

Bertie To Give Barbecue To Boost Bridge Project

Huge Crowd Expected to Attend Event at Windsor Wednesday Week; Coastal Highway Route to Ex- tend to Maine, Instead of Ending at Washington

All Northeastern Carolina is invited to attend a barbecue to be given by the people of Bertie County at Windsor on Wednesday, December 31, to advance plans for the proposed bridge across the Chowan River at Edenton—a vital link in the South Atlantic Coastal Highway.

Announcement to this effect was made today by Secretary Job, of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, in behalf of Charles Whedbee, of Hertford, chairman of the North Carolina Coastal Route 30 Association. Mr. Whedbee, in a letter to Mr. Job, urged that every one in this section interested in the bridge attend the barbecue.

Bertie County is famous throughout the State for its barbecues. Those who have been guests at events of the kind in the big county beyond the Chowan have sung the praises of Bertie far and wide. Preparations are being made to entertain an immense crowd, according to Mr. Whedbee. An effort will be made to have Kiwanis and Rotary clubs throughout the coastal section of the State send large delegations of their members to the event Wednesday week, as well as highway bodies and other groups and individuals interested.

Other Meetings Planned
The barbecue follows a meeting held at New Bern two weeks ago in the interest of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway. Other similar events will be held from time to time at various points in the territory affected. Action on the bridge proposal will be asked of the State Legislature in January.

With reference to the present need for a bridge across the Chowan, Secretary Job points out that the two ferries now operating from Edenton to Mackeys and Eden House, respectively, are carrying an average of 55 cars a day and taking an average toll of \$2 per car, including passengers. The ferries, he declares, are averaging \$1,000 a week. From these figures, he explains, it is readily seen that there would be sufficient traffic immediately to justify erection of the bridge.

Officials in Washington who are in close touch with the tourist situation, Mr. Job continues, estimate that half a million automobiles carrying tourists will leave the capital for the South during 1925. Of these it is expected that nine out of ten tourist parties will use the South Atlantic Coastal Highway, due to the fact that there are no hills to climb along the way; the route passes through no large cities, with complicated and confusing traffic regulations; and the historic and scenic attractions are numerous.

Route Extended
Instead of terminating at Washington, as had been contemplated, the coastal highway will continue north to a terminus in Maine, Fred Ward, secretary of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association, announces in a letter to Mr. Job. Extension of the highway was agreed upon at a recent meeting in Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Ward says, explaining that the action was taken in response to requests from highway representatives from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, New York, and Maine. This is expected to increase traffic over the Southern division of the highway to a material extent.

POLICE PROBING DEATH OF NEGRO

Prisoner Declares Fatal Shooting Resulted from Accident; Victim Said to be Close Friend.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Claiming that he did not know that the gun was cocked, Edgar Corprew, colored, was shot fatally by Mack Hopkins, also colored, about one mile below Yemassee Saturday morning, the shooting taking place around 10 o'clock.

Deputy Sheriff George Harris was summoned to the scene and Saturday afternoon brought Hopkins to this city for safe keeping. The negro Hopkins claims that the shooting was purely an accident. He says that he was standing in the road talking to Corprew, who was in a buggy and that when he got ready to leave that he turned around and then it was that the gun fired. It is said there were no other witnesses to the shooting.

The gun load entered the right side of Corprew. He only lived an hour. Both Corprew and Hopkins are about 16 years old and were said to be pals.

RAILROADS PLAN MUCH BUILDING

Employment for Thousands Apparently Assured This Year Through Extensive Program Undertaken

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New York, Dec. 22.—"I've been working on the railroad." That half-century old song accurately describes the business of thousands of men during the past year and there is every indication that fully as many handiars of the pick and tamping bar will be found along the rights of way in 1925. The present campaigns of construction undertaken by the carriers of the United States represent about the best insurance against unemployment of itinerant labor that could be presented today.

Construction and betterment work has been active in all sections, but the West has witnessed more new construction of rail lines than all the remainder of the country combined. Lines are being built into hitherto untapped territory and moving picture directors have had to abandon some of the "broad spaces where men are men" for fear of getting a crowd of 1925 tourists into an 1877 background.

