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HIRAM JOHNSON FIGHTS COURT CHANGE

Roberts Re-Elected Chamber Head

ASKS NEW DUTY FOR KUESTER

Executive Board Will Pass On Proposal

OTHERS NAMED

Coleman W. Roberts was re-elected president of the Charlotte chamber of commerce today at the first meeting of the recently elected directorate.

James R. Bryant was elected vice president and John Pender was re-elected treasurer after being chosen a member of the board to fill a vacancy.

The board deferred selecting a national councilor to represent the Charlotte organization at the meetings of the chamber of commerce of the United States. The executive committee was requested by the board to make this selection after discussing it with business men who may be available for the duty.

HIT TAX DIVERSION

In accordance with a request received from the transportation department, the board adopted a motion authorizing the president to send to the North Carolina general assembly a resolution endorsing a proposal for a constitutional amendment to prevent diversions.

This matter was presented by Erely Grice, chairman of the transportation division, and Mr. Roberts pointed out briefly that he considered an amendment necessary to protect highway funds in a time when heavy maintenance and other expenses are in prospect.

Though Mr. Roberts previously had written members of the board he would be unable to accept re-election to the presidency, he agreed to continue in that office after he had been re-elected unanimously.

In a brief address to the board,

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County Dry Group To Visit Capital

The Mecklenburg county drys were making plans today to form a delegation to go to Raleigh Thursday to attend the senate committee hearing on the local option liquor bill to protest against its passage.

Bishop Edwin A. Mouzon, in the regret of the Mecklenburgers, cannot be in the delegation inasmuch as his work takes him out of the state this week. Mrs. W. B. Lindsay, W. C. T. U. head, however, said that a large and representative delegation is expected to attend from this county.

Among those who will be solicited to make the trip are former Senator Cameron Morrison and E. T. Cansler, Sr. D. E. Henderson, also, probably will attend. A number of other lawyers were planning to go but found they would be detained in one of the three superior courts sitting here this week.

Abe Martin

Th' little three-year-old son o' Landlord Gebo—Crew, got caught in th' continuous towel T'day, an' was thrown violently against th' ceilin'. Sendin' your folks away for a few days is jist like equipp'n a dramatic company.

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU

BY BOB BURNS

To hear some people talk, you'd think there hasn't been any sweet, high-minded girls since Grandma's days. I believe it is true that the girls weren't so mercenary in them days, because you hardly ever heard of a breach of promise suit and when an engagement was broken, the girl always returned all the presents, along with the letters, that she'd gotten from her sweetheart and that was the end of it.

The girls of today are probably just as sweet as their old fashioned sisters, but they've got more spunk. I know a girl who was engaged to a wealthy fella and he gave her a great big diamond engagement ring. The day before they was to be married, he come to her and he says, "Honey, I hate to tell you, but I lost all my money gambling." Well Sir, there was a girl of principles—she hated gambling. When he told her that he lost all his money that way, she got so mad she jerked the ring off of her left hand and flung it on her right.

State Liquor Vote Is Urged By Ministers

Ministerial Association Directs Resolution To Assembly—Backs Salvation Army Campaign.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Ministerial association in session at the Young Men's Christian association building this morning went on record as heartily favoring a state referendum on the liquor question and passed a resolution requesting the North Carolina legislature to so vote.

The association also passed a resolution endorsing the Salvation Army's campaign to raise $50,000 for permanent headquarters and heard W. S. Mead, a representative of Go-To-Church, Inc., at Detroit, Mich., present plans for a church attendance campaign.

The Gipsy Smith revival which is to be held March 7-21 came up for discussion and the completion of plans were carried over to a luncheon meeting held at Ellis's following the meeting of the ministers.

