

### TEACHERS OF COUNTY ARE IN FAVOR OF LONG CONTRACTS

The last monthly meeting of the Mecklenburg Teachers' Association for the present school year was held yesterday in the civil court room at the court house, there being a good attendance of teachers from all parts of the county.

A feature of the meeting was the appointment of a committee to consider and submit a plan for propagating a new system of teacher employment. It is proposed to take steps, by whatever means is decided to be best, to institute a system of contracts by which the teachers will be employed permanently, and not from year to year, or term to term, as the case may be. The idea is to prepare such a contract as can be signed by both teacher and committee for the teacher to have charge of the school until one of the parties gave notice of intention to discontinue the relationship.

Thus each teacher would, when laying down his or her school duties for a term, expect to come back, and the committee would expect her to come back, to resume charge of the school unless there was previous agreement that the contract should be declared void. This method, it is urged, would tend to make teachers permanent at the different schools and would minimize the custom of employing new teachers at the beginning of each school term, with the consequent and inevitable loss of time and loss of progress required for pupils and teacher to get acquainted and started into work.

The teachers approved the suggestion very heartily and appointed the following committee to carry out the idea into execution, or to devise ways and means of bringing about such an end. County Superintendent of Education William McCluskey, ex-officio chairman; Prof. Jackson, president of the Mecklenburg Teachers' Association; Prof. B. L. Baker, principal of the Huntersville High school; Prof. S. T. Lassiter, principal of the Derita school; Miss Mary Pressley, of the Huntersville school.

The plan, it is said, is in force already in many places and is universally commended. It is said, as a factor making for permanency and stability in the relationship between school and teachers, thus putting the schools on a much higher plane of efficiency than ever could be obtained by the present haphazard method, which keeps both teachers and pupils in a state of uncertainty about the next year ahead.

**Athletic Committee.**  
The association also appointed an athletic committee, which, it is proposed, shall have as its duties the encouragement of athletic sports in the schools, the beautifying of play grounds, etc.

**Vote of Thanks.**  
Before the meeting adjourned the association passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Superintendent of Schools William McCluskey and Miss Mary Graham, assistant superintendent, for their assistance and cooperation and the suggestion of ideas in carrying out the work of the schools during the year.

### Activity in Local Automobile Circles During the Past Week

The Ford Sales Co. has delivered during the past week car load shipments of six Fords each to the following sub-dealers: Wm. J. Arey, Shelby, N. C.; J. A. Blackwood & Co., Gastonia, N. C.; Hickory Garage Co., Hickory, N. C.; Newton Motor Co., Newton, N. C.; Parker & Harris, Albemarle, N. C. They have also delivered touring cars to S. H. Youngblood and H. F. Wolfe of Chester.

The Charlotte Motor Car Co. has delivered cars as follows during the week: Humobile touring cars to Mr. Lips of Mt. Pleasant, Roddie Reid of Rock Hill, J. B. McCrane of Gastonia, F. G. Henderson of Monroe, and four Humobile touring cars to E. A. Barnhart of Hickory; a Humobile roadster to R. R. Haffner of Chester, S. C., and Hudson six-cylinder touring cars to J. F. Diggs of Rockingham, Chas. L. Eskridge of Shelby, M. McCullum of Lumberton, Quinn Wallace of Yorkville, H. H. Boyd and Joe B. Harty, of Charlotte.

The Ham & Ross Motor Co. has sold a Marion six-cylinder Bob Cat to Mr. Walter Lambert, city, and one to E. R. Cash, of Gaffney, S. C. They have also delivered a Wahl roadster to W. B. McGirt of Darlington, S. C.

Woodside Motor Co. has delivered two Overland touring cars in Marion, N. C., this week.

### TERM BOULEVARD, NEW ORLEANS TO HAVE NEW BLVD.

"What is the real meaning of boulevard?" asks a woman of Charlotte in a note to the city editor, after having said "I heard of this street or that being called a boulevard and I want to know the real-meaning or difference between a street and a boulevard."

The greatest city of the South, New Orleans, is projecting a new boulevard which is to add to that city's fame, it is to be called the Ponchartraine Boulevard, a lake shore driveway between New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico, the proposed boulevard. Col. Lewis Dantzier, of New Orleans, said in the Picayune of April 6:

"What I know about good roads, pleasure grounds and seaside drives would make a book. That the South is far behind the North and East and the countries of the Old World, everyone who has traveled well knows.

