

New System For High Schools For County Is Outlined at Conference

Six High School Plants at Strategic Points Will Be Built Under the Plan as Outlined Here.

HOPE TO START WORK THIS YEAR

A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Was Present For the Conference.

A system of high schools, situated at strategic points throughout the county, will be built in the near future as the result of the conference held here Tuesday by the county board of education and school committee members from all parts of the county.

A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, attended the conference, speaking briefly on the growth of education in this state and the United States and pointing out the need of standardization work everywhere.

The State law requires that before a system of high schools shall be erected in a county the county board of education must outline its plan to school committee and if the plan is approved, the work can be started.

Prof. J. B. Robertson, county school superintendent, explained the law at the meeting and then outlined to the committee the proposed high school units for the county.

Prof. Robertson explained that standard high school plants would be erected at the following places under the proposed plan of the board:

- 1. In No. 10 township at a point on the road leading from Charlotte to Albemarle.
2. At point near Harrisburg.
3. In No. 3 township near forks of road at home of Dr. Gouger.
4. At point near Mt. Pleasant.
5. At Kannapolis.
6. At Wincoff.

The present plan of organization calls for large school grounds at each plant, with modern brick buildings and modern equipment. Special effort will be made to see that each building has a large auditorium. All high school work of the respective district will be centralized at these high school centers together with one or two grammar grades at some of them.

It was further explained by Supt. Robertson that the plan provides not only for standard high schools but high schools of that size and organization that will provide for a general course of study to include domestic science, agriculture, music and such other courses as may be needed.

A number of the committee members gave their hearty approval to the general plan as outlined to them, saying in their opinion that such a system is needed and needed at once. The board members assured the committee that they proposed to build the units as soon as practical, and with such regularity as will be possible with the money at hand.

In this connection hope was expressed by the board that at least three of the plants can be erected within the next 12 months, and these three, with the schools already located at Kannapolis and Wincoff, will take care of the county until the others can be erected.

The Wincoff School, it was explained at the meeting, will be continued as a high school unit. The present building will be replaced later by a modern brick structure. Of course, the high school at Kannapolis will continue as a standard school.

It was explained at the meeting that all grammar school buildings will be utilized for the present, but it is thought that as soon as the high school units are established there will be done so work toward consolidating all of the elementary schools.

Buses will not be used in the high schools until enough of the plants are in operation to warrant a systematic schedule that will offer service to every high school student who lives beyond walking distance to one of the schools.

No local taxes will be necessary to operate the schools for eight months each year, it was explained at the meeting. The State law provides that the county board of education shall have the right to levy such taxes as are needed and the local board feels that the plan can be carried out with funds from the regular tax levy.

An increase in the school tax becomes effective in this county when the 1925 taxes are paid, and this increase will likely take care of the needs for the present.

The law provides that high schools must operate at least eight months each year if they are to receive standard grades, and all of the proposed schools of the county will have eight months terms at least, and it is hoped that a way can be found by which the terms can be extended to nine months.

This point will be worked out later, under the present plans of the board. The definite location of the high school buildings will be left with the board of education. The board members plan, however, to confer with the committee and study local conditions in arriving at a decision as to the sites.

About 100 committee members were present. (Continued on Page Eight).

Youngest Vet



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WANT SPECIAL TERM FOR THE COLE CASE

Gov. McLean Will Be Asked to Call a Special Term in September to Try W. B. Cole.

Rockingham, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Formal request was made today of Governor McLean for the calling of a special term of court in September to try the case of W. B. Cole, wealthy manufacturer of Rockingham, held on a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of William W. Ormond, of Raleigh.

Solicitor Don Pittman and associate counsel agreed in a conference last night that the special term would be desirable in view of the crowding of the docket at the October term and the fact that the trial would require a greater length of time, which the special term is expected to give.

SHEFFEY TRIAL

Defense Trying to Break Down the Testimony to Effect That Sheffey Killed Wells.

Maryville, Tenn., Aug. 19.—(AP)—The defense in the trial of William D. Sheffey today will seek to shake the testimony of Mrs. Ada Wells, who positively identified the defendant late yesterday as the midnight murderer who inflicted wounds on her husband December 10, 1923.

The twenty-year-old widow took the stand in Blount county criminal court here today early for cross-examination by counsel for the former army officer, who on arraignment yesterday entered a plea of not guilty of the murder of Luther Wells. Young Sheffey is under further indictment charging another murder, two attacks on women, and housebreaking by night.

Wonderful Corn Crop in Eastern North Carolina.

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—(AP)—William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, who has just returned from a trip through eastern North Carolina, reports "a wonderful corn crop" in that section of the state.

"There will be a great surplus on the market in eastern North Carolina," declared the commissioner, "while west of Raleigh, in certain sections, the farmers have suffered keenly from the effects of the drought. Consequently they will, in many instances, be forced to buy corn to enable them to make the 1926 crop."

