

# International Examination Work Close Of The Y. M. C. A. Classes



STENOGRAPHY CLASS.



BOYS' PREPARATOR Y BUSINESS CLASS.

The two half-tones accompanying this article are of two of the several educational classes conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association during the fall, winter and spring months of each year as a department of work of the popular institution. The photographs were taken during the last week of the school year after all who did not prosecute the course outlined, had dropped out. The above pictures are of the stenography class taught by Mr. C. B. Miller of the General Fire Extinguisher Company, and the boys' preparator class taught by Mr. J. E. Johnson and Mr. M. H. Collins, Jr., of the Four C's Co.

The course ended last week with a series of examinations conducted by the international committee of the Y. M. C. A. with headquarters in New York. The same examinations are given simultaneously in all associations conducting night educational classes in the United States and Canada. This is a valued feature of the work of the educational department, as it gives positive proof that the local instruction conforms to the standard set by the international authorities. Last year there were eight successful young men in the examinations and this year the local board of examiners, composed of the teaching force of the Y. M. C. A., there being five instructors, have passed nine papers so that there is a great possibility of the association

slightly improving on its last year's record in spite of the handicap of building operations. There were 52 different students in this year's classes in the following subjects: Arithmetic, algebra, book-keeping, penmanship, mechanical drawing, stenography, and a preparatory business course for employed boys embracing the following elementary subjects: Arithmetic, grammar, spelling, penmanship, geography and history. Four night a week were given by the association for recreation and study to the young men and boys of this class. The force of teachers follow: Mr. M. H. Collins, Jr., of the Four C's Company; Mr. Matthew J. O'Neill of the American Machine and Manufacturing Company, Mr. Eugene

Wightman, of the General Fire Extinguisher Company; C. B. Miller of the General Fire Extinguisher Company; Mr. J. E. Johnson, of the Inter-State office of the Y. M. C. A. and Mr. Dell Withers of the News Publishing Company. The new building of the association is so planned that a great number of classes are provided for and it is believed that the present night school for 50 to 60 students each year will increase so that there will be upwards of 200 eventually. The committee in charge of this important feature of the work of the Young Men's Christian Association is as follows: Messrs. George Stephens, chairman; A. G. Brenizer and D. A. Tompkins.

## Street Lights In Mill Towns

**Electric Developments Through Out Country Make This an Inexpensive And Almost Necessary Luxury.**

The electrical development going on in various parts of the country have brought very prominently before the attention of mill owners and other such in mill villages, the question of street lighting. The average mill village is going through a gradual change such as our earlier and oldest cities have passed through. The various municipalities in the country have found that good lighting of streets means a lesser need of police protection, an aid to cleanliness and sobriety, and above all is a great factor in the recreation and amusement of the inhabitants. The same theory will apply very forcibly to the average mill community, isolated from the cities and in a measure self-dependent on its own resources for protection, recreation and pleasure. Probably the greatest difficulty in the way of control of a rowdy element in a mill community is the lack of police protection. The indiscriminate shooting of revolvers, etc., is seldom done on well lighted streets. The better lighting of streets in a measure solves this problem. There is also a greater inter-communication between the Church and Fraternal societies are much better attended. In a large number of mill communities "The Grove" is the frequent resort of both young and old, but when night comes on it is deserted; a few incandescent or arc lamps placed in these places prolong this pleasure and recreation, and the lawn party and other parties of like nature are possible under very favorable conditions. The result of this is that the operatives find in his own community elements of recreation and pleasure which are so much desired, and they no longer seek the cities and larger towns for this purpose.



