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Underpass Site Bought At Last

City Finally Reaches Agreement To Buy Sites

After months of trying to bridge wide gaps between offers and demands negotiators for the city finally reached agreement with the owners of four pieces of property at the site of the Raleigh road—Jordan street railroad underpass. City Manager L. B. Aycock announced.

Alderman J. Q. Robinson's underpass committee began negotiations for the city to buy the necessary strips from the four lots which the state highway and public work commission will need to build the underpass.

When after a period of negotiations with the property owners the committee reported it was unable to reach terms, the board of aldermen condemned three of the sites of property at their December 17 meeting and condemned the remaining bit on January 7, after a delay necessitated by the fact that some persons interested in the fourth piece of property live outside North Carolina.

Negotiations between the property owners and the underpass committee, City Manager Aycock and city attorneys continued after the condemnation proceedings as before. Wide divergences between the prices demanded by the property owners and the figures offered by the city were pared down in both directions until complete agreements were announced.

Nothing remains now to prevent the highway commission's beginning construction immediately, Mr. Aycock explained.

With the purchase of the land needed for the project, the city's expense in the construction ends. The city will provide for lighting the underpass and for pumping drainage water around it, however, after it is completed.

Rites Conducted For Lee Sanders

Well Known Tobacco Buyer Is Buried After Funeral At Methodist Church

Funeral services for Lee Sanders, well known tobacco buyer of Rocky Mount and Lumberton who died Saturday at the age of 50 in an automobile collision near Benson, were conducted from the First Methodist church here.

Burial followed in Pine View cemetery.

Rev. B. Dwight Ware, pastor of the First Methodist church, officiated at the ceremonies with Rev. J. Martin Calbreth, presiding elder, assisting.

Active pallbearers were Temple Wishart of Lumberton, Walter Grantham of Smithfield, Wilbur Turner, of Wilson, E. H. Reaves, John Hardy, and J. E. Fonville of Rocky Mount.

Mr. Sanders is survived by two sons, well known in Rocky Mount, Alfred and Hyman; and four sisters; Mrs. Ed A. Holt of Princeton, Mrs. J. G. Hood of Kinston, Miss Betty Lee Sanders of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. T. W. LeMay of Smithfield.

Mr. Sanders was on his way to Rocky Mount to spend the week-end it is believed when a car driven by Willard I. Ross of Great Bend, Pa., ran head-on into his car, and his wife was also killed.

Rites Are Held For Enfield Man

Simon Meyer, Prominent Merchant, Is Laid To Rest

Enfield, Jan. 12.—Funeral services for Simon Meyer, who died here Saturday morning at the age of 80, were conducted by the Masonic order from the home Sunday. Burial followed in the family plot in the Jewish cemetery in New Bern.

Dr. Frederick Frank of Raleigh assisted in conducting the ceremonies. Before his death Saturday, Mr. Meyer had been ill for several weeks.

He was born in Bremen, Germany and came to America at the age of 14. He had been one of the leading merchants here since he came to Enfield from New Bern three years later. He was a member of the Enfield Masonic Lodge since early manhood.

Mr. Meyer's wife preceded him in 1923 and a son, Joe Meyer, died last year. There are surviving seven sons: Dr. Willie Meyer of Herndon, Va.; Sigmund Meyer, of Durham; Otto, Louis, Carl, Max and Edward Meyer of Enfield; and three daughters: Mrs. Leo Sultan of New Bern, Mrs. Fannie Steinberg of Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. Frank Howitz of Enfield.

Lt. Gov. W. P. Horton, whose home is in Pittsboro, was born in Kansas City, Kans., Sept. 1, 1889. He moved to North Carolina when a boy, attended the public schools, and the University of North Carolina, from which place he received his law degree.

He is a Methodist and a Mason. He is married and has no children.

Land Donation To Legion Post

Spring Hope Legionnaires Acquire Five-Acre Tract

Spring Hope, Jan. 12.—Officials of the Vester-Wheelless Post No. 91 of the American Legion met here last night for an important business session. Commander Hobart Brantley presided over the meeting. Timous Valentine, of Nashville, former resident of this city, charter member of the Post and commander for many years, presented the organization, through a spokesman with the deed to his half interest in the five-acre tract known as Hine's Spring.

This deed gave the Legion Post a clear title to the property, as they already owned half-interest.

This presentation left the way clear for plans for the creation of a Legion hut on the site. Members of the post unanimously sanctioned plans to conduct their second annual Nash county fair this coming fall and voted to ask the local John W. Bryant U. D. C. chapter to assist in formulating these plans as it did last year.

Of the district posts in region 5, officials announced, the local post was cited as the post having secured the most new members above its allotted membership quota.

