

RIVERS JOHNSON WITHDRAWALS

MASSE AND RILEY ATTEMPTING TO SPLIT BAPTISTS, DR. POTEAT SAYS

NOT THEIR BUSINESS TO SAY HE'S ATHEIST, HE TELLS KIWANIAN

It is Easy Enough for Poteat, Jr., to Reconcile Evolution and Christianity

BUT HE ESSAYS NO EXPOSE OF THE DARWIN THEORY

Sharp cracks at the prevailing type of education, at intolerance and bigotry, at graft and corruption, at vice and particularly at ignorance were delivered at the regular Kiwanis luncheon last night by Dr. Hubert Poteat of Wake Forest College, in about the most entertaining talk local Kiwanians have heard since the club was organized.

Avoiding the controversy now raging around the views of his father on the subject of evolution, Dr. Poteat, referring to the "joint debate" scheduled to be held in Raleigh this afternoon, declared that Reverends Masse and Riley "are directing their efforts to splitting the Southern Baptist church in twain."

"I have as much right to my interpretation of the scheme of Creation as they have of theirs," he declared "and if I believe that God used the method of growth in creation it's none of their business to say that I'm an atheist." It was very easy for him to reconcile evolution and Christianity but he essayed no expose of the Darwinian theory, passing, instead, to some more pertinent topics.

He did add, in developing his attack on bigotry, that the views of Messrs. Masse and Riley and their school are that "you are a heretic and on the road to hell unless your views coincide with theirs," adding that "every man has a right to his own opinion on this subject."

Dr. Poteat's subject was "The Call to Service." In the absence of President Harriman, Vice President George Freeman presided at the opening, later turning the meeting over to William B. Thompson. Arrangements for the Kiwanis-Rotarian game this afternoon were completed and tickets assigned to the club members for sale.

Making "Flabby Minds" Pointing out a relation between the late call of America's young men to arms and his subject, Dr. Poteat declared that the country's future is vitally wrapped up in and dependent upon the strength of the response to this new call. The service committees war on ignorance, on vice, on filth and disease, on graft and corruption, on sin, on bigotry and intolerance. On some of these divisions of his subject the speaker touched only lightly, stressing the call for a war on ignorance.

"There is too much pedagogy and too much vocational in the present day type of education," he said. "There is too much teaching of 'methods' and not enough of 'contents.' He explained that he was not criticizing the pedagogical or vocational turns in educational affairs as things of themselves wrong but rather he insisted that there is entirely too much emphasis being placed on the two by authorities and those entrusted with the management of the educational systems of the country.

"The type of education that is being given now," he said, "is producing men and women with flabby minds—there is too much of the mechanical and vocational about it and not enough of culture.

Of Summer School Work In the summer schools, Dr. Poteat pointed out, the courses of "methods" are always overcrowded and the courses of "contents" but slimly filled. This is a condition, he said, obtaining generally and he indicated his own Wake Forest college with the same dereliction in teacher training.

As for the war on vice he declared that the sex irregularity which came about by the impetus of the late war is bearing fruit now and that the problem is one fraught with extreme peril to the next generation.

While only skimming the subject, Dr. Poteat observed that the graft and corruption in politics today is due, in the main, to a lack of interest on the part of the citizens. Citizenship is as much a profession as law or medicine, he said, and requires study and attention.

JILTS MILLIONAIRE FOR COUNT



While her millionaire fiance, George Burton, was preparing for their wedding Miss Charlotte Gardner Demarest, New York society girl eloped with Count Edward George Zicky.

Late Wire Flashes

ALTER LEADING PHILADELPHIA, May 16.—Returns from 762 districts out of 7,934 in the State including 388 out of 1,430 in Philadelphia and 61 out of 1,316 in Allegheny gave for governor: Alter 81,836; Pinchot, 35,316. Returns from 229 districts out of 7,934 in the State including none out of 1,430 in Philadelphia and 47 out of 1,316 in Allegheny gave for U. S. Senator Pepper 9,184; Burke 6,243.

8 LOST IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE WACO, Tex., May 16.—Eight persons were reported drowned late today when the Marlin, Belton bridge, five miles west of Marlin over the Brazos river collapsed under pressure of high water. The most reliable report gives the number on the bridge as thirty with twenty two rescues.

