

WEATHER

Fair tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE RENDERED

'The Nativity Story' to Be Given by Pupils of Central School Thursday Evening at 8 O'clock—Public Invited.

A Christmas program entitled 'The Nativity Story,' will be rendered Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, December 16, in the auditorium of Central school.

This program is given under the leadership of the musical director, Miss Edna Smith, who is assisted by Miss Eula Glenn, reader, Miss Mabel Little at the piano, and Dan McConnell, flutist.

Rev. J. C. Galloway, D. D., pastor of the First A. R. P. church of this city, will make the opening prayer Thursday evening. Rev. W. C. Barrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, will offer prayer Friday morning.

The text of 'The Nativity Story,' is biblical. The acts, four in number, are presented as the story is read. The first act shows the scene between the angel and Mary, wherein the angel announces that Mary will have the blessing and honor of becoming the mother of the Saviour.

In the next act Mary and Joseph are shown gazing in admiration at the little Christ Child in the manger.

The scene changes to a snowy field where some humble shepherds huddle over a small fire. The angels appear and announce the birth of the Saviour. The shepherds, overcoming their fear and amazement, decide to go in haste to Bethlehem to see the Infant Lord.

Act IV brings the story again to the manger in the stable. The shepherds enter and offer their silent homage. After their departure the Three Wise Men come with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The following pupils will represent characters indicated:

- Mary, Helen Torrence. The Angel, Elizabeth Woltz. Joseph, Ben Ratchford. Three Wise Men, Lawton Spencer, Murray Grier, Sam Davis. Angels and Shepherds.

The program introduces Christmas Carols as follows:

- 'O Holy Night' and 'The Birthday of a King,' by Girls' Glee Club. 'O Little, Town of Bethlehem,' by School.

'Away in a Manger,' by Grades 1 and 2. 'Christmas Eve,' by sixth and seventh grades.

'Under the Stars,' by grades 3, 4 and 5.

'The Child and the Star,' by grades 1 and 2.

'We Three Kings of Orient,' by Three Wise Men.

'Silent Night,' by school.

'Joy to the World,' by school.

'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,' by school and audience.

The same Christmas program will be given Friday morning, December 17th, at 8:45, in the school auditorium, for the school.

The public is cordially invited to the Thursday evening program.

BRENNAN WANTS ANOTHER MATCH WITH DEMPSEY

Not Satisfied That Champion Is His Superior — Receipts Total \$200,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Bill Brennan, who was knocked out in the 12th round by Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion, in Madison Square Garden last night, said today he intended to ask for another match. "I am not satisfied that Dempsey is my superior," he declared.

The challenger, while saying that he had vindicated himself, asserting he was "surprised" when the referee motioned him to his corner, believing that he had beaten the count in the twelfth.

Dempsey said "Brennan was tougher than I expected. He stood up longer than I thought he would. His blows didn't hurt me at any time, but I found him a hard man to hit properly." Dempsey's manager said the champion was not in the best of condition, having trained too hard.

Dempsey expects to leave for the Pacific coast tomorrow, to remain until late in February, when he will come back to New York to train for his match with Jess Willard on St. Patrick's Day.

The match last night broke all records for receipts for an indoor affair in this country, according to unofficial estimates today. The 11,956 seats brought in \$209,852.50. This does not take into account the receipts from about 1,000 temporary bleacher seats and 2,000 persons who obtained standing room. The match between Dempsey and Willard, which was fought in an open air arena, netted \$452,522, the high water mark.

Deducting Dempsey's share of \$100,000 and Brennan's guarantee of \$35,000 last night, the promoters estimated profits, after paying taxes and expenses, probably will be about \$13,000. It was unofficially estimated. The federal tax will be approximately \$3,000 and the state tax \$10,000.

A. G. MYERS HEADS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual Meeting at Which Directors for Next Year Are Elected Held Tuesday Night.

A. G. Myers heads the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce for the calendar year 1921, succeeding Fred L. Smyre, as a result of the annual membership meeting held at the court house Tuesday night. Reports were not received at this meeting, owing to numerous other attractions on for the evening which many present desired to attend. These will go out to the membership in written form at the end of December.

