

Hockenbury Men on Hand To Prepare For Drive To Finance Modern Hostelery

Hold Informal Conference Preliminary to Assisting in Arrangements for Campaign for Funds

DATE NOT YET SET

Members of Central Committee Told of Success of Hotel on Great Pacific Coast Highway

Hockenbury is here ready to assist Elizabeth City folks in the erection of that vitally needed modern hotel, to cost \$300,000 to \$500,000.

George C. Wain and Franklin K. Mayer, representatives of the Hockenbury System, Inc., have arrived and in conference with Chairman C. R. Pugh and individual members of the central hotel committee yesterday, and today, with a view to disposing of various preliminaries incident to beginning the financial campaign. The date for this probably will be decided in the next few days.

The central hotel committee held its first official conference with the Hockenbury men this morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

The visitors told of campaigns just having been completed in New Castle, Pa., in which a total of \$541,000 was raised, and in Savannah, Ga., where \$804,000 was subscribed. Savannah, they mentioned, is on the Atlantic Coastal Highway, along with Elizabeth City, and the coming of this highway, they said, was an important factor in the city's decision to build a thoroughly modern hotel. Savannah is expecting a greatly increased tourist traffic.

"We shall take the public completely into our confidence in every detail of the campaign, as it progresses from day to day," Mr. Winn declared. "We don't undertake to put over anything under cover."

Mr. Winn mentioned incidentally that his home was in Seattle, Washington, the farthest point in the United States from Elizabeth City. In discussing this city's situation on the Atlantic Coastal highway running 1,600 miles from Vancouver, British Columbia, to San Diego, California, and paved all the way with the possible exception of a 13 mile link which he thought had been completed during the war.

"Hotels in smaller cities all along that highway are doing well," he declared. "Many of them are close to big cities, but that is proving no disadvantage at all. Tourists often go completely around the bigger places when they know they will find good accommodations in the smaller ones. One factor in this, of course, is that the rates in the smaller cities tend to prove more reasonable. Another is that the tourists like to get away from the noise and the crowds."

ROTARIANS ORGANIZE A CLUB IN EDENTON

Twenty-five leaders in the business and professional life of Edenton Friday night organized a Rotary Club there. Dr. J. A. Powell as president, Dr. M. S. Bulla and E. C. Conger, members of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club, attended as representatives of the district governor of Rotary, and assisted in the organization.

Formation of the Edenton club completes the Rotary chain in the Pamlico District, a club having been organized in Hertford late last summer. The new organization has made application for a charter. Dr. Bulla stated today, adding that this was merely a routine procedure through the fact that a Rotary survey of Edenton had been made already, and organization of the club approved. Meetings will be held weekly on Thursdays, from 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock.

RICH YOUNG SPORT BURNED TO DEATH

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Frederick W. Peterson, aged 30, whose father died two years ago leaving a \$60,000.00 estate, was burned to death today in a fire in his room at the Claridge hotel started by a lighted cigarette.

John H. Hoghead, his young companion in a night of revelry narrowly escaped a similar fate. The young men registered with the hotel at 1:45 o'clock this morning after a night at bicycle races and pleasure resorts. Both had been drinking. Hoghead told the police. The room was in flames before Hoghead, who had thrown himself upon the bed with his clothing on, was awakened. His clothes were afire and his hair was singed before he staggered to the door and shouted for help.

Fugitive Girl Found In Home of Couple On Swamp Road

Belle Ashens, 16 Year Old Fugitive from the Anna B. Lewis Home for Delinquent Children at Nixonton, is Back in Custody of the Authorities.

The girl was brought here early Saturday afternoon by the Rev. A. H. Outlaw, County Welfare Officer, from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richardson, on the George Washington Highway about two miles above South Mills.

Belle Ashens fled from the home at Nixonton before dawn Wednesday morning and dropped out of sight for three days, insofar as the welfare officer and police were concerned. Late Friday, Mr. Outlaw received a tip that she was in Camden County, and acting upon this, succeeded in finding her. She was held on a technical charge of vagrancy. Mr. Outlaw got in touch with Norfolk welfare officials late Saturday with a view to having her committed to a detention home there.

In quest of the girl, Mr. Outlaw left here for South Mills Saturday morning, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Lem Pritchard. Upon arrival there, he got in touch with Deputy Sheriff Taylor, of Camden County, and was accompanied by him to the Richardson home. They found Belle Ashens there.

Declaring the officers were only trying to get others in trouble, the girl steadfastly refused to tell who carried her to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. Mr. Outlaw stated Mrs. Richardson told him she was taken there by a man and woman whom she did not know.

