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ROAD CONTRACTS LET FOR HALF OF BOND ISSUE

State Commission Has Paid Out \$8,567,306.00 and Let Additional Contracts for \$16,500,000.00.

Raleigh, March 24.—Up to the first of February, when the figures were last corrected by the North Carolina Highway Bulletin, the State Highway Commission had completed 614.23 miles of road in North Carolina, and had under construction or contract 1,028.37 additional miles, all of which will be completed sometime during the coming year. Some of these roads will be completed in the near future for the work has been under way for a number of months.

So far the highway commission has spent \$8,567,306.13 on the roads that have been completed. The work now under contract will cost the State sixteen and a half million dollars, so that it will be seen that the State now has under way work that will cost about twice as much as the work already completed. When the work now contracted has been paid for the State will have used nearly or quite half of the \$50,000,000 bond issue it is authorized to spend.

The commission has constructed 124.33 miles of hard surface roads, and 489.99 miles of gravel or other type roads. In the work under construction and contract there are 288.27 miles of hard surface and 740 miles of gravel and other type roads. The commission is putting the hard surface on the main lines of travel in the State, where the travel is so heavy that the gravel or soil roads will not stand up and where it will be economical on account of the heavy up-keep of the soft roads. In those sections where the traffic is not heavy, and conditions are such that the top soil or gravel roads can be constructed and maintained economically, the less expensive roads are being built.

These less expensive roads will in many cases, however, be dependable all seasons of the year under the maintenance system that has been adopted by the highway commission.

While about four times as many miles of top soil roads have been constructed as hard surface roads, the cost of each has been about the same up to the present time.

The bridges that have been completed have cost \$4,152,917, while the bridges let to contract and not yet completed will cost \$422,000.

Mountain Fued Stops

Distilling of Liquor

Hickory, March 20.—Hickory lawyers who attended the recent term of Burke Superior court comment on the fact that there were fewer blockade still cases at this term than in a number of years, despite the fact that the famous South Mountain is headquarters for moonshine in these parts. These lawyers say there is a reason. They also express the belief that moonshining has increased a bit in parts of Catawba county and that in the section known as the three county corner there is a great deal of liquor made.

It seems that the blockaders in the South Mountains have a feud among themselves and this means that they will turn each other up, to use an expression in police circles, and until they heal the breach they will be shy on the wet goods. There is some liquor made in this section of Burke county, of course, but those who claim to know declare that the quantity is much less than a few months ago.

Hard Job Rescuing Woman From Tree Top

Wash., Mar. 28.—Construction of a substantial scaffold-platform under the tree in which she took refuge yesterday afternoon was necessary before the authorities of St. Elizabeth Hospital for the Insane were able to-day to rescue a woman patient from her perch on the topmost branch. The tree was so situated that it overlooked a deep ravine in the hospital grounds and for nineteen hours the woman kept the guards at bay by threats to throw herself on the rocks below if any attempt was made to bring her down by force.

Mattresses and a life net were placed at the foot of the tree to prevent injury if she fell and then carpenters built a scaffold upon which a ladder was erected. A hospital attendant then climbed up and despite her struggles, brought the woman down.

WILL NOT LEASE HOUSES TO ANYONE

So Say Tobacco Warehousemen at Winston-Salem—Plan for Big Season.

Winston-Salem Journal, 28th.

That the owners and proprietors of the tobacco warehouses in Winston-Salem have no intention of leasing these establishments to the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association was revealed yesterday by statements made by them to a representative of the Journal.

An announcement was issued from the headquarters of the association in Raleigh Saturday saying that a meeting is to be held in Greensboro and one in Raleigh on April 6th to which warehousemen have been invited that they may confer with officials of the Co-operative Marketing Association regarding final terms for the leasing or sale of warehouse facilities as agreed upon by the directors of the association.

