

Report Says Prisoners Are Treated An Right

County Commissioners Make Public Their Report of Findings at the Two Convict Camps in This County.

REPORT MADE AT PRIVATE MEETING

The Board Also Recommends That Supt. Blackwelder Be Dismissed After the First of Coming Month.

...that they could find no evidence from the convicts themselves that prisoners at the chain gang camps of this county have been cruelly treated...

Prisoners have been whipped but because they could not work or disobey orders...

...the board's report shows, and there is no evidence that the men were cruelly treated, the report adds.

...the report recommends, however, that Superintendent P. B. Blackwelder be dismissed. It adds, however, that his term of office probably will expire with the change in administration on June 1st...

...We find that a number of prisoners claim that they have not been suitably fed, and we, therefore, have recommended that the proper arrangements be given to every prisoner...

...We find no evidence of a lack of medical attention. We find that when a prisoner becomes very sick he has been removed to the county jail for treatment...

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...The grand jury having recommended that Superintendent Blackwelder be removed, we concur in that recommendation, but as his time will expire in less than twenty days and the chain gang will go under the supervision of the Highway Commission for Cabarrus County...

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MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSES Y. M. C. A. WORK

Call Upon All Church Members to Lead Their Hearty Support to It.

At a special meeting held May 8th, the Concord Ministerial Association adopted the following resolutions regarding the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the city of Concord:

Whereas, we believe the Y. M. C. A. offers the Churches of the city a splendid opportunity for united effort in providing for certain phases of the development of our young people that our Churches cannot at present for the lack of equipment undertake, and which, if undertaken by individual Churches, would prove too expensive;

Therefore, we do hereby endorse the work of the Y. M. C. A. as an association to do most heartily approve of the work of the Y. M. C. A. as done and is doing in our city, and we further pledge it our most loyal support in its endeavor to raise sufficient funds in the coming campaign to wipe out all indebtedness and have a balance with which to continue its work and do even greater service in the future than it has done in the past;

W. A. JENKINS, Pres. L. A. THOMAS, Secy.

Campaign Facts.

Y. M. C. A. organization 100 per cent. complete.

Ministerial Association has special meeting and endorses Y. M. C. A. Joint meeting of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs held at Campaign Director Ackley on "What Makes a City Great" at the Y Friday night.

Plans for parade are progressing well and many more have signified their willingness to cooperate. All others are invited to participate.

The big thermometer goes up today on the front of the Concord Furniture Company's store. It will register daily the progress of the campaign.

The meeting of the executive committee Friday night showed that things were working smoothly and rapidly toward a successful campaign.

Change in Schedule Gives New Connection.

As a result of changes in the schedules of train No. 19, from Charlotteville to Danville, and No. 45 from Danville to Westminster, S. C., so as to leave Monroe at 8:50 a. m. after getting connection from No. 25, the "Memphis Special," from New York and Washington, all the territory from Monroe to Westminster and from Charlotte to Columbia has been given a new connection from the north.

Davidson Sophomores Win Weirdest Slugfest From Highs.

In a weird slugfest Friday afternoon, the Davidson sophomores hit the ball just a little harder and often and won from the high school boys by the score of 19 to 4.

The collegians jumped on McInnis in the first inning and before the storm of hits, errors and walks had subsided seven runs had crossed the plate. The locals also began to hit the ball in the first inning and scored five runs. From then on it was just anybody's game with the collegians keeping just a little in the lead.

Sullivan led in the slugfest, getting three over the fence in succession. Summers for Davidson also lifted two clear of the pallings.

With Our Advertisers.

The Concord Furniture Co. carries a full stock of Armstrong's Linoleum. Money deposited regularly in the Cabarrus Savings Bank means future comfort, says new ad. of this bank.

Before making an investment with your money, consult the officers of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company, who will gladly give you advice.

Men's nifty hats and stylish oxfords and beautiful blouses, skirts, sweaters and millinery for ladies at the James H. Farley store. New ad. today points out some of the special goods offered on the easy payment plan.

JOINT MEETING OF TWO CLUBS PROVED OF MUCH INTEREST

The Rotarians and Kiwanis Hold First Joint Meeting of Year.—Interesting Program Greatly Enjoyed.

CITY OFFICIALS ATTEND MEETING

Aldermen and Mayor Introduced to Clubs.—Mr. Ackley Talks on "What Is It That Makes a City Great."

The joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs held at the Y Friday night, proved one of the most interesting meetings of the year for each club. The meeting was held for the purpose of bidding the two clubs more closely together in their work for the betterment of Concord, and a fine spirit of friendship and fellowship was in evidence on every hand.

While no specific business was mentioned in connection with the meeting, the gathering offered an opportunity for two important matters to be presented to the club members and the Mayor and members of the board of aldermen, all of whom were present. These were the Y. M. C. A. drive, which will begin next week, and an athletic field for the High School. The former subject was discussed for the benefit of everyone, as the general public will be asked to aid in the campaign. The latter subject was addressed directly to the city officials, who will be asked to provide funds for the field.

Mr. Ackley, who is here in the great interest of the Y campaign, was the chief speaker of the meeting, and he was heard with great interest. The director of the Y campaign is one of the most pleasing speakers heard in Concord recently, and while he talked directly of character, he talked indirectly of the manner in which the Y. M. C. A. helps to build character.

Clarence Barrier, chairman of the Kiwanis committee that had the program in charge, welcomed the guests and introduced Mayor Womble and the aldermen. Chairman Barrier called upon Frank Nilcock to introduce Mr. Ackley.

"What Is It That Makes a City Great?" was the subject Mr. Ackley chose, and he answered his question with "Character." Population, great buildings, great area and transportation facilities may be the pride of a city, he said, but if that city lacks character it will not be great. Character alone makes an individual, a city or a nation great, said Mr. Ackley.

South America was discovered long before North America, he pointed out, and has as many natural resources as North America, but it is not as great. "The Spaniards, seeking gold, discovered South America," he explained, "while the Pilgrims, seeking God, discovered North America. That's the difference."

Character is the basis of our economic wealth, the speaker said. Character creates wealth and keeps it. "That is so in our business life. If there were not character among men how could we do business? No man would trust his neighbor. The banks inquire almost as much about a man's character as they do about his collateral when he goes to make a loan. If the bank could not trust men they would not loan money. There could be no great city if a majority of the men in those cities were not men of character."

Mr. Ackley advised his hearers to pay more attention to building character in their community. He quoted Roger Babson as declaring one Y. M. C. A. means more to the wealth of a city than its greatest factory. A benefactor, he said, is one who puts more into a thing than he expects to or gets out of it. A malefactor is one who gets more out of anything than he puts in and who expects the return when he makes the investment.

Crime is the most expensive thing in the world, said Mr. Ackley, and it is economical to say nothing of Christ, to spend our money and time trying to educate the youth in the right way. The youth of a city is the city's greatest asset, and he declared he was delighted and surprised to learn that of the 51 members of the graduating class of the Concord High School, 50 of them had Church affiliations.

"It is right to conserve our natural resources," Mr. Ackley said, "but it is more important to conserve our moral resources. The father can have a tremendous influence on the life of his son, and should exert an influence for good. One great peril of today is the attitude of the father toward the son. There would be no boy problem were it not for the man problem."

Mr. Ackley said the youth of the city soon becomes the leader and his example will be followed. "Therefore we must do everything to see that the youngster gets the right leadership and is given every opportunity to develop character, which means more than anything else to a city."

Major Foll spoke briefly in behalf of a playground and athletic field for the city. He advised the Mayor and aldermen that a request for an athletic field at the high school would be made soon, and asked that they give the question every consideration.

Two solos, "Give a Man a Horse That He Can Ride," and "Duna," by Mr. Allan D. Prindell, with piano accompaniment by Miss Nell Herring, were heard with peculiar pleasure by those present at the meeting. The rendition of "Duna" was especially well received.

The attendance prize, given by Clarence Barrier, was drawn by Martin Verburg.

Large Crowd Present For Formal Opening of Cabarrus Country Club

The formal opening of the Cabarrus Country Club Thursday afternoon proved an event of special interest to all present, and the interest shown by the present members indicate that the club will enjoy a good patronage and a steady, healthy growth.

Officers of the club were pleased with the large number present and judging from statements made by many who were visiting the club grounds for the first time, the club will be the scene of many interesting social events in the future.

Much interest centered in the tournaments to determine the winners of the prizes for women and men. The women played the short first hole and the men the long second hole. Miss Adele Pemberton won the ladies' prize with a four, one above par, and Mr. C. S. Smart won the men's prize with a six, also one above par.

The players were followed by good galleries, and those persons who were witnessing golf for the first time showed a keen interest in the sport. The exhibition drives by Al Johnson, the club professional, also were watched with interest. Johnson drives an unusually long ball, and was in good stroke during the exhibition.