The high water three weeks ago cut into the approach on the west side of the river but the bridge had remained intact and a crowd of people had gathered there to watch the raging waters. While thus engaged, the west end of the structure gave away and all were thrown into the river.

TRACY KNOCKED OUT NEW YORK, May 16.—Knockout Bill Brennan of Chicago, knocked out Jim Tracy of Australia in the eighth round of their contest tonight in Madison square garden. Brennan dropped the tall Australian with a series of rights and lefts to the jaw as they stood in a neutral corner.

DAUGHERTY GETS \$500,000 WASHINGTON, May 16.—The House bill providing \$500,000 additions for the department of justice for prosecution of fraudulent war contracts was passed today by the Senate and now goes to President Harding for approval.

BLIZZARD EVIDENCE IN CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., May 16.—The end of the evidence on the basis of which the State will ask a jury to convict William Blizzard of treason was in sight today when circuit court took an early adjournment to await the arrival of the last three witnesses prosecution counsel said they expected to produce. C. W. Ossenton said he would be here tomorrow.

TO HOLD MINE CONEAB WASHINGTON, May 16.—Secretary Hoover announced tonight the calling of a conference of coal operators to advise measures for the protection of consumers from the tendency of coal prices revised at the mine in certain districts which he declared will be checked. No date has been set for the conference. It is expected to be held in the next few days. Mr. Hoover requested the American Railway Association and the Public Utilities Associations to create buying committee to handle their coal purchases so as to eliminate competitive bidding.

SENATORIAL EYE HIT BY NEW STRAW MATTING WASHINGTON, May 15.—The senatorial eye was hit today by the dangle of straw matting on the floor of the senate chamber, replacing the sanded carpet which has done years of service. The first appearance of the sanded floor covering caused senators to step gingerly and Senator Nicholson, Republican of Colorado, to inquire whether "the straw colored floor was in honor of the farm bill."

U. S. PARTICIPATION IN RUSSIAN CONFAB IS STILL POSSIBLE

Developments at Genoa May Cause Administration to Recede from Original Stand

NOTE DOESN'T CLOSE THE DOOR ON THE SUBJECT

WASHINGTON, May 16.—There were indications today that administration officials expected early developments in Genoa or perhaps later at the Hague which might clarify the Russian situation sufficiently to permit America's participation in some international project designed to restore Russia to productivity.

On what information that feeling might be based was not indicated. It was evident, however, that the exchange of cable notes which the Genoa conference group yesterday made was regarded as having moved matters at least a step forward so far as Russia is concerned.

The only authorized statement going beyond the terms of Secretary Hughes' declining the invitation to the Hague was that obtained during the day at the White House that the note did not close the door to future conversation on the subject. In the light of the statement, Mr. Hughes' assertion in the note to Genoa of the willingness of the United States government "to give serious attention to any proposals arising from the Genoa conference or any later conference" took on added significance.

May Make Further Appeal.

GENOA, May 16.—Further appeals probably will be made to the United States by the allied powers in an endeavor to induce the country to take part in the meeting of the commission of experts at the Hague on June 15. The inviting powers, England, Japan, France, Italy and Belgium held a meeting this afternoon to consider the matter further. The French delegates are anxious to have the closing plenary session of the economic conference on Thursday but this is considered impossible as there is no disposition to have the Russians in making their final reply regarding the Hague conference, and it seems likely that the closing session will not be held before Saturday or Monday. Tomorrow morning the Russians will re-assemble with the sub commission on political affairs to discuss plan for the Hague.

Indiana minister wants boys to stop playing marbles and we'll bet boys want him to stop preaching.

WAYNE GETS \$45,000 SPECIAL BUILDING FUND FOR SCHOOLS

Part of Five Million Building Fund Provided by Last Legislature

AMOUNTS PRINCIPALLY FOR RURAL SCHOOLS

RALEIGH, May 16.—The state board of education announced today the loan of one million dollars to fifty counties from the five million dollar special building fund. This is the first loan to be made following the recent validation by the supreme court of the five million dollar bond issue, authorized by the 1921 session of the general assembly.