"Here is where the division of markets can render a great service in finding a market for the corn for sale, also in assisting those in the drought districts."

Mr. Graham also reported a splendid crop of soy beans. Calliaux Expects to Visit the United States. Paris, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Finance Minister Calliaux announced at an Anglo-American press luncheon today that he would in all probability go to the United States, and that if he does, it will be "to settle this unhappy question of debts."

MacMillan's Polar Flight Cancelled For the Present

Explorer Advises Friends in United States That Weather Conditions Are Very Unfavorable Now.

WILL MAKE SOME TESTS IN NORTH

Arctic Party Will Not Return to States Without Accomplishing Part of Proposed Tasks.

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The MacMillan polar flight has been cancelled.

MacMillan and his explorers will proceed, however, to carry out other objects of the expedition including scientific investigation from the present base at Etah, Greenland.

The change in plans was announced today by the National Geographic Society after it had been advised by MacMillan that the project of establishing an advance base on Cape Hubbard and flying from there over the frozen northern sea was not feasible because of this year's unusual weather conditions.

The veteran explorer advised the society officials that in view of all the circumstances, to go ahead with the original plan would be to attempt "the impossible."

BOILER BURSTS ON STEAMER AT NEWPORT

Three Firemen Believed to Have Been Killed.—A Hundred in Hospitals.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 19.—The death list of the Mackinac disaster suddenly mounted to 17 this morning (Wednesday) with the report from the Newport naval station that that number had been identified. The explosion of the boilers of the excursion steamer last evening caused injuries to more than 100 passengers and members of the crew but earlier reports had placed the total dead at four with 14 in a dangerous condition.

The injured were taken to the naval hospital and the Newport hospital. Scores of passengers with superficial wounds went to their homes after being given first aid treatment.

All the injuries were caused by scalding steam escaping from the boilers. The boat was bound from Newport to Pawtucket.

The bodies of the vessel, which carried 677 excursion passengers, burst when it was opposite the naval training station in Narragansett sound. It was said that a patch placed on the boilers last night had blown off.

The steamer was headed for the shore and a distress call was sent to all battleships in the harbor.

Boat loads of injured were taken to the naval hospital. Naval medical officers and every physician in the vicinity were called upon to assist in caring for the injured.

The usual excursion crowd consisted of the most part of women and children. Panic among those who escaped injury in the explosion is believed to have added to the casualty list.

The explosion tore the entire middle section of the boat apart and scalded passengers and officers who were near the engine room. Nearly all the passengers came from Pawtucket. Among them were 10 policemen all of whom were reported injured.

The fear-crazed crowd in the excursion steamer became frantic and many jumped into the water. Two yachts reported picking up men.

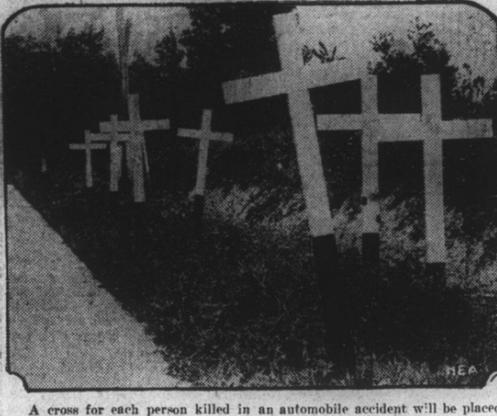
Report of Explosion on Vessel. Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—A report on the explosion aboard the steamer Mackinac received at the Naval Department today from the naval hospital at Newport said: "Seventy-nine casualties received from steamer Mackinac at 7 p. m. August 18th."

"Twenty received treatment and were sent home; 29 died; 30 remain in hospital, of which several are in a critical condition."

Unusual Mail Robbery. Waukegan, Ill., Aug. 19.—(AP)—An unusual mail robbery at Highwood, near here, was disclosed today when it was learned that a pouch of registered mail, thrown from a Chicago and Northwestern train rushing through the village, was snatched up by a man who leaped out of an automobile and escaped.

The postmaster at Highwood said the registered mail received at his office often contained \$4,000.

Crosses to Warn Autoists



A cross for each person killed in an automobile accident will be placed along Ohio state highway where accidents occur. Fourteen such crosses mark a particularly dangerous spot near McGonigal, in Butley county.

Furniture Factory Will Be Built In This City Soon

W. M. Linker Will Erect Factory at Site of the Old Yorke Furniture Factory—Work to Begin on Structure in the Near Future.

A modern furniture factory is to be erected in Concord at once, the site of the old Yorke Furniture Factory having been secured for the project.

Announcement of a decision to build the factory was made this morning by W. M. Linker, one of Concord's most successful business men, who hopes to have the plant in operation by January 1st. Mr. Linker has been at work on plans for the factory for some time and he has made such progress on them that he is now in position to make them public.