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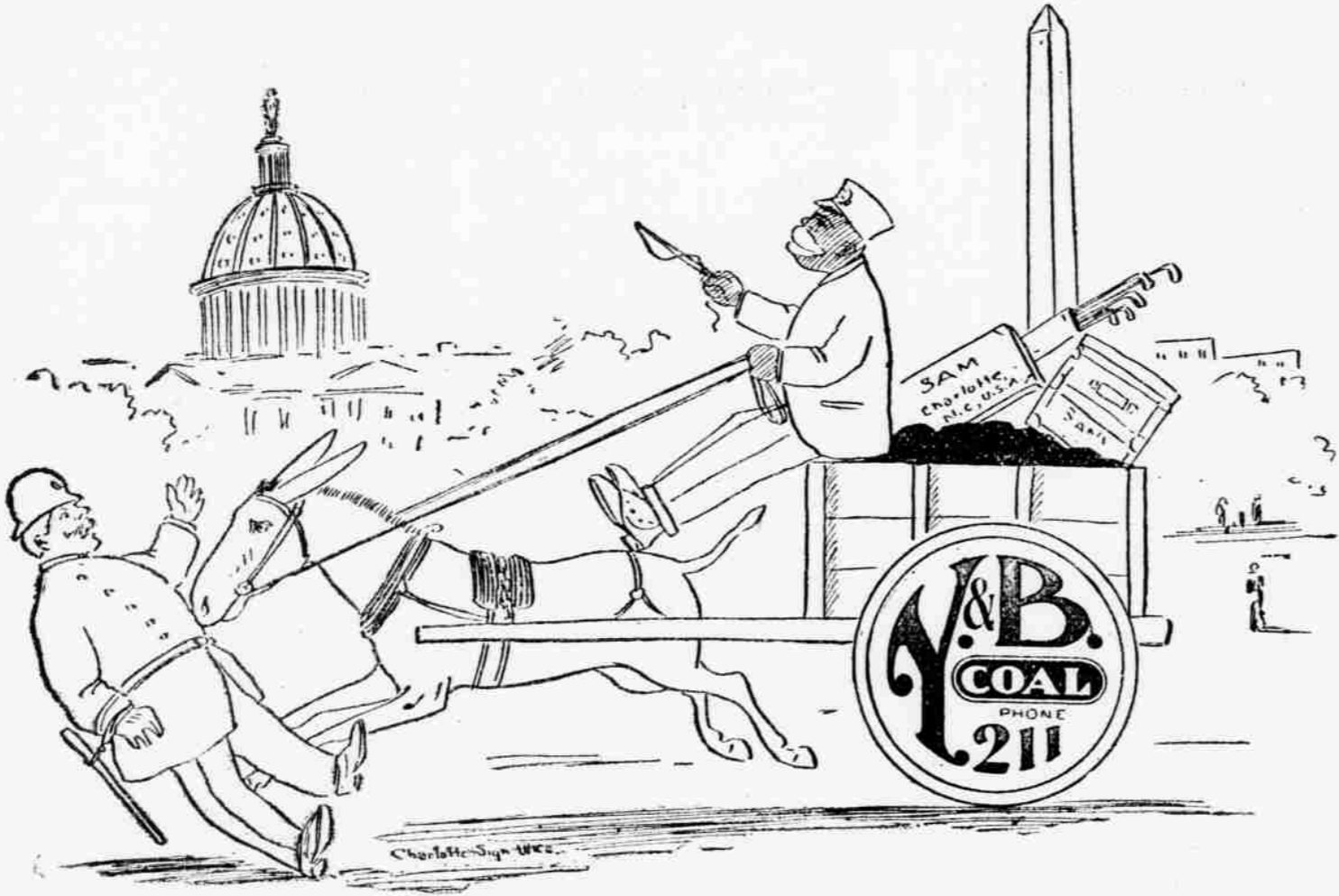


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## Has Been Four Times in Shadow of The Gallows

Norfolk, Va., April.—Four times in the shadow of the gallows and three times saved by a respite is the remarkable record in the case of Leo C. Thurman, who will die on the scaffold here tomorrow unless Governor Swanson interposes for the fourth time.

Thurman was first sentenced to be hanged last September, but was saved by an appeal to the supreme court. The higher court declined to interfere in the case, whereupon the young man was sentenced to pay the death penalty on March 13th last. A stay of two weeks was granted to permit the condemned man to finish a book he was writing, the proceeds of which were to go to his mother.

