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THIRTY MILLION ROAD ISSUE IS LIKELY

That May Be Made to Have Legislature Increase Amount

(Asheville Citizen.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 13.—Thirty million dollars is now being advanced as the figure upon which the General Assembly will most likely agree when it comes to authorize further bonds for the building of highways.

That is ten millions below the amount heretofore widely advocated for the state and ten millions above the amount generally favored by some of the leaders in administration circles.

The size of the next bond issue is completely loaded with possibilities of developing a first rate fight on the floor of the Legislature than any other legislative question that has up far been advanced. It is not favored by experienced political observers that an attack on the budget recommendations of the Governor and his Budget Advisory commission will get very far. Those recommendations will look to the appropriation of all State revenue in prospect for the next two years and it will be difficult to get beyond that. Besides a feeling of people feel that the institutions and departments are getting enough under existing circumstances, and the feeling will be strongly reflected at the next session.

But it will be a different feeling with regard to road bonds, unless those who have observed developments of the last two years are mistaken. About half of the counties of the State will want a bond issue of sufficient size to guarantee the payment of loans advanced of the State by the last Legislature and the other half will want a bond issue large enough to assure them on road construction that will put them on a parity with the counties which, by advancing money to the State, have enjoyed big construction programs.

Amount of Advances
The amount of advances to the State runs between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000, it is said. Forty or fifty counties have issued county bonds to make the loans. The interest on those bonds is being paid from county taxes. County taxes are levied against property. By transferring the local bonds from the counties to the State, the interest charges will be taken off the local property tax and put upon the State's special highway fund, derived from automobile licenses and gasoline.

Nobody believes that representations from those counties will be satisfied with a bond issue of any amount below that which will make it possible for the State to take over those loans in accordance with the understanding at the time they were made. Nor are the counties which did not make advances expected to agree to a bond issue that, after the repayment of other counties, will leave nothing for the State highways in which they are mainly interested.

Those now talking a thirty million dollar bond issue have figured it out so that it will be sufficient to take care of the loans and provide for the continuance of the construction programs in the counties which have not made advances. But if it is found that it will take forty millions, it will be a mighty task to prevent the Legislature from authorizing that amount.

Neither Governor McLean nor Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway commission has indicated what size bond issue he will favor. The Governor said recently that he probably would not make his preference known until after the Legislature has convened. It is altogether probable that the recommendations of the Governor and Chairman Page will be in accord.

It has been suggested that there be a proposal made for the State to take over a portion of the county bonds with the proceeds from the bonds authorized by the coming Legislature with the understanding that the remainder would be taken care of in the 1929 session. Such a compromise would make possible the holding down of the amount of the issue.

Highway Program
Further involving the highway program for the next two years will be movement on the part of representatives from the northeastern section of the State to make two districts of territory now included in the first district now has 20 counties

OUR CHRISTMAS CAROL

By A. B. CHAPIN



Waldrop Case In Cherokee Up On Appeal

Mountaineer Tried For Killing, Claims Self Defense

RALEIGH, Dec. 14.—A case smacking of a mountain feud is docketed to come up for argument before the Supreme court here this week with nine cases from the Twentieth district and three specially set cases are hard.

At the conclusion of the week's docket the court will take a recess until the beginning of the winter term on January 31.

The mountain case involves a six-year sentence for manslaughter imposed upon Jim Waldrop by Judge Harding in Cherokee County Superior court. Waldrop, alleged moonshiner, was convicted of killing his one-time partner in the liquor business, Sam Burgess. Out of a maze of contradictory evidence it developed that the dead man accused Waldrop of shooting holes in his liquor bar and that an argument ensued which ended in a gun battle. Waldrop was wounded and claims that Burgess fired first, causing him to shoot in self defense.

In another case James Pace and John Nelson are appealing from a six month's road sentence imposed for aiding a prisoner to escape from the roads of Cherokee county. They are alleged to have gained Gudgeon Cochran's release on a spurious bond.

Miss Kathryn Thompson who has been attending school at Virginia Intermont in Bristol, is home for the Xmas holidays.

one-fifth of all the counties in the State. Many of the people there feel that they have not received their share of the highway mileage. They want more hard surfaced roads, and, necessarily, more money with which to build them. Their program, if they succeed in finding favor for it in the Legislature, may affect the size of the new bond issue.

The Highway commission's plan of accepting loans from the counties for building State highways within those counties came into operation after the last General Assembly had agreed to a \$20,000,000 bond issue to finance construction work for the ensuing two years. A movement in that session to authorize a \$35,000,000 issue was abandoned at the request of the Governor and after Chairman Frank Page had made a statement to the effect that a \$20,000,000 issue would provide with other money on hand, the finances for all the construction work the commission could do in two years.

But by resorting to the county loans, the program originally scheduled has been greatly expanded.

STATE HAS LARGE MARBLE DEPOSITS

Plenty of Stone in This State For Building Purposes, Says Phillips

(Raleigh News and Observer.)
Since the time when the use of various kinds of stones has come into vogue in construction work, it has been the habit, if not the custom, in this State to import a large part of these materials from other States often far distant, when at her very door exist these materials of the finest quality and in sufficient quantity to meet virtually every demand.

