

## CONVENTION OFF TO GOOD START IN FIRST SESSION

Address by C. F. Gore of Weldon and C. S. Green of Durham on Saturday Morning Program

### SESSIONS CONTINUE

Gilmore's Sermon and Playlet by Visitors Outstanding Features of Friday Night's B. Y. P. U.

The first annual session of the Eastern Regional B. Y. P. U. Convention, which met in Blackwell Memorial Church of this city last night for its initial meeting, reached a climax at the close of this morning's session when Rev. C. S. Green, president of the State B. Y. P. U. Convention and who has recently been called as pastor of the Watts Street Baptist Church of Durham, delivered his address on "Outward" or "White Altruism."

The Convention will reach its great climax, it is thought, Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service at Blackwell Memorial Church when Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Raleigh, secretary of the Baptist Board of Missions in this State, will deliver his message on "Upward," closing the Convention with a great consecration service. Dr. Maddry is one of the great outstanding men of the Southern Baptist Convention and since he became State secretary five years ago the work among the Baptist young people of the State has gone forward by leaps and bounds. His Board is spending over \$9,000 annually for young people's work at his suggestion.

Dr. Maddry will also speak at the First Baptist Church Sunday night, it was announced today.

Perry Moran, the State B. Y. P. U. secretary, Raleigh, who has charge of the five regional B. Y. P. U. Conventions that are being held in the different sections of the State this spring, expresses himself as highly elated over the present Convention, which is the first of the series. The attendance of out-of-town delegates and visitors has already gone beyond 300. It is expected that before the Convention closes Sunday noon at least 500 will have registered.

### Four Associations Represented

The following four big associations are included in the eastern region: Chowan, West-Chowan, Roanoke and Neuse-Atlantic. When President C. F. Gore, Weldon, made a test of the attendance this morning it was found that all of the associations were well represented, but the West-Chowan, which received the State banner at the last State Convention, exceeded them all in numbers. Quite a number have come from points at a distance from here. Mr. Bern, Goldsboro, Weldon, Murfreesboro, Combs, Greenville, Winton, and other places. Among the leading pastors who come with their young people are: Revs. L. R. O'Brien, Greenville; R. B. Lineberry, Winton; J. Lewis Price, Pendleton; J. P. Gully, Hamilton; N. H. Shepherd, Murfreesboro; Ford Burns, Bethel; George P. Herring, South Mills; D. D. Lewis, Colerain; J. W. Downy, Belcross, and all the local pastors.

The session was opened this morning with an inspiring song service led by Joe D. Hamrick, Wake Forest. Robert Zealy, of Goldsboro, led the devotional service, reading several passages of scripture and speaking on "Around the Throne of Gladness." The prayer of the East Carolina Training School, Greenville, sang very sweetly and effectively. "Lead Thou Me On."

A most interesting feature was the reports from a score of unions by their young people, each one full of enthusiasm and boasting his or her particular union. Only two of the four associations represented in the region have official unions. J. P. Gully, of the Roanoke, and Miss Helen Winborne, of the West-Chowan, gave very hopeful reports of the associational organizations.

The President's Address  
President Gore delivered an inspiring address on "Facing the Future."

"My future will be determined largely," he said, "by my attitude toward that future. The boy or girl that is content to drift will go down stream, while success is always up stream." Then the speaker pointed out three elements in success that must be present: vision, willingness to learn, and a high purpose.

The Convention broke up then into four groups to discuss the more practical phases of the different departments of B. Y. P. U. work. Perry Moran discussing "General B. Y. P. U. Organization," Miss Winnie Rickett, Raleigh, "Juniors and Intermediates," President C. S. Green, "Membership Campaigns," and C. F. Gore, "Associational Work."

Only one committee has been appointed, this being an inspirational rather than a business committee, a committee on resolutions composed of Rev. D. D. Lewis, Colerain; Clyde Carter, Murfreesboro, and J. P. Gully, Winton. Continued on Page 4

## B. Y. P. U. LEADERS



JOE D. HAMRICK of Wake Forest, state leader of the B. Y. P. U. convention in session here.



MISS MADIE LEE WADE of Chowan College, Murfreesboro, pianist for the convention during its sessions here.



DR. C. L. GREAVES native of Pasquotank, now pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, who will preach at Blackwell at Saturday night's session of the B. Y. P. U. Convention.



DR. CHARLES E. MADDRY Secretary of the State Board of Missions with headquarters at Raleigh, who will preach at Blackwell Memorial Church Sunday morning.

## Community Hotels Bring Dividends In Many Cities

Community hotels financed along conservative lines in many American cities are proving to be highly successful as business enterprises, according to information received by the general executive committee now at work on the financing of Elizabeth City's proposed new 100 room hotel.

