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CATAWBA FARMERS PLAN GREATER FAIR IN FALL

Stockholders in Annual Meeting Elect Directors and Arrange for Finer Lot of Exhibits—H. L. Arndt, Well Known Farmer, New President—Other Officers

The annual stockholders meeting of the Catawba County Fair Association yesterday afternoon was full of pep and indicates aroused interest on the part of the farmers. They have taken very much to heart the variety of exhibits in the field and garden crops at the last fair, but county demonstrator Hendricks assured them that it was far above the average exhibit at county fairs all over the state. However, Catawba county farmers realize it was not up to their standard, and are going to see to it that the 1920 fair is more to their liking.

Miss Mary Rowe, superintendent of rural schools, was present, and she would begin immediately the preparation of an educational exhibit from the rural schools that would be the city schools sit up and take notice.

Mrs. Hendricks told of the number of prizes taken by the Catawba county exhibitors at the Raleigh state fair last year, and stressed the necessity of having a Catawba county booth at Raleigh at the next state fair.

The term of office of four members of the board of directors has expired, and these were re-elected. Three additional members were added to the board, which as now composed as follows:

H. L. Arndt, R. L. Shuford, E. M. Pitt, W. S. Shuford, W. J. Shuford, E. B. Bantam, E. L. Arndt, J. Y. Shuford, J. W. Meuser, L. M. Bollinger, N. W. Clark, H. E. Lutz, J. A. Martin, J. W. Robinson and J. T. Setzer.

Following the adjournment of the stockholders meeting the board of directors convened for organization, and H. L. Arndt and J. W. Robinson were unanimously chosen as president and vice president for 1920. In order to expedite the transactions of business an executive committee was created to assume charge of all affairs, said committee to report to the full board on important matters. This committee consists of President Arndt, Vice President Robinson, J. A. Martin, L. M. Bollinger and W. J. Shuford.

HAMBY IS GAMBLED NO GOVERNMENT AS HE FACES DEATH

By the Associated Press.

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 30.—The body of Gordon Fawcett Hamby, notorious murderer and bandit who was electrocuted in Sing Sing prison late last night for the murder of two officials of a Brooklyn savings bank late in December, 1918, was prepared for burial today.

No one claimed the body and the mystery surrounding his parentage, which he studiously guarded, remained unsolved. An autopsy disclosed that the brain of the murderer was "normal" and fully developed.

Hamby maintained his composure to the last, smiling as he was strapped to the chair and making a brief oral statement to those in the death chamber.

As he left the death house he called out to his companions: "Good-bye, fellows, I always liked to try everything once."

The murderer gave three letters to the warden to be sent to addresses which he asked to be kept secret.

By the Associated Press.

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 30.—Gordon Fawcett Hamby the bandit who last night expiated his crimes in the death chair, was arrested in Tacoma, Wash., last June under the name of "Jay B. Allan," after killing a man there in a revolver fight. He was later identified as one of the two robbers who on December 23, 1918, held up the East Brooklyn Savings Bank and, after killing two of its employees, escaped in an automobile with \$12,000.

Extradited to New York and tried for this crime Hamby stood revealed as a self-confessed participant in the robbery of thirteen banks and two trains and many killings. He steadily refused to tell anything about his family. He said he preferred to be known as "Allan" and that he was born 1893 in Alberta, Canada. He declared his parents were dead and that he had two brothers whom he had not seen for five years. He said he was a college graduate and had specialized in psychology.

After Hamby's conviction here, his attorney, against the prisoner's wishes, appealed his case. He obtained the appointment of a commission to determine the bandit's sanity but the higher court affirmed the verdict and he was also found to be "normal." He freely admitted his crimes and said he was wanted in Chicago, San Francisco and other places. After the Brooklyn robbery, Hamby said he met a girl in New York and that they went successively to Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Chicago, California and Tacoma.

