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COLLEGE STUDENT WILL FACE COURT

Wake County Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against N. C. State Junior

The Wake County grand jury yesterday returned a true bill charging hazing against R. H. McComb, of Hickory, a junior at the State College of Agriculture and Engineering, the indictment being an outgrowth of the recent outbreak of hazing at the institution. Solicitor Norris asked for an instant capias for McComb with instructions to the sheriff that the student give bond to the extent of \$200 for his appearance for trial at the next term of criminal court in May.

Judge George W. Conner called in the grand jurors at the opening of court yesterday morning and made some observations regarding hazing, the liquor traffic and the law regarding purchase and possession of pistols and other weapons. Judge Conner condemned hazing, especially in State institutions, but made no reference to a specific instance. He read the statute making hazing a misdemeanor, and told the grand jurors that it was not necessary for them to wait for a bill from the solicitor, but that any instances of hazing that comes to their attention. The true bill against McComb was returned later in the day.

The bill of indictment charged that McComb by "force and arms unlawfully and wilfully did annoy, frighten, scold, beat, harass and subject to personal indignity one W. R. Loftin," a freshman at the college, and "did advise, procure, abet and assist other persons whose names are to the jurors unknown to annoy, frighten, beat, harass and subject to personal indignity one W. R. Loftin" in violation of the State statute against hazing.

No other names of college students were sent to the grand jury in the solicitor's bill of indictment. Whether or not the investigation of the hazing outbreak has been completed by Mr. Norris has not been made known. As the grand jury adjourned yesterday, it is not known whether or not they will pry further into the matter at the next term of court. Witnesses before the grand jury yesterday in regard to the indictment against McComb were W. R. Loftin, Ivan Holleman, W. T. Price and R. C. Stephens.

In view of the indictment of McComb, Dr. W. C. Riddick, president of the college, last night stated that he hoped the "people of the State would give him such consideration as is given all youths, who are accused of violating a statute." Continuing his statement, in regard to the hazing outbreak, Dr. Riddick said:

"This matter, after being investigated by the faculty, was turned over to the solicitor by the college authorities. It was not an unusually barbarous exhibition of hazing. It looked to the faculty that they would be unable to discover the guilty parties and they decided to take advantage of the law passed in 1913 for the purpose for which it was intended—to protect boys from their own folly.

"Several other colleges in the state have previously appealed to the law after a death or serious accident. This law was passed in order that colleges might not have to wait until the ordinary criminal law was violated. Profiting by the experiences of other institutions, the college authorities were trying to prevent similar occurrence at the State College. While hazing taken in a spirit of fun, nevertheless if as we all know, is sometimes under continued it invariably leads to some serious accidents.

"This so-called outbreak of hazing does not mean that rowdiness is rampant at State College. It was the second instance since about the first of last October, the other instance having occurred on the same night of the regrettable incident at Trinity. There is definite information that only seven or eight students engaged in this last episode of hazing at State College, which is not a large percentage in comparison with the thousand or more students now attending the institution. The vast majority of the students knew nothing about the outbreak and did not endorse it.

"The college authorities have always done everything in their power to prevent hazing and this last step

REVIVAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH TO BEGIN

First Service Sunday—Mr. Wolslagel Have Charge Of the Music

The revival services will begin at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning, April 17th. Mr. E. L. Wolslagel, one of the best evangelistic singers in the country, who was here last year, and whom many Johnston county people heard, will arrive early Sunday morning and will have charge of the music.

Dr. W. F. Powell, the gifted and powerful pastor of the First Baptist church of Asheville, will be here the greater part of the meeting, but will not be here for the first few days.

The pastor of the Baptist church wishes that this meeting be thought of not as a Baptist meeting, but that every Christian in town will feel that it is their meeting and will cooperate for the salvation of souls.

Everybody is invited to attend these services.

PHYSICIAN DIES WHILE WAKING UP HOTEL GUESTS

Entire Block of Wooden Buildings Wiped Out by Fire at Southern Pines—One Man Injured

Southern Pines, April 13.—Dr. W. P. Sweet, well-known local physician died of heart failure while arousing guests of the Southland Hotel early this morning, when fire broke out in a business block, causing a loss of approximately \$75,000, partially covered by insurance. Dr. Sweet came here a number of years ago.