One Missing; Three Hurt In Hotel Fire

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 20.—One man was missing and three others were severely injured when fire destroyed a section of the Arnold hotel here today. The loss is estimated at \$135,000.

Another man was listed as missing. Sixty guests were forced to flee from the hotel in their night clothes. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

CLARENCE SAUNDERS INDICTED FOR FRAUD

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—Clarence Saunders of Memphis, former president of the Piggly Wiggly Corporation, was indicted by the Federal grand jury here today on the charge of using the mails to defraud in the sale of corporation stock in 1923. His bond was returned after an investigation made by post office inspectors under section 215 of the Federal penal code covering use of mails to further schemes to defraud, a felony. Twelve witnesses appeared before the grand jury Thursday including seven men who were formerly associated with Saunders.

FORMER SINGER TO OPEN BEAUTY PARLOR

Paris, Feb. 20.—"Because I am interested in women, not because I want to make money," Lina Cavalleri replied when asked why, with her large revenue enabling the former singer to live in luxury for the rest of her life, she had decided to open a Paris "beauty parlor."

"Had I wanted to make money I could easily have amassed a large fortune in the United States, where for nine years I wrote articles dealing with the beauty of women and the best methods of preserving it."

Madame Cavalleri's beauty parlor is situated in one of the most fashionable districts in Paris, employs 20 hairdressers, 20 manicurists and 20 face "massieurs."

KILLED BY TRAIN

Concord, Feb. 20.—John Goode, middle aged textile worker, was killed here today when he stepped in front of the northbound Southern passenger train in averting a southbound train. He failed to see the northbound train.

SHIPPERS READY TO WAGE WAR ON RATE INCREASES

Elizabeth City Members of Eastern Carolina Association Marshal Forces for Fight to Finish

MAP OUT CAMPAIGN

Will Oppose Various Moves of Railroads Before Interstate Commerce Body; Lay Detailed Plans

Marshaling their forces for defensive measures against a move by the railroads for increases in various freight rates in this territory, Elizabeth City shippers who are members of the Eastern Carolina Wholesalers' and Manufacturers' Traffic Association held a conference Friday with W. L. Thornton, of Wilson, secretary of the association, in the course of which they mapped out their general line of campaign.

A request by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad before a recent session of the Interstate Commerce Commission in Kalamazoo, for an increase in rates from this section to Chicago, Cleveland and other Middle Western points in Central Freight Association territory was among the principal items discussed. The Norfolk Southern Railroad was not a party to that move, but local shippers, fearing that it might join the Coast Line in a subsequent appeal to the commission, took steps to present their side of the argument.

The Interstate Commerce Commission denied the appeal of the railroad in the Kalamazoo hearing, holding that the road was not justified in the rate asked for, and suggesting another rate on a mileage basis. This, on the other hand, was not acceptable to the railroad, and the latter is said to be at work now to work out a compromise rate. The mileage basis is opposed by local shippers on the ground that it tends to be discriminatory against them.

Elizabeth City shippers will ask that the Interstate Commerce Commission give this section commodity rates on truck and other products destined for points in this State and in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. They point out that the Albemarle District ships potatoes, for instance, largely through the activity of the local Chamber of Commerce, the rate was reduced to its present status from double first class, and harvester manufacturers here are concerned over the apparent possibility of losing the point gained.

The shippers decided also to ask for a rate on five peck hampers, used in the shipment of May peas, beans and other vegetables grown in this territory, and prepared to file a protest against a proposal by the railroads to increase the tariffs on a number of vegetables.

MADAME CALVE NOW SEEKING SUCCESSOR

Nice, Feb. 20.—In a little villa buried under flowers and made mysterious by wisteria vines, Emma Calve, once applauded by thousands in America and Europe, has taken her retreat.

Her ambition now is to develop among French girls another great singer who will fill Calve's place on the world's operatic stage.

Two hours each day she works at her "Memoirs," which she is now writing in French, having first written them in English. But her main purpose is to bring glory to France by discovering and bringing out another great opera singer.

Speaking of her young pupils some time ago—Madame Calve never looks after more than six or seven young girls at the same time—she said:

"Look at my family. They are really my daughters. My voice has had little ones."

DUTCH DAMES WON'T PAY TWENTY CENTS

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—Quoting the Bible as saying women should be silent and obedient, scores of Dutch dames, arraigned on charges of violating the compulsory voting law, prefer to go to jail for a day in defense of their religious convictions rather than pay the customary fine of 20 cents.

