

DIRECTORS DECIDE ON THREE YEAR PLAN OF CLUB MEMBERSHIP

At the meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce, held Friday afternoon, the general plan of the educational and membership campaign, as previously outlined by the secretary-manager, was unanimously approved and the details of the campaign arranged.

It was decided that, in order that the chamber of commerce will be assured of a continuity of membership interest and financial support to provide for and carry out a real constructive program of work for this city and county, the membership pledges are to be for three years. The educational campaign now being started will, it is claimed, fully justify this decision. The pledge, of course, becomes void in case of removal from the city or county.

Committees Appointed

The following committees were appointed in connection with the campaign:

Campaign committee—John J. Harrington, Jr., William H. Roney, A. G. Mathews, Mrs. Paul Comstock, John H. Johnson, Theodore Davis and Verne Pendleton. This committee will have direct supervision of the entire campaign.

Publicity committee—E. J. Trefinger, George Brenizer and Frank P. Chaffee.

Committee of member prospects—Joseph H. Mills, Jesse Bailey, Rev. Walter J. Cronin, Mrs. A. W. Roach, Walter B. Fulghum and Ed. N. Wilson.

An additional force of office help is being organized at the chamber of commerce for this campaign, and from now on it will be one of the busiest places in the city.

All committees will meet Monday and commence active work.

CHILE BORROWS FROM U. S. FOR RAIL LINES

(By Associated Press)

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Congress has before it an old oil project which dates from the Carranza regime. This measure, however, will without doubt be emasculated beyond recognition as soon as action is taken up. If this bill is definitely discharged the administration will submit its new project, which is said to be largely the work of Rafael Zubaran Company. Secretary of Industry and Commerce, who has held many conferences on the subject with the president. The nature of this bill has not been divulged.

NEGRO WOMEN URGE SOUTHERN VOTE PROBE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Negro women from twenty states meeting here at the call of the National Association for the advancement of colored people, today presented to the National Woman's party, a request that it urge congress to investigate the alleged disfranchisement of negro women in the south, at the last general election.

"Violations of the intent and purpose of the Susan B. Anthony amendment," a statement prepared by the negro women declared, "occurred in the elections of 1920 in the southern states, and it has not been made secret that wherever white women were not allowed the ballot, it was counted worth while to relinquish it in order that it might be denied colored women."

THINK BANDIT LEADER CONSPIRACY VICTIM

(By Associated Press)

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 12.—Belief that Frank Walsh, bandit leader, one of two women killed in the whisky truck hold-up near here last night, was robbed of \$15,000 and jewels was expressed by his father, according to Prosecutor Joseph E. Stricker today.

The father, Thomas Walsh, Sr., of Passaic, N. J., told the prosecutor that his son had the money and jewelry when he left home. Some of the jewelry and only a small amount of money was found on Walsh's body, Mr. Stricker added.

Newark police, after an all night examination of Samuel Perkins, driver of the truck, professed belief that the prisoner might be able to corroborate the theory that Walsh was slain to check disclosures before the Whitman inquiry into alleged police graft in New York. He had been subpoenaed as a witness.

High School Students Hold Reception for Elders

Three hundred junior and senior students, parents and teachers attended the reception in the Public Art gallery Friday evening given by the students for parents and teachers.

Preceding a talkfest and dance, Miss Martha Whitaire, of the high school faculty, gave an address of welcome to the parents. Other numbers on the program included a reading by Lois Ward, violin solo by Pauline McPherson, speaking by Martha Eggemeyer, and piano solo by Mildred Whitley. A high school orchestra, composed of the following persons, played for the dance: Francis Brown, Griffin Jay, Norman Shellenberger, Maurice Druley and William Marshall.

HOUSE HONORS LINCOLN; CIVIL WAR VET PRESIDES

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Elks Minstrel Date Set; Star Performers in Cast

Elks' annual minstrel show will be held March 14, 15 and 16, says an announcement. A committee composed of Lew Huff, Omar Murray, Robert Tomlinson, Harry Frankel and Elmer Eggemeyer will meet in the club rooms Sunday afternoon to complete plans for the coming show.

It is probable that 15 piece orchestra will be engaged, with two big Keith vaudeville acts. The cast will be made up of some of the best amateur performers in the city.

GRANT CONTINUANCE IN J. I. LENNARD CASE

Continuation of the case against John I. Lennard, charged with violation of the state liquor law, was granted by Judge William A. Bond in Wayne circuit court Saturday afternoon on motion by Attorney Holmes for Lennard on the grounds of absence of witness.

