

SALARIES OF TEACHERS WILL BE RAISED

School Board Adopts Schedule For City Teachers With \$1,200 as Minimum Salary — Other Salaries Will Be Commensurate With Training and Experience.

At a meeting of the city school board held Monday night, the board unanimously passed a resolution making the minimum salary in the Gastonia city schools \$1200 per year for a graduate of an "A" college who has completed the required amount of professional training.

For those of higher qualifications and more experience the salaries will range upwards, in some cases reaching as high as \$210 per month. This action on the part of the board comes as the final step in a process long contemplated by the superintendent and board.

Other matters of interest discussed were plans looking toward the building in conjunction with the county, of a large building in the vicinity of the Mutual and Gray-Parkdale group of mills.

COMMUNITY WORKERS PLAN BIG THINGS FOR COUNTY

Among Other Activities County Organization Will Issue Monthly Paper—Other Projects For Betterment of Living Conditions Considered Monday.

Realization of the vital importance of the work of the Gaston County Community Worker's organization was brought more forcibly to mind in the second meeting held Monday in the office of Prof. F. P. Hall, county superintendent of public schools, at the county house.

Prof. Hall, the originator of community work in Gaston County, stated the importance of community work in connection with the schools. He said that the elevating atmosphere of the school room and its influence over the children was often neutralized by home surroundings.

Ways and means of not only aiding the people of Gaston county to regain their health but also to prevent sickness and keep them well was interestingly told by Miss Alice Ward, county Red Cross nurse, who also laid stress upon the importance of a county hospital, one ward of which should be provided for those addicted to the drug habit.

Miss Lee, a most welcome guest, urged that a campaign be put on against carelessness. In North Carolina alone last year through carelessness approximately \$4,000,000 worth of property was destroyed and more than 300 lives lost by fires.

A motion made by Rev. George Gillespie was carried that a monthly paper that will tend to stimulate interest and be for general information for the workers throughout the county, be published, electing Miss Nell Pickens, county demonstration agent, as editor in chief with the following associate editors: Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, representing the ministerial department; Miss Alice Ward, the nurse's department; and Mrs. Joe Gribble the recreational.

Mr. S. N. Boyce, chairman of the advisory committee, selected as his associates Dr. D. A. Garrison, Mr. S. A. Robinson, Mr. S. B. Dolly and Mr. W. T. Rankin. These were unanimously accepted by the organization.

"Many people have the wrong conception of a Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. F. M. Allen, secretary of the Gastonia Chamber. The bringing of industries into the city is important but is not the whole business. It is an organization to stimulate better things throughout the county and make the city a better place in which to live.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the Catholic community house the third Monday in June.

NORTH CAROLINA ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL



Now Nearing Completion at Babington Heights, Gastonia — Cornerstone Will be Laid June 8th With Elaborate Ceremonies — Visiting Odd Fellows of State Will Visit This Institution Wednesday.

SENATOR PENROSE, NOT SIMS, ORIGINATED CHARGES AGAINST THE NAVY SAYS SECRETARY

Daniels Recalls That in August, 1918, Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, Made Charges Against Navy's Unpreparedness — Daniels Accuses Sims of Plagiarism or Collusion With Penrose.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 18. — Senator Boies Penrose, republican, Pennsylvania, and not Rear Admiral Sims, originated the basic charges against the navy department contained in the admiral's letter of January 7, Secretary Daniels asserted before the senate committee investigating the naval conduct of the war.

The words used by Senator Penrose were almost identical with those used by Admiral Sims more than a year later, Mr. Daniels said. "Either Admiral Sims is a plagiarist and appropriated his views and charges from Senator Penrose or by the new science of mental telepathy the views of the senator were communicated to Admiral Sims," declared Mr. Daniels.

The committee might have "saved thousands of reams of paper and hundreds of thousands of words," by investigating Senator Penrose's charges, the witness added.

Senator Penrose was "imposed upon by some informant almost as reckless in his figures as Admiral Sims was in his accusations," Mr. Daniels continued. "It is also worthy of note," he said, "that at the very time Penrose was making his speech, Sims was writing to Captain Pratt, threatening an investigation of the conduct of the war."

Mr. Daniels said he would not answer the Penrose charges at length, even though he had just learned of them, because his answer to Admiral Sims covered the matter fully. He devoted the rest of the day to a resume of the navy department's war construction activities, comprising approximately 1,000 vessels, nearly three times as many as there were in the entire navy when the war started.

A stoking device invented in Sweden makes 1.3 tons of pulverized peat produce as much power as a ton of coal in locomotives.

BIG PARADE OF MOTOR TRUCKS HERE MAY 24TH

Local Committee Making Arrangements For Farm Truck Demonstration To Be Held Here.

The advance committee representing the Charlotte Truck Dealers Association were in Gastonia this week making arrangements for the reception of the farm truck demonstration tour which that association is sending out. They are scheduled to leave Charlotte Monday morning, May 24th, and will be here at 10 o'clock and will leave at 12:30.

