

## HIGH SCHOOL MEET IN SESSION HERE

ABOUT 70 TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN CITY.

**Preliminary Contest Held This Morning at Elks' Home, City Hall and Court House.—Contestants For Final Contest to Be Held at Central School This Evening Selected.—Athletic Contest This Afternoon.—Prof. R. L. Keebler on Hand With Charlotte High School Glee Club.**

The first annual meet of the west central division of State High Schools convened here this morning. The district embraces 20 counties in this section of the State. About 70 students and teachers, representing 15 schools, are in attendance.

The meet opened this morning with the preliminary contest to decide the contestant in the final meet which will be held at Central school tonight. Principal Weddington, of Winecroft High School, host of the meet, arranged the contests in the opera house, Elks' Home and court house.

At the Elks' Home the contest in recitation was held. Thirteen young ladies participated and the judges were Messrs. W. B. Werner, J. R. Hooten and W. T. Albright. The following young ladies won and will represent their schools in the final contest to be held this evening:

Misses Mona Gaither, of Harmony; Sue Hunt, Grover; Leona Harris, Stony Point; Wilma Hargett, Unionville; Joe Ranson, Huntersville; Viola Shinn, Winecroft.

The spelling contest was held at the court house, Prof. C. E. Boger, Miss Frances Alexander and Mrs. R. A. Brown were judges. The contest consisted of 200 written words. The winner has not yet been announced. The following were the contestants:

Vern Turner, Grover; Bertha Tenue, Stony Point; Essie Smith, China Grove; Pearl Carriker, Rocky River; Cary Heath, Harmony; Steven Hart, Mt. Ella; Richard Culbertson, Woodleaf; Charles Murph, Winecroft.

Thirteen boys participated in the preliminary declamation contest which was held at the opera house. Messrs. J. P. Cook, Harold Turner and A. D. Wauchope were judges and the following were selected for the final contest: Talmage Smith, Oak Hill; Byron Keeter, Grover; F. M. Poole, Stony Point; Henry Dellinger, Waco; Otto Klontz, Unionville; Luther Wine-coff, Winecroft.

The final contest will be held this evening at 8:15 o'clock at Central school. The judges will be Messrs. L. A. Bikle, J. M. Grier and L. T. Hartwell.

Prof. R. L. Keebler arrived this morning from Charlotte with the Charlotte High School Glee Club. There are 32 boys in the club. They were trained by Professor Keebler and will be a feature at the meeting this evening. They will render numerous selections, including choruses, violin and vocal solos, medleys, etc.

In the afternoon the athletic contest will be held at Cineo Park.

A really transaction, including \$50,000 in cash, it is learned, has been consummated between Paul Chatham, of Charlotte, and parties in Washington City, whereby the latter come into possession of 300 lots of the Chatham estate, valuable property, east of the city of Charlotte.

For Sale—Farm horse. Apply to C. A. Sherwood, R. F. D., No. 2, Concord, N. C. 10-11-p

## RIMBER SCHOOL

Closing Exercises to Be Held on April 16th.

Rimber school, in No. 6 township, which has been taught the past winter by Prof. Jno. A. Sather, Misses Beatrice Beason and Leola Carter, will close Wednesday, April 15.

At 10 o'clock a. m. the exercises will begin. We will have with us Rev. C. P. Fisher, of Faith, and our county superintendent, Prof. D. S. Lippard. Music will be furnished by the Forest Hill Band, of Concord.

At 1 o'clock dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is cordially invited to bring well filled baskets. The afternoon will be spent in a picnic and ball game.

## Morning Programme.

Song: "Sweet Hour of Prayer," by school.  
Scripture reading and prayer.  
Recitation: "The Dying Child," by Ella Klutz.  
Declamation: "The American Flag," Roy Saffrit.  
Song: "God is Ever Good," by school.

"Reception of the Stamps on Cape Fear," Ellis Troutman.  
Recitation: "Rock of Ages," Elsie Moore.

