

CLEAN NEWS IS SUBJECT TALK AT RELIGIOUS MEET

E. H. Henderson of Associated Press Declares That News of the Day Is Merely Picture of Life

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS

But Story May Be Told in Such Way As Not to Offend and Point Moral of Benefit to Society

(By The Associated Press) Birmingham, Ala., April 12. In refutation of the charge that the modern newspaper is a "crime scavenger," E. H. Henderson, of the staff of the Associated Press, declared that less than one percent of news in the average newspaper dealt with crime, while 88 percent of the average news text was of a strictly constructive nature.

Mr. Henderson was addressing the quadrennial convention of the International Council on Religious Education. He spoke on the subject "Clean News."

Primarily in his address the speaker defined publication of so-called "crime" news, properly written as a necessary element in the betterment of society. It was his opinion that psychologists would never make editors. "The news of the day is a reproduction of a picture of life," he declared. "There can be no standard of the American newspaper but one modification of qualification to this picture—highlights and shadows which make good taste and are important to the senses of a civilized people. They may be touched by the artist's brush. The reconstructing process means simply this: the telling of the story in language that portrays the whole truth without injury to the delicate fibre of the most exacting and sensitive reader."

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"But you argue: What about the psychology of the thing? Will not these things run in cycles? I answer emphatically, no. There is no season for suicide or arson or murder or theft or any of the other crimes—except violation of the prohibition law and that crime has all seasons for its very own."

The speaker declared that the orthodox contention of the psychologist concerning power of suggestion disproved it in the very fact that even so-called "suicide epidemics" were limited. Even though newspaper stories grew with the number of suicides in the so-called cycle, there is always a halt, he pointed out.

"News Without Prejudice" In his opening remarks Mr. Henderson analyzed clean newspaper matter as "that which does not contain misinformation, censored matter or denatured statements. Clean news is that which is not 'police' matter; that which contains no fakery or bias. Clean news is exactly what it purports to be; not a medicine 'reader' nor an advertisement in disguise. Clean news is not prejudicial statement or one-sided viewpoint; it does not reek of the filth of the street or the seum of the alley; it is always fair. Clean news is unvarnished truth, as they say."

The speaker laid particular emphasis upon the declaration that crime news was "clean" news when properly presented. To sustain this, he compared the crime news and tragedy of the modern newspaper with the literature of all ages—that literature found in the home, the church and the school. "And 80 per cent of everything embraced in our best literature—the classics—deals in tragedy and human weakness," he declared.

"The remaining 20 per cent speaks gloriously of the magnificence of virtue's reward. Could virtue be accentuated without the contrasting ill of humankind?" In further discussion from this angle he drew a parallel with the Bible, stating that "it is the fullest poetry of life ever penned. Nothing is omitted in the Bible; nothing is censored; there is no denaturation. Follow the children of Israel. If you read in your newspaper some of the things about folks now that is recorded about that family, you would toss up your hands in horror, judging by comment thoughtlessly made in criticism of the standard American newspaper today. Per hundred columns of type or pounds of paper, the Bible and other

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Over the Fence Is Out



There was almost a tarpaulin for this jockey as his horse cleared the hurdles at the National Hunt Meeting at Gloucestershire, England.

People Here Cannot Fight Off Prosperity Much Longer, Even Trying Hard, Declares Visitor

"You folks simply can't resist prosperity much longer, no matter how hard you try," declared a salesman from another city today, in commenting on general conditions here. "You can't keep out the outside world much longer. Your isolation is bound to go—and it will go before you realize it."

Throng Attends Last Rites For Harney Jennings

Funeral services of W. Harney Jennings, Sr., assistant cashier of the Savings Bank & Trust Company, who died at his home on North Road street Sunday after a long illness, were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church by Dr. James H. Thayer, the pastor, assisted by Dr. S. H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Despite the bad weather, a large crowd paid sorrowing tribute.

SHIPPING BOARD VOTES ACCEPT BID

Washington, April 13.—The Shipping Board voted today to accept a bid of \$1,500,000 submitted by Stanley Dollar for five ships of the American Oriental Line operating out of Seattle to the Orient.

PEGGY HOPKINS JOYCE ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

Miami, April 13.—Peggy Hopkins Joyce today announced her engagement to Stamford E. Comstock, wealthy Miami real estate operator and member of a prominent Chicago family. The announcement was made to intimate friends and newspaper men at the home of friends here.

MILLION DOLLAR JOB—ROBBERS FRUSTRATED

New York, April 13.—A million dollar silk robbery was frustrated today by a lone customs guard who engaged in a single handed gun battle with a band of river pirates who were looting the cargo awaiting shipment to France on the North River pier.

ONLY ONE CASE BEFORE JURY IN FEDERAL COURT

Uncle Sam's Tribunal. With Judge L. M. Meekins in Charge, Sets Good Example for Others

TWO SENT TO PRISON

Postmaster From Chowan County and Dry Law Violator Given Year and a Day Each in Atlanta

Working with a smooth colt which might prove worthy of emulation by other tribunals, Judge L. M. Meekins and his aides in Federal Court yesterday cleared up the criminal docket and were ready to proceed with the trial of civil cases today.

