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KIWANIANS URGE NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL

(By H. H. LOWRY)

Newton, Jan. 19.—The Newton Kiwanis club held its regular meeting at Kiwanis hall last night at 7 o'clock. The Newton high school girls were the guests of the club. A supper was prepared by the high school. His second reason was the following. The program was for the purpose of boosting a modern, up-to-date high school building for Newton. Capt. Tom Edwards, program chairman is to be congratulated upon the splendid program rendered. The first speech was made by Prof. M. S. Beam, superintendent of the Newton schools. His subject was "What constitutes an up-to-date high school." Mr. Beam said that there were three reasons why Newton should rally to the support of this new enterprise immediately. First, the rapidly growing high school population of Newton. He showed that the high school had increased in numbers three hundred per cent during the last four years, there being at present one hundred and twenty students enrolled in the high school. He predicted at the existing rate of the next four years that there would be at least three hundred students in the Newton high school. His second reason was, the urgency of township high school consolidation, that Newton should provide high school accommodations for the boys and girls of this township. His third reason was the urgent need of a strong teacher-training department, which can be made possible only through the building and furnishing of a modern high school building.

The speaker then stated that a modern high school must provide a curriculum to meet the needs of the majority of the boys and girls in a community in which the high school is established. He urged the citizens of the town to establish a curriculum which would provide for the teaching of manual training, home economics, domestic science, commercial department and also a department of music. Mr. Beam said the high school curriculum should no longer be based upon college requirements, but that the function of the high school is to prepare boys and girls for life.

The next speaker on the program was Prof. Paul C. Phillips, of Catawba College. His theme was "The relation of the high school to the college." Mr. Phillips said that a time had come when the high school had made itself a democratic institution. That there was a wide gulf between the college authorities and the high school authorities. He said that since only a small percent of the high school students go to college that it was necessary for the high school to adopt such a curriculum as would best prepare each boy and girl to take his place in society and it was necessary that the college and high school should be brought in a closer relation through a better understanding of what the real function of a standard high school should be. That it was unfair for the college to make requirements for admittance which would not in turn prepare the boy or girl for his life work. He encouraged the people of Newton to rally to the support of education, that a modern up-to-date high school building was a necessity as well as an asset to the community.

Mr. R. B. Knox was then called upon to discuss "the relation of up-to-date schools to the growth of the city and taxation." Mr. Knox made the point that it requires money to run schools and urged the people to give the movement for a new high school building their heartiest support. He said that every dollar invested in education was a sound investment. The speaker said that there was a prevalent notion among people everywhere that because they did not have children to educate that taxation for school purposes was unjust. Mr. Knox said every man's opinion should be respected in launching the campaign, but that the advocates of the new high school building should spare no efforts in convincing the opposition that money invested in good schools would be an asset to the town of Newton, that it would bring to the town a desirable citizenship, that it would enhance the value of property and make Newton a better town in which to live.

The meeting was then turned over to Prof. James P. Sifford, principal of the Newton high school, who called upon Miss Florence Logan and the other members of the high school faculty to join in with the high school boys and girls in appropriate yells and songs. The songs and yells had been prepared especially for the purpose of boosting the high school. From the menu card to the last yell the principal theme was a new high school building for Newton. From the enthusiasm manifested by the high school boys and girls every big-hearted Kiwanian was convinced as he had never been before of the urgent need of greater facilities for high school instruction in Newton. From the generous applause given the youngsters there was every indication that the Kiwanians to a man favored the movement and will give it their hearty support. The program was concluded by an original poem by Miss Brandon Gamble of the high school. The theme of her poem was "that the girls protest that they have not been invited to supper by the Kiwanis club and demand that this invitation be forth coming at an early date." Her witty lines and charming rendition brought vociferous and prolonged applause from every Kiwanian.

SWINDLERS ARE WORKING YET IN STATE

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—The state insurance department learned today that all "wild-cat" oil promotion schemes had not been driven out of North Carolina when it was brought otthe attention of Commissioner Stacey Wade that an effort was being made to sel stock in the Halliburton Syndicate of Houston, Texas to clergymen of this state.

News of this latest scheme to sell questionable oil stock to North Carolina ministers exclusively reached the department in a letter from Dr. L. S. Massey, Methodist pastor and president of Louisburg College. The department makes it plain that it "stands ready at all times to prosecute persons selling or offering for sale the securities of unlicensed companies. No citizen of the state should even consider purchasing such securities until he knows that the company behind them, has been investigated by this department and duly approved. The department will answer promptly any inquiry in regard to stocks and stock salesmen."