According to the testimony presented to the court by Attorney Holmes in making his motion for continuance to the court Lennard has been summoned to appear before the federal court in Indianapolis on Monday.

Lennard was to have been tried in Wayne circuit court for selling intoxicating liquor to Robert Peele, according to the affidavit.

MEXICO MAY DELAY PETROLEUM ACTION

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The proposal to delay only one month did not appeal to the members as of much value as to prices. Several members opposed his suggestion. On roll call two members supported Mr. Hines, ten opposed his month's delay.

New Books Needed. "This should be borne in mind—we had no contracts. We were over one hundred thousand books short last year. All of the old books were offered for readoption, but at an increased price over the price five years ago. The following table tells the story. The column marked "Old Prices" is

WILLIAMS EXPLAINS WHY STATE BOARD MADE SELECTION OF CERTAIN BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

C. O. Williams, member of the state board of education, completed the report today which he will present to the committee of the general assembly, which is investigating the letting of contracts for school books by the state board recently.

The report which he will make follows:

"Because of the difficulty encountered in obtaining text books, the board of education at its last adoption more than a year ago passed a resolution that in any year in which books were to be adopted, that the adoption should take place 'The first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of that year.' In keeping with this the board advertised for bids as required by law in December, 1920, for the purpose of awarding contracts January 4, 1921. Bids were received before the board some months ago, and under sworn statements, informed the board that this book that sells for 15 cents, cost the company 26 cents to make and asked to be released from their contract. The board was advised that they could not cancel their contract and would be compelled to hold them to their bond to furnish these books. Last June they canvassed the members of the board and asked that they be allowed to place four pages of advertisements in their books and in this way make up their losses. The board did not grant this.

"The company then printed, so I am informed, 20,000 books, and then, for some reason the book company decided to ignore the board and did print and distribute perhaps 20,000 books with advertisements in the speller. This created for a few weeks quite a stir among members of the board, as to where they got their authority.

Apparently the disturbance had its effect upon the company and then it did not furnish us books at all. It is fair to say that 100,000 children were deprived of new spellers because they were not obtainable. I am informed that there is no shortage of spellers in states where this company had adopted at the high price. Now when they offered this book to us at 32 cents, the board preferred a standard speller and adopted one at 30 cents.

Standard Texts. "The law of Indiana require a book to be sold as low in Indiana as any other place and a company is under bond to do this thing. If we adopt a standard text and books decide, we get a lower price. If we adopt special cut down editions, we can not get lower price. Most of our old texts were books no other state could or would use and that's the crime. The boys and girls of our own state are compelled to use books, some of which the company have discarded except to sell to Indiana. The board decided to adopt the standard texts, thereby securing for our children as good a book as used in other states and the reduced prices, and this accounts for the new text books being adopted. The present geography used in Indiana, well illustrates this point.

Method Used. "I had 20 prominent city and county superintendents to make a survey of the texts in use and to advise me of the books that should be changed and the ones that should be re-adopted. I also asked the superintendent of Rich-

	(1916) Old Price	New Price	Price Book Offered	Highest
	Old Books	New Books	Book Offered	
Physiology	\$.55	\$.95	\$.76	\$.95
History	.80	1.29	1.29	1.29
Elem. Geography	.40	.81	.96	1.65
Adv. Geography	.30	1.43	1.65	1.65
Elem. Language	.25	.50	.54	.75
Adv. Language	.45	.72	.67	.75
Speller	.15	.32	.30	.50
	\$3.40	\$6.01	\$6.17	\$6.94

No. Pupils	Cost Old Books	Cost
56,502	\$53,676.90	\$42,941.52
48,354	55,024.80	62,376.66
60,537	50,851.05	58,115.52
56,502	83,622.96	93,228.30
61,333	30,665.50	33,119.82
56,502	40,681.44	37,856.31
62,356	19,553.92	18,706.80
402,086	\$337,477.60	\$346,344.96
Total cost more than the old books		\$8,867.36
Total cost per pupil		.022

the 1916 contract which had expired and could not be used, as no company offered any such prices. The column marked "New Price Old Books" is the price of the old book and the cost if we had adopted the old texts. The column marked "New Books" is the price of the book adopted and by comparison it is noticeable that the price on some books was less than the old books. The column marked "Highest Price Book Offered" would have been the result if the board had selected the book offered in each class.

