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PRIZES AWARDED AT NEWTON ON FRIDAY

April 22.—Catawba county school management was held at Newton Friday. About 4,000 children of the normal schools of the county were at the Newton graded school building and were in line to march strictly at 10 o'clock. While the Newton band played appropriate music on the square until they were dismissed, after which the band from America and the line was dismissed. The following contests then were held: The Methodist church the grammar school recitation and declamation contest was conducted by James Bolick. Katherine Bolick, of Conover schools, won the \$7.50 prize, while Rush Weaver, of Blackburg school, won the deputy prize. The Baptist church, conducted by Frances Suttle. Mona Sigmon, of Conover school, won the first prize of \$10, while Annie Wartick, of Conover, won the second prize of \$5. The spelling contest which was conducted by Charles E. McInnis and Miss Esther Katz, at the school building, lasted from 2 o'clock. In this contest the Thoroughbred of May's Chapel school spelled 250 words without a single error, and was declared the winner of the first prize of \$10. The spelling contest was held at the school building conducted by Miss Florence Martin and Miss Hendrix. Vera Frye, of Blackburg school, won the prize of \$10 for the primary reading, while Lois Brown, of the Walden school, won the prize in the grammar grade reading.

CONFERENCE AIR IS REPORTED BETTER

By the Associated Press.
Genoa, April 22.—Actual work on a plan for the reconstruction of Russia was started today by experts representing the soviet government, Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Czechoslovakia and Holland. The heated politics surrounding the Russian problems has been cooled by M. Chicherin's note accepting in the main the allied formula stating the terms on which the great powers are willing to resume business relations with Russia. Sir Edward Grigg, secretary to the British prime minister, and others have made it clear that no proposition has been put forward for government loans to Russia. The idea is that when Russia reaches the position where she can give investors the position, the development of Russian resources will begin. The single point of difference between the Russians and the allies is the unwillingness of the former to restore the property of foreigners.

KILLS LARGE EAGLE FLYING OVER CHILD

By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., April 22.—An American eagle, its wings measuring seven feet from tip to tip was killed near here by West Davis, a farmer, as the bird was circling overhead over a three-year old child. Davis was attracted by his child's screams.

ANOTHER BIRD KILLED

Concord, N. C., April 22.—An American eagle, believed to be a mate to the one killed in Mecklenburg county Friday, was killed in this county near Mount Pleasant yesterday by Richard Hahn. The bird's wings measured six feet seven inches from tip to tip. Mr. Hahn shot the eagle as it was flying over his farm.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 22.—Proposals for use of power development by the government built projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., for the manufacture of aluminum and fertilizers with the government retaining ownership although not spending any more money on the plants were submitted today by R. R. Grant of Wilmington, Del., president of the American Nonferrous Corporation and of the Aluminum Wheel Company of America.

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FIVE ARE KILLED IN GAS EXPLOSION

By the Associated Press.
Los Angeles, April 22.—Five deaths were reported early today at Downey and Artesia, near here, as the result of the explosion of a gasoline tank while scores were fighting a gasoline fire in a filling station at Downey. Five other were reported in a serious condition.

TURNED MAN LOOSE FOR KILLING WOMAN

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 22.—The recommendation of a coroner's jury that a confessed slayer be released on the ground that he was "intoxicated and therefore not responsible" will be investigated, the coroner announced. The verdict of the jury returned yesterday recommended the release of Fritz Meinhansen, who had signed affidavits acknowledging the slaying of Mrs. Anna Peters, a dressmaker. She was shot and killed on April 4 while fitting Meinhansen's wife.

PLENTY OF COAL AND LITTLE DEMAND

By the Associated Press.
Chicago, April 22.—With the coal strike closing its third week of idleness for more than 600,000 miners, a survey of some of the fields show an accumulation of loaded cars on sidings with the market dull. Central Illinois reported 3500 cars loaded and awaiting orders. Southern Illinois reported 2800 more. The total in all Illinois fields is nearly 10,900. Trade orders here show no demand for coal except in Kentucky and West Virginia fields.

LEVEE GOES IN BELOW NEW ORLEANS

By the Associated Press.
New Orleans, April 22.—A levee on the west bank of the Mississippi river at Myrtle Grove, about 20 miles south of this city, broke today and is flooding neighboring plantations. About 60 feet of the bank went out. Government barges with men and materials to combat the flood have gone out from here.

SITUATION HERE REPORTED GRAVE

By the Associated Press.
Tunica, Miss., April 22.—William B. Head announced today that the situation on the Mississippi river near Rush Landing was very grave as the result of the continued slushing of the embankment. A force of 500 men worked through last night erecting a banquet and the same crew continued to work today. More sand banks are needed.

FRENCH DISPLEASED AT GERMAN REPLY

By the Associated Press.
Genoa, April 22.—The French delegation to the economic conference has submitted a protest to the German reply to the allies not in which the Germans stated they would refrain from discussion of Russian questions at the conference.

WEATHER OUTLOOK NEXT WEEK GOOD

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 22.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday includes: South Atlantic states: Generally fair and normal temperature.

DINNER PARTY TO MEMBERS OF BOARD

Mayor J. D. Elliott entertained the members of city council, the heads of city departments and several friends at a splendid dinner at the Buttercup tea room last evening and left for Camden, S. C., by automobile before any of the fine things were said about him and his administration. The mayor left the tea room at 7:40 and expected to drive the 130 miles to Camden in time to catch a Seaboard train at 11:25 for Jacksonville, where he had business today. There was much speculation as to whether Frank Shuford, his chauffeur, regarded as an unusually fine driver, was able to make the trip.

