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"HI-Y" CLUB ORGANIZED BY BOYS OF SENIOR CLASS OF GASTONIA HIGH SCHOOL

Meeting Held at First Presbyterian Church Sunday Afternoon—Mr. J. Y. Todd, Formerly Connected With Y. M. C. A. Work in Chicago, Des Moines, and Sumter, S. C., Will be Leader—Believed to be Starter of Y. M. C. A. for Gastonia.

The beginning of what some day will be the Young Men's Christian Association of the "combed yarn center of the South" came to surface Sunday afternoon when the boys of the senior class of the local high school met at the First Presbyterian church and organized a Hi-Y club.

What is a Hi-Y club? It is an organization promoted by older school boys in the high schools and preparatory schools which has for its purpose "the creation, maintenance and extension throughout the school and community of high standards of Christian Character."

There are now organized in the United States 1,435 Hi-Y clubs with total membership of 11,884. The Hi-Y clubs are branches of the Y. M. C. A., and are a part of the school; but like the school, it deals with high school boys.

IRISH SITUATION HAS AGAIN BECOME DANGEROUS

Had Been Improving Under Efforts of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins — Dismay Follows News of Clash.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The situation in Ireland which had seemed to be improving under the apparent efforts of Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins to obtain the release of the deputed Ulster men, has become again dangerous as the result of the Clones affray on Saturday.

GRAND JURY WILL PROBE LYNCHING OF NEGRO

TEXARKANA, TEN., Feb. 13.—Grand jury investigation is scheduled today in the lynching on Saturday night of P. Norman, a negro, which closed four days of activities of hooded men who have to their credit in addition to the lynching, hogging, administering to the four white men, two of the victims being told they were punished for bootlegging, one for wife beating and the other for undue attentions to another's wife.

HIGH SHOALS AND OLNEY FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF

Two very enthusiastic and well attended meetings were held in High Shoals and Olney church Sunday. Rev. G. B. Gessie, county chairman, spoke at Olney in the afternoon, at which time a generous offering was taken for the starving Armenians. In the Methodist church at High Shoals a large representative congregation of the town heard the county chairman present the cause and a steering committee, Mrs. A. Q. Kain at the head, was appointed to thoroughly canvass the town today. Revs. J. O. Ervin and George M. Mabrey, evangelists in the meeting and are enthusiastic workers for this great humanitarian work. The true Gaston spirit, which is penetrating the public of North Carolina, will put Gaston county over the top of its quota with ease.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

- Monday.
- 3:00 Civic Beautification Committee.
- 4:00 Rotary Club program committee for Winston-Salem Meeting.
- Tuesday.
- 2:30 Gastonia Manufacturers.
- 3:00 Gaston County Manufacturers.
- 7:00 Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
- 8:00 Community Chorus.
- Wednesday.
- 3:00 Women's Meeting.
- 5:00 Textile Superintendents' Club.
- Thursday.
- 4:00 Board of Directors.
- 5:00 Community Service Play Rehearsal.
- 7:30 Pythian Band.
- Friday.
- 7:45 Membership Meeting.

CAMPAIGN FOR NEAR EAST RELIEF FUNDS IN GASTON COUNTY IS UNDER WAY

Major Claude W. Hopper Delivers Touching Appeal For Famine Stricken Armenians at Mass Meeting Sunday Night — Canvass of City Made Monday — Other Meetings Throughout the County — Dr. J. H. Henderson and Rev. G. R. Gillespie in Charge of Campaign.

An immense crowd of Gastonians greeted Major Claude W. Hopper, special representative of the Near East Relief Fund at the First Presbyterian church Sunday night when he spoke of conditions in the famine stricken country. Major Hopper has just returned from a three months' tour of Asia Minor, Turkey and the Caucasian region where conditions are so sad.

In order to give Major Hopper an opportunity to present the cause to the congregations of the city, all the uptown churches met in a union service last night.

Major Hopper described in a clear and simple way the sufferings and privations of the destitute people of that section. One hundred and ten thousand children are in orphanages supported by the Near East Relief Committee. Hundreds die before relief can be brought to them. The following extracts from a letter give an idea of conditions that prevail:

"How terrible the need is for all that you can send us it is hard to make you understand. The days are bitter cold here in Constantinople and we have a daily stream of misery. Not refugees are coming in from the official area and we simply cannot take care of them."

