

CHAPLAIN HAS BOXING BOUTS

New Chaplain of Legion is Militant Parson; Church is Popular.

Chaplain Kan. Dec. 10.—The fighting spirit which won for the Rev. Earl Blackman, the newly elected national chaplain of the American Legion, the title of "The Fighting Parson of the South" during the world war, has been well in hand since he came to his peace-time vocation as pastor of the First Christian church here.

CHURCH OUTGROWS PLANT

First church has outgrown its present building. A lot has been purchased and a new building is contemplated.

The church is crowded on Sunday mornings. The majority of the audience are young people. Frequently they are turned away before the service starts, so crowded is the auditorium.

The career of the Rev. Mr. Blackman was diversified. He was born in Indianapolis, Ind. Oct. 2, 1892 on a farm and received a common school education.

He studied steam and machine design in First Institute Brooklyn, N. Y., following engineering and electrical work, including firing a locomotive, assisting engineer on a steam yacht in New York harbor, chief engineer of an automobile power house in northern Indiana and working in an automobile factory at Kokomo, Ind. These activities developed some with farming and going to college where he earned his own living.

While attending the University of Kansas he helped pay expenses by teaching singing, preaching, running a tractor engine in the wheat fields, giving boxing lessons and selling automobiles.

In 1914 he became pastor of the Church and has held this position since with exception of two years spent in military service.

Mr. Blackman was commissioned first lieutenant and chaplain and was mustered into federal service August 5, 1917. He served a year's service overseas.

ISSUED CHALLENGE After the armistice was signed, Mr. Blackman challenged any chaplain in the A. E. F. to a boxing bout under auspices of the Y. M. C. A. The challenge was accepted by Chaplain Rexroed of the 2nd division. All arrangements were made but the bout was postponed because of the "G. H. Q." It was overruled that the title of "The Fighting Parson" because of his activities as boxer and boxing referee.

"I have refereed perhaps two hundred bouts since I returned from France," he said. "I have a class in boxing for high school boys, meeting once a week."

Due to the opposition within his church to his policy on armaments, Mr. Blackman once each year has submitted his resignation. Last Spring it was rejected for the third time and a raise in salary was voted him. This he declined, however, stating that he made money in the military by refereeing boxing bouts. His duties as national chaplain will not interfere with his pastorate.

PORT MILL MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Port Mill, S. C., Dec. 10.—At the stated communication of Catawba Lodge No. 2, Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, Thursday evening, the annual election of officers to serve for the coming year was held.

Dr. J. B. Elliott was chosen as worshipful master, Lundson M. Massey senior warden, F. Murray Mack, junior warden, Arthur L. Parks treasurer, and S. Link secretary. W. H. Nims was appointed senior deacon, S. A. Lee, junior deacon, R. F. Grier, Jr., and H. D. Roper stewards, the Rev. J. W. H. Jones, T. L. Chapman, and J. L. McMillen, the appointed standing committee. The appointment of standing committee will be made Friday night at a called communication when the new officers will be installed. After the installation of the officers, the members of the craft and their friends will enjoy a dinner to be served by the home economics department of the graded school building.

Full Ballot Post No. 43 of the American Legion held its annual meeting Wednesday evening at which officers for the next year were elected as follows: E. B. Culp, post commander, E. B. Culp, vice post commander, W. B. Hester, adjutant, F. M. Mack, historian, Oscar Hammonds, sergeant at arms, and W. B. Meacham, Jr., finance officer. The post plans to have several social gatherings during the Christmas season and will give a Christmas party in the army probably on December 23.

ASKED THAT GOLD STREET BE WIDER

The widening of Gold street from a narrow alley into a wide street has been the city commissioner by J. M. Carson, who also presented a petition signed by property owners in the neighborhood, voicing sentiment for the improvement Friday morning.

Gold street enters South Tryon, near the end of the street, and is one of the widest of the Rudisill mine property. It was recently developed into a residential section.

