

COLLEGE GIRLS AND THE CHURCH THEME Y. W. C. A. SECRETARY

Miss Stone, Field Worker, Addresses Methodist Meeting Here

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Recommended at Friday Afternoon's Session—Conference of Workers—Perplexing Questions Before the Meeting

Friday afternoon's session of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society in Queen Street church was opened with Hymn 654. A devotional service was led by Mrs. H. J. Faison. Her topic was "Christ's Example in Prayer." She read selections from different chapters of scripture, portraying the Savior in prayer for different purposes and always with power.

The business of the conference was resumed. The report of Mrs. Ida Wilkins, Superintendent of Supplies, was given. Her work cannot be put into figures, but is rather to be reckoned by the sending of large quantities of clothing and other necessities to needy places. A motion was made and carried to instruct the secretary to send a message of sympathy to Miss Emma Page, who is very ill in St. Leo's hospital in Greensboro. Another message of love was sent to Mrs. F. D. Swindell of Wilson, who was the conference's corresponding secretary for many years. Miss McKinnon reported a gift of \$75 from the auxiliary of Aurora to support a "Bible woman" in Japan. Another \$75 was given for a worker in Japan and the remaining \$15 was donated by the husband and mother of the scholarship namesake.

The Warren district work was given by the secretary, Mrs. R. H. Willis. The Committee on Church Extension presented part of its report, which was read by Miss Vera Herring. Discussion brought out the fact that many valuable suggestions are passed by committees and then not used or carried out. It was recommended that strenuous effort be made for a whirlwind campaign for membership and other advancement. After much discussion of methods in this work the item was returned to the committee for further consideration.

Miss McKinnon then led what she considered a "worker's conference." There are always perplexing problems in the work, it is said by the conference members, and some of these she put into the form of questions under the heads: Organization and administration; literature, study and publicity; young people's work; children's work, and the annual meeting. A discussion of many questions under these heads proved very interesting and helpful.

Friday Evening's Session.

Friday evening at 7:30 a session was commenced which brought up one of the most inspiring events of the conference. After the usual devotional service, greatly enhanced by splendid music by the choir, Miss Stone, who is Field Student Secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association spoke. Her theme was "The College Girl in the Church." She possessed a clear voice and magnetic personality, and discussed her subject with enthusiasm. Her thorough knowledge of the college girl, her qualities, possibilities, needs, etc., made many mothers of these girls long for her assistance in conserving this wonderful force for the church. This morning's session.

The conference was called to order today at 9 o'clock. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Lamb.

The business of the conference was resumed by the reading of the minutes of the secretary. The report from Rockingham district was

FIVE DEATHS FROM STORM IN SOUTHWEST

Wind and Rain Also Responsible for Great Property Damage in Texas and Oklahoma—Floods Threaten Towns—Wires Down and Railroad Traffic Held Up Among Results of Terrible Gale

(By the United Press)
Oklahoma City, Jan. 22.—Five dead and hundreds of thousands of dollars' damage resulted from a wind and rain storm which swept southern Oklahoma and northern Texas last night. Wires are down, trains halted, and floods threaten many towns.

GERMAN FLEET MAY GET INTO ACTION

London Daily News Says Tents Are Arming Ships With Great Guns—17-Inch Rifles Sending Two Thousand Pound Missiles May Yet Shell British Coast

(By the United Press)
London, Jan. 22.—An attack upon England by German superdreadnaughts carrying 18-in. guns, shooting a ton projectile 20 miles is possible, the Daily news today asserted. It said the Germans are arming their vessels with great guns.

PROGRAM FOR THE FARRAR CONCERT

Special to The Free Press
Raleigh, Jan. 22.—The following program will be rendered by Geraldine Farrar, the famous singer, and assisting artists, Ada Sassoli, Reinhold Werrenrath and Richard Epstein, at the concert to be given under the auspices of the Raleigh Rotary Club in the City Auditorium here, Monday night:

1. Aria, "Hear me, ye winds and waves," Handel, Mr. Werrenrath.
2. Soli for Harp:
 - (a) Gavotte, Rameau.
 - (b) Menuet, Massenet.
 - (c) Impromptu, Pienet.
 Miss Sassoli.

3.
 - (a) Romanza from "Mignon" "Connais-tu le pays" (Thomas).
 - (b) Ouvre tes yeux bleus, Massenet.
 - (c) Souvenir, Bemberg.
 - (d) Habanera from "Carmen, Bizet.
 Miss Farrar.

4. Songs:
 - (a) Allerseelen, Strauss.
 - (b) Lauf der Welt, Grieg.
 - (c) Licht, Sinding.
 Mr. Werrenrath.

5. Soli for Harp:
 - (a) Stille-S
 - (a) Vieille Chanson, Clement Marrot.
 - (b) Le Rouet, Zabel.
 - (c) Marionettes, Ledeschi.
 Miss Sassoli.

