

C. B. NEWCOMBE TALKS TO DUNN MASONS SUNDAY

Prominent Wilmington Man Delivers Fine Message in First Baptist Church

"IF A MAN DIES, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN" THEME

Large Congregation Hears Mr. Newcombe's Talk, Which Was For Public As Well As Members Of Scottish Rite Club And Other Masons—Special Masonic Services.

"If a man die shall he live again?" On this theme Chas. B. Newcombe, District Deputy Grand Master, addressed members of every degree and members of the Scottish Rite Club here, in the special Masonic services held at the Baptist Church Sunday night. The public was cordially invited to attend the special services, and the large church was filled, the huge congregation enjoying thoroughly Mr. Newcombe's interesting talk, and the special program rendered by local masons.

Music by the Masonic Orchestra, and singing led by a Masonic choir, with a solo by Casper Warren, were features of the program. T. V. Smith, president of the Dunn Scottish Rite Club, presided, and introduced Mr. Newcombe to the congregation. "Those who have taken any of the Scottish Rite degrees at Wilmington have come in contact with the speaker of the evening, and we know the kind of gospel he is living. To me it is peculiar personal pleasure to introduce to you his audience during the entire time he was speaking, and his address was a masterpiece of clear, concise thinking, and a study in logic and faith and hope. His manner of delivery was impressive to the congregation, and his talk was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present."

Beginning with a discussion of the various religious creeds since the beginning of time, and showing that practically all had a belief in some form of immortality, explained that there was no physical or material proof of the immortality of the soul, but that faith and hope were the two great things that made men believe that the soul lives after the body is dead. Mr. Newcombe touched upon the fact that the man would be born again, the right and true process of living, should be sought by all and he elevated in gripping appeal with the following words: "If a man die, shall he live again? He lives. How?"

Mr. Newcombe declared that Confucius taught a doctrine of the immortality of the soul, that Mohammed, the Buddha, the Persians, and practically all other of the religious movements had a theory of an after life. "Man through all the ages of the past have been seeking a higher conception of what it means to live hereafter," asserted the speaker.

Showing that there has never been any material proof that there is any immortality, Mr. Newcombe declared, "Science has never proved that man has a soul, nor logic and rhetoric and oratory has never or will ever prove that man has a soul. But there is something within us that teaches us, that causes us to know without a doubt, planted there by divine power."

Mr. Newcombe described with some detail the taking by death and what it meant, based on the belief of the immortality of the soul. Occasionally he touched upon the precepts of freemasonry showing that the simple holiness of this powerful fraternal order had always been in line with this doctrine.

Thanked the church, the congregation of the Baptist Church, after Mr. Newcombe's address, for use of the church, expressing his hope that all would be benefited by the inspiring talk. On behalf of the local Scottish Rite club he thanked Mr. Newcombe for his splendid message.

EARTH PASSES THROUGH THE TAIL OF COMET
Heidelberg, Aug. 12.—Announcement is made at the Koenigsstuhl observatory that the earth passed through the tail of a comet on the night of August 8.

At sunset on August 7, a bright object was observed near the sun by W. W. Campbell, director of Lick observatory, which is located near San Jose, California. It was described as brighter than Venus and was located three degrees east and one degree south of the sun.

Reduce Freight Rates On Grain For Export

White House Holds Out Hopes For Better Prices For Agricultural Products

Washington, Aug. 12.—Strong hope for better prices in the agricultural markets is justified by reductions in the railroad rates on grain for export, already in effect and proposed, according to a statement issued at the White House tonight. Recent reductions in the export rate on grain between Chicago and New York, the statement said, will be followed by sweeping revisions of grain rates generally, including those on Mississippi river points and on the lines to the gulf, in order that the entire agricultural interest may share fully in the benefits.

In general, the statement continued, "the increase in freight costs are passed on to the consumer by raising them to the selling price. But in grains, whose domestic price is dominated by the foreign price of the exported surplus, the producer suffers when rates go up and benefits when they go down. Therefore, though the export rate represents a minor share of the total grain production, the lowering of export rates affects the entire crop. These reductions of rates, together with the arrangements for financial assistance to export trade and the assurance that Europe is going to need an extraordinary quantity of American foodstuffs, constitute altogether a justification for strong hope that the tendency in the agricultural markets will for some time be decidedly toward better prices."

STATE'S COTTON CROP IMPROVED

General Average For Country Declines Sharply; Yield Eight Million

North Carolina will have an approximately average yield of cotton this year, according to reports received for many years, according to the bulletin issued yesterday by Frank Parker, director of the Crop Reporting Service. The State's crop improved during July, while the general average fell five per cent during that month.

Roll weevil and dry weather account for the decline in the condition of the crop, with the reduced use of fertilizer. The expected yield this year is about 76 per cent of a normal crop, valued at \$208,000,000 against \$18,302,754 bales, lower by more than three million bales than any recent record of production.

