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THIS CITY GETS THE \$125,000 HOTEL

Bond Issue Carries by Safe Majority; Corporation Will Be Formed.

Tuesday was election day in this city, the issue at stake being a hundred twenty-five thousand dollar hotel, seventy-five thousand of which is to be raised from the sale of bonds voted Tuesday. Four hundred eighty-one persons registered for the election. Two hundred ninety-two persons voted for bonds and eighty-three against. The law requires a majority of the qualified voters voting for bonds to carry the election, it being necessary to have 241 votes in this instance. A majority of fifty-one was cast. Those promoting the movement worked hard during the weeks preceding the election and also at the polls on election day, and are feeling good over the prospect for an up-to-date hotel in Smithfield.

According to a resolution passed by the town commissioners recently, the bonds will not be offered for sale until \$50,000 has been paid in by a corporation which will be formed. There is no doubt but that the corporation will be formed at once, the bonds sold, and work on the hotel begin at an early date. A good hotel has long been a need of Smithfield and while there has been a difference of opinion as to how to build one, doubtless every citizen will be proud of the new structure when it shall have been erected.

N. C. TEACHERS TO STUDY SCHOOL SITUATION

Under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Kelly, president of the State Education Association, plans are being made for a study conducted through the local units of the association, of school finances and school laws. The committee to work out these plans suggests a division of subjects somewhat as follows:

"1. What are we investing in education in North Carolina? The State's part; the county's part; the community's part; the per capita cost now and ten years ago. Can this per capita be reduced without impairing the efficiency of the schools?"

"2. The returns on this investment. Larger school attendance; reduced illiteracy; larger high school enrollment; increase in college enrollment; better teaching as shown by standard tests and measurements; community activities; effect of the consolidation of schools on the social life of rural communities.

"3. Is the dividend commensurate with the investments? Compare the per capita cost of education in your community with the per capita cost in the United States, the State, the county, other districts; compare the cost with what it would cost to send the same number of children to private schools, where they could get just as good advantages. The school cost compared with other public expenditures, such as roads, prisons, public buildings, streets, water, lighting; community wealth now and ten years ago. If there is an increase, has education contributed to the growth in per capita savings accounts, tax values and other evidences of increase in wealth? In what way has education helped the religious life of your community. Good roads and good schools; good health and good schools; good farming and good schools."

NEW YORK POLICE TO UPHOLD VOLSTEAD LAW

New York, June 6.—Police of New York city as well as district attorneys have promised their full co-operation in aiding the federal authorities to enforce the Volstead law, it was announced today after a conference called to discuss methods of enforcement as a result of the repeal of the state Mullan-Gage law.

Miss Bridgette Williams has returned home after visiting relatives in Salem and Raleigh.

Miss Lora Mason, of Princeton is spending a few days here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown.

NORTH CAROLINA IS GOING AHEAD FAST

Commissioner Of Education Says Rest Of South Is Being Left Behind And Doesn't Know It

Spartanburg, S. C., June 5.—"We have a 50-50 chance to save America," declared John J. Tigert, United States commissioner of education, in his address before the graduating class at Wofford college, "and we have two alternatives in dealing with the mass of ignorance. We can either disfranchise or enlighten the electorate. To disfranchise means the nullifying of our constitutions and the reversing of government theory. Therefore there is really only one alternative—an equal opportunity as far as education is concerned."

Dr. Tigert declared that education is the basis of social and national power. Government is based on knowledge, he said, Bolshevism is increasing in the county every day "Education is the great means of producing achievement and economic wealth," the speaker said, "and I do not ridicule any American municipality or commonwealth, whom I speak in plain terms of the vast amount of ignorance."

"I believe Ohio is the greatest state in the American union. There are other states that are first in a great many respects but Ohio is second and third in so many respects that I consider it first."

"I have no money to invest in North Carolina because as you know I am a school man, but North Carolina is leaving all the southern states so fast that they don't realize it. The doctrine preached in North Carolina that has brought about the present favorable state of affairs is that the mind and its products are greater than the land and its products."

INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION OF MILK IN U. S. REPORTED

An increase in the consumption of milk in the United States is reported by U. S. Department of Agriculture, due in part to the better quality now delivered to the consumer and also in part to increased knowledge on the part of the consuming public regarding the value of milk as a food. Before methods of handling milk had been so well worked out, it was not a uniform product of high quality. This is now possible, and in many cities the consumption of milk per capita is greater than in some rural districts.