'HONEST ROBBER' IS CLEARED BY JURY

By the Associated Press.
San Francisco, April 22.—John M. Gilroy was released today as "an honest robber." Gilroy told the jury he had been out of work, his wife ill and his children hungry. So he took his revolver and held up the soft drink stand of William Moorman, taking the \$6 from the till. He found work the next day and out of his first pay he paid Moorman the \$6 and then surrendered to the police. The jury took a standing vote of acquittal.

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MORGAN MAY HELP EUROPEAN FINANCES

By the Associated Press.
Paris, April 22.—J. P. Morgan is expected to come to Paris next month to attend the international convention of bankers called by the allies who are endeavoring to arrange the floating of an international loan for Germany, according to information received in American circles here. While the reparations commission has not authorized the statement, it is understood that Mr. Morgan has been invited. Friends of J. P. Morgan were informed by him Friday that he was considering from a standpoint of usefulness the invitation he had received to accept membership on the reparations commission to arrange a loan for Germany.

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OUTLOOK BETTER FOR BUSINESS IN WORLD

By the Associated Press.
Gainesville, Fla., April 22.—A warning against a growing tendency towards speculation throughout the country as business conditions improve was sounded here today by Controller of the Currency Crissinger before the Florida Bankers Association. He urged the bankers to guide their clients towards sound investments and to use their influence to prevent "fly-by-night" schemes. Recent reductions in interest rate, Mr. Crissinger declared, have been too generally regarded by the speculative public as a sign of easy profits in sight when at the present time it was of supreme importance that money and credits should be available to sustain renewed business activity. Mr. Crissinger declared that he was glad to bring to the south a real message of encouragement—that the curve of the depression had been turned and the country was on the road to prosperity. "The business outlook for the country and world," he continued, "is brighter and more encouraging than it has been for the past two years. We are well rid of business and industrial sioth and in a position to go forward on sound and substantial lines. We are ready to start to be off to be doing. Business, industry, agriculture and commerce need only the awakening of American pluck and initiative to insure renewed prosperity."

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TWO LARGE OAKS ARE REMOVED AT LAST

The two large oak trees which for more than 50 years have stood on Fourteenth street, in front of the A. A. Shuford mill office, were being cut down today—making room for progress. They were among the last reminders of the time when Hickory was a forest primeval, when the wild turkey and deer roamed over the hills and through the forest and of a few score years earlier when the Catawba Indians yielded slowly to the advance of the white man. These two oaks—one white and the other red—have been allowed to stand while all about them new buildings have gone up, cement sidewalks have been laid and bitulithic poured on the streets. The late Abel A. Shuford, who prized them for their simple grandeur, halted the destroyer's axe during the many years that his office was in the old building to the rear and his son, A. Alex Shuford, strove also to spare them. For more than half a decade they loomed up in the business district, giants of the forest in an industrial community, affording an oasis in the summer and being the comment of all who observed them. Then came the new Shuford mill office. Yet the trees were spared. The Fourteenth street connection with the Eleventh avenue improvement could not be made without removing them and Superintendent Ben Shelley put his workman on the trees, they were dissected limb by limb and torn up by the roots. Men who watched the workmen remove these trees recalled incidents that had occurred under them in years gone by, saw again the features that were so long identified with them, and spoke of the oaks as they would of human friends, whose mission in life had been to make existence easier and more beautiful. These trees have real mourners.

50TH ANNIVERSARY ARBOR DAY OBSERVED

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 22.—The 50th anniversary of arbor day was celebrated here today with planting of trees in memory of J. Sterling Morton, founder of the observance, and governor of Nebraska when it was a territory. A large delegation of Nebraskans attended the ceremony.

AMERICAN COLLEGE AT BEIRUT SEIZED

By the Associated Press.
London, April 22.—A dispatch to the London Times from Cairo says a newspaper there has learned that the American college at Beirut has been placed under local control by persons recently arrested in Beirut.

CONSIDER TUESDAY MR. FORD'S OFFER

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 22.—Consideration of Henry Ford's offer for purchase and lease of the government's properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., will be started Tuesday by the senate agricultural committee.

WILL WITHDRAW SOLDIERS AT CAMPS LEWIS AND DICKS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 21.—Decision to withdraw from the cantonments at Camp Lewis, Washington and Camp Dix, N. J., the troops composing the division now stationed at those posts and to scatter the unit in the permanent army posts within the two corps areas have been reached by the war department. The decision was made in connection with a prolonged study in the distribution of the regular army on a basis to provide at the same time for economy of operation and efficiency in training. The two cantonments which are to be thus evacuated will be retained for training and storage purposes but with only caretaking detachments quartered at the posts.

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NO PLAN REACHED FOR RAISING DOUGH

By the Associated Press.
Washington, April 22.—Various plans for financing the soldiers' bonus were discussed today among finance committee Republicans, but no decision was reached, it was said. The matter will be taken up with the American legion.

COLLINS HELD UP BY IRISH OFFICER

By the Associated Press.
Belfast, April 22.—Michael Collins upon his arrival this afternoon at Killarney to deliver an address was kept outside the depot by an Irish republican officer armed with a revolver who warned him he would not be allowed to speak until an incident at another place was cleared up.