

North Carolina Baptists Hold First Convention Meet

Durham, Nov. 15.—Music of a familiar old hymn, sung lustily by more than 600 voices, ushered in the 9th annual session of the Baptist State convention here this afternoon.

With its rendition, the convention settled down to business. Nothing came up during the afternoon to break the tranquility of the scene of the audience of men men and women engaged in the dispatch of the convention's business.

Officers and trustees were elected, committees announced and various reports rendered showing the progress of the various phases of the denomination's work in North Carolina during the year now ending.

Never before in the history of the state organization has the opening of the convention, been attended by so many people as was the case here today. During the day and into the afternoon the registration booth, located in the First Baptist church,

where the meetings will be held throughout the time of the convention, was an extremely busy scene and some time before the afternoon session ended the registration had passed the 600 mark.

Enrollment and organization of the convention followed the period of worship, conducted by Rev. J. B. Turner, of Raleigh, which began the session. Three officers were re-elected for new terms while the president and vice presidents will be selected Thursday morning.

Rev. Walter M. Gilmore, of Raleigh, was re-elected convention secretary; Dr. Charles E. Maddry, of Raleigh, succeeded himself as secretary of the general board, and Walters Durham was re-elected treasurer. Three trustees were named.

They are W. N. Jones, of Raleigh; W. A. Wilkinson, of Winston-Salem, and R. H. Riggsbee, of Durham.

The greater portion of the afternoon session was taken up with reports.

MORE THAN SCORE KILLED IN BLAST

Earthquake, Hospitals Filled Earthquake, Hospitals Filled By Great Disaster

Pittsburgh, Pa.—An entire section of North Side Pittsburgh lay in ruins Monday night and the bodies of 21 persons rested in the Allegheny county morgue, mute evidence of one of the most disastrous explosions in the city's history. Death and devastation swept the old Manchester district when a mammoth storage gas tank exploded.

As hundreds of victims of the disaster nursed their injuries in hospitals and in other havens of refuge supplied by relief agencies, firemen, policemen and volunteers continued the work of exploring the wrecked district in the belief that other bodies would be found in the mass of twisted debris.

As nightfall descended upon the stricken region, rescue workers erected emergency lights at vantage points. Many of the debris-choked streets and tangled down buildings resisted the efforts of the firemen, and they resorted to dynamite in an effort to move masses of wreckage. Police redoubled their vigilance and kept constant watch to prevent looting.

Resembled Earthquake. The quiet of a November morning was shattered throughout the Pittsburgh district by the terrific blast. For a moment the city held its breath as buildings rocked and windows crashed. At first it seemed that an earthquake had gripped the city. Telephone lines were broken and the fire alarm system was crippled. The city stood still waiting and wondering what was to come next.

Then a fire alarm, box in the downtown district on the Allegheny river front sounded, to be followed a minute later by a general alarm.

With the first shock, firemen started the motors of their apparatus, and, as the gong sounded, they rushed forth. The city soon realized that there was a disaster at hand. Automobile trucks, taxicabs, ambulances and all available motor cars soon were rushing through the downtown district, bearing the injured to hospitals.

When firemen reached the scene they were halted by the appalling sight. Streets had been heaved into the air, breaking water mains and sewers, and flooding the entire district.

Pittsburgh.—Rescue workers, using dynamite in an effort to penetrate wreckage in the North Side disaster—devastated by the gas tank explosion, Monday night located the bodies of six additional victims behind a boiler in the cooling plant of the Pittsburgh City Pot company. This brought the complete list of dead to 27.

Several sticks of dynamite were placed near the boiler and discharged. The rescuer who set off the charge went behind the dislodged debris and he reported the bodies of a half dozen men huddled together.

COTTON MARKET

(By Jas. F. Clark & Co.) Cotton was quoted at noon today on the New York exchange: Dec. 19.76; Jan. 19.83; Mar. 20.01; May 19.16; July 20.06.

New York, Nov. 16.—Forecast eastern best rain and colder, western, fair and colder. Heavy rain yesterday in east Texas and central belt.