The sections of North Carolina having the most conspicuous conditions are found as follows: The lowest cotton crop (below 75 per cent of a full crop) are found in the southern coastal and middle piedmont counties while the best prospects are found along the dividing line of the piedmont and coastal areas and the counties above Albemarle Sound. The inner coastal counties average fairly uniformly about 76 per cent of a normal crop. Catawba, Lincoln, Randolph, Chatham, Lee and Robeson and the northern Albemarle counties each average above 80 per cent. Lenoir, Jones, Onslow, Craven, Pamlico and Carteret had each below 70 per cent of a full crop on July 1.—News and Observer.

HUGHES TO HEAD DELEGATION FOR AMERICAN NATION

President Harding Will Not Be Member of World Disarmament Conference

NO OTHER MEMBERS OF DELEGATION SELECTED

Exact Role To Be Played By Chief Executive Not Yet Determined, But It Is Expected That He Will Keep in Close Touch With Negotiations.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Any expectation that President Harding will himself act as a delegate to the disarmament conference was overturned today by a White House announcement that he had definitely designated Secretary Hughes of the State Department to head the American delegation.

IMPERIAL WIZARD DEFENDS KU KLUX

Issues Statement in Reply To Sensational Repudiation Of Bruce Craven

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 14.—Colonel W. J. Simmons, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has issued the following statement in reply to the published statement of Bruce Craven of North Carolina that he had withdrawn from the organization and, as Grand Dragon of that state, had disbanded the Klan in North Carolina.

"Bruce Craven is not an officer of the Ku Klux Klan and never has been. He has no official connection with the organization whatever. He seems to have a peculiar sense of humor, for he has just as much authority to declare the Ku Klux Klan of North Carolina disbanded as I have to declare the Knights of Columbus in America disbanded. When the Ku Klux Klan held its annual convocation in Atlanta last May several members of the Klan, with Bruce Craven, came to me and asked that when I came to make the appointment of a Grand Dragon for that state that I give serious consideration to the resignation for the place. I thanked the gentlemen and told them that when I took up that phase of the work Mr. Craven would be given the consideration. Within a few days after he returned to North Carolina Mr. Craven began bombarding me with letters and telegrams in several of which he explicitly demanded that he be appointed at once to the office of Grand Dragon. This attitude within itself disqualified him to a certain extent for the appointment, as offices in this organization are not distributed with reference to political pull, but entirely upon worthiness and fitness to hold the position under consideration. Further, it was not possible for me at that time to make the appointment of Grand Dragon in any State, no grand dragon for any state having been appointed even to this time because the details of his duties have not yet been mapped out. Mr. Craven fully understood this situation and in the face of that he sent me a communication in which he subsequently took an oath of office, and he was made an officer. When Mr. Craven received in reply to this communication he violated his oath as a member of this organization and assumed authority which he did not have and which he was not qualified to exercise. He was the supreme head of the organization in North Carolina and he should have been a discredited office seeker who did not get what he wanted as soon as he wanted it and adopted his own peculiar method of 'getting even' with the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan and its chief officer."

W. J. SIMMONS, Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Girl Faithful To Her Mother's Instructions
Little Barbara Byford Follows Patient Eight Miles From Asheville

Statesville, Aug. 12.—After an all night search in which the people within a radius of two to three miles of Statesville, joined, little Barbara Byford, aged 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Byford, and Miss Grace Tate, of Greensboro, were found today about 11 o'clock near Barber's Junction, eight miles from the home of the little girl's parents.

Neither had sustained any injuries, Miss Tate whose home is in Greensboro had been an inmate of the State hospital at Morganton some time ago. She was at Dr. Long's sanatorium here for an operation and was nursed by Mrs. Byford there. She was later taken to the Byford home at Elmwood and cared for by Mrs. Byford, who is a nurse.

Mrs. Byford gave her little daughter Barbara instructions not to allow Miss Tate to get out of sight. Last night when Mrs. Byford had gone to call on a neighbor, Miss Tate who had suspicions that her father was going to take her back to the hospital at Morganton, slipped out of the house, Little Barbara remembering her mother's instructions not to allow her out of her sight followed her through woods across fields following the roads part of the way, until they were found this morning on the railroad near Barber's Junction. Mrs. Byford returning to her home at 10 o'clock last night the alarm was given and a frantic search, joined in by the entire neighborhood was kept up until the lost were found.

The world is not helpfully interested in the details of your calamity, as keep them a secret between yourself and God. For your part, go to work and forget them. The world will judge you by how well you forget—and by the effect of the forgetting upon you.

CLINTON WOMAN IS "NO GUILTY" SAYS THE JURY

Mrs. Jernigan Trial For Life Is Found Interesting

Clinton, Aug. 12.—The verdict rendered at 7 o'clock this morning in the trial of Mrs. Jernigan for the murder of her husband, was "not guilty."

The jury rendered its verdict after a trial of several days. The case was one of the most interesting and attracted many spectators. The trial was held in the court room of the town of Clinton. The jury consisted of twelve men. The case was heard by Judge Jernigan. The trial was held in the court room of the town of Clinton. The jury consisted of twelve men. The case was heard by Judge Jernigan.

