

ANOTHER HANDSOME CHURCH HOME NOW ASSURED FOR CITY

The Members of St. James Lutheran Church Voted Sunday to Erect Church Building Here.

\$100,000 TO BE SPENT FOR PLANT

Name Members of Building Committee Which Plans to Engage Architect.—Start Work Soon.

A handsome new church and Sunday School building will be erected in the near future by the congregation of St. James Lutheran Church, at the corner of South Union and Corbin streets.

This was decided upon by the members of the church at a congregational meeting held at the chief service on Sunday morning. At the meeting, the finance committee which had been elected five weeks ago, made its report, showing that the pledges they had received up to the present make a total that is within sight of the goal of \$100,000 which had been set, and the committee recommended that a building committee be named, and that actual work be undertaken.

Without a dissenting vote the congregation adopted the report of the finance committee, and elected its building committee composed of A. Luther Brown, Fred B. Shephard, R. E. Ridenhour, C. A. Cook and Gilbert Hendrix, together with the pastor, Rev. J. A. Thomas, as an advisory member.

It is understood from members of the building committee that an architect will be procured without delay, and it is their intention to have actual construction work underway with little delay as possible. Plans will be prepared and all the preliminary details handled with the least amount of delay, so that early spring should see material progress being made with the work.

At this time it is impossible to secure an idea as to the appearance, or details of the building. However, the general idea in the minds of those who have given much thought to the matter is to have a church and Sunday School building which will form one building when completed, the church to have a seating capacity of 500 to 600, while the Sunday School part of the building would contain necessary facilities for the work of the different grades in the graded system, as well as assembly rooms for the departments and a large auditorium.

The exterior appearance of the building and the materials of which it will be constructed have not yet been decided upon. The architecture most favored, however, is the pure Gothic, which is the style used by most churches having a liturgical form of service.

The action of the congregational meeting was a cause of genuine rejoicing on all sides. The matter of a new church has been under consideration for several years past, since the present structure, which was erected nearly forty years ago has for a number of years been too small for the congregation, whose membership is approaching the 500 mark. The sorest need, however, has been for adequate Sunday School facilities, and in the new plant this department of the church's work will be adequately provided for.

High Point College Gets Grade of "A"

High Point, Feb. 5.—Upon returning from a conference with the state board of education at Raleigh, President M. Andrews announced here that High Point college had been given a permanent "A" grade rating by the board. Last year a temporary "A" rating was conferred upon the Methodist Protestant school with the promise of a permanent rating upon certain conditions.

Two of the most important conditions under the college should have an income of \$25,000 and 8,000 volume in the library. Last week Dr. Highsmith was sent by the board to inspect the institutions, and after that Dr. Andrews and Dean P. E. Lindley, registrar, visited Raleigh.

Direct Train Service From Japan To Europe.

(International News Service.) Tokyo, Feb. 7.—Direct passenger and baggage railway traffic between Japan and Western Europe will be opened on May 15, according to present plans. This will be made possible by the inauguration of through train service between Fusan, in Korea and Manchuria, in Manchuria. A special weekly express train service will be operated between Berlin and Vladivostok, Dairen and Fusan via Harbin.

Later it is planned to extend the service direct to the English Channel and eventually to establish the French International Sleeping Car Company in Siberia for the management of dining and sleeping cars.

Rural Mail Carriers Get Welcome News.

Charlotte, Feb. 5.—Good news for the fifteen hundred rural mail carriers in North Carolina was announced today by T. V. Howell, of Peachland, president of the North Carolina rural letter carriers association. Pay checks will be mailed them in time to reach them promptly on the first and fifteenth of each month.

KELLOGG PROPOSAL EXPECTED TO GET BRITISH APPROVAL

British Cabinet Will Meet During Day to Discuss Further Present Crisis in China.

FOREIGNERS MUST HAVE PROTECTION

This Is Provided in Proposal Submitted to the Chinese Factions by the American Secretary.

London, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Today's cabinet session, called to consider the Kellogg proposal, was expected to approve the proposal of the American secretary of State to the warring Chinese factions "that the international settlement at Shanghai be excluded from the area of armed conflict, so that American citizens and other foreigners may receive adequate protection."

It was stated in Downing Street that the British government heartily supports the American view, as in co-ordination with the British policy, which is to insure the safety of the foreigners in Shanghai.

The Kellogg proposal raised a number of questions in the cabinet, one of which is whether foreign military support would be needed to back up the declaration of a neutralized Shanghai.

There is strong opinion in Great Britain that the chief threat to Shanghai would be from the rabble of a defeated Chinese army, or looting by a victorious army, and that something more than a proclamation of neutrality is needed to deal with such danger. It is emphasized, however, that the British government fully sympathizes with the principle of the American suggestion.

The cabinet also was expected to act today on the all-important question of whether the British military and naval expedition now on the way to the Far East will be deflected from Shanghai as requested by Eugene Chen, foreign minister of the nationalists, or Cantonese government.

DRINK PUTS YOUNG MAN IN AN AWFUL CONDITION

Calvin B. Smith, 20, of Charlotte, Dumb, Blind and Paralyzed.

Charlotte, Dec. 5.—Calvin B. Smith, 20, of Charlotte, tonight was deaf, dumb, blind and paralyzed as a result, his parents said, of taking a drink of what he thought was corn liquor.

His physician, Dr. George C. Wingate, said the youth probably would recover. He declared he had been called on a number of such cases recently and that every one of the patients recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Smith, his parents, said their son had been out of work for months and that he had been trying to obtain a position. Early last night the father found his son at a filling station and they walked home together, it was stated. Mr. Smith said his son then was not very drunk but when the youth reached home and began to undress he "went raving crazy."

According to the father he begged to be allowed to kill himself, saying he was dying anyhow and that he might as well be out of his misery. He grew blind gradually, the father explained, and then came deafness and loss of speech and finally paralysis.

Bon Marche Store Is Soon to Be Closed at Charlotte.

Charlotte, Feb. 5.—Bon Marche, one of Charlotte's leading department stores, will be closed within 10 days or two weeks, Louis Lipinsky, the manager, announced tonight.

This action was taken by the trustees of the late S. Lipinsky, of Asheville, founder of the Bon Marche store, and is in line with the plan to liquidate certain portions of the estate and centralize all the Lipinsky interests in their Asheville holdings.

Kannapolis Child Hurt When Struck by Auto.

Kannapolis, Feb. 5.—Ruby Ballard, five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Ballard of North Main street, sustained ugly lacerations about the head as the result of stepping into the path of a automobile on Main street here last night.

Killed in Accident.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 7.—(AP)—Sam Crowder, of White Oak mill village, a suburb of Greensboro, received injuries from which he died an hour later and W. R. Pickard was badly injured when their car went through the railing of an overhead bridge in this city early this morning.

The coroner will commit suicide when threatened with burning.

DAUGHERTY AND HIS FRIEND MILLER ARE AGAIN BEFORE JURY

For Second Time They Go on Trial Charged With Conspiracy Against the Government.

MISTRIAL RESULT OF FIRST TRIAL

Time of Alleged Offense Was in 1921, When Both Defendants Held Government Jobs.

New York, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Harry M. Daugherty, and Thomas W. Miller, today go on trial for the second time, charged with conspiracy to deprive the nation of their unbranded services as government officials.

The first trial which began September 7 and lasted 1 day more than a month, ended in disagreement. The time of the alleged offense was in 1921, during the administration of President Harding, when Daugherty was Attorney General and Miller alien property custodian.

United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner and his assistants will attempt to convince a jury that Miller, with the approval of Daugherty, awarded \$7,000,000 of impounded assets of the American Metals Company to Richard Merton, a wealthy German citizen, in return for a bribe of \$301,000 in Liberty Bonds, and \$50,000 in cash. Merton has said that he acted as a representative of the Societe Suisse Pur Valeurs de Metaux, of Switzerland. The chief witness for the government in the first trial, Merton is here again for the second.