Courts have turned a deaf ear to religious pleas and enforce the voting law to be better. They have ruled that the Bible cannot be interpreted literally on the subject of women's rights.

Cause Near East Relief Presented Sunday Night At Great Union Service

Here's Speaker

DR. A. C. McCRAE

Twenty-five orphans in the Near East are looking for Elizabeth City food and shelter and clothing this year. Yet only \$1,500 will be required to take care of the whole 25 for a period of 12 months, less than \$5 a month apiece.

The cause of these little ones will be presented to the people of Elizabeth City Sunday night at a special union service at the First Methodist Church by Dr. A. C. McCrae, who will speak out of a wealth of personal experience gained from actual contact with the work.

With all the churches of the city joining with the First Methodist congregation in the union service Sunday night, a great congregation is expected. Appeals for attendance have been made before almost every congregation in the city and Friday the cause of Near East Relief was presented to the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club by Dr. Samuel H. Templeman while Dr. F. S. Love brought the cause to the attention of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club.

Forty thousand children, fatherless, motherless and homeless, are housed in the orphanages fostered and maintained by Near East Relief. These children are the waifs left parentless by the violence of war and its after-math, shifting and shifting workers and refugees, and all of them, like the children of the world, are suffering from want, cold, and disease. They are the victims of a world that is not giving them the help they need.

The first hand story of some of the heroism and some of the achievement of Near East Relief will be told by Dr. McCrae.

Dainty Little Girls Flock Of Flue Fires Follow In Wake Of Hard Blow

Never has the Elizabeth City Rotary Club been moved to more spontaneous applause and sincere appreciation than when at its weekly luncheon at the Southern Hotel Friday a bevy of dainty girls in their early teens, dressed in the quaint and charming costumes of grandmother's day, tripped into the Southern Hotel dining room and danced the minuet of the Rotarians.

The first summons came at 6:35 o'clock, just as the wind was gaining headway. This initial chimney blaze was on Bell street. Two minutes later, a call came from box 73, on Hunter street. Fire Chief Flora went with his men on this call, and they found plenty to do. They put out chimney fires at the homes of Lucy Bond and Eliza Bolding, and at the store of Walter Powell. All are colored.

At 5:50, the department was summoned by phone to put out a flue fire at the home of Rufus Smith, on Queen street. The last call was received at 7 o'clock for a similar blaze at the residence of David Cherry, on Cypress street.

Failure of a large generator at the city power plant Thursday night resulted in the city being thrown into partial darkness both that night and Friday night, a smaller auxiliary generator being unable to carry the entire load of both street and home lights. Repairs were under way Saturday morning, and Superintendent J. C. Parker stated the plant would be on a normally functioning basis Saturday night. There were no street lights in the downtown section Friday night until 9 o'clock.



DR. A. C. McCRAE

"That is the finest propaganda in the world," says Dr. S. H. Templeman, chairman of underprivileged children committee of the local Kiwanis Club. "No man can set his hand to a nobler task. The wealth of the entire world is locked up in little children. Save the children and you save the world. Every child that is made a good citizen, becomes an asset instead of a liability. All real people with a world vision, want to see all children saved to a life of service and sobriety. We do not care whether they live in American or on the Isles of the sea."

"For the next three or four years, thousands upon thousands of little children in the Near East are compelled to look to the humane men and women of this country for their very lives. Are you one to whom they can look? Are you interested in the underprivileged child? Let us crowd the First Methodist Church Sunday night to hear a man who has seen these little children and can vouch for their needs."

DEMOCRATS SAY SARGENT LET UP ON ANDY MELLON

Insist That in Aluminum Case Attorney General Tempered Wind of Justice to Cabinet Officer

CUMMINS CITES COST

Iowa Senator Makes Gesture in Hope Frightening Off Investigation With Threat Popular Disfavor

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Feb. 20. Senator Cummins of Iowa has furnished estimates as to the expense of the investigating habits of Congress, but he only referred to the cost of stenographic help and the travel of members of committees. Far more than that it is the cost to the business men of America who have to attend committee hearings either under subpoena, or voluntarily, to defend their viewpoint when attacked.

The Republicans who now are raising the economy argument have been just as much offenders in this respect as the Democrats. There is no doubt that the minority party has used the investigation machinery of Congress for partisan purposes. Not only is it going newspaper publicity, but the speeches and records of hearings are printed and sent broadcast in the hope of influencing the opinion of the country.