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LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO FIX BOUNDARY

Inter-Allied Supreme Council Refers Question To Council

Paris, Aug. 12.—The disposition of the rich regions of Upper Silesia, which has disturbed the peace of mind of Europe since the signing of the treaty of Versailles, is postponed for several months by the action of the inter-allied supreme council today in requesting the council of the League of Nations to study the subject and advise upon the fixing of a line separating Germany and Poland.

The text of the resolution asking the council to fix the boundary of Silesia and to settle the question was drawn up as to avoid the appearance of arbitration which is not provided for in the treaty of Versailles. The resolution was so drawn that the council of the League may not be asked to fix the boundary of Silesia and to settle the question of the inter-allied supreme council today in requesting the council of the League of Nations to study the subject and advise upon the fixing of a line separating Germany and Poland.

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Mrs. Harper Holliday Will Lead Local Choir

Making Plans To Enter County Wide Sing On Labor Day

In accordance with the plans of Mrs. Mame F. Camp, Director of the Harnett Community Service, who is arranging for a big county wide community sing in Lillington on Labor Day, the committee, appointed to start work in the movement here, has already made some preliminary plans and the choir will start to practicing immediately.

T. L. Riddle, chairman of the committee, states that at a meeting held a few days ago, Mrs. Harper Holliday was selected to lead the local choir, and she has agreed to do so. Mrs. Holliday is very enthusiastic over the community sing, and has been making her selections for the choir. She hopes to have a well organized and well rehearsed group of singers when the county sing takes place on Labor Day, September 5.

Mrs. Camp at Lillington is well pleased with the interest and enthusiasm manifested throughout the county by the various community singers, and believes that the sing will be a great success. Nearly all the communities have started to work in organizing their choirs, and on Labor Day the county seat will doubtless witness a great singing event.

CRIME LEADS TO HANGING BY MOB
Kinston Negro Pays Penalty of Death By Mob After Awful Crime

Kinston, Aug. 14.—A mob, variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 armed men, captured Jerome Whitfield, negro accused of criminal assault, at 11 o'clock today in the woods in Jones county six miles from the scene of his crime at sunset yesterday, and after swinging him to an oak tree by the roadside, ridged his body with bullets. The victim of the assault, Mrs. Elizabeth Irving, 19 years old, wife of a prominent Jones county farmer, positively identified Whitfield as the perpetrator of the crime and no further questions were asked.

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Chief of Police C. A. Robinson, of Concord, today wired the Governor as follows: "The city police force cannot preserve order and enforce the law in Cabarrus county at this time. It is too late to preserve life." The chief executive yesterday was in telephone communication with a number of citizens of Cabarrus county and he was strongly urged of the need for the presence of troops at this time. Several prominent citizens were among the number. It was stated. The governor held conference yesterday with several parties from Concord. Mayor Womble and City Attorney L. J. Caldwell were in Asheville yesterday, but returned to their home last night.

TROOPS SENT TO CONCORD TO THE STRIKER'S SCENE

Governor Morrison Orders The State Troops For Purpose Of Preserving Order

Asheville, Aug. 14.—Governor Cameron Morrison tonight ordered State troops to take charge of the strike situation at Concord. Adjutant General John Van Meter has been requested to take charge and will probably arrive at Concord in the morning.

Major R. E. F. Smith, of Greensboro, was also requested to proceed at once to the scene of the strike. Concord troops have been ordered mobilized and Charlotte troops in arms ready for immediate call. General Metts, who was at Camp Glenn, was instructed to use a special train if necessary in order to arrive in Concord this morning.

The governor stated tonight that he had given the matter careful consideration and had spent practically the entire day at the telephone in an effort to get exact information on the situation. The climax to the situation was reached when the following request was received from J. W. Womble, mayor of Concord: "To his Excellency, Governor Morrison, Governor of North Carolina: I hereby request that troops be sent to Concord to preserve law and order and to protect life and property. My reason for making this request is that I have exhausted my authority in my efforts to secure a sufficient number of policemen to handle the situation."

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James F. Barrett, president of the North Carolina Federation of Labor left this afternoon for Concord to investigate conditions at first hand he stated. Since the trouble began, Mr. Barrett, stated he has been in constant touch with the situation. "There was only one arrest around the mills Saturday," he declared. "That man was fired the night before from the Concord police force. When taken into custody by the officer he had a pistol and a razor in his possession and his arrest was made at the request of one of the labor leaders."

Mr. Barrett said he could not offer any comment on the situation other than that he firmly believed as violence would result. T. H. Webb, secretary and treasurer of the Locke Mills, which is the only one in operation, stated tonight that the mill would be open tomorrow morning for all employees who care to go to work.

CONGRESSMAN WANTS TO STOP BEAUTY CONTESTS
Washington, Aug. 12.—A bill aimed at newspaper beauty contests was introduced in the House today by Representative Herrick, Republican, Oklahoma, who declared women of today were thinking more of their looks than their homes. An editor attempting to start such a contest would face a jail sentence, under Representative Herrick's plan.