It turned out, however, that no cases were ready for trial this morning, and court was adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Only one case went to a jury yesterday, and that resulted in a conviction. The defendant, John Wilson, colored, was charged with violation of the liquor laws. It was an alleged second offense, and Wilson was sentenced to a year and a day in the Federal penitentiary.

Prayer for judgment was pronounced in a case in which Mrs. Thelma Harrison, a L. S. 4243 and Mrs. Adeline Lambert, all of South Mills, were charged with violation of the Volstead Act. Mrs. Harrison, owner of the car in which the trio were riding when they were arrested by Federal dry agents near South Mills, submitted a plea of guilty, and the other two pleaded not guilty.

In this case, the dry agents claimed to have seized five gallons of liquor in the car, a Ford coupe. The court ordered the release of the car, provided the costs of its retention were paid. The actions against Clark and Mrs. Lambert were dropped. Mrs. Harrison was a former resident of this city.

Two postmasters were haled before the court during the day. The first, James L. Baker, of Tyrone, Chowan County, was sentenced to a year and a day in Atlanta as a result of his failure to make good an alleged shortage of \$1,201.94 after his conviction on a charge of embezzlement at the last term of Federal Court here. It was disclosed that an additional shortage of \$400 to \$500 had been discovered in the interim, and that Baker had repaid only a small part of the original shortage.

The other postmaster, Preston T. Owens, of Currituck County, was charged only with violation of the postal regulations. It was shown that he had made up a small discrepancy in his account, and the action was discontinued.

Thomas Moss, convicted at the last term of court of violation of the prohibition law, was required to pay a fine of \$100 and costs with the understanding that the case would be continued to the next term for payment of the court costs, amounting to nearly \$50.

David Hall, who submitted on a charge of violating the dry act, was fined \$50. It was in evidence that a small quantity of liquor was discovered on his premises in Camden County, but that there was nothing to indicate that he had it for purposes of sale. Prayer for judgment was continued in cases in which Isaac Steills and Jerry Kinsey had been convicted of Volstead Act violations at the last term of court.

Half a dozen Currituck County residents charged with violation of the migratory game act were discharged. They were B. J. Freeman, G. T. Poulson, T. L. Brown, Dempsey J. Kight, Lawrence W. Overton and Lionel H. Etheridge. All entered pleas of guilty.

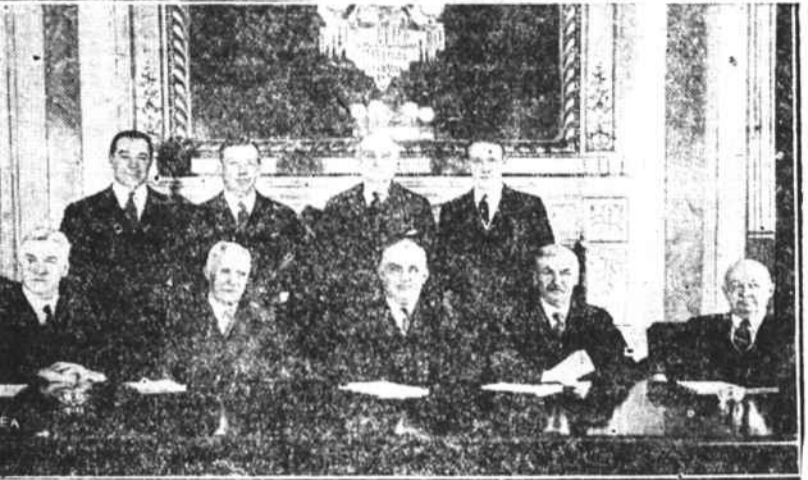
HUNDREDS OF CASES LIQUOR DISAPPEAR

Washington, April 13.—Representative La Guardia, progressive socialist, of New York, said today that he had been advised by Attorney General Sargent that 230 cases of liquor held under court order by the United States Marshal at Indianapolis, Indiana, had disappeared and that the Department of Justice is investigating the matter.

FUNERAL F. F. COHOON WEDNESDAY MORNING

The funeral of F. F. Cohoon will be conducted at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. West, of Norfolk. The ceremony was performed at South Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers will make their home here.

As Senator Liquor Hearings Began



This picture was taken as the committee members began its hearing on prohibition. The committee is seated. Left to right the members are: Harrell, H. S. H. Moore, H. H. Wain, and Goffe. Standing at rear of the group are the participants were: Harrell, H. S. H. Moore, H. H. Wain, and Goffe. Standing at rear of the group are the participants were: Harrell, H. S. H. Moore, H. H. Wain, and Goffe.

Second Group Head OCTOBER SEVEN Signs Salesmen in Hotel Drive

So far, the second group of the Federal prohibition hearing in Atlanta has been a quiet one. The first group, headed by Governor W. W. Woodruff, was held in the city last week. The second group, headed by Governor W. W. Woodruff, was held in the city last week. The second group, headed by Governor W. W. Woodruff, was held in the city last week.

