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The News of The High School

CURRENT THINKERS CLUB AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Students at the high school are creating enough news to warrant the publication of a high school newspaper. Splendid chapel programs have been held. Last week was celebrated as National Educational Week. Miss M. McDowell had drills on the flag and America's creed. Mr. F. E. Alley spoke on Wednesday concerning Woodrow Wilson and the "Fourteen Points." Thursday an interesting Armistice Day program was carried out. On Friday Professor Edgerton discussed the "Eight Month's School Term," in celebration of Equal Opportunity Day. He gave some interesting statistics about the high school.

In Miss McDoll's History class a club has been formed known as the "Current Thinkers Club," which will meet on Mondays. The president is Sam Welch. The vice-president, Margaret Hyatt will serve as Parliamentarian. Secretary-treasurer is Isabel Davis. Each student member will serve as chairman of the program by rotation. World News and Literary Digest are the main texts for the club.

The following address was delivered by Sam Welch as president:

It gives me great pleasure to greet you on this occasion for the object of our organization is to me both interesting and fascinating aside from its educational and cultural values.

In this great age in which we are living the affairs of men are rapidly changing. Ideas we have cherished for centuries have proven to be mistakes over night. Inventions and discoveries have revolutionized our mode of living. In face of these vast changes, hide-bound tradition of generations are being cast to the four winds, and if we are living abreast of the times we must read and likewise discuss these marvelous happenings. But to understand the present, the past must be a volume well read and studied. That old familiar quotation that, "Our deeds do follow us from afar and what we have been makes us what we are," may be applied not only to the lives of individuals, but to the history of nations and their achievements.

So, we must delve into the past to appreciate the present, and to be able to recognize certain signs which prophesy the future.

I feel that our study of current events will be an inspiration to our study of history, for we must bear in mind that many of the headlines of today's newspapers will be chapter heads of tomorrow's histories.

I hope that every one of us will enter into this work remembering that both as members and as an organization we will get out of this club only in proportion to what we put into it.

CHRISTMAS SEAL LUNCHEON

Mrs. Paul H. Walker, chairman of the Christmas Seal sale in Haywood county, with the following representative women attended the Christmas Seal luncheon held in Asheville, at the Woman's Club house on last Saturday: Mrs. Rufus Allen, Mrs. W. L. Hardin, Mrs. J. M. Mock, Mrs. R. L. Noland, Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick, Miss Frances Robeson.

MEETING OF THE WAYNESVILLE MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club will meet with Miss Frances Robeson on Friday, November the twenty-sixth.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Paul H. Walker is chairman of Haywood county for the sale of Christmas Seals. The sale is from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Buy your share and assist in stamping out tuberculosis.

The 19th Annual Christmas Seal sale will be conducted in this county and throughout the state from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Residents of Haywood county are being urged to purchase Christmas Seals.

The sale of Seals renders possible the carrying on of a continuous campaign in North Carolina to prevent tuberculosis and other diseases, to promote health education, and to conduct local health and child welfare work in each county.

County Plan of Building and Mgr.

What the Plan is and What it Means to Haywood County.

(Wm. C. Allen, Superintendent.) In 1923, the Haywood County Board of Education, after a county-wide canvass and in line with a resolution passed at a meeting of committeemen of the various districts in the county, adopted what is known as the "County-Wide Plan" of building, operation, and maintenance of the school system. That plan is comprehensive and practical, and can be expeditiously put on all feet as soon as the authority is given the Board of Education by the court of last resort, the people.

Perhaps, after the lapse of three years since the adoption of the plan, our minds need to be refreshed as to its meaning, purport, and compass in the light of the present situation in the county, and the further estimate of its practicability as a workable plan in the not remote future.

As set forth in its adoption in 1923, the county-wide plan contemplated the formation of a number of special school taxing districts with a central high school in each district and several elementary schools as feeders. Stated briefly, the plan contemplates the formation of the following districts: Beaverdam, with a central high school in the city of Canton and from six to eight elementary schools in different and most convenient points in the township; Pigeon-Cecil-East Fork, the central high school at Bethel and the elementary schools at the most convenient and accessible points in the three townships; Crabtree-Iron Duff, having the high school somewhere near the present site of the Crabtree school and the elementary schools placed wherever most convenient in the two townships; Fines Creek, the high school near the Hiram Rogers school site and the elementary schools in Fines Creek and lower White Oak as feeders; Jonathan-Ivy Hill, the high school at or near the site of Rock Hill school and the elementary schools at different points in the two townships; Waynesville, the central high school in Waynesville and the elementary schools in various parts of the township as feeders.

