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## FORD INTERESTED IN NORTH CAROLINA ROADS

Raleigh Dispatch.—Senator J. R. Baggett, of Harnett county, came to Raleigh with a story of Henry Ford's interest in a railroad running through North Carolina to the sea and connecting with coal mines he has acquired in Kentucky. Ford wants a means of conveying coal to the coast for supplying steamers and he recently offered ninety million dollars for the Virginia railway, the Harnett senator reported, expressing certainty that he had received a piece of news that came straight from the automobile manufacturer.

Mr. Baggett is interested in a railroad project himself, and it was through the enterprise that he heard of Ford's interest. His road is the proposed Carolina Central, route to run from Lillington to Jacksonville and Swansboro on the coast; and he announced maturing plans for actual construction work.

Common stock to the amount of \$680,000 has already been subscribed for his project, chartered by the general assembly in 1911, and twice that amount will run it through the 110 miles of level country between Lillington and the coast. Surveyors are at work now, and next April is set as the likely time for putting the construction forces to work.

The Harnett man was on here to report his news to Governor Morrison and inquired as to the advisability of getting the state ship and water transportation commission to look into harbor possibilities around Jacksonville and Swansboro. Swans considered the greatest coal station in the world.

Ford, according to Mr. Baggett, could be brought down here to consider the possibilities of getting a railroad through this state. Baggett sees wonderful potentialities in connection with Tam Bowie's railroad, the line running from High Point to Aberdeen and his now projected railway starting 30 miles east of Aberdeen and running to the former site of the World's greatest coal station.

Ford, he pointed out has a road running south from Detroit in the direction of his Kentucky coal mines. And a road from the mines through North Carolina to the coast would give the financier some several hundred miles of rails forming a half moon.

The deal for the purchase of the Virginia was declined by Mr. Baggett to be depended upon terminal facilities at Norfolk, Va.

## WHAT GERMANY HAS PAID

A brief item in the daily newspapers a few days ago, under a headline date line, stated that the total reparations payments made by Germany aggregated \$24,000,000,000. The statement was surprising and doubtless many people who read it thought that Germany had done remarkably well to pay that much money in four years; and the natural feeling was that if Germany had paid twenty billions already there was no good reason for pressing that country. But the statement was German made and intended to deceive. In the New York Times Charles H. Grasty gives authoritative figures of the payments actually made by Germany on reparations account, and shows that the total is about three billion eight hundred millions, and of this sum only about one billion cash and deliveries in kind. The remainder (that is, the remainder of the three billion eight hundred millions), which cannot properly be considered as reparations, includes restitutions—property taken by German armies and since returned, and sequestered property abroad, including German holdings in this country, most of which will eventually be returned.

It is absurd of course to count as a part of the reparations payment the return of stolen property and sequestered property in allied countries, unless the latter was actually accepted and credited on reparations account; and most of the sequestered German property in this country, at least, will be restored to Germany. In reality then, instead of paying twenty billion on reparations account, Germany has actually paid not quite one and a quarter billion dollars. Germany has not abandoned the common practice of attempting deception and fraud. The misleading and false statement from Berlin is evidence, if any were needed, that Germany intends, if possible, to evade the reparations payments promised. Wherefore there is more sympathy for France and less concern as to what that country may do to Germany—Landmark.

## MORRISON NAMES GARDENING WEEK

Raleigh, April 24.—Governor Cameron Morrison today designated April 22-28 as North Carolina gardening week in connection with the program for the gardening campaign.

"North Carolina should take the lead as a state of beautiful and distinctive highways, cities and homes, because of richness in its own varieties, shrubs, vines and flowers," C. D. Mathews, chief of the division of horticulture, of the extension service, said.

"Each town should adopt some tree shrub or flower particularly adapted to its locality and a determined and united effort to encourage its planting and use should be made. The planting of uniform variety of trees in the city street or the planting of one good variety of flower in an extensive manner is possibly the best advertising a town can have.

"Why not make North Carolina distinctive as the land of the Long Leaf Pine by planting this tree along our highways? The loblolly and yellow pines might be used where the long leaf variety will not grow.

"The vegetable gardens should be a continuous one. With careful planting fresh vegetables may be served direct from the garden each day of the year. The spring garden will consist largely of the salad and root crops; the summer garden is made up largely of vegetable fruits and the edible seeds; the fall garden of roots, salads and vegetable fruits, and the winter garden will be composed largely of root and salad crops, he said.

## 3 MONTHS AND NO FATALITY IN AIR

Rantoul, Ill., April 24.—Not a fatality has been checked against the air service during the three months that have elapsed since Major General Maso M. Patrick, chief of the United States Air Service, issued orders to the commanding officers of Chanta, Boling, Langley, Michell, McCook and Salisbury Fields to inaugurate regular scheduled flights over a model airway over the eastern and middle western states, according to records here.