**Boulevard.**  
"Boulevard, or Boulevard, a French word corresponding to our own terms bulwark and ramparts, form a remarkable feature of Paris, and those along the north and south sides of the River Seine furnish a continuous line of wide streets, planted on each side with elm trees; approaching in shape to a semicircle, or rather a semi-ellipse, and extending in length four or five miles, from the Church of La Madeleine to the site of the Bastille. These boulevards are about midway between the river and the wall of Paris, which, again, is surrounded by a road called boulevards extérieurs. They abound with places of amusement for the working classes of Paris. Everywhere on the continent are to be found delightful drives, both ancient and modern.

"There is no doubt in my mind that the proposition to establish boulevards along the shore of Lake Ponchartraine is both feasible and commendable. Just think of the possibilities of linking the city of New Orleans with the interior sections of the state by means of a magnificent lakeside roadway, converting, as it were, a vast stretch of withered grasses and sea weeds, bleached by many a sun and shower, and supplanting it with palms and hedges. It would be most pleasing to the populace of Louisiana and the prospector and enchanting to sightseers.

**Promenades Necessary.**  
"Promenades," said Mr. Dantzier, "are essential to the growth of large cities; they not only afford the people a pleasant way of travel, but serve to attract tourists. I really see the advantages to be gained by the city when the projected lakeside boulevard is completed, and there is no reason why it should not be built, either through private interests or state and city appropriations. In this age of progressiveness every facility for overland traffic should be advanced and championed by the public."

"Tourists, in giving accounts of their visits to New Orleans, would praise the lakeside boulevard and advertise us over the country. Take, for example, the seaside resorts of St. Augustine and Palm Beach, Fla., where the greatest of enjoyment is had and you can readily perceive how attractive would be the awe-inspiring stretch of lakeshore as it must appear to the sightseers; indeed, Lake Pontchartraine is New Orleans' greatest asset."

### Three Young Men of Power Added to Seminary Board Trustees

In a recent meeting of the Mission Seminary board of trustees, Rev. Eugene C. Caldwell, of the Austin Theological Seminary, was elected to fill the chair of Hebrew, formerly held by Rev. W. L. Lingie, D. D. Dr. Lingie was elected to fill the chair of church history, which he has been filling temporarily this past season, after Dr. Cary Johnston was elected to fill Dr. Strickler's chair of theology.

"This brings to the seminary three young men of promise and power, and insures that the high standing of thorough and orthodox teaching of the past will still be maintained.

Rev. Eugene C. Caldwell is a son of Rev. A. Shorter Caldwell, of Barium Springs and a nephew of Dr. John L. Caldwell, of this city.

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## EASTER VESPER SERVICE Y. W. C. A. NEW Y. W. C. A. HOME. MISS SHIELDS TALKS INTERESTING NEWS

The Easter festival season is recognized in the choice of subject for the Vesper address to be given at the Y. W. C. A., No. 406 East avenue. Miss Louise F. Shields, the acting general secretary, is to speak on "A Renewed Life in a New House." The soloist is to be Miss Esther Bowden and the accompanist Miss Elizabeth Conrad.

The Philathea Bible Class of the First Baptist church are to be hostesses for the afternoon, and will include the Misses Palmer, Conrad, Huntley, Edwards, Bowden, Holland and Williams.

The Athletic Club of the Y. W. C. A. announces a carnival to be given in the gymnasium of the Y. W. C. A. new building, at 8 p. m. Thursday, April 16. The club has rehearsed a program of high lighter producing power and invited all who want to drive full care away to come.

The exhibit of the gymnasium class work which was to have been given under the direction of the director, Miss Louise Hanna, has been postponed owing to the absence from the city of Miss Hanna. The illness of a sister in Lexington, Ky., has necessitated Miss Hanna's presence in that city.

The board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. are to have a called meeting at 4 p. m. Wednesday, April 15th, in the new building.

The people who care deeply for the association's intensive meaning, have arranged that this week, following the public gatherings and speeches, of last week, there shall be an opportunity for all who will, to come together to pray for the different phases of the association's undertakings. These meetings will be at 3:30 each afternoon in the rest room.

