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Cloudy tonight and Sunday, possibly rain in south portion.

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START CAMPAIGN BENEVOLENT CAUSES

The Presbyterians of the state are preparing to launch a campaign on March 12 for $743,541 for the benevolent causes. This is the synod's quota of $4,500,000 which will be secured by the entire southern Presbyterian church. The synod's quota will be divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	$347,599
Assembly's Home Missions	118,966
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	55,765
Publication and S. S. Work	14,870
Assembly's Training school	4,463
Bible Cause	4,463
Synod Home Missions	74,354
Educational Institutions	74,354
Orphanages	55,765
Presbyterial Home Missions	92,942
Total	$743,541

Extensive plans are being made to make this every member canvass teach each one of the 63,000 Presbyterians in North Carolina and get a subscription for the benevolent causes from each one of these members payable weekly according to the Bible standard, which says in 1st Corinthians 16th chapter 2nd verse "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." There will be spent within the borders of the state of the above amount $167,000 for home mission work.

Government statistics show that there were in 1916 in this state 965,000 persons over ten years of age who were not connected with any church. The home mission committee feel that this condition places a large responsibility upon them and they are urging every church not only to contribute to the work of home missions in this state, but it is being urged also that every church have at least one out-station where the Bible is taught and regular services held.

During the last few years the Presbyterians have been growing two and one-half times as fast as the population, but they are not satisfied with these figures and expect to show a larger growth.

The Southern Presbyterians gave $12.43 per member to benevolent causes last year. Only one church in America exceeded this record.

A campaign to secure 16,000 tithers is also being promoted. A Tithe is one-tenth of one's income. The Jews gave the tithe for religious purposes 2,000 years ago and it is being urged that Christians should do no less in this age of enlightenment.

WANTS AT LEAST 80,000 MEN IN NAVY

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—President Harding is understood to have told Republican members of the house naval committee at a white house conference last night that while he felt some reduction might be made in the number of enlisted men in the navy, he believed the personnel ought not to be reduced below 80,000.

The president also is said to have strongly urged legislation for conversion of two battle cruisers into airplane carriers. The question as to whether the 540 members of the first year class at Annapolis to be graduated in June should receive commissons was not considered in detail it was said that the president advocated a sharp reduction in the number of men to be admitted to the academy each year.

MORSE GRAND JURY TO REPORT EARLY

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The grand jury inquiry into the wartime transactions with the shipping board of Chas. W. Morse and some of his associates is understood to have been concluded. The report of the grand jury it is also understood, will be submitted to the United States district court early next week.

The inquiry into the transactions began January 23, several weeks after Mr. Morse had been returned from Europe at the direction of Attorney Daugherty and been placed under arrest here and released on $50,000 for investigation by the grand jury.

During the course of the grand jury's work, it is understood that several of Mr. Morse's associates, including Colin H. Livingston, president of the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, were brought into the inquiry. The names of several in the Wilson administration were also understood to have been brought into the inquiry.

TREATY IS GIVEN FAVORABLE REPORT

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The four-power Pacific treaty, together with its supplemental reservations and the naval limitation and submarine treaties were ordered favorably reported by the senate foreign relations committee.

The reservation attached by the committee to the four-power pact embodies the compromise suggestion of President Harding provides that nothing the treaty should be construed as an alliance. The vote was ten to three.

Also by a division of ten to three with Senators Borah of Idaho and Johnson of California, and Shields, Democrat of Tennessee, voting in the negative the four-power treaty then was ordered reported to the senate. Vote by which the naval limitation and submarine treaties were reported was unanimous.

PARIS INTERESTED IN 10 YEAR TRUCE

By the Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 25.—Great interest was displayed in French official circles today that Prime Minister Lloyd George intended to propose at the Genoa conference a ten year truce for reconstruction. It was stated, however, that Great Britain had not made any proposition to France. French officials await with interest details of the plan.

BROTHERHOOD HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS

(BY C. B. C.)

The brotherhood of the First Baptist church, organized sometime ago under the efficient leadership of O Joe Howard, has been making rapid progress. The other officers of the brotherhood to enlist as many of the president, and E. L. Fox, secretary.

The membership of the new organization is composed of male members of the church over 18 years of age. It is the desire of the brotherhood to enlist as any of the members in the work as possible, and to devote attention to the betterment of Christian activities. The object of the newly organized body of men is to deepen spiritually, promote religious intelligence, enlarge benevolence, cultivate fellowship and stimulate activity among the men of the church.