Huge sums, running into the millions of dollars have been sent into other states for various stone products, when this money might just as well have stayed within the borders of North Carolina; have saved for the builders and have built up home industry.

This information is imparted in a statement issued yesterday by Wade H. Phillips, director of the department of conservation and development following a report on deposits of marble in Western North Carolina in the vicinity of Murphy by State Geologist H. J. Bryson.

This survey shows that marble exists in sufficient quantities in what is known as the "Marble Belt" to supply the needs of the entire State for an indefinite period and of such quality as to be suitable for most building purposes in which stone is used. Although the existence of marble has been known and it has been quarried intermittently, mostly for tombstone purposes, for years, the extent of the available material had not been fully realized until recent tests had been made.

Lying along the basin of the Valley river about three and one-half miles east or Murphy, the marble strata is conveniently located. This area is tapped by the Southern Railway and the new Appalachian Scenic highway.

Borings have been made in which it was found that there is almost a continuous mass of the material over a territory of ten miles in length. Holes were sunk in a strip 300 feet wide and in some places to a depth of 200 feet. The belt of which this deposit is a part extends in a northeast-southwest direction almost across the western end of North Carolina.

In quality, the investigation reveals that the marble is of the highest grade and one of the best building materials. Its color varies in shade from white on the south side of the deposit to deep gray-blue on the north side. The deep blue has been used several years for tombstones and some of it has been widely shipped.

It is for the purpose of building materials that there are almost unlimited possibilities for the marble because of its hardness and its non-

Tack Swallowed By Shoemaker Is Got With Knife

Thomas Rich, West Asheville shoemaker, underwent an operation at the Meriwether hospital Thursday for the removal of a tack from his stomach, swallowed Tuesday. Hospital attendants pronounced the operation successful and said that Mr. Rich would recover.

Mr. Rich, who is employed at the Electric shoe shop, Haywood road, had been working on some shoes Tuesday, with a mouth full of tacks. One of them slipped. First it lodged in his throat, and later went on to his stomach. Mr. Rich went to the hospital Wednesday night, suffering from great pain. The tack was located by means of the x-ray.

Mr. Rich is 23-years-old. He lives at 52 Westwood place, West Asheville.

Rich formerly lived at Andrews.

SCOUT TO TAKE 3 DAYS FOR XMAS

The Scout force will take Friday, Saturday and Monday, Dec. 24, 25, and 27th off during Christmas. However, the office will be open mornings and afternoons for several hours, but no work will be executed.

We take this opportunity of thanking all those who have in any way contributed toward the support of The Scout during the past year, and every member of this organization extends best wishes to readers and friends for

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1927.

absorption of liquids or stains such as oils and iron oxides, says Geologist Bryson. Recent tests by Joseph Quinn, who has had charge of construction work on the Cherokee county courthouse which is constructed of this marble for oil and oxide stains, have shown non-observant and non-stainable qualities.

Mr. Quinn, who has worked with all kinds of stone in every state east of the Mississippi river, declares that it is the finest marble that he has found that is unobtainable. It is Mr. Quinn's opinion that this marble is the best building stone in existence except the granites and that it compares favorably with them. The marble is from fine to medium grained and has a sort of metallic ring when struck with a hammer.

Since 1901 the marble has been quarried more or less regularly, but has not been exploited to a very great extent for building purposes.

XMAS SERVICES TO BE HELD AT THE CHURCHES

Methodist and Baptist Yuletide Services to Be Held Friday Night; Presbyterian's Sunday Morning

The churches of Murphy are preparing to hold Yuletide services this week. The programs will be short, consisting of Christmas songs, gift giving and other features in keeping with the natal day of the Lowly Nazarene.

The Methodist Church and Sunday school will hold their services Friday night, beginning at 7 o'clock. The program will consist of Christmas carols by the Primary and Junior grades of the Sunday school, together with music appropriate of the season by the choir. A tree will be prepared and gifts presented to the children. Mrs. E. J. Harbison, Mrs. Willard Axley and Miss Josephine Heighway have charge of the program.

The members of the Baptist choir are preparing to render a playlet, in song and tableau, entitled "The Christmas Wail," on Friday night beginning at 6:30. The Primary and Junior departments will also take part in the program, which will consist of Christmas carols. No Christmas tree will be prepared, but the committee is preparing for old Santa to come down the chimney. The chimney will be constructed at one of the doors near the pulpit. Gifts will be given to the children after the program. Mr. G. H. Cope, Mrs. T. P. Calhoun, Mrs. Ralph Moody and Mrs. J. W. Davidson have charge of the music.

The Presbyterian Church will hold services at the Sunday school hour Sunday morning. No program will be rendered, other than the singing of Christmas hymns and carols by the congregation. A large barrel or container will be placed in a conspicuous place within the church and members of the church and Sunday school will bring gifts to be placed therein for the Orphanage.