By Table No. 1 this is the conclusion, if the board had re-adopted the old text books and a patron should have bought a set it would have cost \$6.01 and to buy a set of the texts adopted will cost \$6.17.

The second table illustrates what the books will cost the children of the state, if each child in the grades effected buys a new book next term. "There are 402,086 to enter these grades, and if the board had adopted the old books at the price offered, it would cost \$337,477.60, and the new books would cost \$346,344.96, that is, if all the pupils buy the new books, it will be at an advance of \$8,867.36 over the old books, or two cents per pupil for 402,086 pupils.

The Spelling Book Story. "The speller used for the last five years was a special Indiana edition.

TEXAS AIRMEN START
SEARCH FOR AVIATOR

(By Associated Press)

EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 12.—Army planes from every station in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, were to leave Fort Bliss at dawn today to search for Lieutenant Alexander Pearson, who has been missing since he left here Thursday 10 a. m. Wireless and telephone messages have been sent to all stations and postmasters along the route between El Paso and Houston, a distance of 800 miles, in an effort to locate the missing pilot, who expected to land at Houston late Thursday.

A new crank shaft was fitted in Pearson's machine at Columbus, N. M., 90 miles west of here on Tuesday, and officers at Fort Bliss express the fear that bearings may have run hot and caused a sudden and possibly disastrous landing at some remote place in the sparsely settled country of west Texas.

Lieutenant Pearson, when he left here, was enroute to Pablo Beach, Fla., from which point he was to make a transcontinental flight to San Diego, Calif., in an effort to establish a record for the flight from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He expressed the opinion the flight could be made in less than 24 hours.

Pullman Employees Are Accused of Larceny

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THE RICHMOND PALLADIUM AND SUN-TELEGRAM, RICHMOND, IND., SATURDAY, FEB. 12, 1921.

Short News of City

Children Enjoy Exhibits—Saturday, Lincoln's birthday, was children's day at the library. The Lincoln exhibit room was open all day and children of the city were cordially invited to visit.

To Repeat Minstrels.—So many requests have been made to Will McWayne to repeat the Christian church minstrels, that it will be given again Tuesday night, Feb. 22, at the Christian church. Milton gave the minstrels a large, appreciative audience, and after the show gave the performers a fine lunch.

Gives Book Review.—The Rev. C. F. Miller will give a book review as the main feature of the regular meeting of the Ministerial association at the Y. M. C. A. Monday morning.

Observe Temperance Sunday—World's Temperance Sunday will be observed with a special service and program at 7:30 o'clock evening at the Third M. E. church in Fairview. Dr. George Wilcoxen will deliver the address. Other numbers on the program will include songs, recitations, readings, and a dialogue.

MADDY WILL TEACH N. Y. SUMMER CLASSES

J. E. Maddy, supervisor of music in the Richmond schools and conductor of the Symphony orchestra, has been appointed head of the instrumental music department of the Chautauqua Summer school, Chautauqua, N. Y., which is the world's oldest and largest summer school.

The school which was organized about 1870 now has an annual enrollment of 7,000. The appointment of Mr. Maddy makes this the second time the honor has been bestowed on him. He served in the same capacity last summer. He has demonstrated his ability as an organizer, conductor, and teacher during his residence here. It is understood that he will resume work here next fall after the summer school closes.

EARLHAM GLEE CLUB TO MAKE SPRING TOUR

Six contracts have been signed and concerts arranged for the annual spring tour of the Earlham Glee Club by Professor Samuel B. Garton, director of the club, with tentative arrangements at two other towns. The list of contracts includes dates at Newcastle, Wabash, Westfield, New London, Amboy and Mooresville. Definite arrangements are yet to be made with Kokomo and Anderson.

In order that the college may be advertised as widely as possible over the state, the engagements mentioned above have been secured at points not touched by the club on its itinerary last year.

Wendell Lamb, humorist and ledgerman performer, who was so successful in his work with the Earlham songsters last year, will appear with them again on their concert programs.

Preliminary to the spring vacation warble-fest the men have been engaged for week or weekend performances at New Madison, O., and Fountain City. March 1 is the date set for the New Madison trip. Also the club probably will appear before the Masons of Richmond in the near future.

The club roster this year will show the names of 20 men and they will be accompanied on all trips by Herman Miles and Wendell Lamb, besides the director and accompanist.