

### SPRINGS WILL CASE FINISHED

#### Probated Document Alone Valid—Wish of Testator Of No Effect.

The trial of the Springs will case, which began Friday morning and ended Saturday in superior court here, resulted in the will of the late R. A. Springs of this city remaining unbroken. It disposes of an estate of about \$100,000 here.

Because of a letter written by the maker of the will in which he expressed a wish that John Springs should have some of his property an effort was made to have the court interpret that as a part of the will. The instrument named Miss Alice Springs as principal beneficiary of the will.

Appearing as counsel in the case were Clarkson, Tallafero & Clarkson as attorneys for Miss Springs. E. T. Cansler, John M. Robinson, of Charlotte, and Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, appeared for John Springs.

The will was made by the late R. A. Springs in 1870. He died in 1879. One of the parties to the litigation contended the letter in question amounted to a codicil while the other side contended it had no such significance and that only the document probated as a will could be considered legal. Judge Harding took the view that the letter formed no part of the will and that the disposition of the property in question could be made only as directed in the probated document offered as the will of the late R. A. Springs.

### ACTIVITIES OF CLUB WOMEN

By C. S. P.

The past week has been rather a quiet one with the club women, all departmental work being over until the club resumes its activities in the Fall. Friday was a banner day, however, with club luncheons. Mrs. Gordon Finger, as former chairman of Home Economics, was the inspiration of a "Stunt Luncheon" and between 40 and 50 women gathered at 1 o'clock. For nearly two hours the young and old laid aside dignity, and mirth, merriment ran high, witty jokes and humorous songs were gotten off on some of the oldest and possibly the most dignified members of the club, (the president not excepted). The state president, who was the noted "scream a donna," led all the songs. The Rotary and Kiwanis members, possibly could have gotten some good hints for their "Stunt Luncheon" on it may be we got ours from them. However a great time was enjoyed by all present.

and before adjournment, Mrs. Finger introduced the new chairman of the department, Mrs. J. A. Yorbrough, who we feel sure will make a splendid leader for the ensuing year.

The Health Department under Dr. Annie Alexander will enter actively into the effort of the City Health Department to establish a fresh air camp, which has been such a long felt need. The club has kept a tuberculosis purse to care for those suffering from the disease, and so much more effective work could be accomplished by the establishing of a fresh air camp, that it is the aim of the department to work in every way possible to secure the camp at the earliest possible date.

Many delegates have already left for the State Federation and others will leave Monday and Tuesday, returning the last of the week.

### BENNY DEFENDS ALLEGED UNFAIR TITLE MONDAY

#### Rocky Kansas To Start Against Lightweight Champion.

By JACK VEIOCK.

New York, June 4.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion of the world, will step into the sporting spotlight Monday night, temporarily crowding out Jack Dempsey, and Georges Carpentier.

With Benny will be Rocky Kansas, the rugged Italian lad from Buffalo, who aspires to the crown that adorns Leonard's brow and who has fought his way to the position of America's foremost challenger.

Leonard and Kansas will get together at the old Federal League baseball park at Harrison, N. J., in a twelve round no decision bout which will be refereed by Denny Sullivan.

With no decision to be rendered Kansas must score a knockout to take the title away from the Bronx battler and though he possesses the punch, his work will be cut out for him in trying to break through the guard of the champion and at the same time keeping his jaw and midriff out of danger.

Kansas is not a new comer in lightweight ranks by any means. He has been boxing for a number of years. He came to the front recently by knocking out Richie Mitchell in one round at Buffalo after Leonard had consumed six rounds in turning the same trick in defense of his title at Madison Square Garden. The Buffalo boxer is perhaps the most powerful and hardest hitting lightweight of his size and proportion who has fought for a title since the days of Nelson and Wolgast, but according to reports along Broadway, he will enter the ring with the odds against him. The rail birds always string along with a champion as long as he shows no signs of going back. Leonard has shown none.

Whether Leonard will dispose of his rival via the knockout route is the question on which much betting will hinge and there are plenty of tight fans willing to wager that Rocky will prove a very tough opponent for the champion. Leonard and Kansas have met before and Kansas stayed the limit and gave a very good account of himself.

The rival lightweights will make 135 pounds at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon.

### STEEL CORPORATION DENIES CATEGORICALLY CHARGES OF THE INDEPENDENTS.

#### Washington, June 4.—The United States Steel Corporation late today answered the citation of the Federal Trade Commission with a categorical denial of alleged unfair practices charged by independent steel producers.

The corporation admits in its answer, however, that it controls 125 steel plants, 90 per cent of the output of semi-finished rolled steel and 47 per cent of crude steel.

