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## Weeksville High School Is Growing Continually

**Cherished Dream of Community Is Coming True in Full Measure, and High Ideals Set by Principal Make the Goal One That Ever Recedes As It Is Approached**

By Ethel Mae Stafford,  
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Weeksville, Jan. 29.—Opening its doors for the first time on Monday morning, November 5, 1923, the Weeksville High School now shows an enrollment of 388. And new students are still being enrolled almost every week.

For four long years this community has been dreaming about and looking eagerly forward to the completion of this school. Now that these long cherished dreams have come true, it is hoped and believed that a beginning has been made toward a great work here. The ideal set before the school by R. F. Coates, principal, is continual growth and expansion, not only in enrollment, but also in the excellence of work done and in the course of study offered.

The Weeksville High School is situated as nearly as possible in the center of Nixonton and Salem townships on the brick road leading from Elizabeth City to Weeksville. It is about 16 miles from Elizabeth City. The school has eight large motor buses, five Internationals and three Fords, to take the children to and from school. The pupils like this much better than the old way of having to walk two or three miles, or maybe more, through rain, snow, and mud to some squatty little dilapidated one or two room school-house in some isolated part of the community. In those days the pupils almost always arrived late and when they did arrive were too cold to study during bitter cold weather.

Now this is all changed. The trucks take the pupils to school on time, very seldom being too late for the second bell, and the pupils get home anywhere from half past 3 to 5 o'clock, depending, of course, upon the distance they live from school. Pupils who once did not like to go to school now look forward to it with pleasure. They enjoy the ride to and from the schoolhouse, if nothing more. The Weeksville High School is housed in a large, spacious building of brick and concrete, the broad concrete steps, together with the porch, also of concrete, and the massive brick columns that support the roof of the porch, combining to make a beautiful and imposing entrance.

The building is equipped with all modern conveniences, including running water, DeLco lights, steam heat, and sewerage. The ventilation is splendid, and there is an abundance of light.

The building has 12 class rooms, a science laboratory, domestic science and art rooms, a music room, two dressing rooms and a large auditorium with a seating capacity of 700. This auditorium, it is hoped, will be a happy gathering place for the community, for plans are being made for the presentation of a number of local talent plays and entertainments soon, with the idea of making the school the social center of its community. Not only, however, are parents and visitors welcome at these entertainments, but fathers, mothers, big sisters and brothers, as well as friends, are invited to visit the school from day to day, during the class room work.

Just a few weeks ago a Parent-Teachers' Association was organized, with an enrollment of 55. The large number enrolled at the organization was gratifying to those who had sponsored the movement, but it is hoped that eventually every patron of the school will be enrolled in this organization. Up to the present nothing has been done to beautify the campus, but plans are on foot to transform it into a bower of loveliness that will make a fitting setting for the building. This work of beautifying the campus is already on the program of the Parent-Teachers' Association.

## FALL ON VERGE OF BREAKDOWN

**Counsel Urged That Committee Examine Him in His Sickroom and Without Any Further Delay**

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, January 29.—Former Secretary Fall is on the verge of a nervous breakdown, the Senate oil committee was told today by his counsel, Levi Cooke, urging that the whole committee or subcommittee examine Fall in his sick room.

Cooke said it was the opinion of attending physicians that delay in the examination tended only to aggravate his condition and recommendation was made that the committee take Falls statement without undue delay.

After some discussion the committee decided to call Fall's physicians to testify tomorrow as to when Fall would be able to come before the committee.

## GRAHAM W. BELL IS NEW CASHIER

Graham W. Bell has been elected cashier of the Hood System Industrial Bank of Elizabeth City. Mr. Bell has been with the Carolina Banking & Trust Company since its establishment and now holds the position of assistant cashier in that institution. He will remain there through February and begin his duties with the new industrial bank when it opens on the first of March.

## FORD SAYS FURTHER TALK UNNECESSARY

Washington, January 29.—Henry Ford today informed the House military committee that he thought it unnecessary for himself or any other representative to appear before the committee to further discuss his offer for Muscle Shoals.

"Further hearings would only serve to delay action and unnecessarily consume the time of a busy and important committee of Congress already in possession of all the facts," Ford said in his telegram to Chairman Kahn.