During the last four or five years educational campaigns have been conducted in many cities to increase the consumption of milk. Health officials, schools, and various agencies have assisted in these campaigns because of the belief that it was to the advantage of the people that a larger quantity be used. Surveys showed that in many districts the amount of milk consumed was inadequate, and as a result of this educational work the consumption in several large cities has been increased as much as 10 to 20 per cent, and the increase maintained. The average consumption of milk in the cities of this country is a little less than a pint a day for each person, while for the whole country the per capita consumption has increased from 42 gallons a year in 1914 to 49 gallons in 1921.

Similar campaigns are being conducted in rural districts, and it is probable that during the coming years the consumption of milk will continue to increase materially throughout the country.

BIG CLASS GRADUATES AT TRINITY COLLEGE

Forty-seven of the 119 receiving diplomas at Trinity College Wednesday were women. It was the largest class the college has turned out in the 71 years it has been graduating students. And nearly half of the number were women. This in many ways has been a distinctive year for Trinity and in none has its progress been more notable than in its work for the women in which the college took a leading place in the State just 26 years ago.—News and Observer.

Mr. George Ragsdale, who is a student at the State University, returned home Wednesday for the summer vacation.

FOREST FIRE DAMAGE IN JOHNSTON HEAVY

Three Fires Last Year Burned Over 225 Acres Caused in Loss of \$3,200.

Chapel Hill, June 7.—The report on forest fires in North Carolina for the year 1922, in most counties based chiefly on information from voluntary correspondents, has recently been made public by the Geological and Economic Survey. The nature of the replies sent in precludes the possibility of any great accuracy, but the results are at least conservative. They show a total for the State of 1227 fires which burned 190,737 acres and caused a damage of \$642,442.80.

Reports from Johnston County show that in 1922 this county had 3 forest fires which burned over 225 acres and caused an estimated damage of \$3,200. Usually only the larger fires are noticed, and it is more than likely that the numerous small fires in the county did as much damage as the fires mentioned in this report.

Only 7 of the 17 townships in Johnston reported on forest fires during 1922. Bentonville township claims 2 fires, and O'Neal township claims 1 fire. There were probably numerous other fires which were not reported. Johnston County is not cooperating with the N. C. Geological and Economic Survey in the prevention of forest fires.

DANCES AT UNIVERSITY ARE TO BE REGULATED

Chapel Hill, June 5.—The German club of the university has adopted new regulations governing the conduct of dances here, and a committee of the faculty have approved them. The club has substituted more stringent measures for the so-called "pledge system" under which students were required to sign a pledge not to drink during a dance or for a period of several hours before. The present regulations have to do only with conduct on the floor but seek to surround the dance here with a proper atmosphere throughout the campus and village.

There has been a sort of flurry here in the last few days about this matter. Among the 2,000 students in the university is an element, as there always is in any large group, that tends to run wild. A few rambunctious youths became uncommonly boisterous on the occasion of some entertainment recently. There were not many of them, but they made a lot of noise. The students council took the matter up and there followed three suspensions. President Chase told the students in the German club that if they didn't find a way to run off the dance properly, and give suitable guarantees of their ability to do this, the dances would be called off entirely.

The students had been trying for some time to work out a scheme of control. The recent incident brought the matter to a head, and the new code of rules is the result.

There is a strong opinion in the university and the village that the mothers of girls who came here to the dances could help the situation a good deal by a more active exercise of their parental rights.

The new regulations provide that all dances of every sort, no matter by what organization given, shall henceforth be under German club auspices. Permission to hold a dance shall be given by the dean of students 10 days in advance. The German club appoints a committee charged with the duty of enforcing proper conduct before, during and after the dances, and the committee "is empowered to suspend from all dances for a period of one year any student, visitor or alumnus for any misconduct whatever during any period in which dances are held regardless of whether the misconduct is before, during or after the dance."

MORRISON WOULD CALL LEGISLATURE

Asheville, June 5.—Governor Morrison will call an extraordinary session of the General Assembly if the newly-created State Shipping Commission reports favorably on his plans for development of the waterways and navigable streams of North Carolina, he declared tonight, addressing the annual meeting of the Asheville Merchants' Association.

LET CONTRACT FOR TWO SCHOOL HOUSES

Wilson's Mills and Micro To Have Up-to-Date Brick Structures.