The picnic supper was the most pleasing feature of the afternoon. Everything that goes to make up an ideal supper of this kind was offered in abundance. The supper was prepared in one of the beautiful groves on the club grounds, the spot being an ideal one for such an occasion.

Mr. John M. Oglesby, President of the Club, presented the prizes to Miss Pemberton and Mr. Smart. In his short presentation talk Mr. Oglesby declared the officers of the club were delighted with the interest being shown in the club and prophesied that within a short time the country club will be recognized by all as one of the county's assets.

The country club is almost certain to meet a long and useful life in the county. Mr. Oglesby stated, and though the grounds are rather crude at present it is the intention of the officers to keep men at work on the course and greens until the course is in good shape. Mr. Oglesby stated that since those present at the opening were showing such keen interest in the welfare of the club, the officers were certain the organization would enjoy a healthy growth and that within a short time Cabarrus county will be able to boast of an ideal club.

During the past several weeks several new members have been added to the organization, Mr. Oglesby continued, and he asked the present members to co-operate with the officers in securing additional members. A country club is an organization that must have the support of the public generally if it is to prosper, the speaker said, and he expressed the belief that the present members will seek new members and give the organization the support it needs and deserves, it will continue to grow.

The club grounds are ideally located for picnics and out-of-door events, and it is known now that several interesting social events will be held there in the near future.

COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT

To Embrace May 20-23.—Full Programme of the Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute will embrace this year May 20-23. The following will be the programme: Sunday, May 20, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon—The Rev. George J. Gogaw, D. D. Monday, May 20, 8 p. m.—Address Before Y. M. C. A.—The Rev. H. Brent Schaeffer.

Monday, May 21, 10:30 a. m.—Declaratory Contest: B. W. Cruse, J. B. Hahn, J. H. Koller, M. L. Pennington, W. C. Thomas, C. W. Weiser. Monday, May 21, 3:30 p. m.—Address Before the Alumni—The Rev. E. A. Thomas, Class 1909. Monday, May 21, 8:30 p. m.—Annual Drama, "Esmeralda."

Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 a. m.—Literary Address—Dr. Ashley Chappell. Tuesday, May 22, 1:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Tuesday, May 22, 3:30 p. m.—Contest in Debate: Query, Resolved, That the United States Should Enter the League of Nations. Admittive: J. O. Foll, D. L. Heglar, H. G. Watson; negative, F. O. Conrad, J. A. Kern, G. E. Kohn.

Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 a. m.—Orator's Contest by representatives of the Graduating Class—R. L. Fisher, S. E. Griffin, R. C. Harris, J. D. Sheppard, G. C. Smithfield, J. E. Walker. Graduating Exercises, Awarding of Diplomas, Presentation of Medals, and Announcements.

Marshals.

Ludwig Societies—H. L. Alexander, chief; J. M. Harry, E. C. Harris, N. H. Coughman, J. N. Smith, J. E. Walker, H. G. Watson. Gerhard Society—R. S. Riser, G. C. Smithfield, G. B. Johnston, F. O. Conrad, S. E. Griffin, J. M. Duncan. Preparatory Society—S. R. McEachern, L. Cameron, J. Goodman, S. L. Petre, W. G. Ritchie, B. L. Allen. Music by the Ronoque Orchestra. Motto: Alis Volat Propris. Lower: Sweet Pea. Officers: Purple and Gold.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES SCOTIA WOMEN'S COLLEGE

To Embrace This Year From May 20 to May 23, Inclusive.

The commencement exercises of Scotia Women's College will embrace this year May 20-23, inclusive. The following will be the programme: Baccalaureate Sermon, Sabbath, May 20, 4:00 p. m. Senior Preparatory Entertainment, Monday, May 21, 7:00 p. m. Class Day Exercises, Tuesday, May 22, 1:30 p. m. Annual Address, Tuesday evening, May 22, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. Geo. Lucecock, D. D., Woooster, Ohio.

Protest Against Price of Reconditioning Ship.

Washington, May 11.—Protests against sending the shipping board vessel President Buchanan to Newport News for reconditioning was made to President Harding today by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. The protest was based on the ground that the cost of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company was \$400,000 higher than that of the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

General Roberts Dead.

New York, May 11.—Brig. Gen. H. M. Roberts, U. S. A., retired, author of Roberts' Rules of Order, a standard work on parliamentary procedure, died today in a sanatorium at Hornell, N. Y.