MAN'S NECK BROKEN AS CAR TURNS OVER

Radius Rod Breaks With Fatal Result For George Pruett on Road Near Shelby.

Shelby, Feb. 5.—George Pruett, who lived near Three County corners, at the edge of Cleveland, Burke and Lincoln, was almost instantly killed about 10:30 this morning when the radius rod of his car broke and it turned turtle. Pruett's neck was broken, his skull crushed and he was killed before he could get out of the car. He was about 40, was en route to Shelby.

The car, it is said, caught on fire when it turned turtle. Pruett's body was extinguished before either of the three were burned. Pruett, who was about 40, was en route to Shelby.

With Our Advertisers.

The York & Wadsworth Co. always give you prompt, efficient and courteous tire service.

The Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co. beginning today and ending February 22nd have a special offer on their automobile heaters. You can pay \$5.00 down and \$5.00 monthly, and you get an allowance of \$10 on your old heater. Installation free.

A new furniture store will open in the county building February 17th. Watch for advertisements.

It is flowering time. Get your vegetable, flower and grass seeds at the China Pharmacy. Phone 532.

Equitable examples of new models for springtime frocks of silks at J. C. Penney Co.'s \$14.75.

Wilkinson's Funeral Home is open daily or night.

Phone No. 30 or drop in at 9-11 S. Union street and see York & Wadsworth Co. about your hardware.

New suites of furniture arriving daily at H. B. Wilkinson's, all the very latest designs.

Three specialties at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.—colonial four-poster beds, genuine empress Wilton rugs, and center tables. See ad.

In order to clean up the rest of their winter goods the Parks-Bell Co. will continue their sale prices, as they want to make room for the new spring goods.

Go to S. W. Preslar's and get that girl of yours something beautiful. Let the Boyd W. Cox Studio color your photographs for you.

Best canned goods as well as fresh vegetables at the J. & H. Cash Store. New spring hats at W. A. Overcash's from \$5 to \$8.

In War and Politics



CHANG TSO LIN



WU PEI FU

General Chang Tso Lin and Wu Pei Fu were reported to be joining to attack Feng Yuh Siang, the Christian general opening the way for an attack of their forces on the Cantonese troops. His forces will support Edwin T. Meredith, of Iowa, or Governor Angus McLean, of North Carolina, should William G. McAdoo not seek the Democratic Presidential nomination, some observers thought.

PLANT FOOD CROPS FIRST.

Recently Hon. Don C. Seitz, associate editor of the Outlook, delivered an address before the publishers of North Carolina. His advice to farmers was as follows: "Go home and instill this idea into the minds of the farmers: Plant the crops that will first feed themselves and their stock, and then feed the rest of us. In that way every dollar they make will be profit."

STEVENS IS CLEARED OF FORGERY CHARGE

Verdict Against Warsaw Man Set Aside.—Case Against Son, H. L. Jr., Not Proved.

Kennaville, Feb. 5.—The motion setting aside the verdict in the case of H. L. Stevens, Sr., convicted of forgery in connection with issuance of \$100,000 of town of Warsaw notes, granted by Judge W. A. Devin, gave the defendant a clear way today.

Judge Devin said in his order that he was moved to take such action by the fact that there was no evidence that Stevens had received personal gain. Lack of criminal intent and attempts of Stevens to repair the wrong to the extent of his ability, the court said and defendants' undertaking to relieve the town from all liability of the notes, were additional reasons for allowing the motion to set aside the verdict.

The order explained that H. L. Stevens, Sr., and son, Harry Stevens, Jr., former American legion state commander, turned over all their property to the receiver of the bank of Warsaw, where the bogus notes were deposited. This action was to insure deposits against loss of about \$90,000.