There will be about 20 trucks in the big motorcade representing all the different makes handled in this territory. There will be other items of interest carried besides the trucks in the way of labor-lightening devices. A speaker who is an authority on farm economics will also be with the caravan and will address the meeting here. Music will be a part of the program. In all it will be a travelling motor show worth your time and effort to attend and enjoy.

A committee consisting of C. L. Gowan, J. C. Loughbridge, W. S. Buice, M. A. Carpenter, Fred M. Allen, John R. Rankin and S. N. Boyce has been appointed to handle the local arrangements for the reception of the touring truckmen. An address of welcome will be given by Mayor Cherry.

The purpose of the tour is to interest the farmer in motorizing his farm. It is hoped that the result will be in helping to solve the labor shortage problem and assist in producing more food stuffs for human consumption.

Demonstrations will be made on different farms and the committee asks that you reserve hauling for that day and notify them or this office and they will see that the trucks do it. All will be invited to go with the trucks to see these demonstrations.

The tour will be out on a five days trip and the towns to be visited are Gastonia, Bessemer City, Kings Mountain, Shelby, Cherryville, Lincolnton, Maiden, Statesville, Mooresville, Davidson, Huntersville, Derita Pineville Matthews and Mint Hill.

Paris maintains a museum of the horse, showing a complete history of the animal from the earliest known period to the present.

MASONS TO HOLD BANQUET FRIDAY NIGHT

Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. & A. M., Gastonia Chapter, No. 66, R. A. M., and Gastonia Commandery, Knights Templar to Have Get-Together Meeting in Armory at 7:30 Friday Evening — Big Attendance Expected.

Preparations are being made by Gastonia Lodge No. 369, A. F. & A. M. for a banquet and get-together meeting Friday night at 7:30 o'clock in the armory. The meeting promises to be one of the most significant and enjoyable ever held in the history of Gastonia Masonic circles.

Of late, the holding of informal banquets and feasts by the various organizations of Masonic bodies in the city, has become quite a common custom. It has been found that the members appreciate these get-together meetings, that under the influence and spell of a good dinner and a good speaker, topped off with a good smoke, those attending are in a better mood to do things.

CHINESE BANDITS ROB MISSIONARIES

HANKOW, May 17. — Chinese bandits recently held up and robbed two missionary families of the church mission society traveling by houseboat on the Yangtze from their post in Szechuan to Shanghai. The robbery occurred in Hupeli province near Ichang.

The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Whitesides who were compelled to bring their craft to land by firing from the shore. About 20 robbers boarded it and held the male members under guard on shore while the women were forced to open up their baggage, which was thoroughly ransacked and looted of everything that took the bandits fancy which included virtually all clothing, watches, rings and even spectacles. A celluloid doll belonging to an infant member of the party was restored only when the walls of the child touched the hearts of the robbers.

SENATE AND HOUSE REACH DEADLOCK

WASHINGTON, May 18. — A deadlock on the army reorganization bill was reached today by the senate and house conferees. Senate provisions to reorganize the force caused the breach and the question will be brought before the house for a vote.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD CHESS PLAYER BEATS 20 EXPERTS.

PARIS, May 17. — Samuel Reszewski, a little Poleander, 8 years old, who has won fame as a chess marvel, justified reports of his ability on Sunday by defeating twenty elderly experts of the Palais Royal Chess Club in a simultaneous tournament. The tournament lasted three hours and the little fellow presented an unusual appearance as he trotted about tables which were almost as tall as he. Samuel has been playing chess for three years.

C. W. BURNS BISHOP.

DES MOINES, IOWA, May 18. — C. W. Burns, of Minneapolis, Minn., was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the ballot taken here late yesterday at the general conference, the result of which was announced today. His vote was 552.

HUNGARY WILL SIGN.

BUDAPEST, May 17.—Hungary will sign the peace treaty presented to her by the allies, it was indicated here today. Count Apponyi, who strongly opposed the acceptance of the treaty, has resigned from the peace delegation.

TO GIVE GLAD HAND TO THE ODD FELLOWS OF STATE TONIGHT

Following Public Exercises in Auditorium of Central School Tonight, When Delegates Will be Officially Welcomed to City, Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of Grand Lodge Will Convene — Business Session Wednesday and Thursday.

"SHINE" SHANNON, NEGRO MURDERER, CAUGHT

Killed Another Negro at Grover Six Years Ago — Arrested by Local Police Here Monday.

Policemen Terrell and Adderholdt Monday afternoon arrested Tom (alias "shine") Shannon, a Cleveland county negro wanted for the murder of another negro near Grover six years ago. Shannon arrived in Gastonia Monday afternoon on No. 45 and was arrested a few moments later on Marietta street. He did not deny his identity but claimed that there were extenuating circumstances. He will be turned over to the Cleveland county authorities.

At the time of the killing Shannon and his victim were working on Bob McArver's road force near Grover. The name of his victim is not known by the local police officers. Shannon escaped, went to Salisbury, stole a horse and buggy and went to Kentucky. Since then, he says, he has been in various parts of the country.