S. A. Robinson was elected first vice president; J. O. White, second vice president, and S. N. Boyce, treasurer.

The other directors chosen are as follows: Director of department of civic affairs, Charles Ford; director of department of mercantile affairs, W. E. Haynes; director of department of industrial affairs, J. Lander Gray; director of department of organization affairs, E. G. McLeod; director of department of publicity, Hugh A. Query; director of department of conventions and public affairs, A. J. Kirby; director of department of traffic and transportation, G. Rush Spencer.

The officers for 1920, retiring with the close of the year, are Fred L. Smyre, president; A. G. Myers, first vice president; S. A. Robinson, second vice president; C. C. Armstrong, Wade S. Buice, R. Hope Brison, C. D. Gray, J. O. White, A. E. Woltz and Jno. R. Rankin, directors.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Smyre for his untiring work as president during a most successful year and also to the other officers.

The report of the nominating committee on the seven directorates was submitted by Col. T. L. Craig in the absence from the city of Chairman W. T. Rankin. Other members of the committee were W. L. Balthis, A. K. Winget and J. White Ware.

EXPECT DEBATE ON QUESTION OF MANDATES

Discussion of Question Likely to Produce Animated Debate on Floor of Assembly — Canadian Delegate Pushes For Action.

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—Discussion of the question of mandates on the floor of the assembly of the league of nations seemed today to be probable and it was expected there would be an animated debate before the subject was disposed of. When actual debate might begin was not indicated, but statements of delegates to the assembly reflected the view that before the end of the present meeting the whole question would be fully considered.

A sub-committee of committee number six, which has been considering the question of mandates held stormy sessions yesterday and Monday, some of the members, including C. J. Doherty, of Canada, and Dr. Nansen, of Norway, pushing for action, while others appeared indifferent. It appears the council of the league has encountered difficulties in securing satisfactory replies from the supreme council and from the mandatory powers concerning the terms of the mandates and the boundaries of territories placed under the supervision of various nations. In addition, the council of the league is said to have delayed the giving of information requested in relation to other matters.

There is a strong current of opinion in the assembly that the mandates under which the powers fix their own terms are not properly mandates, and there are indications the question may be thrown back upon the supreme allied council if sufficient information has not been secured before Thursday night. The committee in charge of the matter holds that it must have this information before it can make an intelligent report.

On the program was the task of electing new members to the league, the choosing of four new elective members of the council and the disposing of questions regarding the "white slave" traffic and the opium trade, which was left over from yesterday's session.

It appeared that Austria would probably be admitted to the league without opposition, and that Bulgaria would also be accorded membership. In her case, however, France, it was said, would probably refuse to vote. It seemed probable that Brazil would again be given a place on the council, and that a similar honor would be given Spain. China had many supporters as a successor to Greece, and it appeared Norway would replace Belgium. There were many delegates, however, who were expected to support Belgium when the election took place.

Mr. J. R. Baber, manager of the Star Grocery, had the misfortune last night to break his right arm while cranking his Chevrolet. The fracture was not a very serious one, however, and Mr. Baber is able to be out today.

COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE FOUR RURAL POLICEMEN

Following Meeting Held Tuesday Four County Officers Will Be Appointed Immediately to Patrol County — Further Legislation Needed.

Gaston county is to have, as a temporary measure, until the legislature meets in January, four rural policemen. These are to be appointed at once, in order that they may begin their duties before the Christmas holidays begin. This was the compromise decision arrived at by the board of county commissioners Tuesday afternoon after hearing delegations from the several parts of the county at a meeting Tuesday morning.

It is understood that the members of the board were sharply divided as to the advisability of employing rural police. All were agreed on the necessity of some form of protection for those who requested it, but the question of how to finance the proposition was the obstacle in the way. The commissioners are loath to impose any further tax on the people of the county, and as matters now stand, it is said that an additional tax is the only method by which the funds can be raised to pay the salaries of these policemen, unless some special act of the General Assembly makes possible the diverting of the fines and forfeitures from the school board to this purpose.

Four policemen, at a salary of \$100 per month, are to be appointed by the sheriff of the county in conjunction with the board of county commissioners to serve for a period of at least 30 days, or until such time as the legislature makes provision for additional funds for the work. These men, it is understood, will patrol the county in pairs with particular vigilance to be directed toward the whiskey traffickers who are expected to be unusually active at this time of year.

