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Council Wires Cooke To Hold License Bill

Has Substitute Measure Providing License Fee Of \$200 For Itinerant Merchants, \$50 On Dealers In Second Hand Goods, And \$250 On Pawnbrokers

The City Council, following a special session Thursday morning at ten o'clock, wired Representative C. A. Cooke to hold up House Bill Number 14, imposing a tax understood to be \$1,500 on dealers in second hand clothing in Elizabeth City pending the receipt of a substitute measure recommended by the Council.

A similar wire was sent to Senator E. J. Griffin, representing this district in the Upper House of the General Assembly now convened in special session.

The bill sponsored by the Council calls for a tax of \$200 a year on itinerant merchants, the latter being defined as persons carrying on business here who do not list their polls and personal property in Pasquotank County.

A tax of \$50 would be required of second hand dealers, and a license fee of \$250 on pawnbrokers is included in the bill recommended.

Thus an itinerant merchant who dealt in second hand clothing would be compelled to pay a total annual license of \$250, and if he were a pawnbroker as well, his license would reach a total of \$650.

The Cooke bill, the provisions of which are not definitely known here as yet, was introduced Tuesday morning, and was favorably passed upon by the House committee last Tuesday afternoon.

Not Investigation Of Georgia Senator

Washington, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Beginning an investigation of Senator Watson's charges that private soldiers were hanged during the war without court martial, Chairman Brandegee of the special Senate committee announced today that the proceeding was not an investigation of the Georgia senator but was to ascertain whether the officers of the United States army were "murderers."

Senator Watson appeared before the committee and declared that he was ready to prove his charges.

Flashlights Legal If Light Kept On

Police, However, Have Been Ordered To Enforce Strictly The Bicycle Light Law

For the reason that there appears to be a general impression among the merchants of the city to the effect that their errand boys may no longer carry flashlights as lawful lighting apparatus for their bicycles when delivering packages after dark, a portion of Section 63 of the city ordinances affecting the operation of bicycles here is reprinted, as follows: "Each bicycle shall be equipped with a bell, and said bell shall be rung when approaching a street corner, and at night each bicycle shall be equipped with a light." The penalty for a violation of this ordinance is fixed at five dollars and costs, with a proviso that the bicycle may be confiscated if the fine is not paid.

The City Council, in regular session Monday night, took no action on the matter other than to instruct the Chief of Police to see that the law is carried out. The police complain that many of the errand boys when carrying their flashlights at night, only turn them on when they approach an officer, and that pedestrians are frequently endangered for that reason.

Under the law, then, a bicycle rider may carry any sort of a hand flashlight, provided only that he keeps his light going at all times when riding after nightfall. The members of the local police force have been ordered to see that the ordinance is strictly enforced, and they are not disposed to accept excuses in lieu of arrest for violation of the law in this respect.

FUNERAL LITTLE CHILD

The funeral of Robert Stallings, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Stallings, was conducted at their home on Body Road Wednesday afternoon by Rev. B. F. Hall.

NAVAL RATIO NOT YET ACCEPTED

But Japanese Accept Proposal For Quadruple Understanding In The Pacific, It Is Said

Washington, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The Japanese government has accepted the proposal for a quadruple understanding in the Pacific, an authorized British spokesman said today.

He added that the 5-5-3 capital ship ratio is related to this settlement and this has not yet been accepted by the Japanese.

Tuberculosis Seals Now On Sale Here

Pasquotank County gives less money than any other county in North Carolina to the support of the State tubercular hospital—and sends more patients than any other county. This is the statement made by officials of the State Board of Health of a condition that deserves the serious consideration of every thoughtful person in Pasquotank County at this time, when these Christmas Seals are being put on sale at nearly every store in the city.

