 8.—Ramsour is beginning to warm up with the spirit of Christmas. Merchandise stocks speak for themselves, that the great occasion is almost here. Somehow, the boys and girls are better behaved, plans are being made for trips at the Christmas time, or for visitors to be with us, the several churches are preparing fitting programs; there is a feeling in the air that we are again about to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

An annual event will take place on December 19th when the music department will have their annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. N. P. Phillips. Frances Baldwin, Henrietta Parks and Mason Buie will have charge of the program. This will be a great event for the large class of music pupils that makes up this department this year.

The honor roll for last month is as follows: Mary Carter Jones, Margaret Anne White, Bob White, Nancy Stroupe, Louella Stout, Lore Langley, Dorothy York, Patty York, Elizabeth Coward, Fannie Coward, Mason Buie, Obelt Whitehead, Juanita Whitehead, Vaughn York, Frances Baldwin, Ruby Burgess, Mary Ruth Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cox and Mrs. Sarah Cox spent the week-end with friends at Oxford.

Prof. J. H. Mitchell of Franklinville filled the appointment of Rev. H. M. Stroupe Sunday at the Baptist church here.

Boyd Rightsell and Hugh York made a trip to Florida recently.

G. Ed York has as his guests for the week Mr. Kibbie, assistant vice president, Texas Co., of New York City; P. M. Isabel, district manager, Norfolk, Va.; R. B. Allen, assistant district manager, Norfolk, Va.; and R. R. Judley, Texas representative of Greensboro. These visitors will enjoy bird hunting and other entertainment as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. York this week, this being the first visit of some of the party we trust it will be one of enjoyment to them.

Mr. York, their host, is the Texas distributor for this section and as everyone knows, one of the liveliest business men of Ramsour.

Bursting out in the middle of the night, fire destroyed two houses just behind Hasty's cafe and filling station on Highway 70 in the early hours of Monday morning. Asheboro's volunteer fire department promptly answered, but could do little as there was no water available, the houses being outside the city limits.

The fire started from an unknown cause in the larger house, a two family, a ten room structure occupied by the families of Madison Dean and John Presnell. It had spread to the other, four room house, only some twenty feet distant, occupied by J. Van Owen and his family, before the fire company arrived. The houses were owned jointly by George Hasty and Sam Skeen.

The occupants of the two houses are all believed to have been sleeping when the blaze started and it had gained considerable headway before anyone discovered it. The families in the larger house, including several children, are reported to have had a narrow escape from being burned.

Other than that the fire apparently started inside the larger house Fire Chief Clarence Rush said there was no way of determining the exact origin or cause. The houses were a total loss and practically all of the furniture was also burned up. When the firemen reached the scene they realized that without water nothing could be done to save the buildings and removed as much of the furniture from the Owen's house as they could.

The heavy downpour of rain which began just as the firemen arrived greatly hampered their efforts and had little effect on the fire. To cap a disagreeable night the fire engine got stuck in a muddy side road and had to be left for a tractor to pull out in the morning.

Superior Court Is Limited To Three Days Closing Wed.

Will Consider Criminal Cases And Uncontested Civil Matters Only

Term In February

Next Week's Term Shortened Because Of Illness Of Judge Hill's Wife

The Randolph County Superior Court will be confined to a three day term, December 14, 15 and 16, during which will be heard criminal cases and such uncontested civil matters as do not require jury trial, it was announced this morning. However, there will be a two weeks civil term, presided over by Judge Felix E. Alley, beginning February 1, to compensate for the loss at this time.

Rumors and counter-rumors were flying about the court house this morning concerning next week's court. With the term already cut to one week because there was no available judge to take the first week, it appeared for a time that the second week, too, would not be held.

Monday night, H. M. Robins, chairman of the Randolph County Bar Association, was notified by telephone from the governor's office that a previous request for a two weeks' civil term in February had been granted. At the same time Mr. Robins was informed that Judge Frank S. Hill, who was to preside over next week's term, had requested that this term be (Please turn to Page 3)

Ministers Name Officers Monday

The Asheboro Ministerial Association met Monday and held its annual election of officers, which resulted in the reelection of all the present officers. They are Dr. S. W. Taylor, Methodist Protestant church, president; Rev. H. A. Parker, Friends church, vice president; and Dr. C. G. Smith, Presbyterian church, secretary-treasurer.