"The Doll Show," by seven little girls.  
Declamation: "An Appeal to Boys," Clyde Barrier.

Recitation: "Grandpa's Spectacles," Addie Lippard.  
"Composition on Sanitation," Luena Moore.

Recitation: "Guess What It Is," Marvie Carter.  
"The American Indian," Louis Post.

Declamation: "Galileo," by Frank Klutz.  
"The United Workmen," class of boys.

Recitation "Lazy Sue," Nellie Furr.  
**Evening Programme, Beginning at 8 p. m.**

Song: "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," by school.  
"Flower Drill," six little girls.  
"True Charity," six little girls.

Music by band.  
"Negro Sermon."  
"Early Rising," Ralph Penninger.  
Recitation, Cora Penninger.  
Music by band.  
"Crown Drill."

Declamation: "Oh, I'm a Good Old Rebel," Brown Post.  
"The Colonial Tea Party,"

Music by band.  
Dialogue: "Taking Sam's Picnic," Music by band.  
Drama: "Wooing Under Difficulties."

## To Dedicate Butt Memorial.

Augusta, Ga., April 10—Arrangements have been completed for the dedication of the memorial bridge erected here in honor of the late Major Archibald W. Butt, who was a native of this city. The dedication will take place next Tuesday, which will be the second anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, of which Major Butt was one of the heroes.

The principal speaker at the dedication exercises will be former President Taft, close friend of the deceased, and whom Major Butt served as personal aid.

**Holy Week Service at Holy Trinity, Mount Pleasant.**  
Friday, 11a. m., divine worship and service, preparatory to Lord's Supper.  
Saturday, 10a. m., Sunday school, class for confirmation.  
Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school. Japan day; 11a. m., divine worship, sermon, confirmation, Lord's Supper.  
2 p. m., annual congregational meeting, 3:30 p. m., baptisms.  
R. A. GOODMAN, Pastor.

## CARROLL-ALEXANDER

Marriage of Mr. Frank Carroll and Miss Blanche Alexander.

The home of Mrs. S. F. Alexander, 82 Franklin avenue, was the scene of a quiet, but charming wedding, Wednesday evening, April 8, 1914, when her daughter, Blanche, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Carroll, of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. C. Wauchope. The house was artistically decorated with ferns and spring flowers.

As the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin was being played by Mrs. W. C. Wauchope, the bridal procession entered the parlor—the maids of honor in advance of the bridal pair who entered together. The bride was daintily dressed in a gown of white crepe, with tunic of net and trimmed with lace. She wore a beautiful pearl necklace the gift of the groom, and the only ornament in her hair was a single strand of pearls. She carried an arm-bouquet of bride roses and maiden-hair fern. The maids of honor were Miss Sue Caldwell, of Concord, niece of the groom, who wore a pretty gown of pale blue crepe de chine, and carried white carnations; and Miss Sue Alexander, of Charlotte, who was attractively gowned in pink crepe de chine trimmed with shadow lace. She carried an arm-bouquet of pink carnations and maiden-hair fern.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of guests. The gifts were numerous and beautiful. Among them were a magnificent oak half-crown of Concord, and a beautiful upholstered mahogany rocker from the W. O. W., of which Mr. Carroll is a popular member. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll will reside on Church street. W.

## Gasoline is Going Higher.

Cincinnati, O., April 9.—Automobile owners face a still higher rise in the price of gasoline, according to figures made public today at the convention of the American Chemical Society here. In an address on "some economic phases of the use of gasoline," Prof. Benjamin T. Brooks, of the bureau of mines, Washington, D. C., declared gasoline rapidly is approaching 40 cents a gallon mark, at which point he declared it would be an active competitor.

## Maine Republicans Meet in Annual Convention.

Augusta, April 9.—Expressing that "the tide has turned" and that Maine soon again will be "Rock ribbed and Republican," Maine G. O. P. members gathered here today in their annual state convention. There was promise of noticeable splits between the Old Guard and the younger, more progressive Republicans who believe the only hope of the Republican party in Maine is to "out-progress the Progressives."

