

SOME OF CONCORD'S NEEDS DEBATED AT SMOKER ON TUESDAY

Informal Discussion at Chamber of Commerce Smoker Held at Y—Number of Members at Meeting.

BLANKS OUTLINES YEAR'S POLICIES Tells What He Thinks Members Should Do to Help the City—Many Other Suggestions Are Also Submitted.

Informal discussion of problems confronting the Chamber of Commerce in Concord featured the smoker held by members of the organization in the Y Tuesday night.

Secretary H. W. Blanks of the chamber talked briefly of what the chamber had done during the past several months to boost Concord and increase business in the city.

More tourists, more industries, more conventions and more publicity. In connection with publicity he declared he was receiving from three to five letters a day from persons who wanted data about Concord.

Mr. Blanks declared that the city does not especially need more stores of the kind it already has, but that it does need new business enterprises.

Mr. Blanks explained that many tourists are stopping here now but that at least \$1,000 would be spent this year in improvements and enlargements for the tourists camps here.

About seventy-five conventions are held in North Carolina each year. Mr. Blanks said, with from 50 to 1,000 delegates at them.

Secretary Blanks also expressed the belief that Concord people are not associating enough with the farm people.

As an incentive he also suggested that a Trade Day should be held in Concord once each month.

PENNY ADS. ARE CASH.

Please don't ask us to charge Penny Ads., as terms of these cash ads are so small that we cannot charge them.

INCREASE EXPECTED IN STATE GASOLINE TAX

Present State Automobile License Tax Is Also Necessary According to Commissioner Page.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—An increase of one cent per gallon in the state gasoline tax and the maintaining of the present automobile license rate is considered necessary by Chairman Frank Page of the state highway commission.

MECKLENBURG ADOPTS SANATORIUM PROPOSAL

Incomplete Returns Indicate Measure Carried by Upwards of 700 Majority.

Charlotte, Dec. 9.—Mecklenburg voters today approved a proposal to erect and maintain a tuberculosis sanatorium in the county.

To Revise Motor Credit Plan.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Representatives of banks insurance and bonding concerns and other automotive industry gathered at the Hotel La Salle today for a conference called to decide upon a general revision of the present method of purchasing automobiles on the installment plan.

Boxing a Thing of the Past.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Boxing in Raleigh is a thing of the past so far as the promoters of all the bouts staged here since fighting was legalized here several months ago are concerned.

Groom, Aged 90, Wins Bride of 75

Statesville, Dec. 9.—Mr. John Davidson, of Alexander county, aged ninety, and Miss Vida Wallace, of Wilkes county, aged seventy-five, were married Wednesday afternoon in Taylorsville by Rev. J. L. Moore.

Dem Chief



Finis J. Garrett, Democratic floor leader of the House of Representatives, was snapped at the Capitol just before the opening of the second session of the sixty-eighth Congress.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opening Steady at Advance of 3 to 12 Points.—January Sets at 22:90.

New York, Dec. 10.—The cotton market was very quiet in today's early trading but the tone was a shade better on steady Liverpool cables and reports that the dispute in a Lancashire mill had been settled.

SAM BRANTLEY CHARGED WITH PEARSON MURDER

Alleged He Killed Father-in-Law. Rev. Ennis Pearson in July, 1921.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—Sam Brantley, a farmer of Taylorsville near here, is in the Wilson county jail charged with the murder on July 21, 1921, of his father-in-law, the Rev. Ennis Pearson, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in that neighborhood.

GIRLS SCHOOL BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE

Three Buildings at Massachusetts State Normal School Burned.

Bridgewater, Mass., Dec. 10.—Two hundred and fifty girls were driven from dormitories into the cold, smelly clads when fire destroyed three buildings at the State Normal School today.

RETAIL LUMBER MEN MEETING IN COLUMBIA

250 Lumber Dealers in Two Carolinas Represented at the Convention.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 10.—The second annual convention of the Carolina Retail Lumber Dealers Association, which embraces 250 lumber dealers of North and South Carolina, opened here today with a business session which included the usual addresses of welcome and response.

With Our Advertisers.

In Hoover's new ad today you will find a complete list of gifts suitable for men. You can find something in the list that will make a glad Christmas for HIM.

Many Extra Employees to Help Handle Mail.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Between 41,000 and 50,000 extra employees will be required to handle the peak load of Christmas mail this year, postal officials today estimated. The extra cost will be approximately \$2,500,000.