Miss Eva Payne, pretty young telephone operator, stayed by the exchange sending out warnings while the rear of the building in which she was located was burning. She was finally removed by force, but not before she had sent out the alarm to all her patrons.

The fire started about 2 o'clock in the vicinity of the Perkins Hotel and quickly swept thru the block. The volunteer fire department was augmented by those from Pinehurst and Carthage, but with little success.

The losses as near as can be estimated are: Harry Lewis, stock of goods and building \$15,000; R. E. Wiley, \$1,500; The Perkins Hotel, \$25,000; Home Furniture Company, \$5,000; J. F. Reynolds, \$7,500; H. F. Howe, \$1,000; J. M. Windham, \$1,000; Tom Cameron, \$1,500; E. C. Eddy, \$3,000. Other smaller losses were suffered with no large amount of insurance. The entire square was of wooden buildings and it is all gone with the exception of the Mills' building.

A Mr. Ferguson, of Pinehurst, suffered slight injuries while fighting the flames.

Effects of the Frost

The effects of the cold weather the first of this week are hard to determine. Reports come from all quarters of damage to fruit. The damage in western North Carolina was much greater than here. Below we give two reports from the western part of the state:

Judge Connor in his talk to the grand jury in regard to hazing called attention to the fact that hazing in colleges and other institutions became so widespread that it was necessary for the legislators of the state to provide a law making it a misdemeanor. He read the statute to the grand jurors that it was within their authority to make a general investigation of any hazing, if they deemed it advisable, without waiting for a bill from the solicitor, as it was sometimes difficult for the solicitor to secure enough definite evidence in cases of this kind to warrant indictments. Judge Connor stated that hazing outbreaks had aroused the people to the point of indignation, and he condemned such practices in educational institutions, especially the institutions maintained by public taxation.



MR. E. L. WOLSLAGEL, OF ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Mr. Wolslagel will arrive in the city early Sunday morning and will have charge of the music at the Baptist church during the revival.

FIND TROUBLE IN BORROWING MONEY IN NEW YORK

New York Bankers Will Lend, If Money Is Kept on Deposit With Them.

Unofficial reports form the mission of Governor Cameron Morrison and State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to New York to market several million dollars of State bonds for road building and institutional buildings, indicate that little progress has been made toward placing the securities, and that they will return later in the week to lay the results of their trip before a meeting of the Council of State.

No present market has been found for five per cent bonds, the interest rate fixed by the General Assembly in the instrument by which they are authorized and the counter proposal has been made to lend the State money at 6 per cent on short term notes with the provision that the money will be kept on deposit in New York banks until it is needed in the State.

No surprise is expressed in any quarter at the inability of the Governor and the Treasurer to negotiate the sale of bonds at five per cent and to many municipal and county officials the proposal to keep money loaned in New York banks is not new. Many bonds brokers have tied such conditions to money let out on county and municipal bonds, it was said yesterday by a well-known banker in Raleigh on business.

Probable return of the Governor and the Treasurer and a meeting of the Council of State Saturday morning to discuss the report they will bring with them was forecast in administration circles yesterday. No member of the Council cared to discuss either the report that comes back ahead of the mission, or to hazard a guess as to the probable attitude toward maintaining all borrowed money on New York deposit. It is expected that some opposition will develop.

Except for roads and custodial institutions, it was suggested by a member of the Board of Trustees of the State University that university alumni would buy State bonds to the extent of half million dollars, or enough to get the improvements at Carolina well under way before winter. How far this program might be followed by other educational institutions is a matter of conjecture.

Little difficulty has been experienced by county and city officials in disposing of considerable issues of six per cent bonds authorized by the General Assembly, and some of them have been sold at a premium, it was pointed out yesterday by the visiting banker.—News and Observer.

Epworth League Council Meeting

A council meeting of Centenary Epworth League will be held Friday night at 7:30 at the church. Every officer of the League is urged to be present.