"Yesterday morning Mrs. Todd (who is assisting me in the relief work) and I sat at our desks with tears so near the surface that neither dared to speak for fear of losing self-control—and yet we are used to seeing the daily misery and suffering. The beginning of this special story that had so stirred us was a little more than a month ago. A mother (a Russian Armenian) whose even the sick do not have enough to eat. Yesterday morning as I came up the stairs and started along the hall to my office, a woman threw herself into my arms sobbing as if her heart would break—it was the same little mother—the four year old son had just died at the hospital—she had no money to bury him—she had no friend to go with her. I understood every feeling of agony in that mother's heart; for I have gone through it all so recently, and the agony was so keen that I knew I could not go with her and live it through again. Mrs. Todd did not have enough to eat. The mother was as good as dead. The little mother, tonight just before I left the office, the little six year old came from the refugee camp to say that the mother was sick in bed and the little year and a half old probably dying."

LUCKY DEAL FOR A FRIEND WAS RESPONSIBLE

Raymond J. Bischoff Blames Downfall on Zealous Friend Who Spread News of Stock Deal—Was Dealing in Oil Stocks.

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Raymond J. Bischoff, under detention in connection with an admitted shortage of \$4,500,000, as a result of financial deals with approximately 6,000 residents of the Chicago "Back to the yards" district, blamed a lucky deal with a friend's \$200 for the continued transactions which have involved him so heavily.

STUDENTS ARE RECOVERING FROM PIOMAINE POISONING

COLUMBIUS, Miss., Feb. 13.—Students of the Mississippi State College for Women were recovering today from the effects of what was described by college officials as piomaine poisoning, due to the eating of chicken salad, served at the evening meal yesterday.

SEPARK HOME ENTERED BY BURGLAR AT EARLY HOUR SUNDAY MORNING

Arthur Bender, Painter, Is Arrested, Charged With Offense—Mrs. Hamner, Guest in Home, Awakened by Burglar, Is Attacked — Mr. Hamner Engages Man in Tussle — Caught Hiding in High School Auditorium — Bound Over to Court Without Bail.

Arthur Bender the young white man who was caught Sunday morning in the Central school auditorium after an attempt to burglarize the home of Mr. J. H. Separk, was bound over to Superior Court without bail in a preliminary hearing before Judge A. C. Jones in Municipal Court this morning. Bender was not represented by counsel and pled guilty to the charge. He will face trial at the special term of Gaston county criminal court which convenes next week.

Bender was arrested following a sensational attempt at burglary early Sunday morning of the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Separk on Second Avenue. Bender, who had worked on the interior of the Separk home some months ago as a painter, was thoroughly familiar with the home and the habits of the occupants. He gained access to the house through a window of the library on the first floor. He had first tried to enter through the basement, it was ascertained from muddy footprints around a basement window. Entering the library he rifled the drawers of a desk in the room, taking therefrom some Turkish cigarettes and a box of Japanese incense. A dozen or more matches struck and dropped on the rug in this room were found by members of the family. Going upstairs, the burglar rifled the pockets of a boy's sport knife. Members of the Separk family were asleep on the sleeping porch and were not awakened by the noise, although it is reported that Mrs. Separk heard a loud creak sometime during the morning, but gave it no attention, thinking it was caused by the wind.

At 3 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Hamner, who was a guest in the Separk home, was awakened by the noise of a match struck in her room. Bender, who was familiar with the personnel and habits of the Separk family, thought this room was unoccupied. Mrs. Hamner screamed and the man attacked her. Her husband, sleeping in an adjoining room, rushed to her aid and gave Bender a lively scolding. Bender fled to the back porch and made his way down the stairs and out into the street.

By this time the alarm had been given, and the police soon had headquarters on the scene, who trailed the man two blocks and lost the scent. Two hours after the police, searching in the neighborhood, saw near an open window of the high school building some cards and a part of a cuff link belonging to Mr. Separk. Entering the building through the auditorium they found their quarry apparently fast a loop on the stage of the auditorium. He claimed that he had been there all night and attempted to give flight.

In the scuffle with the police Bender received several severe licks and bruises about the head, judging from his appearance in police court. Bender when caught at first claimed to have been asleep in the auditorium all night. Later he admitted that he remembered being chased out of the Separk home, but says that he remembered nothing prior to that time, putting up the defense that he was under the influence of a strong dose.

STRUGGLES OF WOUNDED EAGLE DISCHARGED GUN, KILLING CHILEAN SOLDIER

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Feb. 13.—A story of a soldier's fatal struggle with a huge eagle in the mountain pass near Los Andes last Saturday is told by the newspapers here. The soldier shot the eagle and, thinking he had killed it, approached but the bird had only suffered a broken wing and furiously attacked him.

E. S. WILKINSON GIVEN CITATION

Former Gastonia Boy, Now Living in Asheville, Receives War Department Order for Gallantry.

