

BOYS CLUB WILL HOLD CONFERENCE

MEETING OF CLUBS IS TO RAISE
STANDARD OF CHARACTER
AMONG YOUNGSTERS.

TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

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Were Made During the Year
With the Older Boys.

Monroe.—The third annual State Boys' Conference will be held on Feb. 10, probably at Alexandria, according to A. K. Jones, representative of the state committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, who is in charge. Mr. Jones said there are 20 Y clubs, five student associations, colleges, six industrial organizations and five employed boys' brotherhoods in Louisiana.

During the year, he added, there were 430 personal interviews with older boys on their life problems and many boys have been "discovered" as Christian callings, these being among the activities of the state association, according to Mr. Jones.

"The purpose of these clubs," said Jones, "is to raise the standards of character among boys of high school grades. Their slogan is clean speech, clean habits, clean athletics and clean scholarship."

Mr. Jones said that the third annual State Boys' Conference will probably bring together more delegates than at the second session at Alexandria, when 214 boys attended.

Lockport.—This section was visited during the coldest weather of the year, the mercury dropping to 32 recently.

Columbia.—A new and modern electric light plant has been installed by the municipal authorities of Columbia.

Alexandria.—Michael's garage and filling station, corner Gould and Mohr streets, was damaged by fire to the amount of \$500. Fire was caused by a defective flue.

Denham Springs.—Rev. H. T. Combs, a resident of Denham Springs for a number of years, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Punctatious and will take up his residence there.

Monroe.—E. D. Collins, lately manager of the Fordyce Lumber Company with Little Rock lumber interests, has been appointed associate manager of the Crossett Lumber Company at that place.

Thibodaux.—The War Risk Bureau has arranged to have J. C. Keyser, of this city, take a course in number of Commerce work under instructor, John H. Keyser, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Monroe.—J. L. Crow, a Moorehouse farmer, was taken to the local hospital recently in a serious condition as a result of injuries received when a tree he had cut down over him. He was struck by a limb over the eye and his face and was badly injured.

Monroe.—Work is progressing satisfactorily on the grading of the Back road between Houma and Assumption parish line. It is believed that the work of grading will be completed within the next few months and that the State Highway Commission will then undertake the work of hard-surfacing this road, which is the principal artery of travel between Southwest Louisiana and New Orleans.

Columbia.—News was received here to the effect that the home and out-lying buildings of T. H. Benson of Columbia, La., were destroyed by fire last night, but the cause of the fire has not been ascertained.

Monroe.—The Ouachita parish police jury has received \$1,015,900 from the State. Barry and Company of New Orleans, representing a bond-buying syndicate, from the sale of the Ouachita bonds, according to announcement by John M. Breard, president of the jury.

Monroe.—Scott L. Hood Post No. 108 of the American Legion of Morehouse is planning to give a community Christmas tree at the Bastrop High school auditorium on Christmas Eve. The boys will be assisted by the Post's Auxiliary the Parent-Teachers Association and various other schools.

Monroe.—News has just reached here that the home of Ben Lenier, located on the twelve miles south of Monroe, has been destroyed by fire.

Monroe.—The Alexandria Oil and Gravel Company, which will operate in Ouachita parish where important sand and gravel deposits are found will begin operation within thirty days.

Monroe.—The Kiwanis Club at its noon luncheon recently adopted a resolution to appoint a committee for co-operation with the Monroe Rotary and Lions Clubs and other civic or fraternal organizations looking to the selection of a paid executive for the Boy Scouts of Monroe.

Roseland.—The building occupied by the Roseland Herald caught fire but was saved from destruction by the bucket brigade of the Veneer Factory, which was near by.

Bunkie.—By an agreement entered into between the local lighting company and the merchants Bunkie's main street has been lighted with a string of bright and colored lights during the holidays.

Thibodaux.—Lafourche Council 1114 K. of C. has appointed a building committee as follows: Charles A. Baudouin, L. Edwin Cailloquet, F. L. Knobloch, K. J. Braud, E. R. Marquette, P. A. Picau and Ismael Kerne. The committee will find a site and get the funds to provide a handsome home for the local council. Scuddy Braud was elected as one of the outer guards.

Bunkie.—The Bunkie Ice Company, Ltd., recently purchased a new 200 horsepower oil engine to be added to its present equipment for the purpose of supplying electrical current. Work on the buildings to accommodate the new installation has already begun. The engine will be shipped from the factory Dec. 30. This will give the company two units.