Porch chairs, kitchen tables, library tables and plain chairs will be manufactured at the factory. Mr. Linker announced, the output to increase as business increases. The maximum weekly capacity of the plant at first will be 1,800 chairs, 500 porch chairs, 250 kitchen tables, and 200 library tables.

Mr. Linker purchased the property for his factory from W. W. Flowe and associates and the site includes between 10 and 12 acres. A number of years ago the Yorke Furniture Factory was operated on the same site, but buildings used by that company have been torn down and an entirely new plant will be erected by Mr. Linker.

Sidetracks connect the site with the main line of the Southern Railway Co., and this fact will facilitate the securing of materials for the factory and will eliminate the necessity for building a connecting link from the factory to the Southern's lines. The track was laid a number of years ago and is in excellent condition.

Mr. Linker declined to state the amount of money to be involved in the purchase of the property and erection of the building, but the project is known to be of the largest undertaken here in several years.

In order to have his machinery ready for installation as soon as the building is completed Mr. Linker intends to purchase it within the next week. Only modern machinery will be purchased.

"I am planning a modern factory," Mr. Linker stated, "and for that reason I will purchase only modern machinery. My equipment will include machinery not found in all furniture factories of this state for I intend to take rough logs and carry them through to finished products. Many factories purchase their lumber and only can be obtained and better service offered if we buy our logs and treat them to suit our needs."

Between forty and fifty employees will be needed to operate the factory when it is first started Mr. Linker stated, and already he has secured (Continued on Page Eight)

ASK THAT SHERIFF LEAVE HIS OFFICE

Immokalee Citizens Say Sheriff W. R. Maynard is at Beck and Call of Barron G. Collier.

Immokalee, Fla., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Contending that Sheriff W. R. Maynard, of Collier County and his deputies are at the beck and call of Barron G. Collier, New York advertising man, citizens of Immokalee will present Governor Martin with a petition demanding that the officers be ousted.

The governor will be asked to call a special election to replace Sheriff Maynard. The citizens claim that due to Collier's influence over the officers, that the affairs of the county are conducted with Collier's interests paramount to the public interests.

A concrete example of this is being pointed out by the citizens in the line of the new county road from Immokalee to Everglade. The location of this road was approved by a board of commissioners and the contract let twice to build it along the line of the old public road or trail existing on a line almost south of Everglade. But when work was begun on this highway, the line changed from due south of Immokalee to a line running easterly and work was done on that line for a distance of three miles.

Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Hahn submitted to operations for the removal of their tonsils this morning. Their condition is very satisfactory following the operations.

Lack of Room Hampers Work at State Sanatorium

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Action of the board of directors of the State Sanatorium in limiting the stay of patients to 18 months was not prompted or made necessary because of the lack of maintenance funds but for lack of room at the institution. This statement was made here last night by Dr. P. T. McCain, superintendent of the institution.

AGREEMENT MAKES IT EASY MATTER TO SETTLE DEBT

Belgium Will Pay Debt to United States Within 62 Years Under Agreement Made at Conferences.

PLAN IS STUDIED IN BELGIUM NOW

The Attitude of Great Britain Is Not Known as London Officials Have Nothing to Say.

Washington, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Regarding the personal approval of President Coolidge, terms for funding the Belgian war debt to the United States have been worked out by the debt commissions of the two nations after negotiations of unusual brevity.

The terms provided for a remission of interest on \$171,780,000 loaned prior to the armistice, and for a part remission of interest on the \$246,000,000 borrowed for reconstruction work.

The agreement, subject to ratification by the American Congress and the Belgian government, was described as recognizing by the United States "a weighty moral obligation" as a result of assurances given the little kingdom by President Wilson at the time of the Versailles peace conference, and also the right of Belgium to particular treatment by this nation.

The terms call for complete payment within 62 years.

Studying Arrangement. Brussels, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The Belgian department of finance today began its study of the arrangement reached at Washington for the funding of this country's obligations to the United States.

It is expected at least 48 hours must elapse before the effects of the agreement will exercise on Belgium's finances can be judged and an opinion rendered as to whether it is considered satisfactory or not.

London Silent. London, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Official circles here were silent today regarding the settlement reached in Washington for funding Belgium's debt to United States.

The impression was given, however, that the favorable nature of terms was to be expected, and that unless close study revealed new angles at present unknown, the British government will depart from the previous policy of refraining from pressing Belgium in connection with financial obligations to this country.

PRESIDENT PLEASED WITH PRESENT TRIP

Having Such a Good Time in Vermont That He Postpones Return to White Court.

Plymouth, Vt., Aug. 19.—(AP)—President Coolidge is enjoying his stay in this isolated hamlet so much that he has indefinitely postponed his return to Swampscott. It is probable, however, that he will be back at the summer white house before the end of the week.