The model air course takes in New York, Hampton, Va., Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, Kokomo, Ind., and Rantoul. Each field dispatches a plane bi-weekly.

The records show that the first flights were not all completed on schedule time, but each trip has shown an improvement. A trip recently completed was from Chanute Field to Dayton, O., to Columbus, O., back to Dayton, O., to Moundsville, W. Va., to Washington to Cambridge, Md., to New York, back to Washington, to Chanute Field. The distance Moundsville, to Cleveland, to Detroit to Toledo, back to Detroit to Kokomo, Ind., and return to cover was more than 2,200 miles and the total actual flying time was 22 hours and ten minutes.

While no aviator was killed, yet the flights were far from devoid of excitement and hair-breadth escapes.

Major F. L. Martin in a recent trip left Chanute on a route which covered 1800 miles. He was not furnished with strip maps covering the entire route, but only for territory a few miles on each side of the route. The only landing place between Zanesville, Ohio and Washington is Moundsville, the remaining landscape being almost continuously level. Major Martin tried a more direct route than that outlined and almost immediately ran into a strong head-wind and dense clouds. He was blown off his course while flying over the mountains. After some time of aimless flying, trying to obtain his bearings, he suddenly realized his gas was getting low his oil was almost gone, and that he had no place to land. He was rather high at the time and dropped down to try for a landing. Just before his gas gave out he saw a town and recognized it as Moundsville, his original objective. On landing safely he found he had only three gallons of gasoline left, and had no oil.

Lieutenant Floyd A. Lundell started the only flight in the three months that was not carried to a successful conclusion, but fellow aviators look upon him as having a charmed life. His first mishap on his route from Chanute to New York was when a spark plug went wrong and he was forced down near Wheeling, W. Va. He repaired the damage and took off again only to find dense clouds confronting him. When he had climbed above them he learned

## THE CAMP GROUND CLEARED

The men of the Boone Chamber of Commerce spent Monday working on a forest in the town cleaning it off to be used as a camping ground for summer tourists who may want to come for a camping trip to this little town. The place is very suitable for the purpose and it is hoped that those who desire to take a camping trip for the summer will avail themselves of this opportunity to enjoy a pleasant stay. It is the purpose of Boone to make this a place of real pleasure to those who may wish to use it. Boone says: "Come and Welcome!"

At the noon hour a most sumptuous dinner was spread by the ladies of the Parent-Teachers' Association, which, it goes without saying, was very much enjoyed by all who partook thereof. After the meal was served, the ladies to show their interest in the work being done, spent some little time in piling brush and doing other work on the grounds. They have the thanks of all for their hearty cooperation.

J. M. DOWNUM.

## BED-RIDDEN, FAMILY OF NINE FACES HUNGER IN YADKIN

By L. J. HAMPTON

Hamptonville, April 20.—It isn't often that a plea for material help to sustain life in the body has been sent out of Yadkin county, but a pitiable case of a family sick and afflicted, without even meat or bread in the home for the next meal, was yesterday called to the attention of Sheriff C. E. Moxley who is leading a campaign to expel the wolf from the door until health is restored.

The case was reported by Mail carrier J. W. Garner. For many weeks Mr. and Mrs. John Southern an other family of seven children, the oldest one 13 years old and the youngest an infant in arms, have been battling against the ravages of a measles epidemic. The father and all the children were afflicted, two or more of them being bedridden at a time. All but the mother suffered from the contagious disease and the father is just now able to walk a little with, it is feared, symptoms of even a more terrible malady.

Last week Mr. Garner furnished them meat and other foods from his store without charge. It was the first meat they had had in their home for several weeks. But this supply is exhausted and an appeal was made through Sheriff Moxley for additional help to keep the family from starvation and want. It is stated that not a member of the family except the mother is able to even walk about the house and the mother is kept less waiting upon and serving those who are still bedridden.

A call for donations of money, food of any kind to sustain the body and to furnish nourishment to the ailing children and father, has been broadcasted and the press has been asked to help in the appeal. Any amount of food of any kind suitable for the human palate, will be thankfully accepted by the family, it is pointed out.

Persons who feel that they want to contribute of their means to help relieve this pitiable situation are asked by Sheriff Moxley to send their donations of money or food to Thomas F. Miller, superintendent Flat Rock Baptist Sunday school, Hamptonville, N. C., and they may be assured that every cent will be used in Mr. and Mrs. Southern and their children.