Columbia.—Fire of incendiary origin destroyed the hay barn of Marvin Lively, a planter in the Ouachita river valley, recently. J. J. Humble was called to the scene with bloodhounds and the dogs took up a trail and followed it to where the incendiary mounted a horse and went into a nearby swamp where the trail was lost. The loss was about \$800.

Thibodaux.—Grinding has been concluded on the Ghens place, the property of Charles W. Ghens of New Orleans, more than 1,000,000 pounds of sugar being made in a run of forty-three days. Five hundred acres of cane have been planted. Mr. Ghens, said to be 80 years old, has been actively in charge.

Lockport.—At a meeting of the directors of the Bank of Lockport held recently, much satisfaction was shown at the volume of business done during the year. They declared a 10 per cent semi-annual dividend, besides carrying a goodly sum to the plus.

Alexandria.—Judge Williams has adjourned District Court until 1 o'clock this afternoon as a mark of respect to Mrs. Francis E. David, wife of the sheriff of Rapides parish, whose funeral took place this morning, postponing further examination of witnesses in the trial of Jeff Gilchrist, charged with killing Henry Hilton, bridge toll collector.

Lockport.—On the large gas boat, R. & B. Joe Doucet was injured seriously while helping crank the large engine preparatory to leaving for a barge load of sugar cane. As he had his foot in the flywheel the engine backfired, caught his leg fairly in the wheel and broke it. He was taken to a hospital in New Orleans for treatment.

Oberlin.—An effort was made here recently to loot the safe of the Missouri Pacific Depot. The depot was broken open, the safe loaded on a hand car and carried up the track about one mile and broken open by picks and hammers. The robbers were heard by Isaac Rabonne, who went to investigate, and they fled without succeeding in getting the money drawer open.

Bunkie.—Harvesting of the cane crop in this section and along the Atchafalpa river will soon come to a close as most of the planters are rapidly finishing. The Shirley Company finished last week and Meeker, it is reported, will finish some time between Christmas and New Year. The tonnage in this section has run above expectations but the price received for the cane has been a disappointment.

Denham Springs.—At the recent meeting of the police jury, Clinton Stegall and C. F. McNabb were elected as members of the parish board of review.

Denham Springs.—Rayner Perry, who came here from Tennessee and established a chicken farm, has sold his farm and stock of chickens to Dr. C. C. Bloomfield of Baton Rouge.

Monroe.—Bishop Sessums of the Diocese of Louisiana preached at Christ Church at Bastrop recently.

Monroe.—The Pope Hardware Company has leased the second floor of its building at 105 and 107 North Grand street to Arthur A. Katten of New Orleans, president of the Arthur A. Katten Company, Inc., which will manufacture shirts and overalls in Monroe.

Columbia.—Roy Banister, young son of Henry Banister, who was accidentally shot, is reported to be on the road to recovery after an operation in St. Francis Sanitarium at Monroe.

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DEATH TAKES MOST VENERABLE EDITOR

COLONEL HENRY WATTERSON,
OLD SCHOOL JOURNALIST,
DIES PEACEFULLY.

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First Journalistic Experience Gained
On A Washington Newspaper
As Musical and Dramatic
Critic.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Co. Henry Watterson, known to the American people as one of the last surviving members of the old school of journalism and to his friends as "Marse Henry," died early last week at a hotel here. Death came peacefully, the venerable editor retaining consciousness almost to the end.

Henry Watterson was one of the last of the old-time personal journalists. More than half a century his editorials, with their brilliant original and phrase-making composition, attracted wide attention.

A natural bent for writing developed but even in this Mr. Watterson was seriously handicapped as an illness in infancy had affected his vision. His first journalistic experience was gained on a Washington (D. C.) newspaper as musical and dramatic critic.

Watterson's course in letters and journalism in the national capital was interrupted just as he attained his majority by the outbreak of the war. With his father, he opposed the secession movement, but upon declaring of hostilities he returned to his Tennessee home, and joined the army of the Confederacy.

NINE KILLED IN ARKANSAS STORM.

Earle.—A cyclone which passed through the northeast section of Crittendon county last week and struck the town of Earle, 29 miles from Earle, killed one white man and eight negroes outright and probably fatally injured many others.