With the appointment of several committees, the brotherhood is already filling a wonderful place in the life of the church and the membership is rapidly increasing. It will only be a short time before the works of the organization will be felt by the entire community.

There will be a meeting of the Brotherhood Sunday afternoon at which time the organization will be completed. All the men of the church are especially invited to join in and show their willingness to serve in any capacity that they may be needed.

The B. Y. P. U. will have charge of the services Sunday night and a splendid program is being arranged. Short talks will be made by the members on the subject, "May I Expect God to Care for Me Personally."

REPLACE MARINES AS MAIL GUARDS

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Replacement of marine mail guards by a special force of recruited men is now being carried out by the postoffice department, it was announced officially today.

Officials at the department said it was expected that in a short time all marine guards would be withdrawn. The new guards are being carefully selected and will be a part of the service.

Marine guards were placed on trains last November after robberies had become numerous. Since the marines have been on duty robberies have decreased and postoffice department officials have been highly pleased with the result.

ACTRESS IMPROVES

By the Associated Press

Los Angeles, Feb. 25.—Continued improvement of Mabel Normand film actress, who is suffering from influenza and nervous breakdown, was reported as improved today.

TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED

Meeting of Nearly Two Hundred Citizens at Legion Hall Hears Dr. Brooks, Learns Details of Plan and Vote to Accept Claremont Proposition At Once

Following a magnificent address by Dr. E. C. Brooks on the advantages to the community and state of modern high schools facilities, and presentation of the question from many angles, a representative gathering of men and women from Hickory, this township and the county voted unanimously last night in favor of accepting the generous offer of the trustees of Claremont College to donate for school purposes this fine property, and resolved in favor of a tax rate not exceeding 25 cents per hundred for the township. No finer spirit was ever displayed than that shown at this meeting held under the auspices of the Kiwanis club.

With the domestic science classes of the high school serving the dinner —a generous, well prepared meal— and the high school orchestra rendering music, the setting was ideal for an occasion of this kind. The talks were to the point, the singing by the Kiwanians and their guests was spirited and the meeting brought town and country closer together in a common cause.

Dr. J. C. Peery, president of Lenoir College, chairman of the program committee, presided over the first part of the meeting and delivered the keynote. He told the gathering that Miss Garrison's classes prepared and served the meal and that Mrs. Brown's classes formed the chorus that sang so well after the dinner. Another pleasing feature of the evening was recitation by Miss Hortense Hoyt Lenoir College.

President Chas. W. Bagby introduced Walter C. Feimster, Sr., of Newton, who warmed the hearts of his hearers with his tribute to the manner in which Hickory stood by Maiden and Newton in their hard-surface road fight, which meant, he said, more than anything except education and Christianity. When Chas. W. Bagby headed that fine delegation from Hickory, declared Mr. Feimster, "I said in my heart and I say it tonight, God bless the citizenship of Hickory."

Referring to a suggestion by Mr Bagby that when the cement is being poured on the Central highway that Newton and Hickory meet at a designated point and bury the hatchet forever, Mr. Feimster declared that Julius Abernethy had voiced the hope that rows of shade and fruit trees be purchased to line each side of the hard surface highways in Catawba county as something that every person who travels these roads will never forget. "We will take it up with Joe Howard to plant those trees," said Mr. Feimster.

Taking up where Mr. Feimster left off, Mr. Bagby declared that the mayors of West Hickory, Hickory, Highland, Conover, Newton and Maiden would act as pall-bearers at the burial of the hatchet.

In the course of the evening Dr. Peery took occasion to say that Lenoir College rejoiced in the prospect of a great township high school, realizing also that is meant better things for the college. It is an enterprise, he said, in which every good citizen can rejoice.

After Dr. Peery had called upon County Supt. Geo. E. Long to present the speaker of the evening and after Dr. Brooks had concluded his splendid address, J. Alfred Moretz, chairman of the school committee of the Kiwanis club, took charge of the meeting and called for action. It came.

The question of the tax rate being determined at 25 cents, President Bagby named the following to work out the details so that the issue could be put before the citizens of the township in the quickest possible time: J. A. Moretz, W. J. Shuford, Mrs. W. B. Ramsay, Joseph L. Murphy, Geo. L. Huffman, Bascom B. Blackwelder, J. R. Weaver, H. L. Jay, H. H. Abee, R. H. Shuford, J. Parks Robinson, H. P. Lutz, L. W. Poovey and L. L. Moss.