## TO RUSSIA?



James O'Grady, Laborite in the British parliament, will in all probability be named British envoy to Soviet Russia, if the MacDonald government recognizes Russia.

## ASK RESIGNATION ATTORNEY GENERAL

Washington, Jan. 29.—A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the President request the immediate resignation of Attorney General Daugherty was prepared today by Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, who said he would introduce it at the first opportunity.

## URGE RE-ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS' BUREAU

Washington, January 29.—Full authority for the director of the Veterans Bureau to put into force complete reorganization both in the home office and in the field was proposed in the report filed with the Senate today by the special committee which has spent eight months investigating the affairs of the bureau.

## GERMANS LOST LOVE OF WORK

Stuttgart, Jan. 29.—Germany's piano industry has been thrown all out of harmony by the upset conditions prevailing in this country. The output is only about half of what it used to be, chiefly it is claimed, because of a lack of conscientious workmen. There are plenty of craftsmen to be had, it seems, but since the war there has been a dearth of good piano makers who think more of their work than the financial rewards. To make perfect pianos, it is asserted by manufacturing firms, the workmen must be conscientious and absolutely in love with their task.

Concentration is also an essential, it is explained, and but few of the piano makers who went to the front and for months saw the red coat of a roving, miss and hit existence, have ever been quite the same since they came back.

About half of the German made pianos are exported, these going chiefly to Holland, England, Japan, Chile and other South American countries. Comparatively few are sent to the United States owing to a high protective tariff. The principal buyers of pianos in Germany, since the paper mark started its downward course, have been the peasants who took this means of obtaining a long desired permanent household ornament with some of the currency which was so rapidly losing its value.

Various individuals have taken a "flier" in pianos at times when they had a lot of paper marks on hand with the idea of realizing at some future date when, they hope, they might be able to dispose of the instruments upon a gold basis.

## EXPERTS STUDYING RUBBER INDUSTRIES IN PHILIPPINES

Manila, January 29.—Members of the mission sent by the United States department of agriculture to study the question of rubber production in the Philippines, methods of planting, labor problems and the feasibility of extending plantation work to various sections of the archipelago, have begun their investigations on the Island of Basilan.

## Constable Tells How They Escaped

**J. M. Cartwright Of Jarvisburg Explains Getaway of Mose and Lasalle Gallop**

J. M. Cartwright of Jarvisburg, constable for Poplar Branch township, Carrutuck County, in the city Tuesday on his way back to Carrutuck with Pete Brown, colored, wanted for preliminary hearing in a false pretense case in Carrutuck, dropped in at The Advance office to explain the escape of Mose and Lasalle Gallop. Carrutuck negroes charged with shooting a young negro by the name of Phillistine Owens on Friday, January 4, from his custody on the following evening.

"The shooting occurred Friday night," said Mr. Cartwright, "but I did not hear of it until Saturday morning and I had the negroes under arrest by 8 o'clock. I took them at once before Dr. J. M. Newbern, Judge of the recorder's court, who ordered them held for superior court under bond of \$1,000. Walter S. Newbern, who had accompanied me to the hearing expected to sign the bonds of the prisoners to the amount of not more than \$200 each, was not willing alone to assume so large a bond, but my prisoners thought they could get T. S. Harrell and Tom Farnes, both of Mamie, to sign their bond with Mr. Newbern. I told them I would go back with them to Mamie if they would pay transportation, as I did not feel that the county ought to have to pay for the back trip. Accordingly the prisoners hired Vernon Cherry to drive us back to Mamie and there we saw Mr. Harrell, who as I understand, said he would help the boys. We then went on to Mr. Forbes' house but missed him, and started to look for him at Newbern's landing. Coming back to Mamie, Mose and Lasalle went into Mr. Harrell's store to see if they could borrow the money to pay Mr. Cherry for time hire. I thought the bond was as good as arranged and that the prisoners had now no incentive to escape and I knew that Mr. Harrell was himself a magistrate, so I did not go with them to the store. When I was informed by a passer-by that the prisoners had been seen making across the field, I went into the store and found that, unobserved by Mr. Harrell the negroes had escaped through the back door and made off toward the swamps. It was getting toward evening then and turning bitterly cold, but I made the best search for them I could and have not been able to find them since."