The victims were in the store of Banks & Danber, a brick structure, which collapsed in the twister. A concrete gin standing about 100 yards away was partly demolished.

The wind reached a velocity of about 75 miles an hour, followed by one of the severest rainfalls in the history of this section.

Typhus Case Is Found.

Easton.—A woman 50 years old, who had just made a trip by water and rail to Jacksonville, Fla., and returned, has been found to be suffering from typhus, Health Commissioner Woodward has announced. Precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Postoffice Is Saved.

Washington.—The Postoffice Department has announced it had rescinded its order of October 25, discontinuing the Postoffice at Grange, Sharp county, Arkansas, and that the office will be resumed.

U. S. To Train Sailors.

Washington.—Establishment of a nautical school somewhere in the South for training former service men for the American Merchant Marine is planned by the Veterans' Bureau, Director Forbes has announced.

All Is Quiet In Lisbon.

Madrid.—A private dispatch sent from Lisbon by way of the Azores islands indicates that everything is quiet in Lisbon.

Georgic Bank Is Closed.

Savannah, Ga.—The People's Bank, with a capital of \$100,000, has failed to open its doors and is in the hands of state banking officials. The bank failed to withstand an all-day run recently.

To End Civil Service.

Washington.—A bill abolishing competitive examinations for postmasters and permitting the president to nominate anyone he pleases has been introduced by Representative Langley, Republican, of Kentucky.

Car Inspector Killed.

Alexandria, La.—A. H. Beavers, 33, car inspector of the Missouri Pacific railway was killed by a switch engine at the union station recently.

Want Debs Released.

Washington.—Pardon for Eugene V. Debs, imprisoned Socialist leader, was asked by a delegation of women who called at the White House bearing a petition said to have the signature of 35,000 persons, mostly neighbors and friends of Mr. Debs.

Educator Is Honored.

Washington.—Announcement of the selection of Eugene Allen Gilmore to be vice governor general of the Philippine Islands has been made by Secretary Weeks. Mr. Gilmore is a professor of law at the University of Wisconsin.

Tax Rate Is Increased.

Springfield, Ill.—The State Tax Board has fixed the state tax rate for next year at 45 cents, an increase of five cents.

PAULINA HENKEL



Little Paulina Henkel, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Paul Henkel of New York, is the most decorated young lady in the United States. Aside from the hundreds of medals she has, as testimony of her work during the war, when she personally raised \$3,300,000 during the five war loans, she has a score or more of loving cups and trophies presented to her by her hosts of admirers.

WOULD BANISH ALL SUBMARINES

BRITAINS PLEA RECEIVING NO
SUPPORT FROM OTHER
NATIONS.

Washington.—Great Britain's plea that the submarine be banished from the seven seas has been presented to the arms conference, but it received no support from any other power.

Spokesmen of France, Italy and Japan replied that they regard submarines, when properly employed, as a legitimate and valuable arm of naval strength, and were unprepared to see them abolished.

The American delegates took no final stand, but suggested that the conference turn its efforts toward such a revision of international practices as would prevent a repetition of the ruthless submarine method of the World War.

A further exchange of views on the British proposal will take place tomorrow unless France, whose representatives again are awaiting instructions from their premier, is prepared to go ahead with the delayed presentation of estimates for auxiliary craft she desires to keep under the naval reduction program. The French indicate tonight that they hope at tomorrow's meeting to at least make known their exact requirements as to submarine tonnage.

Discussions took place behind closed doors of the committee room, but the British asked that their opposition to the submarine be made public, and indicated that they probably will carry their fight later to an open session of the conference. They apparently do not hope to succeed, however, after today's expression of views and are planning to join in the move for an understanding to restrict the operation of underwater craft in future wars.

Baltic States Agree.

Reval.—A conference of foreign ministers of the Baltic states which comprise Finland, Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia, has decided to work for the completion of a commercial combination with Russia, and also to coordinate and develop an economic policy toward Russia in accordance with the Riga conference.

Auto Wreck Is Fatal.

Phoenix, Ari.—Hiram Phillips, formerly of St. Louis, consulting engineer of Phoenix, was killed, and L. B. Hitchcock, city engineer, and Mrs. Phillips were injured, the former seriously, when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on a road near here.

Agree On Relief Bill.

