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## High School Team Debates Williamston Tonight at 8:00

The Regular Annual Triangular Debate to Be Held at School Auditorium on Query: Resolved, That The United States Should Enter The League of Nations.

The regular annual triangular debate will be held tonight at 8:00 o'clock at the School auditorium. The question to be discussed is: Resolved, that the United States should enter the League of Nations.

The Scotland Neck team will be Miss Mary Hayes McDowell and Mr. Landon Whitehead, who will represent the affirmative, while Messrs. Bryant Carstaphen and Frederick Hoyt, of Williamston will uphold the negative. At the same time the negative team of the local High School, Miss Lois Speed and Mr. Charlie Herring will debate against Williamston's affirmative team in Williamston. It is understood that both local teams have worked earnestly on this interesting query and it is hoped that an unusually large audience will greet these teams.

Mr. Kemp P. Battle had the honor of finishing the first argument for the affirmative team set a record. It was believed that the team would equal if not better it.

## GOV. MORRISON APPEALS TO SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR AID

A personal appeal from Governor Morrison to every rural school teacher in North Carolina to cooperate earnestly and effectively in the "Live-at-Home" campaign is being mailed this week. The Governor declares that probably no other individuals in the State are in quite so advantageous position to render effective service in this movement for economic independence as are the teachers, and probably no other class of our people is in better position to realize the appalling need from a standpoint of health as well as economic independence, as are the teachers.

The Governor appeals to the teachers to put before your pupils effectively and continuously the advantages of our people raising their living at home, and particularly the advantages of making this "living" well balanced and wholesome, through the tending of a real garden, the keeping of one or more cows and an ample flock of poultry, and the raising of sufficient hogs to provide the family with meat the year around.

"If every rural teacher in North Carolina will do his or her part in this matter we can not only stop the economic drain of \$100,000,000 a year which we are now sending to other states for food for our people and feedstuff for our livestock, but we would be safe in adding to this another \$100,000,000 a year as an economic gain from greater physical efficiency and better health conditions as a result of more wholesome living," declares the Governor.

The Governor is also addressing a letter to each school committeeman in the "one-crop" sections of this state, in which he appeals to them to use their influence in every community to further the "Live-at-Home" program.

## NEGRO IN TOILS OF LAW FOR CASHING CHECK

Sometime ago Bellamy & Co., mailed a check with envelope addressed to Frank Clark with check payable to same person with memorandum on check that it was for 1921 taxes. The check and letter should have been addressed, however, to Irwin Clark, clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

The letter with check enclosed was received by a negro named Frank Clark, who proceeded to cash it. He took it to Burroughs-Pittman-Wheeler Company who gave him the cash for it. When Bellamy & Co., received their statement from the bank the cancelled check was enclosed, but in the meantime they had been asked to pay their taxes. No one apparently remembered the negro or knew just where any one by that name lived, so a little of Sherlock Holmes' tactics were resorted to. A registered letter was mailed to one Frank Clark with request for return card. It was signed for the signature corresponding exactly to the one cashing the check. Officers were dispatched to arrest the offender and now in the toils of the law.

## Dr. Kemp P. Battle Died In Phila. Hospital

Dr. Kemp P. Battle, prominent citizen of Raleigh and widely connected throughout the state, died yesterday at a Philadelphia hospital, where he had been for sometime for treatment. He will be buried tomorrow at Raleigh. Scotland Neck people will recall that he married the second time to Mrs. George V. Strong, who was, before her first marriage, Miss Sally Hall Smith, daughter of the late Alex. H. Smith, son of the late Richard H. Smith, of Scotland Neck, who survives him.

## HILLMAN MAKES STRONG APPEAL TO CHURCH MEMBERS AGAIN,

HIS SUBJECT BEING "FOLLOWING CHRIST"

To a large and attentive audience, Rev. E. L. Hillman preached last night on the subject, "Following Christ." His sermon was well delivered and he held his hearers spellbound throughout the discourse.

The singing, which has been exceedingly good throughout these services, was better than ever last night, the choir excelling itself in the special selection, "The Awakening Chorus."

