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Director Extension Work Impressed With Progress

Chester D. Snell of University of North Carolina Spend Wednesday Here Conferring With Organization Heads Relative Certain Services to be Rendered

Chester D. Snell, director of the University of North Carolina Extension Division spent Wednesday in this city conferring with officials of local organizations and arranging for certain services to be rendered by the University this year. While in the city Mr. Snell stated that he was deeply impressed with the progressive way in which community problems are being handled locally.

"In its effort to render some educational service to every citizen of the State," said Mr. Snell, "the Extension Division is constantly enlarging and widening its field of work. Regular classes in college subjects are now held in over two score cities of the State from Waynesville to Washington. These classes which are taught by the professors from Chapel Hill meet once or twice a week and college credit may be secured by those who meet all the University requirements.

"Individuals who cannot stand college or these extension classes may take correspondence courses and derive the same kind of benefit. A large number of new correspondence courses," said Mr. Snell, "have been added this year in the departments of education, history, commerce, English, geology, German, Latin, mathematics, music, psychology, French, public welfare, economics and sociology.

Widow Is Facing Two Damage Suits

Mrs. P. H. Small Of Hertford
Charged With Injuring
Child

Hertford, Dec. 20.—Mrs. P. H. Small, a widow of means of Hertford, faces two damage suits of \$5,000 each in Perquimans Superior Court as a result of injuries received by six-year-old Elizabeth Morse when she was knocked down and run over, several months ago, by a motor car driven by Mrs. Small.

The child's right leg was broken as a result of the accident and she is said to have suffered other injuries as well. One suit is brought for the child by her father, C. P. Morse as her "next friend," while the other suit the father brings in his own name for alleged mental anguish and financial loss sustained by himself by reason of his little girl's injuries.

The complaint in the action, filed by Ehringhaus and Hall of Elizabeth City, alleges that Mrs. Small's car at the time of the accident was driven in a reckless and careless manner.

The child, it seems, ran out from her home on Church street, Hertford, to enter a motor car standing at the gate. She ran around in front of the car to enter from the side next to the street, and just as she passed far enough beyond the standing automobile to make the turn toward its door, Mrs. Small's car, passing, struck the child and ran over her. The complaint alleges that Mrs. Small was negligent in driving too rapidly and in passing too close to the standing car.

C. P. Morse is bookkeeper for the Eastern Oil Company and stands well in the community.

So also does Mrs. Small, but she has been twice fined in the major court in Hertford for exceeding the speed limit. She is the widow and at least 20 years the junior of the late Patrick Henry Small, who died at an advanced age several years ago.

The case has been placed on the Perquimans County Superior Court calendar for trial but the time of trial has not yet been fixed.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 20.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, middling 35.85, an advance of 15 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 35.57, Jan. 34.55, March 33.95, July 34.27, Oct. 28.35.

New York, December 20.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 35.50; January 34.55; March 34.95; May 35.15; July 34.35; October 28.45.

GROWING INTEREST IN WELFARE WORK

Churches Express Their
Commendation and Show
Their Interest by Their Active Support.

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Public welfare officials consider that one of the most heartening signs of the times is the recent increased interest of the churches in North Carolina in the work of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare. As the Commissioner of Public Welfare points out, the churches and the board have a common object, which is to better conditions of life.

There have been three recent gratifying instances of this growing interest of the churches in public welfare. One was Western conference of the Methodists at Winston-Salem, where much attention was paid to the social service program and where Col. W. A. Blair and Rev. W. L. Hutchins of the Board of Public Welfare spoke. Another was at the social service conference of the Episcopal Church in the diocese of North Carolina held at Chapel Hill, at which the Commissioner of Public Welfare and Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt, president of the North Carolina conference for social service, were two of the chief speakers. The third was the Eastern Methodist Conference at Elizabeth City.

The Methodists at Winston-Salem reviewed quite fully various aspects of the progress of social conditions in North Carolina. Parts of the report of the social service committee are quoted as follows:

"As citizens of a State that has made such rapid advance in social legislation that leaders in social work throughout the nation are studying her method, we should ourselves know what these laws are. We are therefore requesting the superintendent of public welfare to send a copy of a recent compilation of social welfare laws to each member of this conference.

"We ask your aid in making our penal institutions the means of sending out those committed to them better citizens than when they entered. This means study, publicity, and investigation on the part of pastor and people.

"The aid to mothers act which you endorsed last year has become a law. That our church people may give enlightened support to this provision, we urge our pastors to seek out the county welfare officers in their respective counties and to confer with them and to bring them into close co-operation with their church social service committees.

"We rejoice in the splendid work of the Stonewall Jackson Training School in training citizens. Samaritans is doing a fine work for wayward girls. Both are full and many turned away. Our church can aid by getting those counties that have not already done so to build cottages at these institutions to house those now refused admittance."