The Steel Corporation itself, the answer avers, does not produce or sell any of the products, but manufactures and sold through subsidiaries. The corporation merely acts as a holding company, holding the stock of the subsidiaries, although it does "make recommendations" as to the business.

It categorically denied allegations of the complainants that it controls the iron ore supply of the country or the transportation system in the Lake ore districts.

The brief admitted that prices were usually quoted on the so-called Pittsburgh basis but defended this practice as stabilizing to the industry and denied that prices were ever arbitrarily fixed.

Pittsburgh fabricators of steel product have no unfair advantage over other competitors, the brief continued, but on the contrary there is a "vigorous" competition.

The brief admitted that, in the case of the Tennessee Coal Iron and Railroad Company, this subsidiary had made certain favorable price concessions to Birmingham interests, but stated that this was done to build up Southern industries and to furnish new markets.

### WIDER POWER IS GIVEN APPROVAL

#### House Leaders to Attempt to Enlarge on Borah's Disarmament Bill.

By HERBERT W. WALKER, United Press Staff Correspondent.

Washington, June 4.—A new disarmament proposal giving the President wide and unrestricted powers to effect reduction of fighting establishments in the manner he deems wisest was approved by republican leaders of the house today.

It is a substitute for the Borah disarmament resolution, which authorizes the President to call a conference of Great Britain and Japan with the United States to discuss a reduction of naval building program. Leaders say their proposal be included in the naval bill in preference to the Borah plan.

It was indicated that the house plan more nearly meets the wishes of the President, who, while expressing no objection to the Borah plan, believes it will be wiser to place no limitation upon the executive.

Chairman Porter, of the house foreign affairs committee, conferred with the President in the disarmament question last night.

The house resolution, unlike the numerous disarmament proposals placed before Congress, does not "authorize," "empower" or "direct" the President to take any specific steps toward disarmament. Instead, it is merely a notice to the world that Congress believes in disarmament and approves the position taken by the President. It provides an appropriation of \$100,000 for the preliminary expenses of a disarmament conference.

It is the purpose of the House leaders to have the President's resolution substituted for the Borah amendment to the navy appropriation bill, which authorizes the President to confer with Great Britain and Japan concerning naval disarmament.

### Women's Four-Million-Dollar Club Project Startles Capital

By ELIZABETH KING STOKES, Staff Correspondent of The News.

Washington, June 4.—If anybody has seen a million memberships around; or a million dollars unoccupied; the large project for a national center for women's club activities, launched here by the new Woman's National Foundation, will be ready the coming week to begin to talk business. Country-wide organization and campaign for members will start tomorrow. The first application for a club site has been received from the Biblical museum.

This Woman's Foundation has become one of the wonders of Washington. A few Washington women got together and so far have put through probably the largest deal, from a purely financial and business standpoint, that has been attempted by women anywhere, and one of the most important business transactions the capital has recorded in some time.

The proposition to establish a woman's civic center for the country on a million-dollar tract of land in the center of the city, to put up a club house, or a group of houses, estimated to cost about three millions, and finance the project by one-dollar memberships of individuals or organizations, has taken away the breath of conservative real estate dealers.

avenue, which was secluded, yet accessible, and where he could rest without actually hearing the grind of administrative machinery.

Congress did not grant the appropriation and the proposition subsided, the property being held at a high price. Then came along this group of women, led by Mrs. Clarence Crittenden Calhoun, president of the Drama League, who purchased it for \$300,000 and announced that this price was only the initial transaction in an immense community development project in the back of their heads. One of the most conservative realty experts of the capital said to the writer today that "the ladies" had bought the estate at a bargain and "seemed to have considerable business sense." The place covers about ten acres.

Already the ladies have put down about \$30,000 to bind the contract. As for the remainder of the purchase price and the cost of carrying through extensive developments through this national headquarters, that is a story. There are no precedents for such a financial undertaking by women in this country or abroad, according to Mrs. Calhoun. Certainly no one can recall one off-hand.

The initial payment has been made up by loans of \$1,000 each from the members of the group of women incorporators, and the result has been that the foundation not is in receipt of several propositions from New York for taking over the burden of financing the development.