And yet the money argument will hardly succeed as a barrier to investigations. When Congress is in the mood to investigate it does so regardless of expense. If the average investigation costs from \$50,000 to \$100,000, Congress as a rule assumes the attitude that this is a small amount to pay when an injustice is believed to be involved and when the public is the injured party.

The Republicans appreciate that economy is a popular slogan and they hope that they can make investigations unpopular by pointing to the cost thereof. Unfortunately for the Republican side, the Democrats are using another argument—one which worked successfully in early 1924 when they forced the resignations of Secretary Denby and Attorney General Daugherty. They are attempting to prove that the Department of Justice again cannot be depended upon to look after the interests of the people. They insist that in the aluminum case the Department of Justice has not done as much as it might. The implication is that Attorney General Sargent was too considerate of high fellow Cabinet officer, Secretary Mellon, who is one of the largest stockholders in the aluminum industry.

The Democrats may be insisting that they want an investigation by Congress but nothing would suit them more than to have the Republican party use its power in Congress to suppress the inquiry. For then, they would contend that the administration was afraid of the disclosures. And as for publicly, men like Senator Walsh of Montana do not need a committee hearing in order to deliver attacks that get into the headlines.

If the inquiries are suppressed it will mean that some unimportant and money-consuming investigations will be eliminated but on the major issues the controversy will be transferred from committees to the floor of the Senate. So long as the right of virtually unrestricted speechmaking continues, the bombardment of an administration by political foes will continue. It will not be as easy to elicit facts as when committee hearings are under way and witnesses under oath. But the political ammunition will be there. And in some instances the debate will grow to such intensity that the report of auditors will be replaced by public opinion to order inquiries. It is, therefore, too early to say whether the defensive move of the Republicans to suppress inquiries is a wise one, or whether it will in itself prove a boomerang. If it does succeed, it will be hailed by business men as a precedent that may save them millions of dollars in time in the next few years.

HART WAS TELLER

N. E. Hart, connected with the Albemarle Bank, colored institution which failed on Christmas Eve, brings to the attention of The Daily Advance that his position with the bank was that of teller, and not assistant cashier, the title given him on Friday's account of the report of auditors who recently investigated the condition of the bank.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 19.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Mar. 20, 19, 19.53, July 18.90, Oct. 18.14, Dec. 17.80.

New York, Feb. 20.—Spot cotton closed steady, points unchanged, middling 20.75. Futures, closing bid: March 20.25, May 19.48, July 19.00, Oct. 18.16, Dec. 17.82.

High Wind and Swift Tide Conspire to Take Toll Of Life at Coinjock Bridge

KIWANIANS HOLD PATRIOTIC EVENT

Dr. J. W. Harrell Discusses Greatness of Washington and Lincoln

Exhorting his hearers to emulate the good qualities of Washington and Lincoln, and thereby pave the way for the greater things ahead, Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, delivered the principal address at the Kiwanis Club banquet Friday night in commemoration of these two great Americans between whose birthdays the date fell.

Dr. Harrell described Washington as a man who possessed a rare combination of vision and executive ability, and who thereby was able to weld the Thirteen Colonies into the nucleus of a great Nation. He described Lincoln as a great noble and heroic man, who rose to the Presidency by the force of an indomitable will. Both men, he declared, filled niches of inestimable worth in the development of the country.

The speaker professed his discussion of Lincoln and Washington with a survey of the material and spiritual growth of the United States into world leadership. He was applauded warmly at the close of his remarks.

The club voted to observe Friday night four weeks hence as Farmers' Night with an arrangement whereby each member would bring a guest from some rural community in the Albemarle section. Friday night's banquet was served daintily and well by the ladies of the Degree of Pechoutas in the Red Men's dining room on the top floor of the Savings Bank Building.

The need for a whole hearted response to the call for Near East Relief was stressed by Dr. S. H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, in a brief talk in which the speaker reminded the Kiwanians that the way they responded to the appeal Sunday night would show whether they meant business when they said they were interested in aiding the underprivileged child. He reminded them also that \$60 would keep a child from starving for a year, and that investigators had estimated that the suffering peoples of that land would need assistance from the rest of the world, for at least five more years.

"It takes a deal of lifting to release the wealth of this world which is locked in the underprivileged," Dr. Templeman commented in the course of his appeal. The General Near East meeting will be held in the First Methodist Church.

Kiwanis President J. Kenyon Wilson called upon a selected group of the club members to tell what they thought of Kiwanis, and the answers were novel and obviously original. W. B. Zimmerman, for instance, described the letters in the word, "Kiwanis," as standing for kindness, initiative, will, anticipation, neighborliness, industry and stability.