The conference took cognizance of the fact that the State reformatory for delinquent negro boys organized by the Legislature of 1921 has not yet been built, and declared that "public sentiment should demand similar provision for delinquent colored girls," and endorsed the Commissioner of Public Welfare's idea that the Board of Public Welfare should have a bureau under the charge of a trained negro worker.

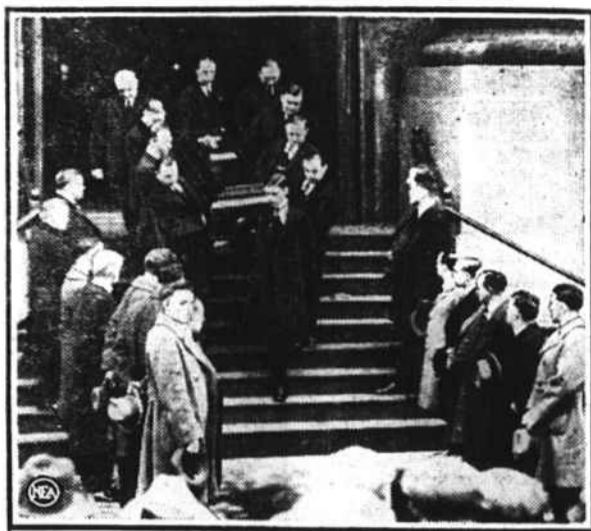
The Rt. Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, bishop of North Carolina, told the Episcopalians at Chapel Hill that the church people should interest themselves more actively in the social problems of their own State. Mrs. Johnson told the conference which heard her with marked attention something of the work of the Board of Public Welfare and declared that it is most important that the church people in the State help create an intelligent and benevolent public opinion which shall understand and appreciate the public welfare work. She said that the church people can do much to see that suitable, well trained persons are appointed as superintendents of public welfare in the counties, to create sentiment for more adequate provision for the feeble-minded and for a more satisfactory prison system in North Carolina, in addition to undertaking special social projects of their own.

The conference appointed a committee to work out a diocesan social service policy and program to be submitted for consideration at the next meeting of the diocese.

The following resolution was adopted by the Eastern Methodists at Elizabeth City:

"A new day has dawned in North Carolina with regard to the duty owed the child, the dependent and the afflicted. The leadership of Christian men and women has brought about enlarged facilities for

HIS LAST JOURNEY



William "Wild Bill" Donovan, former big league baseball manager, who was killed in the recent wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited near Erie, Pa., was carried to his last resting place in Philadelphia, where his family lives.

Takes Young Hubby To Southern Pines

Southern Pines, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Burton S. Tucker, the couple recently married in New Jersey, the bride at the age of 51 and the bridegroom at the age of 18, are at Southern Pines and intend to remain here until they "feel good and ready to leave," they stated yesterday, adding that their attorney would take care of the charges of conspiracy to violate the New Jersey marriage laws and of perjury brought against them by the New Jersey courts.

CONGRESS BEGINS TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY

Washington, Dec. 20.—Congress today began a two weeks' holiday with the Senate organization incomplete and with practically a blank record of legislative accomplishment since it assembled December third.

With some of the committee functioning, the House will be able to get down to business when it reassembles January 5, but the Senate will renew its efforts to break the deadlock on the interstate commerce committee.

URGE VENIZELOS TO HASTEN TO ATHENS

Athens, Dec. 20.—A group of men representing 4,000 officers of the Greek army and navy today sent a telegram to former Premier Venizelos at Paris, urging him to come to Athens immediately.

CHIEF SAYS FIRE WAS ALMOST INSTANTANEOUS

"Where were you night men Tuesday night Chieft?" a reporter for The Advance asked Chief of Police Gregory Thursday morning.

"Patrolling the city, as usual," answered Chief Gregory promptly. The fire in the hosiery mill blazed up so suddenly that residents right along the street and in the same block failed to see it until the whole interior was aflame. Before they could get to an alarm box the alarm had already been turned in.

The reporter's question was prompted by current adverse criticism of the night police for failure to discover the fire the flow of which could be seen by a passing motorist from North Road street.

The motorist, J. W. Selig, who was on his way to his West Main street home from the Ellis rehearsal by way of Burgess street in order to drop a friend at the latter's home, saw the reflection of the fire in the sky when he came alongside the new high school building. He thought that the fire was in Camden and drove without hurrying back down town to see if he could locate the blaze from the water front.

When Mr. Selig turned on the alarm at box 51 Miss Ruth Johnson had just telephoned it to the fire department from her home on Pearl street, while at least one resident on Marble street had been awakened by the glow.

The care, treatment and training of those who by immature age or infirmity of mind and body are a social care upon the State. Private liberality and public generosity give promise that the time is not far distant when doors of hope and comfort will be open to all who have a claim upon benevolence. The wise legislation touching welfare work, including the mother's pension, is proof of the fuller appreciation of the State's highest duty.