## In Honor of Miss Lowe.

Miss Ashlyn Lowe, who will become the bride of Mr. J. Ross Cannon April 23, was the honoree at a delightful social event yesterday afternoon given by Mrs. E. C. Barnhardt at her home on North Union street. "Rum" was played and following the game a salad course was served. The guest of honor or prize, a pair of silk hose, was presented to the honoree. About 30 guests were present and eight dropped in for lunch after the game.

## ALKAHEST ARTISTS ARE COMING SOON.

Contains a Talented Trio of Southern Belles.

The Alkahest Artists' Company is composed of a trio of southern young ladies who have become famous in their special lines of talent. They are sent out under the name of the Alkahest with the assurance that they will hold up the standard of this company's reputation for furnishing only first class attractions. Every season this company sends out an attraction under

its own name, and the personnel of the company for this season is especially strong.

The program will be delightfully varied, consisting of piano and violin solos, soprano solos, readings and monologues. Misses Lucile Dennis and Louise McHenry, two charming Georgia girls, will head the company this season. Our Lycium patrons have good reasons for looking forward with pleasure to the coming of this splendid company of artists to our city.

General School Auditorium Monday, April 13, at 8:15 p. m.

## ALDERMEN HOLD BUSY SESSION

CITY FATHERS HELD REGULAR MEETING LAST EVENING.

Numerous Citizens Watch Proceedings of the Board.—Soda Pop Lobby on Hand But the "Blue Laws" Were Not Considered.—Privilege Taxes Levied.—Petitions Presented for Cement Sidewalks.—Board Hits Carnival a Knockout Blow.

The board of aldermen held its regular monthly meeting at the city hall last evening. Mayor Hartwell presided and all the members of the board were present.

Previous to the meeting the board held a caucus in the Mayor's office. In the meantime the little court room was filled with citizens. Many of the audience came anticipating a lively meeting and others, it is said, were there in the nature of lobbyists. Those anticipating a discussion on the "blue laws," etc., were there with their faces adorned with a look of anxiety. In fact it was rumored that some of this number composed a "soda-pop" lobby and were there in order to influence legislation to the effect that they could walk boldly up to a soda fountain on Sunday morning and gulp or sip (whichever was the habit) a "morning's morning," while all the world looked on.

The hour of the meeting was 8 o'clock, but the caucus held for several minutes thereafter. In the meantime the lobbyists, lookers-on and plain citizens, talked and smoked—mostly smoked. In fact the little room was so full of nicotine eruptions that some one remarked if the aldermen saw it they would conclude that for the peace and comfort and safety of the lives and fortunes of certain citizens, they would pull the ban off selling "smokables" on Sunday. But in the meantime the caucus continued, the crowd waited and smoked, while the windows rattled and the building shook from activities of a band of Indians on a scalping expedition upstairs where a rehearsal for Powhatan was underway. But, finally, the aldermen appeared and, cutting their way through the smoke-laden atmosphere, took their places within the little bar, City Tax Collector Fink substituting for Clerk Weddington, and the business of the evening was finally on. The delay, taking all things into consideration, was about as long as this introduction to what transpired at the meeting.

Mr. V. W. Widenhouse appeared before the aldermen and requested them to place a fire hose and wagon at Forest Hill. He stated that it was the center of a thickly populated section of the city; that the merchants there could not carry a sufficient stock of goods on account of not having insurance and that the company there would have eleven men ready at all times to respond to a fire alarm. Mayor Hartwell stated that the matter would be referred to the proper committee and firemen to decide. He stated that he regretted that following a publication in the daily paper that a horse would be sent to Forest Hill that the Cannonville department had decided to disband and expressed the hope that the matter could be amicably settled. The mayor added that he had been unable to find out by what authority such a statement was published.

