

City Council Backs Up The New City Manager

Practically Every Recommendation Made by Mr. Bray in His First Formal Report Receives Endorsement of City Governing Body

The purchase of \$5,000 worth of dirt street maintenance equipment and the adoption by the city of a plan of financing sidewalk paving by bond issues were the outstanding recommendations of the first formal report of City Manager Bray which was made to the City Council in regular session Monday night.

The Council adopted both recommendations without a dissenting vote and with only a few gurgles of expostulation from Councilman Gordon.

The City Manager also asked the Council to take a recess to meet within ten days subject to the call of the Mayor to act on the budget for the current year which is now being made up. And the Council agreed to it. In fact the only recommendation made by the City Manager that was not acted upon favorably was a suggestion that a Matthews street arm be permitted to repair its post shed over the sidewalk on the condition that the shed be replaced in the near future with the regulation type of sidewalk shelter. The construction of post sheds over the sidewalk has been prohibited by law for 12 years or more, but in cases where such sheds had already been constructed they have been permitted to remain until in need of repair.

In addition to the budget, it is possible that the new city ordinances may be ready to submit to the Council at the recess meeting to be called in the near future. The new ordinances are now in such shape as to be ready for transcription and the City Manager and City Attorney were directed to employ a stenographer to prepare typewritten copies of the proposed ordinances in order that they may be presented to the board for amendment or endorsement before they are put in the hands of a printer.

Petitions for street paving were presented and heard in number Monday night, particularly with reference to making it possible to get to the negro schools and the white primary school in wet weather without wading. These matters were referred to the City Manager for recommendations.

A petition from the Chamber of Commerce, presented by Secretary Job, for an appropriation for the Chamber under an enabling act passed by the last General Assembly was referred to the finance committee which is now at work on the budget for the current year.

The new parking ordinances will prohibit the parking of automobiles on the East side of South Water street between Main and the State bridge. A no-parking sign has already been placed at the east curb of this section of Water street, greatly relieving the congestion that has prevailed there since the opening of the State Bridge road. In addition to being forbidden to park its cars within 50 feet of the North Road street railroad crossing, it is quite likely that the Norfolk Southern will be put under a similar prohibition as to the Main street crossing.

Another matter that is being investigated as to its practicability is that of parking jitneys along the north and east walks of the Norfolk Southern passenger station instead of on a line along the track as at present.

It was argued Monday night that if such a scheme could be worked out it would make practicable the separation of jitney drivers carrying white and those carrying colored passengers and would also make it possible for passengers getting off the train in wet weather to take a jitney without getting off the paving or in the rain.

The purchase of a horse and buggy at a cost not to exceed \$175 for the use of Sanitary Officer Simmons was authorized. A McCormick mower will also be purchased for the use of the city in cleaning up vacant lots—at the expense of the owners.

Whether he can continue to hold it or not, it is at least certain that City Manager Bray has begun his work with the wholehearted support of the City Council.

Pasquotank Adopts Mothers Aid Law

The new Mothers' Aid Law became operative in Pasquotank Monday when the County Commissioners in regular session gave the measure their endorsement by putting two mothers in this County on the aid list.

The Commissioners also voted to send two members of their body to attend the meeting of the State association of county commissioners at Asheville in August.

Otherwise only routine matters were transacted by the Commissioners at their August meeting.

LITTLE SHERIFF BACK

Clarence Reid, son of Sheriff Chas. Reid, and familiarly known in his home town as "the little sheriff" is now manager of the local A. & P. Store, having been transferred here from Goldsboro.

PASSENGER TRAIN VICTIM OF BANDITS

Indianapolis, Aug. 7.—Four men bound and gagged the express messenger on a Big Four passenger train and escaped with five sealed packages and a number of railroad remittances valued at \$15,000 last night at Peoria, Illinois, according to word to officials of the railroad here today.

MAXWELL RIGHT SAY AUDITORS

Corporation Commissioner Hears from Price, Waterhouse & Co., Who Sustain His Statements.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Admission that the deficit of approximately \$5,000,000 claimed by Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell to exist in the finances figured on a cash basis as of December 31, 1922, actually existed was contained in a letter received here by Mr. Maxwell from Price, Waterhouse and Company, auditors of New York City employed by the State to make an audit of the State's financial condition.