A report of the Thanksgiving union service and of the fifth Sunday union vesper service was delivered. The spirit of cooperation among the various churches and congregations was highly praised.

Dr. C. G. Smith and Rev. Howard P. Powell were reappointed as a committee to arrange for the next fifth Sunday union service.

Because of the bad weather the meeting of the Randolph County Ministerial Association was postponed.

College Choir To Give Musicales, 13

Greensboro, Dec. 8.—The college vested choir of 125 voices at the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina will give a concert of Christmas ballads of many lands Sunday afternoon, December 13, at 5 o'clock in Aycock auditorium. George M. Thompson, of the faculty of the school of music, directs the choir. The program will be made up of ballads from England, France, Germany, Italy, Burgundy, Flanders, Bohemia and America.

The Woman's college choir is one of the largest choirs at any southern college for women. The personnel of the choir is chosen from students in all departments of the college, and solo parts are sung by students of the voice department.

Accompanists for the choir are Miss Elizabeth Drake, of Scotland Neck, and Miss Kathryn Tate, of Wichita, Kan.

Commissioners Name Officers; Taking Oath For Service To County

Register Deeds Also Takes Oath

Father Slayer Faces New Trial

Two New Commissioners And One Relected Are Sworn In By Clerk Routh

Hold Business Session After

Board Names M. E. Johnson Chairman For Second Term Of County Service

At the meeting of the county commissioners on Monday, December 7th, three commissioners, named in the November election, and R. C. Johnson, register of deeds, were sworn in by Clerk of Court Rufus Routh. Mr. Johnson takes the oath of office for another term of office. This is also true of M. E. Johnson of Ramsour chairman of the board of commissioners. Taking oath with Mr. Johnson were A. B. Beasley and Glegg Garner. Sheriff King was also sworn in.

There was no ceremony for this occasion nor speech making as was the case in many county seats in North Carolina. The Randolph officers took the oath of office and immediately set to work.

At the afternoon session of the board, following the taking of office, the board organized, again reelecting M. E. Johnson chairman. C. M. Hayworth served as temporary chairman while the organization transpired. C. M. Hayworth was made custodian of the court house with Clegg Garner appointed in charge of the county home property. A. B. Beasley and J. B. Farlow were given charge of the other outside county property. Other appointments were deferred until a later date in order that the board might transact several matters of business before them for the day.

It was ordered by the board that \$25 be transferred from the outside poor relief fund to the welfare department to be used for emergency relief.

J. F. Wilson, constable of Trinity township, presented his bond in amount of \$1000 which was accepted.

It was ordered that the superintendent of the county home present each inmate of the home such Christmas present as he thought fitting.

Repairs for the county jail were to go forward under the direction of C. M. Hayworth, according to the wishes of the board.

Mrs. Bertha Cox Rochelle was approved for certifying agent for Randolph county, subject to the approval of the state.

Mr. Lloyd presented the names of Uriah Lambe and Mrs. Lambe for care in the Randolph county home.

After hearing briefly the report of Sheriff Carl King and passing several resolutions, the board adjourned to meet in extra session, subject to call of Chairman Johnson.

Last Program Of Lyceum Course Mon.

In the opinion of the majority of those present at the finale of the Lyceum series, the three act comedy, "Cricket," was the best of the four attractions brought here by the Kiwanis club. The cast was talented and well trained, while the play itself afforded the maximum enjoyment.

The Park street auditorium seemed more nearly filled Monday evening than for any other of the Lyceum programs. Everyone, apparently, wanted to be on hand for last of a series of entertainments, which have been very popular throughout the four weeks they have continued.

The cast was small, consisting of two men and two women, with one of the men taking two roles. Their acting was consistently easy and unaffected, and they rose in a natural manner to the demands of the emotional scenes which made the prevailing comedy more humorous.

The plot itself kept the interest of the audience alive from the opening scene. It showed Cricket, a young girl, coming to work as a maid in the home of a congressman whose family was rapidly going to pieces. Her sympathetic and understanding character gradually exercised a beneficial influence over the household, so that the father was saved from suicide, the son from disgrace, and the whole family brought to a sense of responsibility for and interest in each other.