HARDING SEEKS ADVICE FROM PROGRESSIVES

(By The Associated Press.)

MARION, O., Dec. 15.—In his consultations on public questions, President-elect Harding turned today to the progressive wing of republicanism, having an appointment with Raymond Robins, a former leader of the progressive party and, during the last campaign, a member of the republican executive committee.

It was understood that, although the plan for an association of nations was one of the principal subjects to be discussed at the conference, Mr. Harding also desired to hear his visitors' advice for several domestic problems. For many years Mr. Robins has been interested in social welfare and is a student of labor conditions.

Tonight the President-elect is to deliver his first public address since his return to Marion, speaking here at a state meeting of child welfare workers.

SENATE WILL TAKE UP 'BONUS' LEGISLATION TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Legislation providing compensation on a so-called "bonus" for former service men, was taken up today by the senate finance committee with a delegation representing the American Legion invited to open the hearings. The bill was passed in the house last spring.

Although conceding that the question is difficult because of the treasury's condition, taxes and other considerations, senators have expressed themselves as anxious for disposition of the matter during the present session of congress. The hearings begun today were ordered before the full senate committee instead of the usual sub-committee.

WORLD WAR VETERANS WANT SPIES RELEASED

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A committee from the world war veterans headquarters at St. Paul, Minn., arrived here today to call at the white house and on attorney general Palmer to present resolutions adopted by the organization last summer urging an amnesty proclamation for all prisoners still in custody for violations of the espionage act. Carl Calvin, national chairman of the veterans, headed the committee.

LEECH, OF V. M. I., IS BIG SCORING STAR

(By The Associated Press.)

LEXINGTON, Va., Dec. 15.—In Jimmy Leech, captain and half back of the undefeated Virginia Military Institute football team, it is claimed that institution possesses the leading individual point scorer in the south and possibly in the entire country during the past season.

In the nine games of the "Flying Cadets" 1920 schedule, Leech ran up a grand total of 210 points, scoring 26 touchdowns, kicking 48 goals after touchdowns and two field goals. He also is credited with having made a total of 1,723 yards in line plunges and end runs and with having hurled forward passes for an aggregate of 448 yards.

The base of a new dressing table electric lamp forms a tray to hold small toilet accessories.

BIG WOODMEN RALLY HELD LAST NIGHT

Addresses by Sovereign Auditor E. B. Lewis and Head Consul Tilly, of Durham, Were Greatly Enjoyed—Musical Program Was Special Feature.

Last night the Woodmen of Gastonia pulled off what was considered by all present the biggest rally in the history of Woodcraft. The occasion was under the auspices of Providence and Liberty Camps of the city.

The camp was opened in due form, Consul Commander Bismarck Capps of Providence Camp in the chair.

Sovereign Auditor E. B. Lewis made a very impressive address on the financial condition of the order, and stated that the order was now 100 per cent solvent, and had a fund of \$186,000,000 to guarantee to the Woodmen that their insurance would be paid, and also stated that \$1,250,000 would be refunded the members the first of the year.

A most delightful musical program was rendered by some of the best musical talent of the city, as follows: Piano selection, Mrs. J. Raleigh Armstrong; vocal duet by Mrs. H. B. Moore and Miss Ruth Mason; solos by Miss Ruth Mason and Miss Marie Torrence. Quartet: Mrs. Bismarck Capps, Mrs. C. M. Moore, Miss Mabel Padgett and Mrs. H. B. Moore. Mr. John G. Carpenter was called upon to tender the thanks of the Woodmen to the ladies, and did so in his inimitable style.

The degree work was put on in an impressive manner, the officers of the camp being ably assisted by the celebrated degree team from Kannapolis, under the command of Capt. Baker. This team is considered one of the best teams of the state.

Refreshments were served by the committee on entertainment, consisting of sandwiches, cake, fruit and coffee.

The Head Consul of North Carolina, Sov. Tilly, of Durham, was present and gave a most excellent address on the tenets of the order. This was followed by impromptu addresses by various visitors and local members present.

The entire occasion was voted the best rendered in the history of the order in this city.