GOVERNOR McLEAN Resigns Anniversary Battle King's Mountain for Philadelphian Celebration

Gov. W. W. Woodruff, of North Carolina, today announced his resignation. He will leave for Philadelphia to attend the centennial celebration of the battle of King's Mountain. The celebration will be held in Philadelphia on October 7, 1926.

OFF to North Pole

Lieutenant Commander Byrd is preparing for his trip to the North Pole. He will leave for the pole in an attempt to fly to the North Pole.

URGES CARE WITH SWEET POTATOES

County Agent Falls Tells How Slips Should be Chemically Treated. Sweet potato slips should be chemically treated, says County Agent G. W. Falls, before planting. The fungus disease spread from diseased seed stock and in many instances it is very hard to detect these diseases at budding time, consequently the disease continues to grow. It is, therefore, imperative that only healthy potatoes be used for seed, especially when it is a known fact that we have a large portion of our annual production from stem cut, black cut and other fungus diseases.

FIRST FLIGHT SINCE LOSS OF SHENANDOAH

Lakehurst, N. J., Apr. 13.—The dirigible Los Angeles was taken from her hanger this morning in preparation for her first flight since the loss of the Shenandoah last fall. After several hours at the mooring mast she was to cruise in this immediate vicinity returning before night.

NORTH CAROLINA IS SHIVERING IN RAIN

Charlotte, April 13.—The State of North Carolina today continued to shiver in the dreary and unseasonable April rain and wind. Relief is promised by the weather man tomorrow.

TO FILL VACANCIES

Washington, April 13.—President Coolidge expects to fill within a few days the vacancies which occur April 15 on the Railroad Labor board.

FIRE DESTROYS PLANING MILL; LOSS IS HEAVY

Plant of Evans Milling Company, on Riverside Avenue, Wiped Out by Early Morning Blaze

LOSS NEAR \$12,000

"We've Got the Finest Fire Department in the World," Owner Declares; Plans to Rebuild

Fanned by a stiff wind, fire of undetermined origin totally destroyed the planing mill of the Evans Milling Company, on Riverside Avenue, early today, causing a loss estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000, partially covered by insurance. The plant, which was used in the manufacture of fish boxes, fancy woodwork, and assorted lumber products, was owned by N. B. Evans, employed in the stock rooms of the Auto & Gas Engine Works.

A sawmill owned by Mr. Evans at the rear of the planing mill, and the Evans home, to the east of the burned mill, and closely adjacent to it, were saved. Unadmitted praise of the work of the firemen was given by the owner this morning.

Mr. Evans discovered the fire, and turned in the alarm at 4 o'clock. "When I woke up," he declared, in describing the fire, "it looked like the whole element was afire. The mill was in a blaze, and the window lights in that side of the house were popping out right and left. I jumped out of bed and called the fire department, and then ran downstairs."

"That mill was just like a raging furnace. The first thing I thought of was my car. I could see it blowing up, and scattering fire all over that side of my house. I ran to the garage and backed the car out to the street. By that time, the firemen were there."

Stored in the mill, Mr. Evans stated, were two carloads of lathes, about 1,200 feet of lumber, and about 5,000 feet of 2x4 scantling, together with a large quantity of assorted stock—all seasoned, and in a condition to burn like tinder.

The firemen brought the blaze under control shortly after 5 o'clock, working in a drizzling rain, and battling desperately against a strong wind. "It looked like the whole end of town was afire when we turned out," one member of the department said.

Mr. Evans estimated the damage to his home at about \$100. In all, 19 large plate glass window panes were broken by the intense heat, he said, and the side of the building was scorched badly.

"There is nothing I can say that is half strong enough about the work of the firemen," Mr. Evans declared today. "We've got the finest fire department in the world. If they hadn't turned out as quick as they did, I know I wouldn't have had a roof over my head this morning."

After the flames apparently had been subdued, and the firemen had returned to the station, the blaze broke out again, and when it began to assume threatening proportions, Mr. Evans again called the department. Again they turned out, and put out the fire before additional damage had resulted.

Several members of the department, who had worked until after 5 o'clock, were given an impromptu breakfast at the Evans home.

In discussing the cause of the fire, Mr. Evans said he was inclined to attribute it to defective wiring. He stated that he had had several long swinging lights, and that one had smashed and was "sparking" freely a few nights ago, when he discovered it and remedied the trouble. The mill had not been in operation since Saturday, but the fires had been banked under the boilers, he said.

Mr. Evans declared also that he expected to rebuild the planing mill in the immediate future. It was of corrugated galvanized iron, and apparently was fireproof, except for the large quantity of seasoned lumber and wood products inside. The building was 84 feet long and 32 feet wide. The sawmill will be put back in operation in four or five days, after minor repairs have been made, Mr. Evans said.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 13.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May 18.95, July 18.22, October 17.45, December 17.13, January 17.05.

New York, April 13.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 19.45, an advance of five points; futures, closing bids: May 18.94, July 18.37, Oct. 17.50, Dec. 17.17, Jan. 17.15, March 17.32.