Local warehouse men were unanimous in their declaration that they would not attend the meeting to consider lease or sale of their plants. They called attention to the action recently taken by the Winston-Salem Tobacco Board of Trade relative to plans for handling the next season's tobacco crop. Heretofore three first sales have been conducted here daily. Next fall four first sales will be conducted and one second sale. This arrangement, one warehouseman said, will increase the efficiency of the local warehouses thirty-three and one-third per cent and will add even more to the convenience of the growers who bring their tobacco to this market for sale. In the opinion of local tobacco authorities a very large tobacco crop will be raised this year, and the Tobacco Board of Trade is planning to handle it as efficiently as possible.

500,000 Coal Miners Quit For Indefinite Period

Indianapolis, March 31.—Coal production was stopped tonight by the union miners, who quit their day's work in the mines of 20 states with the avowed policy of remaining idle indefinitely in an effort to force the operators to accept the miner's terms for new wage contracts.

Officials of the headquarters here of the United Mine Workers of America declared the suspension would not only include a half million workers, but also at least 100,000 non-union men would join in the walkout. No last minute instructions were issued from headquarters and the only significant conference held during the day by President John L. Lewis was with Lonnie Jackson, president of the Kentucky union district, where 5,000 union men will continue to work because their contract with operators has another year to run. During the day Mr. Lewis declared the suspension of work by Kansas union miners would not be averted by the action of the Kansas industrial court ordering that wage scales of the last two years be continued for 30 days. In a formal statement tonight the union chief declared the nationwide walkout would affect "hundreds of thousands of citizens" not directly engaged in the coal industry, and he reiterated his charges that the operators had forced "the strike upon the miners."

In addition to the Kentucky mines, union men in Nova Scotia will remain at work, but those in the western Canadian provinces were expected to join the suspension. The conference over the Kentucky situation was said by its participants to have been a general review of the situation there, with President Lewis taking the position that the union must obey its contract with the operators.

Numerous reports from the coal fields of the country also reached headquarters, which, Mr. Lewis declared, indicated a complete tie-up of all union fields. These reports also showed that 13,000 union men would be left in the mines to protect the property from damage, and the only trouble between operators and miners in this connection was reported from Washington, where operators were said to be objecting to paying wages provided for in the contracts that expired at midnight.

Indigestion and Constipation
"Prior to using Chamberlain's Tablets, I suffered dreadfully from indigestion. Nothing I ate agreed with me and I lost flesh and ran down in health. Chamberlain's Tablets helped my digestion and cured me of constipation." writes Mrs. George Stroup, Solway, N. Y.

URGE RESUMPTION OF WORK ON DAM

Delegation Inspecting Shoals Unanimous for Completion of Wilson Dam

Florence, Ala., March 29.—Efforts will be made immediately to obtain an application to resume work within sixty days on the Wilson Dam unit of the government's Muscle Shoals war plant, according to sentiment expressed by members of the Senate agriculture and House military committee who tonight completed a three day's survey of the nitrate plant.

"Opinion appears to have crystallized in that direction so rapidly since we inspected the uncompleted Wilson Dam," said Senator Norris, chairman of the Senate committee, "that we have not had time to think of details. One thing is sure, however, the dam will be built if this committee can bring it about and I want to see the government get in the river during low water this spring."

Senator Norris declared that prospective purchasers or lessees would lose nothing by the government going ahead in the work of completing the project.

"There will be so much deterioration if we delay that I am fully convinced that we must get back on this job quickly, since it is determined that nobody wants to see it scrapped," he continued. The committee chairman expressed himself in favor of the government spending its own money and doing its own work in completing the one unit.

Representative Hull, of the House committee, gave his opinion that the government should start work this spring "unless one of the proposals now before the committee is found to be acceptable."

"In any event there should be no delay," said Mr. Hull, "because at least this unit of power on the Tennessee River must be developed. I see no reason for delay. If there is no bid before us we can accept, we should build a dam and while the work is in progress we can find a satisfactory and profitable way to dispose of the whole plant."

A majority of the House committee men in the party seemed to share the opinion that bids before the committee should be disposed of before the government undertook to start work itself.

Representative James, Republican, Michigan, expressed himself as a Muscle Shoals convert, declaring that he had always voted against appropriations for the project, but since he had studied it on the ground he would vote to complete the Wilson Dam, giving first consideration to bids before the committee.