The construction program of the Southern Pacific called for the expenditure of \$49,000,000 and about half this sum will be carried over for disbursement during the coming year. Altogether 382 miles of new road were started by the company in Oregon, California, New Mexico, Nevada and Lower California. The construction in the latter district will serve to link the West coast of the United States with Mexico City and promises to develop valuable trade with Mexico by tapping a region rich in possibilities.

The Atchafalaya Trench and Santa Fe road laid 155 miles of new rails this year and will spend \$11,000,000 for 119 miles of additional double track the coming season providing a double track system all the way from Los Angeles to California. Each road has ordered thousands of new refrigerator cars and other equipment to handle the traffic which these improvements will open up.

ABANDON RUM TO SMUGGLE ALIENS

Erstwhile Rum Runners Find Smuggling Aliens Into U. S. Less Hazardous Than Liquor Traffic.

Grand Forks, North Dakota, Dec. 22.—Tightening of the immigration restrictions has turned many erstwhile liquor runners to the less hazardous occupation of smuggling aliens into the United States from Canada, according to William Flynn, director in charge of this immigration district. Two hundred men keep watchful eyes on some 1,200 miles of border line under Mr. Flynn's direction, and it is inevitable that this small force cannot keep under constant observation every mile of the line.

There are two principal methods employed in smuggling aliens, according to Mr. Flynn. One is the alien being taken into custody within a short time. The other and more common method is for veteran smugglers to lead an automobile with aliens and drive across the border, dumping them down at almost any place, with no particular regard as to the possibility of the alien being taken into custody within a short time.

These smugglers invariably leave the alien with very little money. Mr. Flynn declares, and it is easy for the smuggler to average \$100 for each person thus illegally transported. As a rule the foreigners are driven only a mile or two across the border, but occasionally they are taken to some town on the United States side, perhaps several miles from the line.

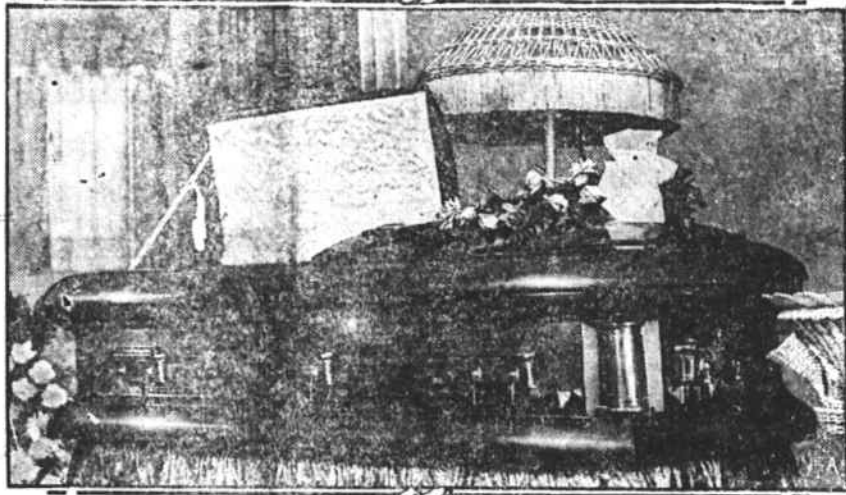
While deportation has been common practice, prosecution is being followed in this district and "is getting good results." Mr. Flynn said, as "the prospects of from three months to a year in prison is not so inviting to aliens as the mere prospect of being deported."

KID MCCOY TO TELL VERSION OF TRAGEDY

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.—Kid McCoy's suicide version of the shooting of Mrs. Theresa Mors here last August will be thrust under the microscope of unfield scrutiny when arguments to the jury open in the former pugilist's trial today on the charge of murdering Mrs. Mors.

is expected by union officials before the end of the week.

When Gompers' Body Lay in State



The body of Samuel M. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, lay in state in his hotel suite in San Antonio, Tex., before the departure east. It was in a metallic casket.

INFANT DEATHS 6,865 PAST YEAR

Pasquotank County's Mortality Rate Far Nearer the Highest Than the Lowest Level.

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—The total number of deaths among infants under one year of age in North Carolina during the year of 1923 were 6,865 or a ratio of 84.4 per one thousand births with the number of maternal deaths were 549 or a ratio of .65 per one thousand births. It is shown in the annual report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics. In 1922, the report shows, the ratio of infant deaths per one thousand births was 79.4, an increase of 9.0 deaths per one thousand births for 1923 over 1922.