(In passing, we will state to the mayor that if he had taken sufficient interest to make inquiry he could have easily found out by "what authority" the statement was published. The information was secured from the head of a city department, who has direct charge of such matters. But, since the proposed move did not prove popular with certain members of the fire department, it appears that the easiest way to "calm the trouble waters" is to attach the blame to the "daily newspaper."—City Editor.)

Petitions were received from residents on the west side of West Corbin street, asking that a cement sidewalk be put down from the Chapman residence to the depot, and on the southside of South Union from Mr. J. G. Parks' residence to the city limits. The matters were referred to the street committee.

The board took up the matter of special privilege taxes. The following changes were made:

Tax on circus was raised from \$50 to \$100; pool rooms, first table, from \$25 to \$50 and each additional table \$5 to 10; gas company, \$50 to \$100; express company, \$25 to \$100.

Privilege tax was placed on the following, which have not heretofore been taxed: Garage, \$15; automobile agencies, \$10; intertrants offering automobiles for sale, \$25; automobiles for public hire, \$25; near beer of no tax, \$1,000; telegraph companies, \$25; oil companies, wholesale, \$100; retail oil peddlers, \$25.

When the tax on carnival companies was reached a motion was made and unanimously passed that the city tax collector refuse to issue license to any carnival company.

## PIG CLUBS PROFITABLE

Department of Commerce Issues Statement Showing What Georgia Boys are Making By Growing Pigs.

For several years a Boys' Corn Club has been conducted in this county, with marked success. The club has aroused interest in corn culture, inspired boys to do things and make things on their own responsibility and has added to the material wealth of the county.

In numerous counties throughout the country pig clubs have been organized and are being conducted along lines similar to the corn clubs. Such a club would be of benefit to Cabarrus. Statistics are not available but it is estimated that hundreds of dollars go out from this county yearly to meat supplies. This money goes out of the county when it could easily be kept at home by producing the meat in the county.

"Red Buck" Bryant recently told the Charlotte Observer of the results that are being obtained from pig clubs in Brooks county, Georgia. His article follows:

The Department of Agriculture is trying to get the farmers of the South to go back to the growing of hog and hominy. Corn clubs are being organized and pig clubs encouraged.

Brooks county, Georgia, is held up as an example to the other counties of Dixie.

The Southern States at one time years ago produced large numbers of hogs and cured practically all of the bacon necessary to feed the people. A recent bulletin issued from the Office of Information of the Department of Agriculture, "At the present time the same cannot be said of a single Southern State and of but few counties in any of these states. There is one county in Georgia, however, that is showing others what can be done by raising hogs. Brooks county holds the distinction of producing more bacon than any other county in Georgia. Recently, 22 wagon loads of cured bacon were delivered at Quitman in one day. This amounted to about 45,000 pounds.

Last year Brooks county raised the meat necessary for home consumption, shipped out several carloads of hogs, and in addition sold 150,000 pounds of bacon at an average price of 14 cents a pound. This year it is estimated that Brooks county will sell 250,000 pounds of bacon in addition to what is needed for home consumption, and a large number of hogs shipped to the markets. About 1,000 head of fat cattle will also be marketed from the county. The raising of livestock has not been accomplished at a sacrifice of other crops, but has been produced in addition to the regular crops with the result that those who have taken up this line of work are becoming the leading and the most prosperous farmers in the county. The cash receipts for the livestock and bacon sold from the county is near \$100,000.

"What is being done in Brooks county it is believed could be done in every county in the South. This would put the farmer on a better financial footing because he would not be dependent upon cotton as his sole cash crop. Bacon can be made a most profitable cash crop which can be marketed in early Spring when farmers are so often in need of ready money.

"The boys of Brooks county have manifested great interest in the organization of pig clubs and an exceedingly creditable exhibit will probably be made by the boys at the county fair this fall."

## MR. GEORGE C. PETREA

Died This Morning at 8:40 O'clock at His Home on Crowell Street—Funeral at Mount Pleasant.