The letter further stated that the auditors had summarized schedule F, page 9 of the audit "unfortunately, without sufficient consideration" of the misunderstanding which might arise in the public mind as a result.

In a statement issued shortly after the letter was received Mr. Maxwell declared that "the confessions in the letter leave little more to be said, and no room whatever for further controversy as to the five million dollar deficit on December 31, 1922."

Another statement is soon to come from Capitol Hill in connection with the financial statement and the hopes that the controversy was at an end are apparently blighted.

This much became known Monday through statements made by members of the Council of State, yet unwilling to get into the argument. There was no more than an intimation of the name of the author who will, according to the discussions, undertake to present the position of the Budget Commission and justify the conclusions of the auditors.

Treasurer Lacy is having his force start work on a balance sheet as of June 30, the end of the State's fiscal year, which, when completed, is expected to show whether the deficit of five millions is increasing or whether, in view of the "fat" revenue period of the six months ending June 30, the deficit has been decreased.

Copies of the complete report of the auditors are in the hands of the several members of the Council of State. Governor R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, is also understood to be studying the report in detail. No announcement of when the next statement is to issue could be made Monday, but it will probably wait on the return of Governor Morrison from Asheville.

Rifle Shoot Draws Many Famous Guns

Chicago, August 7.—Enough entries already have been received to guarantee the success of the North American Trapshooting Championships of 1923, according to an announcement by Secretary Starr Matthews, of the Amateur Trapshooting Association of America. The Grand American Handicap, which will be contested in this city, August 20-25, will be the first ever held under amateur control.

Entries close August 11, and it is predicted that the high-water mark for grand American attendance will be reached by that date. This estimate is based on the large number of entries already received by Mr. Matthews. The Grand American Handicap is the most widely known event on the week's program.

There are eleven amateur championships to be competed for during the tournament. These include the doubles championship, featured the second day, the junior championship and the zone five-man team championship scheduled for the third day; the five-class championships on the fourth day, and the all-round championship, which is competed on the 1,000 targets which make up the week's program.

SEND MORE TROOPS TO CHARLESTON, S. C.

Columbia, S. C., August 7.—Two companies of South Carolina National Guardsmen were today ordered to Charleston to augment the two Guard companies mobilized there last night in connection with the municipal primary today, it was learned at Governor McLeod's office.

COUNCIL WEARY OF LAW'S DELAY

Disposition to Resume Negotiations With Utility Companies Shown by Four Members of City Governing Body

Signs are not lacking that a considerable body of sentiment is developing in the City Council which is very restive at the tedious delays of the law in the matter of the suits against the city of the privately owned public utility corporations.

The proposal was made at Monday night's meeting of the Council that the officers of the utility companies be approached with a view to seeing if they had any new offer to make the city for its plants and properties.

By the narrow margin of one vote the proposal was voted down, on the ground that it would be interpreted as a weakening on the part of the city in its fight with the utility companies. Proponents of the proposal signified, however, that the motion did not obligate the city to accept any new proposal that the companies might offer and that the attitude of the proponents was not to buy the utilities on any previous offer made by the companies, but only to see if there might develop an offer more favorable than any yet made.

Deflated Mark Induces Gambling

People Stumble Over Each Other Trying to Reach Betting Machines

Perlin, August 7.—In the wake of the mark's depreciation and the commonplace use of many-ciphered sums, gambling has become a veritable fever among Germans. The infection is particularly evident at the race courses. Crowds swarm about the grounds like ants every day, and the people literally stumble over each other trying to reach the betting machines before the horses are sent away in the various events.

Bookmakers flourish, and the betting machines do a huge business. The lowest bet accepted is 5,000 marks, and the highest is an open question. At the Gruenewald track the other day a bookmaker was heard refusing a bet of 100,000,000 marks at even money.