BERLIN COMMENT ON KNOX RESOLUTION

BERLIN, May 17.—Only a few newspapers comment editorially on the vote in the United States senate on the Knox resolution ending the state of war between the United States and Germany.

The Tagelblatt believes the United States has "found a convenient solution to the situation growing out of the rejection of the Versailles treaty" but suggests it will be necessary to enter into friendly negotiations with the United States for the adjustment of many mooted issues before normal commercial relations can be resumed. It says that among these is the question of the treatment of German property confiscated in America.

Suggestion is made by the Lokal Anzeiger that news of the vote in the senate should be "received with an ample measure of scepticism, as numerous parliamentary obstacles are yet to be overcome." Liberal organs express the belief the action of the senate may materially aid in enabling American financiers to take up the problem of aiding German reconstruction in a practical manner.

REPUBLICANS CONDEMN WAR TIME PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Two reports, one by republicans condemning the government's entire war time nitrate program and charging reckless waste, and extravagance, and the other by democrats defending it and charging partisan bias by the majority, were presented today to the house by a special committee which took up the investigation nearly a year ago.

Along with its 41 general condemnations of the government's policy, the republican majority comprising Chairman Graham, Illinois, and Representative Jeffries, Nebraska, submitted recommendations for future disposal of the Muscle Shoals properties, which Representative Garrett, of Tennessee, the democratic member, declared was beyond its province. Mr. Garrett indicated that he would make a point of order against the report on that ground. Members said this would open the way for the biggest political fight in the house since the war investigating committee was created.

The republicans laid the blame for the nitrate program, entailing an expenditure of about \$166,000,000, at the door of President Wilson, with Bernard M. Baruch as the moving spirit of the great wartime project, although Representative Garrett, speaking for the minority, declared that the president acted on the suggestion of Secretary Baker and that both could assume responsibility without thought of apology.

Charging the Air Nitrates Corporation, builders of the Muscle Shoals plant, with failure to perform its contract, the majority recommended to congress that no further sums be paid it on account, and that civil suits be instituted for recovery.

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will be called to order in the Armory on West Airline avenue at nine o'clock Tuesday night, following a program of public exercises to be held in the auditorium of the Central school from 8 to 9 o'clock. Grand Master C. O. McMichael, of Winston-Salem, who arrived on a late train Monday night, will preside.

The public exercises at eight o'clock, full program of which was published in Monday's Daily Gazette, will include addresses of welcome on behalf of the city, the local Odd Fellows lodge, and the local Rebekah Lodge, with responses by Grand Master McMichael and Miss Lillian D. Flora, president of the State Rebekah Assembly.

Business sessions will occupy the time of both bodies Wednesday morning, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, with degree work Wednesday afternoon by the degree staff of Neuse Lodge of Goldsboro, and the conferring of the Rebekah degree Wednesday night by the degree staff of Letitia Rebekah Lodge No. 3, of Wilmington.

The Grand Encampment convened in the Odd Fellows Hall Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock, and took up routine business. At eight o'clock Monday night the three management degrees were very beautifully exemplified by a team composed of officers and members of the Grand Encampment. The candidates were a class of eleven men elected to membership in Piedmont Encampment No. 6, of Gastonia. The Grand Encampment is again in session today, the proceedings being given elsewhere.

TO SHOW VISITORS CITY. Wednesday afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock, the delegates and visitors to the Grand Lodge will be given an automobile ride over the city and suburbs. The party will start from the Armington hotel and will go the following route:

Cars headed west, on Airline to York, York to Franklin, west on Franklin to Linwood street, returning on Second avenue by the Loray Mill to York, then south to the Victory Mill, crossing the C. & N. W. and back by the Dixon, Ruby, Oacoola, Seminole, Armstrong, Clara and Dunn, then out East Franklin to the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital now in course of construction, which will doubtless be a point of great interest to the visitors. From there the cars will probably return direct to the Armington.

and that the whole question of pay be threshed out in the court of claims. It also was recommended that the government pursue such remedies as might be decided by the attorney general.

After asking congress to sell materials stored at the Toledo and Cincinnati plants and retain the Sheffield, Ala., plant, the committee recommended that the government lease the deserted village, built for officers at Sheffield at a cost of \$12,000,000.

The principal recommendation by the majority related to the big Muscle Shoals plant, costing \$70,000,000. Being too valuable to scrap, the majority recommended that it be leased and converted into a fertilizer plant, for the sale of products direct to farmers, with the right of the government to take it over in time of threatened war. Further expenditures at Muscle Shoals were opposed.

In the first of its findings the majority charged that the nitrate program cost the government \$116,194,974, that no nitrates were produced prior to the armistice, and that it contributed nothing toward winning the war.

The minority report replied that if war expenditures were to be judged by the unexpended at the end of hostilities, three-fourths of the nation's efforts were useless, three million more men than were necessary were called to the colors and congress made itself "ridiculous" in passing the last draft act.

The nitrate program was characterized as "one of misdirected effort" by the majority, which declared if the money of the government had been utilized in producing arms and war essentials it would have been of real help in winning the war.