

Commencement Being Made Plans For Annual County

Dr. Whitsett, Noted Speaker and Writer, to Make Literary Address.—Teachers Getting Ready for Final Examinations.—Medals and Prizes Have Been Ordered.

For County Commencement of this county, to be held here on Saturday, April 28th, plans have been pushed on with all practical speed. Prof. J. B. Robertson, superintendent of the schools, stated this morning that the examinations which will be held on April 18th and 19th and the preparation of certificates and diplomas are well advanced.

At the present time Dr. Whitsett is the very able editor of the book review section of The Charlotte Observer and editor in chief of the Sunday edition of this division of the Sunday is under the caption, "Outlooks on the South."

Dr. Whitsett possesses also marked literary ability. Several years ago he won signal recognition through the publication of his book, "Our Southern Heritage," which is now being reissued in a new edition.

A NEW FRUIT BASKET Intended to Eliminate Deceptive Marketing. It Is Said.

Raleigh, N. C., April 3.—In junking the standard peach basket with its sloping sides, and in substituting therefor a special basket of their own design, members of the Sandhill Fruit Growers Association, Aberdeen, have made a commendable step toward the elimination of deceptive marketing of peaches.

Political Demand Stronger.

New York Times. Manufacturers of spring business have been doing the best, spring business they have for several years past. There has been coming along at a slow rate for some time, while retailers are said to be having an increasing demand, so that frequent reports are being made. In some quarters it is asserted that the political demand for popular favor even dates in the season. The latter, together with the coming spring, has been considered in recent seasons. In the election numbers, printed columns of the Egyptian and Paisley motifs are moving well in the silks, reftains and gowns, having a wealth of designs, flourishes or embroideries, have the bulk of the demand.

The Radium in Lung and Kidney Disease.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 3.—The general use of radium in treatment of lung and kidney diseases will be one of the next steps in medical science. Dr. F. C. J. Benson, of this city, today told the American Congress of Internal Medicine, in annual session here. He declared that radium would cure cancer, but that it was very effective in the removal of tumors and malignant growths. There was no assurance, however, he said, that there would not be a recovery from the cancer. Some tumors and other growths on the nose, lips and eyes had been effected, Dr. Benson declared.

Cotton Mill Operatives Strike. York, S. C., April 4.—One hundred operatives at the Neely Cotton Mill here went on strike here today for a wage increase of approximately 20 per cent. Twister room employees yesterday asked for an increase of \$2.90 a week.

No Reassessment of Real Estate in This County Will Be Made This Year

Members of the Board of County Commissioners of Cabarrus County Monday decided not to have a re-assessment of property this year, but to let assessments stand as at present with the exception of individual cases where adjustments are necessary.

This was the most important action taken by the commissioners at their regular April meeting at the court house Monday, though a number of matters of general interest were taken up and disposed of by the board members. The resolution relative to the assessments of real estate in the county reads: "Resolved, by the board of commissioners that the real estate of Cabarrus County is at present assessed at a true value in money, and that a re-assessment thereof is unnecessary and that the lands shall be entered upon the tax books for the next quadrennial period at their present assessed value."

CABARRUS AND ROWAN GET 100 PER CENT. Both Attain Standard Set by the State Sunday School Association.

The standard of graduation upon which the Cabarrus County Sunday School Association has just attained 100 per cent, mark in efficiency and which is a standard set up by the State Sunday School Association is as follows:

- I. County Organized With the Following Officers Counts 35 Per Cent.: Ten per cent. 1. General Officers: a—president; b—vice-president; c—secretary; d—treasurer. Five per cent. 2. Division Superintendents: a—children's; b—young people's; c—adult; d—administrative. Ten per cent. 3. Township Officers: a—president; b—vice-president; c—secretary. II. Holding the Following Association Meetings Counts 25 Per Cent.: Ten per cent. 1. Annual convention; 5 per cent. 2. annual convention in each township; 5 per cent. 3. annual conference in each township; 5 per cent. 4. annual efficiency conference for township and county officers. III. Representation Counts 15 Per Cent.: Five per cent. 1. each school represented in township convention; or in district, or visited by association official. Five per cent. 2. every township represented at county convention. Five per cent. 3. county represented at State Convention. IV. Finances Count 5 Per Cent.: Offerings taken at County Convention for support of the State Association. V. Reports Count 19 Per Cent.: Five per cent. 1. annual statistical report. Five per cent. 2. quarterly report of the work done in county. VI. Promoting Division Work Counts 20 Per Cent.: Five per cent.—1. children's division. Five per cent.—2. young people's division. Five per cent.—3. Adult's division. Five per cent.—4. administrative Division.

