

CLARENCE RIDENHOUR ELECTED PRESIDENT

Of Older Boys' Conference of Fourth N. C. District—Other Officers Chosen Friday Afternoon.

BANQUET HELD AT Y FRIDAY NIGHT

Proved Very Interesting, With More Than 200 Present—Noted Speakers at Morning Session.

With nearly two hundred registrations in hand with still others coming in today, the Fourth Annual Older Boys' Conference began in full blast Friday afternoon.

Clarence Ridenhour, better known among the boys as "Peanut," was elected President.

Other officers elected were: Ralph Bullard, Charlotte—Vice-President.

James Goodson, Salisbury—Secretary.

Clarence Burns, Winston-Salem—Assistant Secretary.

Mr. E. M. Hoffman, Community Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Salisbury, was the speaker Friday afternoon.

His subject was "What Will You Get Out of the Conference?" His talk was very practical, and he outlined the best ways to get the most out of the conference.

At the opening session, more than two hundred gathered around the banquet table in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Mr. A. F. Hartzell, president of the Y. M. C. A., extended the welcome from the school board, and "Peanut" Ridenhour extended the welcome from the boys.

One of the features of the banquet was the singing of Mr. Hoffin, a traveling man who has been in Concord for several days.

Mr. Hoffin has a wonderful baritone voice, and together with his pleasing personality, made quite a hit with the boys.

His rendition of Mother Macree was especially pleasing. He was accompanied by Miss Nell Herring.

Mr. W. H. Morris, of Baltimore, Metropolitan General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., made the principal address of the evening.

He spoke on the responsibilities and opportunities left to the present generation by the men of old—carrying on and making good, and then passing the torch on to those with whom we come in contact and to those who come after us.

Mr. A. E. Harris was Chairman of the banquet committee. Mrs. Marris, assisted by several other ladies, and a number of younger girls, served the banquet.

The delegations were all introduced and made responses.

Rev. Tom Lawrence led the singing, while an orchestra composed of Miss Margaret Hartzell, Messrs. McViren, McLemore, and McCaskill furnished some excellent music.

The third session was held this morning at the Central Methodist Church.

A song service, led by Rev. T. N. Lawrence, opened the session and devotional exercises were led by Rev. L. A. Thomas.

HUGE ECONOMIC LOSS BY MOTOR ACCIDENTS

Census Statisticians of Auto Deaths Tell Only Part of Story.

Washington, Dec. 2.—(Capital News Service)—The annual Census Office bulletin, which presents statistics for 1921, in the thirty-four States reporting, shows that 49,198 men, women, and children lost their lives through accidents which cannot be held to be preventable.

It is pointed out in the National Capital that the economic loss of such wholesale killings is enormous, no matter how conservative the figures are which enter into such calculations.

Supposing that the average earning of each of the killed people was or would eventually be at the rate of one thousand dollars a year, and that the life expectancy of all those who thus died was but ten years each, and the enormous total of \$100,000,000 is reached as the earning power wiped out by automobile accidents in one year.

National campaigns are undertaken in the interest of stamping out tuberculosis, cancer, and other diseases which yearly slay their thousands.

None of them, it is pointed out, among legislators in Washington, who see in automobile accidents a wholly curable cancer in the body politic, are more deadly than the improperly, carelessly, or drunkenly driven road vehicles.

The accidents caused by them thus take a place side by side with the other plagues against which society is at war.

MISS OLIVA STONE TRIED TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Acquitted Slayer of Ellis Kinkaid Has Been Brooding Over Killing of the "Only Man She Loved."

New York, Dec. 2.—Miss Oliva M. P. Stone, acquitted slayer of Ellis Guy Kinkaid, former corporation counsel of Cincinnati, who tried to end her life last night by swallowing poison, was somewhat improved today but her condition still is regarded critical.

She told hospital officials her act was prompted by her failure to recover her license as a trained nurse and because she brooded over the killing of the "only person I had to live for."

She insisted she was not sorry she had killed Kinkaid, and said she would do it again if she had to. "I killed him because I loved him," she said.

Miss Stone practically was without funds.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Decline of 3 to 11 Points But Fairly Steady Around 25 Cents For January.

New York, Dec. 2.—The cotton market was very quiet again today. There appeared to be a little Southern selling and some further liquidation which accounted for an opening decline of 3 to 11 points but the market was fairly steady around 25 cents for January during the early trading on covering for over the week-end.

Cotton futures opened steady: December 24.90; January 25.00; March 24.90; May 24.90; July 24.50.