The seals, or stamps, are sold at one cent each, or one dollar for a sheet of one hundred. Health Bonds are also offered for sale at \$5.00 each. Mrs. W. O. Saunders is chairman of the local Christmas seal committee, and Mrs. Victor K. Overman is conducting the sale of the bonds. Seventy-five per cent of all money received from the sale of seals and bonds will be used for tuberculosis work in Pasquotank County, and twenty-five per cent will go to the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Sanatorium. Everybody is offered an opportunity to help in the worthy work, in large or small amounts, since the seals are sold in any quantity.

State Inspectors Like Wright Vault

Declare It Is The Best Type They Have Seen Anywhere In North Carolina

Pronouncing it the best thing of the sort they have seen in the State, inspectors from the State Board of Health at Raleigh have examined and passed upon the concrete vault toilet built as a specimen for the City Council here by the Wright Vault Works. The toilet is now completed, vault, woodwork, house and all, and is on exhibition at the Wright plant on South Road street, near the Suffolk and Carolina railroad crossing. Geo. F. Wright, manager of the plant, invites the public to inspect the newly adopted type of sanitary toilet, which was made with steel moulds designed by Mr. Wright himself and covered by United States patents. The woodwork was done by Kramer Bros. Company.

According to the requirements of the State Board of Health, the concrete vault installation must be uniform throughout the city, but as to the building in which the vault is housed the only requirement is that it shall be a reasonably weather-proof structure.

The specimen vault is of reinforced concrete, two inches thick, and is entirely waterproof. It is believed that the thorough enforcement of the sanitary law in this city, with the general use of this type of toilet at homes not connected with the city sewer system will practically banish typhoid fever, dysentery, and other diseases here which might any year become epidemic during the summer months as a result of the general use of the old-style open toilet.



DR. HUBERT M. POTEAT

who comes from Wake Forest College to speak at the last meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Training School at 8:30 Friday evening on "Ragtime or Religion." What Dr. Poteat has to say will be of interest to all music lovers, irrespective of creed, and will be of utmost importance to all who work with and for the young people of the community. The public is cordially invited to hear him. Rev. W. A. Ayers of New Bern speaks tonight at 8:30. Classes convene at 6:30. It is hoped that many will attend.

Blind Saved From Burning Building

Jersey City, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—One hundred inmates of St. Joseph's Home for the Blind were led from the building today while fire damaged the structure.

Would Have This City In Carolina League

Leading Local Baseball Fans Think More Will Be Gained By Formation Of Baseball Club Here Than By Bringing Big League Club Here For Spring Training

Following some agitation last week of a proposal to offer the New Haven baseball club a substantial sum, probably \$1,500 or more, in order to bring the club here for three weeks of spring training, Oliver F. Gilbert, F. S. Wineke, Manager T. T. Nelson of the Southern Hotel, and other leading local baseball fans are now working on a proposition to give the Elizabeth City public regular league baseball during the spring and summer months of 1922.

The argument advanced by those behind the plan is that to bring the New Haven club to this city would cost a considerable sum for a few weeks of baseball entertainment, but that on the other hand much less than \$1,500 would be sufficient to hire a good playing manager, furnish a baseball team with uniforms and playing equipment, put the grounds and stands in order, and get the season started on a promising basis. If \$2,000 were guaranteed, they say that half of it might be in the form of a guarantee against a possible deficit of that amount later in the season; a deficit that might never exist.

Mr. Gilbert states that he is quite sure the Eastern Carolina League, which includes New Bern, Washington, Kinston and other progressive Eastern Carolina cities, would be glad to admit Elizabeth City. These cities depend largely upon the colleges of this and other states for their baseball material. For instance, last year New Bern obtained practically every star on the fast University of North Carolina baseball team, and a similar policy of securing college players might readily be followed here, he thinks.

Ten years ago, when Elizabeth City entered the now defunct Tidewater League, the local baseball association secured Tom Gulbean, a capable player-manager who built up the strongest team in the League, and had the other clubs of the circuit then formed rendered support equal to that accorded the local attraction at Elizabeth City, the Tidewater League would have been a successful success.