As is readily seen, the plan is county-wide in its scope with the exception of Clyde and Catalochee townships. Clyde is strategically a unit in itself and has had for years a successful union school, and the plan proposes for this condition to continue with such additions and extensions as may be needed. Catalochee is a large township sparsely settled with five elementary schools, three one-teacher schools and two two-teacher schools. The number of students completing the elementary school is so small that a high school will hardly be needed in that township for a number of years. The few that finish the seventh grade will have to be taken care of in one or the other of the high schools now in operation or in contemplation, the problem of transportation calling for a separate solution.

As proposed, therefore, the plan calls for the establishment of seven standard high schools and from twenty-five to forty elementary schools for the entire county, a substantial increase in the number of high schools, but a decrease in the number of elementary schools, thus showing a healthy drift to a saner and safer and a more economical basis for the administration and supervision of the county school system.

An inventory of the accomplishments in working out the plan will be enlightening. In 1924, Waynesville township special school taxing district was organized and a central high school with ten feeding elementary schools was built with an expenditure of nearly three hundred thousand dollars in new buildings, equipment and the assumption of the debts of the old. The high school is now in successful operation with an enrollment of over three hundred students, who are being taught by twelve teachers, all college graduates and teachers of experience. The elementary schools, including the negro school, number ten with over fourteen hundred pupils enrolled and a faculty of forty-five teachers, most of them college graduates and ex-fare work in each county.

WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. J. W. Ferguson was the charming hostess to the meeting of the Woman's Club Thursday afternoon, Nov. 4th, at her attractive home on Walnut street. The meeting opened with the songs, the "Old North State" and Federation song. Mrs. McDowell, president, was in the chair. On motion of Mrs. Shoobred, Mrs. W. T. Crawford was chosen secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. John Kirkpatrick who has accepted a position to teach in the Hazelwood school. The Thomas Jefferson Memorial certificate which the club recently received was much admired and it was decided to frame and thus preserve it for the adornment of the future club house. Mrs. Barber was appointed to select suitable framing for it.

Mrs. Shoobred as Parliamentarian gave a lesson in Parliamentary Law which will be followed by other lessons during the year.

Current Events were given by Mrs. Mangum. Extracts from the Bulletin were read and two new subscriptions to this were taken.

Miss Ida Jean Brown gave two beautiful vocal selections, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling" and "Roses of Picardy."

During the social hour the hostess, assisted by her daughter, Miss Isabel Ferguson, served a most delicious salad course. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. H. Howell Friday afternoon, Nov. 26. Mrs. Stone will have the paper of the afternoon, "Preparing for Citizenship."

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING

The Woman's Club will hold its regular semi-monthly meeting on Friday, Nov. 26, at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. James Harden Howell will be hostess.

Mrs. H. G. Stone will have the paper that afternoon.

BARTON TO HEAD BAPTIST PROGRAM

Missourian Will Lead Effort to Increase Mission and Benevolent Budget

CHURCHES GIVE TOO LITTLE Survey Reveals Low Standards Maintained by Many—Plans Are Laid For Improvement in 1927

To lead Southern Baptists in greatly increasing their budget for the support of missions, Christian education and benevolences, Dr. A. J. Barton of Kansas City, superintendent of Baptist work in Missouri for the past three years, and one of the most prominent men in the denomination, has accepted the position of general director of the Baptist Co-operative Program, and will move to Nashville, Tenn., to assume his new duties at once.

Southern Baptists are seeking to raise \$9,000,000 for the Co-operative Program during this convention year and Dr. Barton will seek to enlist the aid of every agency and church of the Southern Baptist Convention in the accomplishment of this task.

Has Served Denomination To his new position Dr. Barton brings a wide denominational and public experience. He has held prominent pastorates in the South and has served as associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, field secretary of the Home Mission Board, general secretary of the Arkansas State Mission Board, and secretary of the Texas Baptist Education Commission prior to taking up his work in Missouri. He has also long been prominent in the cause of temperance. For sixteen years he has been



DR. A. J. BARTON New General Director Baptist Co-operative Program

COMMUNITY CLUB MEETS

A most interesting meeting of the Community Club was held Monday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. at the club rooms.

The members all joined in singing America the Beautiful, after which the president, Mrs. Rufus Siler, led the club prayer. Due to the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Seaver and Miss Sara Thomas filled the vacancy.

After the treasurer's report the chairman of the various departments gave their reports. Mrs. J. M. Mock, chairman of Health, gave a report of a meeting she attended in Asheville. She stated that 25% of the money obtained from the selling of Christmas Seals will be sent away and the remaining 75% will be kept at home for local work. It was advocated that a greater portion of this amount should go to the undernourished children in the various communities. Mrs. Mock also reported the disease of T. B. reduced to 5th in dangerous diseases.