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Mecklenburg and Guilford counties ranked second and third in the number of infant deaths with 221 deaths and a ratio of 92.3 and 198 deaths and a ratio of 68.2 respectively.

Hoke County was first in the percentage of maternal deaths with a ratio of 36.2 per thousand births or seven deaths, while Guilford was first in the number of maternal deaths with 24 deaths and a ratio of 8.2 per thousand births.

Greene County came second in percentage with 19.9 ratio and 12 deaths and Washington County came third with a ratio of 18.5 and seven deaths.

In the number of maternal deaths Wake County came second with 18 deaths and a ratio of 7.5, while Blount County, Johnston County and Pitt County were third each with 17 deaths but with respective ratios of 9.3, 9.1, and 10.2.

Pasquotank's mortality rate among infants was far nearer the highest than the lowest level, being 106.9 per 1,000 births, as compared with 76.4 for Perquimans, 82 for Tyrrell, 104.4 in Bertie, 69.8 in Camden, 108.6 in Chowan, 55.5 in Currituck, 74.6 in Dare, 78.2 in Gates, 82.7 in Hertford, and 65.3 in Hyde.

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BURGLARS MAKE HAUL OF \$1,000,000 IN FURS

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Furs valued at approximately \$1,000,000 were taken by burglars from a west city store, it was ascertained when the store was opened today. The burglars circumvented an elaborate system of burglar alarms.

WASHINGTON REMAINS QUIET ON NAVAL CONTROVERSY

Washington, Dec. 22.—Until Congress has made known definitely its attitude on the question of appropriating funds to change the gun elevation on capital ships the Washington Government will engage in no controversy over its budget with Great Britain.

THREE FOURTS PLANES UNIT FOR WARFARE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Only 224 of the 820 planes of all kinds in possession of the Navy could be used effectively in case of war, Admiral Moigert, Chief of Bureau of Aeronautics, testified before special aircraft investigation committee of the House. Even the 224 which could be used effectively are becoming out of date, he said.

FARM BANK FINANCIAL GEORGIA PEACH CROP

Macon, Ga., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Georgia peach bank, organized to finance the movement of the 1925 crop of peaches under the auspices of the Co-operative Peach Growers Association and backed by a Federal Farm loan board, will get into operation immediately.

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Saves \$250,000; Gets \$1000



Investment General Harry S. New is seen here presenting a check for \$1000 to Richard Brenden of Berwyn, Md., in payment for a preannounced stamp device he made. The device, it is estimated, will save the government approximately a quarter of a million dollars annually, but the \$1000 is the maximum payment permitted by law.

SEARCHERS FIND BODY OF AIRMAN

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The body of Charles G. Gilbert, an mail aviator, lost last night in a snow storm over Kaneville, while enroute to Omaha from Chicago, was found today about half a mile from his wrecked plane.

J. D. FARRIOR IS PAROLED

On Condition That He Reimburse the County of Pasquotank \$2,500 for Expense of Trial.

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—J. D. Farrior of Wilson today was paroled during good behavior by Governor Cameron Morrison, on condition that he reimburse the county of Pasquotank in the amount of \$2,500 expense incident to the affair out of which grew his sentence of two years. Farrior was under sentence for shooting Joe Swindler in the Elizabeth City Jail. It was stated that the County had been put to considerable expense in the trial of Farrior and in caring for the man whom he had shot. It was provided that any excess of the money paid by Farrior would be turned over to the school funds of the state. Farrior was represented by Percy McMullan and J. C. B. Ehrlichman of Elizabeth City and A. D. Ward of New Bern.

CHICAGO INSTITUTE OPENS SCHOOL OF PLAY-WRITING

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Drama entered the official category of the fine arts at the Chicago Art Institute with the establishment of a department for the study and practice of acting, play-writing, and costume designing, and when the construction of a theater to house these activities was begun. The theater will seat about 700 persons. Its architect made investigations in Europe and incorporated many special devices for the rapid and convenient handling of scenery without the usual means. The chief of these is a sky dome over the entire stage, which obviates the use of drop curtains for exteriors, and of movable floors on which an entire setting, with its furniture and actors, may rise to positions within the proscenium.

