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DR. STRECKER WILL SPEAK IN COUNTY

"Germany Headed Toward Prohibition" Subject the Lecturer Will Use

Prof. Reinhardt Strecker, Ph. D., of Germany, is scheduled to speak at various points in the county this week on the subject: "Germany Headed Toward Prohibition." He is a Chautauque lecturer and his address promises to be fine.

Dr. Strecker is to be the guest of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League for ten days. He is here to learn what prohibition has done for this nation, and to tell Americans how Germany is headed toward prohibition.

Dr. Strecker is a man of pleasant address and speaks English with sufficient fluency to be clearly understood by those who hear him. He has a most interesting, timely and vital message regarding the wonderful development of temperance sentiment in Germany and the outlook for the speedy achievement of National Prohibition. Dr. Strecker has been recently addressing large audiences of German speaking citizens in Wisconsin, under the auspices of the state Anti-Saloon League, and they have responded enthusiastically to his appeal.

Dr. Strecker who was one of the delegates from Germany attended last winter the World's W. C. T. U., at Philadelphia, and also the World League Against Alcohol at Toronto, Canada. He was enthusiastically received at both of these, and deeply moved the delegates by his zeal and faith in the possibility of achieving prohibition in his native land. Dr. Strecker is one of the outstanding educators in Germany, being the Minister of Education in the city of Darmstadt.

Superintendent Davis will accompany him through this State, as he fills the following appointments:

Wednesday, March 21 Benson (Baptist Church) 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 22, Kenly (Presbyterian church) 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 23, Selma (High School Auditorium) 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 25, Wendell (Baptist Church) 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 25, Spring Hope (Gibson Memorial Methodist Church) 7:30 p.m.

THE OXFORD ORPHANAGE SINGING CLASS BE HERE

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the court house Wednesday night at 8:00 o'clock. It is not at all necessary to try to tell the nature of the entertainment or the character of the institution from which they come. The class has been in Smithfield many times before, their program last year being one of the best entertainments that has ever visited our city. Not only is every Mason in the State acquainted with the work done by the Oxford Orphanage but practically every citizen recognizes it as one of the best institutions in the state.

There will be no admission fee, charged. However, a free-will offering will be taken. This is one way in which the children help to support the institution which is training them for usefulness to themselves and to their country. Don't fail to hear the children sing. You'll regret it if you do.

NATIONAL GUARD UNIT TO BE RECOGNIZED

The government will recognize the National Guard unit of 117th Field Artillery in the Farmers Warehouse here Friday evening, March 23 at 7:30 o'clock. All the members must attend this meeting.

More than enough members to bring this unit up to the required strength have been added. Uniforms will be requisitioned Friday evening.

ST. JULIEN L. SPRINGS.

COURT ADJOURNED FRIDAY EVENING

Grand Jury Makes Report; Recommends Extra Session to Catch Up

Superior Court which was held here last week adjourned late Friday afternoon after working day and night to dispose of the crowded docket. A number of cases were continued and the Grand Jury recommended the calling of a special term of court to dispose of the cases which are awaiting trial. The Grand Jury completed its work Thursday and made the following report:

1. We wish to express our appreciation to the court for the most excellent charge to us at the opening of court. The sentiment expressed in the charge was very appropriate, and at the same time inspiring to us to our full duty in the capacity of grand jurors.

2. We have carefully considered all the bills of indictment sent us by the court and have made true returns on the same in accordance with the evidence in the case. We have disposed of all matters presented to us according to law.

3. We have inspected the various offices of the county and find all in good shape.

4. We think all officers are efficient and capable and all records well kept, and all their reports in conformity with law.

5. We have visited and inspected the jail in the court house, and the convict camp near Smithfield and find them in good shape and in a sanitary condition.

6. We have visited the county Home and find the keeper to be competent and efficient, and the inmates to be comfortable and contented.

7. We recommend that all magistrates in the county be more careful and prompt in making their returns.

8. We further recommend that a special term of the criminal court be held for the purpose of disposing of the numerous cases now awaiting trial.

D. J. WELLONS,
Foreman Grand Jury.

The court during Thursday and Friday tried a number of cases, the entire day, Thursday, being taken up with the case, State vs. Harris Johnson, charged with rape of Lillie C. Peacock. The defendant plead not guilty. A special jury tried the case and returned a verdict of guilty of assault with intent to commit rape. Johnson was given a sentence of not less than three years nor more than six years in the State's prison.