Many of the foreigners in Germany patronize the German tracks, but foreigners and Germans also follow closely the French races. The results from Paris are distributed about Berlin every night on sports agency leaflets at subscription or single copy prices.

Yet much "loose" money appears to be about for other kinds of speculation. Lotteries, card-playing, and the stockmarket each claim a considerable following. One lottery involving a total of 19,500,000 marks is prominently advertised in Berlin. The police swoop down almost every night on private houses or clubs where unauthorized games of chance are under way. Many people not on the House find means of acquiring stock shares which they have been "tipped" to buy, only to sell in a day or so when, they hope, the quotations will be higher.

WHITE MAN CONVICTED OF BEATING HIS WIFE

Hiram Eason, white, convicted of assault on his wife, in recorder's court Tuesday morning, was put under suspended sentence of six months on the roads, the judgment to take effect upon his failure to keep the peace and to provide for the support of his wife and five children. Eason formerly lived in this city and is now farming in Pasquotank County on Cale Whitehurst's farm. The alleged assault took place last Friday. There was a bruise on Mrs. Eason's face which she said was inflicted by her husband.

Jerry Johnson, colored, was fined \$5 and costs for using profane language on the street. The court let Jerry off with one-half the usual penalty because of previous good reputation and because, in the court's opinion, he was under strong provocation.

BUCKETEERS MAKE FULL CONFESSION

New York, Aug. 7.—Stock bucketeers, including that of Edward M. Fuller and William McGee, confessed bucketeers, probably will be presented to the new Federal grand jury which will be sworn in today, it was learned, following the announcement by the United States District Attorney Hayward that Fuller and McGee had made a full confession.

FLOOD AT HERTFORD

A young flood between Hertford and Woodville and also between Hertford and Edenton is reported by motorists who had occasion Monday to travel in either of the foregoing directions from Hertford. Water up to the running board of automobiles is said to have been on the road in a number of places, while drivers of horse and buggy are said to have found water in one or two places up to the horse's belly.

Journey Aydtlett and Bradford Gallop left Tuesday to visit friends at Harbinger.

PETITIONS MANY AT TUESDAY MEET

But These Were Filed With Clerk Because Sufficient Funds Not Available for Highway Building Now.

Petitions for road paving were the main feature of the August meeting Tuesday of the Pasquotank Highway Commission, but all such petitions were merely filed with the clerk, as the funds of the Commission at this time are not sufficient to justify the undertaking of any new construction project of any considerable magnitude.

The only paving project to be undertaken in the immediate future by the Commission will be that of extending the paving on West Church street to connect with the State Road to Hertford, now being paved with concrete. The question of what material is to be used to join the Church street brick with the State road concrete has not yet been determined and was not taken up at this meeting on account of the absence of Chairman Morris.

However, the Commission did promise early action on the grading and widening of a number of dirt roads in the County, the most notable of which, perhaps, were the Weymouth road from the Parsonage street crossing a distance of about a half a mile and the Perkins Lane road, this latter to be widened and graded provided that the County be given a free right of way for a 20-foot road.

Among the paving petitions presented was one for the paving of the road from the Main street crossing of the Norfolk Southern schoolhouse. This is a distance of about two miles and is asked in view of the movement now on foot to make Forks a standard State High School with trucks for the transportation of pupils living some distance from the school house.

Many complaints came to the Commission of bridges badly in need of repair and the Commission is preparing to take over all bridges on County roads as provided under act of the last Legislature, but the number of bridges to be looked after is so great that doubtless many of them will have to be patched up and put up with in rather unsatisfactory condition for some time before the Commission can get around to all of them. A larger culvert is to be put in at an early date draining the Co-hoon and Coppersmith farms where a 24-inch culvert put in when the road was paved has proved entirely inadequate. This will necessitate the taking up of the brick paving at that point.

The Commission is preparing to put into effect not only the general bridge maintenance policy provided for under recent legislative enactment but also the program of letting road maintenance contracts by townships to the lowest bidder.

Nobody was present to present the petition for the extension of the M. Hermon road from its present terminus to the Perquimans County line, though this was a matter on which one of the largest delegations was looked for. At least one Perquimans County man had driven all the way from Chapanoke to hear this petition presented.