KENLY HAS ALL DAY SESSION OF MAYOR'S COURT

Monday Was Biggest Day of Mayor's Court Ever Held in Kenly—Ten Cases On Docket

Kenly, April 12.—Last Monday was perhaps the biggest day of mayor's court ever held in the town in Kenly there being ten cases on docket all of which were disposed of as follows:

Case vs. John and Sam Jones for assault on Herbert Lamm and were bound over to Recorder's court under bond of \$200 each.

State vs. Jesse Jones for interfering with an officer while in the discharge of duty.

State vs. Joe Lamm for fighting one John Jones a prisoner in custody of an officer and bound over to Recorder's court under a \$200 bond.

Case against Herbert Lamm released on verdict of not guilty.

Case against Sam Jones for being into an affray while under arrest, dismissed.

Case of State vs. Charlie Bryant (Colored) for an assault with a deadly weapon bound over to Recorder's court under a \$200 bond.

Case of Frank Locus (Colored) for fighting dismissed.

Cases against Jack Edwards and John Cuddington for being drunk each fined \$10 and costs.

State vs. H. S. Stewart for being drunk and disorderly and driving an automobile while drunk was given 30 days on the roads under a suspended judgment. Notice of an appeal being given. Bond was fixed for \$200 for his appearance at the next term of Johnston County Superior court.

Town attorney, Paul D. Grady prosecuting all cases for state. Attorneys W. J. Hooks and Charles H. Grady appearing for a part of the defendants.

Death of Mr. J. M. Weaver

Mr. H. C. Williams of the Mill Creek section in Bentonsville township was in town Thursday. Mr. Williams reported that Mr. J. M. Weaver of Harnett county died on the 12th instant and was buried in the Weaver family burying ground near Mill Creek church on the 13th. Mr. Weaver had been in failing health for a year or more, but death was caused by paralysis. Mr. Weaver was a native of Johnston county and was about 50 years of age. When but a young man he married Miss Winifred Lee, of Johnston and for several years lived in Bentonsville township. About 15 years ago he moved to Harnett county where he has since lived. He is survived by a wife and several children. He has many friends in Johnston county who will regret to learn of his death.

Priscilla Club Meets

The Priscilla Club of Kenly held one of its most successful meetings at the home of Mrs. A. J. Broughton last Wednesday, there being almost the total membership present.

FINAL REJECTION OF VERSAILLES TREATY

President Says Acceptance Would be Betrayal of November Election.

Washington, April 12.—Final rejection of the Versailles League of Nations by the American government was proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policies of his administration.

Speaking before the new Congress, assembled to write a program of political and economic reconstruction, the President declared acceptance of the league would be nothing short of betrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked for a Congressional declaration of peace and for ratification of those sections of the Versailles treaty which protect specifically American rights and interests in the war settlement.

"In the existing League of Nations, world-governing with its superpowers, this republic will have no part," he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general, and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction by us."

The declaration was answered by a tremendous demonstration, in which Republican senators and representatives led, while most of the Democratic colleagues sat silent and unsmiling. After weighing the words of the Chief Executive, the Senatorial group of treaty irreconcilables tonight was claiming a complete victory, predicting that even the parts of the treaty endorsed by Mr. Harding never would receive Senate approval.

In his recommendation for domestic legislation, the President gave greatest attention to tariff and tax revision and to the railway situation, that he endorsed a list of lesser measures which Congressional leaders declared might prolong the special session until the snow flies. He also took occasion in his address of nearly an hour to declare his faith in a maintained merchant marine and in the principle of armament reduction without asking for legislation on either subject.

An emergency tariff to correct serious disorders in American industry was placed at the head of the President's requests and within an hour after he finished speaking, the House ways and means committee agreed to report tomorrow the emergency measure passed at the last session and vetoed by President Wilson. For the tariff bill that is to be framed later, Mr. Harding made no specific suggestions except that it follow the principle of protection.

Similarly, the President refrained from detailed recommendations on taxation, contending himself with a general discussion of the situation with an added reminder that his party pledged itself in the last campaign to repeal the excess profits tax. He also recalled the campaign promise to organize a separate Government Department of Public Welfare, but made no recommendation whether a cabinet official should be placed at its head.