Mrs. Manning Dies Of Injuries

Martin Woman Hit by Solicitor Gilliam's Auto Succumbs

Tarboro, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Claudia Manning, 52, critically injured when a car driven by Solicitor Don Gilliam of this city struck her near her home in Martin county Tuesday night, died in a local hospital yesterday and was buried this afternoon.

Puneral services were held from Fairview church in Martin county at 2 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Arnold. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Manning, who was rushed here by ambulance after the accident, succumbed as a result of various injuries including a crushed leg, deep lacerations of the back and a kidney injury.

From Williamston came the report that no charges had been brought against Gilliam but that they were being considered. It was stated officers planned to come here and talk with him before deciding what action to take.

Before her death, Mrs. Manning was quoted by hospital attendants as taking all blame for the accident upon herself, declaring she stepped in front of the solicitor's car without first looking to see if the way was clear.

Mr. Gilliam, who was en route to Tarboro from Plymouth where he had been prosecuting a superior court docket, stopped and assisted in getting Mrs. Manning to Williamston from where she was brought here in an ambulance. Mr. Gilliam, unharmed by the experience, was confined to his home.

Conduct Rites For Mrs. W. G. Sellers

Funeral Services Held From Home On Raleigh Road

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Sellers, 57, were held from the home at 957 Raleigh Road with Rev. A. E. Simerly, pastor of the First Christian church of which she was a member, officiating. Burial followed in the Griffin grave yard near Red Oak.

Mrs. Sellers died at the home following an illness of several months. She was the daughter of the late Sam and Joanna Etheridge of the Red Oak community.

She is survived by her husband, W. G. Sellers; two sons, John Sellers of Russell Ky.; and Vassal Sellers of this city; two daughters, Miss Lena Sellers and Miss Pauline Sellers; and five sisters, Mrs. Flossie Etheridge, Mrs. Deborah Etheridge, Mrs. Bob Taylor of Wilson, Mrs. Madison Taylor of Franklin county; and Mrs. Bertie Griffin of Nash County.

Johnston County School Receives Gift

Over a hundred new volumes were recently presented the Cleveland School library in Johnston County, by David Tomlinson Pierce, a senior in the Rogers Preparatory School of Fairhaven, Mass. Young Pierce's mother was formerly Miss Hilda Tomlinson of the Cleveland community. She went to Boston in 1912 to complete her education, and met and was married to Reginald C. Pierce of Fairhaven. David has spent several vacations with relatives in the Cleveland community.

NO FIGHT—YET

Tension seems to be easing in Europe as Germany apparently begins to count the cost of war, and makes conciliatory gestures toward both France and Great Britain. The Spanish powder keg, however, is still an ever-present menace that may bring war at any minute.

Gay Re-elected Board Chairman

J. Henry Vaughan Takes Seat To Succeed J. D. Nelms

R. R. Gay of Rocky Mount was re-elected chairman of the board of Nash county commissioners at a meeting of the board yesterday, the first meeting of a full board since the commissioners elected last June were to take their seats in December.

J. Henry Vaughan of Oak Level township filled the seat of Commissioner John Dorsey Nelms, who died last Sunday of an illness which had prevented him from attending any of the meetings of the new board. Vaughan, who received the highest number of votes among unsuccessful candidates for commissioner last June, was appointed as Mr. Nelms' successor Saturday by Clerk J. N. Sills of Nash county superior court.

Mr. Gay was elected temporary chairman in December at the first meeting of the new board of commissioners, of whose five members only two were changed in the June election. Final election of chairman was deferred until a full board should meet, which was possible for the first time yesterday.

The election of a chairman was the sole business of the meeting.

Rex Hospital Founded In 1840

Will Soon Occupy New Home Worth of Its Founder And State's Capital City

Raleigh's first hospital was provided for under the terms of the will of John Rex in 1840. Mr. Rex recognized the supreme need of an institution to preserve the lives and health of Raleigh citizens.

Under the terms of this will a hospital bearing his name was established by the city authorities on South Street.

For nearly a century this great life saving institution has served Raleigh. Of late years its capacity has been overtaxed. Although frequent expansions of space and facilities have been made it has proven impossible, on this site, to keep pace with the growth of Raleigh.

Now through the untiring efforts of Manager W. E. Winston, the board of trustees, and city officials, Rex Hospital will soon be occupying a home, worthy of its founder and the city. In short, it will be when completed, one of the most modern hospitals in the country.

The site of the new Rex Hospital is on St. Marys Street, in the Hayes Barton section of the city. The plans call for a four story structure of granite and brick. It will be equipped with the best life saving facilities that modern science has developed.

