

NORTH CAROLINA CALLS CITIZENS TO HELP SOLVE ITS GREATEST PROBLEM

Citizens' Conference on Education Meets in Greensboro On May 4 and 5—Plans For Conference Are Almost Complete With Indications That It Will Be Greatest In The State's History

Plans for the Citizens' Conference on Education are almost complete. There is every indication that this is destined to be one of the most important conventions ever held in the state of North Carolina. The promoters are taking a courageous step. They are inviting the citizenship of the state to give its counsel in solving the most perplexing as well as the most important problem of the hour.

Every citizen of North Carolina has a vital and a direct interest in the public school system. They own the system. The teachers are their employees. In the past the affairs of the schools have been left almost entirely in the hands of the employees—the teachers. But, the teachers do not constitute the executive force which alone is able to deal effectively with the educational problem. This proposed conference calls the owners of the system to come together to decide what shall be done. If the citizens of North Carolina display a statesmanship-like ability to deal with this vast and perplexing problem the influence will spread to other sections of the country.

Those who read the following plan of organization for the conference will learn at once that this is intended to be something more than a convention of speeches. It is to be a real working conference with every minute filled with vital consideration. Read the plan carefully, and then decide upon the part which you ought to play in it as an earnest citizen of the state of North Carolina. This is your conference!

- 1. Sections of Conference:
 - The Rural School and its Development.
 - The Village School and its Problems.
 - The City School and Its Problems.
 - Higher Education and Its Problems.

PERSONALS

- Mr. C. M. Parks is in Baltimore.
- Mrs. W. W. Green has returned from New York.
- Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss Jennie McLaughlin are in Fayetteville.
- Mrs. C. P. Battle and daughter left today for New York.
- Mr. R. B. Peters who has been on the sick list for several days is able to be out.
- Mr. Robert Williams, of Portsmouth, is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. S. Whitehurst.
- Mrs. Young and son of Raleigh are visiting her sister, Mrs. Don Williams.
- Mrs. Hyman Phillips was hostess to the Magazine Club Thursday afternoon.
- Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Long and Mrs. Frank Gladstone of Hamilton, N. C., were visitors here Thursday.
- Miss Ballard Bunn entertained at an enjoyable Tecky Party Wednesday evening at her home on St. Patrick street.
- Misses Dorothy Williamson and Annie Elizabeth Johnson have returned from a visit to Jacksonville, St. Augustine and other points in Florida.
- Miss Sue Gunter of Greensboro arrived today to be the guest of Miss Maggie Stator Howell for the weekend.
- Sam Jenkins and Howard Holderness left Thursday to visit Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va., where they attended school last year.
- Mr. Robert Wimberley, left today for Lincoln, N. C. after a visit to his mother, Mrs. M. S. Whitehurst.
- W. F. Wooten, for some time employed by the First National Bank of Tarboro, and but recently given the position as one of the assistant cashiers has severed his connection with the bank and accepted a position with the Enterprise Carriage Company of this city.
- 6 p. m.—Banquet.
- a. The chairman of each section will report on the program adopted by his individual section and this will be voted upon by the entire Conference.
- b. The appointment of a committee of twenty-five to take the reports adopted and formulate a declaration of principles for the entire Conference.
- c. Community Singing.
- d. Address by Gov. T. W. Bickett.
- e. Brief responses by citizens and leaders of the Conference.

BROOKLYN TO HAVE BIG PUBLIC MARKET

City Will Help Citizens Fight The High Cost Of Living

(By Associated Press)
New York, April 9.—Brooklyn is carrying out its program for fighting the high cost of living will inaugurate a public market a quarter of a mile long. This market will be opened to the public on April 20. There will be on sale all the marketable goods that the most fastidious housewife could desire, and at a price that will be lower than the same goods may be bought from the regular retailer.

HEAVY WINDSTORMS CAUSE MUCH DAMAGE IN MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, Miss., April 9.—Terrific windstorms here last night and in the northern part of the state are reported to have caused thousands of dollars of damage to property. Full details of the damage can not be given at the present on account of the lack of communication with many of the places in line of the gales.

AMERICANS INVEST MEN OF NOTE WILL ATTEND INAUGURAL OF WEINER VENDOR

Ten Millions of Dollars Has Already Been Invested—More Will Be

(By The Associated Press)
Buenos Aires, April 9.—Paraguay is a land of wonderful opportunity for North Americans, says W. L. Schurz, United States trade commissioner who has just completed a seven months' investigation of its resources. Ten million dollars in American money has thus far been invested in the little republic but in the opinion of Mr. Schurz, millions more of American capital would find a profitable return there.