165,423,000 Paid in Church Pensions.

Chicago, April 4.—Pension funds of eighteen Protestant denominations in the United States amount to \$65,423,000, according to a statement issued by Dr. J. B. Hingley, chairman of the Interdenominational Secretaries' Conference in charge of the church pension funds of Protestant churches. The amount is divided as follows:

- Northern Baptist, \$9,000,000; Southern Baptist, \$9,750,000; Congregational, \$3,750,000; Disciples, \$17,500,000; Lutheran, Augustana, \$337,000; Lutheran Missouri Synod, \$2,500,000; Lutheran Norwegian, \$500,000; Lutheran, Ev. \$2,150,000; Methodist, Canadian, \$2,500,000; Methodist Episcopal Church, \$17,500,000; Methodist Episcopal Church, South, \$2,000,000; Presbyterian Church, Southern, \$1,400,000; Presbyterian United, \$327,000; Protestant Episcopal, \$13,250,000; Reformed Church in the United States, \$191,000; Reformed Church in America (Dutch), \$235,000; United Brethren, \$100,000.

Warning to Auto Drivers.

Double parking on Union street in the business section must stop, Chief Tahlert stated this morning. "We understand that on Saturday the parking question is a serious one here," Chief Tahlert stated, "but double parking tends to make accidents and it will not be allowed. Hereafter persons parking outside of the white lines will be arrested." Several accidents were narrowly averted last Saturday, the police officer stated, due to cars parking out in the middle of the street.

Death of Mrs. W. B. Mayhew.

Mrs. W. B. Mayhew, 63 years of age, of Pineville, died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock at the home of her daughter. Before she was married she was Miss Annarah Elkins, daughter of the late Willis Elkins, and was reared and married in this city. She was a sister of Mrs. W. E. Goodman, of Concord. The body was taken to Davidson and buried beside those of her husband and daughter.

Confirmation of Execution of Vicar General.

London, April 4.—(By the Associated Press).—Confirmation of the execution by the soviet authorities of Constantine Butchkevitch, vicar general of the Roman Catholic Church in Russia, is contained in a dispatch received today from the Rosta Agency, the official Bolshevik news organization. Able to sing two different notes at once, a London window-cleaner has astonished experts with his marvelous voice.



Rev. CHAS. P. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D., Pastor of the First Lutheran Church Pittsburgh, Pa., who is one of a group of distinguished speakers visiting North Carolina cities in behalf of the appeal for \$850,000 this spring for Lenoir College, at this spring.

Dr. Charles P. MacLaughlin, who will address the Lenoir College Rally at St. James Church here at 3 p. m., and Holy Trinity Church, Mt. Pleasant at 8 p. m. on April 8th, is the successful and well beloved pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, historically known as the first English Lutheran Church to be established west of the Allegheny Mountains. Dr. MacLaughlin was pastor for some years prior to going to Pittsburgh of St. James Church, here, and served as Civilian Chaplain with the U. S. Army during the World War. He is a member of many influential and important boards of the United Lutheran Church in America. His voice is well known and loved in North Carolina. Radio fans through the state have listened to him over Westinghouse Radio Station, KDKA, where he is the official Lutheran representative for Sunday sermons. He will be accompanied by Dr. E. J. Sox, Professor of Bible in Lenoir College, who speaks for the local Lutheran Synod; and student E. Yates Heaner, who will give the student's viewpoint of the present appeal.

