

COWAN THRILLS BUSINESS MEN IN FINE SPEECH

Wilmington Man Impressed By Chamber of Commerce Record

PICTURES BIG THINGS FOR DUNN'S FUTURE

Says Organization Big Factor in Progress of Live Communities—Riddle and Goldstein Tell of Work—Local Speakers Reminiscent.

Declaring that Dunn was one of the best towns of North Carolina and that the record made by the Chamber of Commerce during the first year of its existence was a credit to the men who formed it, Jas. H. Cowan, of Wilmington, enthused a body of the town's business men in one of the best speeches ever delivered here in the rooms of the Chamber Thursday night.

Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Cowan pointed out, are just what their members make them. Nearly always, he said, the real work of the organization has to be done by the loyal few who had a pride in their community.

This always led to the charge by selfish men that the organization was conducted by a clique for selfish ends. Fortunately, however, he said, all live communities had enough loyal kind to build up live organizations that accomplished the things which are bringing such communities to Dunn to the forefront of American progress.

Mr. Cowan declared, is one of the best towns in North Carolina. He had visited all parts of the town during the afternoon and had motored some through the outlying farming section. It has, he said, the four elements necessary to a progressive community—agriculture, industry, commerce and recreation.

When the record of the Chamber of Commerce was revealed to the visitor by the reports of President Goldstein and Secretary Riddle he was deeply impressed. He said that it was a record to be proud of and that it was an evidence what can be accomplished through properly directed co-operation.

President Goldstein opened the meeting with a brief review of the organization's activities and with a plan for a continuation of that cooperation which had created and kept alive the Dunn Spirit and the Chamber of Commerce.

Judge John C. Clifford introduced Mr. Cowan to the gathering. As a prominent business man in town was not there to have his co-operative battery recharged.

Mr. A. J. Cooper Dies Thursday At Hospital

Was Prominent Farmer of Sampson County and Father of Dr. G. M. Cooper

Mr. A. J. Cooper, 71-year-old, prominent farmer of Sampson county, father of Dr. G. M. Cooper of the State Board of Health, died last night at 8:20 at Rex hospital where he had been for some time and where he was operated on last Wednesday. Mr. Cooper was a beloved citizen of Clinton and was for a long time one of the leading farmers of Sampson county.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Eliza Cooper; one daughter, Mrs. E. E. Fitts, of Va.; four sons, T. N. Cooper, Chatham, Va.; G. B. Cooper, Kinston, Lieutenant Commander O. F. Cooper, U. S. N., and Dr. G. M. Cooper of the State Board of Health at Raleigh. He leaves two brothers: Jeff Cooper, of Clinton, and D. C. Cooper, of Raleigh.

SENATOR SIMMONS JOINS UNIVERSAL CONDEMNATION OF BUTLER FOR CABINET JOB

New Bern, Nov. 25.—In reply to an inquiry from the Wilmington Star as to what he thought of the resignation of Marion Butler for a cabinet position by certain Democrats of the State, Senator F. M. Simmons sent the following answer: "Your telegram requesting my views with respect to endorsement of Butler by certain Democrats for Secretary of Agriculture in Harding's cabinet received this morning. In reply I heartily join in the well-nigh universal condemnation and indignation of the Democrats of the State over this humiliating and stultifying action of a few prominent members of their party."

MRS. FRENCH MACSWINEY WILL VISIT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Nov. 25.—Madame Margaret MacSwiney, sister of the late Lord Mayor of Cork, received a telegram from her brother, Peter, Member of the British Parliament, and she is expected to visit Asheville upon her return from London.

TARBORO MERCHANTS TO HAVE A PAY-UP WEEK

Tarboro, Nov. 25.—At a meeting of the Merchants' Association it was definitely decided to have a "pay-up week" from December 1 to December 16. A number of the merchants will be furnished with coupons in denominations of one dollar. Every time a dollar is paid on account a coupon will be given, on which will appear the name of the merchant giving the coupon. The name of the customer is placed on the back and deposited in a box. At the end of "pay-up week" a public meeting will be held in the courthouse and all of the coupons placed together and a disinterested party will draw. The customers whose name appears most times on the back of the coupons will get the first prize. There will be four cash prizes handed in the same manner.

Plenty of Money Arrives

New York, Nov. 25.—Arrival here today of \$5,000,000 worth of gold on the steamship Olympic, part of which was consigned to J. P. Morgan and Company, for the account of the British government, was reported in financial quarters as the beginning of another extensive movement of the metal to the United States.