The building of school-houses moves on apace in Johnston County with the letting of two new buildings, one for Wilson's Mills and one for Micro, on last Tuesday. County Superintendent Marrow advertised for separate bids on the construction of these two buildings but when the contract was let the same man was awarded both buildings at a considerable saving to the county because of this fact. The highest bid on the Wilson's Mills school house was \$53,873 made by Mr. R. L. Blalock, of Kinston. Mr. Blalock also made the highest bid on the Micro contract it being \$46,950. The award was made to the lowest bidder, Mr. Walter Clark, of Wilmington, who bid \$50,124 on the Wilson's Mills school, and \$40,367 on the Micro school. When awarded both contracts, he gave a discount of \$1,250. He also offered \$2000.00 for the present building at Wilson's Mills which leaves a net cost of both buildings to the county of \$87,241. The heating and plumbing contracts have not yet been awarded but by June 15, this matter will also have been settled.

Mr. Clark is building three other brick school houses in the county one at Brogden, one at Archer Lodge and one at Corinth-Holders.

The structure at Wilson's Mills will be two stories with a basement. There will be sixteen class rooms, a recreation room in the basement, a teachers' rest room, principal's office and auditorium.

The building at Micro will also be two stories and a basement. Eleven class rooms will be completed and space is provided in the basement for more rooms when needed. The building will also contain a principal's office and an auditorium.

Mr. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, was the architect who drew the plans.

INSURED KANSAS STUDENTS GET \$250 BALM IF THEY FLUNK

Lawrence, Kan., June 1.—A student "insurance" company has made its appearance on the campus of the University of Kansas, issuing a policy which insures a student from "financial loss and mental anguish caused when a student falls short along the highway of precedent or sinks in the mire of procedure or loses his way in the labyrinth of pleading."

W. H. Arant, Dean of the Law School, received a special delivery letter, telling him of the insurance project; he finally made out that the company's terms were something like this:

Each student who accepts a "policy" will pay \$3 for every month that he sits at the feet of the teachers in the school of law. If a flunk compels him to withdraw at the end of the semester he will receive a scholastic death benefit of \$250. If he fails to pass the bar examination after receiving his L. L. B., he will receive \$200 as balm for his wounds.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE WINDS UP 87TH FINALS

Davidson, June 6.—Davidson College today conferred the degree of bachelor of arts upon 77 young men who have successfully completed the college course, the degree of master of arts upon three post-graduates, and honorary degrees upon seven friends of the institution. The graduating class is one of the largest in the 87 years of Davidson's history and in quality of work done will be long unexcelled.

LOCAL PICTURES TO BE SHOWN AT "VICTORY" MONDAY

A unique feature will be put on at the Victory Theatre Monday evening, June 11, when pictures of Smithfield babies, homes, stores and other places of interest will be thrown on the screen. Mr. Roddey has been in the city sometime taking these pictures and getting things in readiness for the show Monday evening which is sure to attract a large number of spectators.

NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED WITH CHINESE BANDITS

Still Hold Eight Foreigners—Are Being Enrolled In Army—Airplane Frightens Them

Tientsin, China, June 5.—Latest advices from Tsao-Chwang indicate that negotiations with the Paotzuku bandits for release of eight foreigners still held by them are progressing satisfactorily. The Tsao-Chwang messages state that the only delay has been caused by dissension among the bandits themselves, but that this is diminishing rapidly, as their enrollment in the Chinese army continues.

Those outlaws who do not wish to join the army are being permitted to depart with their booty and are passing through the military cordon as coolies.

A letter has been received here from J. B. Powell, American publisher of Shanghai who is held by the bandits, stating that the brigands were showing signs of uneasiness over the arrival of more guns in the military circle about their stronghold and the coming of the international commission to Tao-Chwang, the commissioner's airplane which reconnoitered Paotzuku, Powell said struck panic to the hearts of the bandits. The commission, headed by Brigadier-General Conner, U. S. A., toured the railway line and inspected the Chinese troops in the bandit zone. The commission is understood to be satisfied with the Chinese government's military arrangements in the district.—Associated Press.

T. G. S. FACULTY FOR 1923-1924 IS COMPLETE

At the regular meeting of the Board of trustees of the Smithfield Graded Schools Monday evening, June 4, the following were elected to the faculty for next year. Twenty-four teachers besides the Superintendent constitute the faculty for 1923-24, the increased number in high school requiring one teacher more than last year. The senior class next year will number more than thirty pupils.

The teachers who have been elected are as follows:

Primary—Department—Miss Irene Myatt, first grade; Miss Alice Edmondson, second grade; Miss Sophia Smathers of Canton, first grade; Miss Ola Smathers of Canton, high first grade; Miss Nettie Smoak of Wilkesboro, second grade; Miss Green Ward of Scotland Neck, second grade; Miss Clota Edwards of Mars Hill, third grade; and Miss Leah Love of Monroe, third grade.