Washington.—Senate conferees have agreed to eliminate the bill carrying \$20,000,000 for the purchase of food for starving Russians all Senate amendments, including an item of \$500,000 for additional hospital facilities for war veterans.

Germans Still Buying.

Washington.—Despite unfavorable exchange conditions, German importers are continuing the purchase of Argentine products on an increasing scale, according to a report to the Commerce Department.

Is Nominated For Postmaster.

Washington, D. C.—The president has sent to the Senate the nomination of Herbert D. Edwards, an ex-service man, to be postmaster at Benton, Ark.

To Call Special Session.

Lincoln, Neb.—Gov. S. R. McKelvie has announced a special session of the legislature will be called about February 1 to consider among other things a proposal for a one-cent a gallon tax on gasoline and kerosene.

Students Stage Strike.

Fort Worth, Tex.—One hundred and 50 students in the Rosen Heights public school went on strike recently because the trustees had discharged a principal.

MAY HOLD MEETING ON WORLD FINANCES

REFUNDING OF FOREIGN DEBT
WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING
THE CONFERENCE.

NO DETAILS YET DECIDED

Believed That It Would Be Desirable
For Conference To Be Held In
Washington, President to Ap-
point Delegates.

Washington.—Abandonment of the pending bill authorizing the appointment of a commission to handle the refunding of foreign loans and substitution of a measure granting authority to American representatives to join with delegates from other nations in a general international economic conference may be approved by the administration.

Refunding of the foreign debt would be the principal task of the economic conference. Other questions which the American delegates probably would be authorized to consider would be the stabilization of international exchange and various economic issues involved in trade relations between the different countries, also the financing of European purchases from the United States.

If such a measure is presented to Congress, it may include a stipulation that American representatives would have no authority to agree to the cancellation of any part of the principal or interest of the foreign indebtedness. Congress has intimated that its sentiment is strongly against any cancellation and a restriction of this nature probably would be insisted upon.

Whether President Harding should take the initiative in extending an invitation to other countries to join in such a general conference is one of the matters under discussion. Some of the administration advisers believe it would be preferable to have the debtor nations take the initiative. Accordingly, the matter to be presented to Congress may not request the president to issue invitations for the conference, but instead authorize him to appoint delegates to such a gathering with authority to undertake the refunding of foreign loans and deal with other financial and economic questions.

Many of the Republican Congressional leaders believe that it would be desirable that such a conference should be held in Washington. If the invitations are issued by another country however, it might be held in Europe.

Big Cafe To Be Closed.

New York.—Healey's, for years one of the best known restaurants in New York, soon is to be closed, a victim of prohibition. Thomas J. Healey, the proprietor, has sold the establishment to several Chinese, who will convert it into a chop suey emporium.

Louisiana Man Decorated.

New Orleans.—Col. L. A. Toombs, adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard, has been awarded the Distinguished Service medal for service during the war as provost marshal in Italy. Col. Toombs, it is believed, is the only Louisiana emergency officer thus honored.

Warrants For Robbers.

Salem, Ill.—Warrants charging four men held here with complicity in the robbery of the State Bank of Laka at Laka have been issued. Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in cash and jewelry were obtained in the robbery.

Fight Snakes With Gas.

New York.—Second corps headquarters of Governors Island today received from Huzum, Wash., details of an experiment conducted by the Department of Agriculture to rid the state of venomous reptiles by means of mustard gas.

Aid For Mellon.

Washington.—Elmer Dover of Tacoma, Wash., has been nominated to the Senate by President Harding to be assistant secretary of the treasury.

Cotton Rate Reduced.

Austin, Tex.—A 10 per cent rate reduction on cotton in Texas has been granted by the Texas Railroad Commission on application of the roads.

Cas Victim Succumbs.

Columbus, O.—With the death of Mrs. W. B. Harris of Continental, O., at a local hospital, the death toll of the gas explosion at the Wright's women's furnishing store last week was increased to three.

Vessel Under Tow.

Hallifax, N. S.—The Canadian government steamer Lady Laurier has succeeded in putting a line aboard the United Shipping Board steamer New England, in distress 30 miles off this port, and is towing her here.

Szechenyi To Be Envoy.

Washington.—Hungary is preparing to name Count Laszlo Szechenyi, who in 1903 married Gladys M. Vanderbilt of New York, as its new minister to Washington.

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