Public utility plants produced electricity to the amount of 29,114,000 kilowatt-hours during the first eight months of the present year. Thirty-eight per cent of this was produced by water power.

ty-five years ago and found it a rambling little village in the wilderness. Since that time he had seen it grow by leaps and bounds until now it could truthfully lay claim to being "the liveliest town under the sun."

MUTUAL PLEDGE OF FRIENDSHIP MADE

President Porras, of Panama, and President-Elect Harding Speak

Panama City, Panama, Nov. 25.—A pledge of enduring brotherhood and co-operation between Panama and the United States was pronounced here tonight by President Porras and G. Harding, President-elect of the United States.

Speaking at a banquet given by him in honor of Mr. Harding, Senator Porras declared it was the wish of the Pan-American nations that the United States should continue as "the polar star of our American continent lighting the way for other peoples of liberty and independence."

In reply Mr. Harding voiced warm reciprocation of this expression of friendship and declared that it was one of his fondest hopes to see the Americans—North, Central and South—united in the purpose of living peacefully and in co-operation.

After the banquet Mr. Harding held a public reception in the Union Club, where the dinner was held, and shook hands with hundreds of Panamanians. Though he made no reference to his speech at the banquet to specific diplomatic policies, the President-elect had before him as he spoke detailed information gathered during his visit here on many subjects affecting the canal management and relations with Panama.

Britton Heads Tar Heel Society in Washington

Washington, Nov. 25.—Edward Elms Britton, private secretary to the Secretary of the Navy, was last night elected president of the North Carolina Society at the annual business meeting preceding the ball at Raucher's.

Capt. Terry A. Lyon, brother of Congressman-elect Homer Lyon, of Fayetteville, was elected as vice-president of the society, and Eugene F. Hartley, chief clerk in the department of the census, was re-elected secretary and treasurer for another year. The society is in a healthy condition.

RIDGECREST MERCHANT SENTENCED TO CHAIR

Asheville, Nov. 25.—That attorney for the defense will seek to have Governor Bickett commute the death sentence imposed this morning in Superior court by Judge E. F. Long, of Statesville, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree, in the case of J. T. Harris, Ridgecrest merchant, for killing E. W. McNeill, of Tusculoo, Ala., retired capitalist, in the information learned here tonight. This is learned, will be bitterly opposed by the prosecution.

The Harris trial, started November 11 and came to an end this morning, just two weeks later when the jury marched into the courtroom at 10 o'clock and returned a verdict of murder in the first degree. Harris, long at once sentenced the defendant to die in the electric chair at 7 a. m. Friday, January 28. The defendant gave notice of appeal to the Supreme Court.

ANOTHER UNIT ARRIVES AT BIG ARTILLERY CAMP

Fayetteville, Nov. 25.—The fourth unit of the Fifth Field Artillery to reach Camp Bragg arrived here yesterday from Camp Dix. A special train brought it, Battery B, of the regiment which will replace the 29th and 19th field artillery regiments of the camp. The battery carries a roster of three officers and 145 men. The battery commander is First Lieut. C. E. Hixon.

SALES IN ECONOMIC INVADERS' HOUSES

Broad Street Like "Old Home" Cole

MAKING DOORS ALONG WAY

Hangover from Tumbling Prices—Money Does Not Flow of Much Wealth

Broad Street, its numerous banners of being prepared for the "Old Home Week" of the store that has a reputation for its special sale are the hardware store that has announced that it will offer a "reduction."

These sales, are attracting a large crowd of people to the street, but the money does not seem to be flowing freely. The American officials of the Canal zone and most of those in high authority in the Panamanian republic were present at the banquet which was in the nature of a love feast to cement the comity between the nation operating the great isthmian water-way and the nation whose territory it pierces.

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A. T. Lee Passes Away At Winston

A. T. Lee is dead. Death came to him in the sixty-first year of his life at Winston-Salem Thursday morning. Friday his body arrived here accompanied by his only son, Robert, and was carried to the home of his brother, George Moore Lee, where a short funeral service will be conducted Saturday morning.

Mr. Lee was an eccentric character, but was possessed of keen business sense and was one of the leading business men of his day here. He was twice married. His second wife survives him. He is also survived by four brothers and three sisters. They are George Moore, Joseph Y. N., and John Lee, Mrs. Martha Coats, Mr. Farrabee Fowler and Mrs. Winnie Tart.

START CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT LIVES

Railroad Commission Inaugurate Drive For Laws In All States

Washington, Nov. 25.—A campaign for the passage of laws in all States requiring better protection of railroad grade crossings is to be carried on by members of the Association of State Railway and Utility Commissioners, which recently held its annual convention here.

A special committee appointed to investigate the "whole subject said the elimination of all grade crossings in the United States would probably cost as much as all the railroads are worth." It recommended laws requiring that every grade crossing be protected by an approach warning sign, placed in the highway at a distance not less than 500 feet on each side of the railroad tracks. The sign should be a circular disk not less than 24 inches in diameter and highway approaches to be graded so as to permit free passage of vehicles.

Automobile drivers to come to a full stop at crossings not protected by gates or a flagman. Between ten thousand and five thousand persons are killed each year from trespassing upon railroad property and as many injured, the committee said in urging passage of laws making such trespassing a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

BRITISH EMBLEM STARTS RIOT IN N. Y.

Irish Sympathizers Start Trouble When Flag Appears Over Union Club

New York, Nov. 25.—The usual quiet observance of Thanksgiving day here was violently interrupted shortly after noon today when crowds who had attended a high requiem mass in memory of Terence MacSwery, former lord mayor of Cork, rioted at the sight of British flag decorating the facade of the Union club across Fifth avenue from St. Patrick's cathedral.

After a fight, participated in by hundreds of Irish sympathizers, in the course of which plate glass windows of the club were shattered by missiles hurled by members of the mob, order was restored when a cordon of 200 police established itself around the beleaguered building. The union jack, which was the cause of the assault, though taken down at the first demand of the crowds and subsequently replaced, was again taken down by the police.

When the clamor of the first rush on the offending banner was at its height the St. Rev. Michael J. Lavelle rector of St. Patrick's, clad in his ministerial robes, rushed out of the church and quelled the disturbance. After a mob and motorcycle police had dispersed the assembling crowd a survey of the field of battle revealed casualties including a dozen or more slightly injured who had been struck by flying brick bats. All windows on the lower floor of the club had been smashed.

Before the beginning of the MacSwery mass, the attendance at which the great cathedral, a delegation of Irish patriots, had been invited, was removed. The club superintendent complied, but later, on instructions from club officials, the flag was replaced. When the service was over the flag again caught the attention of belligerent members of the congregation who were angered at the reappearance of the emblem. Stones and bricks were procured from a nearby building under construction, and the attack began.

Develop New Process For Extracting Acid

Government Department Announces Discovery in Making of Fertilizers

Washington, Nov. 25.—Development of a process for extracting phosphoric acid from rock by the heat method, which experts predicted would mean revolutionary changes in the fertilizer industry, was announced here today by the Department of Agriculture. The process has been worked out at an approximately commercial basis at the government experiment plant at Arlington, Va. Experiments have shown that phosphoric acid can be freed from rock by the use of fuel oil much more cheaply than by older methods, the announcement said. While the actual cost was not estimated closely, the experiments tended to show that acid could be produced at about 15 per cent of the actual value of the product while the cheapest previous production cost was placed at about 22 per cent.

Tests were made of heating mixtures of mineral sand and coals to a smelting temperature with electricity as fuel. The process proved satisfactory, but the prohibitive cost of the electric current resulted in the trial of oil which also is supplied abundantly in sections of Florida where phosphate rock deposits are being developed. Higher recovery is claimed for the new process. Tests at the government plant showed about 47 per cent recovery while the best previous recovery was only slightly above 16 per cent, the department declared.

BEYOND NEWS

(From Weekly Review)

Miss Velma Finch spent Thursday in Raleigh. Mrs. E. W. Reeves of Apex was in town Monday. Miss Vernell High left Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving with her parents at Wilson. Mr. Jesse Elyas of Rocky Mount spent a few days here with relatives the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gordy of Henderson, S. C., were in town with their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Barber. Mr. Eli Morgan who is in school at Raleigh spent Sunday here with his parents. Miss Webb and Ruth and John Lester spent Sunday with relatives at Asheville. Mrs. W. T. Martin is spending Thanksgiving with her parents at Asheville. Dr. J. P. Martin and family spent Sunday afternoon at Southfield with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Martin. Mrs. J. D. Parker spent Sunday afternoon at Southfield with her family.