Closed Steady.

New York, Dec. 2.—The cotton market closed steady: December 24.49; January 24.90; March 25.05; May 24.93; July 24.62.

PRINCE ANDREW OF GREECE WILL BE TRIED

Charged With Having Disobeyed Order of the Greek General Staff in Asia Minor.

Athens, Dec. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—An announcement published today by order of the revolutionary leaders states that the hearing of the charges against Prince Andrew will be begun tomorrow (Saturday) instead of Monday, the date originally fixed.

Prince Andrew, brother of former King Constantine who commanded a division in Asia Minor, has been held a prisoner here since shortly after the Greek disaster on a charge of having disobeyed orders of the Greek general staff.

SERIOUS GREEK COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY OUTBREAK

British Flag Raised as Result of Indignation Over Executions.

A \$2,000,000 FIRE FRIDAY AT NEW BERN

Five to Six Hundred Residences or Business Houses, Warehouse, Two Churches and Factory Destroyed.

500 THROWN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Conflagration Swept More Than a Score of Blocks.—One Life of Negro Was Only Fatality.

New Bern, Dec. 2.—Although an absolutely accurate account of yesterday's fire loss is still impossible, Mayor Edward Clark stated at 2 o'clock this afternoon that in his opinion, and that of other officials of the city, between 700 and 1,000 separate dwellings and business establishments had been burned to the ground.

The mayor also said the number of homeless would approximate 3,000 and might run even higher.

Mr. Clark said further that the financial loss would be close to \$2,000,000.

New Bern, Dec. 2.—A total property loss estimated at \$2,000,000, the destruction of five to six hundred residences, or business houses, warehouses, two churches and a factory, in addition to throwing approximately 500 men out of employment, was the toll inflicted upon New Bern yesterday by the fire which swept more than a score of blocks.

One life, that of an aged negro, was the only fatality, although a score or more of persons suffered from burns. It is estimated that 2,500 persons were rendered homeless by the fire.

The blaze swept a wide path almost through the center of the city. It started in Kilmarnock Street, and swept inward almost in a straight line until it hit George Street, being bounded on one side by Queen Street, and on the other by Court and Dunn streets.

On the south side of Cedar Grove cemetery it swept along for a block on New Street. On the opposite side it roared into Pasture Street, sweeping through that district as far as Crescent.

Leaping over the Union station and the block of houses on Griffith Street, the flames destroyed completely a property on the water front, including three large warehouses and one residence.

The fire was brought under control on Cross Street when the wind, which had been blowing gale like throughout the day, died down about 9 o'clock last night.

The approach of dawn today saw pitiful groups of shivering individuals rendered homeless by the fire, prodding among the still smoldering embers, finding here and there some metal objects which had escaped destruction, and gazing hopelessly at the scene of desolation about them.

Throughout the night many of them walked the streets refusing aid from other citizens, although the greater number had been provided sleeping quarters in public buildings and private homes.

Three details of Battery D, 117th Field Artillery did patrol service during the night, watching the hundreds of piles of household goods heaped on streets in various sections of the city. There was no disorder of any kind, and no theft of any nature being reported up to this morning.

One person, a negro woman, lost her life in the fire. This woman, neighbors say, was 105 years old, and resided on Cedar street, near George. When the onrushing flames reached that section of the city she was evidently forgotten by those about her and left to her fate. After the flames had passed over that block the charred body was found.

Fire departments from Washington and Kingston, which undoubtedly prevented considerably more damage being done, returned to their homes late last night.

United States Senator Simmons was in touch last night with Gen. Bowley, commander at Fort Bragg, and announced this morning that the commanding officer of the camp had informed him that a large supply of tents, coats, mattresses, blankets and other equipment would leave that place today in charge of two officers and twelve men and would arrive here before tonight.

It is also understood similar supplies will be brought here from Camp Glenn, near here.

The negro population of New Bern suffered to a greater extent than the whites, and it is estimated 1,400 of them have lost their homes and all possessions. Near the zone where the fire started, most of the houses destroyed were owned by the negroes themselves, and very few of them carried any insurance.

Mayor Edward Clark has issued a call for the leaders of the negroes to meet at the City Hall today when matters pertaining to relieving their distress will be taken up.

All of the church societies of the city including every denomination, both white and black, the Salvation Army, local chapter of Red Cross and other organizations are furnishing the victims of yesterday's devastation with food.

General Metts Sends Coats and Equipment.