Declaring that rates and operating expenses of the railroads must be lowered, Mr. Harding asked that Congress investigate the whole transportation problem. He recommended coordination of all governmental agencies dealing with former service men, strengthening of the Federal laws affecting highway construction and maintenance, enactment of budget legislation, and a Congressional inquiry into lynchings and race relations in general.

Mr. Harding's definite stand against the league covenant was not a surprise to Republican leaders of the Senate, altho the exact wording of the declaration was an unsettled question until shortly before the executive left for the Capitol to deliver his address.

Here is briefly what the North Carolina senators have to say of the message:

Senator Overman: "The message of President Harding was full of platitudes. As to the League of Nations nobody even now knows exactly what he will do."

Senator Simmons: "I was very much disappointed in what he had to say of the League of Nations. I had expected him to present some concrete plan for our consideration, some plan for our part in stabilizing world af-

GREAT MEETING OF S. S. WORKERS

Prominent Baraca And Philathea Workers to Speak; Henderson Apr. 21-24

The program for the Eleventh Annual Convention of the North Carolina Baraca and Philathea Union fairly bristles with subjects of interest to church and Sunday school workers of every denomination.

Advance portions of the program among the galaxy of prominent speakers and teachers with their subjects are:

Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, Wake Forest College; Dr. Forrest J. Prettyman, Knoxville, Tenn., "What Think Ye of Christ?"; A. B. Saleeby, Salisbury, "Taking Inventory"; Dr. J. Kenneth Pfohl, Winston-Salem, "The High Service of Fellowship"; Dr. Millard Knowlton, Raleigh, "The New Crusade"; Mrs. T. W. Bickett, Raleigh, "The Girl Worth While"; Hugh Latimer, Winston-Salem, "Soul Winning Our Important Task"; Mrs. H. M. Finch, Rocky Mount, "Secret Service"; Prof. G. B. Phillips, Greensboro, "Motive Power"; Mrs. Will D. Upshaw, Asheville, "Imitation"; Miss Kate Renn, Greensboro, "Youth, The Springtime of Life"; Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, Greensboro, "How to Handle the Handbook of Democracy"; Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Lexington, Virginia, "A Winning Personality"; Dr. Joel S. Snyder, Fayetteville, "Our Part in Bringing The Holy City Down"; Mrs. N. Buckner, "At His Bidding," and others.

THE PRITCHARD ESTATE WORTH ABOUT \$30,000.00.

Will of Jurist Divides Property Between Widow and Four Children.

Asheville, April 13.—The last will and testament signed by the late Judge Jeter Conley Pritchard on December 1, 1920, consigning all of his personal and real property to the widow and four children, was probated in Superior court this morning. James J. Britt was named in the will as executor. The will conveying to his heirs his worldly goods, estimated at around \$30,000, was simple in its wording. In part it was as follows:

"It is my will that all personal and real property be sold at my death, and after paying all funeral expenses and my debts, whatever residue may be left shall be divided equally between my wife, Lillian S. Pritchard, and my children, Ida Pritchard Rollins, Arthur T. Pritchard, George M. Pritchard and McKinley Pritchard. On leaving the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, a beautiful silver loving cup was presented to me with appropriate inscription, recognizing the service I had rendered while on the bench. It is my earnest wish that this piece of silver be placed somewhere, either in the state historical society building or elsewhere, where it may be kept as a testimonial."

No Mid-Week Service at M. E. Church

On account of the revival meeting which begins at the Baptist church next Sunday, there will be no mid-week prayer services at the Methodist church until after the meeting has closed. This announcement was made by the pastor of the Methodist church last Wednesday evening, and at the same time he urged his congregation to cooperate fully in the meeting at the Baptist church.

He is bringing about peace in co-operation with our allies. Instead we have some platitudes about his willingness to co-operate without outlining any definite plan. The substance of all he had to say on this subject was that he will 'scrap' the League and have nothing to do with it. The balance of the message was interesting along lines expected. Some things suggested were very good and I presume that some of the legislation he intimates he favors will be passed with the co-operation of both parties while some will meet vigorous opposition."