While majority and minority members of the two committees were apparently united on the question of divergent expressions of opinion as to whether a private corporation or the government should finish the job. There were Democratic members who frankly expressed a desire to lease or sell the property to one of the bidders and then ask for an appropriation in conformity with such contract.

Among majority members of both committees there was advanced the opinion that none of the bids before Congress would be reported out without modifications.

Ask Pardon For Allens

Richmond, Va., March 31.—A petition for the pardon of Sidna and Friel Allen and Wesley and Sidna Edwards, surviving members of the notorious "Allen clan," known throughout the country for their part in the "shooting up" of the court at Hillsville, Carroll county, Virginia, March 14, 1912, is being prepared and will be presented to Governor E. Lee Trinkle within the next few days, it was learned to-day.

Head of Orphanage Caught Running Still Full Blast

Anderson, S. C. Mar. 29.—Rev. S. O. Whitman, superintendent of the Oconee orphanage at Old Pickens, in Oconee county, was captured by Sheriff Alexander, Monday night while his distillery was in full operation, according to a report from J. M. Moss, a newspaper correspondent at Wall-halla. The distillery was in full blast when the officers approached and though his two companions escaped, Whitman was captured and taken to the Oconee county jail at Wallhalla. His outfit, a 60-gallon distillery, was located near the Oconee orphanage, which is 12 miles from Wallhalla.

Whitman was formerly a Holiness preacher, the report said, and went to Oconee from Anderson county.

FAMOUS SIAMESE TWINS DIED ALMOST TOGETHER

Brother Would Not Permit Surgeons to Separate Their Bodies and Nothing Could Be Done.

Chicago, March 30.—Josefa and Rosa Blazek, the "Siamese Twins," died at a hospital here early this morning. Josefa's death occurred first and was followed in a few seconds by the death of her sister. Physicians had declared early in the night that in the event of the death of one of the sisters the other would die quickly as their brother, Frank Blazek, had refused to permit an operation which would sever their bodies.

The twins had been in the hospital ten days. Josefa was ill with yellow jaundice and that was followed by pneumonia. Shortly before her death Rosa was afflicted with bronchitis.

Preparations had been made for the severing operation and the physicians were ready to make every effort to save the life of at least one of the women.

Hope of saving the life of Josefa was abandoned at midnight, according to Dr. E. H. Breakstone, chief of the surgical staff at the hospital.

"I tried to get the consent of the brother to operate to save the life of Rosa, but he refused to give his permission," added the physician.

Dr. Breakstone explained that a delicate operation would have been necessary. Before their death he had expressed the opinion that the psychological affinity of the twins was so vital that if one should die the other might succumb before the band of flesh and bone that joins them could be severed.

Although the twins possessed separate respiratory and cardiac systems, Dr. Breakstone declared that they had only one set of secondary digestive and procreative organs. The operation, he said, would have necessitated the building of a part of the digestive and other essential organs to save the life of the one twin.

Rosa was once married, her name being Rosa Blazek Dvorak. She is survived by a normal 11 year old boy. Her husband was a captain in the German army and was killed in action in 1917. She was married 15 years ago. Josefa never married.

The little son, Franz, has been at the bedside of his mother, who, until within the last few hours was less critically ill than Josefa.

The twins were the second offspring of a normal parentage in Caecho Slovakia forty-two years ago. There were four other children, all normal and all still living. The father is also said to be alive, his age being 85 years. The mother died a year ago at the age of sixty-five years.

During a tour of the world the twins acquired considerable wealth. They died without making a will, although their attorney, J. L. Triaka, has been at the hospital several days in the hope that they would be in condition to dictate the document.

As the women grew weaker last night physicians pleaded with the brother to permit an operation, hospital attendants state. He was the only adult relative capable under the Illinois law of giving his consent. "No," the brother was quoted as having said. "No, not even if Rosa lives for hours after Josefa's death. There shall be no operation."

Dr. J. Otragovic, personal physician of the twins, appealed to the brother without success. Their attorney was asked to intervene but he declined to assume responsibility.

Two hours past midnight Dr. Breakstone said there was no need of prolonging the argument with the brother.

"It is useless," he said. "The condition of each is now the same—the condition that forecasts certain death, an operation now would be no good."

Medical records recalled by physicians who have been interested in the case disclose a number of so-called Siamese twins. The original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng, lived to the age of 64. They married sisters and Chang had six children and Eng five, all of them normal. Eng died first and a surgeon separated them. Chang died soon after. They lived in North Carolina, and have descendants in the state.

Twins that have attracted worldwide fame include the Hindu sisters, who were joined face to face, the connection being at the chest; the Newport twins, somewhat similar to the Hindu twins; the Orissa sisters, Radica and Daddies, joined side to side; the Biddenden maids connected shoulder to shoulder with only two arms; the Hungarian sisters, Helen and Judith,

joined back to back at the lower segment of the spine and the North Carolina sisters, Millie and Christine, joined as were the Hungarian sisters; and the Bohemian twins, Rosella and Josefa, connected in the same manner as the twins who just died. Their connection was through the pelvis, the right hip of one and the left hip of the other being fused together.

WILL BE MANAGER DARK LEAF SALES

Frank D. Williams, of Virginia Gets Important Post in New Organization

Raleigh, Mar. 30.—Frank D. Williams, of Richmond, Va., whose skill in handling the Sun Cured Pool of Virginia, brought the first success to organized tobacco growers, was yesterday selected manager of the Dark Leaf Department of the Tobacco Growers' Association with headquarters in Virginia.

Mr. Williams is an ex-president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, a Director of the First National Bank of Richmond and a leaf dealer with experience covering many years in which he was eminently successful. Mr. Williams will be called upon to handle not only all problems relating to the Dark Leaf in the marketing Association, but his wide experience in the Tobacco World will prove invaluable in helping to guide the policies of the organized growers in the Carolinas and Virginia. Recognized by the trade throughout Virginia, the Carolinas and Kentucky as a man of exceptional ability, unquestioned integrity and fair dealings, Mr. Williams' initial success as a pioneer and leader in profitable co-operative marketing will inspire confidence in the thousands of organized growers who are members of the Marketing Association in three states.

Oliver J. Sands in Richmond last night, denied over long distance telephone the report from Wilson that W. T. Clark, senior member of W. T. Clark & Co., independent buyers, redriers and shippers of tobacco, had turned down an offer of \$50,000 salary to manage the leaf end of the Co-operative Marketing Association in Eastern North Carolina. According to the report, when it was learned that it was the purpose of each warehouse to sell the weed as heretofore by auction, Mr. Clark declined the offer.

Mr. Sands stated that while there had been some informal negotiations with Mr. Clark, they had not reached the salary stage.

Cincinnati Concern to Give 35-Hour Week With No Wage Loss

Cincinnati, Ohio, Mar. 27.—One thousand women employed by the A. Nash Company, clothing manufacturers, will be granted a 35-hour work week before the end of the present year without a reduction in wages, Arthur W. Nash, president of the company announced today. This action is entirely voluntary on the part of Mr. Nash. His motive is to give his women workers a chance to pass more time at home looking after their household duties and their children.

The arrangement he has decided upon is to establish a working week consisting of five days of seven hours each. Since Jan 1 the 2000 employees of the Nash company have been operating on a 40-hour week, divided into five days of eight hours each.

Honor Roll East Mount Airy School

First grade: Myrtle Blizzard, Ruth Short, Elizabeth Collier, Stella Brooks, Elizabeth Webb, Virginia Timmons, Lucie Timmons, Mary De Palma, Blanche McHone, Maude De Palma, Minnie Eaton, Iolar Hodge, Bessie Butcher, Earl Tolbert, Harvey Gwyn, Tillman Collins, Lamar Collins, William Johnson, Harvey Baughn, Jr., Roy Bennett, Robert Blizzard, Plo Rescigno, Wilburn Hendrick, Russel Hendrick, Herbert Hall, William Bowman, Miro Migliori.

Third grade: Mary Nell Short.

Fourth grade: Mollie Jackson, Jesse McKeller, Marvin Dalton, Maggie Gwyn, Lola Hodge, Elinor Harris, Adrian Dalton, Paul Griffith, Lillie Martin.

Fifth grade: Harvey Griffith, John McKeller, Kenneth McKenzie, Kenneth Motzinger, Bettie Davis, Thora Baughn, Gaston Gardner.

Sixth grade: John Griffith, Alice Gwyn, Joa Barr, Willie Baughn.

W. B. Blair, Principal

ONLY THE PILOT OF AIRPLANE SAVED

One by One, Succumbing to Exposure, the Passengers Dropped into the Sea.

Miami, Fla., March 25.—Pilot Robert Moore of the ill-fated Miss Miami returned to consciousness in a hospital here tonight and related a coherent story of the wrecked plane. In it he charged that he alighted on the water so close to a fishing vessel that he could read the name on it and he knew the captain but that it failed to heed his frantic signals, and cries and passed on by.

Moore related a straight forward story, apparently fully rational, in which he confirmed practically all the details as given by him while aboard the steamship William Greene during his more lucid moments.

He said that the Miss Miami was just 1 minute off Bimini when a propeller broke. Looking about for a boat he sighted the fishing vessel and volplaned down near it. Practically the six persons aboard it cried and signalled, but the party aboard appeared to be having too gay a time to stop, he said, and never for a moment carried.

"I ask only one thing," he said. "That is that God allows me to live and hunt the captain of that boat."

Nursed by a woman whom he believes to be his mother and whom he refused to permit to leave his side, Robert Moore, pilot of the ill-fated Miss Miami which sailed out of Miami, Fla., last Wednesday with six persons aboard her never to return, lies in a hospital tonight in a state of delirium, more dead than alive.

Moore was taken off the tanker William Greene early this morning as she passed here by a sub-chaser. All during last night he was tenderly cared for by Mrs. J. Williams, wife of an official of the Pan American Petroleum Corporation, who was a passenger on the ship. This morning when the relief boat pulled alongside the big ship, Moore refused to go without her. When reassured that she would be taken he finally permitted himself to be transferred to the smaller craft and brought to a hospital here, where another woman took up the task of trying to pacify his wandering mind.

Piece by piece during the night and day, Moore has revealed the tragic story of his awful experiences, clinging two days and two nights to the wreckage of the lost flying boat.

No trace has been found tonight of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. August Bulte and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Smith of Kansas City and Mrs. J. S. Dickson of Memphis, Tenn., who one by one gave up their lives as the struggle became too much for them.

Moore's statements while aboard the tanker were retold by the captain, Charles L. Wacksmuth.

"I was about 41 miles off the East Indian Inlet," said Captain Wacksmuth, "when, just about dusk, I sighted, a mile to port, what appeared to be a human figure feebly waving his arms a mile off the starboard bow. We drew close until we could discern a man, who appeared to be lashed to a spar. We hoisted to, launched a boat, and rowed out to the rescue. A heavy sea was running, and it was no easy task but, after considerable difficulty, we managed to get him aboard. He was lashed with a piece of rope about his neck and another piece about his waist and was totally exhausted.

"As we cut him loose, he murmured, 'I'm sorry to put you fellows to so much trouble.' Then he became unconscious."

"We found that he had attached himself in some manner to an overturned flying boat. The exact location in which he was picked up was latitude 27.38 north longitude 79.33 west. The time was 6:30 p. m.

"We undressed him and placed him in my cabin where he was cared for through the night by Mrs. J. Williams a passenger.

"We found that his entire body was blistered and burnt, and that his lips were so badly swollen he could not open his mouth. His eyes from the salt water and blazing sun were in such condition that at first we thought he was blinded, but after Mrs. Williams had bathed his face he seemed to recover somewhat, though he appeared to be entirely out of his mind.

"On his person we found three dollar bills in which he had torn holes in his delirium, a pair of glasses which had been smashed and a woman's vanity case."