Upon recommendation of the court, Solicitor James A. Powers took a nol pro in the case against the younger Stevens. The court order also said that there was no criminal intent on the part of this defendant.

Cases against former Mayor R. L. Bell of Warsaw and his son, Joseph Bell, charged with alleged forgery in connection with the spurious notes remains to be disposed of.

PORTUGUESE REBELS GIVE UP FOLLOWING DEFEAT

All Have Surrendered Following Revolution Started Last Thursday.

Lisbon, Portugal, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Unconditional surrender of the forces which began a revolutionary movement against President Carmona at Oporto last Thursday, was announced by the government today.

The surrender took place at 7 o'clock Sunday night after an intense bombardment of Oporto by government troops. A column of loyal troops started in pursuit of several rebel leaders, who fled.

Seventeen Hundred Fowls Suffocated.

Asheville, Feb. 6.—More than 1,700 chickens, housed in the warehouse of Max Rosen, 84 Lexington avenue, were killed by asphyxiation by smoke from a fire in the building Friday night. Little damage was done to the building.

STORMY SESSIONS EXPECTED IN STATE SENATE THIS WEEK

If Special Order Bills Get to the Floor on Tuesday or Wednesday on Schedule Time.

AUTO LICENSE CHANGE TUESDAY

Bill to Give Judges an Increase in Annual Salary of \$1,500 Expected to Come Up Wednesday.

(By International News Service) Raleigh, Feb. 7.—Stormy sessions are in store for the senate Tuesday and Wednesday, if special order bills get to the floor on schedule time.

Tuesday the senate will again tackle the most controversial item now on its calendar—the automobile license registration bill. The bill would change the registration date from June 30th to January 1st.

The bill will be considered Tuesday with an amendment by Senator Royall, of Wayne, which would add 25 cents to the cost of the license plate for the six months period, which would be necessary in making the change of dates from June 30th to December 31st.

The proponents of the bill have accepted the Royal amendment. The extra 25 cents will be paid on the half-year license plates which would be issued next June, but would not apply to license plates issued after January 1, 1928.

Still another amendment is expected to be presented when the registration bill comes up in its newest form Tuesday. This amendment is expected to clarify the point as to whether or not the extra revenue will go to the State highway commission.

Proponents of the uncertain piece of legislation maintain that the passage of the bill would greatly benefit the agricultural sections of the state. They pointed out that the farmers would be in better financial shape to pay the license in the winter months than the license in the summer months.

According to Senator Horton, of Caswell, one of the staunch friends of the bill, the state's planters, as a whole, want the bill to pass.

He pointed out also that North Carolina is one of the few remaining states that has not changed the date of registration to the first of the year.

Opponents of the bill contend that the change would bring about an unnecessary expense on the state. The opposition is led by Senator Hargett, of Jones.

Senator Hines' bill for the relief of former State Treasurer Worth of the amount of \$12,000 also will come up for consideration on a special order Tuesday. Another of Senator Hines' bills, which provides for the installation of fire escapes in office buildings, has been deferred until Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Blount bill requiring the teaching of the Constitution in North Carolina schools is scheduled to come up at Wednesday's session. The judges' compensation bill, providing for a \$1,500 annual increase in salary to superior court judges, is slated to entertain Wednesday's session also.

The "biggest" court game of the session will be played at Raleigh. The Wake Forest-Carolina class, regarded as the decisive game, will be played here on February 15th instead of Wake Forest, it was announced.

The announcement was made by J. W. Hunn, representing the Raleigh alumni of Wake Forest, after conferring with college athletic officials.

E-Governor Charles S. Whitman, of New York, president of the American Bar Association, has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association at Pinehurst on May 6th, it was announced here today.

Bridge Worker Is Awarded Total Damages of \$22,825.

Charlotte, Feb. 5.—Judgment for \$22,825 was awarded E. R. L. Taylor, steel brideman, against the J. A. Jones Construction company and J. H. Markham in Superior court here today.