Gen. Roberts, who was 86 years of age, was a native of Robertville, S. C. He was retired in 1901.

New Board of Aldermen Holds Its Initial Meeting

Board Moved Off Smoothly and Tackled Business in Fine Fashion.—Salaries of Several City Officers Fixed for Year.—Paving Petitions Not Accepted.

GEORGE HARVEY DENIES

Report That He is to Resign.—Says He is "Not a Damned Fool."

New York, May 11 (By the Associated Press).—George Harvey, American Ambassador to Great Britain, declared upon his arrival on the Steamship George Washington today that he knew nothing about reports that he had resigned or planned to resign in order to direct a campaign for the renomination and re-election of President Harding.

The ambassador declared he saw no reason for affirming or denying the reports concerning his resignation. "Of course, I expect to resign some day," he said, but added that he did not know when.

Col. Harvey said he had accepted an invitation to sail back to England July 4th on the maiden trip of the reconditioned steamer Leviathan. Told of the report that he was to have a place in President Harding's cabinet if he were re-elected in 1924 Mr. Harvey smiled and said they were "interesting, if true."

Asked for comment on the resolution recently adopted by the New York and Massachusetts legislatures calling for his return on the grounds that he was pro-British, Col. Harvey said: "As far as my pro-British sentiments are concerned, I am an American, but I am not a damned fool."

The ambassador denounced the talk of British hatred for the United States as "preposterous" declaring the sentiment in England for the United States was more friendly than it ever has been before. He declined to discuss British politics or the world court and league of nations issue.

TO STOP WHIPPING OF CONVICTS FOR TWO YEARS

Florida House Passes Bill to Abolish Whipping of All Convicts.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 12.—The banning of all forms of corporal punishment of prisoners in this state for at least two years as a trial measure seemed a certainty today when the Senate receding another step, passed 16 to 11 a bill by Senator Turnbull that would ban whipping of county convicts forever, and ban it in the handling of state convicts for two years. The house passed a bill to abolish all whipping of convicts.

Charles Neal, Colored, Shoots Eleven Year Daughter.

Albemarle News-Herald.

Charles Neal, a well known colored man of Badin, was arrested late Wednesday afternoon and lodged in the Albemarle jail upon a charge of having killed his 11-year-old daughter about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The girl was shot in the back with a shot gun and died instantly. There was no eye witness to the shooting, it seems, but reports have it that Neal, in a fit of passion, started to whip his daughter for staying out late, she having been detained at school where she was practicing for commencement exercises. The girl ran out of the house, it is reported, whereupon Neal fired at her, the entire load entering her back.

Neal denies that he shot the girl, but claims that the gun was leaning against the wall on the front porch and in some way was knocked over, the load being accidentally discharged.

Trinity Debaters Win Intercollegiate Meet.

Durham, May 11.—Arguing against the provision for federal aid to education under the principals of the Tower-Stribling bill, Trinity college debaters tonight won an unanimous decision over Emory university debaters in the seventh annual contest between the two institutions.

Trinity has taken six of the seven debates. The winning team tonight was composed of W. R. Brown, Memphis, Tenn., W. L. Clegg, Murphy, and J. P. Lanning, of Linwood. Speaking for Emory was E. M. Wise, J. A. Domrowsky and C. F. Miller.

Lenoir-Blowing Rock Road to Be Surfaced.

Lenoir, May 10.—The rock crusher and other machinery for use on the Lenoir-Blowing Rock road has arrived after several months delay. Contract for surfacing the section of road between Lenoir and the foot of the mountain has been given J. F. Miligan and company. Teams and equipment have already been moved here for this work and forces have been put to work preparing the road for the surfacing material. Crushed stone and gravel is to be used. This will cover a surface 16 feet wide by 10 inches thick, and is to be put down in layers. It is believed the road will be surfaced by the first of June.

Two Robbers Enter Savannah Bank.

Savannah, Ga., May 10.—Two unidentified men entered the Morris Phin company this afternoon at five o'clock, bound the cashier and escaped with \$1,500 in cash and several thousand dollars in liberty bonds.

E. B. McCuen, secretary-treasurer of the institution, was alone in the bank when the two men entered and ordered him to throw up his hands. Neither man wore a mask. McCuen was taken into the directors' room and bound. When he heard the robbers leave he got to a telephone and notified the police. Police officers cut the rope binding McCuen.

