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while they sit in their shirt sleeves by the open windows. We were charged 80 cents a day for board including the services of a waiter to keep us a good fire day and night. We left town on Tuesday morning the 7th—January. I passed through a thickly settled country to Pittsburg, a small town 35 miles from Raleigh—west. Water is frozen two or three inches thick—so cold a time is seldom known—this is the first snow this year and though they sometimes have more fall at once, it seldom lies a week. People by the road keep open doors, and windows (those who have any) and then complain of the cold.

"West of Raleigh the land is rather better.

"Summer fruit is raised in plenty—winter fruit is liable to rot early in winter and therefore not much raised. Peach orchards are common and generally do well but they are not a sure crop. Considerable peach brandy is made. Cotton and corn are raised, principally, in this region—corn is worth about 60 cents a bushel—peas 75 cents and white beans \$1.25—the last two articles are raised in considerable quantities for fattening hogs and for export. At Pittsburg the people were much frightened by the late meteoric phenomenon (November 13, 1833). Nearly all the town ran together in the night, screaming, hallowing and crying. They then met in the town

house and sung and prayed. The merchants were engaged and shared in the fright—they all thought the stars were falling and the last day had come. In the country, generally, they were not so much terrified—some of the knaves made confessions of their sins and promised a different life, but so soon as they found out their mistake, and that the world was likely to stand a while longer, they relapsed and denied all knowledge of the devilry they had confessed, or of making any confessions.

"From Pittsburg I went to Asheboro—a small town about 40 miles distant. On Friday and Saturday it rained hard and carried off the snow. On Sunday the wind blew from the south and was quite warm. The roads are considerably settled but the streams are high, in many places past fording—the foot logs are mostly carried away. There are few bridges over the streams—most are forded. The stage has been stopped by the water. The assembly adjourned on the 13th and some of the members had to wait two or three days at one of the creeks before they could cross, while I was set across the deep and rapid current in a skiff. Part of the land between P. and A. is pretty good and part is poor. It is not thickly settled and the people with few exceptions appear poor. The forests are principally of the different kinds of oak, with a few walnuts and pines."

The William Lenoir diary mentions

the famous falling star incident in this manner:

"1883. On Wednesday morning, 13 November, from about 2 o'clock until daylight obscured the sight, I observed what appeared to be thousands of stars shooting in every direction—estimated at 1,000 per minute. People were much frightened. Some feared the end of the world was approaching—others, the fate of the Sodomites."

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across those streams sufficient for all the traffic on that road if Fifty had come by Pittsburg. Of course, a bridge will have to be built across the Haw on Ninety, but the bridge across the Deep at Lockville would not have been duplicated at all.

But Fifty exists and what has been done can not be undone, but the earlier error, if it was an error, does not justify the withholding of funds from the development of what has now been conceived of as one of the state capital. However, Senator state.

Ninety is many miles shorter from Raleigh to Lexington than is Highway Ten, and the completion of Ninety means those miles saved to every easterner visiting the mountains and to every westerner visiting the most important highways in the Cranford, of Randolph, is authority for the statement that Commissioners Hill and Cox have both given assur-

ance that the section from Pittsburg toward Raleigh and that leading into Lexington from the east will be developed at as early a date as possible.

A meeting of the citizens of Pittsburg was held one evening last week, when Mr. Clark, Mr. Marley, the latter of Asheboro, and several of Siler City's leading citizens were present.

The question of attempting to secure the passage of a bill through the legislature directing that Highway Ninety should be completed before funds were spent in paralleling Ten and Ninety from High Point eastward was discussed, and more or less favored. But with the expressed assurance of the two commissioners that Highway Ninety will not be slighted, that idea has been dropped.

Western Chatham and eastern Randolph have secured very little benefit, comparatively, from the highway funds. Citizens of Siler City point out that no other town the size of theirs in the state is seventeen miles from the nearest mile of cement road. A large part of the Chatham quota has been spent in paving 75 and on 50, including three big bridges on those two highways. It is true that 90 has been katchinized from Pittsburg to Siler City, and onward to Asheboro, we believe, but when the importance of the route across the hilly country from Pittsburg to Asheboro is considered from the standpoint of local value to the citizens of Randolph and Chatham, it is clear

that Chatham's and Randolph's money has been most largely expended in the development of through traffic lines from Raleigh, Durham, High Point, and Greensboro.