NOTICE

Assessments against property for street paving are due December 1st of each year. Take notice that all assessments which are due must be paid at once or the property will be advertised and sold.

CHAS. N. FIELD, City Tax Collector.

MANY SUBJECTS ARE DISCUSSED AT STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION

State Missions, Theological Schools and Biblical Recorder Given Attention at Morning Session.

ORPHANAGE ALSO GIVEN ATTENTION

Discussion of Funds for the Thomasville Orphanage Is One of Most Important Subjects Before Meeting.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Today's session of the ninety-fourth annual meeting of the State Baptist convention opened here this morning with worship led by Dr. Elphinstone Wiseman.

J. B. DUKE OFF FOR HIS NEW JERSEY HOME

Will Return to Charlotte Home Some Time After Christmas Holidays.

Charlotte, Dec. 10.—J. B. Duke, who on Monday night announced creation of an educational and charitable fund of approximately \$400,000, plans to leave this afternoon for his home in Somerset, N. J., it was announced today.

CARL TOOMES WOUNDED; ROBERT HACKNEY HELD

Toomes Shot Near His Home in Randolph County—Cause of the Trouble Not Known.

High Point, Dec. 10.—Carl Toomes, aged 22, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded at Level Cross, Randolph county, last night, according to advices received here today.

Arrest Son-in-Law of Slain Minister.

Wilson, Dec. 9.—The mystery concerning the killing of Rev. Ennis Pearson, pastor of a Free Will Baptist church in Taylor's township, on July 21, 1921, is in a fair way to be cleared up. Sam Brantley, white farmer in the neighborhood, was arrested this afternoon by Deputies Flowers and Weatherly and committed to jail without bond charged with the crime.

Oklahoma's Cotton Crop Breaks Record.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 7.—A cotton crop of 1,408,000 bales, the largest in the history of Oklahoma is forecast for this year by the statistical division of the State Board of Agriculture, in the final production estimate issued today.

Says Ships Are Needed For Navy.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Cruiser for cruiser and submarine for submarine, the United States must build in competition with Great Britain and on a five to three ratio of superiority over Japan if the Washington treaty 5-5-3 ratio of naval strength is to be maintained, Secretary Wilbur has informed the House subcommittee on naval appropriations.

The Gift of Furniture.

The Concord Furniture Company has a most beautiful line of useful Christmas gifts, floor lamps, mantel clocks, telephone stands, chairs, and scores of other things for Christmas giving.

Federal Bank Robbed.

Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 10.—Three men held up the Federal National Bank here as it was opened for business today, locked the cashier and president in a vault, and escaped with loot estimated at from \$15,000 to 20,000.

Christmas at the Musette.

Never before has the Musette carried such a complete assortment of beautiful and useful gifts for every member of the family. All kinds of toys, books, stationery, games, cards, in fact anything you want, for anybody, from baby to grand-father. See half page ad today.

Suffragist



Most active in the "new women movement" in Japan is the Baroness Ishimoto. She has returned home after an extensive survey of women's suffrage in America and Europe.

BRITISH DISPATCH NOTE ON WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS

Gives That Nation's Attitude on Collection of Damages Under Dawes Plan.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The State Department has received a communication from the British government, explaining the attitude of Great Britain on the question of the collection war damage claims from Germany by the United States under the Dawes reparation plan.

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SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS SEND THANKS TO DUKE

Are Appreciative of Annuity Fund for Furman University.

Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 9.—Featuring the opening session today of the South Carolina State Baptist convention was the adoption of a resolution, offered by Dr. W. L. Ball, pastor of the First Baptist church of Spartanburg, that a committee of three be named to draft an expression of thanks to J. B. Duke, of Charlotte, for his bequest of an annuity fund to Furman university, which, it was stated, will amount to \$80,000 per year from his annuity, and will probably reach \$500,000 annually within the next decade.

Think Zinozoff Letter Was Authentic.

London, Dec. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Prime Minister Baldwin stated in the House of Commons today that the sub-committee of the cabinet, after examining all evidence put before it, had come to unanimous conclusion that there was no doubt the Zinozoff propagandist letter was authentic.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS

Partly cloudy and somewhat colder tonight; Thursday fair, warmer in extreme west portion.

E. H. MORTIMER AGAIN ON WITNESS STAND

Being Cross Examined by Defense in Forbes-Thompson Trial.