Following is the department's statement regarding the Texas company:

"Dr. L. S. Massey, well known Methodist minister, president of Louisburg College, has written to Insurance Commissioner Wade in regard t othe operations of the 'Halliburton Syndicate,' of Houston, Texas in which one O. G. Halliburton is trustee. Halliburton claims that he has certain oil leases that are bound to produce much oil and because his father was a Methodist preacher he has conceived the idea of organizing a syndicate with anybody in it but Methodist preachers to develop his holdings. Halliburton is to turn over to the syndicate all of his leases and he is to manage the enterprise for 10 per cent of the profits.

"Halliburton makes a strong appeal to ministers. He says that in order to succeed ministers must devote all of their time to study and hard labor and they have no time to accumulate wealth. With his syndicate Halliburton proposes to take this worry off of the minister who will come across with $24 for one share in the enterprise.

"With the crooks who operate through the mailse the insurance department can do nothing, except to warn the people against them but where the crook appears in North Carolina in persons or by agents much can be done.

NEW BERN WEARS ITS HOLIDAY CLOTHES

By the Associated Press.

New Bern, Jan. 19.—With men wearing satin knickerbockers, beflowered coats, top hats and broad buckled shoes and the ladies attired in long skirts with lace around their necks, New Bern today presented an appearance of colonial days with the celebration of the 150 anniversary of St. John's lodge A. F. and A. M and the 130th anniversary of George Washington's visit.

Hundreds of Masons were here for the exercises, many coming from the grand lodge. A barbecue was given to 1,000 persons and the celebration culminated in a pageant.

A colonial dinner served at the Shrine home this evening will conclude the ceremonies.

WANTED TO REMAIN AWAY FROM HOME

By the Associated Press

New York, Jan. 19.—Declaring that he had rather jump from Brooklyn bridge than return to the south William Whitfield, negro, today started back to Onslow county, N C. in custody of Sheriff Taylor to face a hold up charge. Starting last June Whitfield began a long fight against extradition.

Everything for Sale in the Moscow Market

An everyday scene in one of the public markets in Moscow. Everything from a pin to a passport is for sale here.

POINCARE SHOWS MAILED FIST TO ENEMY

By the Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 19.—"Respect for the treaties that fixed the peace terms," is the platform Premier Poincare decided to present for his cabinet before the chamber of deputies this afternoon.

The declaration blames "shameless propaganda" for the picture drawn abroad of France as tainted with a thought of "imperialistic madness."

Of the Genoa conference the premier said:

"We insist that the conditions of the Cannes protocol be accepted or rejected by the delegates prior to any discussion so that none of the stipulations of the treaty can be delayed indirectly. Unless we have precise guarantees on this point we shall be compelled to retain our liberty of action."

BULLET IN BRAIN MADE BAD CONVICT

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Results of an operation performed to remove a bullet from the brain of Benjamin Buckner, serving a life term in the Joliet state penitentiary for murder which transformed him from a bad man to a model prisoner, will be put before the state board of pardons, it was learned today.

Buckner was sentenced in 1905. Upon his arrival at the prison he began a reign of terror, engaging in fights withthe prisoners and refusing to behave.

He became unmanageable until recently when he complained of a severe headache. He told physicians he had been shot in the head years ago, the bullet being found near the base of the brain. Its pressure, physicians said, was the cause of his conduct.

REACH AGREEMENT ON CHINESE ROADS

By the Associated Press.

Washngton, Jan. 19.—The far eastern committee of the Washington conference today adopted two resolutions dealing with Chinese railways and then began consideration of the status of existing conditions in China.

One of the rail road resolutions adopted presented by Sir Auckland Geddes, head of the British delegation, pledges the powers in China against unfair discrimination in railroad rates and facilities. The other by Secretary Hughes expressed the hope of unification of Chinese roads under Chinese control. Both were adopted unanimously, though a few minor charges were made.

PROOF POSITIVE

Mamma—I wonder who has been in the sugar bowl while I was out?

Elizabeth (aged 4)—Well, I hope you don't suspect me. You know I'm too big to get in such a little thing as that.—Houston Post.

The stores apparently feel quite safe in offering such wonderful bargains so soon after Christmas.—Tampa Times.

FISHERIES HEAD RESIGNS FROM POSITION

By the Associated Press

Washington, Jan. 19.—Dr. Hugh M. Smith, who has been United States commissioner of fisheries since 1913 has resigned after 36 years of service with the bureau of fisheries.

One political flare up involving Dr. Smith's attitude involving the question of whether fish and politics could mix was recalled today.

Representative H. L. Godwin of North Carolina in 1915 called the commissioner on the telephone and asked for 2,000,000 shad fry for the Cape Fear river. The commissioner refused the request.