The first million is loaned almost exclusively for the erection of high school buildings in the rural districts. Only \$40,000 of the entire amount will be used in a city school and this goes to the Wilmington high school which is a high school for the entire county. The state board recently made appropriations for the purpose of maintaining at least one standard high school for the rural districts of each county in the state, and with these loans it is now possible to supply adequate buildings.

The courts validated the bonds in April and on the 27th of that month State Treasurer Lacy succeeded in selling \$10,000,000 worth of these bonds at 4 1/2 per cent. The first loans, Superintendent Brooks announced, have been made to those counties that had gone ahead with their building programs, as advised by the state board of education over a year ago following the passage of the bond issue by the general assembly.

Counties May Borrow.

Each county of the state will be given a chance to borrow its pro rata part of the \$5,000,000; that is, Dr. Brooks explained, it may borrow the same percentage of this fund that the school population of the county bears to the state population. The remainder of the \$5,000,000 fund will be loaned during the summer and early fall. Dr. Brooks advises counties to continue their building program, with the assurance now that this money will be available.

Wayne Gets \$45,000.

The counties and the amounts loaned are as follows: Alleghany, \$20,000; Anson, \$14,800; Ashe, \$20,000; Avery, \$19,000; Beaufort, \$27,000; Bertie, \$20,000; Buncombe, \$15,000; Caldwell, \$30,000; Carteret, \$16,000; Caswell, \$10,000; Catawba, \$25,000; Catham, \$6,000; Clay, \$9,000; Cleveland, \$8,000; Craven, \$25,000; Cumberland, \$4,000; Currituck, \$16,600; Dare, \$20,000; Davidson, \$40,500; Durham, \$30,000; Edgecombe, \$15,000; Gaston, \$41,000; Granville, \$22,000; Guilford, \$50,000; Halifax, \$3,000; Harnett, \$11,000; Henderson, \$30,000; Iredell, \$45,000; Lincoln, \$37,000; Martin, \$26,000; Montgomery, \$6,000; Moore, \$9,000; New Hanover, \$40,000; Orange, \$10,000; Pamlico, \$20,000; Person, \$15,000; Pitt, \$17,000; Polk, \$20,000; Randolph, \$10,000; Richmond, \$15,000; Robeson, \$10,000; Rutherford, \$26,000; Stanly, \$10,000; Stokes, \$20,000; Union, \$8,000; Wake, \$45,000; Warren, \$16,000; Watauga, \$19,000; Wayne, \$45,000; Yancey, \$22,000.

SMITHFIELD ENTERTAINS GOLDSBORO DEGREE TEAM

A degree team from the Goldsboro Lodge No. 6 exemplified the work of the Knights of Pythias order for the Smithfield lodge last night; and in turn, the Goldsboro men were banqueted in grand style, forcing them to concede, to use the expression of Mr. L. H. Jernigan, that Smithfield was the best town in North Carolina—next to Goldsboro.

Those in the party, which did not get back until the early hours of the morning, included Grand District Deputy J. T. Chicago, Past Councilor Commander L. H. Jernigan, Past Commander K. C. Hicks, Vice-Chancellor W. Marvin Thompson and Knights R. E. Elk, V. S. Stell, John R. Worrall and Roy M. Fasser.

Big Tobacco Man Joins Co-operative Marketing Forces

RALEIGH, May 16.—W. B. Lewis of Danville, Va., has been appointed supervising grader for the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association, according to announcement of R. H. Patterson, manager of the leaf department, received today, at Raleigh headquarters of the association.

In the tobacco business for 20 years, Mr. Lewis came to Danville in 1902 in the employ of the American Tobacco company. Within two years he was promoted to the position of manager of the American Tobacco company's business at Danville, holding this position until the dissolution of that company. Transferring to the Liggett & Myers company, Mr. Lewis moved to Durham.

In 1920 he became connected with Hughes, Thomas and company at Danville, S. C. At the formation of the John E. Hughes company, Inc., Mr. Lewis was appointed a director and has since been living in Danville where his wide connection and experience will be of service to the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative association.