The following from The Asheville Times of last Friday will be of interest to many Gastonians. Mr. Wilkinson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wilkinson, formerly lived in Gastonia, is a grandson of Mrs. M. E. Jenkins, of Chesterplace. It is also interesting to note that the ammunition which he carried was for the Gastonia Company, Company "A", 115th Machine Gun Battalion, of which Major R. G. Cherry was commander. Following is the item:

Everett S. Wilkinson, 89 Flint street, former member of Company "B", 115th Machine Gun Battalion, Thirtieth division, received communication from the office of the adjutant general at Washington, Thursday, informing him that he would be cited in war department general orders for gallantry in action at Vaux-Audigny and Molaine, France, October 11, 1918, entitling him to wear a silver star on the ribbon of his Victory medal.

SHOT HIS WIFE THINKING HER BURGLAR

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 13.—Mrs. Catherine Finney, aged 25 years, member of a prominent family, was shot and almost instantly killed late last night in the apartment in which she lived with her husband and two children. Her husband, J. J. Finney, was taken to the police station for questioning. The authorities later gave out a statement in which they stated Finney was saying that hearing a noise in the room occupied by his wife, and believing a burglar had broken into the apartment, picked a pistol and investigated. Rounding up his wife in the darkness he was charged with murder and fatally shot her. A formal charge has been pending against him.

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COMMUNITY CHORUS PRACTICE TONIGHT

There will be regular practice by the Community Chorus this evening at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce. This is the final week of preparation for the big Community Chorus and Mr. Hoffmeister is very desirous that every member of the chorus be present at each practice this week.

FIFTY TEAMS ENTER STATE BASKETBALL SERIES

Dallas and Belmont Are Two Gaston County Teams That Enter Preliminary.

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 12.—Fifty high schools in all sections of the state have entered their teams in the race for the basketball championship in the contest which is scheduled under the general auspices of the University of North Carolina.

Faculty managers of the 25 teams which are entering the eastern championship series will meet at Raleigh Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Faculty managers of the 25 western competing teams will meet their schedule at a conference Wednesday in Greensboro.

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THE WEATHER

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HAS SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO WHETHER TAYLOR MURDERER WILL EVER BE CAUGHT

District Attorney Woolwine Issues Statement Condemning Faked and Fraudulent Interviews in Los Angeles Newspapers — Will Not Examine Any Movie Stars Today.

OUTBREAK OF TONG WAR AMONG CHINESE

Several Chinese Killed in Different Parts of Country Lead to Belief That Tong War Has Broken Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—Chinese tong men throughout the west were reported under cover or on their guard today as the result of an apparent outbreak of a tong war last night, when two Chinese were killed and a third wounded in Seattle, Wash., one slain in Butte, Mont., and one shot probably fatally in San Jose, California.

In every instance the shootings were carried out in characteristic tong war fashion, police reports indicated. In Butte and in Seattle the Chinese said to have belonged to tongs, were shot down on the street. Seattle police made five arrests in connection with the shooting. Low Mow, 72, said to be the only member of the Bing Kung tong in San Jose, was met at his door, according to police report, by three young Chinese, who fired three bullets into his body.

White San Francisco has the largest Chinatown and is headquarters for the most of the tongs, no trouble had been reported here early today.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 13.—Hun Tong, 70 years old Chinese was shot and killed last night in a Chinatown here. Police at first attributed the killing to private revenge but later said it might have been the result of a tong war.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 13.—Two Chinese are dead, another lies wounded in a hospital and five others are in the city jail as the result of a tong war which broke out here last night. Toy Joo, 60, and Hong Sang, 39, both cannery workers, and members of the Hip Sing tong, were killed and P. Engau, known in Chinatown as the "Duke," also of the Hip Sing tong, was shot through the thigh.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON NOT CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Uncle Joe Cannon, oldest member of the House, announced today he would NOT be a candidate for re-election as representative from the 18th Illinois district.

The former speaker announced his intention to retire from politics in an eleven word statement which read: "I am not a candidate for election to the 65th Congress."

Reports had been current for some time that he would seek another term, but in reply to inquiries Mr. Cannon always declared he had not made up his mind as to his plans.

The Illinois representative, one of the most picturesque and widely known figures in Congress, will be 86 years old next May 7. He is serving his 22d term as a member of the House, during eight years of which he was speaker.

While Mr. Cannon, in his statement, gave no reason for his announced intention of retiring from public life, close friends declared that he had made the decision in the belief that his health and age made a less strenuous life advisable. He is expected to retire to his home in Decatur, Ill., after serving out his present term.

LIST OF DEAD IN FIRE STANDS AT 12

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 13.—The list of known dead in the Lexington hotel fire early today stood at 12, according to police reports. Work of searching for additional bodies is being pushed and it is believed the ruins from the blaze which early last Tuesday destroyed the hotel, will yield at least three more bodies.

