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JOINT MEETING OF TWO CLUBS PROVED OF MUCH INTEREST

The Rotarians and Kiwanis Hold First Joint Meeting of Year.—Interesting Program Greatly Enjoyed.

CITY OFFICIALS ATTEND MEETING

Aldermen and Mayor Introduced to Clubs.—Mr. Ackley Talks on "What Is It That Makes a City Great."

The joint meeting of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs held at the Y Friday night, proved one of the most interesting meetings of the year for each club.

While no specific business was mentioned in connection with the meeting, the gathering offered an opportunity for two important matters to be presented to the club members and the Mayor and members of the board of aldermen, all of whom were present.

Mr. Ackley, who is here in the interest of the Y campaign, was the chief speaker of the meeting, and he was heard with great interest.

Clarence Barrier, chairman of the Kiwanis committee that had the program in charge, welcomed the guests, while the Kiwanis secretary, Mr. Ackley, introduced Mayor and aldermen.

"What Is It That Makes a City Great?" was the subject Mr. Ackley chose, and he answered his question with "Character."

South America was discovered long before North America, he pointed out, and has as many natural resources as North America, but it is not great.

Character is the basis of our economic wealth, the speaker said. Character creates wealth and keeps it.

Mr. Ackley advised his hearers to pay more attention to building character in their community.

Crime is the most expensive thing in the world, said Mr. Ackley, and it is economical to say nothing of Christ.

On this team will be found some of the leading athletes Davidson and men who are outstanding in the student body.

It is right to conserve our natural resources," Mr. Ackley said, "but it is more important to conserve our moral resources."

Major Toll spoke briefly in behalf of a playground and athletic field for the city.

Two solos, "Give a Man a Horse That He Can Ride," and "Duna," by Mrs. Alice D. Prindell, with piano accompaniment by Miss Nell Herring.

COMMENCEMENT AT MOUNT PLEASANT

To Embrace May 20-23.—Full Programme of the Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute will embrace this year May 20-23. The following will be the programme:

Sunday, May 20, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon—The Rev. George J. Gonyea, D. D.

Monday, May 21, 10:30 a. m.—Declarative Contest: B. W. Cruise, J. B. Hahn, J. H. Keller, M. L. Pennington, W. C. Thomas, C. W. Weiser.

Tuesday, May 22, 10:30 a. m.—Literary Address—Dr. Ashley Chappell.

Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 a. m.—Oratorical Contest by representatives of the Graduating Class—R. L. Fisher, S. E. Griffin, R. C. Harris, J. D. Sheppard, G. C. Smithfield, J. E. Walker.

Music by the Roanoke Orchestra. Motto: Alis Delat Propriis. Flower: Sweet Pea. Colors: Purple and Gold.

Officers: R. R. Roberts, president; W. F. Smithfield, vice president; E. W. Secler, secretary.

Class Roll—Hugh Harris, Alexander, Peter Boger Bost, Walter Brown Bost, Nesbit Harper Caughman, Robert Lingle Cobb, James Meek Duncan, Dalton O'Farrow Engle, Roy Linn Fisher, Stephen Zant Griggs, John McKinnie Harry, Clarence Gilbert Hofig, Jr., Marshall Dewey Herrin, Moses Holmes, George Bencil Johnston, Harold Miller, O'Brien, Fred Henry Quante, Jr., Rupert Summer Riser, Robert Ray Roberts, David Winston Radin, Lewis Glenn Russell, Ernest William Secler, Robert Edwin Seaman, Rudolph Seigling, Jr., John Dillon Sheppard, Clinton Broadnax Smithfield, George Curtis Smithfield, Albert Cecil Vestal, James Ernest Walker.

SCOTIA WOMEN'S COLLEGE

To Embrace This Year From May 20 to May 23, Inclusive.

The commencement exercises of Scotia Women's College will embrace this year May 20-23, inclusive. The following will be the programme:

Baccalaureate Sermon, Sabbath, May 20, 4:00 p. m.

Senior Preparatory Entertainment, Monday, May 21, 7:00 p. m.

Class Day Exercises, Tuesday, May 22, 1:30 p. m.

Annual Address, Tuesday evening, May 22, 7:30-9:00 p. m.

Commencement Exercises, Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 a. m.

companion by Miss Nell Herring, were heard with peculiar pleasure by those present at the meeting.

Report Says Prisoners Are Treated All Right

County Commissioners Make Public Their Report of Findings at the Two Convict Camps in This County.

REPORT MADE AT PRIVATE MEETING

The Board Also Recommends That Supt. Blackwelder Be Dismissed After the First of Coming Month.

Declaring they could find no evidence from the convicts themselves that prisoners at the chain gang camps of this county have been cruelly treated, and declaring further that they could find no evidence of sick men not being given treatment, the members of the board of county commissioners of Cabarrus county submitted a report of their findings in the camps after holding a private meeting at the court house today.