Mrs. Joe Tate, chairman of Social Service, suggested adopting one institution to donate to at Christmas time. This plan was heartily accepted by the club.

Mrs. Roy Martin, chairman of finance, stated the expenses of the club and gave the report of an executive meeting which was held prior to the regular meeting.

Mrs. Paul Walker asked the full co-operation of the club during the sale of Christmas Seals which she said would start immediately after Thanksgiving.

After the business session Mrs. William A. Band delighted the club with a most interesting and instructive paper on "Edith Wharton," an American novelist.

The club then adjourned to meet Nov. 29th at 3:30. A social hour followed when the hostesses, Mrs. S. T. Neal, Mrs. S. H. Bushnell and Mrs. Arthur Mead served delicious hot chocolate and cake.

a member of the executive and legislative committees of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and during his incumbency as superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Texas he saw prohibition written into the constitution of that state.

Bringing the Baptist churches of the South to a higher standard in giving to the missionary, educational and benevolent program of the denomination, known as the Co-operative Program, will be the first and chief task to which the new general director will address himself.

According to a recent survey of the record of the Baptist churches of the South, compiled from the letters of the individual churches to their district associations for 1925, made by Dr. E. P. Allredge, statistical secretary of Southern Baptists, 5,927 churches listed as co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention, gave nothing to missions and benevolences last year. Other interesting information gleaned from this survey reveals that 12,319 other churches, or slightly more than one-half of the total number of churches, retained from 75 to 99 cents out of every dollar coming into their treasuries for purely local work; 1,665 churches applied from 67 to 75 cents, and 1,565 churches from 51 to 66 cents out of every dollar contributed to their own local work; whereas, only 501 churches in all the South gave 50 cents or more out of every dollar coming into their treasuries to missions and benevolences beyond the borders of their own communities.

The Southern Baptist Convention has established an ideal of a fifty-fifty distribution in that it is recommending to the churches that they endeavor to give half of all the money raised by them to the general work of the denomination, retaining the other half for their own local expenses.

Included in the plans of the Co-operative Program is an every-member canvass this fall in every Baptist church with a view to enlisting every member in making a subscription to missions and benevolences.

Another effort is that of enlisting at least 500,000 Southern Baptists as tithers, or giving one-tenth of their incomes to religious work through their churches. In this connection the number of tithers which each state in the Southern Baptist Convention will undertake to enlist is given as follows: Alabama, 87,850; Arkansas, 21,250; District of Columbia, 3,000; Florida, 13,650; Georgia, 55,950; Illinois, 8,700; Kentucky, 42,950; Louisiana, 16,800; Maryland, 2,450; Mississippi, 20,000; Missouri, 21,400; New Mexico, 1,500; North Carolina, 50,000; Oklahoma, 17,000; South Carolina, 29,500; Tennessee, 37,500; Texas, 71,500; and Virginia, 30,000.

An Opinion From Washington

Members of the President's Cotton Committee have been kept closely advised of the situation in the South through the tour of Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr., the chairman. They are convinced that in growing the next crop of cotton, the South must give serious consideration to the factor of production costs. Much of the loss sustained on this year's crop was due to uneconomical production.

While the president's committee seems to be concerned right now with the problem of pulling the cotton growers out of their present hole, and in backing the efforts for reduced plantings and diversified crops next year, the agricultural experts in Washington and elsewhere, who are looking into the future, know that the permanent remedy is in securing production from the soil at the cheapest rate per unit of product. Cotton acreage may be reduced and the extra acres devoted to other crops. These experts point out that the farmer's profit on crops depends largely upon the rate, i. e., the yield per acre, at which the crop is produced. They prove this by showing that planters who are growing high yields per acre this year are making money in spite of low prices. Then they proceed to back up their figures by showing authentic reports from every state in the cotton belt which demonstrates that with proper fertilization even a bale per acre is within the reach of the average planter.

What is true of crops in every section of the country holds good with regard to cotton, where high yields follow thorough cultivation and greater fertilization of each acre. The attendant expense justifies itself many times over by the lowering cost per unit of production.

NOTHING ROCKED.

In the olden days the upset of a political party through a Fall election had a tremendous influence upon the financial and business interests of the country. Notwithstanding the fact that the Republican majority of the Senate has been knocked into a cocked hat there isn't a large industry in the country that proposes to "wait to find out what is going to happen." All this is due to the fact that the people of the United States have come to the point where they demand that their representatives, no matter whether they are Republicans, Democrats, Progressives, Socialists, Farmer Labor, or Skirts, give the country the most beneficial legislation possible, and uphold its institutions in preference to their political parties.