Mr. Moretz stated that it might be possible to borrow money from the state at four and one-half per cent interest if the five million dollar bond issue is upheld by the supreme court, and Dr. Brooks declared he believed the bonds would be held valid.

Dr. Brooks had heard Bascom B. Blackwelder and J. W. Warlick on behalf of the trustees, present the Claremont College grounds to the township, reserving only a narrow strip, and providing only that the proposition be taken up within a year and that at least $100,000 be spent for building's and equipment. Speaking for the county school board, Bob Brady of Conover accepted the generous offer, but voiced the opinion that the whole of the property might be found necessary and it was suggested that it might be acquired. There was no hitch on this score.

For Accepttance

Mr. Moretz and his committee had worked out the case for the central high school. There are now 266 pupils in the Hickory high school and 150 in the township who might be brought in. The city has eight millions in taxables and the township four millions and a fair plan of assessing the cost was the nex thing. Hickory would profit by having these additional pupils and the township would be bound together by strong links. Mr. Moretz called for remarks. Is now the time or shall we wait? He asked.

In the opinion of Horace H. Abee there never was a better time than the present Superintendent Carver presented the high school facts as they exist now. The present high school building, erected for a grammar school, soon would be too small, and it is a question of a few years until something must be done.

Superintendent Long favored the plan, emphasizing the advanages to both Hickory and the township of adequate high school facilities, where vocational training could be put in the school. It would redown to the benefit of the whole community, he said.

Dr. Frank Longaker presented figures on the cost of high schools per pupil in other places. Here it is $54.15. Under the new plan it would be $57.82, a small difference. Other places spend as much as $89 per pupil and one mining town pays a tax rate of $2.48 for schools.

The proposition was to vote $150,000 in bonds, the taxes not to be collected until the next year, and the rate of 25 cents per hundred dollars to take care of the issue in 20 years and to provide maintenance of the schools, plus the money the township would get from the county, state and federal governments.

G. Harvey Geitner said he was studying the proposition and wanted to hear more of it, but he was sure he would be for it. Talks for the school were made by Mrs. K. C. Menzies, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw and Rev S. B. Stroup.

Accept Proposition

It was on motion of Thos. P. Pruitt that the Claremont offer was gratefully aclepted, and Mr. Feimster believing that all the land possible would be needed, suggested that the proper persons get in touch with the Claremont trustees. Mr. Warlick said they would consider the matter in the right spirit, and the meeting unanimously endosed the project.

Begin First to Act

R. M. Bumgarner, a member of the board of county commissioners, spoke for a twenty five cent tax and Mrs. W. B. Ramsay declared the Community club, of which she was president, would back the proposition. Watt J. Shuford said he had been for it for two years and was stronger for it now than ever. And so it went. The American legion had endorsed the proposition last night and Prof J. D. Samuels read a resolution passed by the post sponsoring the school. It was the first Hickory organization to take its stand.

Dr. Brocks said he believed Catawba county has made more progress and said less about it than any county in the state, (applause.) He said he asked Mrs. Clarence Johnson to come to Catawba county and report on the disturbance and she reported, "Give Catawba county everything you can and watch her grow." The work here is so well planned, Dr. Brooks said, that those in Raleigh did not realize its progress until last spring. Here the speaker told of a trip from Blowing Rock the fourth of July after being drenched twice en route from the mountains and took his third wetting like a man. There was an enormous crowd here then.

That was his first introduction to this community and since that time there has been great progress. He attributed this to good leadership.

"So many impossible things is being happened these days, there ain't no telling what will happen next year" Dr. Brooks quoted. He then told of visiting about the city and hearing education discussed seriously by citizens. What do you mean by education? There would be as many answers as there are people in this hall. His object in coming was to give the answer. A teacher for 20 years, he has reached the conclusion that "education is erecting standards as a guide to your people."

What standards? Everywhere you are expected to conform to some sort of standard. The purpose of education is erecting standards and holding to them to guide the young people in their onward march through life.

A large percentage of instruction is to give the child physical standards to perform the duties that the Lord God has given him to do. Our attenwas drawn to physical deficiencies during the war, one-third being under-developed. We should provide for the physical development of our children.

The great mistake the world made in the beginning of our public school

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YOUNG MAN CUT NEAR SCHOOL HOUSE

Mr. Ray Pitts was painfully cut about the head with a knife at the Windy City school house last evening, in the hands of Albert Poovey, another young white man, following a disturbance which Poovey is alleged to have caused earlier in the day —and in which Mr. Pitts and several other men figured as pacificators. Poovey would not be quiet and he twice disturbed a meeting in progress and was jailed for his conduct.

