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PRES. TAKES STAND FOR WORLD COURT

Sets Forth Reasons in Speech Before Associated Press In New York

New York, April 24.—President Harding today committed himself and his administration without equivocation to American membership in the permanent Court of International Justice.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of members of The Associated Press Mr. Harding set forth the reasons which impelled him to recommend to the Senate shortly before the adjournment of Congress the adhesion of the United States to the world court protocol as drafted under the League of Nations, outlined the advantages he believed would accrue from adoption of the recommendation and presented for the first time answers to the arguments of opponents of the administration plan.

In doing so, the Chief Executive asserted his conviction that American membership in the court would be "in harmony with party platform pledges, candidatorial promises and American aspirations." It would not be and could never be construed as being an indirect entrance into the League of Nations, he declared, with emphasis.

The address made before a thousand of the nation's leading newspaper editors and publishers was generally considered as the beginning of the presentation which the President plans to make during the spring and summer of the principal policies to be pursued during the next year.

Political leaders throughout the country admittedly in disagreement as to the wisdom of the world court recommendation awaited with intense interest the address and tonight were watching for the country's reaction. Whatever reception it might be accorded by the American people the President indicated clearly that he stood firmly behind his recommendation.

The address was the principal feature of the Executive's visit to New York, the first in a year and a half. Except for a brief preface, in which he spoke as an editor to editors and for a reference to relations among the nations of the western hemisphere, Mr. Harding followed his prepared address closely. In the course of the latter digression, he declared that the "government has been instrumental in wiping out the various causes of contention and conflict in the western world and has today but one difficult solution left and happily that with Mexico is nearing solution."

NEW MEMBERS INITIATED INTO Jr. O. U. A. M. AT FOUR OAKS

Four Oaks, April 26.—Four Oaks Council No. 337 Jr. O. U. A. M., met in regular meeting Tuesday night, April 24th, with about sixty local members and about forty visitors from the Smithfield Council present. After the regular business session, seven candidates were initiated into the Order by the Smithfield degree team. Next Tuesday night the Smithfield team will be with the Order again for the purpose of initiating a number of candidates. The Smithfield team is well qualified and prepared, and the Four Oaks Council appreciates their services.

T. C. BARBOUR, F. S., Four Oaks Council N. 337.

FALLS THROUGH TRAIN WINDOW; IS BADLY HURT

Hickory, April 23.—W. D. Hyman, Jr., Richmond, Va., was placed in a local hospital today after he had fallen through the window of a train near here. His injuries are serious but not thought to be fatal.

Mr. Hyman was accompanied on the train by his father who stated that the son had recently suffered a nervous breakdown and was then enroute to an Asheville sanatorium.—Associated Press.

A lady asked a little boy who carried around pies and tarts to customers if he ever felt tempted to eat one.

"No, indeed," replied the little boy, "that would be stealing. I only lick them and that don't harm anybody."—Richmond Evening Dispatch.

SELMA BRICK CO., GOOD INDUSTRY

Supply Of Clay For Pressed Brick Found On Dr. Vick's Land; Will Last 25 Years

The Selma Brick Company, a concern backed by the George M. Norwood Company of Raleigh, is an industry that is doing a good business on an increasing scale in the manufacturing of bricks. The plant is located on the Southern railroad a mile north of the town of Selma where it has been in operation for a number of years.

The plant has recently utilized about all the workable clay in immediate reach of the plant, and it looked as if this flourishing business would have to migrate. Tests were made of the clay found a mile north of the plant in Dr. G. D. Vick's river bottoms, and it was found that there was clay by square miles of the finest brick-making quality. A right was acquired to these bottoms about the first of the year, and now the sod has been broken and the bottoms are yielding their clay to the mills.

It has required an extension of the business to reach this newly-found clay, but the indications are that this clay will supply the mills at their present rate of consumption for the next twenty-five years. A rail track connecting the mills with the bottoms has been laid and two plymouthe motors are used to draw the dumpers from their loading station to the mills. The dumpers are loaded by a steam shovel machine and are then carried to the motor engines by a dinky steam locomotive. Fifteen dumpers are used to freight the clay to the mills. This industry gives employment to several men and turns out 50,000 bricks a day. The bricks are the smooth pressed variety and find a ready sale at about \$12.00 a thousand.

S. H. S. MINSTREL IS A HUGE SUCCESS

The minstrel show of the Smithfield High school came through Tuesday night with a blazing success with one of the biggest crowds that has yet witnessed a show in the large auditorium. The show was divided into two acts with the regular minstrel form in the first and a mock wedding in the latter. The end men, Thel Hooks, and Lawrence Wallace were especially good at their tricks and jokes, Wallace also showing up good in songs. But the feature that brought the roof down was Johnson and Wallace's rendering of the world famed Zeigfield Follies song, "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean." So popular was this they had to come back on the second encore. In Percy Pittman Smithfield has found a young comedian of exceptional abilities. His negro clog dancing was equalled in popularity only by the above mentioned song, while many declared it the biggest hit of the show. The mock wedding in the last act was good.