On March 27th, within a few hours of the time set for the execution, another respite was announced over the long-distance telephone from Governor Swanson's office in Richmond. The last stay, which expires tomorrow, was granted on the personal request of Governor Wilson, of Kentucky, who asked that Thurman's brother might have an opportunity to obtain further evidence.

Thurman's crime was the murder here in February, 1906, of Walter P. Dolson, of Michigan. Both the murderer and his victim had been in the United States Marine Corps and were discharged from the service but a short time before the crime.

The two became friends and occupied the same room in a lodging house on East Main street, where the murder was committed. Thurman was practically penniless, while Dolson had several hundred dollars which he had saved from his pay and which he intended to take home with him to Michigan.

While Dolson slept one night Thurman chopped the defenseless man to pieces with an axe, robbed him, packed the body in a trunk and made it ready for shipment. Though the crime was detected almost immediately, the murderer eluded the police and left the city.

After wandering across the continent he was finally located in Vancouver, where he was arrested for passing a bad check and identified by the Vancouver police as the man wanted for the Norfolk murder.

He was returned to this city, speedily tried and convicted of murder in the first degree. An unsuccessful attempt was made to prove that the prisoner was insane.

## Change in Eastern Carolina Base Ball League Schedule

Special to The News.  
Raleigh, N. C., April 9.—Two changes have been announced in the schedule of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League. The season opens June 9 instead of 8th, the games scheduled for the latter date being cancelled.

The game scheduled for July 2 at Goldsboro at Wilmington is reversed to Wilmington at Goldsboro.

**Anti-Saloon Meetings.**  
Tonight, April 9th, at M. E. church, North Charlotte, at 8 o'clock. Speakers: W. C. Dowd, J. D. McCall. A league will be organized.

Friday, April 10th, Cochran Academy, Morning Star township, at 8 o'clock p. m. Speakers: Frank R. McNeill, Neill R. Graham.

Friday, April 10th, Huntersville, at 8 o'clock p. m. Speaker: Cameron Morrison.

Saturday night, April 11th, at Elizabeth Mill, at 8 o'clock p. m. Speaker: W. D. McCall.

**Colored Children to Give Carnival.**  
About 50 children of the primary department of the colored graded school will participate in a "Tiny Tots Carnival" to be given tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at the Seventh Street Presbyterian church, under the direction of the teachers of that department. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged, the proceeds to be applied to the church fund.

With the advent of the various power companies transmitting power through different communities, this matter of street lighting is no longer a serious proposition. The power is already there ready to be utilized, and the stringing of wires and the installation of lamps is within the power of the average mill mechanic. The next few years will see many changes in the matter of lighting mill villages with its consequent return of contentment and increased recreation and pleasure on the part of the operatives. The well lighted playground with its swings, horizontal bars and other means of sport, so enticing to the young; the settees and chairs placed in the groves appeal to both the middle aged and older ones, and the opportunities for rest and recreation are more increased thereby. The future will see much more active work done along this line than there has been in the past.

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**REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.**  
Delegates Will Be Elected to Congressional and State Conventions.

The republican primaries will be held in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county tomorrow, at 8 o'clock in the city and 2 o'clock in the county. Delegates will be elected to the congressional and state conventions, the former to be held at Newton and the latter at Greensboro. Mr. J. F. Newell is chairman of the Mecklenburg county executive committee.

**Superintendent Westfall Here.**  
Mr. A. H. Westfall, general superintendent of the Northern district of the Southern railroad, spent last night in the city and left this morning for Taylorsville. During his stay in Charlotte Mr. Westfall was a guest at the Selwyn. His headquarters are in Greensboro.

**Clinchfield Coal is a Steam Producer.**  
Veterans' Monthly Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of Mecklenburg Camp, No. 392, United Confederate veterans, will be held Saturday morning at 11 o'clock in the municipal building. All members of the camp are urged to be present as important business will be transacted.

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