The docket for the two days included five liquor cases which were disposed of as follows:

State vs. D. A. Lee charged with violating the prohibition law. Defendant was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the manufacture of whiskey and was sentenced to six months on the roads. An appeal was taken to the Supreme court.

State vs. Jim Holt and Robert Holt charged with blockading. Each defendant was called but failed to appear and their bondsmen were notified to appear in the next term of court and show why they should not pay the bond.

State vs. Jim Holt and Robert Jones charged with blockading. Jim Holt comes into court. Defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 18 months in jail and assigned to work on the roads.

State vs. G. C. Watson charged with blockading. The defendant plead guilty. It appeared that the defendant has been sentenced in another case growing out of this same transaction, and had served a part of his sentence when pardoned by the governor. He was sentenced to confinement in jail for 12 months and to work on roads and pay costs. Capias to serve road sentence not to issue until requested by Solicitor. Defendant allowed until fall to pay costs.

State vs. Guilford Cogdell, charged with blockading. Defendant waived bill and through his counsel plead guilty. He was given four months on the roads.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill of murder against Allen Pennell who is charged with killing James E. Woolard on the 12th of January, but the bond of the defendant was increased to \$6,000 and the case continued.



MISS LUCILE JOHNSON

Who will represent Smithfield in the Queens' Contest at the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Wilson this week.

REVIVAL MEETING STARTS AT METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Jim H. Green Is Doing The Preaching; Singer Will Arrive Tomorrow.

The series of revival services which began at the Methodist church here Sunday began under favorable circumstances there being large congregations present both morning and evening services, and the preacher Rev. Jim H. Green, delivered two forceful sermons. His text at the meetings... Mrs. Carn U... N... morning hour was taken from Heb. 2:16: "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels but he took on him the seed of Abraham." He showed how Jesus died that He might lift man into the family of God. It was a powerful discourse on the atonement.

At the evening hour the minister used as his text Romans 3: 23: "For we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. He gave a clear convincing summary of sin and sinners—the literal meaning of the words—and proved from scripture that justification by faith through the atoning blood of a crucified Redeemer is the only known and proven remedy for sin.

Yesterday morning, the congregation was good considering the rainy weather. The day services will be held each day from 9:15 until 10:15 throughout this week, and announcement will be made later as to the day services next week.

The singer, Mr. Rudd Newsum, of Guilford College, will be here for the service tomorrow night. Mr. Newsum is not only a singer but an accomplished pianist as well.

Rev. Mr. Green, whose home is at Connelly Springs, is the evangelist for the Western North Carolina Conference. He has been preaching about twenty years during which time more than 70,000 persons have heard his messages. For 11 years he was a regular pastor of the Western North Carolina Conference, the past nine years having been given up to evangelistic work. He is one of the promoters of Camp Free at Connelly Springs where a ten days camp meeting is held each year in August.



PROF. REINHARDT STRECKER.

Ph. D. of Germany, who is scheduled to make several prohibition addresses in Johnston county this week.

HARDING WILL AGAIN BE G. O. P. CANDIDATE

Will Hayes, C. D. Hilles and Col. George Harvey May Conduct Campaign

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The movement for the renomination of President Harding, which first took tangible form in recent conferences among a group of his friends here, has developed to a stage where details of the personnel and program of a pre-convention organization in his behalf are receiving active attention.

For the present the two most virile topics of these discussions relate to the choice of those who are to head the organization and to the various features of the country-wide speech-making trips the President himself is expected to make during the summer. Already a tentative itinerary for the trip is under consideration in quarters close to the White House, and Mr. Harding's advisors are putting their heads together to aid him in his selection of the topics he is to discuss.

Attorney General Daugherty's announcement in Miami yesterday that the President would be a candidate again, accepted here as further confirming the impression which has been current for some weeks in political circles, is expected to hasten the work of formulating a definite program and a definite backing with which he can go before the country. The attorney-general who was the Harding pre-convention manager in 1920 is regarded as certain to have a prominent place also in the campaign that now is beginning.

Because of his ill health, and his official duties, however, Mr. Daugherty's intimates do not expect him to again shoulder the heavy burden of active pre-convention work he carried three years ago. Various names have been mentioned for that task in the conferences of Harding supporters, the list including among others, Will Hays, of Indiana and Charles D. Hilles, of New York, both former national chairmen, and Colonel Geo. Harvey, now American ambassador at London.