The body of Felix H. Palmer, of York, Pa., has been identified by his two sons.

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WAGES REMAINED UNCHANGED IN THE GREAT TEXTILE CENTERS OF FALL RIVER, NEW BEDFORD AND LAWRENCE, MASS.

Three weeks old strike of approximately 13,000 operatives in Rhode Island mills continued today. National Guard cavalrymen were held in readiness at Providence to answer any call from Governor San Souci for service in event of serious disturbances.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOOLWINE ISSUES STATEMENT CONDEMNING FAKED AND FRAUDULENT INTERVIEWS IN LOS ANGELES NEWSPAPERS — WILL NOT EXAMINE ANY MOVIE STARS TODAY

(By The Associated Press.) LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 13.—Mary Miles Minter, motion picture actress, issued a statement here today through her attorneys, declaring that she had told investigators "all that she knew" of the life of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, slain mysteriously 12 days ago. It said she could not conceive how any person could voluntarily wrong Taylor.

LOS ANGELES, FEB. 13.—Investigation by the district attorney's office into the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery will proceed today, although it is a legal holiday, according to a statement made shortly after midnight by Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney.

He said he was uncertain what form the inquiry would take, but thought it unlikely he would summon to his office any motion picture stars or others. He thought it more probable he stated that the detective would investigate any available leads, and that witnesses would be summoned for questioning by him hereafter only when the preliminary work of the office indicated some discovery of more than usual importance.

This latter course would place the detectives of the police department again on their theory that the finding of Edward F. Sunda, missing former butler-secretary of Taylor, was essential to the solution of the enigma, and those of the sheriff's office on their diametrically opposed contention that Sunda had nothing to do with the slaying.

Shortly before this partial disclosure of the future procedure of his office in the investigation, Mr. Woolwine had issued a statement condemning "faked and fraudulent interviews" on the case and declaring there was "grave and serious doubt at the present time as to whether the murderer will ever be apprehended."

While the police detectives and the sheriff's deputies have not acknowledged defeat they admit the case is one of the most bewildering ever to come to their attention. Eleven days have passed since the discovery of the director's body and the officers assigned to the mystery have worked with less than their ordinary sleep and under unusual pressure in tracking down what seemed like tangible clues and in investigating almost innumerable "tips."

Mr. Woolwine's statement in part is as follows: "In the early edition of The Examiner for Monday morning there appeared on the first page thereof an interview purporting to come from me which was never in effect given."

"The following quotation from the facts interview was never uttered by me: 'Now when my office should be directing all its energies in its prosecution of Mrs. Madeline Obenchain in her trial before Judge Sidney N. Reeve, I have this most baffling of murder mysteries to solve—the killing of William Desmond Taylor.'"

"I would not make such a statement at this time, when the Obenchain case is on trial."

"The following language purporting to have been uttered by me is out of whole cloth and is viciously false: 'If the minds of the jurors who first tried Fatty Arbuckle and Arthur C. Burch are the minds of the public—then I must confess that the people do not want to be protected by the laws on the statute books.'"

"The following language is also made out of whole cloth, never having been uttered or thought of by me: 'Nevertheless, I will ferret out the criminal who killed Taylor. Nothing will stop this district attorney's office from getting at the truth and bringing to the surface the facts which led to the murder of the noted film director.'"

"The facts are that the duty of ferreting out and apprehending the perpetrator of this deed rests with the police department and I am only counselling with and advising them."

"There is grave and serious doubt at the present time as to whether the murderer will ever be apprehended, and certainly I do not know whether he ever will be."

"I intend to give my best endeavors in consulting with the officers, but I would not in the present condition of the investigation hazard the statement that I or any one else will be able to solve the mystery."

"It is certainly an outrage for any newspaper to be guilty of such a faked and fraudulent interview."

"I am informed that this fake has been telegraphed all over the United States, which magnifies its iniquity."

DENBY RECOMMENDS CUT IN NAVY PERSONNEL

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Secretary Denby appeared before the House Naval Committee today to recommend that the Navy personnel for the next fiscal year be fixed at 80,000 men and 6,000 apprentices as compared with the 100,000 men and 6,000 apprentices now authorized.

Mr. Denby recommended that there be no reduction in the existing strength of line officers of the navy; that the first class at Annapolis be graduated and commissioned, but that appointments to the academy hereafter be reduced to three for each member of Congress, instead of five.

The naval secretary recommended that 100 destroyers be placed out of commission. He estimated that the program he outlined would effect a saving of \$70,000,000 in next year's budget.

Cotton Market

The cotton exchange was closed today it being a legal holiday observed as Lincoln's birthday.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to good middling	17c
Cotton seed	51c

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