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—In response to an appeal from the secretary of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce, Adjutant General J. Van R. Metts this afternoon is sending a large number of coats and other equipment for the use of persons made homeless by the fire at New

PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT LEGISLATIVE NOT POLITICAL

So Declared by Resolution Adopted by the General Public Conference.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The purpose of the "progressive" movement inaugurated yesterday by the organization of the "progressive bloc" in Congress were declared formally to be legislative and not political in resolution adopted today at a general public conference.

Senator LaFollette, republican, of Wisconsin, who with representative Huddleston, democrat, Alabama, called the conference, and in the progress of the "people's legislative service" presided over the gathering today which was attended by more than 100 members of Congress, governors and other leaders.

Representative Woodruff, republican, of Michigan, was elected secretary of the conference, which will close with a dinner tonight.

The first resolution adopted by the convention declared that the movement was "non-partisan" and would devote itself to "consideration of devising methods and means for co-operation and support" of the general public.

The second resolution, adopted yesterday by the new progressive congressional bloc, at the suggestion of Representative Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, the resolutions had been amended to declare the movement "non-partisan" instead of "non-political."

In opening the conference as chairman of the people's legislative phases, Senator LaFollette said the time appeared opportune for the progressive movement, and that "there seems to be a mandate growing out of the election for a movement to 'advance the interests of the people.' The organization yesterday of the new bloc was 'the greatest and most encouraging thing' in his experience.

DENBY LAUDS MASONRY

Secretary of Navy Says Secret Orders With Political Ends.

Washington, Dec. 3.—(Capital News Service).—In a speech made in the Nation's Capital before a mass meeting in the interest of a new Masonic Temple, Secretary of the Navy Denby praised the Masonic Order and expressed himself as being happy to belong to it, because of its principles of tolerance and patriotism.

Secretary Denby took the opportunity to criticize secret orders which aim at religious intolerance, and particularly those which put anything higher than allegiance to country.

He said in part: "Certain forms of secret organizations apparently are designed to supersede law and enforce their will. Nothing more dangerous to the continued mental and spiritual health of the Republic could well be conceived than such societies. The fundamental law of what we term a 'law-abiding country' is, and must be, obedience to law.

When any community or body of men or women within a community disregard the orderly processes of the law, a blow is struck at the roots of the Republic.

In this country any secret order, no matter how harmless its secret may be, which invades the realm of politics and strives to control the destinies of our country, or the government of our States and cities, is objectionable. There is no room in a free country such as ours, for persons who wish to combine in secret and take out that which they wish to act in concert in matters governmental. Freedom to vote without external restraint is as clear a right as freedom to vote in secret. A man's franchise is his own, no more to be sworn away than to be sold away."

Women in London Greatly Outnumber Men.

(Correspondent of Associated Press.) London, Nov. 8.—A record increase in the number of females, as compared with males, in the city of London during the last year is shown in the census figures. In the interval between the census of 1911 and that of 1921 the female excess in London rose from 1,127 to 1,165 as compared with 1,000 males.

In actual figures the females excess in London is 341,365, an increase in ten years of 72,362. The effect of the war on the female population is shown by the fact that nearly 26,000 of this increase, or about 36 per cent, is accounted for by widows. While the enumerated population of London fell nearly one per cent during this period, widows increased in number to 12 per cent.

Although there was a considerable increase in the number of persons between the ages of ninety-five and one hundred in this period, the centenarians fell from twenty-five males and fifteen females, to sixteen six males and ten females.

Farm Demonstration Agents to Meet.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—A meeting of county farm demonstration agents of North Carolina from December 5th to December 15th, has been called by B. W. Kilgore, director of the state agricultural extension service.

The session will be held at the state college of agriculture and will be in the nature of a short course for the agents, it was stated. Home demonstration agents will meet with the farm representatives on December 7, 8 and 9.

In Detroit an alleged murderer was arrested while calmly shaving himself with the same razor with which he is charged with having slashed his wife to death a half hour before.

The raising of sheep promises to become in the near future one of the leading industries of the Province of New Brunswick.

Bern. Adjutant General Metts, said he was informed by the secretary that the number of homeless was growing hourly.

PRESENTS CHARGES AGAINST DAUGHERTY

Rep. Keller in a Statement of Formal Charges, Sets Out 14 Reasons for Asking for Impeachment.

COMMITTEE WILL HEAR THE CASE

Mr. Keller Says He Can Prove Mr. Daugherty is "Guilty of Serious Misconduct in Office."