"The Elizabeth City public wants good baseball," says Mr. Gilbert, "and I believe that the fans will get vastly more for their money if it is spent upon the organization of a baseball club here, than in merely bringing a fast outfit to the city for a few weeks of spring training."

SURVIVORS TELL THRILLING STORY

Fifty-one Members Of Crew Of Submarine S-45 Had Marvelous Escape When Boat Stuck To Bottom

New York, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Fifty-one members of the crew of the submarine S-45 who escaped through torpedo tubes after the craft made a nose dive off Bridgeport, Connecticut, yesterday and stuck to the bottom, told a remarkable story today at the New York navy yard.

After the dive, the commandant related, the crew lightened one end until it appeared above the surface, perched there for over ten hours, and were finally picked up by a tanker. Several suffered from chloride gas. The submarine had nearly completed its test trip.

Coast Guard Cutters Saved 1,621 Lives

Washington, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The twenty-two American merchant craft with over 120,000 tons were lost in foundering, strandings, collisions and other causes in the year which ended June 30, says the annual report of the Coast Guard service.

The Coast Guard cutters saved lives or rescued from peril 1,621 persons in the year, says the report of Captain W. E. Reynolds, commandant.

Wants Increase In Cadet Corps

Washington, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—An increase in the cadet corps at West Point Military Academy to 2,500 was recommended by Brigadier General Douglas MacArthur, superintendent, in his annual report today.

FORTY MEN ARE CUT AND BRUISED

When Strike Sympathizers Storm Elevated Train Carrying Employees To The Stock Yards

Chicago, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Forty men were cut and bruised today when strike sympathizers stormed an elevated train carrying packers' employees to the stock yards.

All windows were broken by missiles. Fifteen hundred policemen were sent to the yards.

REPORT ON COTTON GINNED TO DECEMBER 10

Washington, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Cotton ginned to December first totalled 7,640,087 running bales, the Census Bureau announced today.

Mob Threatens To Storm Jail

Dyersburg, Tenn., Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Danger of mob violence threatened last night when several hundred men gathered around the city jail where five negroes were held in connection with the killing of R. L. Burkett, steel raiser. The danger today is believed to have been averted and the sheriff announced that he considers his forces adequate.

IN COURT THURSDAY

Found guilty of disorderly conduct, Rosa N. Whold was sentenced to 30 days in reformatory court here Thursday morning. Judgment was suspended for twelve months upon payment of the costs, conditional upon the future good behavior of the defendant, Ada Wiggins, charged with assault in connection with the same case, was fined five dollars and costs.

Miss Wenona Spivey of Battle Creek, Michigan, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. W. Newbern on Selden street.

All Ready For Opening Production Of "Esther"

Choral Society In Presenting Famous Sacred Opera Tonight And Tomorrow Night Offers Public A Musical Production Of Highest Excellence

Every detail is complete for the presentation of the sacred opera "Esther" at the local High School auditorium Thursday and Friday nights of this week, a musical event of the highest class to which the people of this city and section have been looking forward for months.

DIVIDES U. S. IN HOSTILE FACTIONS

Present System In Congress Of Committees Criticized By Secretary Weeks To Life Insurance Presidents

New York, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—The present system of organization in Congress whereby control is divided between the numerous committees may "if carried to its logical conclusion" divide the United States into "hostile factions" and leave the country "powerless to defend or maintain its interests," Secretary of War Weeks told the convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents today. He criticized the blocs in Congress.

Hyde And Tyrrell Want Exemption

Raleigh, Dec. 8 (Special)—Dissatisfaction with the Statewide stock law, passed at the 1921 session of the Legislature following stiff opposition, was manifested in the lower house of the Legislature Wednesday when two bills were introduced seeking to exempt certain counties from the operation of the law until January 1, 1923.