It was during a meeting in the school house that Poovey became boisterous, it is said. Mr. Pitts was asked to put him out. Messrs. Chas. P. Bolch, James Sigmon and others took part, Poovey giving up a knife that he clasped in his hands.

Being taken from the school property, he returned and again made himself noisy outside. Mr. Pitts was accompanying a young lady home when Poovey set upon him, striking at him with a knife. The blow grazed Mr. Pitts's nose. Mr. Pitts then felled his assailant with a blow on the head and the young lady rushed between the two men. It was while she was between the pair that Poovey struck over her head and cut Mr. Pitts on the forehead.

Poovey faces a charge of disturbing a public meeting and assault with a deadly weapon. He will be tried by the Hickory recorder.

CAROLINA IN RACE FOR BASKET HONORS

Yesterday's Results

North Carolina 35; Howard 22.
Vanderbilt 37; The Citadel 22.
Newberry 32; Auburn 21.
Tulane 31; Clemson 20.
Kentucy 41; Georgetown 21.
Chattanooga 55; Furman 30.
Georgia 43; Oglethorpe 12.
Georgia Tech 34; Mississippi A and M 30.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—Two Kentucky basketball teams, Kentucky and Georgetown college, tied for their state championship, provided the best game of the six that opened the southern college championship tournament here yesterday afternoon.

The honors went to the university whose players led by Center Atkins triumphed 41 to 21, settling a tie that had resulted from each winning 26 to 17 in the two previous contests between them this season. Both teams were well oiled machines and their applause. Atkins rang nine field goals, almost every one a long one skill at long shots evoked free and the work of himself and team mates made it clear they have a chance to annex the championship again this season.

The five other teams besides Georgetown that were eliminated were the Citadel, Auburn, Clemson, Howard, Furman, Vanderbilt, put the Citadel out of the tournament, winning 37 to 22. Auburn fell before the Newberry team, 32 to 21; Clemson bowed to Tulane 31 to 20; Howard was ousted by oNhtraCAcmiS was ousted by North Carolina university 35 to 22, and Furman yielded to Chattanooga 57 to 30, giving the Chattanoogans the honor of piling up the largest score of the afternoon.

Georgia Tech eliminated Mississippi A. and M. 34 to 30. The Mississippians led 22 to 10 at the end of the first half in which they clearly outplayed the Yellow Jackets. Starting the second half Tech launched a drive with perfect passing and accurate shooting that put them in the lead 23 to 22 before Mississippi scored a point. Mississippi tied the score on Hughes' foul goal, but Tech added two more goals and took the lead from then on.

NO PLAN FOR BONUS IS YET ACCEPTED

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 25.—Failure of the special sub-committee of the house ways and means committee to aprove any plan for financing the soldier bonus by a sales tax by a vote of five to two left the question again with the full committee.

COTTON

By the Associated Press

New York, Feb. 25.—Bullish week end reviews of the cotton goods trade led to renewed buying in the cotton market and the opening was steady at an advance of two to five points. There was considerable realizing, with active months generally selling 17 to 28 points net higher.

	Open	Close
March	18.25	18.50
May	17.93	18.20
July	17.25	17.50
October	16.58	16.85
December	16.44	16.68

Hickory cotton 17 1-4c.

LANDRU GOES TO GUILLOTINE TODAY

By the Associated Press

Versailles, France, Feb. 25.—Henry Besaire Landru, the "bluebeard of Gambrais," convicted of the murder of ten women and one youth, gave his life this morning for the eleven he had taken. The sharp knife of the guillotine fell at 6:35 o'clock, a half hour later than expected, and this led to the supposition that Landru had confessed.

Mysterious until death, Landru resented Father Loiselle's query as to whether he wanted to make a confession.

"It is an insult to a man like me," was his reply. "Had I an confession to make, I would have made it long ago."

But he did not utter the word innocent as he had never failed to utter it during the 34 months of his imprisonment and 30 days of his trial. He refused the sacrament tendered by the priest.

"I shall be brave, never fear," he told his visitor.

The guillotine was erected only a few feet from the main entrance of the jail. Landru soon apepared clad in dark trousers and white shirt. He walked exactly five steps before the executioner's assistants caught him around the waist and assisted him to the table, immediately up-ended, the heavily weighted knife slid down and the whole affair was over in twenty seconds.

Landru never faltered from the time he left the cell. He gave the guillotine one look and walked briskly towards it.