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—A statement of formal charges by Representative Keller, republican, of Minnesota, setting forth fourteen specific grounds on which he seeks the impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty, has been submitted to the judiciary committee, which meets next Monday to consider the charges.

Mr. Keller's statement was accompanied by a letter to Chairman Volstead in which he declared the specifications are "set out, and I am prepared to prove that the said Daugherty is guilty of serious misconduct in office, and 'high crimes and misdemeanors' in 14 particulars."

Briefly summarized, "the 14 particulars" are as follows: "1.—A willful and deliberate attempt to paralyze and destroy the efforts and activities of the federal trade commission in its attempt to suppress and punish violations of the anti-trust laws; by continued and deliberate refusal to prosecute such violations."

"2.—A willful and deliberate refusal to prosecute the violations of the anti-trust laws that were called to his attention supported by testimony taken under oath by the New York state joint legislative committee on housing."

"3.—A willful and deliberate refusal to prosecute the violations of the anti-trust laws that were called to his attention, supported by testimony and evidence, by the United States Senate committee on reconstruction and housing."

"4.—A willful and deliberate failure and refusal to enforce the statutes of the United States passed by congress for the protection of life and limb of citizens engaged in travel."

"5.—The 'disastrous' 'Iron Services' in the department of justice of a faithful and efficient employee who had been engaged in investigating wire fraud cases."

"6.—Allowing persons to remain in the employ of the department of justice after it had been proved that such persons are guilty of having accepted fees to represent those charged by the department of justice with violations of the federal statutes in cases upon which the said employees had been engaged."

"7.—The perversion of the legal processes of the United States for the purpose of instituting action for which there was not justification at the time of its presentation and the demanding from the courts as against private individuals processes of court subversive of those rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and peaceable assembly."

"8.—Flagrant and bold favoritism in the administration of justice on behalf of corporations, companies and individuals owned or controlled by or affiliated with the banking house of J. B. Morgan and company."

"9.—The use of fraud and deceit practiced upon former President William Howard Taft in order to obtain the release from a Federal penitentiary of C. W. Morse, under the pretense that Morse was ill; upon the failure of the said Morse to pay to Daugherty's associate in the pardon proceedings an agreed fee, and after the said Daugherty became attorney general of the United States, the prosecution of personal revenge by securing an indictment of the said Morse and other directors of a corporation and of attorneys for the corporation on a charge of violating Federal laws and by failing to seek the indictment of other directors of the said corporation equal in guilt with Morse of the alleged offenses, if any, and by failing to seek the indictment of another attorney equally guilty with the attorneys indicted, which other attorney is in the employ of the department of justice."

"10.—The willful diversion of public funds for an alleged purpose through the employment of agents in the bureau of investigation of the department of justice to shadow members of the House and Senate who had criticized his conduct on the floor of Congress."

"11.—The perversion of the processes of justice and the administration of the department of justice through the undue influence exercised upon the attorney general by one Thomas B. Felder, former legal associate of the said Harry M. Daugherty in the Morse case, and others."

"12.—Continuing submission to the influence of corporations and individuals of great wealth and power in the administration of justice and the deliberate conniving at the letting off of the naval oil reserves of the United States by America by refusing, at the behest and demand of the Standard Oil Company of California to institute suits to recover for the people of the United States title to lands illegally and fraudulently obtained by the said company; and the recommendations of the President and the securing of secret pardons for wealthy persons immediately after their convictions of violations of the anti-trust laws and of shocking crimes

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS IN STATE SHOW ADVANCE

North Carolina Economically and Financially Better Off.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 2.—Prices of farm products have shown an advance during the past two months and today North Carolina is "economically and financially better off" than most any other state in the Union, according to a statement issued here by State Librarian Frank Parker, agricultural economist of the North Carolina and United States department of agriculture.

The responsible prices for cotton and tobacco and the "fairly good" yields of these two crops have been largely responsible for the favorable conditions, he stated. Another reason given was that North Carolina is "not as nearly a one crop state as might be supposed, or even as much so as Iowa, Illinois or Texas which outrank her."

"Salesmen and bankers often comment on the good financial condition of the state as shown by their loans, sales and collections," said Mr. Parker. "This does not mean that the state is flushed, or that farmers are even able to pay all their debts, but that they are more nearly able to do so than those of other states."

"Prices of farm products have advanced somewhat during the past two months after a steady decline which resulted in the farmers' products having a purchasing power of less than two-thirds of other commodities on a pre-war basis. The steady advance in manufactured products was bound to react on crop prices, even if belated."