HUGHES ASKS OTHER NATIONS TO ASSIST IN RELIEF WORK

American Red Cross to Terminate Its Emergency Relief Work in Greece June 30. Washington, April 2.—Secretary Hughes has informed the British, French, Italian and Greek governments, in identical notes handed their representatives in Washington, that the American Red Cross will terminate its emergency relief work in Greece on June 30, next. The note declared that solution of the relief problem in the near east "can hardly lie in measures of temporary relief alone," and suggested a cooperative agreement between the nations interested, which would make it possible for the thousands of refugees to be absorbed as promptly as possible into the normal economic life of the country, where they find themselves.

DR. COOK IS CHARGED WITH USING MAIL TO DEFRAUD

Former Arctic Explorer Arrested in Texas by Federal Officers. Fort Worth, Texas, April 3.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, former Arctic explorer, and now extensive oil promoter, surrendered to federal authorities at 1:30 p. m. today on charge of using the mails to defraud in his oil promotion. He was accused of misappropriating his properties and possibilities to investors. This charge is similar to the one upon which 25 other promoters are being accused. Seventeen of them have been arrested now. Cook was in Snackover when he heard of the charge and hurried here. Dr. Cook is at the head of the Petroleum Producers' Association. Cook furnished \$25,000 bond this afternoon and was released.

GASOLINE SALE TAX UNLAWFUL, NEW HAMPSHIRE COURT RULES

Inheritance Taxes Also Are Illegal, State's Highest Tribunal Advises Legislators. Concord, N. H., April 2.—The Supreme Court of New Hampshire tonight laid down a series of opinions in answer to a request filed by the House of Representatives, declaring that unconstitutional and graduated taxes on inheritance are unlawful; that taxes on intangibles can be assessed by a uniform rate only, and that a sales tax on gasoline is unlawful. The opinion on the gasoline tax said that a toll might lawfully be exacted on the highways.

Confederate Reunion Will Draw Big Crowd.

New Orleans, April 3.—The biggest crowd that has attended a Confederate Veterans' reunion in 20 years will be present in New Orleans next week, according to Carl Hinton, of Denver, Col., adjutant-in-chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Mr. Hinton tonight warned the committee in charge of providing quarters for the visitors, that unless they revised their figures they were going to find themselves swamped. "Applications for certificates for rates," said Mr. Hinton, "have been pouring into our headquarters here at an unprecedented rate. Today we received more than 100 telegraphic requests, besides hundreds of inquiries by mail. I have taken part in the past 10 reunions and never have we received anything like as many applications for rates. I believe there will be more than 100,000 visitors here by the time the reunion opens the night of April 10."

Keiths Vaudeville Manager at Charlotte Is Arrested.

Charlotte, April 3.—Welfare Officer S. M. M. Gray today swore out a warrant for Luther House, manager of Keith's vaudeville, charging him with putting on an indecent and obscene show. The hearing will be held tomorrow morning. Keith's reopened yesterday.

President Still in Augusta.

Augusta, Ga., April 4.—Because of early morning showers President Harding postponed today his trip from here to Aiken, S. C., until tomorrow.

More Candidates Decide to Go After City Offices

Mayor Womble Enters Race and Five New Candidates Are Seeking Office as Aldermen From Various Wards.—Julius F. Fisher Withdraws From Race.

ADJUSTMENT IN FEES IN RAILROAD CASE EFFECTED

Total Brought Down to Twenty-five Thousand Dollars.—Council is Agreeable. Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer. Raleigh, April 3.—Adjustment of attorney's fees in the railroad suits, effected today by Gov. Morrison, leaves the state and council in agreement on a \$15,000 fee for Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro; \$5000 for former Governor Locke Craig, of Asheville, and \$5,000 for Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern.

The attorneys had submitted charges aggregating \$55,000 for their services in the extended litigation between the Southern, Seaboard, Atlantic Coast line and Norfolk Southern railroads over franchise and income tax levies. The council resulted in victory for the state in tax cases involving around a million dollars. The income tax phase of the suits is still pending in the United States supreme court, and it was announced Judge Bynum is retained for further services in this case. He is to receive an additional fee, should extra services warrant one, of not more than \$10,000.