"I was surprised the California police did not get me," he said, shortly after being brought East. "Then in Tacoma I got in that political row with 'Bob' Davis and killed him. 'Bob' was a game fellow and I'm sorry I shot him but I was afraid he was going to get me. After that I was all ready to beat it to Shanghai, China, and now here I am."

"I expected to get \$50,000 out of the Brooklyn job," he confided, "and I was greatly disappointed at the little we did get. This was because my partner did not carry out my instructions. I had ordered him to jump over the rail the minute we entered the place but he was an amateur and wasted too much time. It took him about four minutes to pick up what money we did get when it should not have taken more than a minute."

"Who was your partner in the Brooklyn robbery?" he was asked. "I don't care to say. I don't want to implicate him. He is married and I think by this time has left the country. I met him first in Norfolk, Va., a short time before the Brooklyn job."

Hamby said he had never had any women accomplices in any of his robberies "because they talk too much." The day he was brought to Sing Sing the prisoner was asked what "interest" he had in life. He lighted a cigarette and watched the match burn itself down and out before he replied:

"The only interest I have is to see that I spend the time from now until I go to the electric chair in smoking, reading and making myself comfortable. I know there is no possible chance of acquittal. I am guilty and that is all there is to it." At another time he said: "Nothing ever bothers me at all. The sooner the end comes the better. It's immaterial to me. I'd sooner have it all over with than this fuss. This place is nice. Everything here is very nice. There isn't anything I want that I haven't got here."

Judge Fawcett of Brooklyn, who sentenced Hamby, said he was the "worst" criminal of 6,000 who had come before him in his entire career on the bench. Hamby's "philosophy of life" was embodied in the following statement he made just before being sentenced to die:

"It is nothing for me to die because I am coming back. It may take a few years or it may take several thousand years, of course, but time does not count. Being brought into this world is like being placed in a class of small children, with each trying to compete with the other. Some of us are successful and some are not. As for myself I have 'flunked.'"

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

J. D. Elliott Again Heads Organization as President and Other Officers Chosen—Good Business Year Indicated by Members—Legion Community Building Endorsed

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Europe in so far as the United States government is concerned must rely upon her own resources in retrieving financial equilibrium.

This is the interpretation here generally of the letter Secretary Glass of the treasury has sent to a committee of the chamber of commerce of the United States which sought a government expression on the proposed conference of international financiers to discuss reconstruction in Europe.

In his letter Mr. Glass said: "The American government has done all that is believed advisable and practicable to aid Europe." The conference, he added, would cause confusion and revive hopes doomed to disappointment of further government loans.

The treasury department does not offer objection, Mr. Glass said, if the chamber of commerce of the United States, which has charge of the details of the conference, wishes to name delegates to an informal conference, "provided the scope and character and limitations of such a conference, as well as the impossibility of United States government action are clearly understood."

NEW ARMY PLAN EXPLAINED IN SENATE

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Mobilization of an organized field army of 2,600,000 men would be possible within five years after passage of the senate reorganization bill, Chairman Wadsworth of the senate military committee reported today in bringing up the army reorganization bill. The cost would not exceed \$399,987,000 annually he said.

Including the permanent standing army of 203,000 and the citizens' army and national guard, as proposed, the measure through its compulsory training plan the army would mobilize next year 1,809,000 men. Youth trained would be passed into the citizen's reserve army and in 1926 the nation's available military strength would be 3,345,200 officers and men, while the cost per man would be reduced from \$599 in 1921 to \$176 in 1926.

"With the organized personnel shown in 1926," the report said, "it would be possible after providing for the foreign garrison and the coast defenses to mobilize an organized field army of 2,000,000 men with a surplus strength to supply replacements. This can be done even after allowing a liberal allowance for exemptions for industrial requirements."

PRETTY SHOP GIRL FINDS NEW FRIENDS

By the Associated Press.

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 30.—Mary Laud, pretty, 15 years old of Savannah, Ga., who tried to end her life a few days ago after she had struggled for weeks to live on the wage paid her by a local merchant, today was discharged from the hospital as cured. The girl says the fight against the high cost of living was more than she could stand. Women who have interested themselves in her case will see that she obtains good wages.