Rather light business in Worth street. Memphis special to Journal of Commerce says demand for spot cotton has dropped heavily since the government report but owners are unwilling to make concessions, being in no hurry to dispose of their cotton as they have sold such a large per centage at remunerative prices.

Expect trading market. The next important influence will be the ginning Monday which probably will be moderate. December covering yesterday seemed more urgent than liquidation in that month.

Wonder if the Rockefeller Foundation discovered the method of fighting mosquitoes with oil? Brunewick (Ga.) Pilot.

SEVEN OBJECTS IN EDUCATION

Emphasis Placed Upon Sound Health, Importance of Co-operation of Parents.

The seven objectives of education as outlined by the National Education association are familiar to most teachers but not familiar to the general public. They are listed as follows:

- 1.—Sound health.
- 2.—Worthy home membership.
- 3.—Mastery of the tools, techniques and spirit of learning.
- 4.—Faithful citizenship.
- 5.—Vocational effectiveness.
- 6.—Wise use of leisure time.
- 7.—Ethical character.

To promote and attain these objectives is the function of the public schools of the United States. To the general public, these terms may appear to be too general for rapid comprehension. In this article, the objectives mentioned above will be taken one at a time and explained during the year in the columns of this paper. The first will be explained in this issue. Sound health is listed as the most desirable possession of every citizen and must be rated as the first objective to be attained in order to provide fertile soil in which to work for the accomplishment of all other things: How can schools promote health? Schools in various parts of America have undertaken to promote it by the means listed below which will explain the first objective of education.

- 1.—By co-operating with parents in an effort to have every beginner enter school free from remediable defects.
- 2.—By providing for every child clean, comfortable, beautiful buildings and playgrounds, including good light, abundant ventilation, suitable seats, and clean toilets and wash rooms.
- 3.—By a wholesome and happy school atmosphere and routine.
- 4.—By wholesome recreation both in and out of doors looking toward the wise use of leisure.
- 5.—By training in health habits out of school hours.
- 6.—By studying the fact of personal hygiene and public sanitation which everyone needs to know—disease control, garbage, sewage, street cleaning, water supply, pure water, pure air, quiet.
- 7.—By developing an appreciation of health as a foundation of happiness and a vital common enterprise of the race.
- 8.—By regular health examinations and the correction of defects.
- 9.—By making special provision for undernourished or handicapped children.