Monday, 3:30 p. m.—Prayer for increased membership in the association and for the deeper meaning of that membership.  
Tuesday, 3:30 p. m.—Educational and Physical Departments. Leader, Mrs. W. L. Nicholson.  
Wednesday—Extension, Industrial and Girls' Work. Camp Fire and High School Girls. Leader, Mrs. W. B. Lind.  
Thursday, 3:30 p. m.—Finance. Leader, Miss Eva Liddell.  
Friday, 3:30 p. m.—Residence and Workers, Volunteer and Employed. Mrs. J. E. Carson.  
Saturday, 3:30—Religious Work. Mrs. J. G. Baird.  
An invitation is hereby given to all who are interested.

### An Easter Monday Drama at Biddle

"The Penalty of Pride," a society drama in four acts, will be presented in the chapel at Biddle University tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The cast of characters represents some of the best colored talent in the city and the indications are that they will be greeted by a large audience. Quite a number of white friends have purchased tickets and a section of the auditorium has been reserved for them and all others who wish to attend. Music will be furnished by the Biddle Symphony Orchestra. The admission, 15 cents each or two for 25 cents, will go to the bath room fund, Scotia Seminary and the Biddle Y. M. C. A.

### E. G. Wilson Speaks to Y. M. C. A. Boys Tonight

The meeting for boys at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock will be addressed by Mr. E. G. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is associate state secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the Carolinas, is thoroughly interested in boys and boy's work and is sure to have a message to impart to every boy in the city should hear. The subject of his address this afternoon will be "The Modern Hero."

A most cordial invitation is extended to all boys to attend and especially the large number who have joined the association during the recent campaign.

A special musical program will be rendered by the orchestra, and Mr. D. Del Withers will lead the singing.

### Goes to See Mother Whom He Hasn't Seen Since He Was Fourteen Years Old

Mr. Chas. Arik and little daughter Annie left today for Gardner, Mass., where they go to visit Mr. Arik's mother who has arrived in this country two weeks ago from Russia. Mr. Arik has not seen his mother since he was fourteen years old, which was about 16 years ago. At that time he fled from his home city in Russia during one of the terrible massacres, making his way to the border of the country and worked his way to America, locating with friends at Gardner, Mass.

### FIRST WEEK IN NEW Y. W. C. A. HOME.

The opening of the Y. W. C. A. building this past week has been the occasion for many incidents of deep human interest. A few of these may be repeated without betraying confidence.

A handsomely-dressed woman came into the office asking an introduction and spoke of her desire to become a member of the association for the sake of its introduction to Christian people in other cities of our own and other lands. She said that she expected to accompany her husband on many of his business trips which take him across many seas, often as far as Australia. For some reason, she had not thought of joining the association while at home in Buffalo, but on seeing the press notices of the association here, in connection with the dedication services, she realized what its membership would mean in the way of international friendships.

One of the honored guests was a woman advanced in years, who had contributed \$1,000 to the building, without solicitation. As she looked through the comfortable quarters, she said she wanted to become acquainted with the girls who live in the residence and who come and go for classes and parties, and asked if she might spend several days in the building. The days she may spend here will be red letter days for all who may have an opportunity to make her happy.

The beautiful personal letter from Mr. D. A. Tompkins seemed a message to the individual who read it, while admiring the splendid portrait in which she presented to his many friends his personal "autograph." It brought his personal thanks for his success in this regard to those whose success he had so materially contributed.

Among the first guests in the lunch room was a party composed of Mrs. H. N. Redding, who claims the distinction of being the oldest member of the Charlotte Y. W. C. A., Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, Miss Dougherty and Miss Sophie Alexander.

One of the groups who contributed most to the success of the week's program is the very active and energetic Extension Chapter who ushered at several of the programs, acted as waitresses in the dining room for the first two days and entertained a group of night school members from North Charlotte.