Among cities which recently have built hotels of this type are Bedford, Indiana, Charlottesville, Virginia, Effingham and Urbana, Illinois, and Frederick, Maryland. All are comparable in size with Elizabeth City.

## FINAL REPORT OF GINNING SEASON

Washington, March 20.—The 1925 cotton crop was officially placed at 16,085,905 equivalent 500 pound bales exclusive of lint-free by the Census Bureau today in its final ginning report of the season. The crop, the size of which had been the subject of much controversy, was estimated by the Department of Agriculture last December at 15,402,000 equivalent 500 pound bales.

## TWO RECORDS MADE IN SHIPBUILDING

Newport News, March 20.—Two records in American shipbuilding were made here today with the launching of nine vessels and laying of three others, one of which was for the largest and most extensive steamship ever built in America. Thousands of persons witnessed the multiple launching and laying of keels.

## Ehringhaus Puts On Good Rotary Program

Solus by Mrs. Wesley Foreman and an address by J. H. LeRoy, Jr., were the high spots in the program of the weekly luncheon of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at the Southern Hotel Friday. Mrs. Foreman sang "Violets," by Carlo Roma and, as an encore, Irving Berlin's "Remember." The Rotary Club giving Mrs. Foreman the full quota of appreciation that her singing calls forth before any audience in Elizabeth City.

Speaking on the theme of some of the difficulties encountered in law enforcement, Mr. LeRoy mentioned as among the things which make law enforcement difficult is indifference to matters of public concern on the part of folks who are regarded as the best citizens. Aversion to jury duty on the part of the same class of citizens, and the unwillingness of many people who should stand for law, decency and order, to go upon the witness stand, particularly women. His address was unusually thought provoking and was well received by the club membership.

The program was in charge of Blucher Ehringhaus, who in the course of the luncheon made an appeal to the club for aid and support in the campaign of the local U. D. C. to sell this County's quota of the Stone Mountain Memorial as more enduring than the pyramids of Egypt and as a worthy memorial to the soldiers of the Old South and their valor.

Rotarian W. G. Gaither reminded the club of its endorsement of the idea of a new hotel for Elizabeth City and urged the members of the club to back up that endorsement in a liberal and generous spirit when they were approached with an invitation to subscribe to stock in the new enterprise.

## PRESIDENT ATTENDS FUNERAL OF FATHER

Plymouth, Vt., March 20.—A snow storm swept over green mountains of Vermont today as President Coolidge traveled over the treacherous road, part of the way in an open sleigh, from Woodstock to Plymouth to attend the funeral of his father. Two o'clock was the hour set for the funeral in the farmhouse.

## PAGE OPPOSES PLAN TO RE-LAY BRICK STREETS

Would Be in Just as Bad Condition As Now After a Couple of Years, Road Chairman Holds

### "WASTE OF MONEY"

"Pave Well What You Can," He Advises, "and Then Extend Your System in Years to Come"

Strong disapproval of tentative plans for the taking up of Elizabeth City's brick streets, and re-laying of the brick on a sand cushion, with asphalt surfacing, was voiced by Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway Commission, and other State and Federal engineers interviewed by P. C. Cahoon, member of the City Council, and Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, in the course of an inspection trip to Raleigh this week.

Chairman Shirley, of the Virginia Highway Commission, Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the Bureau of Roads of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and several other engineers and highway officials concurred with Mr. Page in this opinion, according to Mr. Job. They were in Raleigh to attend a dinner given in Mr. Page's honor under auspices of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

Page expressed the opinion that it would be foolish to re-lay the brick, even with an asphalt wearing surface, unless they were laid on a concrete base—declared to be a highly expensive procedure. "You'd just be wasting your money," he is quoted as saying. "Your streets would be in practically the same condition as they are now, within a couple of years after they had been re-laid."

In addition, Mr. Page and the other engineers recommended a five inch concrete base with a two inch asphalt surface, instead of a four inch concrete foundation. The visitors from here were taken by City Engineer Olsen on a trip all over Raleigh, and were shown many streets built in the fashion recommended. Some had been in use for 20 years or more, they reported, and were still in excellent condition. Messrs. Cahoon and Job were Mr. Olsen's guests at the Page dinner at which Governor McLean was toastmaster.

In connection with a request for State aid in a project to repave Main street, from Water to the Hertford Highway, and Road street, from Ehringhaus to the Newland Highway, the Elizabeth City delegation was informed that there was little or no likelihood this would be granted.

"If we did that in your city, we'd have to do it in all cities of similar size in the State," they were told; "and that would be impracticable." It is contemplated here to repave the streets in question, links in the State Highway System with concrete.

"Pave well what you can," Mr. Page advised Messrs. Cahoon and Job. "Don't try to stretch your money over to great an area. Do thoroughly and permanently what is done, and then extend your street paving later as money becomes available."