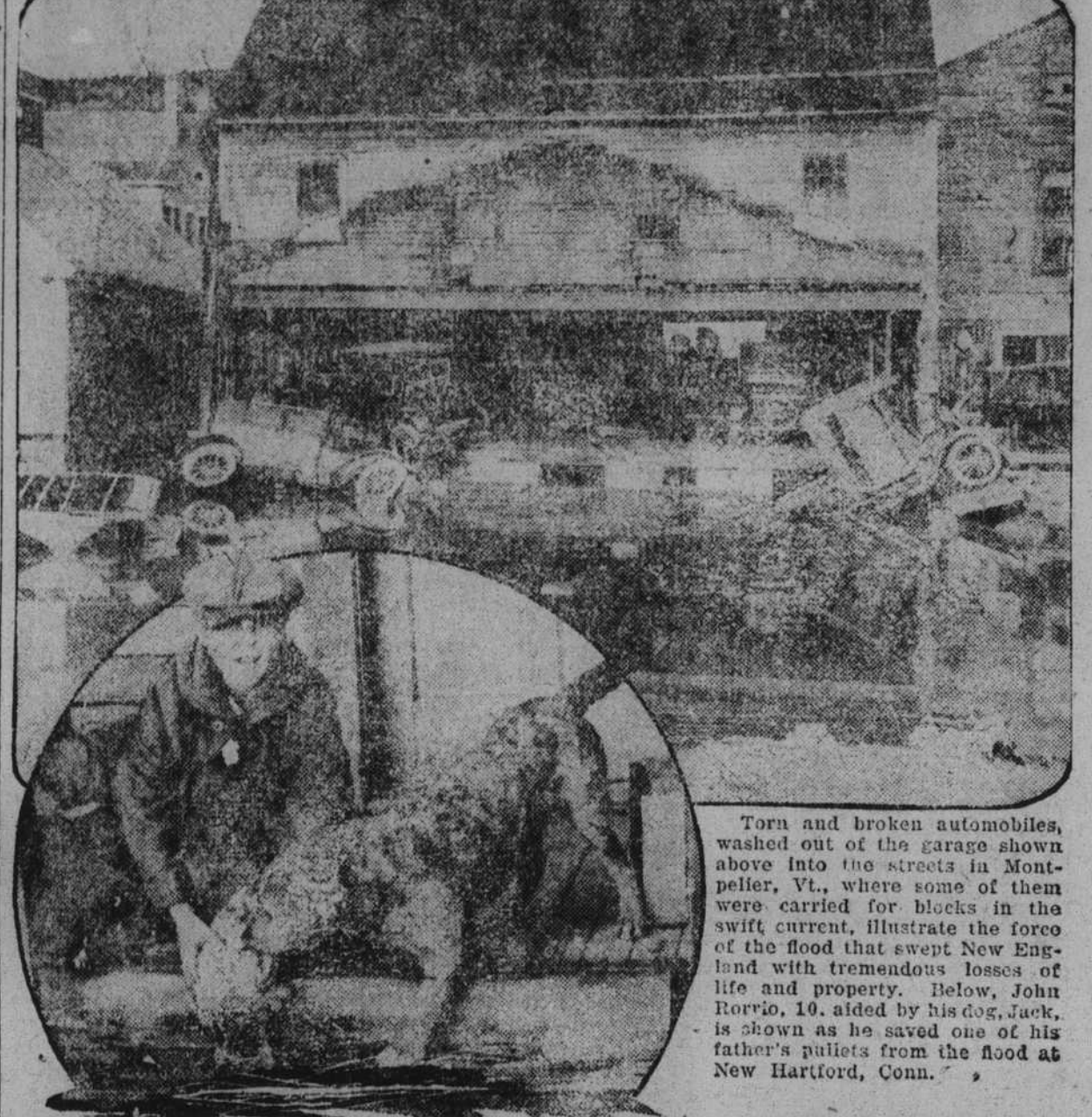
Just how far have the schools of Cleveland county gone in trying to attain these ideals? They are so high that they are not to be reached by sudden flight. Are teachers in Cleveland county to be condemned because these ideals have not been sought more vigorously? Certainly not. That which is to be condemned is the lack of sympathy with such a lofty group of aims. Do we lack this sympathy? That can not be said because Cleveland county as well as scores of other counties is just beginning to find herself. The teachers are about to get a new vision of what great opportunities are knocking at their doors. Cleveland county is about to grasp a new vision of a better educated citizenship. Not a citizen knowing more French and Algebra, but a citizenship better able to live together more happily, more successfully, and intelligently facing the future.

Take note of future issues of this paper in which the other five objectives of education will be discussed by showing what various schools throughout America are doing.

(Arranged from the Journal of the National Education Association, October issue.) —W. R. G.

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Vermont City Shows Force of Flood



Torn and broken automobiles, washed out of the garage shown above into the streets in Montpelier, Vt., where some of them were carried for blocks in the swift current, illustrate the force of the flood that swept New England with tremendous losses of life and property. Below, John Rorrio, 10, aided by his dog, Jack, is shown as he saved one of his father's pullets from the flood at New Hartford, Conn.

SCHOOL MASTERS TALK NEW TEXT BOOKS AT MEET

Selection of High School Text Books To Be Made Early in Spring For Five Year Period.