WOMEN CANDIDATES FARED POORLY IN MASSACHUSETTS

(By The Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Women candidates except those for school committee places, fared poorly in the municipal elections held in 16 Massachusetts cities yesterday, according to delayed returns which were completed early today. This is attributed in part to stormy weather which kept many voters at home.

In Attleboro, Mrs. Eliza Daggett, candidate for mayor, received only 84 votes out of a total exceeding 5,000. There were three other candidates and Mayor Philip E. Brady was re-elected.

Sarah Clark Mendum, republican candidate for alderman in Woburn; Mrs. William H. Kirby, candidate for alderman-at-large in Beverly, and Mrs. Arabelle W. Wilson, who was on the common council ticket in Malden, were defeated.

Six cities showed themselves still in favor of licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors under the old local option law, although the law is without effect under national prohibition, and the same six, Boston, Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell, Revere and Worcester, voted yes on the state act for licensing beverages containing not more than 2.75 per cent of alcohol. Those voting no on these acts were Beverly, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Newton, North Adams and Woburn. Attleboro voted against license, but did not vote on the 2.75 per cent beer and wines.

GULIFORD COUNTY VOTES ROAD BONDS

GREENSBORO, Dec. 14.—With 39 precincts reporting tonight out of a total of 40, returns indicate that Guilford county voters today voted in favor of a two million dollar county road bond issue. The vote stands: For the bonds, 3,807; against the bonds, 1,965.

Greensboro voted in favor of the bond issue by a majority of three to one. High Point went for the bonds two to one. Most of the rural precincts gave majorities against the bonds, but could not cut down a big lead piled up in the two cities. The vote was light.

The bonds will be issued serially and the expenditures of the two million dollars for roads in Guilford county will cover a period of four years.

ANDERSON GROCER IS FOUND WITH HEAD CRUSHED

(By The Associated Press.)

ANDERSON, S. C., Dec. 15.—Matthew Burnett, 45, proprietor of a small grocery shop in the outskirts of the city, was found dead this morning in his place of business, his head having been crushed with a short iron bar found near his body.

What would Christmas be to the children without toys? We have them in the best there is at prices that are cheap. Spencer's Book Store. 15c

Immense deposits of high grade phosphate rock have been discovered in French Morocco.

MANY FINE CHICKENS NOW ON EXHIBITION

County Poultry Show, However, is Being Very Poorly Attended — Nearly Five Hundred Fine Fowls on Display.

With more than three times as many fowls on exhibition as last year and with some of the finest birds ever seen in this section the Gaston County Poultry Association's annual show now going on upstairs in the Rankin building, corner of West Main avenue and York street, ranks with the very best poultry shows in the Carolinas. There are 450 chickens on display, including every variety known except the Asiatic and English. Had the association been able to secure larger quarters for the show there would no doubt have been more birds on exhibition. Every inch of available space is being used and in many instances the pens had to be stacked two deep.

Mr. Joseph Warden, of Mecklenburg county, is superintendent of the show. Charles Nixon, of Washington, D. C., is the judge. He has completed his work, all the prizes having been awarded. A list of these will appear in a subsequent issue of The Gazette. W. N. Davis is president of the association, J. D. Derr, W. L. Ormand and L. L. Henderson are vice presidents, and George B. Mason is secretary and treasurer.

The show will continue through Friday of this week. So far the attendance has been very poor. Gastonians and Gaston countians who are interested in this branch of animal industry, who would like to see some of the most magnificent birds they have ever seen or who feel at all inclined to encourage in any way this organization which is doing so much for the county in this line of work should attend this exhibition.

SHEPARD CASE PROMISES TO BE LENGTHY

(By The Associated Press.)

MACON, Ga., Dec. 15.—Bringing of witnesses into the preliminary hearing of the four defendants charged with the poisoning of Fred D. Shepard, wealthy Houston county peach grower, promised today to make the case a lengthy one.

The state had planned to present its case against Shepard's widow, now Mrs. Pauline Elmer, of Jacksonville; her son, Ernest Hopson; her sister, Mrs. Ione Henry, and Mrs. Annie Cutts, through affidavits, but under a ruling yesterday of Superior Court Judge Matthews, presiding at the hearing here was ordered to confront them today with their accusers.

Testimony of physicians who attended Shepard during his last illness and of experts who examined the vital organs after examination of the body, was expected to be accompanied by cross-examination that would delay placing on the stand the witnesses from whom the state claimed to have affidavits that led to the inquiry.