Mr. George C. Petrea died this morning at 8:40 o'clock at his home on North Crowell street. Mr. Petrea had been sick only a few days. Several days ago he contracted a severe cold which aggravated a chronic bronchial trouble, causing his death this morning.

Mr. Petrea was a native of Mount Pleasant and was 50 years of age. He moved to Concord several years ago and held a position with the Cannon Manufacturing Co. as time keeper. Mr. Petrea was a member and officer of St. Andrews Lutheran Church, a Mason, Woodman and member of Forest Hill Band. He was a widower and is survived by five children.

The funeral will be held at Mount Pleasant but the hour has not been determined upon. Out of town relatives have been notified and as soon as they arrive the funeral arrangements will be made. A number of friends and relatives of the deceased from Concord will attend the funeral.

## MR. TROUTMAN PROMOTED.

Concord Man Appointed District Deputy for Woodmen of World Order.

Mr. John Troutman, who has been local deputy for the Woodmen of the World, received a notice this morning from Sovereign Manager Lewis stating that he had been appointed district deputy. The district will include the counties of Montgomery, Stanly, Cabarrus, Moore, Lee, Iredell and Hoke.

This promotion comes to Mr. Troutman in recognition of his services to the Woodmen Order, especially during the past two years that he has been a local deputy. During that time he has devoted his entire time to the work and pursued it with such interest and enthusiasm that he obtained fine results and won the recognition of the head officers of the order.

## PRESIDENT AND FAMILY ARRIVE AT HOT SPRINGS

To Obtain a Few Days Respite From Canal Tolls Controversy.

White Sulphur Springs, Va., April 10.—President Wilson, in an effort to obtain a week-end respite from the canal tolls controversy, arrived here early today, so early that only a handful of boys and station loungers greeted the presidential party. Among the guests of the Greenbriar Hotel, who interestingly watched the arrival of the presidential party, were Mrs. John Jacob Astor and her sister, Miss Katherine Force. Golfing and motoring will be the President's chief diversions.

Mr. Luther Mills Kitchin, son of Congressman Kitchin, has bought the Scotland Neck Commonwealth.

Opportunity seldom knocks at the door of a knocker.

## SERIOUS POSITION OF MEXICO CITY

A REBEL VICTORY REPORT ED FROM ALL POINTS.

Troops Are Being Gathered in the Capital from Points Nearby.—The Number of Troops in the City Now is Scarcely Four Thousand.—A Dispatch Says Federals Are Completely Surrounded at San Pedro de las Cononias.

Mexico City, April 10.—With a Rebel victory reported from all points and the withdrawal of Federals from the state of Guerrero, the position of Mexico City is becoming serious. Troops are being gathered at the capital from points nearby. Preparations for the defense are declared to be going on under cover. The number of troops who are now in the city is scarcely four thousand.

Jourez, April 10.—In a dispatch to Carranza Villa reported that he would force fighting at San Pedro de las Cononias. He said the Federals are completely surrounded and that the constitutionalists hoped to exhaust their ammunition and capture them.

Fierce Fighting in and Around Tampico.

Washington, April 10.—Fierce fighting is now in progress in and about Tampico according to State and Navy Department dispatches. Several of the oil tanks beyond the city were shattered by shots. One is on fire and others are threatened with the flames. Oil is running into the river towards the harbor mouth. There is danger of it catching fire, thus causing a conflagration on the wharves and among the shipping. The situation is admittedly very grave. There has been no confirmation received of the report that Admiral Mayo ordered the Federal gunboats to stop firing toward the city on pain of being shot down by shells from American warships. Women, children and refugees are crowding the Des Moines. The rules of civilized warfare were violated, two women being reported drowned by the federal commander.

Paper Delayed Today.

The Tribune's two linotype machines were put out of commission this afternoon for over three hours on account of failure of the gas supply, which is used to heat the metal. On this account the paper is late today, as it was impossible for us to set the type.

Fair tonight with probably light frost in interior; Saturday fair and warmer.

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