DR. CRAWFORD WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. A. W. Crawford of Greensboro, superintendent of the Home mission work of the synod of North Carolina, will spend the week end with his kinsman, Dr. E. M. Craig, and will conduct the services Sunday. When Dr. Craig's father, Lieutenant R. S. Craig, in Early's brigade, was captured in 1864 he was taken to Camp Chase, Ohio. A few days after his arrival he wrote his cousin, Mel. Margaret Crawford, then living in Louisville, Ky., of his location and needs.

Dr. Craig has in his possession now that letter and was given the Bible which was among other things sent at that time. The sons of these two worthy parents will be together on the same pulpit platform Sunday for the first time.

Hickory Chapter No. 60, Royal Arch Masons, will meet tonight in special session for work. All members are urged to be at the temple at 7:30.

Markets

COTTON
By the Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 30.—The cotton market was unsettled during today's early trading. The cables from Liverpool were not so good and there was considerable selling on the weakness of foreign exchange. Old crop months rallied several points right after the call, but after selling at 34.57 or within five points of yesterday's closing quotations, they eased off 19 points lower, while October reacted about six points below yesterday's closing quotation.

PRODUCE
Eggs per dozen 55c
Hens and roasters per lb. 24c
Old Roosters, per lb. 12c
Country butter, per lb. 40c
Creamery butter, per lb. 68c
Pork (125 to 275), per lb. 18c
Pork (under 125 and over 275) per lb. 17c

GRAIN
(Corrected daily by Horseford Milling Company)
Wheat per bu \$2.70
Corn per bu \$1.90
Oats, per bu \$1.00
Rye, per bu \$1.90
Cowpeas, per bu \$4.00

Weather

For North Carolina: Fair tonight and Saturday, no decided temperature change; gentle to moderate winds mostly north.

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KOLCHALK IS HIDING FROM BALSHEVIKI

By the Associated Press.

Honolulu, Jan. 30.—Admiral Kolchat is reported to have escaped from the bolsheviks and to be in hiding in Manchuria, according to a Tokio dispatch to a Japanese newspaper here. The social revolution which occurred at Irkutsk and which ousted Kolchak, transferred the governmental powers to the bolsheviks, the paper added.

Admiral Kolchat has in his possession now that letter and was given the Bible which was among other things sent at that time. The sons of these two worthy parents will be together on the same pulpit platform Sunday for the first time.

BIG EGG MARKET HERE IN HICKORY

Nearly \$6,000 in money was paid out to farmers in this trade territory yesterday for eggs by the Catawba Creamery Company. All the fruit was not left in the nests in one day's business. There were 4,500 dozen eggs handled by the creamery yesterday. Hickory is one of the largest egg markets in the United States.

ALVIN C. YORK IS FORCED TO RETIRE

By the Associated Press.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 30.—Sergeant Alvin C. York, the world war's greatest individual hero, who is touring the United States in behalf of the Alvin C. York foundation to found and maintain a school in the mountain sections of the south, was today forced to cancel his tour indefinitely owing to an attack of appendicitis. He was stricken after his lecture in Boston Tuesday night, but spoke at the Rotary club luncheon here yesterday.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHNSON

The funeral over the remains of Mrs. J. T. Johnson, whose death occurred in New Orleans, was held this morning in the presence of a large congregation of friends. Rev. P. W. Tucker, pastor of the First Methodist church of Newton, conducted the service, assisted by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Baptist church. Rev. W. O. Goode, pastor of the Methodist church here, was too ill to attend the funeral. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

RAILROAD MAN DEAD

By the Associated Press.
Denver, Col., Jan. 30.—H. U. Mudge former general manager of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad, and one of the best known railroad men in this country, died here today.

WANTS EDWARDS TO CONTINUE TALKING

By the Associated Press.