Some of the friends of Mr. Hays recently have been particularly urgent in their suggestion that he be brought prominently into the Harding pre-convention organization with a view to his selection as chairman of the national committee, in case Mr. Harding is renominated. A number of conferences on the subject have been held here and in New York, and more are in prospect. Meantime, Mr. Hays himself is saying nothing for publication, though his supporters appear perfectly satisfied that he would respond to any call to service which the party might make upon him. Mr. Hilles also is regarded as willing to help, although he is said to be in no sense a candidate.

In some well-informed quarters it is expected Col. Harvey, sometime during the coming winter will either resign his post at London or secure a leave of absence and will return to the United States to do whatever he can toward Mr. Harding's renomination. So far nothing definite in that direction has been done, nor is any announcement expected for some weeks. It would be a surprise to some of those who know the inside story of the present Republican line-up, however, if the colonel were not on the ground, actively at work, long before the national convention assemblies in 1924. —Associated Press.

NEUSE RIVER OUT OF ITS BANKS; 18 FEET

Recent heavy rains have swelled Neuse River until it is out of its banks covering quite an area at this point. Mr. N. G. Rand who measures the river each day reports that the water was at a stand still yesterday having reached a height of 18 feet 4 inches. Measurements were taken twice, once at eight o'clock in the morning and again at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

U. D. C. To Meet.

The Sanders-Holt chapter of the U. D. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. E. W. Fou, the president, next Thursday afternoon, March 22, at 3:30 o'clock.

GREAT INDUSTRIAL REVIVAL IN THE U. S.

Country's Production Probably Exceeds Anything On Record

NEW YORK, March 18.—Reports of increased business and hesitating speculative markets were features of the past week in trade and finance. Also signs point to the continuance of the industrial revival, which has now reached a point where the volume of the country's production probably exceeds anything on record.

Steel output is still growing at a steel prices are still rising and railroad traffic is extraordinarily large; but the gains are not limited to the heavy industries. Textile mills are fully employed, automobile makers are working at top speed and the oil and building industries are flourishing. Retail trade also is reported to be excellent.

In the steel industry the advance in prices has arrived at a stage which promises to develop resistance on the part of consumers. The effect is not a marked one and strong demand for early loadings is still apparent. Nevertheless, it is stated in the trade that a few building projects have been laid aside because of the present prices and that high cost of materials may curb the buying of railroad cars.

Production of steel is in excess of 90 per cent of war inflated capacity and believed to be about equal to current consumption. The keen demand is thought to come from a desire to enlarge stocks and to insure future supplies. Taking the broader view, the trade is now attempting to force the situation which is likely to exist during the latter part of the year. Opinion on the point shows considerable diversity.

Cotton furnished a number of interesting sidelights on the situation, for one thing, publication of the census bureau's reports on consumption of American mills during February showed that the high daily rate of January had been exceeded, despite the maintenance of high prices. Meanwhile, the commodity itself rallied sharply and rose to new high levels, the May future commanding as much as 31.59 cents. As the week closed a demand by the Fall River textile council for a 15 per cent increase in wages of cotton workers was announced. Thus, in a sense, the cotton industry epitomized the trend of things in the present revival.

While two severe storms impaired telegraphic communications and so restricted activity in the more speculative markets, they can hardly be held responsible for the indecision displayed by these markets during the week. The magnitude of recent rises has created caution in the minds of professional operators, who remember the behavior of the stock market last November. Conservative commission houses have been advising caution in enlarging commitments. In addition, a pause in speculation is a natural aftermath of periods of pronounced activity. In most quarters it is considered that the reactions of the past week or so have been relatively moderate.

Monetary conditions remain little changed. The general feeling is that a gradual and moderate tightening in money during April is likely. It is pointed out that goods have been and are being produced in great volume and that as these goods pass into the hands of middlemen and retailers the demand for credit will increase. Bond prices meanwhile, are somewhat heavy, partly because of the feeling that money will work higher, partly because of the growing demand for funds for commercial purposes and partly because the bond market is digesting a large volume of new issues.

Hope of a Franco-German settlement made itself felt in the foreign exchange market, the currencies of the continental allies rallying rather sharply. —Greensboro News.

Party Goes to Pinchurst.

Mrs. W. M. Sanders with Mrs. T. A. Wadden and Misses Mary and Frances Wadden, of South Dakota, and Mrs. A. H. Rose and Mrs. Geo. Ross Pou as her guests motored to Pinchurst and Southern Pines Sunday. The trip was made in Mrs. Sanders' Packard touring car.