Taylor was injured when struck by a steel beam while working on the Wilde building, it was alleged.

Two Children Killed.

Pittsburg Kansas, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Two children were killed and their mother, Mrs. E. J. Mayberry, was seriously injured by an explosion which partly wrecked the Mayberry home early last night. Police believe that a dynamite bomb was hurled into the frame structure.

ANOTHER PROPOSAL TO AMEND STATE CONSTITUTION NOW

Will Be Fourth Proposal to Be Submitted to Legislature—Affects the School Term in the State.

THREE OTHERS NOW WITH THE SOLONS

One Would Call Constitutional Convention, Another Would Create More Judicial Districts.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—(AP)—So far, there are three proposals to amend the constitution of North Carolina before the General Assembly, and the school people especially the North Carolina Education Association today scheduled to ask the Legislature to add another proposal for a change. This is the eight months' school term proposed amendment.

The proposals now before the Legislature are: 1. The calling of a constitutional convention. 2. The creation of additional districts with a Superior Court Judge, without a solicitor. 3. Limiting local tax rates to \$2.50 per hundred, and the segregation of intangible property for taxation.

Officers of the Teachers Association today announced that they will ask the Legislature to call an election on the eight months' school term amendment, although this was not recommended by a majority of the Educational Commission.

The teachers' association has the backing of five members of the commission, and in addition to this the association claims that the recommendations of the majority are not supported by statements which they themselves make about educational conditions in the state, and are not backed by the facts they found in their printed report.

The more important of the amendments proposed and already dropped into the legislative hopper is the taxation limitation resolution.

Should this proposed amendment to the constitution be adopted it would revolutionize taxation system and tax rates in virtually every city, county and school district of the state, because in only a few instances are the tax rates as low as this proposed amendment would make mandatory.

The amendment proposed by Senator Kenneth Royal, of Goldsboro, would not only limit the total tax on property that state, city, county and districts could levy, to \$2.50 on the hundred, but specifies the maximum amounts beyond which no local unit of government could go.

Raleigh, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The sixth week of meeting of the state legislature was on hand today with returning of the assemblymen for the second half of the sixty-day biennial session to last to the middle of March.

Committee hearings, bill introduction, lay behind. Floor debate and consideration of major measures was in the offing.

Up to tonight's recessing following Saturday's convening, 453 bills had been introduced in the house, 237 in the senate since convening of the legislature January 5th. About 200 local bills had been finally passed.

Last week the senate passed 68 bills, the house 67, a total of 135, virtually all local measures. The house had 90 bills introduced, the senate 46, a total of 136.

While the calendar was being cleared on local measures, the big state-wide ones were accumulating for principal consideration.

H. N. Wheeler, chief lecturer of the United States Forest Service, was asked to give an illustrated lecture at tonight's session of the assembly. He has spoken throughout the country and has been in the state four weeks on speaking tours.

TWIN CITY SENTINEL PURCHASED BY JOURNAL

Owen Moore Becomes Owner of All the Dailies in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem, Feb. 7.—(AP)—The Twin-City Sentinel announced this afternoon that its stock has been sold to the Journal, owned by Owen Moore, president, by the Winston-Salem Sentinel, Inc., Frank E. Gannett, president. The terms require that the Sentinel shall be continued as a separate entity, not as a consolidation, although the Journal and the Sentinel will be published under one ownership and the same plant. The Evening Star, published by the Journal, will be discontinued after today's issue.

The Sentinel was purchased last August from Rufus A. Shore, and Henry R. Dwire, by a company headed by Mr. Gannett, publisher of seven newspapers in New York State, W. M. Clemens was vice president and editor, and Warren M. Ingalls of Elmira, N. Y., was secretary-treasurer, and business manager.

Rudner Trial Starts Today.

Canton, O., Feb. 7.—(AP)—The second murder trial growing out of the slaying last July on Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher and vice crusader, started in the county court here today with Ben Rudner, Massillon hardware merchant, one of the three indicted, as the defendant. The first trial, last December, resulted in the conviction of Patrick Eugene McDermott, and his sentence to the penitentiary for life.