## Do you take Your County Paper?

he was out of oil. He again landed safely, replenished his oil tank and was off again for Washington. He arrived there a day late, but went on immediately to New York intending to make up time by returning to Washington the same afternoon. Lieut. Lindell started from New York just before twilight and a strong wind almost immediately blew him off his course. He finally found himself on the edge of Chesapeake Bay fighting an outgoing wind. He was forced to land, but it was too dark to see the ground. He finally decided to go it blind and landed in a field but Lady Luck had her head turned the other way and he hit the only tree in the field. His plane crashed and was demolished, but the aviator escaped with a slight cut over the eye.

## TRUSTEES OF A. T. S. MEET

The Trustees of the Appalachian Training School met at the Coffey Hotel Monday night and Tuesday morning. Money matters, pertaining to the enlargement of the institution were discussed. The power plant had due consideration. Every piece is now ordered to repair the old plant. A new plant of some kind will be built.

The model school, the physical educational building, the improvement of the grounds were authorized.

The Board was a unit as to the policy of the school. Expressed approval of the faculty as a whole, and five departments of the student body.

The Appalachian Training School is forward looking—it is to be a real Normal College, with a full course of two years above a high school.

President Dougherty is working hard. He has big plans for the future of the school. When he begins a thing, he never stands back until it has been accomplished.

Those present were Capt. E. F. Lott, E. S. Coffey, Adolphus Taylor, F. H. Coffey.

## MISS ESTHER RANSOM DIED IN HICKORY

Miss Esther Exam Ransom, daughter of the late Senator and Mrs. Matt W. Ransom, died suddenly at the suburban home of her brother, Col. Robert Ransom, in the southern part of the city at 1 o'clock this morning. Organic heart disease was the cause.

Saturday and Sunday Miss Ransom was in apparently good health, and her brother had no reason to feel alarmed until late last night. She had suffered for some time with valvular heart disease, however, and the end came suddenly.

Miss Ransom was born in Northampton county and came to Hickory in 1873 and resided here and at Blowing Rock, a section of the country to which she was devoted. Her interest in the people of the mountains was genuine and helpful. She knew them all for miles around and they loved her. In Hickory during the influenza epidemic in the winter of 1917-18 Miss Ransom served day and night and no call found her unwilling her purse always was ready to relieve the poor.

Educated at St. Mary's, Raleigh; Ozontz College and Patapsco Institute, Baltimore, and in Miss Davis's school in New York, Miss Ransom also was widely traveled, having accompanied her parents to Mexico while the senator was ambassador there and spent part of her life in Washington.

She was a member of the Episcopal church.

Miss Ransom is survived by four brothers, J. E. and P. E. Ransom, Northampton county; Geo. E. Ransom, Halifax county, and Robert Ransom, Hickory. A sister-in-law, Mrs. M. W. Ransom, of Littleton, also survives.—Hickory Daily Record, 17th.

## Louise Lorraine



From bathing girl and minor roles in the "movies" to leads in comedies and later in leading roles in serials in which she faced many wild beasts, then to star parts in feature pictures, has been the record of pretty Louise Lorraine, who is known to all lovers of motion pictures.

## MASS MEETING NOMINATES TICKET FOR COMING MUNICIPAL ELECTION

On Monday night a good number of men, representatives of the different sections of the town of Boone met at the Court House for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and town aldermen, who are to be elected on May 8th.

After stating the object of the meeting, Mayor Hahn appointed Mr. G. P. Hagaman Chairman and Mr. A. W. Smith, Secretary. Nomination being in order Mr. Hahn, incumbent, was nominated by acclamation as candidate for Mayor. He has gained great favor with the citizenship of the town during his term in office, and despite his protests, will most likely be the next mayor, as no other nominations were made, and there is apparently no diversity of public sentiment as to this office.

In order that there might not be dissatisfaction, and as the assembly believed, for the mutual advantage of all the town was divided into three sections—the western, including all west of the Court House; while that part between the Court House and the residence of Dr. Anders was designated as central, and from that point to the corporate limits, the eastern—and representatives from each of these sections nominated one man for Alderman. As a result of the balloting: Mr. T. B. Moore, Dr. Mc. G. Anders and Mr. J. Frank Moore, the two latter serving on the old board, were nominated by the respective delegations.

All of these men have the public good at heart, and should they be elected, we shall expect a fearless, progressive and efficient administration for the next two years.

The assembly in rising took a vote of thanks to each of the former officials, in appreciation of their progressiveness and efficiency in office.