FINED \$25 AND COSTS ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Charged with having liquor in his possession, N. E. Williams was fined \$25 and costs in recorder's court here Monday morning. Daniel Rhodes was found not guilty of a charge of obtaining money on a bad check. He was required, however, to make good the check in question.

FACES OF BERLIN ACTORS LENGTHEN

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Highly paid stars and superstars of the Berlin stage are walking about with long faces these days. A drastic cut in pay is in the offing for them. Already the national federation of stage producers has agreed that the fees of stars must come down, and now the managers in the various cities are getting together to put the verdict into effect.

PALESTINE HAS TO REGULATE TRAFFIC

Jerusalem, Dec. 22.—The growth of motor traffic in Palestine since the war has increased so greatly that the municipal government of Jerusalem has been compelled to take steps to curb the mad careering of automobiles through the crowded streets of the cities. Also it will stop the harsh honking of horns, which are detestful to a population accustomed to living in the medieval quietness and quiet which were characteristic of the Holy City before its modernization began.

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NEW DATE SET WINDSOR MEET

Secretary of Windsor Chamber of Commerce Advises Secretary Job Meeting to be Held Dec. 31.

Monday, December 31, has been set by the Windsor Chamber of Commerce as the date for the Chowan Bridge meeting in that city. The Windsor commercial organization is preparing a barbecue for the event and expects a large crowd.

Secretary Job of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce has been apprised of that fact by J. A. Pritchett, secretary of the Windsor Chamber of Commerce.

In a letter to Mr. Job, under date of Wednesday December 17, Mr. Pritchett stated: "At a meeting of our Chamber of Commerce on Monday night, Dec. 15, it was decided to hold a meeting at Windsor on December 31, to boost the bridge across Chowan and discuss plans for presenting the matter before the Legislature. I, therefore, ask that you give this matter general publicity and arrange for all members of your Chamber of Commerce to be with us on that date as soon as possible. We are preparing a big barbecue and shall expect a large crowd."

In giving this letter to The Advance for publication Mr. Job urged members of the Chamber of Commerce here to pass along news of the meeting to their friends in adjoining counties and to prepare, in as large number as possible, to attend the meeting. This is the meeting that had been set for December 31, but which was postponed on account of the fact that this date found the business men of all towns interested in the midst of their Christmas rush.

FT. WAYNE FIRE LOSS IS \$500,000

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 22.—Fire in the downtown district burning late into the night did \$500,000 damage.

RAIN, SNOW, SLEET THROUGHOUT SOUTH

Washington, Dec. 22.—Indications are for rain along the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, rain or sleet in the interior Southern States and light snow in the Middle and Northern sections east of the Mississippi within the next 24 to 36 hours. The Weather Bureau announced the temperature will rise gradually during the next 48 hours in the Washington district area.

CONGRESSMAN'S WIDOW WILL WED MCCORMICK

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—The engagement of Mrs. Gertrude O'Connell, widow of Martin O'Connell, who represented the Nineteenth Pennsylvania District in Congress for a number of years, and Vance C. McCormick, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee, was announced here today. Wedding is expected to take place during the holidays.

FURTHER APPEAL ON PARKING HERE

Chamber of Commerce Asks Local Motorists to Leave Cars at Home During Holiday Rush.

In a further appeal to Elizabeth City, folk generally to co-operate in making things as convenient as possible for Christmas shoppers, particularly in the matter of parking their cars in the downtown section Secretary Job is mailing the following appeal to the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce:

"Work of sufficient parking space to take care of one-out-of-town patrons is discouraging them from coming to our city. Several complaints have been registered at this office within the past few days. "We are, therefore, asking you as a convenience to our out-of-town friends and a courtesy to our local merchants to park your car on the side streets back from the business section during this holiday season and to show the Christmas spirit by helping others."

City Manager Farabee, Chief of Police Gregory and other city officials are appealing also in behalf of the out of town motorists. Traffic problems here during the holiday season, according to Chief Gregory, are not particularly serious except for some congestion on Christmas Eve. The situation, he says, will be taken care of simply that day by the police force, who will extend every courtesy to visitors unfamiliar with local traffic regulations.