NEW INVENTION WILL HELP DEAF

Device Provides for Receiving
Impression of Oral
Speech by the Sense of
Touch.

Evanston, Ill., Dec. 20.—Every indication points to success in developing a hand device which the totally deaf may carry and by which they may receive impression of oral speech, Professor Robert H. Gault, head of the psychology department of Northwestern University, announced here today.

Professor Gault bases his announcement on the progress of a year of intensive work on the problem, and in making experiments in detecting words and sentences by tactual contact.

"Today it is safe to say that the human being can feel sound waves by touch, and can clearly translate such tactual impressions into words and sentences," said Professor Gault.

More than a year ago Professor Gault started work with two students, George and John Crane, brothers, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and succeeded in communicating with a metal tube various words and sentences which the Crane brothers detected with the hand only.

At that time one of the brothers sat in a room and spoke through the tube while the other in an adjoining room, ears muffled and with hand over the receiving end of the tube, announced his interpretation of the sound vibrations. This year Prof. Gault has been utilizing an apparatus for amplifying vibrations at the sending end, while he employs a small receiving desk held in the hand at the other. Prof. Gault himself has been working upon the long vowels and upon several short sentences which a graduate student, S. N. Stevens, sitting in an adjoining building 60 feet away, repeats.

Prof. Gault says the long vowels, a, e, i, o, u, are more difficult to detect than are sentences. However, by long and patient practice, he says he has reached a point where he "feels" the long vowels correctly about 85 per cent of the time. Upon sentences he does better, he explains because of the stressing of words. Tactual hearing of these four sentences has given the following results: Did Jack like teachers?—92 per cent perfect; Henry did not begin—94 per cent; He did like work—87 per cent; Say, did Jack accept?—100 per cent.

Professor Gault describes his 100 per cent reading of the fourth sentence to the natural emphasis placed on the several words, and the natural pauses between the words.

Asked if what way the experiments would benefit humanity, the professor explained that the totally deaf would be benefited as they could learn the "tactual language" by constant practice, carry an apparatus, and know what is being said merely by "feeling" sound.

FIRE AT McCABE'S THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Fire which broke out shortly after two o'clock under the furnace stairway of the McCabe & Grace building, brought out the Elizabeth City Fire Department and apparently half the town Thursday afternoon.

However, somebody in the store had thrown a couple of buckets of water on the flames and it was practically extinguished when the fire company reached the scene.

Chemicals were used in completing the work of subduing the miniature conflagration. The damage was probably less than five dollars.

ENJOY REST ROOMS
Many Christmas shoppers are finding the rest rooms of the Chamber of Commerce these days and others are invited to come.

WOMAN KILLED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Baker, Dec. 20.—Mr. Louis Christensen, Fairbank, formerly of this city, has been killed by bandits in Tula, Mexico, according to word received here from the woman's husband at Tampico. Christensen said that "and the two small children were safe."

BUXTON WHITE IS THE LUCKY BIDDER

Local Seed Company Will
Supply Poultry Equipment
for Government Rehabilitation
Work Among Veterans

The Buxton White Seed Company of Elizabeth City were the successful bidders for the supplying of poultry equipment to the U. S. Government for its rehabilitation work among World War veterans for the Fifth District, of which North Carolina is a part. The first shipment of these supplies, consisting of poultry feeders, fountains, hoppers, grit and shell boxes, and cat sprouters, has just gone forward to a disabled war veteran at Jacksonville, Florida.

The Veterans' Bureau is this year turning out in this district several thousand rehabilitation students in poultry husbandry. Such equipment as is essential for the trainees to continue in the vocation for which he was trained is being released to him by the Veterans' Bureau at the time he is rehabilitated. The maximum allotted to any one man is \$200.00 worth of equipment, but this entire expenditure is not incurred unless the circumstances are such as to necessitate it.

Securing this business by this local firm speaks well for its large and complete stock of poultry supplies and its ability to successfully compete with the largest houses in the country on a proposition of this size.

Alleged Diploma Mill Has Charter Revoked

Richmond, Dec. 20.—The charter of Oriental University of Cherrylad, Virginia, alleged "diploma mill," was revoked this afternoon by Judge Carter Scott of the city circuit court.

The action came after the presentation of charges by the state of Virginia which acted jointly with the United States Government.

FARLEY NOMINATION REPORTED ADVERSELY

Washington, Dec. 20.—The nomination of Edward P. Farley of Chicago as chairman of the Shipping Board will be reported adversely to the Senate under decision today of the commerce committee.

The action is based on the provisions of the law allotting one member to states touching the Great Lakes. T. C. O'Connor is already representing that section.