Dr. Ernest Neal Orr, Rev. J. E. Berryhill and Dr. W. B. Lindsay were requested to withdraw and write a suitable resolution on the liquor question. They presented the following which was adopted:

TEXT OF RESOLUTIONS

"The ministers of the city of Charlotte and Mecklenburg county being duly assembled February 8, 1937, most earnestly call upon our legislature and senate to give the people of the state an opportunity to vote upon the liquor and alco-

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Smith Prefers Court As It Is

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, commenting today on President Roosevelt's judiciary proposals, said he "much preferred having the (supreme) court as it is."

The senator added, however, it might be advisable to provide for compulsory retirement of judges at the age of 75, but that he did not favor increasing the number of supreme court justices by appointing "younger men to act as assistants."

Do You Know The Answer?

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1. In which of the government departments is the U. S. geological survey?
2. Where are the Aran Islands?
3. Who was Nincompoop Pirrump?
4. Name the science which deals with the celestial bodies.
5. What is a studbook?
6. How many vessels did Columbus have on his second expedition to the western hemisphere?
7. What is sigor mortis?
8. How many members are in the President's cabinet?
9. What is gold bullion?
10. Name the largest city in Wisconsin.

EXPECTING PARLEYS TO FAIL

Believe Motor Negotiations To Break Down

WON'T RECEDE

Detroit, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Nearly two hours after they gathered for another effort to reach a settlement of the far-reaching General Motors strike, representatives of both the corporation and the United Automobile Workers were still in separate group meetings today.

A development today was the disclosure in an informed source that requests by telephone and telegraph from William Green, American Federation of Labor head for recognition as a party at interest in the conferences had brought a threat from John M. Lewis, committee for industrial organization leader, to immediately walk out of the meetings. The A. F. of L. has suspended C. I. O. unions.

GREEN PHONES

Green, it was learned, telephoned Governor Frank Murphy Saturday and sent him a telegram Sunday. Murphy did not disclose his response, but it was indicated Green's request had been rejected.

The expectation was general today that the conferences here would break down on the question of collective bargaining recognition.

As the conferees started their second week of conversations the union still was demanding the right to represent workers in 20 plants of the corporation; General Motors still was refusing to recede an inch from its position that it could not agree to anything more than proportional representation—the right of the union to speak for its own membership only.

One of the participants in the conversations who refused to permit his name to be used disclosed that the possibilities of a pirbicite

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Man Facing Trial For Killing Is Very Ill

Salisbury, Feb. 8.—(AP)—William T. McCord, scheduled to go on trial in superior court here Wednesday for the slaying of his wife's brother-in-law, Curtis Hubbard, on December 28, is in a local hospital critically ill of pneumonia.

While in jail waiting trial, he took cold and influenza followed, which developed into pneumonia last night. He was removed to the hospital this morning. He is one of the virulent type, physicians state, and his recovery is said by them to be doubtful.

The DAILY WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Drew Pearson — Robert Allen

Washington, Feb. 8.—One of the most important inside factors in the General Motors strike is the array of big steel industrialists who are giving the automobile company secret encouragement and backing.

PEARSON

It is not a fight in the automobile industry alone. Steel, coal, and other auto magnates know that if labor wins this war, their turn will be next, and they are backing an unyielding position on the part of General Motors.

Of these various figures, most recalcitrant and most powerful is Lammot du Pont, chairman of the board of General Motors and head of the great du Pont industrial dynasty.

Lammot du Pont is the man who puts iron in the spine of the sometimes discouraged and willing Alfred P. Sloan. It was Lammot who called off the conference which Miss Perkins proposed between Lewis and Sloan last week. It is Lammot who has blocked all attempted peace negotiations, and it is Lammot who will permit no voting of workers, because to do so would recognize the Wagner labor disputes act.

NOTE: What Lammot du Pont may not know is that John L. Lewis is just as much opposed to a vote of the workers, because it would show his union to be greatly in the minority.

ALLEN

Alongside Lammot du Pont is another shadowy figure, one of the most potent magnates in British industry. He is Sir Harry Duncan McGowan, head of the giant Imperial Chemical Industries, a director of General Motors and an important factor in moulding motor policies.