The members of this chapter are Misses Beverly Alexander, Nancy Anderson, Susan Byrum, Lida Caldwell, Cornie Ford, Susie Hutchison, Julia Irwin, Mary Johnston, Flora Jelites, Anna Forby, Liddell, Marian Long, Mary McLaughlin, Willie McLaughlin, Louise Miller, Alma Oates, Adelaide Orr, Margaret Reese, Lillian Reid, Laura Ridgely, Esther Springs, Bessie Sterne, Bessie Stokes, Sarah Tanner, Marie Thomas, Rose Walsh, Gay Willis.

To people who are interested in "The Girl Who Travels Alone," there was significance in the fact that the Charlotte Association's relation to the work in other cities was emphasized by the presence of three secretaries for the National Y. W. C. A., which is promoting the introduction of strange girls to the point where each help her most upon her arrival in the city. These three secretaries are Miss Inez Kinney, Miss Ada Starkweather and Miss Mary Powell, all of whom had a part in the program.

Mr. George Atkinson, who is principal of the Albemarle Institute, was remembered during his visit to the building as the donor of the handsome desk which he has given for the permanent use of the general secretary, as a memorial to his wife. Mrs. Atkinson is remembered by many Charlotte people as the beautiful, gifted and consecrated Frances Bridges, who, as traveling secretary of the Carolina Association, had inspired the women of Charlotte to hope for just such a building as this.

The event of the week proved to be the rally for the campaign workers who had raised the money for the building. Reminiscences and personal badinage occupied a good deal of the time. But all agreed that they would gladly go through the work again as soon as the association should outgrow its present quarters. Mr. Garibaldi was the orator among the impromptu speakers, in his defense of the thesis that a nation rises no higher than the position it accords its women. Mr. J. A. Durham was the one man who refused all entreaties to be his own spokesman, but protested that he had not anticipated all that other insisted on saying about him, when he refused to speak for himself.

A remarkable note was struck by the majority of the speakers in

### their reference to the spiritual being the practical in life, and the place of prayer in the raising of money.

The wit of the evening was the representative of the Extension Chapter, Miss Adelaide Orr, who gave a rhyme to the tune of "Charming Billy."

The Educational Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Tingley, announced at intervals through the week's program and on posters three classes which they are already prepared to offer to the association's members.

First Aid to the Injured, or Emergency Help in Accidents is offered without charge, at two hours on Mondays, beginning this week, and running through five weeks. The afternoon hour of 5 and the evening hour of 8 are arranged to suit the convenience of all.

Classes in spring millinery, correct making of ribbon bows, covering, shapers, and trimming will be taught at 5 and 8 o'clock Tuesdays for five weeks by Mrs. Spenser and only a nominal fee is charged.

Personal supervision in shorthand is offered for Monday nights at 8 o'clock for a nominal fee. The teacher is Miss Susie Love. Registration for these classes may be made at the association office.

The social committee of the Y. W. C. A., under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Witherspoon is planning a series of entertainments with different groups of the city in charge. If you have not yet seen the new building, or if you have friends whom you wish to have visit it, and enter into its activities, will you not telephone to the association office and find out what the plan is and offer your assistance in furnishing lists of names.

### PRES. WILSON'S GET TOGETHER POLICY

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ing for something that would stir up trouble in his own party.

Why did the president decide on such a program? It would have been so much easier to do nothing—to accept what had gone before without any protest. The fact is that the chief executive had not given international affairs much attention until he discovered that the United States was in the position of the individual in the neighborhood whose integrity is questioned privately if not publicly, by everybody else in the community.

### Integrity at Stake.

There was distrust of the United States in every European capital; the same feeling of doubt as to whether the United States could be trusted in international affairs existed in every South American and Central American capital; in the Oriental capitals there was the same sort of whispering going on. The state department was constantly coming in touch with this feeling of distrust.

The real temper of the governments of the world towards the United States was revealed as the president and his secretary of state undertook to test out the sentiment of other governments with respect to the Mexican policy. The president had placed that policy on a high moral plane; he had refused to recognize the Huerta government because, as he asserted, it was not a constitutional government. Other governments, particularly those of Europe, quietly let it be known that it was highly commendable on the part of the new president to take such a high moral view of the Mexican situation, but they pointed out at the same time that this policy of the United States toward Mexico was not in keeping with its recent record in international affairs.

### Had to Make Amends.

There were undoubtedly intimations from numerous other governments that if the United States expected faithful support from them for its Mexican policy it must undo some of the things that had been done by previous administrations, or make amends for them.