Mr. Carson said that the development of the property will largely depend upon the widening of the street. He stated that the property from Tryon to Main, if the street is made wider, would serve as an artery of travel from the National Highway, moving north to the city. Mr. Carson told the commissioners.

City officials will view the proposition and try to ascertain what can be done. Promote was made to thoroughly investigate the situation.

EASTERN BAPTISTS TO HOLD MEETING

A meeting of importance to the Eastern Baptist Convention will be held at Myers Park, Elizabeth, N. C., where recently made the initial statement for the organization of a new church in the eastern section of the city. The meeting will be held at 7 o'clock at the Elizabeth school.

John L. Dabbs, president of the temporary organization, issued the call for the meeting and announced that several questions will be discussed. It was urged that attendance of eastern suburb Baptists be maintained.

TEXAS GIRL WINS NATION-WIDE BEAUTY CONTEST AND GETS MOVIE CONTRACT



Kathleen Collins.

Kathleen Collins of San Antonio, Tex., has just been announced winner of the national-wide motion picture beauty contest held by Thomas H. Ince, the well-known picture producer. The contest, which was started last spring, was to determine the most beautiful and talented girl in the country in order to develop her as a star. As winner Miss Collins, who is but eighteen years old, gets a six-month contract with Ince with the addition of a five-year option on her screen work.

Church And Home Ranking Influences For Character

Dr. Taylor of State College Emphasizes Return to Simplicities of Fireside and Church in Order to Promote Progress and Civilization.

Emphatically declaring that just as soon as the human family fails to perform its fundamental function of producing Christian boys and girls it will be replaced by some other form of world machinery, Dr. C. C. Taylor, professor of economics and director of North Carolina State college, delivered the principal speech at the banquet Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce, which was the closing event of the first day of the third annual Older Boys' Conference.

The conference, attended by nearly 400 delegates opened at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon at Trinity Methodist church when the working organization was perfected and officers elected.

Dr. Taylor said that there are five vital pieces of machinery that make up the motive power of the world, the human family, the school, the government, the church, and the industry or business. The speaker lamented the fact that present-day America is placing the emphasis on business to the neglect of the home and church, the consuming ideals of the day while the home and church are crowded "off stage" to the detriment of the on-coming civilization.

"The home is a tool given by heaven into the hands of men and women for the making of Christian boys and girls. It is said to believe that this tool is not being used effectively, for figures show that one out of every two marriages comes and in one city of the country there was one divorce for every two marriages," asserted Dr. Taylor.

"What the morning holds depends upon the decisions of the boys of today," said Dr. Taylor, who urged the boys to apply the ethics of Jesus Christ, who came to provide the abundant life.

Close on to 400 were present for the dinner, which was attended by the Civitan club en masse, representatives of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, as well as the conference delegates and Y. M. C. A. officials.

SPER PRESIDES

Morgan B. Speir, chairman of the State committee of the Y. M. C. A., who was introduced by Jack Milstead, president of the conference, presided and introduced the speakers. V. J. Guthery, president of the Chamber of Commerce, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city. D. L. Probert, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the "Y," and William Yates for the boys.

In response to the addresses of welcome the entire delegation stood up and heartily cheered the city and the "Y." "Something More," he declared that there is always something more and something to be striven for no matter how far one may go. A true Christian always finds something more for which he should direct his energy, something higher for which he should reach, some ideal just ahead for which he should strive.

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MILSTEAD PRESIDENT

The conference got under way at the afternoon session when Jack Milstead, of Charlotte, was chosen president; Louis Smart, of Concord, vice president; C. R. Ritchie, of Mount Pleasant College Institute, secretary and Dick Legiate, brother of Coach Gray of Davidson, assistant secretary.

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Roy L. Vall, state boys' school secretary, speaking of the plans and program of the conference, urged the boys to find the most out of the talks and address, receiving information and inspiration from the speakers.