The representative remarked that when a Republican was commissioner he could get all the fish he wanted and that since a Democrat had the place he should have the fish.

Smith asked him if the shad were "Democrats too." The congressman tried to have the commissioner ousted from office but this secretary Redfield refused to do.

The commissioner refused to supply the fish because the state fisheries commission would not protect them, and was later sustained by the national bureau.

LOWER RATES ON COAL URGED AS NECESSARY

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Should the interstate commerce commission decide as a result of its present inquiry that rate schedules may properly be lowered, the lower rates should first be applied to coal, the commission was told by J. D. A. Morrow, vice president of the national coal association, who said he spoke for 2,000 mine operators, representing 60 per cent of the producers of bituminous coal in the United States.

The average freight paid on a ton of coal at the present time between the mine and the point of sale, he said, was $2.20, while the price of a ton at the mine was $2.23. He estimated that coal rates had advanced from 75 to 200 per cent, according to the locality.

Railroads would be justified, Mr. Morrow asserted, in making a reduction of 75 cents a ton by reason of the reduction in the price of coal during the last year.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 19.—The cotton market opened steady generally six to 11 points lower owing to weak Liverpool cables and reports that buyers of cotton goods were still holding off. There was quite a litttle scattered southern selling after the call and active months soon showed net losses after the call.

	Open	Close
January	17.55	17.75
March	17.60	17.77
May	17.17	17.41
July	16.73	16.96
October	16.18	16.33

Hickory cotton, 17 1-4c.

LEVEL SHOWN IN WHOLESALE PRICES

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The general level of wholesale prices remained stationary through November and December, the bureau of statistics of the department of labor announced today.

Foodstuff, farm products, cloth, clothing, chemicals and drugs showed a declining tendency which was most pronounced in such articles as cattle, hay, peanuts, butter, eggs, lard and fodder.

The general level of wholesale level of wholesale prices in December, the announcement said, was 21 per cent lower than it was a year before, with house furnishing goods showing the greatest decline of 27 per cent, with food 19 per cent.

MORRISON TO SPEND WEEK IN CHARLOTTE

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Governor Morrison announced today that he will spend next week visiting homefolks in Charlotte.

The governor thinks the change of atmosphere will do him good and says he will transact such business from Charlotte that cannot be handled by his secretary and that he thinks needs attention.

He will go to Washington tonight and will make an effort to secure additional moneys from the Federal government for aid on road work in North Carolina.

The governor disposed of the following pardon cases yesterday: George Johnson, Beaufort county serving 12 months for assault is paroled for rest of terms. Henry Lane Beaufort, serving 12 months for assault, is paroled. Walter Daniel serving 2 years for fornication and adultery, conditional parole. Frank Bradshaw, Burke, 18 months, paroled. George Henry, New Hanover, 6 months for transporting liquor, paroled. Fred Foster, Madison, 18 months for distilling, paroled for period of 6 months.

NO CLUE TO P. AND N. ROBBERY AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, Jan. 19.—No clue to the identity of the two white men, alleged to have held up J. P. Wright his wife and a young man at the point of a pistol and robbed the cash drawer of $114 in the Piedmont and Northwestern passenger station Tuesday night, have been discovered.

At the time of the holdup, according to Wright, the First street terminal of the interurban was deserted. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Miss Mary Zeman were the only persons on the first floor. H. C. Holtzhouser, Piedmont and Northern supervisor, and F. M. Efird, train dispatcher, were on the second floor. At the time of the robbery, Mr. Wright said he and his wife were in the ticket booth. Miss Zeman had just entered. Mr. Wright was in the act of leaving the booth when a man about 25 years of age shoved a pistol into his side and demanded him to throw up his hands. He being unarmed did as commanded. The robber told the woman to be quiet. While Wright was being held a second man did the robbing. According to Wright the man said to him, "Stay where you are. I don't want to kill anybody." Mrs. Wright gave the alarm on the second floor of the building.

Quickest way t reduce is to weigh on the coal dealer's scales.—Flint Journal.

FIGHT PROMISED ON NEW TEXT BOOKS

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Recommendations of the state text book commission for books to be used in the elementary schools is to bring on a fight for preference before the board of education when that body meets next month to make the adoption.

The fact that the commission made recommendations which will virtually change the course of study in every public school of the state from the first to the seventh grades inclusive, is indication that a fight will be made before the state board to upset these recommendations. Many of the changes urged are on the grounds that the books now in use are "unsuitable" for further use. The arithmetics are listed in this class as are also the histories and language and grammar series. Other books in the lower grades are likewise on the "deficiency" and will if the board adheres to the commission's report, be relegated to make way for newer publications.