The construction of the hospital involves an outlay of approximately \$387,000, financed through the PWA with a loan extending over a period of thirty years.

The facilities of the hospital will include 200 beds, surrounded by all modern conveniences for the care of the sick. Special entrances for ambulances have been provided for. Ample operating rooms, laboratories, instruction rooms, offices, physicians consulting rooms, kitchens for patients as well as nurses, receiving rooms, apartments for convalescents are all provided for in the general plans.

One unusual feature which will be highly appreciated both by patients and internes, is a roof garden where both air and sunshine may be enjoyed. Internes will be housed in a special department on the top floor.

Equipment, of course, is not provided for in the PWA loan and a campaign is now on to provide \$50,000 for that purpose. It should meet with a prompt response.

The new building is being constructed by the Wm. Morehead Construction Co. of Durham, N. C. Plumbing and heating are in the capable hands of the Babwell Plumbing and Heating Co. of Raleigh.

Raleigh may well be proud of its greater Rex Hospital. Each citizen owes its support within the limits of his ability.

Neck Is Stretched

Shanghai, Jan. 8.—Doctors revealed tonight that the neck of Atma Singh, Sikh policeman who lived through a hanging, stretched two inches during the process.

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No word was received concerning possible commutation of the death sentence which Atma Singh received for killing a fellow officer.

STILL ARE SITTING

Mr. Sloan's "sit-down" strikers, now credited with practically bringing the gigantic General Motors Corporation to a standstill, like Poe's raven, still are sitting.

Negotiations apparently are making little headway as the motor corporation goes into a tight clinch with John L. Lewis United Automobile workers union. Federal, state and private efforts to settle the strike have so far been of no avail.

Solves Algebraic Equations



The "Simultaneous Calculator" which has been developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by Dr. John E. Wilbur (shown) of the department of civil engineering. The machine will solve simultaneous linear algebraic equations to nine or more unknowns, producing a solution in a few seconds that might take hours or even days to reach by ordinary methods. The calculator has 13,000 parts, including more than 600 feet of steel tape and nearly 1,000 ballbearing pulleys.

The Committee Failed

A special committee was appointed to make recommendations to the legislature as to needed reforms of election laws, on the account of the general dissatisfaction throughout the state as to the way elections have been held.

Instead of the committees dealing with the reforms necessary to have honest elections, they failed to consider the points that should have been dealt with, and recommended that the judges and solicitors be taken out of the primary law entirely and be nominated in a convention. The judges and solicitors, in our opinion, should be nominated by all officers by the people. Judge Clark contended through his long life that Federal Judges ought to be elected by the people and to hold office for a definite term rather than for life. All important offices should be in the control of the people. It appears to us that this commission absolutely failed in their duty and made recommendations relating to matters that were not the concern of the commission.

CHILD LABOR AMENDMENT

The President of the United States has recently addressed a very urgent and strong appeal to the governors of all the states that have not yet ratified the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, urging them to use their great influence in their states to get the legislators that are now in session to adopt the Amendment.

The adoption of this Amendment will protect the child from the sweat shop and it will further protect the welfare of the adult laborer by not having to enter competition with the cheap child labor, which has been one of the drawbacks of the South and the country. While the South is one of the greatest agricultural sections throughout the world, yet with such opportunities, we have been charged with permitting our children of tender years to work in mills and factories. The President of the United States has his heart in the adoption of this Amendment.

PLAY AND RECREATION GROUND NEEDED

Plans are going forward for the construction of an underpass under the A. C. L. R. tracks at large cost; the remodeling of the City Administration Building is going on; we are to have a new bridge over the Tar River at the Falls; we have built an airport; we have constructed a city lake; all of these things in themselves are probably good, but with the vacant land being taken up in Rocky Mount, there is serious need for the city to take action toward acquiring playground and park space here. And that is more important than the things hereinbefore mentioned.

In years passed the children used the streets for playgrounds but with the coming of the automobile and the destruction and death that lies in its path, the use of the streets by children has become so perilous that it cannot be allowed. It is up to our governing authorities who spend our tax money to provide necessary playground and park facilities.

W.O.W. Members Install Officers

New officers for Tar River Camp No. 423 of W. O. W. have been installed, it was announced.

The new officers are L. A. Parker, council commander; E. A. Johnson, advisory lieutenant; A. R. Elmore, banker; A. Elmore, financial and recording secretary; J. A. Winders, escort; J. W. Jackson, watchman; B. R. Waters, sentry; auditors—L. A. Parker (chairman), W. C. Braswell, and B. R. Waters.

The entertainment committee announced plans for a supper and dance in the near future.

SOCIETY IS "OUT"

Miss Doris Duke Cromwell, worlds richest girl, states that so far as she is concerned society is "out," and that she will devote her time to charity.