Face to face with this sort of a situation, President Wilson took counsel with the members of the senate foreign relations committee and they agreed with him that congress should set the United States right before the world.

### Appeal to Patriotism.

At the time the president held his first conference with the senate committee he supposed, as did most of the members of that committee, that the three step program decided on would appeal to the patriotism and good sense of all Americans; at that time—less than six weeks ago—neither the president nor the senators who were in his confidence had any thought that real opposition to the "get right" program would develop.

The first intimation the president had that anyone of consequence in congress would oppose the repeal of the free tolls legislation was when

### Representative Underwood, the democratic floor leader, called at the White House some four weeks ago by appointment and frankly told the president that he would oppose the repeal bill. But even this notice from the democratic leader of the house did not discourage the president. A few days later he sent for Representative Claude Kitchen, the next man in the house to Underwood, and who is to succeed him as floor leader, and asked him if he would lead his fight. Kitchen declined, but agreed not to actively oppose the president's program, although he told the president he would vote against him. Next he talked with Congressman Adamson, of Georgia, chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce and arranged with him to carry the bill though, meanwhile lining up the other forces in the house.

Clark Shifted.

Later same the information, not wholly unexpected, that the speaker of the house, Champ Clark would desert the president on this issue. It was not believed, however, that Clark would oppose the president's program so strenuously until he issued his card on the subject at the eleventh hour, stating that he would abide by the declaration of the Baltimore platform.

The speeches in the senate and the house on the tolls repeal bill have already brought out a great many loose statements about possible war in case the tolls repeal bill should not be passed. No such serious situation as that confronts the United States, but the president and his advisers feel that it is a situation fraught with much danger. The administration view is that a nation can no more afford to live to its self and bear a reputation of untrustworthiness than can the individual man. It also stands in need of friends.

The president evidently believes when he decided on this three step international policy, and still believes, that success for his policy in Mexico will be made more certain by the repeal of the free tolls legislation and will be materially helped by the United States making proper amends to Colombia. The mere ratification of the arbitration treaties put the European nations in better humor towards this country.

No well informed person expects Japan to make the California alien land legislation an acute issue but suppose it should, and suppose with the issue acute the United States could not command the friendship of Great Britain or any other European country, and could not count on the good will of any country in South or Central America? And undoubtedly President Wilson had every reason to believe when he decided on this three step program that if, perchance, the United States should eventually be compelled to undertake armed intervention in Mexico, it would shoulder that task with a much more comfortable feeling if it knew that it had the friendship of the European and South American governments.

### BRIEFS

In the Presbyterian churches today a collection for the Alexander Home will be taken.

Miss Eula Cousart, who recently completed a course in Brown's School has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of Mr. Alfred Brown.

The Three-B Baraca class of the First Baptist church will have a special meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

### SMOKER GIVEN BY MR. KUESTER WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

The smoker given by C. O. Krieger complimentary to the traveling men of the city, last night, in the assembly hall of the Selwyn hotel was an event of high interest. Formality was done away with. The invitation was accepted and as a result the pleasure of the evening was increased.

Mr. Kuester called on Mayor Bland to welcome the traveling men present. This Dr. Bland did in a very graceful speech. Among others who spoke were Mr. John McRae, Mr. Porter, Mr. W. S. Dorr, Mr. C. C. Hook, Mr. Leah Carraway and Mr. John Parker.

It was decided by resolution to run a drummers' train the 12th of May. Mr. Kuester was the promoter of this and it was he who brought it up last night. It is proposed to charter a train of six cars May 12th from the Norfolk-Southern railroad. The trip could be run from Charlotte to Statesville at a cost of \$300. The territory along which the Norfolk-Southern runs new territory and a lot of trade is there, waiting to be brought out. As to making this trip the 12th to be better acquainted with the people of the issue acute the United States could not command the friendship of Great Britain or any other European country, and could not count on the good will of any country in South or Central America? And undoubtedly President Wilson had every reason to believe when he decided on this three step program that if, perchance, the United States should eventually be compelled to undertake armed intervention in Mexico, it would shoulder that task with a much more comfortable feeling if it knew that it had the friendship of the European and South American governments.

Beat World's Tennis Champ.  
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