Miss Margaret Newell, Musical Director of Smithfield High school and Dixon Wallace who has w fame in the minstrel shows of this city and Wilson are both to be congratulated on this fine production.

CLAYTON PASTOR TO GO TO SALISBURY

Salisbury, April 24.—Rev. A. O. Moore, of Clayton, recently called to be pastor of First Baptist church, Salisbury, has accepted the call and will take up his new work the first of June. Mr. Moore succeeds Rev. R. L. Lemons who several months ago left the Salisbury church to take up a new pastorate at Shelby.

A Thought For The Week

We are not sent into this world to do any thing into which we cannot put our hearts. We have certain work to do for our bread and that is to be done strenuously; other work to do for our delight and that is to be done heartily; neither is to be done by halves or shifts but with a will; and what is not worth this effort is not to be done at all.—Ruskin.

Soprano: "Did you notice how my voice filled the hall last night?"
Soubrette: "Yes, dear—in fact I noticed several people leaving to make room for it."—Richmond Evening Dispatch.

MR. N. C. NEWBOLD TALKS TO NEGROES

Tells of Progress being Made In North Carolina In Negro Education

"That North Carolina is making an earnest and honest effort to give the colored children of the state a chance for an education" was the proposition laid down and proven by Mr. N. C. Newbold, State Supervisor of negro education, when he addressed the county negro group commencement here yesterday in the Training school auditorium.

Mr. Newbold prefaced his remarks with words of congratulation to the colored people here and to the school officials upon the splendid building which has been erected for the colored children. He referred to his first official visit here ten years ago when the old wooden building was in use and recalled a statement that he made to a group of teachers to the effect that it was time to stop talking about the race question and time to begin to solve it. Since that time headway has been made in that direction.

This brought the speaker to the theme of his speech. He likened himself to an attorney with North Carolina as his client and the people as the jury to decide whether or not North Carolina is making an earnest effort to educate the colored children. The first point advanced was the fact that the state is making an effort to educate teachers. Out of the \$500,000 appropriated by the legislature two years ago, buildings have been erected at three normal schools at Fayetteville, Elizabeth City and Winston-Salem. That money has been spent in buildings alone. The last legislature appropriated \$460,000 for more buildings at these three places. He urged his hearers out of pride of race and pride of state to visit these institutions and see for themselves what is being done to prepare negro teachers.

The next point discussed by Mr. Newbold was the establishment of Rosenwald schools. He gave a novel definition of a Rosenwald school—an agency to uplift any community. Funds for these schools came from Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears & Roebuck, from the state and from the colored people themselves. He told of a change that has taken place at Ador, a rural community in Moore county, since the erection of a four-teacher Rosenwald school. The whole tone of the community is different. Hitherto there was never a term of Moore county court without three or four negroes from Ador on the docket for criminal offences. Since the establishment of the school, negroes from that section are noticeably absent from court.

Mr. Newbold closed his remarks by answering the question, "Why educate the negro?" To state it simply the reply is to give them the same chance that other people have to make good citizens. And he feels the negro is going to respond to the opportunities which are being offered him by becoming good citizens.

After the address of Mr. Newbold, Miss Wells, ass't. co. superintendent presented two seventh grade certificates, this bringing the total number presented in the county to eight. This is the first time there have been any seventh grade graduates outside Smithfield.

Harold L. Trigg of Method, a negro educator of Wake County, was present and made a few remarks which received an enthusiastic hearing. He gave his race good sound advice which if followed will make for peaceful, helpful relations between the white and colored people.

Old Fiddlers' Convention Tonight.

Tonight the City Hall Opera House will be enlivened by the strains from the old fiddlers' convention which will bring together in the city the best fiddlers throughout this section under auspices of Messrs. S. P. Honeycutt, of Benson, and H. P. Pollard of this city. Many prizes and awards will be handed out after keen competition and a large crowd is expected.

Make the garden perform more regularly by proper plantings. Write for circulars 121, 122 and 123 which are free for the asking. The Agricultural Extension Service at Raleigh will send them to you.