The full agreement between the governor and council, consequently, is on an aggregate fee of \$250,000 for services rendered in the case already concluded, with the retention of Judge Bynum to further represent the state if it is found expedient, at a fee not to exceed \$10,000. In announcing this evening adjustment of the attorneys' charges, Governor Morrison expressed appreciation for the services of the lawyers, whom he considers among the ablest in the state. Included in Judge Bynum's \$15,000 fee is remuneration for the services of his associate, Sidney S. Alderman, of Greensboro. Judge Bynum had the burden of the leadership among the private counsel, and was in constant attendance upon the case over a period of several months, his associate, Mr. Alderman, being closely engaged in handling details of the state case continuously.

Mr. Warren was not employed until the proceedings were under way, but he made a fine appearance, and the governor expressed his appreciation for his services. Besides these four attorneys, the state was represented by Attorney General Manning, Assistant Attorney General Nash and former Supreme Court Justice George H. Brown, none of whom received special compensation because of their official connections with the state. Judge Brown is now an emergency superior court judge. The suits were perhaps the most important in which the state was involved that have been brought to a consummation in many years. They involved not only hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes, but high questions of the state's power and principles of taxation. Carried through district federal courts, referred to these courts and carried through again, the cases went to the United States supreme court. There the state won a decisive victory in the ad valorem and franchise tax cases, and the income tax case is yet pending.

INCOME TAX BUGABOO SHOWN TO BE A MYTH

Asheville Paper Seems to Have Discovered Something Nobody Else Knows About. Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer. Raleigh, April 3.—"Nothing to it," was the reply of Governor Morrison, Revenue Commissioner Doughton and Assistant Attorney General Nash to queries today as to the substantialness of a story recently appearing in The Asheville Times questioning the validity of the state income tax law since the enactment of the new revenue bill. "The Asheville evening paper quotes, 'Those who profess to know where they speak' as stating 'Governor Morrison and his legal advisers discovered a joke section of the revenue law, after it had reached the chief executive's desk, but too late to be changed before final adjournment of the last session.' 'That's the first I had heard of it,' Governor Morrison said, when shown the clipping this afternoon. He dismissed as not warranting comment the report that he had been surrounded for days by legal advisers in conferences over the "joker clause," or that a special session would be called in the summer to correct the error.

Chicago's Next Mayor Will Be William Dever

Democrat Elected by Plurality of More Than 100,000.—Election Was Very Quiet. Chicago, April 3.—Judge William E. Dever, running on the democratic ticket, was elected mayor of Chicago over Arthur C. Lueder, republican, by a plurality of 103,748, according to complete unofficial returns tonight. The vote was: Dever, 387,961; Lueder, 284,213; William A. Cunneen, socialist, 40,841. The democrats swept the city ticket from one end to the other.

Longer Than High.

Chicago, April 3.—Judge William E. Dever, democrat, was elected mayor of Chicago today by a plurality of more than 100,000 votes over Arthur C. Lueder, republican, in one of the quietest elections in the city's history. Into office with him went a democrat city clerk and a democrat city treasurer. With unofficial returns from 1,650 precincts of 2,051. Dever had a lead of slightly over 100,000, the figures being Dever, 322,505; Lueder, 222,437; William A. Cunneen, socialist, 32,085. With but 400 precincts missing, it was estimated that slightly less than 700,000 of Chicago's 905,000 voters had gone to the polls. While the election was quiet, it set a record in one respect. Less than 30 minutes after the polls closed it was definitely known that Dever had won. While Judge Dever had rolled up an immense plurality, it will not reach the record made by Mayor William H. Thompson in 1915, when he won by 147,477 votes.

Woman Kills Children and Attempts Suicide.

New York, April 2.—Mrs. Rose Martell, of the Bronx, cut the throats of her three year old son and four year old daughter, and then slashed her own throat. The children died. The mother is under arrest at Fordham hospital.

Lyerly Defeats Yount in Hickory Election.

Hickory, April 2.—Eubert Lyerly defeated Marshall H. Yount, incumbent, for mayor in the election here today by a majority of 454 votes and Alderman Fred A. Abernethy and Geo. S. Watson won over their opponents. R. Bruner, Esq., and J. P. Whitener, by majorities of 541 and 429, respectively, Councilman Abernethy led the ticket.

During the seventeenth century it was the custom of English women to wear the engagement ring on the thumb.