Constable Cartwright is of the opinion that, though somebody shot Phillistine Owens, the evidence to convict Mose and Lasalle with the shooting is exceedingly flimsy.

## MAYOR LIKE EDITOR HAS NEVER OWNED AN AUTO

Mayor W. Ben Goodwin took in good part an error on the part of this newspaper Monday in naming him as among those cited by the police Sunday to appear in Monday's court for violation of a city anti-parking ordinance.

"I never owned a car in my life," said Mayor Goodwin.

The Advance reporter got his information from Chief Gregory himself, and then went to Mayor Goodwin's office to get it confirmed, but found the Mayor out. He returned to the office and wrote his story, intending to call the Mayor later in the day, but by oversight failed to do so.

The reporter could not get in touch with Chief Gregory Tuesday, but assumes that he must have understood the Chief to refer to the mayor as one of the violators when in fact Mr. Gregory was referring to the mayor as having given him instructions, speaking for the City Council, not to prosecute the Sunday violators.

## COOPERS ON TRIAL

Wilmington, Jan. 29.—Lieutenant Governor W. B. Cooper, his brother Thomas Cooper, and his son, Hyman Cooper, and Clyde Lassiter are on trial today in Federal Court here in connection with the failure of the Commercial Bank.

## LIGHT POLICE DOCKET

Three cases, one drunk and two traffic ordinance violations, made up the grist of recorder's court Tuesday morning.

Oscar Stroud paid \$10 and costs on a drunk and disorderly charge; W. T. Robbins, truck driver for Banks & Hughes, drew \$5 and costs for driving his car on the sidewalk; and P. W. M. Butler, colored, for failure to park at the approach of the fire truck, was let off with the costs.

## COTTON MARKET

Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 10 points, middling 33.55. Futures close at the following levels: March 33.22; May 33.55; July 32.25; October 28.00; December 27.45.

## No Reason To Resign And No Regret Says Denby

**Secretary of Navy Declares He Has No Intention of Getting Out and Says He Simply Carried Out the Will of Congress and Served the People**

## STEEL INDUSTRY IS OPTIMISTIC

**Strong Hope Among Steel Producers That Mill Operations Will Increase Materially in Next Two Years.**

(By J. C. ROYLE)  
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New York, Jan. 29.—Strong hopes exist among steel producers that mill operations will increase materially in the next two or three months. The year, they say, is too young to warrant definite predictions and January is a poor month on which to base trend predictions in comparison with March and October, the pivotal periods. Still they regard the outlook for increased production as favorable.

The fact that a modernization of the Homestead works of the Carnegie Steel Company will be begun shortly supports this viewpoint. Homer D. Williams, president of the company, this week confirmed reports that large sums would be spent in rehabilitating the plant.

"Reports that \$20,000,000 would be spent on the work are somewhat exaggerated," he added. "It is hardly known yet what amount will be required." The object of the work is along the lines of making possible a greater output with less men, but it is by no means certain that there will be an appreciable cut in the number of unskilled workers employed at Homestead, Mr. Williams added.

"The new equipment, of course, will be labor saving equipment," he explained. "But there is a likelihood that the capacity of the plant will be greatly increased, and it may be that more men will have to be employed than are now on the payroll to care for the new rate of output."

The work at Homestead is along the lines of reducing fixed charges and cutting costs which is making so noticeable an appearance in many lines of manufacture.

Bars, plates and shapes, the heavy rolled products which were under particular scrutiny late last year as to price maintenance, now are in fair shape, according to the orders on the mill books. There is a fair movement of bars to cold finished manufacturers on contracts and jobbers are buying bars rather freely. This latter tendency has been strengthened by the possibility of a suspension in the bituminous coal fields next spring, and jobbers are stocking early for the spring trade. Some of the plate mills are running at high schedules while others are closed entirely, but the excess of plate rolling capacity produced by the war is not proving so burdensome as was feared.

The automobile industry is consuming large quantities of material and indications are that it will continue to do so. The Ford production schedule has been advanced to \$200,000,000 and trucks, buses and other vehicles are expected to reach the 10,000 mark April 1. The company is well supplied with materials and reports from dealers indicate the spring demand will be fully up to expectations.

The Ford Company, however, is not the only maker sharing increased business. One of the largest parts makers, who does business with nearly every Detroit automobile manufacturer, declared today his schedules for January were double those of last year. Every one of his old customers has increased orders and many new customers have been added.