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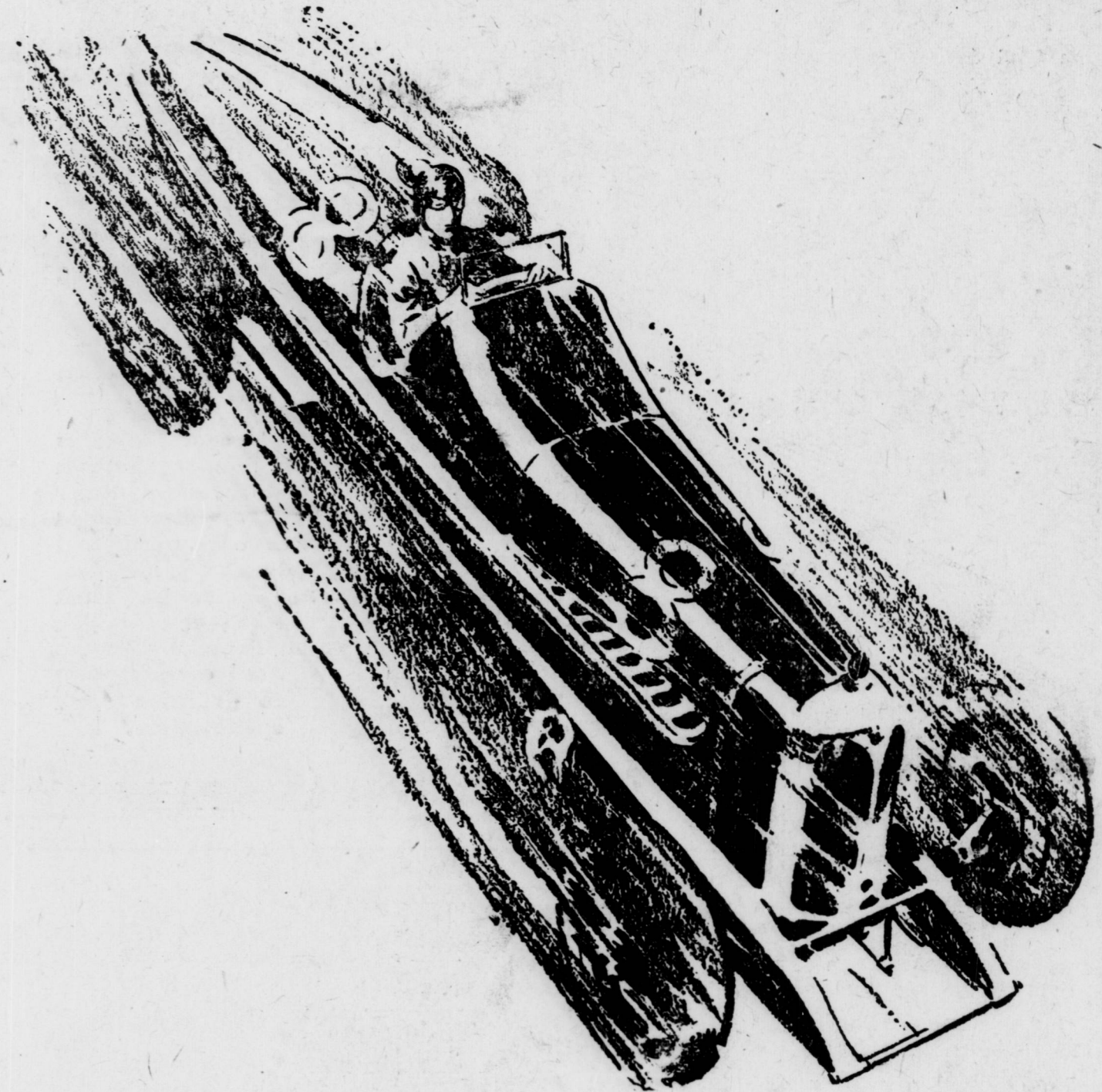
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NOTICE OF SALE OF PITTSBORO BONDS.