## BOY DIED RATHER THAN SUBMIT TO TEACHER'S SEVERE TREATMENT

(By Associated Press) JACKSON, GA., March 24.—Leaving a note saying he died because he did not wish to submit to further chastisement from his school teacher, Arthur Wall, fifteen years old, committed suicide today by firing a bullet through his heart.

## THE BONUS BILL PASSED HOUSE BY A LARGE MAJORITY

### Four Billion Dollar Measure Goes Through By a Vote Of 333 To 70

## CLOUDBURST CAUSES CREEK TO FLOOD CITY

(By Associated Press) BURLINGTON, KAN., March 24.—Four persons were killed and property damage estimated at seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars was caused here by a cloudburst, which sent Rock Creek swooping down on the city, washing away twenty-five houses and causing the caving in of several blocks of store fronts.

## COLLEAGUES WILL GIVE KITCHIN REMEMBRANCE ON BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Friday will be the fifty-third anniversary of the birth of Representative Claude Kitchin. He was born in Halifax County, near Scotland Neck on March 24, 1869, and his colleagues in the House from North Carolina have prepared a little surprise party for him. He visited his office today and the North Carolina members, as well as other Democratic members, called to pay their respects to the Democratic floor leader. He was complimented on all sides on looking to be in good health and that he had only occasionally had slight returns of the dizziness which has given him trouble.

He was asked by Major Stedman to be in his office at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, the Congressman from the fifth North Carolina district telling him that he desired to see him on some very important business. That business is the surprise party for Congressman Kitchin will be presented by his colleagues from North Carolina with a handsome walking cane as an evidence of their esteem for him, and as a birthday remembrance. The presentation speech will be made by Congressman Stedman.

### RAILROAD EARNINGS

Washington, March 24.—Two hundred of the 201 class one American railroads earned \$29,604,055 in January last, according to railroad compilations of Interstate Commerce Commission reports. This was said to show 2.60 per cent capital return on 235,389 rail miles, compared with 3.4 per cent in December.

## Amendments To Four-Power Treaty Voted Down In Rapid Succession By Senators.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The proposed amendments and reservations to the Four-power Pacific Treaty was voted down one after another in the Senate today, approaching the final vote on ratification. The majority was overwhelming and followed party lines. Only a few Democrats follow-

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 24.—Passed by the House 333 to 70 the Soldier Bonus Bill was made ready today for the Senate, but what will happen to it there is problematical, although the House proponents proposed to use every effort to prevent it being shelved. Party lines disappeared both in the general debate and on the final roll call, 241 Republicans, 90 Democrats and one Socialist supporting the bill and 42 Republicans and 28 Democrats voting against it.

As passed by the House, the bonus bill would provide for immediate cash payments to veterans whose adjusted service pay would not exceed \$50 and would give to other veterans the option of these four plans:

Adjusted service certificates, with provisions authorizing loans by banks in the first three years after next October 1 and by the government thereafter, the certificates to run for 20 years and to have a face value at maturity of the amount of the adjusted service credit at the rate of \$1 a day for domestic service and \$1.25 a day for foreign service, increased by 25 per cent, plus interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent, compounded annually.

Vocational training aid after Jan. 1, 1923, at the rate of \$1.75 a day, the total payments not to exceed, however, 140 per cent of the adjusted service credit.

Farm and home aid under which veterans, who purchase or improve farms or homes would be paid after July 1, 1923, a sum equal to their adjusted service credit increased by 25 per cent.

Land settlement, under which lands would be reclaimed under the supervision of a special board and farm units established for sale to the veterans at a price fixed by the board, less the amount of the adjusted service credit due the purchasers.

In only two important particulars does this measure differ from the one passed by the House two years ago and that shelved in the Senate last July. The original cash bonus option was eliminated and the bank loan provision of the adjusted service certificate title substituted.

COTTON MARKET	
TODAY'S MARKET	
March	17.52
May	17.72
July	17.21
October	16.82
December	16.87
YESTERDAY'S MARKET	
March	17.51
May	17.70
July	17.24
October	16.85
December	16.77

## BANDITS ENTER HOME, KILLING SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY

(By Associated Press) BELFAST, Ireland, March 24.—A band of armed men entered the home of Owen McMahon, lined seven members of the family against the wall and riddled them with bullets, believed to be in reprisal for the shooting of a constable on the streets yesterday. The city is greatly stirred.