Need More Wool and Less Burrs

Farmers Would Receive Better Price for Product, Says Sheep Field Agent

Raleigh, August 7.—If North Carolina wool contained less burrs and was put up in better shape, farmers would receive a better price for it than they are now receiving, according to G. P. Williams, sheep field agent for the State College and Department of Agriculture. Mr. Williams has just returned to the college after spending several weeks in the field aiding farmers and county agents to hold their wool pools. He said he found that the average prices offered were not so good, due largely to the inferior way in which the fleeces had been handled.

"It is much better off in these qualities than the wool received from states farther South," said Mr. Williams in discussing North Carolina grown wool. "Our wool has a satisfactory oil content and a strong fiber. If North Carolina farmers will put their clear wool in standard fleeces and then pack it in standard bags, the product will pass muster on the fleece wool markets and will then attract many bidders who will not look at it now. The wool that is prepared to meet the buyer's approval and which can be sent by him to the high class mills is the wool that will always move the easiest."

Mr. Williams said he found much wool that had been "crammed loosely" into all kinds of old bags and the buyers would not look with favor on such stuff. Its very appearance, said Mr. Williams, was a serious handicap in moving it at a profit to the farmer.

"Heavy burry wool is extremely hard to move," he continued, "because most of the mills demand clear staple. Cutting down our present heavy proportion of heavy burry wools and marketing the fleeces in the well recognized way will remove practically all the wool marketing troubles that confront the North Carolina sheep grower at present."

Washington Sorrowing Awaits Funeral Train

Trans-continental Trip Goes Slowly Because of Throng Who Gather All Along the Way to Pay Tribute to Memory of Their Late President

BLOODHOUNDS USED IN POSSE'S SEARCH

Carthage, Ind., August 7.—A posse made up of farmers and officials estimated to number about 500 persons is searching today for negroes who are alleged to have attacked a 16-year-old white girl at Sexton last night. Bloodhounds are being used in the search.

GOVERNOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

Asks People to Observe Period of Prayer Wednesday and Period of Mourning During President's Funeral.

Asheville, Aug. 7.—Governor Morrison last night issued a proclamation calling on the people of North Carolina to observe a period of prayer for 15 minutes after the noon hour Wednesday when the funeral rites for the late President are held at Washington. Business houses are asked to close their doors for this time.

The proclamation also calls upon the people to observe a period of mourning and prayer for one hour during the funeral services at Marion, Ohio, on Friday.

Calls on Merchants
Statesville, Aug. 7.—The president of the North Carolina Merchants' Association calls upon the merchants of the State to suspend business during the funeral services of President Harding at Marion, Ohio, Friday.

Labor Meeting to Be at Greensboro

Seventeenth Annual Convention of Federation Begins on August 13

Greensboro, August 7.—W. L. Hutcherson, General President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Indianapolis, Ind., and J. L. Bradford, General Organizer of the same organization, will be among the principal speakers at the 17th annual convention of the North Carolina State Federation of Labor, which opens here next Monday, August 13, with sessions that will continue through Wednesday, August 15.

Invitations have been extended to Samuel Gompers and Frank Morrison, President and Secretary, respectively, of the American Federation of Labor, to deliver addresses, but their acceptances have not yet been received.

The convention will open at 10 o'clock on the morning of August 13, at the Spring Street School building. The visitors will be welcomed to Greensboro in an address by Mayor Claud Kiser, J. H. Ellis, president of the Federation, will deliver the response. The remainder of the initial session will be devoted to organization.

On Monday evening the visiting labor men will be the guests of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce on a sight-seeing tour in and about the city.

Resolutions and reports will occupy the attention of the convention on Tuesday morning. The afternoon meeting Tuesday will be featured with addresses by W. L. Hutcherson and J. L. Bradford. Others on the program for addresses include J. P. McMahon, Raleigh; James F. Barrett, Charlotte; Rev. Tom P. Jimison, Spencer; W. F. Moody, Raleigh; and R. W. H. Stone, president of the Farmers State organization.