The hearing opened yesterday but practically the entire day was taken up in arguments over admissibility of affidavits as against the claim of the defense for the witnesses themselves. Decision came shortly before court adjourned.

Shepard became ill last spring in Houston county and died later in a hospital here.

MORGENTHAU IS SELECTED AS WILSON'S REPRESENTATIVE

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Henry Morgenthau, of New York, former ambassador to Turkey, has been selected by President Wilson to act as the president's personal representative in mediating between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists. Mr. Morgenthau conferred with Acting Secretary Davis at the state department today, receiving final instructions as to his mission. The department, however, has not yet heard from the league of nations in response to the president's request for further information as to procedure.

CARDINAL GIBBONS IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

(By The Associated Press.)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—The sending of a nurse yesterday to attend Cardinal Gibbons, who has been resting at the home of Robert T. Shriver, at Union Mills, Md., for the last 10 days, led to reports that the cardinal was seriously ill. These were denied today by the cardinal's physician and at the episcopal residence.

The doctor said that the cardinal was suffering from fatigue caused by over-taxed strength. He is organically sound, the physician said, adding that he expected the cardinal to return to Baltimore within a few days.

Members of the Shriver family said last night that the cardinal felt much better yesterday than he has for several days. At no time, it was said, has his condition been such that he was forced to remain in bed throughout a day.

Several times within recent months the cardinal has suffered slight attacks of weakness, which, while momentary, naturally caused anxiety owing to his advanced age—88 years. Members of his house attributed these attacks to a cold and too close attention to diocesan affairs.

CITY FATHERS PASS TWO NEW ORDINANCES

Put Further Restrictions on Pig-Raising Inside City and Forbid Peddling of Fruit From Cars — City Manager Reports Progress in Extension of Water, Light and Sewerage Systems.

Passage of two ordinances, one placing still further restrictions on the raising of hogs within the city limits and the other placing a privilege tax on peddlers of fruit in the city, the ordering of some further extensions of the water and light systems and the transference of the usual amount of purely routine business featured the regular meeting of the city council Monday night and an adjourned session Tuesday.

Reports were heard from the various city departments as to the work of each. City Manager Alexander reported progress on the extension of the sewer and water systems now being made under the bond issue of last year. Within the past month there has been laid 13,411 feet of six inch and 9,045 feet of 12 inch water mains and 55 new hydrants have been laid. Since this extension work was commenced the latter part of August there has been put down a total of 23,475 feet of water main. Out of the bond issue of \$430,000 there will be spent \$237,500 for water extensions, \$180,000 for sewer extensions and \$12,500 for light extensions. The work is now about fifty per cent complete. When this work was commenced the city water system had a capacity of 600 gallons of water per minute. At the present this has been increased to 1,400 gallons per minute and will finally be 3,500 gallons per minute when the work is completed. Fourteen hydrant streams of water can be maintained now in case of fire.

Following is the ordinance regulating the peddling of fruits:

The City Council of the City of Gastonia do Ordain and Enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to offer for sale, sell at retail any fruit, vegetables or other produce of any kind or nature whatsoever, from any railroad car or cars, or to peddle the same in any way, within the fire limits of the City of Gastonia.

Section 2. That any ordinance or part thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to and shall pay a penalty of \$25, for each and every offense.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the 15th day of December, 1920.

R. G. CHERRY, Mayor.

S. G. Fry, City Clerk.

Following is the new hog ordinance:

The City Council of the City of Gastonia do Ordain and Enact:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to build, construct or maintain, or to have constructed, built or maintained, any hog pen, within the limits of the City of Gastonia, within 200 feet of any street or public alley, or of any residence or dwelling house within said city.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall not be construed to repeal or in any way affect any ordinances now in force for the City of Gastonia prescribing certain limits within the said City of Gastonia within which no hog pens shall be maintained, and all hog pens built or constructed within the said city shall be built and constructed and maintained in accordance with the laws, ordinances and regulations now in force and for said City.

Section 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to and shall pay a penalty of \$10.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 7. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 9. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 12. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 13. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 14. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 15. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 16. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 17. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 18. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.

Section 19. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 20. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after February 1, 1921.