Bids will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the town of Pittsburg at noon, March 18th, 1929, for the purchase of \$18,000 Public Improvement Bonds of said municipality, dated January 1, 1929, and maturing \$1,000 on January 1st, in each of the years 1932 to 1949 inclusive, denomination \$1,000, principal and interest payable in New York City. Interest rate 6%. Bidders must present with their amounts a certified check for 2% of face amount of bonds bid to secure the town against any loss resulting from failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. The right to reject all bids is reserved. E. R. HINTON, Clerk.



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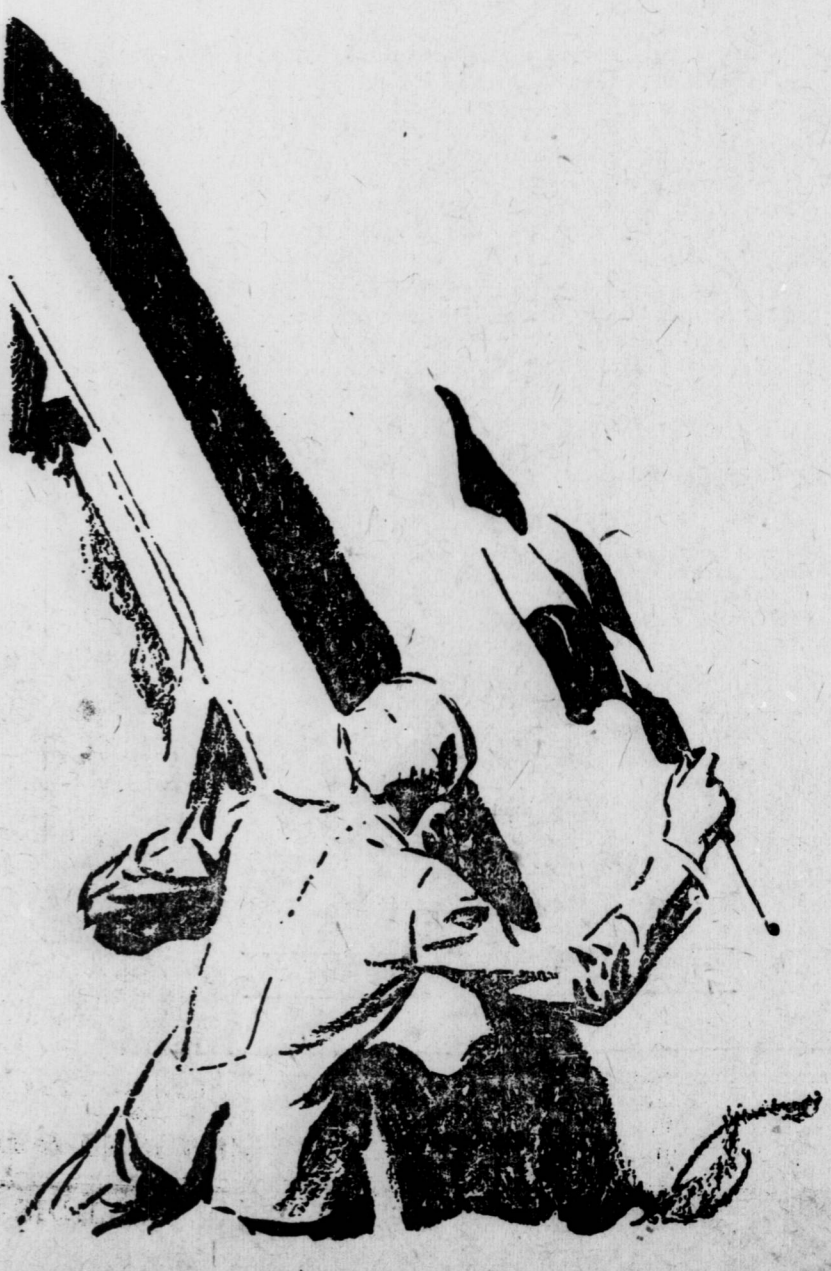
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