"The November 15th prices paid to farmer show as follows: Live hogs, \$10.25, or the best price in 18 months; beef cattle, \$5.15; the highest in 15 months; lambs, \$8.20; milk 51 cents per gallon in steady; apples \$3.91 per barrel, an increase due to the better grades or commercial selling; sweet potatoes at 85 cents are on the to-be-coming, downward; cabbage are quite cheap in the western fall-producing hill counties; loose hay is averaging about \$21, or a slight recent improvement; cotton seed at \$45.00 per ton is naturally upward, as is tobacco at 32 cents a pound; eggs have climbed to 43 cents; chickens to 22 and turkeys to 31 cents a pound."

"This state's corn crop makes up more than 34 per cent of the total land cultivated; cotton 16 per cent; wheat 7.3; oats 5; tobacco 5; hay 7; cowpeas 3.6; soy beans almost 3; clover 3, and other crops lesser per centages. This indicates a creditable diversification and home supply."

"Things are not bad in North Carolina, and they are becoming better," he said.

Southern Co-operative League.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 2.—Several hundred delegates have arrived in Nashville to attend a three-day meeting of the Southern Co-operative League, which has taken the place of the former Southern Sociological Congress. The organization is made up of various educational, sociological and civic welfare organizations throughout the South.

The officers in charge of the meeting are Dr. P. P. Claxton, president; Bishop Theodore D. Bratton, vice-president; Gov. C. H. Brough, of Arkansas, vice-president; Dr. J. P. McConnell, chairman of the executive committee; R. T. Wyche, treasurer, and J. E. McCulloch, secretary.

Buck's Sale at Concord Furniture Co. The Concord Furniture Co. is going to have a sale of Buck's stoves and ranges, to continue for one week. The sale will begin on Monday, and some attractive bargains will be offered while the sale lasts.

In today's paper the company has a page ad, giving all particulars of the sale. It will pay you to read the ad, carefully, and call at the store next week and see some of the fine things to be offered.

In addition to the bargains to be offered in stoves and ranges, even more to be given away free. And you can pay for the goods you purchase in easy payments.

against childhood innocence, involving the grossest moral turpitude.

"13.—The appointing to positions of great importance and large financial and moral responsibility of men who are untrustworthy, corrupt and dangerous to the liberties of the people of the United States and knowing at the time of such appointments that they were men of such character."

"14.—Gross favoritism, deliberate refusal to prosecute war grafters, failure and refusal to recover moneys stolen from the treasury of the United States in connection with war frauds."

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The calls came from all sections of the crowded court room and in such volume that Harry M. Jacobs had to plead with the assembly for more than five minutes in order to get the people to quiet down and make it possible to record the individual gifts.

Among the donations made were \$1,000 from the city, a like amount from the county and Sudan Temple. It is estimated that \$20,000 already has been subscribed for the relief work and that as much more can be secured without special effort.

In addition to cash contributions, wholesale concerns of the city closed their doors at noon today and turned over their trucks for use in moving furniture and other household goods which were out in the open, to a dozen or more warehouses which have been set aside for this purpose.

Harry M. Jacobs is general chairman of the relief committee. Other departments of the relief work include a committee which has in charge the purchase of food supplies; a second committee which is preparing the food for use; and a third committee which is in command of the housing situation.

There were hundreds early this morning who had not tasted food for 15 or more hours, but their needs were supplied by both private families and various women's organizations of the city who established emergency kitchens.

Telegrams and telephone messages have been received from a dozen or more towns in this section of the state offering every possible assistance. Mayor Clark in the mass meeting expressed the deepest appreciation of the citizens of New Bern as a whole for the proffers, and stated that the towns would be called upon if New Bern could not cope with the situation.

Governor Offers Aid.

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—Governor Morrison, today called Mayor Clark of New Bern by long distance telephone and offered every assistance in his power for the relief of persons made homeless at New Bern by the fire. Mayor Clark told the Governor that New Bern would try to handle the relief work alone, but if he found outside aid was necessary he would gratefully accept the Governor's offer.

Relief Train From Fayetteville. Fayetteville, Dec. 2.—A special train carrying food, coats, tents and other supplies for the relief of the persons made homeless by the fire, left here this morning for New Bern. An officer and about 25 men were in charge of the relief train.

Carter Taylor, field director of the Southern Division of the American Red Cross, stationed at Camp Bragg, was ordered to New Bern to take charge of the relief work late last night. He left early today, traveling by automobile.

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