The obvious reason for this exodus, said Mr. Shipman, is "promise of higher wages and better living conditions. Social standing is also held out as an inducement in contrast to the entire separation of the negroes in the South socially and politically."

Prisoners have been whipped but because they would not work or disobeyed orders, the board's report shows, and there is no evidence that the men were cruelly treated, the report adds.

The report recommends, however, that Superintendent P. B. Blackwelder be dismissed. It adds, however, that his term of office probably will expire with the change of administration June first, when the road commissioner will start to work, and suggests that he be left in charge of the camp until June first. The full report follows:

We have gone in a body to the chain gang and have taken the evidence of every convict that desired to make a statement; we have considered the report of the grand jury, and also have sought the advice of the Board of Health of Cabarrus County, and we therefore, make the following report:

1. We find that the prisoners have not been cruelly treated, but in some instances they have been punished for refusing to work and for other violations of the rules. We have, therefore, instructed the superintendent of the camp in no instance to whip any convict with anything except a leather strap and that the whippings be administered at the camp when possible.

2. We find that a number of prisoners claim that they have not been sufficiently fed, and we, therefore, have made the proper arrangements to give every prisoner all the substantial food that a laboring man would need or desire, and that coffee be given them for breakfast.

3. We find no evidence of a lack of medical attention. We find that when a prisoner becomes very sick he has been removed to the county jail for treatment. We have provided that hereafter when a prisoner becomes sick that he stay in the camp and be sick there, and that he sit on the wet ground, and when very sick that he be sent to the county jail for treatment. We find that in all cases of venereal diseases the county health officer has been administering treatment and is taking care of the prisoners. We have instructed the county health officer to use any precautions that may be necessary in reference to the association with the other prisoners.

4. We find the sanitary conditions in excellent shape. The camp is located in a beautiful grove and on high ground, and we find nothing whatever wrong with the sanitary conditions of the camp.

5. The grand jury having recommended that Superintendent Blackwelder be removed, we concur in that recommendation, but as his time will expire in less than twenty days and the chain gang will go under the supervision of the Highway Commission for Cabarrus County, who will no doubt want to reorganize under their own supervision the entire chain gang, we think it unwise for the short length of time to make the change ourselves.

6. Other minor details which were recommended by the grand jury have been attended to by the board.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CABARRUS COUNTY

TRIAL OF WM. BETHUNE

College Student Charged with Manslaughter as Result of Automobile Accident.

GOVERNOR'S ACTION SUBJECT OF MUCH TALK IN RALEIGH

Among State Officials, None of Whom, However, Will Talk For Publication.—No Details Given Out.

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD TODAY

Department of Public Welfare Seems to Have Right to Investigate Whole System of Road Institutions.

New York, May 12. (By the Associated Press.)—Virtually all available heavyweights of the world who are active contenders for Jack Dempsey's title, will meet in the Yankee's new stadium today in a series of elimination contests that promise to provide some pugilistic sensations.

At least one world's record is expected to be hung up today. While the fighters may not furnish any records, the affair itself is expected to provide a top mark in sportsmen's donations to charity. For the proceeds of the tournament of the big men are to go to the purchase of milk to be distributed free to poor children of New York.

Seven in the Yankee's brand new field now transformed into a pugilistic arena, will accommodate 70,000. If they are filled the receipts will total \$450,000, admittance fees running from \$1 up to \$20. Early indications pointed to a "full house."

The card follows: Jess Willard, of Kansas, former heavyweight champion of the world, vs. Floyd Johnson, of Iowa, 15 rounds.

Louis Angel Firpo, of the Argentine Republic vs. Jack McAuliffe, 2nd, of Detroit, 15 rounds.

Fred Fulton, of Minnesota vs. Jack Renault, heavyweight, of Canada, 10 rounds.

Al Reich, New York City, vs. Jim Herman, Omaha, 6 rounds.

Show Will Be Staged, Rain or Shine, Yankee Stadium, New York, May 13.

Heavyweight boxing officials this afternoon for the benefit of the milk fund, announced at 1 o'clock that the show would be staged, rain or shine. At that time the rain had stopped.

TEN CARS OF CALCIUM ARSENATE ARE BURNED

Valued at About \$60,000 and Would Have Covered About 15,000 Acres of Cotton.

New York, May 12.—Ten car loads of calcium arsenate, made from the government's formula, for combatting boll weevil in cotton fields of the South and sufficient to cover 15,000 acres, were destroyed early today by fire which burned down a large storehouse of the Chipman Chemical Engineering Co., at Bound Brook, N. J.

R. N. Chipman, president of the company, said the calcium arsenate had inventory value of about \$60,000 but that it might be possible to salvage some of it.

There is great need just now for the product and its destruction will cause temporary shortage, Mr. Chipman said. Calcium arsenate is said to be the only effective agency for fighting the boll weevil.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION ENDORSES Y. M. C. A. WORK

Call Upon All Church Members to Lead Their Hearty Support to It.