Transients Are Helped By Army

Over 400 Given Free Lodging In Six-Month Period

Over four hundred transients were given free lodging in the last six months at the Salvation army home, according to a report submitted by Major C. L. Frazier at a meeting of the advisory board held.

A wide variety of activities are included in the report of the charitable organization. The estimated value of all the relief given by the army during the past six months total \$304.70.

The Salvation army was active during the period conducting various religious meetings. Major Frazier estimated the attendance at the open air exercises at 35,300.

Food and clothing were distributed to the needy of the city by the army. Seventy-three persons were given clothes and shoes. Visiting the hospitals was also an activity of the Salvation army, 69 hours being spent by workers in this activity.

Falls Will Get Highway Bridge

Highway Commission Has Plans For New Bridge By Rocky Mount Mills

Rocky Mount will have the benefit of a new highway bridge across the Tar river at Rocky Mount Mills City Manager L. B. Aycock announced, according to plans revealed by the state highway commission.

The highway commission already has plans for a new bridge at the Falls road crossing. Mr. Aycock said. The bridge will be similar to the bridges at the western edge of town by the city water plant, and at the northern edge of town on the Battleboro highway, but will be wider than either of them.

The new bridge, with a 36 foot roadway from curb to curb, is being built because the present bridge is believed not wide enough to safely accommodate traffic in the future.

State highway engineers told Mr. Aycock that the commission probably will award a contract for the job during the latter part of March. The construction is expected to require six months.

Auto Crashes Take 35,708 Lives

Total Of 1,021 North Carolinians Were Killed In Motor Accidents In 1936

A tragic estimate that 35,708 persons lost their lives in automobile accidents in the United States was told Thursday night at the government's accident prevention conference in Washington.

The conference found some solace in the fact that this year's total was 353 less than in 1935.

California had the greatest increase, from 2,797 last year to 3,050 this year. New York led in decreases—from 2,991 to 2,600.

The conference said that the decrease in New York "was attributed largely to the enactment and strict enforcement of laws against reckless driving and speeding."

The comparative table reported by the conference includes:

North Carolina 1,021 in 1936, 1,058 in 1935.

Will Stop It

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 9.—Senator George W. Norris (Ind.-Neb.) said here that "electricity will probably do more than any other one thing" to stop migration from the farm to the city.

"Farm life should be attractive as well as profitable," the veteran senator told the Nebraska farm bureau federation meeting. "It must be made more attractive than it is now if we are to stop the migration from the farm to the city."

"The rural electrification act passed by the last congress is a step in this direction but the farmer should realize that, in making this step, he is met with the same opposition; the municipalities have met in trying to get electricity at a cost it is possible for the consumer to pay."

"Electricity, he said, should be 'supplied to our people without any person or private corporation making a profit out of its generation, transmission or distribution...'"

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Brooklyn Man Is Held In Wreck

Escobar Bound Over To Edgecombe Court Under \$300 Bond

Tarboro, Dec. 13.—Ernest Escobar, 34, Brooklyn, N. Y. clothing manufacturer's employe, was bound over under \$300 bond to Edgecombe county superior court on a charge of manslaughter in the highway accident death of S. P. Hale, 50, prominent Aulander farmer, in preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. P. Keech.

Hale died in a local hospital of fractured skull shortly after his and Escobar's cars collided at a highway intersection between here and Pine Tops January 8. Escobar and five others were injured.

The New York man was represented at the hearing by V. E. Fountain, local attorney. E. R. Tyler, Roxabel lawyer, employed by the family of Hale, appeared as private prosecutor.

Four persons still remain in the hospital as result of the crash. They are: Mrs. Christiana Escobar, wife of the defendant and a New York dress designer, Miss Josephine Burgess, Mrs. Escobar's aunt; Emma Byrd, 18, of Edgecombe county and Lloyd Jernigan, 50, of Aulander, the latter two of whom were riding with Hale. Recovering from various broken bones and other injuries, all the hospitalized victims were reported as "doing nicely."

Presidents Ball Directors Named

M. F. Jones And M. P. Dawson Are Co-Chairmen; Gay Event Is Planned Here

Millard F. Jones and Milton P. Dawson, as co-chairmen, will direct arrangements for the fourth annual President's Birthday Ball, which will be presented January 29 in the Recreation hall room for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims.

Colonel Henry L. Doherty, national chairman of the Birthday Ball organization, has announced appointment of Mr. J. P. Dawson to head the local committee in Rocky Mount.

Representative Mrs. Fennee will be the dance arranging committee chairwoman. Ben L. A. will be the ticket committee chairmen.

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