Standard Oil Company to Increase Its Capital Stock.

New York, May 11.—The directors of the Standard Oil Company of New York today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents payable June 15 on stock of record of May 21, and then called a special meeting of the stockholders for May 31st to increase the authorized capital stock from \$25,000,000 to \$300,000,000.

Board Moved Off Smoothly and Tackled Business in Fine Fashion.—Salaries of Several City Officers Fixed for Year.—Paving Petitions Not Accepted.

Having been sworn into office Thursday morning the aldermen elected on Thursday night, and they got right down to business from the start. Several matters of importance were presented to the board members and were disposed of with a determination that indicates the new board will keep things moving during its regime.

Every member of the board, composed of W. W. Flowe, W. A. Wilkinson, C. M. Ivey, J. G. McEachern, R. A. Hüllender and J. T. Sapp, was present for the first meeting. Mayor Womble presided.

The board decided to meet the first Thursday night of each month. This was the schedule followed by the last board, which during the end of its administration met about every Thursday night.

The following salaries were fixed by the board for the next year: Mayor \$1,500; Aldermen \$200 each; Chairman of Street Committee \$500; Recorder \$1,200; City Attorney \$1,200; clerk \$1,000; tax collector 2 per cent. on general, interest and school funds and 1 per cent. on paving.

The board authorized the Mayor to do all purchasing for the city. Heretofore, it was pointed out, a number of persons have been making purchases and bills have become mixed up as a result.

The tax collector's salary was cut, he having received 2 1/2 per cent. on general, interest and school funds during the past several years.

The following committees were named by Mayor Womble, the first named being chairman: Street Committee—Aldermen Ivey, Sapp and Hüllender. Finance Committee—Aldermen Flowe, Wilkinson and McEachern. Health—Aldermen Sapp, Flowe and Wilkinson. Public Property—Wilkinson, McEachern and Ivey.

A number of paving petitions, including one asking that Georgia avenue be paved from Depot to Chestnut street, were presented to the board. Action was deferred, the members of the board declaring they wanted to make an investigation of the city's finances before ordering any more paving work.

Members of the Trinity Reformed Church went before the board and asked that Church street, from Reed street to a point 450 feet north on the east side, and from the Linker property to the Arcey property on the west side, be widened six feet on each side. The board granted the request and authorized the street committee and Mayor Womble to contract with Mrs. W. C. J. Caton and ascertain whether or not six feet could be secured from her property, also.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Adopts Resolution Endorsing Adjunction by Orderly Judicial Procedure.

Atlanta, May 11.—The resolution endorsing adjunction by orderly judicial procedure of international controversies was adopted by the General Federation of Women's Clubs in its biennial session here without opposition. The convention took this action after a speech by Mrs. P. V. Pennybacker, of Austin, Texas, urged that the whole matter be placed above partisanship.

Proposal that the General Federation of Women's Clubs become a foundation with an endowment of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 will be laid before the session today, it was said in official Federation quarters this morning. The foundation would carry on more extensively the Federation's various campaigns now being pushed. It was expected the council would refer the proposal to the board of directors.

The convention by their action carried out the wishes of Mrs. Thos. G. Winter, the Federation president, and other leaders, and avoided mentioning any specific proposal for America's adherence to an international court of justice. The resolution as first drawn up for consideration by the committee on resolutions, President Harding for America's participation in the world court, but this was eliminated, and only the principle of international cooperation endorsed the resolutions as finally adopted.

Twelve other resolutions dealing with a variety of subjects relating to activities of the Federation were adopted unanimously. One concerning the present labor systems was amended to appeal for wholesome working and living conditions for all prisoners.

Only One Woman Held by the Chinese Bandits.

Peking, May 10.—The best available information indicates that only one woman is held by the Szechow bandits, Senora Vera, wife of Manuel A. Vera, of Guadalajara, Mexico, who also is a captive. She refused to leave her husband, although offered her liberty, according to reports.

Through traffic has been reestablished between here and Shanghai on tracks laid around the wrecked right of way torn up by the bandits who raided the Shanghai-Peking express Sunday morning. No trains are run through the bandit-infested region at night.

Seven Houses Are Burned at Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, May 12.—Seven frame houses in South Rocky Mount along the Atlantic Coast Line railway tracks were destroyed by fire which swept that section shortly after noon today. The houses were occupied by negroes. No estimate of the loss was obtainable this afternoon.

Your value to a community is measured by what you put into it, not by what you take out of it.