A sentiment now is developing here for the taking up of the brick streets, selling the brick, and repaving outright with asphalt or concrete, or a combination of concrete base and asphalt wearing surface. It is declared that the brick cost \$20 a thousand when they were bought, and that they can be sold now for \$30 a thousand, netting the city a substantial profit after ten to 15 years of service.

## REVIVAL AT CITY ROAD CONTINUES NEXT WEEK

The evangelistic campaign which began last Sunday at City Road Methodist Church will continue throughout next week. It was announced at the service last night. There will be no services this evening, Dr. Harrell will speak tomorrow morning on "The Need and Value of the Revival" and at the evening hour his subject will be "The Gospel Yoke."

## TIME PLAYED A FATEFUL TRICK ON MR. COOLIDGE

President Struggling Between Public Duty and Private Devotion Found Himself Utterly Defeated

### HIS TIME CROWDED

Important Conference with Houghton on Which Hinged Decisions of Policy Pending

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
Washington, March 20.—Time, which respects neither presidents nor kings, played a fateful trick on Calvin Coolidge. He struggled to solve the conflict between public duty and private devotion and found himself utterly defeated on both sides.

For it is not generally known, just why Mr. Coolidge stayed on in the National Capital the last few days while newspaper bulletins told of the gradual decline in the health of his father in Plymouth, Vermont. The President was face to face with one of those fateful choices in the handling of public business, which somehow seem to prevent consideration of anything personal. He was waiting to see Alanson H. Houghton, the American ambassador to Great Britain, to consult with him on important decisions of policy that had to be made while the League of Nations was meeting in Geneva. He had other public questions that crowded every moment of his time. If his father was to have a prolonged illness, Mr. Coolidge felt that he could stay in Washington at least a few days longer to clear up the international business at hand. The physicians who kept in touch with him by telephone gave the impression that the elder Mr. Coolidge had wonderful vitality. They did not feel the end would come as suddenly as it did.

The President had known, of course, ever since last summer, that his father would never recover from the attacks suffered last year. When the President went to Plymouth last summer, it was whispered that at the most the elder Coolidge would not live more than five or six months. There was an atmosphere of sadness at the last visit. Yet the President did not linger because his father did not want him to neglect his tasks in Washington. The excitement of having a President around was said at the time to be too much for an ill man. Mr. Coolidge withdrew but insisted on having a private telephone installed so he could talk frequently to his father. These long distance conversations have been a comfort to both father and son. But it was the President's wish that he see his father again. And he wanted his son, John, who is at Amherst College, to be at Plymouth for the end.

But fate permitted neither wish to be fulfilled. As for the work in Washington, every President feels that he simply cannot let go, no matter what the personal call. Mr. Coolidge's experience is not unlike those of his predecessors. Woodrow Wilson struggled bravely with the arduous tasks of public office in August 1914, when Mrs. Wilson was dying. The world war had broken out and the White House was in some respects the center of the world for it was believed a step in mediation initiated from there might stop the conflict before it had proceeded very long. Mr. Wilson was dividing his time between the bedside of his wife and his study where he was kept at work night and day deciphering cablegrams from abroad and sending instructions to ambassadors and ministers. He was denied the opportunity to give time to his personal affairs.

And so with Mr. Coolidge. A President of the United States feels a pressure and urge that is hardly paralleled in any other case. It's a struggle between public service and the call of family and the heart. Mr. Coolidge chose to err on the side of public business and that's why he lost his race with time.

## SIXTEEN KILLED AS FURNACE EXPLODES

Birmingham, March 20.—Sixteen men were instantly killed and 17 others injured this morning when number two furnace of the Woodward Iron Company exploded. It was believed that a number of injured were badly hurt. The top of the furnace was lifted and the molten metal spread over an area of several hundred feet. The men who caught the force of the flaming cloud had no chance to escape. Scores of other employees were working just outside the area covered by the scattering metal. The furnace was an iron maker, pig iron being produced there the ore had melted. Hundreds of tons of ore in the receptacle was a liquid mass. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

## SENATE PROBE OF RAILWAY PROPOSED

Washington, March 20.—Senate investigation of the Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, now in receivership, was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Gooding, Republican, of Idaho today.

## Exiled Opera Star, in Overalls, Sings As He Toils on Liner



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In the cell with Znamensky on the eve of his release, Znamensky changed into his clothes, walked forth free, but only to become a wanderer on the face of the earth. Fleeing Petrograd (now Leningrad), he suffered the tortures of a Siberian winter.

With a crowd of refugees he reached Shanghai in 1921, in semi-delirium from fever. He labored as a roadie, living in sheds, wearing what he could find to wear—existing, but barely.

A strike last year caused Canadian Pacific liners to call for volunteer crews. Znamensky volunteered. Now the passengers on the Empress of Canada stop and listen when his great voice comes booming up from a lower deck where Znamensky works with pilers and chisel and hammer.