Grammar Grade Department—Mrs. Rosser Lane, fourth B; Mrs. J. C. Wood, fourth; Miss Mae Pinson, of Honea Path, S. C., fifth; Miss Ethel Craig of Gastonia, fourth; Miss Grace Grantham of Goldsboro, fifth; Miss Gladys Pierce of Ahsokie, sixth. (Since the meeting of the board Monday night, Miss Frankie Mundy of Denver, who was elected to teach in this department has resigned on account of the death of her father and this vacancy will have to be filled.)

High School Department—Miss Lorene Leonard of Catawba, seventh grade; Miss Jessie Penny of Cary, history and civics; Miss Evelyn Wilson of Dover, Latin and French; Miss Mamie Morgan of Fairview, Latin and history; Miss Allie Pierce of Ahsokie, mathematics and English; Miss Mildred Goode of Boiling Springs, English; Mrs. T. H. Franks, mathematics; Mr. Walter Rice of Meadville, Va., science and athletics. The music teacher is Miss Emma Louise Kehoe of New Bern.

COUNTY M. E. MISSIONARY MEETING AT SELMA

There will be a county-wide missionary meeting held in Selma on Tuesday, June 19; from ten until four o'clock with dinner on the grounds of the Edgerton Memorial church. Delegates from every Methodist church in the county will be expected. Mrs. E. I. Poole of Smithfield, County president, will be present besides other speakers. A pageant will be put on by the Selma Young People's Missionary Society, Mrs. A. R. Wilson directing.

Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, Dr. C. V. Tyner and Morgan Broadhurst attended the Trinity-Carolina game at Durham Tuesday.

NEW GERMAN NOTE TO ALL THE ALLIES

A General Conference Is Sought; United Allied Front Is the Prospect.

London, June 6.—The underlying principle of the new German note on reparations is to bring the powers to the conference table, says a dispatch to the Times from Berlin.

The note does not touch the question of passive resistance or evacuation of the Ruhr. The dispatch adds that the note has been telegraphed to Dr. Widefeld, the German ambassador in Washington, and will be handed to the various governments at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.—Associated Press.

Brussels, June 6.—A solid and united allied front by France, Belgium, Great Britain and Italy on the question of German reparations, with France and Belgium agreed on a policy with regard to the Ruhr, appears to be forecast in consequence of a meeting here today between Premier Poincare of France and Premier Theunis and Foreign Minister Jaspard of Belgium.

A striking feature of the session, according to both the French and Belgians, was that a way was left open for Stanley Baldwin, the British premier, to propose a solution should it prove impossible to arrange a joint allied reply to new proposals Germany is expected to make almost immediately on the question of reparations.

The French expressed willingness to meet any reasonable German plan in a spirit of conciliation and, aside from insisting that payment from Germany must be forthcoming before the French soldiers march out of the Ruhr, M. Poincare declared he was ready and willing to entertain settlement suggestions from friendly quarters. It is asserted that when the French premier made this statement, Mr. Baldwin was particular in his mind.

French Attitude Less Rigid

The French, with the Belgians supporting their view, still held out for a cessation of German passive resistance as an inflexible requirement before Germany's new offer is examined; but M. Poincare's attitude on the whole nevertheless is construed here as decidedly less uncompromising than heretofore. The two allies, France and Belgium, again at today's meeting reaffirmed their decision to evacuate the Ruhr only as Germany paid. Grave fears had been voiced that the French and Belgian viewpoints would prove irreconcilable; but after a private talk of more than an hour, between M. Poincare and M. Theunis and M. Jaspard, which was considered the most important feature of the day, it was announced officially "an understanding has been reached."

The meeting of "the board of directors of the Ruhr Occupation Company, Limited," as the French premier described today's session, proved to be a general discussion of the reparations question.

When the delegates met tonight at the French embassy for dinner M. Poincare and M. Jaspard decided that another meeting set for tonight was unnecessary. M. Poincare therefore will return to Paris about 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.—Associated Press Press.

WILSON SERENADED BY GREENVILLE, S. C., NOBLES

Washington, June 6.—Woodrow Wilson was serenaded at his S. Street home today by a Shriner patrol from Greenville, South Carolina, which sang "Dixie" under his window, and then, at his request, followed it with the "Star Spangled Banner."

When the singing was over, the former President smiled and waved his acknowledgement and one member of the patrol shouted: "We are 100 per cent for you in South Carolina." He then led his brother Shriners "in three cheers for Wilson."

Mr. W. H. Holt left yesterday for Fort Stockton, Texas, where he will spend sometime looking after an oil well which is being developed in which he and others in North Carolina are interested.