QUARANTINE STATION ENJOYS QUIET SEASON

New York, December 20.—The filling of the immigration quotas of most of the foreign nations and the usual winter decline in tourist traffic are appreciated more perhaps at the quarantine station maintained by the United States public health service on Staten Island than anywhere else. During the summer and autumn with the rush of immigrants and tourists, doctors and others attached to the station had little spare time.

Often there were a dozen or more ships anchored off Staten Island at one time awaiting permission to proceed to their berths. Consequently the doctors who inquire into the health of every incoming passenger, as well as the crews of passenger and freight vessels, were kept on the jump from sunrise to sunset.

Notwithstanding the falling off in traffic with the coming of cold weather, it is not unusual in the course of a day for 15 or more vessels to drop anchor off Staten Island. However, the vessels, more often coming singly and with the shorter days the members of the staff find more leisure time.

Many of the varied curios from foreign countries have come into the hands of quarantine officers who board the incoming ships. These are in the nature of gifts from children of steamships that come from the ends of the earth. Built in a house on fingerboard road in a slat said to have come from the cathedral in Santa Domingo where the body of Christopher Columbus is supposed to be buried. It was brought to Staten Island by the purser of an incoming ship, who, regarding it of no particular value, presented it to the officer who boarded his ship. It was used in the construction of the house, and when the building was last sold the purchaser chanced to be a native of Italy who prizes highly the slab because of its supposed association with the body of Columbus.

Your wife may keep you in hot water. Could be worse, a Spanish one boiled her hubby in oil.

QUITS BUSINESS FOR NEWSPAPER

Wealthy Broker Will Let
Partners Make Their Pile
While He Pursues His Own
Pet Hobby.

(By The Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 20.—Having accumulated a fortune of more than \$2,000,000 in Wall street, John B. ... one of the leading members of the New York club market, today announced his retirement from the brokerage field and the gift of his business to the three junior members of the firm.

"I have made my pile, so I am getting out and letting the younger fellows make theirs," he said today. "I am particularly anxious to devote my time to my hobby, a newspaper. While not a newspaper man, I have my own ideas as to how a newspaper should be run."

Resume Fight On Outskirts Puebla

Tehuacan Evacuated By
Rebels And Occupied By Fed-
eral Column Today

(By The Associated Press)
Mexico City, Dec. 20.—News dispatched from Apizaco say that fighting has been resumed on the outskirts of Puebla and Esperanza, while Tehuacan has been evacuated by the rebels and occupied by the federal column. Puebla lies 63 miles southeast of Mexico City.

Mexico City, December 20.—Rebels attacking Villa Hermosa, capital of Tabasco, have been defeated after 30 hours battle with a loss of 200 killed.

Veracruz, December 20.—Newspaper correspondents at the front report the situation unchanged from Tuesday when the rebel columns remained stationary after fighting at San Marcos. Insurgent headquarters are still at Esperanza.

TRINITY FRESHMEN ARE BEING DRILLED

Trinity College, Durham, December 20.—Trinity Freshman basketball team is taking a daily walk-out in the gymnasium under the tutelage of Ike Taylor, freshman coach. All indications point to one of the fastest Fresh quints in the State, and games will be arranged with other freshman and prep teams in the State. Although a tentative schedule has not been announced, it is certain that the freshman toasters will make a tour of the western part of the State in February. Davidson, Oak Ridge and Mars Hill will be taken on.

RUSSIAN HOPES FOR BRIGHT NEW YEAR

Moscow, December 20.—Both the Russian people and the Russian government hope to enter the year 1924 with less strain on their purses than during the closing year. High costs of operation in both government and private industries left many deficits at the end of this year, despite high prices. The government is trying to introduce economy in all departments, and by curtailing credits to merchants, and even to its own trusts, to force down prices all around.

Russia, for all practical purposes, went on a gold fast late in 1923. All prices in the Moscow and other metropolitan stores are now marked in gold rubles. The year 1924 may see the total disappearance of the unguaranteed paper money. While this strenuous campaign to secure stable currency was proceeding, the sudden transformation to a gold rate did away with bargains in Russia. The result was that in December prices for the commodities other than foodstuffs were from four to five times the pre-war level.

The government shows some signs of making further economic concessions to private capital, during the coming year in order to secure cheaper production. It also hopes to give impetus to initiative by lifting the limit on salaries of state employees. Some of the best of these men were leaving the government service and going into private business because the limit with the state was \$50 or \$70 a month.

COTTON GROWERS TO GET ANOTHER CHECK

Raleigh, December 20.—In session Monday the Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association authorized the immediate payment of a second advance to all members of the Association. This payment will amount to over \$3,000,000 and each member will receive a payment bringing the total advance on all cotton up to twenty cents a pound, basis middling. The accounting department is mailing out the checks and every member will receive the check within the week.