Nearly the size of the state of Missouri and with less than 1,000,000 inhabitants, Paraguay has untouched resources of amazing variety and possibilities. Mr. Schurz told a correspondent of The Associated Press.

"Over half the country is forested with the finest hard woods in the world," he said. "Its soil and climate are capable of raising anything under the sun, including wheat and bananas. Experiments have proved that more cotton to the acre can be raised on Paraguayan soil than on any other soil where cotton is cultivated at present. It is good for tobacco and sugar, it is good for anything."

"Oranges in Paraguay grow wild. You would not believe that only one out of every 100 oranges produced in Paraguay ever is eaten. But it is so. Billions of oranges lie on the ground and rot.

"There are deposits of manganese and iron of unknown extent that have not been worked since the Paraguayan war ended in 1870. It is waiting for a railroad to be built to it. There is also copper.

"The American investments in Paraguay at present are in cattle, meat packing plants and quebracho. There are less than 100 Americans in the whole country. They are popular with the natives who think a lot of the United States.

CALICO CARNIVAL

The Southerner has received the following invitation to the Calico Carnival: Consider yourself cordially invited to be present at the correctly constructed and considerably combined Calico Carnival to be held at Nobles' Mill School, Friday night, April 9th, 1920. Admission 25 cents. Refreshments—One conglomerated compound cup of cold cream.

Rules and Regulations—All ladies to wear calico dresses. All to bring one unhemmed calico apron. All gentlemen to wear calico ties and bring thimbles.

Fines will be imposed for the following: Any lady who fails to wear calico dress, 5 cents; any lady who fails to bring apron, 25 cents; any gentleman who fails to wear calico tie, 25 cents; any gentleman who fails to bring thimble, 5 cents.

Any person who sits in a corner and refuses to converse will be fined 5 cents.

P. S.—"Centimental Charade" begins promptly at 8 o'clock.

N. B.—Percale may be substituted for calico.

Civilians To Be Accepted As Students Of Aviation

(By The Associated Press)
Washington, April 9.—Civilians who desire to take up the study of aviation will be accepted as students to the army aviation service, it was announced here today. The pay will be \$75 a month, and the ages of acceptance will range between twenty and twenty seven.

Merchants-Miners May Take Over Old Dominion

(By The Associated Press)
Baltimore, April 9.—Virginia business men and congressmen today rejected President Stebbens of the Merchants and Miners Steamship Company to take over the business of the Old Dominion steamship lines between Norfolk and New York. Stebbens has promised to submit the matter before the board of directors.

FRICK COKE COMPANY GRANT SUBSTANTIAL WAGE INCREASE

(By The Associated Press)
Uniontown, Pa., April 9.—Wage increases were recently granted to the 20,000 employees of the Frick Coke Company here amounting to between 10 and 20 per cent, according to notices posted by the company.

HELP WORTHY CAUSE

A Public Library would be a good investment in the saving of citizens. It is the duty of the strong to help the weak and all need the sobering influence of a good library.

When the committee approach you, help them, remembering that a reading people are a happy people and for the most part good citizens.

MEN OF NOTE WILL ATTEND INAUGURAL OF WEINER VENDOR

Noted Educators From All The Country Will Deliver Addresses

Chapel Hill, April 9.—The program of the inauguration exercises of Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase as President of the University of North Carolina on April 28, announced by Dr. Archibald Henderson, of the inauguration committee, shows that a number of the best known educators in the country will be present to deliver addresses or greetings to the University.

Aside from the inaugural of President Chase, important addresses will be made by President Hibbon, of Princeton, Dean Charles R. Mann, of the University of Chicago, President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, President Poteat, of Wake Forest, Superintendent E. C. Brooks, W. N. Everett, of Rockingham, and others.

The exercises proper will be held in Memorial Hall early in the afternoon. A buffet luncheon given by the University to the guests will precede the exercises, and at night there will be a banquet at which short greetings will be given by representatives and delegates from many learned societies and institutions which have been invited to participate. A reception will be held afterward in Bynum Gymnasium. Governor Thomas W. Bickett will preside at the inauguration exercises.

The program in full is as follows: Invocation by Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire. Three addresses on The Higher Education and its Present Task, by President John Greer Hibbon, of Princeton University, from the point of view of the college; by Dean Charles R. Mann, of the University of Chicago, from the point of view of the professional school; and by a speaker as yet unchosen, for the graduate school.