JAPAN PAYS GREAT HOMAGE AT BURIAL OF LATE EMPEROR

Great Pomp and Ceremony Marked Funeral Rites as Million Stood With Bowed Heads.

PEOPLE THOUGHT EMPEROR DIET

Although He Was Ruler Only Short Time, People of Japan Gave Unusual Homage to Him.

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 7.—(AP)—Yoshihito, 123rd Emperor of Japan, tonight was accorded the most pretentious funeral in the Orient, approximately 1,000,000 bowing sad-eyed subjects viewing the gorgeous cortege which marked the passing of a personage regarded as a lineal descendant of the mythical Sun Goddess.

Although the late ruler actually was the real emperor for only a brief time owing to an illness which afflicted him from the time of his youth, the Japanese revered him as a deity, his death causing a real nation-wide mourning which foreigners seldom understand. Consequently tonight's procession toward the tomb excited unusual emotion among a usual stoical people.

As the magnificent catafalque slowly wended its way over the four mile route from the Imperial palace to the Shinjuku Gardens, half-suppressed sobs of men, women and children were heard. All Imperial funerals are held in the night time, because the Imperial Spirit must go from darkness into darkness.

Approximately 9,000 persons participated in the procession, which began to line up shortly before 5 o'clock this afternoon. The forward end of the procession and the catafalque began to move promptly at 6 o'clock, whereupon artillery throughout Japan fired 101 guns, and the battleships 48 guns.

The route of the procession was lighted with 30-foot wooden lanterns on pedestals, and containing electric lights, and also by great braziers atop huge bamboo poles resembling burning pine fagots. Every effort was made to preserve the ancient traditions and the quaint customs of those who participated in the procession a thousand years ago were reproduced.

No women participated in the procession, princesses and women of the nobility witnessing the ceremony at Shinjuku Gardens and at Awakawa, the burial ground.

In addition to court musicians and rood music, several naval and military bands standing at the curb with the procession, playing soft funeral dirges.

A feature of the procession was the huge catafalque drawn by four almost black oxen, sanctified by due ceremony.

ASHEVILLE NURSE IS REPORTED KIDNAPPED

Police Seek Automobile Salesman From Whose Car Woman Leaps and Is Injured.

Asheville, Feb. 6.—Miss Julia Hogan, student nurse, is in a local hospital in a critical condition, and members of the police department are searching for Forrest Beam, automobile salesman, as a result of a leap from Beam's car in which Miss Hogan's injuries are alleged to have been received.

According to a statement issued by the hospital authorities, Miss Hogan had started diagonally across the street to church accompanied by young Beam when they approached the car standing at the curb with the engine running. It was then, according to the statement, that Beam seized the young woman and forcibly placed her in the car, at the same time jumping in beside her and starting for the western part of the city.

The nurse screams attracted attention as the car sped out Hwywood road, and by the time it reached the end of the car line she became so frantic that she leaped from the flying machine, striking her head on the pavement and badly bruising her knees.

Friends of Beam denied this statement, saying that the young woman became hysterical and leaped from the machine when she found that he had been drinking. Beam abandoned the car and caught a taxi back to the city after the accident, it was learned.

Hottest February Day in Past 37 Years.

Charlotte, Feb. 6.—Today was the hottest February day on record in the files of the Weather Bureau in Charlotte. The mercury climbed to 70 degrees at 3:30 p. m.

The previous record for February heat was held by the 1890. On February 25 of that year the thermometer climbed to 78.6. Never in the ensuing 37 years was there any February temperature as high as that until today.

Other records toppled today with the continued heat. With the first six days of the month registering unusual temperatures, the daily excess has averaged 18 degrees.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Partly cloudy and colder tonight, Tuesday increasing cloudiness, colder in the east portion, probably followed by rain in the west portion. Moderate north and northeast winds.