At a special meeting held May 8th, the Concord Ministerial Association adopted the following resolutions regarding the work of the Y. M. C. A. in the city of Concord.

Whereas, we believe the Y. M. C. A. offers the Churches of the city a splendid opportunity for united effort in providing for certain phases of the development of our young people that our Churches cannot at present for the lack of equipment undertake, and which, if undertaken by individual Churches, would prove too expensive;

And that the work actually done by the Y. M. C. A. has proven itself from the viewpoint of the physical development, but more particularly so of the moral and spiritual development of the young people, which development has shown itself especially in the elevation of the standards of work and conduct in the schools of our city, and in a stronger devotion to the ideals which our Churches have ever held before them. And that

Whereas, we believe also that the Y. M. C. A. has proven itself of unquestioned value in that it has become the center of the larger, more wholesome, social life of our young people, and promises an ever increasing service to our city in this particular. And that

Whereas, we again believe that since the Y. M. C. A. furnishes a central meeting place for the Civic Organization of our city, that it is conducive to the development of the spirit of democracy, fellowship, and good will, without which no city is complete;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we as an association do most heartily approve of the work the Y. M. C. A. has done and is doing in our city, and we further pledge it our most loyal support in its endeavor to raise sufficient funds in the coming campaign to wipe out all indebtedness and have a balance with which to continue its work and do even greater service in the future than it has done in the past; and that we do most earnestly call upon the members of our respective Churches and all others in the city to lend their hearty support to this most deserving cause.

W. A. JENKINS, Pres. L. A. THOMAS, Sec'y.

Campaign Facts. Y. M. C. A. organization 100 per cent. complete.

Ministerial Association has special meeting and endorses Y. M. C. A. Joint meeting of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs hears Campaign Director Ackley on "What Makes a City Great" at the Y Friday night.

These ten private are progressing well and many more have signified their willingness to cooperate. All others are invited to participate.

The big thermometer goes up today on the front of the Concord Furniture Company's store. It will register daily the progress of the campaign.

The meeting of the executive committee Friday night showed that things were working smoothly and rapidly toward a successful campaign.

Efforts to Check Exodus of the Negro Workers. (By the Associated Press.) Birmingham May 12.—Leading negro editors and ministers of the Birmingham industrial district have joined forces with large employers of labor here in concerted effort to check exodus of negro workers which is said to have threatened serious shortage of man power in mines and mills according to industrial item today in the Birmingham News.

You will be glad you helped when you see the result.

PUGILISTS MEET IN GREAT KEE STADIUM TODAY

Virtually All the Available Heavyweights of World Who Are Active Contenders for Dempsey's Title.

THE PROCEEDS ARE TO GO TO CHARITY

Stadium Will Seat 70,000.—Price of Admission Will Range From One to Twenty Dollars Each.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, May 12.—Investigation of North Carolina's prison systems by the State Department of Public Welfare today was at a standstill following the announcement of Governor Cameron Morrison yesterday that he had withdrawn his request for such action by Commissioner Kate Burr Johnson, and had decided to personally direct an inquiry.

Attention has been called, however, to the full authority of the department of public welfare which is as follows: "To investigate and supervise through and by its own members or its agents or employees, the whole system of the charitable and penal institutions of the State and to recommend such changes and additional provisions as it may deem needful for their economical and efficient administration."

Governor Morrison's action was the subject of much discussion among State officials, but none would "talk to the press." A session of the council of state was called by the Chief Executive, members entering his private office at 11 o'clock. No details of the conference have been given out early this afternoon.

TO STOP WHIPPING OF CONVICTS FOR TWO YEARS

Florida House Passes Bill to Abolish Whipping of all Convicts. (By the Associated Press.) Tallahassee, Fla., May 12.—The banning of all forms of corporal punishment of prisoners in this state for at least two years as a trial measure seemed a certainty today when the Senate receding another step, passed 16 to 11 a bill by Senator Turnbull that would ban whipping of county convicts forever, and ban it in the handling of state convicts for two years. The house passed a bill to abolish all whipping of convicts.

Helen Katherine Bost. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Buford Bost, May 7th, a daughter, Helen Katherine.

MOTHER.

The loss of a mother is always felt; even though her health may incapacitate her from taking any active part in the case of her family, still she is a sweet rallying point around which affection and obedience, and a thousand tender endeavours to please concentrate; and dreary is the blank when such a point is withdrawn!

She was my friend—I had but her—no more, no other upon earth—and as for heaven, I am as they that seek a sign, to whom no sign is given. My mother! Oh, my mother!

O wondrous power! how little understood.—Entrusted to the mother's mind alone, To fashion genius, form the soul for good, Inspire a West, or train a Washington!

A mother is a mother still The holiest thing alive.

Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN JABS

Make Concord better as fast as you make it bigger. The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully, and he reaped within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou foolish one, this night is thy soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.—Luke 12:13-21.