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 30.—"I hope he will keep on talking. No champagne of the liquor traffic can talk long without insulting the conscience and sense of decency of the country," said William J. Bryan today when shown a copy of a statement issued by Governor Edwards last night replying to Mr. Bryan.

The more Governor Edwards talks the more ashamed Chatham Cummings will be of giving respectability to his candidacy, and the more certain it will be that prominent Democrats will have other engagements when invited to his meetings," continued Mr. Bryan.

"Governor Edwards' candidacy is an offense against the Democratic party and the sooner he finds out that he is going up against a stone wall and settles down to championship of those who used to be in the criminal business the sooner the party will be able to turn its attention to the important work before it."

Governor Edwards, said Mr. Bryan, wanted to establish the "harmony of death" in the Democratic party, and if he had his way the San Francisco convention would be the morgue from which would be picked the "corpse" to appear at the November "national funeral."

SHORTAGE OF FOOD LIKELY THIS YEAR

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Decreased farm production next year and a consequent increase in the cost of living due to the dissatisfaction of farmers were predicted before the senate postoffice committee today by James I. Blackless, fourth assistant postmaster general. More than 40,000 answers to 200,000 questionnaires sent to farmers, he said, indicate a condition "disquieting and permeating of disastrous consequences."

MEXICAN RAILROAD HAD SERIOUS TIME

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Sixty-four incidents of attacks, derailments and derauling of trains in Mexico last year are classified as serious in reports received here today. The incidents reported were chiefly in the northern part of the country and on the Mexican line between Mexico City and Vera Cruz and on the Isthmus line.

GOOD IMPROVEMENT IN FLU SITUATION

Belief that the influenza situation in Catawba county has shown material improvement was expressed today by Dr. Geo. W. Shipp, county superintendent of health. There is no further spread of the disease at Long Island and Monbo and the principal need there is a nursing corps large enough to take care of the patients. No deaths have been reported anywhere in the county.

Influenza has not spread to any appreciable extent elsewhere in the county. There are no new developments in Hickory, where four or five cases have been reported, and there are about 18 cases in Newton. The warm weather which permits people to get out of doors has done much to check the disease, Dr. Shipp said.

BIG LABEL ACTION ON ITS SECOND DAY

By the Associated Press.

Lincolnton, N. C., Jan. 30.—The \$200,000 damage suit instituted by E. H. Houser against nine prominent Lincolnton citizens as a result of being required to make a public apology and salute the United States flag on January 20, 1919, because of alleged German sympathies, was begun in Lincoln superior court yesterday. The first day was consumed in the selection of a jury and hearing evidence for the plaintiff. A strong array of counsel appear in the case, including Congressman Hoy of the ninth North Carolina district for the defense.

BIG LABEL CASE ON TRIAL AT LINCOLNTON

Several prominent Lincolnton men are defendants in a suit on trial in Lincoln superior court as a result of neo-German charges against S. P. Houser, alleged German sympathizer during the war, and the Lincoln County News is also defendant in the sum of \$100,000 for printing the amount of the action of the defendants.

The suit is brought against nine citizens of Lincolnton, who are alleged to have taken an active part in resisting the application. The defendants are prominent of them and the interest in the suit extends throughout the section. The amount of alleged damages said to be \$200,000. The defendants being D. C. Williams, E. S. Abernethy, H. S. Robinson, J. B. Johnson, manufacturer; Dr. L. A. Crowell and J. R. Gambler, G. L. Owsen, an insurance man; R. E. Hinson, garage man; J. T. Perkins, editor of the Lincolnton News.

Judge W. J. Adams of Carthage is presiding and a strong array of counsel appear in the case. The plaintiff is represented by Attorneys A. Self of Hickory, and Waverly R. Quickel, C. A. Jemas, R. J. Mausner, of the local bar; Attorney Dave Robinson of Columbia, S. C., and Congressman Clyde R. Hoy of Washington, D. C., the latter having been retained before he was elected as the ninth district representative. The entire day was consumed in selecting the jury and hearing the evidence of the plaintiff. The balance of the week will be required to finish the trial.