FORD WRITING 7 MILLION DOLLARS IN BONUS CHECKS

Detroit, Nov. 24.—Bonus checks aggregating more than \$7,000,000 for employees of the Ford Motor Company are now being written and their distribution will start January 1st, next, according to announcement this morning by Edsel B. Ford, president of the Ford Motor Company. Mr. Ford also announced a forthcoming extra three per cent six months ending December 31st, on Ford investment certificates held by employees of the company. The guaranteed six per cent. He added that 80 per cent had been paid \$1, last making a total of 14 per cent on the certificate for 1920. Mr. Ford's statement was made, it was announced, to correct what he termed was an erroneous report of the executive offices of the company here, that the men had volunteered to accept a reduction in their pay to 5 per cent. The men had made it unnecessary to replace them.

CHEVROLET MEETS DEATH NEAR END RACING CONTEST

Famous Driver of Automobiles Killed in Smashing At Los Angeles

Eddie O'Donnell Also Likely Fatally Hurt

Dead Man Had Won 1920 National Championship On Point Basis; Roscoe Sartin Winner in 250-Mile Race On Los Angeles Speedway.

Speedway, Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 25.—Gaston Chevrolet, famous racing driver, and Lynn Jolla, mechanic for Eddie O'Donnell, were killed today when Chevrolet's and O'Donnell's machines crashed to gather on the Los Angeles speedway at the end of the grandstand, near the close of the 250-mile race. O'Donnell was so seriously injured that it was at first reported he was killed. His skull was fractured and both arms broken and little hope was held that he could recover. John Brennan, Chevrolet's mechanic, was seriously injured.

Roscoe Sartin, driving the distance without a stop, won the 250-mile race. Eddie Miller finished second and Ed Eddy finished third. Sartin led on every lap, and in addition to the first prize of \$10,000, took the same amount in lap prizes. Miller received \$6,000 and Eddy \$3,000. Roscoe Sartin, winner of today's race, being far behind. Sartin's time was 2:25:20, an average of 109.2 miles an hour. Miller's time was 2:32:14, and Eddy's 2:37:27.

Gaston Chevrolet who was killed just before the end of the race was the youngest of three racing brothers. He was a mechanic for two years before he demonstrated that he was a driver of merit of the 600 mile Imperial Day race at Chatham where he finished first. A fact that Chevrolet was a mechanic for two years before he demonstrated that he was a driver of merit of the 600 mile Imperial Day race at Chatham where he finished first.

On May 31st last he won the 600-mile Indianapolis speedway race in the second best time in the history of that event. He averaged a speed of 88.16 miles an hour.

SHRINERS' CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 25.—E. A. Cutts, deputy imperial potentate of the order of the Kappa Alpha Lodge, received a telegram from Miss Lora Garrison from Tacoma, Wash., inviting her to hold the 1921 imperial convention in Savannah. He suggests it be held in May and this will probably be the month selected. There is to be a meeting of the committee tomorrow at all the civic interests to make further plans.

82.32 LIVING WAGE IN NEW YORK FOR FAMILY

New York, Nov. 25.—A living wage for a family of five in New York City now is \$2,322.58, it was estimated today by John F. Miles, president of the Printing Press and Feeders' Union, in presenting demands for an increase of wages in the printing trade.

Expenditures were itemized as follows: Food, \$37.50; clothing, \$22.50; rent, \$437.50; light and heat, \$68.50; household equipment, \$69.29; miscellaneous, \$65.78.

ROADS JUSTIFIED IN APPLYING FOR LOANS

Washington, D. C. Nov. 23.—Railroads are justified in applying to the Interstate Commerce Commission for loans from the Transportation Act revolving fund when money markets refuse to loan, the commission held today, even though the wording of the act provides that the applicant must show "inability to provide for themselves with the funds necessary for the proposed purpose from other sources." To give full force to the statute, the decision said, inability to obtain funds from other sources "must be construed as an inability to secure funds upon terms which the carrier with due regard for the public interests would be justified in accepting and it must be held that an excessive rate of interest or other undue burdensome or injurious conditions which the exercise of sound business discretion will not permit, constitute inability within the meaning of the statute to obtain funds from other sources." It has been announced that a Japanese company capitalized at \$25,000,000 has been organized with the intention of entering upon the exploitation of any petroleum deposits that may be discovered on the west coast of Mexico.