Advocates of the stock law at the regular session Tuesday saw in the move of certain counties to stay the hand of the 1921 Legislature an effort to defeat the provisions of the bill placing all North Carolina under a stock law. Representatives Bell of Hyde and Swain of Tyrrell counties sponsored bills to exempt their counties for a period of 12 months. This action, said Representative Martin of Washington County, was an effort on the part of Bell and Swain to start the fight anew in the Eastern North Carolina counties over the stock law. Representative Martin served notice that he would oppose any and every bill introduced at this session seeking to thwart the act passed at the regular session. The representative from Washington was the leading proponent of the 1921 law.

Development now under way in Hyde County representing hundreds of thousands of dollars, said Representative Martin, will be stopped if either of the bills proposed by Bell and Swain is passed. He expects to obtain unfavorable reports on them at the committee hearing Thursday.

Representative R. O. Everett of Durham in a resolution introduced calls upon Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts to furnish the names of the counties which have made horizontal reductions since the 1919 property valuations and upon State Superintendent E. C. Brooks for a list of counties which have levied the 30 cents school tax and which has been inadequate to operate the public schools for a period of six months.

This is the first time official notice has been given the tax controversy which arose following the action of the State Board of Equalization in granting reductions to the Durham County tobacco companies.

The Choral Society is trying hard and at severe sacrifices to many of us, to bring to Elizabeth City a clean wholesome source of amusement and bring it in a clean, fair manner. And if your civic interest is deep enough to desire this, now is the time to exercise it. We are merely trying to be totally fair and impartial. We ask you to be the same. Coming from Mr. Hufty we have the statement that Esther will by far surpass anything yet rendered by the Choral Society, in excellence of vocal rendition and ability of the orchestra. It surpasses by far "The Bohemian Girl" and is not short of professional excellence, and the costumes are far more elaborate and beautiful.

"In the first place when the sale of season tickets was inaugurated in the spring it was extensively advertised and every one was given the privilege of purchasing them. There were about sixty sold. The buyers of these tickets were our sponsors, exhibiting their faith in us by backing us financially when our existence depended on their faith in us. We had nothing to give them but a promise which they accepted. The funds from these season tickets kept us alive and enabled us to keep our organization together to the present. Having sponsored us and paid for their sponsorship in a material way, we, at the beginning of our season, realized that we were in duty bound to recognize our obligation to those upon whom we had in the idle season placed the burden of our very existence.

"In fulfilling our obligation we took the customary course in such matters, namely giving the sponsors the choice of seats. It was fair play. Nothing more nor less. There were not enough season tickets to rob the single ticket holders of good seats, and placed no obstacle in the way of the single ticket holders obtaining very good seating space.

"This statement is made in an endeavor to place before the public of a fair thinking city a justification of our measure and we ask that they consider themselves with the position reversed.

The curtain will rise at eight-fifteen, and those who attend are promised two hours of the finest musical entertainment ever offered to a local audience. With a cast and chorus of eighty people, and a carefully selected orchestra of ten pieces, the opera "Esther" is expected to mark a new high record of achievement for the Elizabeth City Choral Society.

F. R. Hufty, director of the imposing production, says that the cast is letter-perfect in every line of the opera, and he calls special attention to the particularly rich costuming of the characters who will appear in the romantic story of Esther, the beautiful queen, a story that is very familiar to students of the Bible.

"It has come to me," says H. A. Brownley, president of the Choral Society, "that there has been some misunderstanding as to the sale of tickets for the opera Esther, and I wish herewith to justify the course taken by the Choral Society in opening the theater plot to season ticket holders prior to the general opening for single tickets.

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CRAIG GOES TO LONDON
 Belfast, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Departure of Premier Craig for London tonight was announced after discussion of the Irish agreement by the Ulster Parliament.

CONGRESSMAN FLOOD DEAD
 Washington, Dec. 8 (By The Associated Press)—Representative Henry D. Flood, aged fifty-six, Democrat of Virginia, died here today of heart trouble. He had been ill for several weeks. The House adjourned as a mark of respect.