6. Songs:
 - (a) Stille Sicherheit, Franz.
 - (b) Volkslieder, Schumann.
 - (c) Sternlein, Mousorgsky.
 - (d) Erstes Begegnen, Grieg.
 - (e) Schneeglockchen, Gretschani-nov.
 Miss Farrar.

7. Aria—
 "Vision Fugitive," from Herold-ide," Massenet.
 Mr. Werrenrath.

8. Soli for Harp:
 - (a) Priere
 - (b) Gnomes.
 - (c) Gitana, Hasselmanns.
 Miss Sassoli.

9. Aria—
 "Un bel di," from "Madama Butterfly, Puccini.
 Miss Farrar.

given by the district secretary, Miss Georgia Biggs. The district has been for years one of the strongest in the conference. The Wilmington district was next to report, through Mrs. Harvey Boney. The Washington district secretary was absent, and the delegates present from the various auxiliaries gave individual reports. Mrs. E. C. Duncan reported as editor of the Advocate page. Her work has been faithful and of high quality. She outlined the needs of her department. The Durham district reported through Mrs. B. N. Mann, the district secretary. Mrs.

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ADULTS SHOULD BE GUIDED BY METHODS BOY CORN PLANTERS

And North Carolina's Total Yield Would Increase From 60,000,000 to 160,000,000 Bushels — Salisbury Lad Champion

(Special to The Free Press)
West Raleigh, Jan. 22.—The North Carolina A. & M. College has reason to feel proud of its connection with the boys' corn clubs of the State, the splendid work of which is evidenced by the report which Mr. T. E. Browne, in charge of the corn clubs, has just made to the United States Department of Agriculture. Three hundred of these corn club boys last summer spent a week at the college, where, like regular students, they attended classes under members of the agriculture faculty. Mr. Browne's report shows that corn club members produced a total of 70,040.4 bushels at an average of more than 50 bushels to the acre, with the average cost of production 43.4 cents a bushel. Fifty members made 100 or more bushels to the acre. Every county sent in a good report. The champion for the year was Ledford Hall, 13, the brother of last year's champion. He operated on his father's farm near Salisbury, and secured a yield of 142 bushels at an expense of 11.2 cents a bushel. If the adult corn growers in the State were as capable as the young planters North Carolina would produce 160,000,000 bushels of corn instead of 60,000,000 bushels.

NEWSPAPER WRITER DAMAGES THE MOHR DEFENSE WITH TALE

Told Accused Negroes That She Was Agent of Woman Accused of Murdering Husband—Blacks Opened Up and Talked Freely

(By the United Press)
Providence, Jan. 22.—Gertrude Stevenson, a Boston newspaper woman, injured the Mohr defense today when she told how she represented herself to be an agent of Mrs. Mohr and visited negroes accused with Mrs. Mohr of the murder in their cells. They asked her to help them with an alibi and tell Mrs. Mohr to stand pat with them. Miss Stevenson will be cross-examined Monday

NEGRO MURDERER TO BE SENT BACK TO S. C.

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—Extradition papers signed by Governor Manning of South Carolina were honored today for the return of Samuel Williams, colored, charged with murder in Greenville.

TEN THOUSAND FATHERS AND SONS TO DINE TOGETHER

Cleveland, Jan. 21.—More than ten thousand fathers and sons are expected to sit down together at tables in a hundred Cleveland churches tonight in the biggest "father and son day" ever celebrated in this country. Invitations were sent to every father and son in the city. Fathers who bring the most sons will be the guests.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC THREATENED TOWNS

(By the United Press)
Chicago, Jan. 22.—With scores of cities and villages facing a typhoid epidemic as the result of a most disastrous flood in northern Illinois, the swollen rivers today began to shrink.

VILLA STRONGHOLD IS SURROUNDED BY CARRANZA'S TROOPS

May Be Long Time Before He Can Be Captured, Says Report

TO STARVE BANDIT OUT

Is In Nearly Impregnable Position in Sierra Madre Mountains of Chihuahua, El Paso Is Informed—False Report

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Jan. 22.—Francisco Villa is reported to be surrounded by Carranzista troops in the Sierra Madre mountains of Chihuahua. This report is believed to have resulted in the premature announcement that he was captured.

It is believed he can hold his mountain fortress indefinitely. The Carranzistas are endeavoring to cut off his food supply.

American Murdered.
El Paso, Jan. 22.—Ill feeling along the border was intensified today by the admission that Bert Akers, an American rancher, had been killed by Bernardo Duran, a Mexican. Duran was arrested.