A Criminal—And Crazy

More than half a century ago an eastern newspaper published the following bit of news regarding a dealer in a new invention. Imagine what would have happened to him if he had been peddling radio sets:

"A man about 46 years of age, giving the name of Joshua Copper-smith, has been arrested in New York for attempting to extort funds from ignorant and superstitious people by exhibiting a device which he says will convey the human voice any distance over metallic wires so that it will be heard by a listener at the other end.

"He calls the instrument a 'telephone' which is obviously intended to imitate the word 'telegraph' and win the confidence of those who know of the success of the latter instrument without understanding the principles on which it is based. Well-informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over the wires as may be done with the dots and dashes and signals of the Morse code, and that, were it possible to do so, the thing would be of no practical benefit.

"The authorities who apprehended this criminal are to be congratulated, and it is to be hoped that his punishment will be prompt and fitting that it may serve as an example to other conscienceless schemers of their fellow creatures."

Mr. H. C. Caldwell, of Asheville, President of the Caldwell Medicine Company of that city, was a visitor here one day last week. Mr. Caldwell's company manufacturer's "Sams' Salve," a preparation for Catarrh, Influenza, headache, tooth ache, etc. He stated that 17,000 25c boxes had been sold since the first of last October, the date the company was organized, and that prospects were unusually good for his product during the coming year. He was en route through Western North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee, visiting all the newspapers in which his products is being advertised and the dealers of the territory.

Mr. H. A. Mattox who has been attending school in Atlanta, Ga., at Emory University is spending the holidays with his parents.

CHECKS BEING DISTRIBUTED TO CO. PENSIONERS

Thirty Old Soldiers and Forty-Six Widows Of Soldiers in Cherokee On List

The soldiers of the Confederate Army, often referred to as "The Old Soldiers," "Veterans of the Lost Cause," "The Soldiers in Gray," whose lines are fast diminishing not only in this county and state but throughout the South, numbering thirty, with forty-six widows for Cherokee County, have been receiving the semi-annual pension checks through the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, P. C. Hyatt. This week. There are several who have not yet called for their checks and Mr. Hyatt requests that they do so as soon as possible.

The checks are in denominations of \$100.00 each for the veterans, and \$50.00 each for the widows of veterans. Records show that two widows have died during the year; and one has been transferred to the county home, checks for whom will have to be returned to the state, it was announced.

The list of veterans drawing checks follows:

H. H. Allen, William H. Arrowood, J. W. Arrowood, M. M. Blackwell, Henry Brendle, A. J. Cotter, S. P. Elliott, A. Fulton, James A. Griffith, William H. Harding, M. W. Harris, J. H. Hughes, James Humphrey, M. A. Hyatt, Eph Keener, J. R. Martin, James Matoy, L. C. Nichols, John W. Palmer, D. S. Puett, Wesley Raxter, William Rose, E. A. Savage, J. T. Stalcup, George Y. Stalcup, J. E. Stewart, John E. Stiles, J. G. Tatham, W. E. Waldrop, James M. Whitaker.

The list of widows of veterans receiving checks follows:

Sophonra Aldridge, Josephine Allman, Mary Cooper Berrill, A. E. Battle, Mary E. Bell, Harriet E. Bryant, Mary Bryson, M. A. Clayton, Rachael A. Craig, M. P. Cromwell, Sarah Ann Davis, Nancy Dotson, Sadie Earwood, Josephine Evans, Rebecca E. Hall, Elmira Hall, Oline L. Hoyle, Martha Huskins, Ruth Huskins, Georgia Johnson, Harriet A. Keener, Elmira King, S. E. King, Iowa Scott Leatherwood, Vina Welch, E. C. Weese, Nancy Taylor, Cynthia J. Standridge, Eliza J. Sneed, Mary E. Robinson, Martha R. Roberson, Harriet Reagan, Mary J. Pulliam, Lula Porter, Sallie Phillips, Nancy Palmer, Joey Noble, Martha A. Moss, Mrs. A. C. Moore, Elizabeth Mayfield, Sallie Martin, Avoine Martin, S. A. Martin, Malinda McDonald, Elvira Long, M. A. Logan.

Miss Nora Leach is visiting relatives in Franklin.



Wehew, N. C., Dec. 20, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:
We are little twins, ten years old, and would like for you to bring us a little toy stove, with pans, and some toys, we have dolls, tea sets and beds. We would like some pretty toys.

Your little friends,
JAUNITA and GENEVA HILL.

Etowah, Tenn., Dec. 18, 1926.

Mr. Editor,
Cherokee Scout.

Dear Sir:
I am mailing you a check for \$1.50 to renew my subscription for another year, as I feel lost with out my home paper. It's just like getting a letter from a friend. With a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my friends.

JOHN W. ASH.

Rev. J. P. Anderson, D. D., of La Fayette, Ga., will preach in the Presbyterian church in Murphy, morning and evening, on the fifth Sunday in January, 1927. We understand that a call may be extended to Dr. Anderson.