On Tuesday evening the delegates will attend an athletic exhibition. Reports of committees, the election of officers and the selection of the 1924 meeting place will be the principal business before the convention on Wednesday morning. Following this, the convention will adjourn.

On Wednesday evening the entire delegation will go to Guilford Battle Ground where they will be guests of the Greensboro Central Labor Union at a barbecue.

TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Members of the new section of Hollywood Cemetery Society will meet with Mrs. D. M. Jones on West Main street Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A large attendance is desired.

The old section will meet with Mrs. G. M. Scott on North Road street at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and it is hoped that all members will attend.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 7.—(12 o'clock noon).—Brooding skies heavy with portends of storm but broken occasionally by hot, hazy sunlight, hung over Washington through the last hours of waiting today for the funeral train that is bearing the dead President Harding back to the ultimate honors his sorrowing countrymen can pay him.

Plans for the reception of the dead were unchanged except the slow hours of waiting were dragged out longer and longer as each Ohio and Pennsylvania town through which the train crawled lavished its voiceless acclaim at the bier of the dead Ohioan.

At whatever hour it comes, Washington will be waiting, hushed, reverent, sorrowful.

It May Be Midnight
Baltimore, August 7.—The Presidential funeral train will not reach Washington much before midnight at its present rate of progress, in the opinion of operating officials of the Baltimore & Ohio at the executive offices here at noon today.

This statement is based on the assumption that in deference to the wishes of Mrs. Harding the train would continue to run slowly through the communities desiring to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of the dead President.

Passes Through Ohio
On Board the Funeral Train, Aug. 7.—Speeding across the country, the Presidential funeral train shortly after midnight reached Ohio, the President's native state.

Mrs. Harding issued a request that the train slow down to ten miles an hour so that citizens along the road might honor their dead chieftain.

Chicago Honors Dead
Chicago, Aug. 7.—A throng estimated at 350,000 here honored the dead President as the train passed through here. The crowds were gathered all along the way as the train passed through the city limits.

To Build Mausoleum
Marion, Ohio, August 7.—President Harding will not be buried by his mother and sister in Marion cemetery.

His body, after the funeral services here Friday afternoon, will be placed in a receiving vault at the cemetery and held there pending the erection of a mausoleum to receive it.

The plans are approved by Mrs. Harding, but are contingent upon the condition of the body on its arrival from Washington. The coffin, it is said, has not been opened during the trip across the continent and will not be until it reaches Washington.

Theaters May Close
New York, August 7.—Steps were taken here today to have all the motion picture, vaudeville, and legitimate theaters of the nation remain closed on Friday, the day of the funeral of the late President Harding in Marion, Ohio.

BUDDHISTS WORK FOR CONVERTS IN HAWAII

Honolulu, August 7.—An active drive for converts to Buddhism among the English speaking peoples of the Hawaiian territory is forecast as the result of action taken by Buddhist leaders in deciding to organize a Buddhist evangelic association in Hawaii with headquarters here.

The principal aim of the society will be to spread the teaching of the sect in English, and present plans call for the training of English speaking priests of Buddha, the publication of canonical books in English and the circulation of other publications in English regarding Buddhism.

FIFTY MOROS ARE KILLED IN BATTLE

(By The Associated Press.)
Manila, August 7.—Fifty Moros were killed and a number wounded, and three members of the constabulary were wounded in a battle near Lake Lanao on the island of Mindanao yesterday, it was reported to the Governor-General's office here today.

SLAUGHTER BANDITS BY THE HUNDREDS

(By The Associated Press.)
Peking, August 7.—Dispatches from Tsitsihar, Manchuria, today announced that 750 bandits were slaughtered by soldiers in barracks there by command of the military governor.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 7.—Spot cotton closed steady, with a 15 point advance. Middling 25.75. Futures closed at the following levels: October 23.85-90, December 23.85-89, January 23.66, March 23.72-75, May 23.66-74.

New York, Aug. 7.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: October 23.85-75, December 23.73-67, January 23.48-44, March 23.52-53, May 22.55-51.