Plans for the careful selection of supplementary grades and the adoption next spring of high school text books in the county were the object of chief discussion at the October meeting of the Schoolmasters club. The recommendations of the state text books commission are now in the hands of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Allen. In the early spring these recommendations will be approved or revised by the state department and the best approved books for use during the next five years in the elementary grades will be given to the public. No changes will be made in the elementary grades except perhaps in English and Health. More latitude is allowed in high school text books, the commission approving in most instances several in each branch with the privilege allowed the county text book committee to adopt any of the approved list.

The county committee is composed of the County Superintendent, the Superintendent of the largest city school in the county (in this county Mr. Griffin, of Shelby) and others to be appointed.

The adoption will be for a five year period. The sentiment of the Schoolmasters club is that although the county adoption is not made until early spring the committee should be appointed at an early date in order that ample time can be given to the investigation of the various texts.

As in the elementary grades there can be changes in not more than two branches.

With the view of securing better supplementary readers in the elementary grades the club appointed a committee to recommend readers especially adapted to the schools of this county. While findings of this committee will necessarily be merely recommendatory it is felt that they will be of tremendous importance in aiding inexperienced teachers in selecting supplementary material. Mr. Griffin, of Shelby, Mr. Blanton, of Lattimore and Mr. Loy, of Casar, compose this committee.

Still Explodes Kills 30 Hogs. Oakland, Calif.—In less than an hour after detectives had raided buildings on a range in the Mount Eden district, arresting three men and seizing two huge stills, one of the stills exploded, wrecked a building and killed 300 hogs. The stills were concealed in structures built as pig pens.

Leaves \$15,000 to Benefactor. Horse Cave, Ky.—When Willie Young, 36, left a Mississippi government hospital with only a little while to live, he went to the home of Mrs. John Devore, who cared for him like a mother. Unknown to her, he died possessed all estate of \$15,000, all of which he left to her.

Taking the Blows. When Ignatius, old bishop of Anloch, was on his way to Rome to suffer martyrdom, he sent this message to a young man who was his friend: "Any blacksmith can tell you the anvils will wear out hammers. If you can stand like a beaten anvil, nothing can prevail against it."

Schedule For Week of County Superintendent

For the convenience of teachers, committeemen, and patrons who wish to call at the office of County Superintendent attention is called to the fact that certain days in each week while schools are in session have been set aside for office work. The County Superintendent's schedule is as follows:

- Mondays—Committeemen and patrons.
 - Tuesdays—Visitation schools.
 - Wednesdays—Visitation school.
 - Thursdays—Visitation schools.
 - Fridays—Teachers.
 - Saturdays—Teachers.
- While it will be manifestly impossible to adhere rigidly to the above schedule it is felt that establishment of the schedule will be of great convenience for those who find it necessary to confer with the superintendent relative to school matters. As the schedule indicates the superintendent will usually be found in the office on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. At other times in the week he will have opportunity to visit schools. A proper observance of this schedule will obviate largely the necessity of sometimes making a second trip to Shelby because the superintendent is not in the office.

It is not to be inferred, however, that one is never to call except on days designated as office days. It is to be hoped that whenever any school problems arise that there be no hesitation in calling at any time convenient. This schedule is merely for your convenience.

Gives Bank \$100,000. New York.—Announcement has been made that Lambert Schmidt, former president of the Kensington bank, Brooklyn, although not liable in any way, gave \$100,000 of his private funds to aid the bank which lost \$239,000 by alleged thefts of two employees and two depositors.

Bandits Rob Masked Ball. Chicago.—One hundred merry-makers at a costume ball held at Thornton, a suburb were held up by bandits, assisted by a girl in "Cinderella" costume, and robbed of about \$15,000. The gang escaped in two automobiles, after seriously wounding a policeman.

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W. M. U. Division Meets With Zoar

(Special to The Star.) The fourth meeting of division No. 2 was held with Zoar Baptist church on November 6, 1927. An interesting program was given, subject being "Our Young Peoples Organizations, What They Mean to a Church or Pastor." A great many young people took part on the program. Six churches were represented at the meeting. The superintendent gave a report of her work, showing that much had been accomplished since our last meeting. New Hope extended an invitation to the next meeting which will meet after the state meeting in March 1928.

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