J. A. Van Dis of New York City, Y. M. C. A. worker, thought that one of the best things to be gotten out of the conference was the friendship formed

SENATE PASSES (Continued from Page One)

Senator McCoin, who had exempted his country, raised the technical objection to third reading on the same day.

Senator Walker's bill providing for increasing the speed limit in towns from 15 to 20 miles an hour and on county roads from 25 to 30 miles an hour was treated in like manner. It went through second reading and Senator Taylor asked that third reading be deferred until Saturday.

The rules under which the wills of sailors and soldiers have been probated on the witness of three people, which has been in force will be continued for another two years, under Mark Squires bill which passed the Senate yesterday.

Needham Y. Gully will be allowed to reprint certain portions of the consolidated statutes.

Thirty children now at the State Hospital will be transferred to the Caswell Training School on or before February 1.

Certain tributary waters of Core and Pamlico Sound are opened for fishing. This does not apply to "cat-fish" creeks, according to the explanation of Senator Hamilton.

The sale of four and a half million dollars' worth of long-term road bonds for the country in order to develop her as a star, according to explanation made, because the bonds were advertised and sold as long-term rather than serial bonds.

The 1921 tax on paints and varnishes was abolished without discussion or dissent.

THE HOUSE. Because of much speech-making the House of Representatives Friday postponed for another day consideration of the education bill providing for the \$70,000 deficit in the State's public school fund but finally passed for the second time the municipal finance act on its second reading, after tacking on a minor amendment, by a vote of 77 to 27.

The bill providing ways and means of paying off the school deficit might have been passed but house members were themselves out listening to oratorical deliverances for and against the measure. Much time was also given to discussion of the municipal finance act while there was another batch of proposed legislation laid before the House, a total of sixty bills, mostly local in their nature, requiring that they be considered at a later date and continued until well past two in the afternoon.

When the finance act came before the House for passage on its second reading Representative Cowles renewed his charge that the bill was misunderstood by taxpayers, legislators and everybody save and except the bond buyers of Wall Street who he said, had created the bill.

Representative Crisp of Dare county challenged this statement and took the floor long enough to "repudiate the charge that the mental interests of Wall Street were influencing legislation in North Carolina." The Dare county spokesman brought the Cowles statement was uncalled for and was a serious charge against the House members and their honorable intentions.

Mr. Cowles modified his charge somewhat and gave assurances of his high regard for every member of the House but renewed the statement that "the bond buyers of New York and Wall Street" had drafted the bill. His motion to refer the measure to the committee on counties, cities and towns was defeated.

DOUGHTON IN DEBATE

"Governor" Rufe Doughton got in the debate toward the end, declared the attack of Representative Cowles on the attorney representing the municipalities who had spent much time in framing the act" and his call for the vote prevailed after Walter Murphy had assured Representative Crisp that the bill was being introduced through the House in an orderly manner.

Representative Tam Bowie launched into discussion of the educational bill, charging that State Superintendent of Public Instruction E. B. Brooks was "a bad financier when it comes to matters of economy in the administration of the State's public school law" but praised him as a private citizen.

An amendment offered by Representative Bowie would have diverted \$75,000 from the appropriation made by the Legislature at the regular session for the colored schools of the State to the Pembroke school for Indians in Robeson county. This, he said, would

give the Indian school the appropriation intended by the Legislature but which was inadvertently omitted. Likewise it would reduce the school deficit by that amount. He asked that his amendment be adopted on the grounds of "economy and justice."

Representative Matthews of Bertie spoke for the bill as chairman of the committee of education, invited Representative Bowie for asking for anything for economy's sake when he, Bowie, had sponsored a bill at the regular session authorizing the expenditure of fifty million dollars "of the people's money." That bill, he said, was for roads and the bill providing for the school deficit was for the education of the boys and girls of the State. He thought it ought to be passed without the Bowie amendment which would seriously impede its progress.