When the President and Mrs. Coolidge arrived in Plymouth last Friday it was announced they would remain at the home of the President's father three or four days. It had been expected they would leave for Swampscott yesterday or today.

Although somewhat shut off from the outside world, the President is keeping in touch with government affairs by wire and mail.

Mr. Coolidge expressed satisfaction when advised an agreement had been reached on the Belgian debt question. Last night a radio message from him to Donald C. MacMillan, wishing the arctic explorer good luck, was made public.

Mother Bear Puts Up Battle For Her Cubs. Chimney Rock Aug. 18.—Three mountaineers engaged in a terrific battle recently with a mother bear defending her young in the vicinity of Big Ivy.

This thrilling bear fight with a 300 pound female bruin was participated in by Garland Brigman, Furnie Brigman, and Fred Carson.

While searching the mountains for stray cattle they spotted two cub bears which they attempted to capture. The mother bear approached and was attacked with clubs in an effort to drive her off. The big bear put up a terrific fight, scratching Fred Carson about the face and shoulders and actually tore the overalls off Garland Brigman. Owing to close quarters they could not shoot for fear of injuring one another.

While the old bear fought, the cubs scampered off. The old bear followed, making her escape, although two shots were fired in her direction. One of the cubs was later captured.

These three men have killed 25 bears in the last three years.

C. D. Wensil, of North Spring Street, moved his family to Charlotte Monday.

PRIMARY SCRAMBLE IN NEW YORK CITY IS GETTING HOTTER

Already Five Candidates Have Entered the Field and Others May Do So Before Friday.

HEARST TAKING PART IN FIGHT

He Is Doing All He Can to Land the Democratic Nomination for Present Mayor Hylan.

New York, Aug. 19.—(AP)—With five candidates formally in the field for Mayor, the primary scramble is getting hotter and hotter.

The participants in the mayoralty race as shown in petitions filed last night are:

Democrats: Mayor John F. Hylan for renomination on his own ticket, supported by Wm. R. Hearst; state Senator John J. Walker, Tammany nominee supported by Governor Smith.

Republican: Frank B. Waterman, fountain pen manufacturer, regular nominee of the republican county leaders; and Wm. M. Bennett and former state secretary John L. Lyons, insurgents.

Socialist: The Rev. Norman Thomas.

The Independent League, inactive Hearst political organization, came to light yesterday at the Riverside Drive home of the publisher. Resolutions were passed unanimously supporting Mayor Hylan and repudiating the endorsement of the Tammany slate given a few days ago by Deputy Register Michael McCarthy in the name of the league.

HOLDING NEGRO IN VIRGINIA ASSAULT CASE

George Holmes Charged With Having Attempted an Assault on White Girl.

Danville, Va., August 19.—(AP)—George Holmes, 17, negro, arrested at Blacksburg Friday night and charged with having attempted assault on a young white girl there, has been carried to jail at Petersburg for safekeeping.

Sheri, R. T. Sullivan of Notoway county, quoted the negro as denying the crime. However, he says the girl has identified the negro.

Laurel Crailer, aged negro woman, who helped the white girl beat off the assailant, was reported as not being certain Holmes is the man.

Holmes offered no resistance when taken. High feeling at Blacksburg prompted the removal of the negro to Petersburg, the sheriff explained.

DR. EDWARD WOOTEN'S FUNERAL TOMORROW

Was Rector in Charge of Missionary Work for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Carolina.

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 19.—(AP)—Dying within the shadow of St. James Episcopal Church, where he was ordained half a century ago by Bishop Thomas Atkinson, the Rev. Dr. Edward Wooten, rector in charge of general missionary work in the diocese of eastern North Carolina, and chaplain of Cape Fear camp No. 554, United Confederate Veterans, awaited burial today in the rectory next to the church.

Funeral services will be conducted from the church tomorrow morning by the Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the diocese and will be attended by Confederate veterans of the city in addition to members of the family.

The Rev. Dr. Wooten was 88 years of age, a native of Pitt county.

Attack President of Bulgarian Chamber of Deputies. Paris, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Forty Bulgarian communists late last night waylaid and beat up the President and vice-president of the Bulgarian chamber of deputies. The attack was made as they emerged from the Decorative Arts Exposition.

Two police officials came to the rescue of the Bulgarian statesmen, and pushed them into an automobile which was proceeding up the Champs Elysees. The communists followed the bus, however, and stoned it. Finally a force of policemen scattered them and arrested two of the most violent.

Since Porto Rico was annexed to the United States, in 1898, the island has increased its sugar production approximately 800 per cent.

Canada enjoys the lowest freight rates of any country in the world, according to figures presented at a recent official inquiry at Ottawa.



Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably local thunderstorms.