Greensboro, Dec. 8.—Two debating teams represented the Woman's college of the University of North Carolina at the Strawberry Leaf festival tournament held last week at Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C. The contest opened Thursday and continued through Saturday afternoon.

Students on the affirmative team were Miss Hermine Carraway, of Wadesboro, and Maxine Garner, of Liberty. The negative team was composed of Misses Betsy and Jane Dupuy, of Greensboro.

Republicans Now Faced With Huge Rebuilding Task

Involving Treatment Of Western Independents Who Have Broken Ranks

To Affect Future

Will Party Be Rebuilt Along Conservative Or Liberal Lines, Is Point

Republican leaders in Washington are busy conferring about the rebuilding of their party. The problem under discussion involved the treatment of the western independents who divide into two groups, some calling themselves Republicans while others are known by other titles. The decision of this matter will affect the lines along which the party is rebuilt, whether liberal or conservative.

Many of these legislators have failed to support recent presidential nominees of the party. The immediate problem is whether to include them within the Republican organization in the Senate, giving them assignments to committees through the party, as in the past.

Leaders are being urged by some to purge the party ranks of all those who have wavered in recent years. But tentative decision has been reached to extend the party cloak and ask the independents to sit with the Republicans in committees and on the floor.

Senators involved include primarily Norris of Nebraska, now an independent; La Follette of Wisconsin, now a Progressive; and the two Farmer-Laborites, Shipstead and Lundeen of Minnesota.

The problem also involves many others, however, including Senators Borah, Republican of Idaho; Johnson, Republican of California; Frazier, Republican of North Dakota; Nye, Republican of North Dakota, and Norbeck, Republican of South Dakota, all of whom have supported opposing presidential candidates or have remained silent during recent campaigns.

Heretofore they have been treated as Republicans in committee assignments, including La Follette and Shipstead, who were under other party labels.

But, what makes the problem more acute at present is that Republican ranks have become so slim that the good committee posts are few and far between. On a strict ratio basis, the Republicans are not entitled to one committee post to each five that go to Democrats. If committee ratios should be cut down to the 5-to-1 basis, or even 4 to 1, it would mean few Republican posts on the big committees.

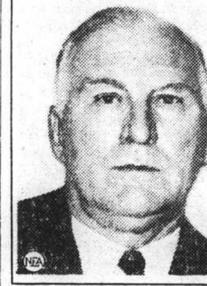
Scarlet Fever Is Leading Disease

Scarlet fever topped the list of communicable diseases in Randolph county in November with 25 cases, according to statistics compiled by the county health office. Chicken pox also showed a large number of victims, 17 cases of this disease being reported.

On the other hand, a commendable depreciation in the number of cases of venereal diseases was evident, there being only three in November. Also reported were two cases each of diphtheria and lobar pneumonia and one of German measles.



Edith Maxwell



Judge Ezra T. Carter

In the grim little mountain community of Wise, Va., along the trail of the lonesome pine, Edith Maxwell, shown above in a new picture, again fights against a prison sentence for slaying her father, Trice Maxwell. Convicted of killing her parent with a slipper during an argument, the former school teacher was sentenced to 25 years, then won a new trial before Judge Ezra T. Carter, shown below.

N. C. School Law Before The Court

Mr. And Mrs. E. E. Baker Of Trinity Bring Restraining Order For Principal

Upholds The Law

Superintendent Bullock Refused Child Admission Under Present Law

For the first time in Randolph county state school law requiring a child to be six years old by the first of October to attend school that year has been questioned in court. County Superintendent T. Fletcher Bulla revealed Monday that Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Baker of Trinity have obtained a restraining order according to the terms of which A. R. Bullock, Trinity principal, must allow their daughter, Betsy, to attend school until the court hearing, though she was not six until November 22. The hearing is set for December 18.

The child did not attempt to enter school. Superintendent Bulla said, until she was six, but since this was later than October 1, Mr. Bullock, following the state law, refused to permit her to do so. The parents then got the restraining order, and at present the child is attending school.

Several similar cases have been brought up in other counties, with the court usually upholding the state law. However, appeals from a couple of these decisions are pending, and there seems to be a good deal of dissatisfaction on the part of many parents with this law.

LIBERTY GIRL IN DEBATING TEAM

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A Visit From St. Nicholas

By Clement Clarke Moore



XIV And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof. (Continued in Next Issue)

ONLY 14 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS