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## Council Lengthily Considers Ordinance Offered By Cooke

This Proposed Law, Sponsored By Merchants Association, Would Require \$1,000 License of Persons, Firms or Corporations Dealing In Second Hand Apparel—City Attorney Will Decide Whether Constitutional Or Not

A lengthy discussion of the status of second-hand dealers, so-called, operating in this city, took up most of the regular session of the City Council here Monday night. The argument for and against these dealers finally wound up with the decision of the Council to refer to the City Attorney for consideration an ordinance presented by C. A. Cooke, a local merchant, in behalf of the Merchants' Association, requiring that the city ordinances be amended so that "all persons, firms or corporations dealing in second hand apparel be required to pay a license of \$1,000 a year, or any part thereof that the Council might decide upon."

The meeting opened with the resignation of Mills E. Bell, City Auditor and clerk of the Council, effective as soon as a successor might be secured. This was accepted. Then came a petition from property owners on East Cypress street, asking that a sewer main be laid on the street from the intersection of Second street to Road. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Sewer Company be ordered to place the main.

It was then that Mr. Cooke presented the ordinance from the Merchants' Association, urging that the fine for non-compliance be fixed at \$500. The speaker explained that the law was not intended to affect individuals who might sell their own clothes, persons who went from house to house, disposing of second hand clothing for others, or charity bazaars and the like. Mr. Cooke stated that the ordinance was advocated by the Merchants' Association for two reasons, the first being that these dealers engaged in unfair competition, and the second, that second-hand clothing has no real, basic value. He declared that he was greatly concerned over the possibility that dangerous germs might be transmitted in the worn clothing.

Second Hand vs. Reclaimed  
A representative of the "U. S. Army and Navy Store" then rose to state his side of the case. He declared that the goods his company is handling are not "second hand," but are "reclaimed."

O. F. Gilbert, a prominent local merchant, took exception to the term "reclaimed." He declared that he had it on good authority the "reclaimed" army goods were such supplies as had been issued to quartermasters and later taken back before they had been used.

Walter L. Small next addressed the Council in behalf of Moses Glasser, a merchant who recently established himself on Water street, in this city. Mr. Small, speaking for his client, declared that he wished two points considered by the Council before action was taken on the proposed ordinance. The first, he said, was whether it was wise to drive out competition; and the second, whether the Council should deprive the poorer classes of the cheaper merchandise offered by these so-called second hand merchants. As to the sanitary question, Mr. Small maintained that Glasser had a right to sell his merchandise until the City Health Officer should condemn it.

of the building in which they are located, two hundred dollars a month rental on an extended lease basis; but that, a short time afterward, somebody told Mr. Robinson that these men were getting ready for a fire, and that Mr. Robinson tried to cancel the short-term lease under which they were occupying the store.

Judge Leigh To Decide  
Councilman Anderson, next heard from, declared that the general public would favor killing the ordinance requiring a prohibitive license of the second hand dealers, and that the lawyer who drew the bill "did wrong." The resolution embodying the ordinance desired was then passed along to the City Attorney with instructions that he pass upon its constitutionality, and return it to the Council for further consideration.

A petition for a sewer to be laid on Matthews and Dyer streets, connecting with sewer mains already laid, was turned over to the Sewer Company for action. Petitions for electric lights at the corner of Broad and Sixth streets, on Church street between Culpepper and Dyer, and on Pool street south of Church, were turned over to the City Manager with power to act. Another petition, asking that Lane avenue be extended to Peartree Road, was dealt with in similar fashion.

Then the City Council turned to the question of cows. How many cows might a man possess, and yet remain a good citizen? Councilman Williams began the discussion with the statement that the existing ordinance permitting each citizen to have two cows is unfair, inasmuch as one man's lot may be many times as large as another's. Mr. Williams suggested that the existing ordinance be repealed or modified so that the size of the property owner's pasture might become the determining factor in the number of cows the law permits him to keep.

Dr. Zenas Fearing, City Health Officer, here interposed the statement that the number of cows is a matter entirely secondary to the condition of the milk. He urged that effective measures be taken to assure the examination of all cows in the city for tuberculosis, since the disease is readily spread through the use of infected milk by children. Councilman Cochran thought that the cow or cows, whether one or twenty, should be kept a certain distance from any residence, for at present a cow owner may stable his animal right under his next-door neighbor's window. If he wishes.

To Fit Horses Too?  
"How about making the ordinance apply to horses as well, including the city horses?" asked Dr. J. D. Hathaway, who lives close by the stables where the city horses are kept. The cow ordinance was finally referred to the City Health Officer and the City Attorney for suggested amendment, and the Council passed on to an unhurried consideration of other business.

A request by Edward Sawyer, of this city, that Ernest Owens, an inmate of the State Hospital for whom he acts as guardian, be relieved of his city taxes, was referred to the City Attorney, with power to act, as was a similar request for Horace Jones, a victim of tuberculosis who lives on Cedar street. Next, Dr. J. D. Hathaway requested the Council to amend the city parking ordinances so as to permit the parking of vehicles on the north side of Matthews street, between the City Hall and Martin street, and this the Council agreed to.

Councilman Cochran then asked that an ordinance be passed prohibiting skating around the churches of the city at all times, and this was turned over to the City Attorney with the approval of the Council. A proposal by Councilman Foreman to change the speed limit past the city schools from five to ten miles an hour was voted down.

The report of Dr. Zenas Fearing, City Health Officer, was next read. Dr. Fearing reported among other things that he had inspected the various Army stores here, and had found them to comply with the regulations of the State Board of Health. He also stated that he had sent a sample of the city water to the Board for analysis, but had not yet had a report on it, and completed his report with the statement that the general health conditions of the city are good.

## TWENTY-THREE BODIES FOUND

Philadelphia, Dec. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Twenty-three bodies, many charred beyond recognition, were taken from the wreckage of the Philadelphia & Reading passenger train which crashed yesterday near Bryn Athyn. Several others are missing. Railroad officials, public service commissioners, and coroners are investigating.

## REV. JOEL S. BROWN WILL SPEAK AT 8:30 TONIGHT

The B. Y. P. U. City Training School at Blackwell Memorial church opened with regular class work Monday night, beginning at half past six o'clock, with an enrollment of 84, and an attendance of about a hundred. Prof. George Sherill, of the faculty of the city high school, delivered a splendid address, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock Rev. Joel S. Brown, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, will speak from the subject, "Where Two Extremes Meet." The classes will meet at half past six, according to the schedule adopted for the Training School. Those who have attended the sessions held thus far have expressed themselves as delighted with the school, and with the work that is being done.

## Mrs. Lewis Regular County Welfare Officer

Mrs. Anna Lewis was definitely qualified as County Welfare Officer of Pasquotank at a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Board of Education here Monday morning; and now it appears that there is no further hitch in the enforcement of the character certificate law affecting pool room keepers and drivers of vehicles for hire. These were allowed until December 15 to comply with the law, after it developed that there was some legal question as to the right of Mrs. Lewis, as County Welfare officer, to pass upon their applications for license.

The Board of County Commissioners donated seventy-five dollars to the Children's Home at Greensboro. This follows a previous apportionment by the Commissioners of twenty-five dollars to the institution this year.

A measure passed by the Commissioners which is of special interest to small boys at this season, was one permitting the sheriff to license dealers outside the city limits to sell fireworks. As a result it is apparent that this Christmas will be a noisy one in Pasquotank County.

The Commissioners drew the jury list for the February term of Superior Court, bought a new adding machine for use in the court house, and quit for the day.

## SALES PEOPLE TO BE INVITED TO BANQUET

Bearing in mind the splendid picnic and excursion given them last summer by their sales people, when the latter chartered a steamer and gave a holiday excursion down the river, the board of directors of the local Merchants' Association have decided to permit each merchant-member to invite as many of his salespeople as he wishes to the annual Merchants' Association banquet, to be given about the middle of January. This is a big yearly event with the business men of the city who are members of the progressive and enterprising association, and they feel that by having the sales people attend, they may in some measure show their appreciation for the delightful outing given them in the summer.

The committee appointed to make the arrangements for the banquet comprises Tommie Hughes, chairman, J. T. Stallings, S. G. Etheridge, Buxton White, Aubrey McCabe and L. Lewis Smith.

Market Produce Quickly  
"Rabbits of hogs, and poultry will find it to their advantage to ship their products over the Norfolk Carolina Line line, says Bryan Fisher, solicitor agent for the company, "because in this way they can ship from this city at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, and have their dressed hogs or other produce in the market and sold by half past eight o'clock on the following morning, thus taking the quickest possible advantage of market advances."

Meets Tonight  
The Central Council of P. M. W. U. meets tonight at 7:30 in the new Chamber of Commerce rooms in plan for Christmas donations and it is very important that representatives of each organization in the Council attend the meeting.

## IRISH AGREE TO PROPOSALS

Modified Terms Are Subject To Action Of British Parliament And Dail Eireann — Ulster Can Withdraw In Month

London, Dec. 6 (By The Associated Press)—The Evening Standard says which the Irish agreement was reached early today provide for an Irish free state, withdrawal of all military forces in Ireland, and safeguards insuring peaceful conditions.

The Central News says the definite promise of allegiance to the empire by the Sinn Fein is provided and an agreement satisfactory to the king. A copy of the modified terms which are subject to action of the British Parliament and Dail Eireann was sent to the Premier and Sir James Craig of Ulster. The agreement is a formal detailed conclusive document not requiring the consent of Ulster. Ulster is given the option of withdrawal in a month and reverting to the present status in territory to be determined by a boundary commission.

Lloyd George has abandoned his Washington trip because of the early meeting of Parliament to act on the Irish settlement, it was stated today. A provisional government will be formed in Southern Ireland while the British Parliament is considering the agreement. The principle adopted is said to be trusting Ireland fully and giving her full power of decisions. It is understood that agreement has been reached regarding naval control of ports.

Ireland will be known officially as "The Irish Free State," Lord Chancellor Birkenhead announced today. Belfast, Dec. 6 (By The Associated Press)—Official circles here today reserved comment until the terms of the Irish agreement are known.

The British cabinet unanimously approved the agreement. King George telegraphed the Premier his royal congratulations.

## Not This Sidney Davis

Sidney Davis, of this city, who represents Gardner's Bakery, Norfolk, is greatly concerned over an item that appeared in Monday's issue of The Advance to the effect that Sidney Davis was fined five dollars and costs in recorder's court Monday morning on a charge of being intoxicated. A little investigation developed the fact that the Sidney Davis who paid the fine is a native of Camden County, and not Sidney Davis of Elizabeth City. The latter declares that he has never been drunk in his life, a statement the truth of which numerous friends of his testify to, according to the best of their knowledge. While the newspaper item referred to was not in any sense a misstatement, The Advance is glad to clear the name of the local young man from any mistaken censure, due to the fact that he was a namesake in the adjoining county.

## BOY BREAKS LEG

Hilary Harris, 10 year old son of Hilary Harris, Sr., of Newland, Monday at morning recess at the Newland High School, suffered a broken leg when he fell from a tree on the school ground, according to news received here Monday evening.

The boys were playing "bear" had been "tread" when the accident occurred.

## KILLED FINE RED FOX

A red fox, instead of a string of fine quail, was the game brought home Monday night by Roland and P. G. Sawyer, of this city. The fox, apparently a full grown animal, weighs nine pounds, and is a beauty. P. G. Sawyer, who is County Prosecuting Attorney here, and an indefatigable huntsman, when business hours are over, ran up the animal on a farm back of the Episcopal Church at Weeksville just before dark. He ran after the animal, calling to Roland, who was hunting a few hundred yards in advance of him. Roland creased over the fox's line of retreat, and shot the fox by means of animal down as he passed. The fox was on display Sunday at the store of T. T. Taylor, 101 N. Water street, and attracted great attention from passers-by.

## LOST RECEIVED

From New Orleans, at The City Drug Store, please to an Express Shipment of famous "Blade-Lost Night" brand Christmas packages. Answer please. 21-Dec 6/21

## Palatial Yacht Burned Off Pea Island Club

Luxuriously Fitted Craft Worth \$200,000 Utterly Destroyed Sunday Night By Fire Which Originated In Engine Room From Spark From Dynamo

His palatial \$200,000 steel yacht a mass of twisted wreckage off Pea Island Club, twenty miles below Manteo, Dr. H. L. Torrey, wealthy young surgeon of Detroit, accompanied by his guests, Harrington E. and S. Caldwell Walker, owners of Hiram Walker & Sons, of Walkerville, Ontario, Canada, makers of the celebrated Canadian Club whiskeys, and L. P. Jones, a leading Detroit manufacturer, passed through Elizabeth City Tuesday enroute for New York City, after passing through the tragedy of having the yacht burned to the water's edge in a storm in Pamlico Sound last Sunday night.

Dr. Torrey and his party, aboard the "Tamarack," a pleasure yacht built of steel and teakwood, and fitted luxuriously throughout, left Detroit on November 21 for Savannah, Georgia, through the Inland Waterway. They reached Elizabeth City on Sunday, November 27, and continued on to the Pea Island Club the following day, stopping there for a few days of duck shooting. Last Sunday they had a small party from the Club on board the "Tamarack" for dinner, and had just taken them ashore, together with L. P. Jones and Harrington Walker, when they noticed a sharp storm brewing.

Hoping to reach harbor before the storm broke, Dr. Torrey headed across the north end of Pamlico Sound for Stumpy Point. When only a few miles from the Pea Island Club, and at about four o'clock in the afternoon, the engineer, F. W. Schmidt, of New York, dashed upstairs to Dr. Torrey in great excitement.

"The yacht's burning up!" he shouted, and almost before the four passengers and eleven members of the crew had lowered the three small boats aboard, and had clambered into them, the flames burst through the roof of the cabin in a roaring tornado of destruction. Four thousand gallons of gasoline in the yacht's storage tanks converted the vessel immediately into a seething inferno, the flames shooting a hundred feet into the air above the "Tamarack." It is declared by those who were in the engine room when the fire started, that a spark from one of the dynamos, falling into the drip tank under the engines, caused the blaze.

Meanwhile, the seas momentarily grew heavier, and it was with great difficulty that the party in the small boats reached the shore. Had the "Tamarack" caught fire half an hour later, states Dr. Torrey, the entire company, passengers and crew, would probably have lost their lives; for it would have been next to impossible to have successfully launched the small boats in the increasing storm. The crews of Coast Guard stations 177, 178 and 179 came quickly to the assistance of the men, and took the crew of the "Tamarack" to their stations, where food, shelter and dry clothing were provided them. Dr. Torrey and his guests were taken to Pea Island Club.

The "Tamarack" burned spectacularly until one o'clock Monday morning. Next day, when Dr. Torrey and his guests went to the wreck, they found every bit of the woodwork, as well as everything else inflammable aboard, completely consumed, except the forward flag, which was still fluttering at the masthead. This Dr. Torrey took down as a souvenir of the wreck. Harrington Walker, a guest, found his handsome silver tank in the debris aboard the sunken vessel, which, by the way, had gone down in seven feet of water. The tank was empty, and had a hole blown in it from the force of the explosion of its contents in the intense heat of the fire. The captain of the "Tamarack," J. F. Wicks, of New York, found four gold nuggets, all that were left of his stockpiles, when his stateroom had been.

On Monday afternoon the entire party proceeded to Manteo. All their clothing except what they had on their backs was destroyed in the fire, and all Dr. Torrey's money was burned up as well. They managed, however, to get accommodations at the Tamarack House, at Manteo, and purchased enough clothing to get to this city. When he reached here, Dr. Torrey was wearing an improvised outfit that included red brown shoes, a pair of pants that he had borrowed from Captain Wicks, and a hat that he had bought at Manteo. His guests also were in clothing that they had

## Harding Delivers Message To Congress

Washington, Dec. 6 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding informed Congress in his first annual message "the most gratifying world accomplishment" by the arms conference "is not improbable."

Delegates to the conference and most of the regular diplomats attended the joint session of Congress to hear the address. The President urged early enactment of permanent tariff and foreign program, suggested consideration of a constitutional amendment to issue non-taxable bonds, also suggested encouragement of co-operative agricultural marketing programs and a general policy of transportation, distributed industry, and highway construction. He recommended plans "of a conference of common counsel, of mediation, arbitration and judicial determination in controversies between capital and labor."

## LEGISLATURE CONVENES

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6 (By The Associated Press)—The North Carolina Legislature began its special session today.

picked up in a hurry, and looked anything but wealthy business men and sportsmen.

Dr. Torrey and his party had planned, after spending a few days in hunting at Pea Island, to go on to the South Island Club at Georgetown, S. C., of which he is a member, for a similar stay before proceeding to Savannah, which they hoped to reach a few days after Christmas. The "Tamarack" was a pleasure yacht 126 feet long, over all, with a beam of 19 feet five inches, and was one of the finest vessels of its kind that ever passed through here. Dr. Torrey bought it of Henry Ford, famous Detroit automobile manufacturer, three years ago. The ship was valued at between \$175,000 and \$200,000, and the loss is partly covered by insurance. Dr. Torrey also lost all his personal effects, totaling around \$10,000 in value, and his guests sustained an aggregate loss of about the same amount in the complete destruction of their belongings aboard ship.

Greenwich Park, on Thunderbolt River, near Savannah, one of the show places of the South, belongs to Dr. Torrey. The home is a typical Southern mansion which was built by F. P. Schodder, once president of the American Naval Stores Company, and known for many years as the Turpentine King. The estate includes one hundred acres of high land and five hundred acres of swamps, and its value is said to be around half a million dollars. Dr. Torrey and his family annually spend the winter there, and the young surgeon had planned to go down and open up the house before going back to Detroit for his wife and children early in January.

Dr. Torrey and a number of friends aboard the "Tamarack" barely escaped shipwreck in Pamlico Sound last November, on a similar trip to Savannah, when they were caught in a gale off Oregon Inlet, not far from the place where the wreck of Sunday night took place. The young surgeon saw service as Lieutenant-colonel in Base Hospital 17, in France. He served twenty-two months overseas, and took part in 29 battles, being attached at different times to the English, French and American armies in the field.

With his guests and the members of the "Tamarack" crew, Dr. Torrey left this city on the afternoon train Tuesday for New York, after drawing \$2,000 at the First & Citizens National Bank here for spending money on the trip. Captain J. F. Wicks, commander of the "Tamarack," remained at Manteo pending an investigation of the disaster by insurance men.

The "Tamarack" was the first yacht in the United States to be fitted with gyroscopes, which, weighing several tons and rotating at a high rate of speed, kept the vessel on an even keel at all times, regardless of the roughness of the sea. Gyroscope tops are a regular part of the equipment of many of the finer pleasure yachts built in the last few years.