The presentation of the new president will be made by ex-President Francis P. Venable. The oath of office will be administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark. The president will be inducted into office by Governor T. W. Bickett. Inaugural address by President Harry Woodburn Chase. Greetings from state universities, by President E. A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia; from the colleges of North Carolina, by President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest; from the public schools, by Supt. E. C. Brooks; from the Alumni, by W. N. Everett, of Rockingham; from the student body, by Emerson White, of Reisterstown, Md.; from the faculty, by Archibald Henderson. Benediction by Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire.

Rocky Mount Mill Workers Go On Strike

(By Associated Press)
Rocky Mount, N. C., April 9.—Over three hundred mill workers went on strike here today on account of the transfer of an employee to another department.

Buffalo Towermen Are First To Return To Work

(By Associated Press)
Buffalo, April 9.—The towermen are the first men of the new yardmen's association to return to work here, railroad officials said today. Many desertions are reported among the other strikers.

MUST INCREASE PAY

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 9.—Congress must increase the pay of the officers and enlisted men to save the navy from disaster, Rear Admiral Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, told the senate investigating committee today. He said the failure to act on this would result in a wholesale desertion by the enlisted men and the tendering of resignations by hundreds of the officers.

KANSAS MINERS OFFICIALS JAILED FOR CONTEMPT COURT

(By Associated Press)
Pittsburg, April 9.—President Howatt and three associate Kansas miners were today jailed for contempt of court. They will be held in confinement until they agree to testify in the industrial relations court.

COURT TO RESCUE NO TAX REFORM BY PRESENT CONGRESS

Supreme Court Declares No Statute Violate When Weiners Sold On Sunday

Raleigh, April 9.—The North Carolina Supreme Court has come to the rescue of vendors of "hot dogs" in North Carolina, ruling that no provision of the statute is violated when these delectables are sold on Sundays. The case in which the opinion is written is that of the state versus Shoaf, of Forsyth county, in which Fred Shoaf was charged with unlawfully and wilfully exposing his goods and keeping open his place of business on the Sabbath in violation of the public laws of 1919.

Judge Walker who writes the opinion finds that the defendant's place of business, at Hanestown, three miles from Winston-Salem, is conducted in accordance with the law which permits restaurants, hotels and cafes keep their doors open on Sundays. Therefore he orders that the verdict be set aside and judgment of nonsuit entered in Superior court, "which shall have the force and effect, as provided by statute of a verdict of not guilty." Of the case, which was tried before Judge Ray in Forsyth county court in January, 1920, Justice Walker says:

"The 'weiner' of the witness is a small sausage of unknown content, is here commonly called a 'hot dog,' as stated in the case. To a great many people it is a palatable and appetizing article of food, notwithstanding the implication attaching to one of its names. So far as the case shows the defendant's place of business was conducted in an orderly manner, and he sold nothing but simple food to his customers. He was conducting a restaurant and is fully protected by the word of the proviso exempting that class of business from the operation of the statute."

Other opinions filed Wednesday were: Etheridge v. Realty Co., Edgecombe; affirmed. Dowell v. Bank and Trust Co., Wake; no error. Bank and Trust Co. et al v. Town of Lumberton, Robeson; affirmed. Express Co. v. Pritchett, Forsyth; no error. Campbell v. Campbell, surry; affirmed. Spray v. Kier, Forsyth; error.

Japs To Send Exhibition Ship Around The World

(By The Associated Press)
Tokio, April 9.—A Japanese millionaire is planning to send an exhibition ship around the world to introduce Japan's products to foreign lands. The steamer is to be a 10,000 ton vessel reconstructed so as to afford room for exhibition shelves and rooms for entertainments, and is to start in April.

County Agent At Conetce

(By The Associated Press)
The Home Demonstration Agent met the girls of the Conetce Cooking Class Wednesday, about 20 girls being present, for a demonstration in the making of cream salad dressing, using the following recipe which had been given her by Mrs. B. F. Shelton of Speed, North Carolina.

Cream salad dressing: 2 teaspoons mustard, 3 eggs, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1-8 teaspoon cayenne, 1-2 cup sweet or sour cream.

Separate the yolks and whites of eggs; beat separately. To the yolks add cream and all dry ingredients; then add vinegar and cook in a double boiler until read thick. Cool and fold in the stiffly beaten whites. This dressing is especially good with fruit salad. It has the appearance of mayonnaise and should be as stiff.

PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR IS HONORARY CHAIRMAN SALVATION ARMY WELFARE

Atlanta, Ga., April 9.—That the Salvation Army's strong hold upon the public is due in large part to the fact that it asks no questions but gives help wherever and whenever it is needed is the opinion of Frank B. McClain, former lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania and chairman of the Pennsylvania public welfare commission.