Mrs. Calhoun's "prospectus" for the foundation makes it seem a veritable university of clubdom, which, when completed, will resemble a community campus of club life, with harmonious buildings among the trees for the affiliated organizations, the central club house, a classic theatre—possibly an outdoor theatre for this season with a stock company—swimming pools, gymnasium, a restaurant comparable to some of the best in Paris, rest rooms, meeting halls, reception halls and ball rooms and more. Men will be allowed on the first floor of main club house. The foundation plans to establish an "institution of state craft" where civic and cultural branches will be taught; to issue bulletins of what is being done in organization work in America; to work for the promotion of art ideals as well as civic betterment; and to be the epicus and inspirational national headquarters of the many organizations now in crowded offices in Wash-

### PRIVILEGE TAX MUST BE PAID

#### Twenty Per Cent Penalty of Privilege Tax if Not Paid by July 1.

Those persons who are liable for a privilege tax in Mecklenburg county and who come under the sheriff's jurisdiction are in danger of having to pay a 20 per cent penalty if they do not come forward by July 1 and pay the tax, according to Sheriff W. O. Cochran.

The sheriff received a letter Saturday from the secretary of state directing him to collect no taxes after July 1 without collecting the 20 per cent penalty.

The tax is sometimes called a license tax and sometimes described by its more accurate name of a privilege tax but by whatever name it is to be called it will be collected on the first of July or before, and, if anyone is so delinquent as to let the time slip by without paying it, the penalty must be paid as the sheriff has no recourse in the matter but to follow the directions of the state treasurer.

The tax is to be paid by operators of pool rooms, pool tables, concessionaires at parks, such as sellers of soft drinks and tobaccos, operators of amusement devices and other such enterprises.

Similar taxes in the city are collected by city officials but all those operating outside the city limits are to be paid at the sheriff's office.

### PHYSICIAN TO SPEAK ON T. B. ORGANIZATION

An address by a prominent out-of-town physician on the need for an anti-tuberculosis organization in a city will be given at the meeting to be held at Hanna Hall at the Young Men's Christian Association next Thursday night.

All persons in the city and county interested in the fight against tuberculosis have been invited to attend the meeting at which time permanent organization of the Mecklenburg Tuberculosis Association will take place.

Compulsory voting is written into the Czecho-Slovakia constitution. Every man and woman who is eligible to vote must do so or go to jail. As a result the will of the people is faithfully recorded.

### INTEREST SHOWN IN CITY LIBRARY

#### Comparative Reports For 1920 and 1921 Show Big Increase in Patronage.

Reports from the Charlotte Carnegie library for the five months ending May 31 indicate increased interest in the library over the report embracing the five months ending May 31, 1920. A total of 2,160 more books entered the homes of local residents during the five months of 1921 than of 1920.

According to the report, 14,189 people have made use of the reading and reference rooms during the first five months of 1921. This is an increase of 1,678 books over the 1920 report.

The number of books loaned out for each consecutive month during the first five months of 1920 and 1921 respectively are as follows:

Month	1920	1921
Jan.	5,337	5,980
Feb.	5,602	5,795
Mar.	5,344	5,668
Apr.	5,245	5,784
May	5,035	5,492
Total	26,563	28,723

Despite the fact that peanuts have dropped from around 15 cents a pound to four and one-half cents, the vendors continue to get a dime for a thin sack of goobers.

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### TEXT OF SUBSTITUTE

The resolution which Chairman Porter has announced he will offer is as follows:

"That Congress expresses its full concurrence in the declaration of the President in his address to Congress on April 8, 1921, and is ready to cooperate with other nations to approve disarmament, but merest prudence forbids that we disarm alone and further fully concurs in his declared purpose and intention to call an international conference to consider the limitation of armaments."

The decision of the House leaders was reached after conferences held today at which Republican members of the foreign affairs committee were present. Chairman Porter conferred with the President prior to his departure for Valley Forge.

There is widespread dissatisfaction in the House with the Borah disarmament provision and it was freely predicted tonight that it would not be adopted. Leaders indicated that they prefer to impress Congress with the advantage of the President a free hand in determining when and how he shall inaugurate disarmament steps and with whom he shall negotiate.

It is expected that there will be some opposition to the Porter resolution by those who seek to have disarmament negotiations include reduction of armaments, but leaders are confident that they can carry their proposals through the House, with fair chances of approval by the senate.

### Y. M. C. A. CAMP IS SUCCESS SO FAR

Lafferty Robinson Writes of Conditions and Pleasantries of the Camp.

Ideal weather has been instrumental to the success of the Y. M. C. A. boys' camp at Hendersonville, since it arrived there a few days ago, according to a letter received by D. L. Probert, general secretary, from Lafferty Robinson, who is in charge of the camp. Mr. Robinson's letter reads in part:

"The weather has been ideal and we have been able to get camp in good living condition. The boys are all comfortably fixed and are able to get shelter from bad weather, should it come.