## COUNTERFEITERS FALL PREY TO SLOUTHS WHO SEIZE MAMMOTH PLANT

United States officers assisted by Sheriff John Hardwood, of Durham county today effected the arrest of four men alleged to be a part of a southern branch of Chicago counterfeiters, when a raid was made upon the home of Tom Davis, several miles from this city, on the New Hope Valley road and equipment for printing United States bank notes. The men, W. T. Davis, Alvin Sam Davis, J. R. Davis, J. J. Davis, J. J. Davis, J. J. Davis and Thomas Davis, are being held in the county jail under heavy bonds, five of which are \$5,000 each.

In the equipment seized at the Davis home was a small press, green ink plates for \$50 notes, special paper, and steel rollers. All the machinery except the plates were in a trunk said to have been shipped north from Chicago. The plate was found among some newly laundered clothes.

Charles Davis, son of the man in whose house the printing outfit was found, was arrested in Chicago recently as a member of a gang of counterfeiters. It was through his arrest that federal authorities learned that the other Davises lived in this state.

Henry A. Thomas, chief of the Charlotte bureau of the Treasury department and C. H. Hunicutt, deputy marshal from Raleigh, were the federal officers taking part in the roundup. It is stated that government detectives have been working on the case for more than a year.

The Davis who was arrested in Chicago is said to have a long and varied criminal record in North Carolina, and at one time served in the state prison for forgery. He is declared to have been pardoned by Governor Bickett several years ago.

The treasury notes exhibited by the federal officers today, said to have been printed on the press just recently and passed in Salisbury and other sections of the state, were only fair specimens of counterfeiting. They were printed on two thin pieces of paper with silk threads carefully placed between them. Upon closer inspection the notes could readily be detected as counterfeit.

The federal officers returned to Raleigh late this afternoon with the equipment.

Preliminary hearing has been set for April 30 before Commissioner R. C. Cox.

## BLOWING ROCK ROAD TO BE HARD SURFACED

Hickory, April 20.—With the announcement that the Blowing Rock highway between the concrete bridge, just north of Hickory, to the Watauga line is to be hardsurfaced as soon as practicable, Hickory and Catawba county people are thinking of the nearly three miles between this city and the bridge that must be paved to make a through road from Blowing Rock to Gastonia and Charlotte.

It is not expected to more than grade the highway this year. It will be ready for the hard-surface in 1924 and by the summer of 1925 will be completed, it is thought. Hickory will see to it that the Catawba link is built, an effort is hoped here that the Central highway link between Newton and Statesville also can be built in the next few years. The Catawba county commissioners have been authorized by the general assembly to assist in road construction, but the question of locating the Central highway between the river and Newton has caused it to be dropped for the present.

Prof. B. B. Dougherty, president of the Appalachian Training school some time ago gave a description of the road work being done from Boone to the Tennessee line and to Blowing Rock. A first rate all-year road is being laid, and part of it is now in use. In another year there will be a good start on hard surface from Hickory to Boone.

## CHEAP ADVICE

It does beat all the immense quantity and varied assortment of good (?) advice one can gather in any community, entirely unsolicited, and we venture to say that if one should start out with an honest solicitation for advice, in twenty-four hours he would have enough gathered to answer every purpose in life, if it would only come up to the guarantee.

And it is observable that advice comes most freely from those less qualified on any given subject. The man who never tasted liquor can tell the drunkard just how to quit drinking and make a man of himself. The fellow who has never had the thrilling experience of holding a loving maiden's hand, can tell exactly how you can raise a large family and get along happily with your wife. The fellow who has never been sick a day in his life can diagnose your disease the minute you impart to him you are "a bit under the weather." The fellow who can't write his own name knows just how the schools should be operated and what should be taught. The fellow who can't repeat the Lord's prayer or the Ten Commandments knows exactly how to run the church or how the preachers should preach. And the fellow that doesn't know the difference between a printing press and a cider mill, or whether you spell bull with a big or small "b" can just beat the socks off the editor publishing a newspaper.

Isn't it ridiculous that all the immense amount of ego should be found waiting on every corner to harass people who are getting along of life and tending to their own business.

The man who has thoroughly mastered one profession does not pretend to know everything. He knows that to keep up with his own vocation he has to keep busy learning the new things that are continually coming before him or he will loose out, and if you ask him for information on any subject which does not come within the scope of his profession, he will tell you frankly that he is not posted, and will refer you to some one that is. When you are sick you have a physician visit you who knows what to do for a man in your condition; you don't send for a plumber who was never sick a day in his life. If you are a habitual drunkard and want to quit the pesky stuff, you can't afford to take the preacher's or Sunday school teacher's advice who don't know the effect of hard cider, but rather you should confer with some one who has been through the mill and delivered himself safely from your same condition.

And so it goes on down the line of life's everyday problems. Men who have drank deep in experience are the best advisors, but are loth in giving advice, fearing their good intentions will be misconducted and knowing that, after all, experience is the best and most reliable teacher.