WOULD NOT ACCEPT ITALIAN HOSPITALITY

Montenegrin King and Queen Pass Through Rome En Route to Lyons, Where New Temporary Capital Will Be Set Up—Reconciliation Between Queen and Daughter, Italy's Royal Wife, However

(By the United Press)
Rome, Jan. 22.—Stung hard by Italy's attitude of disregard for their country's plight, King Nicholas of Montenegro and Queen Milena, the parents of the Italian Queen, refused to accept the hospitality of the royal palace here today while going to Lyons, France, the new seat of the Montenegrin Government. A reconciliation was effected when Queen Helena met her mother at the train with her children.

It is reported the Montenegrins are joining the Albanians to resist the Austrians at Scutari.

TROUBLE AT AYDEN'S NEW ELECTRIC PLANT

(Special to The Free Press)
Ayden, Jan. 22.—Ayden's new electric lighting system on its first test out performed splendidly except pumps for the boilers, which failed to come up to the expectations of the creators. That defect will be remedied immediately. The superintendent expects the current to be turned on for good in a week or two.

BULLETINS

AUSTRIA MAKES NEW PROPOSAL TO MONTENEGRO.
Rome, Jan. 22.—Austria has made a fresh offer of peace to Montenegro, following the failure of the recent negotiations.

AUSTRIAN CRAFT SUNK.
Rome, Jan. 22.—An Austrian torpedo boat and hydroplane have been sunk in the Adriatic. The crew of the hydroplane were captured, but the crew of the torpedo boat drowned.

BUILDING COLLAPSED; NARROW ESCAPES HAD

(By the United Press)
Detroit, Jan. 22.—A number of employes miraculously escaped today when the second story of the Hudson automobile plant collapsed. None was killed.

STATE CONFERENCE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE TO CONVENE SUNDAY

Four Days' Meeting in Charlotte—Special Sermons by Pastors Queen City—Union Mass Meeting Feature First Day

(Special to The Free Press)
Charlotte, Jan. 22.—The fourth annual session of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service will be convened in the First Baptist church here tomorrow, to continue through Wednesday.

Sunday's program follows:
Subject: "The Church and Social Service."

11 A. M.—Special sermons from the Charlotte pulpits on Christian Social Service.

7:45 P. M.—Union mass meeting at the Auditorium, Dr. W. M. Vines, presiding. Union meetings at Dilworth and Belmont this hour.

Music by Union Choir.
Invocation—Rev. E. L. Bain.

Address—"The Teachings of Jesus as They Bear Upon the Solution of Modern Social Problems."—Dr. Walter L. Lingle, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Music.
Address—"Christianity and Social Progress"—Dr. William Louis Post, president Wake Forest College.
Music.
Benediction—Rev. Robert A. Tufft.

ANNUAL CONVENT'N OF STATE FORESTRY ASSOC'N NEXT WEEK

Important Meeting in New Bern Monday and Tuesday—Addresses by Notable Men—Delegates to Be Taken On Trip in Woods

The tentative program for the sixth annual convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association, to be held in New Bern next Tuesday and Wednesday, 25th and 26th, has been arranged. The association, which has as its object 'promotion of protection of the forests of North Carolina from fire and destructive insects, and to promote their perpetuation by wise use and by the reforestation of cut-over and abandoned lands,' will hold afternoon and morning sessions in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and a public session in the Public School auditorium.

The program as arranged follows:
Tuesday morning at 10 a. m.: Invocation, address of welcome, response, address by President Nathan O'Berry of Goldsboro, reports of secretary and treasurer, appointment of committees and the following addresses: "Our First State Forest," Governor Craig; "Forest Management for Eastern Carolina Landowners," Mr. W. W. Ashe of the U. S. Forest Service; "The Lumberman and Forest Perpetuation," Mr. C. I. Millard of Norfolk; "Federal Assistance in Conservation," Congressman John H. Small; "North Carolina's New Forestry Laws," Senator A. D. Ward; "Permanence of Our Wood-Using Industries," Mr. C. C. Smoot of North Wilkesboro.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Welcome from New Bern Women's Clubs, and the following addresses: "Game and Shore Birds as a State Asset," Mr. R. E. Parker, secretary of the Audubon Society of North Carolina; "State Forestry in Virginia," State Forester Chapin Jones of Virginia; "Arbor Day in Our Public Schools," Superintendent J. J. Blair of the Wilmington schools; "Federal and State Inspection," Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham;

Discussions will follow after the addresses at both sessions.
Tuesday night at 8 o'clock: Illustrated lecture, "Forest Conservation in North Carolina," State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt, reports of committees, election of officers, adjournment.
Wednesday morning the delegates will be taken on an excursion over a logging railway to inspect the loblolly pine forests and visit some logging operations near New Bern. This trip will be tendered the convention by the local lumbermen. New Bern is an important center of the North Carolina pine industry, so this excursion should prove exceptionally attractive.