PEACHES BLOOM IN CALDWELL COUNTY

Mr. J. S. Starnes, who lives near Granite Falls, Caldwell county, brought to the Record office today a peach limb on which were several developed blossoms. Mr. Starnes wants to know what caused those blossoms to form so early and if this early blooming means that there will or will not be a fruit crop this year. That particular tree might have been warmed up by the Hickory postoffice fight.

LACY AND CARR ARE REPORTED IMPROVED

By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Treasurer B. Lacy, who is seriously ill with pneumonia at a New York hotel, was reported as much better today in a telegram received at his office here.

GENERAL CARR BETTER

By the Associated Press.

Durham, N. C., Feb. 25.—The condition of Gen. Julian S. Carr, commander in chief United States Confederate veterans, who has been ill at his home here since Sunday was reported as much improved today.

SIMS SAYS NAVY CAN'T FIGHT WAR

By the Associated Press

Minneapolis, Min., Feb. 25.—The navy department has the same organization now that it had during the war and with such an organization you can neither prepare for war "or fight a war when it comes" declared Rear Admiral Sims in an address last night before the Twin cities launch club.

Such an organization as that in the navy department, Admiral Sims said, would not be tolerated were the public enlightened as to what he termed the true conditions. News papers, he said, should hire military persons to write for them.

WANTED DAMAGES CAUSED BY BULL

By the Associated Press.

Topeka, Kans., Feb. 25.—Fred Knutzen, a farmer, today appealed to the state superintendent of insurance for aid in collecting collision insurance on his automobile. Knutzen said that he painted his automobile red and it was attacked by a bull at a fair. He said the insurance people never paid any attention to his claim.

LEGION IN FAVOR OF TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

Hickory post No. 48, American legion, at its dinner in Kiwanis hall Thursday night unanimously endorsed the Claremont high school proposition and became the first local organization to go on record in favor of the township high school. This action followed after presentation of the matter by Chas. W. Bagby and others.

Joseph L. Murphy, commander, presided over the meeting and there were 60 or more legionnaires on hand for a good meal and helpful talks.

Seven new members were taken into the post.

The resolution passed by the post follows:

That Hickory post No. 48, American legion, in regular meeting assembled, go on record as heartily endorsing the proposed Hickory high school proposition and hereby pledge our support in any way to further the movement. Further, that a committee of three be appointed to attend the Kiwanis dinner and notify that body of this action.

C. T. BOST,
H. K. SETZER,
J. D. SAMUELS,
Committee.

COMMISSIONER WATTS ON REVALUATION ACT

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Revised valuations of North Carolina real property in many instances still needs revision to make the tax books tell the truth, in the opinion of Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts.

The value placed on property in many counties under Revaluation could not stand, the commissioner thinks, because the assessments were out of proportion to the actual value of the land "in normal times." He is not surprised that horizontal reductions have ben made in some counties since it is apparent to the revenue commissioner that the figures did not list the property at "its true value."

Commissioner Watts does not hesitate in saying that in his opinion revaluation came at a most inopportune time and at a time whe inflated vaiues were the rule all over the state rather than the exception. And in saying this the commissioner is not attacking revaluation or any of its proponents. He agrees with some other state officials that the state was fortunate in checking up on its taxable real property and finding out what its inventory was.

But this does not mean that the commisisoner is hysterical over the big reduction in valuations which will be shown at tax listing time. It may be around two billions under the 1919 figures and the commissioner says this is to be expected.

CONGRESS GIVEN ALL PRIVATE OFFERS

By the Associated Press

Washington, Feb. 25.—Congress today was in possession of all the offers made by private enterprises for the purchase and lease of the government's water power projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala. Presentation of the Engstrum proposal yesterday to the senate and house was followed by reference by the two houses to the military and agricultural committees.

While the house committeeen held no meeting today on the Ford proposal, they were busy summarizing the three weeks testimony and preparing to begin Tuesday or Wednesday the examination of the power company's bid.

WOULD FIND WHY THERE'S OPPOSITION

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—A resolution investigating the extent into which chambers of commerce and banks have inspired so called open shop campaigns against labor was adopted at today's session of the executive council of the American federation of labor. President Gompers and Secretary Morrison were authorized to conduct the inquiry and report.

Speakers before the council said that movements they regarded as anti-union had been increasing. The federation was asked to consider what means of defense or retaliation it would adopt.

WEATHER NEXT WEEK

By the Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday include:

South Atlantic states: Normal temperature, considerable cloudiness rains first half of week.