How much Sir Harry is backing up Lammot du Pont's strike stand is not known definitely, but prolabor senators have been considering an investigation to ascertain

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Hovel Believe It or Not, the building shown below is the habitation of a Charlotte family which pays 75 cents a week for the privilege of living in the building, located almost within a stone's throw of the city hall. This picture is one of a series made by The News during an investigation of slum conditions in Charlotte.

County Board Moves To Aid Welfare Body

Chairman Harkey And Auditor Bradshaw To Confer With Federation Officials About Emergency.

The county commissioners today took the first step toward stopping the gap between funds and needs of the United Welfare Federation by authorizing County Chairman Henry Harkey and County Auditor Douglas Bradshaw to confer with Federation executives in an effort to agree on the sum to be contributed by the county.

The action followed a letter from Norman A. Cocke, Federation president, to the county commissioners in which he declared that the Family Service association and the Salvation Army cannot continue their efforts after this month unless additional funds are secured. Before that Mr. Cocke and W. C. Dowd, Jr., had appeared before the commissioners to urge county assistance.

EXPENSES REDUCED

The Federation's annual drive for funds last November fell short of the $155,000 goal by approxi-

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Disease Flourishing In Charlotte's Slums

Health Officer's Records Point To Prevalence Of Tuberculosis And Venereal Disease In Hovels Of Blue Heaven And Black Bottom.

This is the second of a series of articles on tenement housing in Charlotte. The first, which appeared yesterday, revealed how the city's 20,000 Negroes are living along the creek banks in incredible squalor and in unspeakably crowded conditions. Today's story has to do with sanitation, and shows how these low-class dwellings, both white and Negro, constitute the first major threat to the health of the entire city. The series will continue tomorrow with an article on crime.

By Cameron Shipp
Charlotte News Staff Writer.

Tuberculosis, gonorrhea, syphilis and colitis breed and spread in the city's 2,000 tenement huts sprawled across the slime of Blue Heaven, Black Bottom and Sugaw Creek.

Diseases that kill and cripple are spawned here, in the wretched houses where sometimes as many as fifteen persons sleep in one room, and these diseases are carried directly to Charlotte's best homes by the top-drawer resident's most intimate associates: his cook, laundress and nursemaid.

And the one cause most directly responsible for the spread of the most dreaded diseases is—the tenement houses.

Dr. H. M. Rea, head of the city health department, who has for years fought a long and valiant battle against the maladies that spring from filth and overcrowding, believes that the prime cause of the disease that afflicts almost every negro in the city, syphilis, is overcrowding.

"You simply cannot put 10 to 15 persons in a shack and expect to control venereal disease and tuberculosis," he said.

RECORDS PRESENT THE FACTS

How true this statement is, is borne out by the records. The re-

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Wizard Plant Is Bought By Mule Dealers

Colorado Ranchmen Purchase Property, Including 14 Acres Of Land For $25,000.

Charlotte's little grey home in the west, paid, is out across the lone prairie just beyond the city limits on the Mount Holly road in that gaunt building where once upon a time Wizard automobiles were to have been made. Instead of turning out low-horse-powered cars, however, the Wizard plant is turning out high-horse-powered mules. Marvin and Fred Oodley, Colorado ranchmen, have bought the 14-acre tract for $25,000, announcing their purchase today.

It is there that the Oodley brothers, their wide-brimmed hats set aslant their brows, crack their whips and trade horses with Mecklenburg county Scotch-Irish farmers — not always, they admit, doing so well at it.

BRONCHO-BUSTERS

For recreation, between trades, they do a bit of lariat throwing and broncho busting, and you'd think in those gay moments that you were sitting on a corral fence out west somewhere, and . would probably bust loose with a "Yip, yip, yippee—ride 'em, cowboy!"

But these are the little inter-

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Slum Clearance Move Commended In Sermon

Presiding Elder Craven Tells Hawthorne Lane Congregation Slum Clearance Project, Should Receive Unqualified Support Of Christians.