Governor McClain was chairman of the Pennsylvania committee for the Salvation Army 1919 Home Service Fund and was offered the same position this year, but because of the press of duties was unable to take active management of the campaign, but has accepted the honorary chairmanship.

NO TAX REFORM BY PRESENT CONGRESS

Promise of G. O. P. Leaders Revise Revenue Scheme Will Not Be Kept

Washington, D. C., April 9.—Secretary of the Treasury Houston, in a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee, has put at the disposal of the committee every expert in the Treasury Department in an effort to either induce or force some revision of revenue legislation during this session of Congress, and has expressed a willingness to aid in any way to bring about taxation reform.

Despite this latest endeavor, it is apparent the Ways and Means Committee will do nothing at this session of Congress.

The decision of Republican leaders to refrain from removing the inequalities which crept into taxation legislation during the stress and strain of war will mean that not until 1922 will the country be relieved of these burdens. When Congress meets again next November, there will be an expressed desire to await the recommendations of the new President in the following March. Then the subject will be debated at length, and the taxable returns, under a revised schedule, cannot be made applicable until the 1922 taxation period.

Under existing conditions, it would require not more than one week of work on the part of Congress to remove from the law at least some of the inequalities. Pointing out how much needless trouble is caused taxpayers and the injury business suffers, Secretary Houston said:

"Complexity in tax laws violates the most fundamental canon of taxation, that the liability shall be certain and definite. It is not merely a source of irritation, labor and expense to the taxpayers, but when combined as it is in the present law, with the heavy rates of taxation which war exigency has forced upon us, it becomes a major menace, threatening enterprise with heavy but indefinable future obligations, generating a cloud of old claims and potential back taxes which fill the taxpayers with dread, creating, to be sure, an attractive source of additional revenue, but clogging the administrative machinery and threatening, indeed, its possible breakdown."

Every source of trouble could be removed by three or four simple amendments to the present legislation, Secretary Houston believes.

EDGEcombe LIBRARY COMMITTEE IS BUSY

The committee on membership for the Edgecombe Public Library Association is comprised of 20 energetic men and women, each of which is asked to get 20 members for the association. This drive was started April 8 and Mr. H. P. Foxhall, chairman, advises that this morning he was handed in lists from three of the committee totaling 83 members. R. G. Shackell, 29; Miss Ora Lee Brown, 27; Mr. Theo. T. Thomas, 27. Each of these went "over the top" and set a pace for the other members of the committee.

Fletcher Says Navy Plan'd Two Years Prior To War

(By Associated Press)
Washington, April 9.—Two years prior to the time the United States entered the war, the navy general board prepared a comprehensive war plan, Admiral Fletcher told the Senate Investigating Committee today applying to Admiral Sims' criticisms of the navy. The plan covered every phase of possible naval operations, he said, and the charges regarding the loss of life and the prolongation of the war had positively no foundation of facts.

'UP IN MABEL'S ROOM' WAS BEST OF THE YEAR

Those who saw "Up in Mabel's Room" at the Opera House last night received the treat of the year in the entertainment line up to date. The company has made the record of being asked for return engagements by the theatres in Atlanta, Birmingham, and other larger southern cities, and after last night we do not wonder or doubt. Without question it was the best we have had in our city this season.

STEAM SHOVEL NOW ON WAY TO MAIN STREET BY WAY OF ST. JAMES

St. James street is now under the heel of the big steam shovel between Main and St. Andrews streets. Gradually, in spite of the bad weather our streets are becoming boulevards.

She Prayed for a Dishpan—Got It!



MAJOR JENNIE WARD

story of how prayer brought a much-needed dishpan to Major Jennie Ward, the beloved head of the Army's famous Cherry Street Slum Settlement, and Nursery on New York's East Side.

So much poverty and suffering existed in the neighborhood at the time that the Major and her helpers did not feel justified in taking even a slim dime to buy a new dishpan. Finally the Major and her assistants went down on their knees and prayed for a dishpan, just as they had prayed for guidance in their work of relieving the distress about them.

That evening, the Major set out with her tambourine to collect such money as she could on the streets and in the saloons thereabouts. In one of the "gin-mills" was an utterly inebriated man with a large bundle.

"Here, shister," he mumbled, as the Major rattled her tambourine before him, "I ain't got no money, but yer-hie-welcome to yish."

"It was a fine big dishpan," said the Major the other day, as she reminisced about her work of thirty years ago.