THE PRESBYTERIANS WILL HOLD MEETING

Rev. Sam K. Phillips of Fayetteville to Conduct two Weeks Services

The minister who is going to conduct the Evangelistic Meeting at the Presbyterian church for two weeks beginning next Monday is Rev. Sam K. Phillips of the Highland Presbyterian church of Fayetteville. Mr. Phillips is a North Carolinian and is the son of Dr. A. L. Phillips who is well-known as the founder of the General Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers in Richmond, Va. His grandfather as well as

was eminent as a minister of the Southern Presbyterian church. Mr. Phillips has had fourteen years experience in the ministry and his principal charges have been Oxford, where he was pastor for 6 years and Greenville, where he was pastor for 5 years. In both of these places he is very highly regarded both as a speaker and as a pastor. His present charge in Fayetteville in the prominent Highland church, which is located in the suburbs that have grown up on Haymount, was entered upon Dec. 1st, 1922. Since that time 35 new members have been added to the Highland church, and that without the special help of an evangelist.

In addition to his experience in the regular pastorate Mr. Phillips has held meetings in Roanoke, Va., in Rocky Mount, in Greenville, Tarboro and in other places. He is esteemed especially for his ability to preach the gospel of Christ in a clear and forceful way.

As to other sides of his life it might be mentioned that Mr. Phillips is a member in the places where he has lived not only as a minister but that he is a Mason and an Odd Fellow and a member of the Knights of Pythias. In addition to these fraternal orders he is a member of the civic organization of the Rotary Club.

In Young People's Work Rev. Sam K. Phillips has followed in the lead of his father, Dr. A. L. Phillips who was for 14 years General Superintendent of Sunday School and Young People's Work in the Presbyterian church. He is successful and popular as a Scout Master, has had direction of the recreation at Montreat, the Presbyterian Summer Resort near Asheville and has an important part in the Young People's Conference to be held there this summer.

It is believed that the people of Smithfield will become very much attached to Mr. Phillips and that the whole city will be interested in the series of meetings that he is coming to hold in Smithfield. He is a man of a ability and is an attractive speaker and every message will be interesting and vital. The series of meetings that he is to hold will begin on Monday night at 7:45 p. m. at the Presbyterian church and will be held every night for two weeks.

CONEY ISLAND HIT BY A CONFLAGRATION

New York, April 24.—Coney Island and Far Rockaway, two of New York's best known seashore resorts, were visited this afternoon by fires that caused damage estimated at \$500,000. A tiny spark flying from an electric motor mixing machine set the blaze in Far Rockaway that destroyed the 350-room hotel Tack-a-Pou-Sha and 3,000 bathhouses on Ostend beach.

Union Meeting At Bethesda

The Baptist Central Union meeting will be held at Bethesda church near Wilson's Mills Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. There will be a discussion on "Church Finance" by Mr. J. J. Lane. A talk about "Education" will be given by Mr. S. H. Averitt. There will also be a round table discussion by representatives from the different churches on "What we are doing and what we ought to do in the churches."

Among the other addresses at this time will be those given by Dr. M. L. Kesler, general manager of the Baptist Orphanage; Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, superintendent of state high schools; and by Rev. W. C. Cumming, pastor of Smithfield Presbyterian church. All day meetings will be held both days. The public generally is cordially invited to attend.

SMITHFIELD ENTERS BASE BALL CONTEST

Will Open Series Here Today In Game With Selma High School; Good Record To Date

Smithfield High school baseball team will begin the elimination series here this afternoon on the Fair Ground park when it lines up against the Selma nine. This is the fifth game of the season for the local team having come out at the big end of the first four by the following scores: Smithfield 4, Goldsboro 3. Smithfield 9, Clayton 4. Smithfield 11, Selma 0. Smithfield 10, Goldsboro 5.

However the Selma team has been considerably strengthened since the game two weeks ago when Grady held them to two hits and the Smithfield boys walloped the ball to all parts of the field. Should Smithfield win from Selma the next game will be with Burgaw which drew a bye in the meeting at Raleigh last Monday.

The following is the schedule for the entire Eastern North Carolina:

Group One—New Bern vs. Jacksonville at New Bern, April 25. Elizabeth City vs. Edenton at Elizabeth City, April 25. Washington and Hertford both drew byes for this week.

Group Two—Stantonsburg vs. Snow Hill at Chapel Hill, April 27. Smithfield vs. Selma at Smithfield, April 27. Burgaw and Woodland drew byes.

Group Three—Henderson vs. Chapel Hill at Chapel Hill, April 27. Middleburg vs. Durham, at Henderson, April 27.

Group Four—Sanford vs. Laurinburg at Sanford, April 27. Raeford and Elerbe drew byes this week.

The championship of all groups will be determined under the schedule worked out by Saturday, May 5th. There will be a second meeting of group champions to work out group schedule.

MR. KITCHEN WILL BE A CANDIDATE

Scotland Neck, April 24.—Hon. Claude Kitchen says that he is still a candidate for Congressman from the second district.