Dr. J. B. Craven, presiding elder in charge of the Methodist Episcopal churches of the Charlotte district, represented The Charlotte News slum clearance movement as one project in which all churches of the city should unite, during his discourse yesterday at the Hawthorne Lane Methodist church.

"The picture presented in The News," Dr. Craven said, "is one which Christian people cannot afford to overlook. The time has come when conditions such as these cannot be ignored. We'll never correct our crime problems by jail sentences alone."

Dr. Craven also presented to the Hawthorne Lane congregation the problem of church facilities in these slum districts.

Recently the Methodist ministers were asked to cooperate in building the Williams Tabernacle church for negroes which is located in one of the districts where these underprivileged people live.

The Methodist ministers appointed a commission to look into this matter. Yesterday morning Dr. Craven presented the matter to the Hawthorne Lane congregation.

"All Christians should unite in this movement to improve the living conditions of our underprivileged," Dr. Craven emphasized.

Not To Operate Citadel's New Meeshall This Year

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Citadel officials announced the college's new $100,000 mess hall, nearing completion, would be the scene of the senior hop dances March 23-24, would not be put into commission as a mess hall until the 1937-38 scholastic year.

Negro, Catawba's Oldest Resident, Dies In Newton

Newton, Feb. 8.—(AP)— Funeral services were set today for Minerva England, negro, who said she was born March 10, 1830, in Hyde county, who died at Maiden late yesterday. She was Catawba county's oldest resident, having been sold here as a slave when a child.

GOES WITH BORAH, OTHERS

Speaks As Group Heads Go To See F. D. R.

LUNCHEON MEET

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Senator Hiram Johnson of California returned to the capital today and immediately took a leading position in the battle to defeat President Roosevelt's court reorganization program.

In a formal statement, Johnson said:

"The issue, stripped of its verbiage, seems to me plain: Shall the congress make the supreme court subservient to the presidency."

He thus aligned himself with Senator Borah (republican, Idaho) and others who are preparing to take the President's program to the nation.

FOR F. R. IN 1932

Johnson is one of the little band of republicans who supported Roosevelt for the presidency in 1932. He did not, however, take any part in the President's reelection campaign.

The Californian issued his statement just before Chairmen Ashurst (democrat, Arizona) and Sumners (democrat, Texas) of the senate and house judiciary committees went to the White House to lay a luncheon conference with the President to discuss the court reorganization proposals.

"The problem is grave and far-reaching," Johnson said. "I can do but one thing, and that is, to the limit of my strength, oppose this extraordinary legislation."

Johnson has been in Florida recuperating from a long illness.

A counter proposal to the President's was suggested by Senator Norris (independent, Nebraska) who previously had agreed with the President's statement of the condition of the courts but doubted the wisdom of the proposals.

WANTS AMENDMENT

Norris said he favored a constitutional amendment which would limit the term of all federal judges—supreme court and others—for a fixed number of years.

"I would vote for any amendment limiting the terms of federal judges," Norris said. "If the term were for ten years, nine years or six years, I wouldn't quarrel with it. I don't think any judge should serve for life."

The senator said he did not know whether he would introduce such an amendment.

He added he did not believe congressional amendment would be necessary to limit the power of the supreme court to declare acts of congress unconstitutional.

"Congress can do that," he said. "Require a two-thirds vote, that's my idea."

High officials interpreted Roosevelt's submission of his proposals, to congress as an indication that he desires the aid of the President to achieve what is described as judicial reform but is recommending legislation by congress

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Graphology Chart Shows Character Analysis Method

More than 300 years of study have made handwriting analysis an exact science and removed the supernatural and guesswork, according to J. Holbert Byram, expert graphologist for The Charlotte News, who is analyzing the handwriting of hundreds of Charlotte residents.

Experts in the science can discern 500 points in handwriting which reveal character of the

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CHARACTER ANALYSIS COUPON

J. HOLBERT BYRAM, HANDWRITING ANALYST,
The Charlotte News,
Charlotte, N. C.

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