"The boys have been organized into the following squads: kitchen squad, dishwashing squad, wood squad, camp fire squad, messenger squad and police squad. The leaders have been assigned their respective duties. All know what is expected of them, so we are ready to enjoy the best of real pleasure in this wonderful country.

"The lake is no small part of our camp. J. I. Knight is in charge of water sports. The boys are in College. Swimming and boating take up the day, and when night comes many of the boys go frog gigging. They have frog legs for breakfast every morning.

"All the boys are well, and each leader is doing his best to make this a most enjoyable stay for the boys."

### HOMES WANTED FOR DELEGATES

#### One Thousand Expected Here For State Convention of B. Y. P. U.

More than 5,000 young people from all parts of North Carolina are expected for the twelfth annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention June 13, 14, 15 and 16. A hundred of them have already sent word to Charlotte of their proposal to be here.

Five hundred homes in Charlotte are expected to provide hospitality for the visitors. There have been up to date three-hundred and fifty homes offered. Any family in Charlotte willing to share in the hospitality to be accorded the visitors is requested to telephone Mrs. B. M. Boyd at the First Baptist Church, who is keeping the records of homes that are to help entertain the visitors. Her telephone number is 2161.

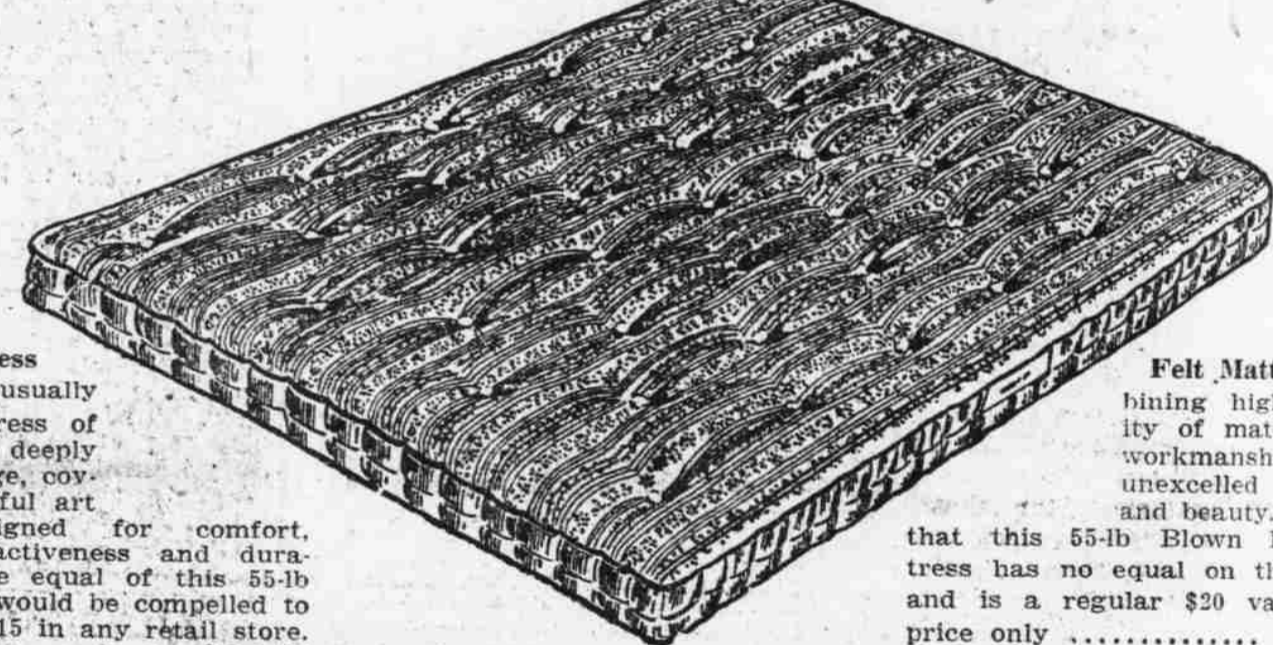
The sessions of the convention will be held at the First Baptist church. Some of the speakers of the program are Dr. Charles E. Maddry, of Raleigh; Dr. J. A. Ellis, of Raleigh; Rev. C. C. Burris, of Wingate; Rev. F. M. Higgins, of C. S. Leavelle, Anderson S. C.; Casper C. Warren, Dunn; Rev. Eugene I. Olive, Miss Gaynell Gates, Miss Hope Barker, Miss Esther Wharton and others.

W. Allen Riddick is state president of the B. Y. P. U. The officers include many of the leading spirits in church work among the Baptist denomination in North Carolina.

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