Speaker Grier took the floor and was inclined to support the Bowie amendment provided the appropriation for the school deficit was not already spent; otherwise he would support the bill as it stood which would give the Pembroke school the \$75,000 appropriation. Representative Fountain thought the department of education was "top-heavy" with supervision of schools" but spoke against the amendment and for the original bill. So did Representative Everett of Durham, who pointed out that the act carried a provision which would pay the counties the amount of money necessary for salaries promised school teachers, many of whom have not yet been paid for this year's work.

On motion of Speaker Grier consideration of the bill went over until further information regarding the deficit and the appropriation to the colored schools could be obtained from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Another batch of petitions came in at Friday's session from Eastern North Carolina citizens praying for an extension of time in operation of the State-wide stock law.

They were from Bertie, Beaufort and Currituck counties.

J. L. PEAKE CAUGHT IN KNOXVILLE HOTEL

Winston-Salem, Dec. 10.—Police were notified yesterday that J. L. Peake, wanted here in connection with the killing of H. B. Ashburn, had been arrested in a hotel in Knoxville, Tenn., and would be held for the Winston-Salem authorities. A warrant for Peake's arrest was issued under instructions from the coroner's jury.

A short time ago, Ashburn succeeded Peake here as superintendent of the local branch of the Gate City insurance company. J. T. Thompson and J. C. Brown, agents for the insurance company under Ashburn, are being held without bail for the grand jury which meets here next Monday.

WALL STREET TO GIVE PRESENTS

Will Return to the System Prevailing in More Prosperous Years.

New York, Dec. 10.—Wall Street is gradually recovering from the general economic depression of the past two years and signs point to a liberal distribution of bonuses and gratuities at Christmas.

During the boom period of the world war, holiday gifts by the many financial institutions, brokerage houses and exchanges were on a very generous scale. These ranged in many cases from 25 to 50 per cent or even more of yearly salaries.

This was exclusive of the quarterly or semiannual payments of 25 to 50 per cent of salaries given to employees to meet the increased costs of living. In the year now ending many

banks abandoned the distribution of these bonuses. The offerings of the New York Stock Exchange and similar institutions take the form of Christmas boxes to which members make fixed contribution. In addition there are impromptu celebrations on the exchange, when personal gifts are distributed.

The Produce Exchange, of recent years, has held celebrations of this sort, mainly for the children of the poor living on the lower end of Manhattan Island, upon whom gifts of clothing as well as toys and candies are generously bestowed.

In the aggregate, Wall Street's benefactions, even in these transitory times, are likely to run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

AMERICAN BUYS PORTRAIT

New York, Dec. 10.—Sir Thomas Lawrence's "Portrait of Miss Harriet Lee," one of the best known pieces of Eighteenth Century portraiture, has been sold by the Pearson Galleries of this city to an unnamed American collector for \$50,000, it was reported today. The piece was painted in 1791.

The Gray Shop. The Fifth Avenue Shop of the Carolinas. Illustration of a woman in a fur coat.

The New Furs for Winter Wear. Mellon's Third Floor. Illustration of a woman in a fur coat.

Get a Holder Like This for Your Christmas Tree for 75c and up. It will hold it safe and sound, keeping your floor free of dirt. Christmas Tree Lights, \$3.50 and \$4.00. They come red, white and blue and in units of eight. Let us explain the advantage of so buying. SMITH-WADSWORTH Hardware Company. "The Quality Hardware Store" 29 East Trade Street. Phones 64-65.

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Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey for Coughs and Colds. Illustration of a bottle.

CRAVER'S BROADWAY

A storm of the emotions, like a titanic wave mounting over-toppingly to tempestuous heights.

ALL FOR A WOMAN

A Stupendous Drama of the Loves of the Mighty.

Against a background of mob-love, mob-hate, mob-hysteria, is set this stupendous drama of a duel of loves. There is Danton, the modern Samson—and the woman who, in her womanly purity is Delilah.

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Jack Holt in "The Call of the North". Illustration of Jack Holt.

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