## COAL STRIKE WILL BE GREATEST IN HISTORY

(By Associated Press) CLEVELAND, O., March 24.—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers met here today to complete arrangements for the putting into effect what President Lewis declared would be the greatest strike in history.

## THE MISSISSIPPI RISING RAPIDLY, BUT IT IS THOUGHT LEVELS WILL HOLD

(By Associated Press) MEMPHIS, March 24.—Although the Mississippi River is rising rapidly, and indications point to the highest water since 1916, the Government engineers expressed the belief today that the levee system will hold.

## BAPTIST PUBLISHER SAYS YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD MAKE LOVE IN CHURCH

(By Associated Press) SPOKANE, Wash., March 24.—Dr. Owen C. Brown, Editor of adult publications of the Baptist Church, declared in an address today that young people should be encouraged to make love in church, to help make matches in the midst of good Christian influence.

## THE AMERICAN COTTON EXPORTS SHOW DECREASE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 24.—American Cotton exports, including linters, in February amounted to three hundred and thirty eight thousand, four hundred and forty bales (438,440) valued at thirty-one million dollars compared with four hundred and ninety-three thousand four hundred and twenty-six (493,426) bales valued at forty-two million dollars during February last year.

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLETE FOR PRIZE

Raleigh, March 24.—Junior and senior high school students in the 549 high schools in North Carolina will be given an opportunity to compete for \$2,000 in prizes donated by Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, the contest opening at once and closing June 15, according to announcement Wednesday by Col. George H. Bellamy.

These prizes will be given for the best essay or oration on the economic and international conditions which have to do with the present deplorable conditions of the peoples in the Near East who have for centuries been persecuted by the Turks in the name of Mohammedanism. Col. Bellamy is state chairman for the Near East Relief in North Carolina and Joseph Daniels' honorary state chairman.

The prizes will be given for essays from various states in the union and three will be given for the best essays submitted to the nation. A first prize of \$500 in cash will be awarded the winner of the national contest followed by \$200 for the second best and \$100 for the third. In each state a prize of \$15 will be given for the best essay or oration, \$10 for the second and \$5 for the third.

According to the announcement by Col. Bellamy the oration must have as its theme some phase of the present political, social, educational or industrial condition in the countries of the Near East including Turkey, Syria, Palestine, Georgia and Armenia and must contain not less than 1,500 nor more than 2,000 words.

The oration or essay must be delivered at a commencement exercises, oration contest or other public gathering and a typewritten copy must be sent to the state office in Raleigh not later than June 5. A committee of judges will be appointed shortly by the national office of the Near East Relief to pass on essays submitted by North Carolina students.

All students who desire to enter this contest and to familiarize themselves with their subject may write to Col. Bellamy, 61 Citizens National Bank Building, Raleigh, and the necessary literature will be forwarded. High school principals and teachers and county superintendents of schools are requested by Dr. E. C. Brooks, state chairman of the educational division, Near East Relief, to render every assistance possible to students who wish to enter this contest.

The national committee which is in charge of the Morgenthau prizes is composed of: P. P. Claxton, former U. S. Commissioner of Education; John H. Finley, editor of the New York Times; Prof. Frank W. McMurry of Columbia University; Wm. M. Davidson of Pittsburgh; Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard; Harry P. Judson, president of Chicago University; Ray L. Wilbur, president of Lehigh University; John H. T. Main, president of Grinnell College; and Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College.

Mr. Morgenthau, often called "that Christy-hearted Jew," was American ambassador to Turkey when the war broke out. He saw the horrible destitution wrought in Armenia by the Turkish butchers and was one of the few foreign diplomats who refused to allow Turkish propaganda and lies to pull the wool over his eyes. On his urgent request to Cleveland H. Dodge, New York financier, the Near East Relief was first formed, after being incorporated by Congress.

### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Fair and warmer tonight, Saturday increasing cloudiness; moderate variable winds becoming southerly.