Chicago, Dec. 10 (By the Associated Press).—E. H. Mortimer, chief government witness in the trial of Charles R. Forbes, former director of the Veterans Bureau, and J. W. Thompson, contractor, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government, was questioned by defense counsel today concerning his indictment in New York in May, 1923, for violation of the Volstead act.

ILLNESS AND DEATH OF THOMAS H. INCE TO BE INVESTIGATED

District Attorney Kempley Wants to Clear Up Questions As to What Caused Illness of Movie Magnate.

(By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—The illness and death of Thos. H. Ince, motion picture producer, subsequent to a yachting party in San Diego harbor last month has been made the subject of an official investigation by Chester C. Kempley, district attorney of San Diego county, the Los Angeles Times said today.

LIQUOR QUESTION BROUGHT IN CASE

Physician Alleged to Have Said Mr. Ince Told Him He Took on "Considerable Liquor" Before Illness Came.

Ince died of acute indigestion, super-inducing heart failure, according to the report of attending physicians. Circumstances surrounding the illness which apparently seized the producer early on November 17th while on board the International Film Corporation's yacht Onida, are what Kempley hopes to clear up with his investigation, the Times explains.

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Duke's Philanthropy Bulls Tobacco Stocks.

New York, Dec. 9.—While the gift of \$40,000,000 by James B. Duke, tobacco magnate, to the cause of education was regarded by every one in Wall street as a laudable deed, it was particularly pleasing to those interested in tobacco stocks, strikingly emphasizing the tremendous profits to be made from the tobacco industry. It served as an extremely bullish influence on those stocks. Attention was directed particularly to the stocks of the companies with which Mr. Duke has long been associated.

National Park Commission to Report Soon.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The committee appointed by Secretary Work to select an Appalachian Park site will begin tomorrow the task of choosing the outstanding area from the dozen or more inspected.

Determined to Dispose of Muscle Shoals.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The Senate agreed unanimously today to hold the Muscle Shoals issue before the Senate until disposed of, and allow consideration of the Isle of Pines treaty with Cuba to follow immediately.

American Red Cross Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Delegates from all sections of the country with officials of the organization were here today for the opening session of the annual meeting of the American Red Cross.

Duke's Gift Without Parallel in America, Says Boston Paper

Boston, Mass., Dec. 9.—Under the caption "Angel of Education," the conservative Evening Transcript in its feature editorial this evening pays a splendid tribute to George Eastman, of Rochester, N. Y., and James B. Duke, of North Carolina, whose gifts of millions to educational institutions, announced yesterday, are of national interest.

"Alongside of Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller and possibly one or two others of earlier days, George Eastman, of Rochester, N. Y., and James B. Duke, of North Carolina, now take rank as 'Angels of higher education' and not one of them was a college graduate—a fact which might indicate that appreciation of education is strongest among those who never enjoyed its benefits and privileges, but which in case of these men, probably means that they recognize with enduring gratitude how important a part college graduates have had in helping them rear their vast fortunes." Outside of Mr. Eastman's splendid gifts to technology which now total \$30,000,000, the other distribution of funds just announced involves a still larger sum and puts one of the country's great fortunes at the disposal of the colleges, hospitals and other institutions of two states.

"James B. Duke has made good his early promise to uphold North and South Carolina. Through the formation of a \$40,000,000 trust he gives them the churches their sparsely settled regions need and so far have been without. He establishes orphan asylums for both white and colored children. He furnishes aid in abundant measure to many other charities. Trinity College, already owing much to Mr. Duke, can have \$6,000,000 additional endowment if it will take his name. Otherwise that sum will be devoted to the creation of another university.

"All in all, it is a gift unparalleled in the annals of a nation which is accustomed to having its wealthy citizens dedicate their fortunes to the public weal. The possibilities within it are almost limitless and only those who know intimately the Carolinas can understand how much it means to their prestige and what a wholesome effect it will have on their future."

The Concord Perpetual Building & Loan Association. OPENS ITS 72ND SERIES. On Saturday, December 6th, 1924. Books Now Open at Cabarrus Savings Bank, Concord, N. C., and Kannapolis, N. C. NOW IS THE TIME. Take a running start for the next six and a third year—for every share taken now and kept up you will have \$100 six and one-third years from now—Only 25 Cents Per Week Per Share. C. W. SWINK, President. H. I. WOODHOUSE, Sec. Treas. P. B. FETZER, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.