General Motors probably will turn out at least 750,000 cars and the Overland Company 500,000. Added to this comes the report from Dodge Brothers that unfilled orders for January are greater than those of last January by 25 per cent. Dodge Brothers last year produced 180,000 vehicles but their schedule for this year is 225,000. This is significant, for in previous years the Dodge business has been an accurate barometer of business for the industry as a whole.

The consensus of opinion among manufacturers is that there will be more than 4,000,000 cars sold in 1924 if business in the last half of the year is not affected by the presidential election issue. A slight recession is expected to begin in July and last through October, but this has been taken account of in the 4,000,000 car sales estimate.

## ANDERSON CASE GOES TO THE JURY TODAY

New York, January 29.—The case against William H. Anderson, State superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was expected to go to the jury today.

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary of the Navy Denby today announced after the cabinet meeting at which the oil lease investigation was considered that he had "no intention whatever of resigning."

"I am so convinced that I did the right thing that I would do it again tomorrow, regardless of consequences," he said. "I feel that I carried out the will of Congress and my activities served the best interests of the people. Consequently I have nothing to regret and no reason to resign."

Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, whose name has also been prominent in the investigation, was declared by Denby to be "entirely and absolutely in the clear."

Coolidge, asked the direct question by callers relative to the Robinson resolution requesting the resignation of Denby, replied that it was a matter he did not care to discuss.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Sensational developments followed fast Monday in the Teapot Dome matter.

The Senate moved that the President take steps to immediately cancel the oil leases to Doheny and Sinclair.

Another resolution was introduced calling on the President to remove Secretary Denby and the other officials responsible in any way for signing the Navy oil leases to private interests.

The House adopted a measure to give the President \$100,000 to prosecute the lease holders in criminal action.

## Daniels Makes Statement

Richmond, Jan. 29.—Following a statement made in Congress by Representative Longworth that former Secretary of the Navy Daniels was responsible for the policy which brought about the Teapot Dome situation, Josephus Daniels yesterday issued a statement here asserting that he held all leases for the benefit of the Navy but that the policy of the Republicans had been to overturn his policy.

## Sinclair Sends Cable

Paris, Jan. 29.—Harry F. Sinclair today cabled Senator Lenroot, commending President Coolidge's action to institute legal proceedings over the Teapot Dome oil leases, but reiterating his determination not to return to testify further until his European business trip has been completed.

Sinclair said he welcomed "the judicial determination of these questions in the lawfully constituted courts of our country at the earliest date possible."

## DROP'S DEAD ON ROAD

Washington, January 29.—Elder Thomas Sawyer of the Primitive Baptist church, father of Mrs. Gus Reppass of this city, while walking to Belhaven Monday fell dead on the public road about seven miles from here. Heart failure is said to have been the cause of death. The funeral was held from the Primitive Baptist church at North Creek Tuesday. He is survived by his widow and six children, and was 53 years old.

## EDUCATION BY RADIO PLAN OF UNIVERSITIES

Berkeley, California, Jan. 29.—Establishment of "air universities," or classes taught by radio, will be discussed at the meeting of the National University Extension Association, at Madison, Wisconsin, beginning April 24. It is announced here by Allyn G. Smith, chairman of the University of California's extension division.

Mr. Smith, a member of the association's educational radio broadcasting committee, is gathering statistics on this phase of broadcasting. The committee will submit recommendations to the association.

Eighty licenses to broadcast have been granted to educational institutions. Among those already in this sort of extension work are the University of California, Oregon Institute of Technology, Washington State College, University of Colorado, University of Arizona, Oregon Agricultural College, Leland Stanford Jr. University, Tulane, Missouri, Purdue, Texas, Cornell, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio State, Michigan Agricultural College, Reinsmaier Polytechnic Institute, Iowa State College, Pennsylvania State College, Kansas State Agricultural College, the University of Minnesota.

## LOCOMOTIVE MEN END THEIR STRIKE

(By The Associated Press)  
London, January 29.—The strike of the locomotive men which has seriously interfered with railway traffic in Great Britain ended this morning when representatives of the men and companies an agreement with the mediation committee of the Trade Union Congress.

The strikers were instructed to resume work immediately.