Night Session Abandoned To Allow Pages To Attend Circus

Senator Harrison Enlivens Long Session By Humorous Reading of Free List, Laying Stress on Such Items as Dried Blood, Joss Sticks and Skeletons

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The senate had the tariff bill before it for eight hours today, but disposed of only a single item approving the committee report of 25 per cent ad valorem on mustard curative plasters. The usual night session was abandoned so that the senate chamber, replacing the sanded carpet which has done years of service. The first appearance of the sanded floor covering caused senators to step gingerly and Senator Nicholson, Republican of Colorado, to inquire whether "the straw colored floor was in honor of the farm bill."

DUPLIN DEMOCRATS WANT HIM TO RUN FOR STATE SENATE

Comes Down in Responses To Urgent Appeal of County Committee

MAY BE FORERUNNER OTHER WITHDRAWALS?

Rivers D Johnson one of Duplin county's three candidates for the Third district congressional nomination, last night announced his withdrawal from the race and, in a signed statement to the press, gave as his reason "obedience to the call of my party." Coming right at the time when it appeared to observers that the Johnson campaign was gaining momentum in the district, the withdrawal of the Warsaw man last night was little short of startling and, to those who had heard it last night, appeared as the most far reaching development of the campaign to date.

He withdraws from the congressional race to get into the fight for the state senate from the Ninth district, but the battle down there is after the nomination. The last general assembly, in redistricting North Carolina, put Sampson in the old Duplin Pender district and also added New Hanover. The district gets two senators, Duplin naming one and New Hanover naming one.

Executive Committee Appeal

Actuating his withdrawal was a letter from the democratic executive committee in which is pointed out inferentially the necessity of Duplin naming a strong democratic candidate in order to save the Ninth district from defeat because of Sampson's usual overwhelming republican majority. Sampson has heretofore been backed up with Harnett and Lee and Johnson and it has furnished two of the few members of the minority to hold seats in the upper legislative body. Last year Gerrymander, conceived by Col. Alton Watts and executed by W. W. Neal of McDowell, changed things around to give the Sampson democrats a better show.

The letter from the committee signed by E. J. Johnson, J. W. Beckwith, F. Smith, John W. Waters, W. B. Martin, W. G. Kornegay, D. W. Harwood, Walter Maxwell, S. A. Bowden, A. F. Cherry, D. Rivenbark and John D. Robinson.

Text of Committee Note

"We, the undersigned members of the democratic executive committee of Duplin county, do most respectfully petition you in behalf of your party to answer its call to service. "This being Duplin's year to furnish one senator in the new district to which Sampson has been added, the situation demands that we furnish a candidate of experience and ability and one whom we know is capable of making the campaign for the general election. "We realize your ambition for greater service in congress, but your party's call should always come first with every true democrat and we trust you will heed it and retire from the race for congress and become the democratic candidate for the senate from Duplin."

Mr. Johnson's Reply

According to this request of the party managers in Duplin, former Senator Johnson, replying to the letter, said: "In obedience to the call of my party, which I always consider to be greater than the political ambition of any man, I have decided to retire from the race for congress to become the candidate of my party for the senate in the Ninth district.

"I am profoundly grateful to my many friends throughout the Third Congressional district for their friendship and loyal support they have accorded me in this campaign."

Mr. Johnson's statement, and the letter of the Duplin committee, were made public here last night by J. Faison Thomson, a close friend of the Duplin candidate, and followed a conference between the two earlier in the day.

Reports that Johnson would withdraw from the race have been current now for several days, but little, if any, credence was attached to them in responsible quarters. There followed, apparently, a decline of the Duplin man's strength after the refusal of the district executive committee to choose a candidate for the "short term" successor to the late Congressman Brinson, but this had, it seemed, been overcome and reports through the district for the last few days indicated that other than in the Abernethy stronghold the drift of sentiment was toward the candidacies of Johnson and Allen.

It was believed here last night that the withdrawal of Mr. Johnson presages the withdrawal of some of the remaining candidates in the race. Two are left in Duplin and grapevine news hath it that both are on the verge of quitting. In Sampson there are two, but Col. Sam Hobbs seems certain to stay in the race—at least until the first primary.

Not a few friends of former Senator Johnson, who heard of his withdrawal last night were delighted to know that he would again go to the state senate. His previous service in that body was of a notable kind and his return again will go a long way toward improving the general average.