WELL EARNED REST

County Judge William H. Smathers left yesterday for his native hills in North Carolina, where for the next two weeks he will hunt the elusive quail and browse around in the open. The vacation is well earned.

Although the youngest man ever named to the county bench in South Jersey, Judge Smathers made good from the start. Always a champion of youth, the fact that the county has a home for juvenile delinquents, that separates them for the first time from the hardened "customers" in the city and county jails, is largely due to his efforts, as are a number of other reforms for the public good. A week ago he accepted the presidency of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Ventnor City—further evidence of his keen interest in Young America.

These things would seem enough to keep one man busy, but five weeks ago he further showed his calibre by taking on the work of the supreme and circuit courts when the untimely death of Judge Theodore W. Schimpf left a vacancy which the governor could not immediately fill. Since then he has held court six days a week—five in the supreme and circuit and the sixth in domestic relations and juvenile courts. Now that word has come from Trenton that City Solicitor W. Frank Sooy is to be appointed to succeed Judge Schimpf tonight, the busy jurist believes there will be no further hitch in the court work and has decided to relinquish his responsibilities temporarily and enjoy some recreation.

The above is a clipping taken from the Atlantic City Press, a Republican paper, and shows the opinion of a Democratic judge.

Smith-Daniels For Dem. President

Dry Issue Is Put In Background; Church Question May Be Quelled.

By R. E. Powell, Washington Bureau of The Times.

Washington, Nov. 11.—With the exultation of a considerable victory giving away to cold analysis of 1928 chances, the most absorbing question amongst Southern Democratic politicians now is whether or not Josephus Daniels will accept a vice presidential nomination on a ticket headed by Governor Al Smith, of New York.

There is some change in the attitude of several Southern members of Congress toward Governor Smith as a result of his victory in New York State. Their observations while home this summer and during the election campaign period is that Southern Democratic administration and a Democratic Congress in 1928. Not a great many believe this can be achieved without naming Al Smith to lead the Democratic fight.

Up on Capitol Hill there is a great deal of talk about the proposed Smith-Daniels ticket. It has been mentioned in Tammy according to credible reports here, a number of times recently. In fact, it was mentioned in Tammy several times in 1924, but Mr. Daniels, in that year, was one of the "Big Four" delegates from North Carolina and pledged to vote long and late for his former colleague in Wilson's cabinet—William Gibbs McAdoo.

Dry Issue Quiet.

Not the most enthusiastic booster of the Smith-Daniels combination expects the New York governor to become the least arid in order to get a real dry running mate nor for the Martin street editor to become the least moist in order to land second place on the ticket. There are many suggestions that Smith's record will carry sufficient appeal to the wets and that the platform can be written with consideration for the feelings of Mr. Daniels and the dry wing of the party.

The more likely possibility, at this distance from the struggle, is that the platform on prohibition will be silent as party leaders can make it. Prohibition will be referred to as a strictly local issue. On such a compromise Messrs. Smith and Daniels might get along famously, many Democrats hold, because the dry law is in the Constitution and both know, as everyone else knows, that the States must vote great loads of wet ballots before there is any prospect for amending the constitution.

Opposed by Willis.

That the former Secretary of the Navy does not regard the wet and dry question as one paramount to Democratic control of the government, either now or in 1928, is said here to be reflected in his consent to speak in Ohio in behalf of former Senator Penrose, who is—at least was during the campaign—quite a wet. He was opposed by one of the gentlemen, Senator Frank B. Willis, who occupies a high place on the Anti-Saloon League's honorariums.

Dissipation of the religious objection to the candidacy of Governor Smith is predicted by the Southerners who have informally canvassed the political situation since November 4 election. To fight Smith openly because he is a Catholic, they believe, would be to split both the Democratic and Republican parties wide open. For his political enemies to attack him surreptitiously on account of his religion, while openly objecting to him on the ground that he vetoed a dry enforcement act in New York State, would react heavily in favor of the New York leader.

TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB MEETS

Miss Dorothy Thomas was hostess to the Tuesday afternoon bridge club at her home on Church street.

After several progressions Mrs. Margaret Holland was found to be holding top score and was presented a dainty hand made handkerchief.

The hostess served a tempting salad course with its accompaniments. The regular club members present were: Mesdames J. Hayes Alley, John P. Swift, Jr., William T. Hannah, Margaret Holland, Miss Jane Lovd Mitchell, Mrs. Curtis G. Logan, Jr. and Miss Sara Thomas were invited guests.