"Depends a great deal on where we eat," observed Kiwanian Claude Ballard, in giving his impression of Kiwanis.

Kiwanian H. T. Venters, on the other hand, gave a definition of Kiwanis as an organization of measureless possibilities, and concluded by querying: "Who can tell the possibilities of a club like this, when we get busy?"

The invocation opening the banquet was given by the Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the evening was interspersed with songs, mainly patriotic, led alternately by Kiwanians Ph. Sawyer and Sam Gregory. Both measured up to the exigencies of the situation. President Kenyon Wilson directed the program in the absence of Kiwanian Cam Melick, chairman of the entertainment committee, who is on a trip to Florida.

TWENTY-FOUR GAME BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Chapel Hill, Feb. 20.—The University of North Carolina today announced a 24 game baseball schedule for coming season.

WELL KNOWN HOTEL GETS THE PADLOCK

New York, Feb. 20.—Padlock proceedings were started today by United States District Attorney Buckner against the Hotel Brevoort, one of New York's best known hotels. The owner of the land upon which the hotel stands also was named as formal defendant in the proceedings.

Gasboat Rebecca Crashes Into Structure as Draw Is Being Raised; Member of Crew Killed

FEW DETAILS LEARNED

Victim Believed to Have Been William Henry Gibbs, of Englehard; Craft Damaged Badly

Riding on the wings of a strong northwest gale accompanied by a swift running tide, tragedy took toll of human life at Coinjock Bridge which crosses the Inland Waterway some 40 miles east of here by highway, Friday night at 11:15 o'clock when the tramp freighter *Rebecca* crashed into the bridge while the draw was being opened, and crushed to death a member of the crew in the wreckage of its pilot house.

Questioned by long distance telephone, the keeper of the bridge was able to give only the information that the victim was a white man named Gibbs, and that members of the crew had taken the body to Englehard Friday for burial. Englehard is a remote fishing village on the Hyde County mainland, fronting Pamlico Sound.

Inquiries among masters of craft plying the Eastern Carolina sounds and rivers, have disclosed a general impression that the victim was William Henry Gibbs, of Englehard, about 55 years old, and long employed on craft in these waters. This impression was strengthened by the circumstance that the body was taken to the Hyde County village.

The bridge keeper stated that the *Rebecca* was headed south, and blew far the draw to be opened when about 100 yards from it. Before it could be raised, the craft, borne swiftly along by wind and tide, had crashed into it, the draw having had just sufficient clearance to catch the *Rebecca's* pilot house with full force, crushing it into splinters. The impression current here is that Gibbs was steering, and had no opportunity to escape.

The *Rebecca* is commanded by Captain R. B. Burrows, of Middleton, according to Captain W. O. Gibbs, of this city, skipper of the Texas Oil Company tanker *Carolina*. Captain Gibbs stated also that William Henry Gibbs, supposed victim of the accident, had been employed by him for a number of years. The *Rebecca* has no regular run, he added, hauling freight between Englehard and various other sound points and Norfolk.

In discussing the accident, the bridge tender said he thought there were only two men aboard the *Rebecca* at the time, and that he didn't think either was the captain. The craft is lying at Coinjock awaiting repairs, he added.

Shipping records describe the *Rebecca* as a gasboat 54½ feet long, of 18 feet beam and 4.4 feet in depth, with 43 gross and 28 net tonnage, and carrying a crew of three. She is propelled by a 60-horsepower engine. The boat was built in Fishing Village, Maryland, in 1899. Her home port is given as Elizabeth City.

Last night's fatality is the second at Coinjock Bridge within recent months, the other having occurred in a mishap almost identical with this one.

FIVE AGED WOMEN MAKE HAPPY FAMILY

Billingborough, Eng., Feb. 20.—Under the same roof in this village are five women, all related, whose combined ages total 465 and average of 93. They are all active. Two of them earn a living by knitting and dressmaking, while the other three do housework.

The patriarch of the household is 97, but still gets out to do the shopping, while the flapper of 87 spends most of her time doing the kitchen work and chores. The others are aged 88, 91, and 92.

PRESIDENT STILL ILL

Washington, Feb. 20.—Although his condition was reported greatly improved, President Coolidge again cancelled his engagements for today and remained in his room nursing the cold with which he has been suffering. It was reiterated at the Whitehouse that the President was taking extra precautions so that he would be able to address the department of superintendents of the National Education Association here Monday night and that it was chiefly for this reason that he was remaining away from his office.