Before the text book commission there was little opportunity to make a showing, as some representatives of the book companies termed it since that body was made up of school teachers and educators. But when the work of adoption is undertaken strong pressure is expected to be brought to bear in an effort to convince the board of education that the commission's recommendations ought not to be adhered to strictly.

While the commission's report is not final the elementary grade book must be under the law, selected from the list submitted, although books listed as "first place" may be overlooked and "fourth preference" ones given endorsement. Date of the meeting of the board will be called some time next month but the exact time has not been decided upon.

ROTTEN LIQUOR IS CONSUMED IN MEXIA

By the Associated Press.

Mexia, Texas, Jan. 19.—The first week of military rule in this mush room oil city effected 149 arrests on various charges, including violation of prohibition laws, gambling and other violations, it was announced today.

"General conditions have improved but they are far from satisfactory," said Maj. Jacob Walters, commander under the martial law proclamation. He added that conditions were better, and said:

"One thing is worthy of notice: of all the whiskey seized since we came here, only one quart and one pint is old-time liquor. The rest is bootleg liquor. It contains 30 per cent fuel oil. The result is that in cold weather it is warm, mixed with corn mash to get quick results, yet we find intelligent men, some of them wealthy, drinking the stuff."

BIRMINGHAM POLICE SEARCH FOR WOMAN

By the Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 19.—Police were searching today for a woman who possessed an extensive outfit of clothing, part of which was found this morning beside the body of Israel Heldman, in the fashionable residential section.

Residents of the neighborhood told the police they heard a shot about 9 o'clock last night. The youth was about 26 years old.

Heldman, an artist employed in a sign painter's shop, left his home early in the evening, according to his family.

One bullet was fired into his body, striking near the heart.

POPE SOME BETTER

By the Associated Press.

London, Jan. 19.—Pope Benedict's fever is somewhat abated, but absolute quiet is necessary for him, a Rome dispatch today declared his physician is saying.

ESPECIALLY IN COLD WEATHER

Jack Hurryup—On my salary of $25 a week we can get along swimmingly.

Hattie Holdback—But I don't care for swimming.—Boston Transcript.

THOMAS RELATES HIS STORY OF KILLING

By the Associated Press.

Concord, N. C., Jan. 19.—O. G. (Red) Thomas, Charlotte automobile salesman, took the stand today in his own defense in Cabarrus county superior court, where he is being tried for first degree murder in connection with the shooting to death on October 25 of Arthur J. Allen in Kannapolis.

The defendant's testimony followed closely that given by him at the habeas corpus hearing in Charlotte and his statement immediately after the shooting.

It was in effect that Allen had come up to his car on a dark street in the suburbs of Kannapolis, and said: "Are you following me?"

Thomas replied, "No," whereupon Thomas asserted the main said, "Then hold up your hands."

Thomas seized a pistol lying in the lap of Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was in the front seat of the automobile with the witness, and fired three shots rapidly at the man, and then drove off to Kannapolis without learning whether or not he had killed him or who the man was.

At the time of the shooting Thomas stated he had on his person approximately $800 which he had collected for automobiles and his first thought was that he was being held up.

He fired, he said, to keep himself from being robbed.

Nothing improper had ever occurred between himself and Mrs. Lowe, he stated, testifying that "Bob Lowe is a good friend of mine and I would do nothing to hurt him."

His family and the Lowe family are very friendly, having visited one another on various occasions, the witness stated.

Thomas was on the stand for almost three hours.

Several corroborative witnesses were introduced after Thomas left the stand.

Miss Gladys Sloop and O. W. Deal were recalled to testify that Thomas asked them to go with Mrs. Lowe to the Overcash home and then to the picture show. They got tired of waiting and went to the show alone, both stated.

Other witnesses said they heard Thomas say in F. L. Smith Drug Company just after the shooting that he had shot a man down and did not know who he was.

It is believed that Mrs. Thomas will take the stand this afternoon as the defense has stated it will introduce her.

WOMAN KILLED WHILE SITTING AT WINDOW

By the Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 19.—County authorities after an all night search are without information that might lead to the identity of the assailant who last night killed Mrs. John McDaniel two miles north of Millport.

Mrs. McDaniel was killed when a load of shot was fired through a window of her home while she was reading. Members of the family, who rushed to the yard, failed to observe anybody.

Robbery, they said, apparently was not the motive for the killing.

MRS. STUART RYAN IS DEAD IN PARIS

By the Associated Press.

Paris, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Stuart Ryan widely known American musician and know professionally as Odrey Creighton, died today in the American hospital at Neuilly. She had been suffering for several days from the effects of swallowing poisonous tablets.