FIRE ON BOARD SHIP CARRYING MUNITIONS

Norwegian Vessel, Believed to Be En Route to Archangel With Military Supplies for Russia, Puts Back Into New York With Blaze In Forward Hold—Flames Now Under Control

(By the United Press)
New York, Jan. 22.—The Norwegian steamer Sygna, reported to be carrying munitions to the Russian port, Archangel, rushed back to Quarantine this morning with a fire raging in No. 1 hold. The blaze is believed to be under control. Information of the character of the cargo was refused.

FOWLER SAYS MONEY WAS USED IN CASES

"More Than Dollar Bills" Employed to Get Peace Council Leaders Indicted, Declares Representative Who Is One of Accused—Fighting Extradition

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—Charges that "more than dollar bills" were used in bringing about indictments of members of Labor's National Peace Council, were made today by former Representative Fowler, fighting extradition.

FRANK TAYLOR GO TO JAIL OR PAY BIG FINE

Well-Known Man Convicted of Selling Intoxicating Liquors Sentenced by Recorder Today—Given Time to Make His Choice—Six Months or \$200 and Costs Imposed

Samples of alleged 'vicious liquors' sold by Frank Taylor at his store near the Iron Bridge, sent to Raleigh for analyses by State chemists were not reported on when a case against Taylor came up in Recorder's Court Friday for a jury trial. It is understood that the samples were sent unpaid, and that the State men would not take them from the express office until the city had forwarded a sum of 35 cents. Judge Wooten stated that he has heard "not officially," that the liquors contained 20 per cent. of alcohol. Taylor was convicted, but judgment was withheld until today.

Judge Wooten this morning sentenced Taylor to six months, with the privilege of hiring out, or to pay a fine of \$200 and costs, and give bond not to sell any more liquor and appear before the Recorder each Monday morning for a year to testify that he is keeping the agreement. Taylor was given until this afternoon to make his choice.

Albert Riddick, colored, was sentenced to two years for storebreaking. Goods taken by him from the shop of A. F. Pittman were located in New Bern, and he was arrested there and brought to this city. Several negro gamblers were sentenced to four months on the roads or pay fines of \$10 and costs. Most of them had paid the fines this morning and the remaining ones were expected to.

"Why the Railroads Want Fire Protection," President Mark W. Potter of the C. & O. Railway; "Broken Remarks," Editor John H. Cowan of the Wilmington Dispatch, president of the North Carolina Press Association; "A National Recreation Ground," Mr. S. P. Ravenal of Asheville.

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CAN'T CHANGE MIND OF MR. WILSON ON ENFORCED SERVICE

Is Unalterably Opposed to Chamberlain's Plan for Raising Army

TROUBLE IS ABOUT OVER

Controversies With Austria and Germany Expected to Be Ended With Receipt Note—Being Prepared

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—Final settlement of the controversies over the submarine warfare are apparently approaching today. Final note on the Lusitania matter is being drafted in Berlin. Vienna today reported that Ambassador Penfield had been given a note declaring that no Austrian submarine was responsible for the sinking of the Persia. It is possible that further inquiry for evidence may follow receipt of the latter.

Won't Insist On Garrison Plan.
The President will not insist upon the creation of Secretary Garrison's continental army if it threatens the entire defense program, it was learned today. He is adamant against Chamberlain's compulsory service plan.

Wilson On Cruise in Chesapeake.
The President is cruising down the Chesapeake Bay with Mrs. Wilson on the Mayflower, preparing his address to be given in New York January 27. His bride is making plans to go with him on his western trip, starting Friday night. They will be gone a week, as far west as Kansas City.

Root and Stimson Approve Continental Army.
Former Secretaries of War Elihu Root and Henry L. Stimson before the National Security Congress today approved Garrison's plan for a continental army. Mr. Root declared the idea of building up the national guard to take the place of regulars is absurd. He said a reserve force must be under the direction of Federal officers.

PROPOSES SEPARATE PEACE WITH BELGIUM

(By the United Press)
Amsterdam, Jan. 22.—The Frankfurter Zeitung today proposed a separate peace with Belgium. The paper says many Germans will look with favor upon such a plan.

KITCHIN WILL GO TO WASHINGTON MONDAY

(By the United Press)
Washington, Jan. 22.—Democratic Leader Kitchin called to North Carolina a week ago by the illness of a daughter, telegraphed today that he will return Monday.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OF NEARBY CITIES

Three farmers institutes will be held in Pitt county during the remainder of January—at Bethel on Friday, at Grifton Saturday and Greenville Monday.
The Greenville building inspector has condemned five wooden structures at Five Points, on the edge of the business district.
There is less idleness in New York than ever before, said Samuel Z. Chesbro, a well known business man of the metropolis, at New Bern Friday. His company buys fish from all parts of the United States, including large quantities from Eastern Carolina.
Shad are becoming plentiful in the New Bern and Washington markets.