This statement was made in connection with the announcement of the candidacy of Mr. John G. Dawson of Kinston that the latter would be a candidate if Mr. Kitchen decided not to make the race.

Mr. Kitchen's health has greatly improved, and he is in fine shape. His work in the last congress demonstrated the fact that he is still able to take care of the position.

PROFESSOR METCALF AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

On Wednesday afternoon Prof. Z. Z. Metcalf visited the local high school for the purpose of inspecting the science department of the school. This is in accordance with the plan of the State department of Education to have the professors of the different colleges of the State help in the inspection and supervision of the high schools. Prof. Metcalf expressed himself as being pleased with the science department here as far as it went. As yet not much attention has been given to science here.

Following the inspection of the department Prof. Metcalf spoke to the students about the relation of science to our everyday living. Among other things he spoke of the boll weevil, and in this connection he gave an interesting sidelight upon the entrance of the boll weevil into this country. He said that this pest first entered this country from Mexico in 1892. Dr. Howard, an entomologist, asked Congress for an appropriation of \$25,000 to keep the weevil out. Congressmen ridiculed the idea. He stated that the Congressman from this district said that the idea of appropriating a quarter of a hundred thousand dollars to destroy an insect not a quarter of an inch long was absurd.

FARMER KILLED AS TRACTOR OVERTURNS

Wilson, April 21.—Marion Bryant, 55, wealthy Wilson county farmer, was instantly killed this morning when a tractor overturned catching him under it. Mr. Bryant was trying to work the tractor out of the mud when the accident occurred.

CIVIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT COMES TO END

Princeton Case Aroused A Great Deal of Local Contested

Wednesday was Princeton's day in court here. One of the most important cases on the present court docket comes from that town, and this case went to trial Wednesday. The case is that of Massengill vs. Holt and charges slander for which plaintiff asks damage in the sum of \$50,000.00.

The plaintiff in this action is C. M. Massengill and the defendant is A. F. Holt, both citizens of the town of Princeton. It seems that Massengill conducted a mercantile business during the years of 1920-21, and suffered a burn-out. He operated his business in a store which he rented from Holt and Holt charged him with having a hand in the burning. Upon this defamatory Massengill instituted his suit for damage.

The plaintiff was represented by Hood and Langston of Goldsboro, and the defendant was represented by Abell and Holt of Smithfield. The case was hard fought and when the jury retired there was much speculation in the minds of the audience as to what verdict would be rendered. The verdict awarded the plaintiff the sum of \$2,500 and judgment accordingly rendered.

We understand that a motion has been made to set aside the judgment on the ground that the defendant is unable to meet the obligation.

The case created considerable local interest, and a large number of the citizens of Princeton and Boon Hill were present at the hearing.

Another case of interest to many came up Monday. This was the case of S. W. McLamb and wife vs. A. B. Hudson et als, involving the enforcement of a bid of \$8,000 for a farm. The plaintiff was represented by Welons & Welons, the defendant by James Faylor. Judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff requiring the defendant to accept the bid and pay the amount of the bid.

Judge Horton disposed of quite a number of other cases and was ready for adjournment yesterday afternoon.

PLAN TO MAKE JORDAN PLAIN AGAIN FLOW MILK & HONEY

London, April 21.—The Dead Sea soon will come to life and the land which in Joshua's time "flowed with milk and honey" is to come into its own again, according to Albert Horth, outlining a scheme for the irrigation of the plain of Jordan between the Lake of Genesareth and the Dead Sea to the members of the Victoria Institute here.

Wide areas, he said, were covered with fertile soil suitable for cultivation, and irrigation was only needed in those districts. The irrigation scheme proposed was to build canals on both sides of the River Jordan and parallel with it. Throughout their length the canals would be furnished with suitable outlets for the distribution of water over the plains sloping toward the River Jordan. As a source of energy, there is planned a hydro-electric plant on the western shore of the Dead Sea, which would receive its energy from the Mediterranean through a tunnel under Jerusalem.

The scheme, added the lecturer, was far from new—it was probably some 2,000 to 3,000 years old—but its realization had never been demanded nor had it been feasible until just now.—New York Times.

Rattlesnakes On Streets Of Selma

Monday afternoon two rattlesnakes caused quite a bit of consternation in the town of Selma when they were discovered running down the street. The proprietor of the Merchants hotel succeeded in shooting one but the other one disappeared under the hotel and at this writing has not been found. The snakes are thought to have made their escape from a carnival playing in Selma this week.

Four Pecks Make A Bushel.

"I've been married five years, and I've got a bushel of children."
"How's that?"
"My name is Peck. I've got four children. Don't four pecks make a bushel?"—Exchange.