They call him Caruso and Znamensky is happy. He is among people now who understand his song. Under the Canadian immigration act, persons desiring to enter Canada must produce passports from the land of their citizenship. A special permit from Ottawa is won only after long investigation. Until arrangements of this kind can be made Znamensky remains a man without a country, a grand opera singer in a ship's carpenter shop.

## Perquimans Folks Favor District Chamber Plans

Representative Assemblage at Hertford Goes on Record As Unanimously Behind Idea, and Ready to Give Personal Support

Unanimous and unqualified approval of plans for the formation of an Albemarle District Chamber of Commerce, to include the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates and Dare, was given Friday night at a meeting of Perquimans County residents in the Chamber of Commerce quarters in the courthouse in Hertford, members of the Elizabeth City delegation present stated Saturday.

At the close of the meeting, M. Leif Sheep, of this city, general chairman of the tentative District Chamber organization, was authorized to appoint a committee to comprise two representatives from each of the seven counties, this committee to work out a definite basis of organization and report later to the various community groups in the district, with a view to undertaking to finance, the project.

The Hertford and Perquimans County people present at the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution putting the county on record as favoring formation of a District Chamber, and pledging the personal support of those present.

A preliminary committee comprising President E. R. Conger and Secretary R. C. Job, of the Elizabeth City Chamber, was appointed by General Chairman Sheep in the course of the meeting, and it was at this committee's suggestion that the idea that the general group of two representatives from each county work out a plan of organization was adopted.

## DR. SCHAUB ASKS CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS GROUPS

Dean of Agriculture at State College Is Principal Speaker at Kiwanis Farmers' Night Here

### PLEADS FOR UNITY

City and Rural Groups Must Work Together to Solve Problems of Both, He Tells His Audience

An urgent plea for the formation of an association made up of farmers, bankers and other business and professional men to study the related problems of city and rural life in Pasquotank County, was voiced last night by Dr. L. O. Schaub, dean of agriculture and director of the extension department of State College, in a short address at the Farmers' Night celebration of the Kiwanis Club.

"State College and the extension program will join you in whatever program you think will do the most good in your County," Dr. Schaub promised. "We'll put in additional money, not ours."

More than 100 farmers, mainly from Pasquotank, but with a liberal sprinkling from Camden and Perquimans Counties as well, attended the celebration, which was held in the Red Men's Hall in the Savings Bank Building. A tasty supper was served by the Daughters of Pocomahs, feminine branch of the Red Men's organization.

"I have not seen a community in North Carolina with as high type rural homes as those which I saw today in Pasquotank County," Dr. Schaub declared, in the course of his remarks. "This means that you have an exceptionally high type of rural citizenship. In addition to fertile soil, it is an intelligent parent that you have, intelligent farmers. It has not been long since you began to grow soy beans, and these have enabled you to make a greater profit from your farms, in addition to the direct profit from the beans."

"Occasions like this one are exceedingly valuable to farmer and city man alike. They serve to break down old prejudices and misunderstandings, and pave the way for co-operative effort and a deeper mutual understanding of the problems of all. The city man has come to feel that he owes a duty to his neighbor in the country. Each needs the other, and by bringing in these representative farmers, you Kiwanians are helping to build a friendly feeling between country and city."

"The man who builds immense wealth at the expense of his neighbor no longer is regarded as a high type of citizen. But the man who renders his neighbors a real service, even though he may become wealthy by so doing, is a worthy citizen. Service comes first—wealth, second."

"The same applies to the farmer. We have had town merchants who fleeced the farmer whenever they could, and we have had farmers who took advantage of the merchant in the same fashion, but both are passing."

"There is a strong movement this year to decrease the acreage of cotton, but I feel that it won't get far. Too many farmers will figure that if they plant more, they will profit handsomely by the shorter production elsewhere. There is nothing new about that. In 1860, the Albemarle colony, Virginia and Maryland were growing so much tobacco that the price fell to almost nothing, and so the assemblies of the three colonies agreed that they would grow none in 1866, and thereby force up the price. Before the time came, however, they had changed their minds. "Often the successful merchant thinks he can tell the farmer how to run his farm to make a profit. When one undertakes to tell you, ask him how long ago he worked on the farm. If it was as much as 15 years ago, he doesn't know anything about it. Conditions have changed entirely. North Carolina is not yet what she should be agriculturally. The farmer must continue to study scientific methods or he cannot compete with his more progressive neighbor."

"We must make it our business to study our problems year by year, and we must put abundant time and energy into the solution of them. I am firmly convinced that the extension work has paid its cost many times over; but the farm and home agents cannot do everything. They must be helped by representative farmers, merchants, bankers and other professional men. I shall welcome the day when Pasquotank County has a strong organization of this kind to solve the allied problems of the town and the country."