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SUNDAY, HOUN' DOGS AND PROHIBITION THIS WEEK

State Wide Dog Law Passes the House, But House Doesn't Want Special Enforcement of Prohibition Laws. Saunders Sizes up Sunday.

BY W. O. SAUNDERS

Billy Sunday, hound dogs and prohibition have been the chief concern of the members of the General Assembly this week. Sunday had the stage Monday night, the dogs had their day in the House Tuesday and a heated discussion of a bill to create the office of State Marshall to enforce the prohibition laws occupied most of the time of the House Wednesday.

The House voted down the bill to create special machinery for the enforcement of prohibition laws and will leave the enforcement of the law in the hands of Federal revenue officers, sheriffs of counties and municipal police as it is now.

It was brought out in the discussion of the measure Wednesday that North Carolina is notoriously the worst offender of prohibition laws of all the states in the union. There were 1467 illicit stills destroyed by Internal Revenue officers in all the states of the union in 1918. Of this number 746, or more than half, were destroyed in North Carolina.

Your Representative supported the Marshal Bill, believing that the present machinery is insufficient to make prohibition effective in North Carolina.

The Ray Dog Bill passed the House with a whoop Tuesday. The house was in an ugly mood and the dog stood little show. The bill, which now goes to the Senate, levies a tax of \$1 a head on all dogs other than female dogs and provides indemnity for persons whose sheep or other live stock is destroyed by prowling dogs. The commissioners of counties are authorized to pay the damage out of the moneys derived from the dog tax. The commissioners may take action against the owner of the offending dog, but the sheep owner gets his indemnity whether the owner of the dog is insolvent or not; and gets his indemnity whether the owner of the sheep is insolvent or not.

The bill provides that owners of dogs shall keep their dogs confined at night, no dog permitted to run at large at night accompanied by the owner or other responsible person. Dogs caught in the act of attacking or destroying domestic animals may be shot on the spot, no action to hold against the person who kills the offending dog.

SUNDAY AT CLOSE RANGE

Your Representative had heard Billy Sunday previously, but it was not until Monday night that he got a close-up view of the world's most spectacular evangelist. I am compelled to say that in Billy Sunday's case distance lends enchantment to the view. One gets an over-riding impression of his energy and force watching him from the rear of one of his tabernacles seating sixteen to twenty thousand people. At such a range one may marvel at the ability of a man who holds and sways such a throng. But when one gets right up close to Rev. Wm. A. Sunday and studies him intently one gets some other impressions. I am nearly convinced that Sunday is the cleverest imitator alive. His antics are foreign to the realms of sanctity. His tricks are the old tricks of the patent medicine vender and his meetings are conducted after the fashion of public demonstrations made by the vendors of quack nostrums.

The patent medicine faker employs a minstrel to humor and entertain the crowd with jokes and songs until reason has been relegated to a point remote from the flaring lights of the platform. When the audience is in its happiest and most thoughtless frame of mind the quack himself jumps the platform and rattles off a line of talk at a 250 word a minute gait. The audience marvels at the gibberish of the talker and hangs spell bound upon his Niagara of words. The vender always has a plausible line of talk and he never fails to unload his fake nostrums at a dollar a bottle. He often ropes in the most substantial and most tight-fisted citizens in the crowd.

Billy Sunday has a man named Rodeheaver, a baritone, soloist and trombonist, and a man named Brewster, a tenor soloist and pianist, who supply the free entertainment and catch the interest and good will of the crowd. Rodeheaver is a master spreader of the bovine manure. He knows how to jolly and entertain a crowd as no other showman I have ever seen. And Sunday does the rest. But he puts the old time quack to shame. He doesn't sell the crowd something for his belly ache, back ache, colds and corns. That were a bungled, antiquated scheme. He makes them believe their hearts and souls are out of order and he sells them a thing which he calls old time religion. It bears about as much resemblance to religion as a bottle of colored water bears resemblance to a home made mustard plaster; but Sunday gets away with it because he has the crowds, and the music and the backing off all pious frauds in every community in which he operates. Thousands are convinced that Hell Fire Bill has the only reliable evangelical dope because Billy himself swears that

when he was called to preach that the choirs of heaven quit singing and God left off the work of making new worlds. He assures you that God almighty crawled over to the parapets of heaven and on his hands and knees looked down on earth and hollered out, "Hello Billy, is that you?" Whereupon Sunday says he hollered back, "Yes, God, this is me." This so tickled God that he stuck his hand down, reaching all the way from Heaven to somewhere in Chicago, and said, "Here's my hand old top; put her there." I am quoting Billy Sunday verbatim; giving his own version of his conversion as he gave it in the auditorium of the city of Raleigh Monday night. This is the kind of God Mr. Sunday represents. He calls this God "Johnny on the spot." Again I quote his own language.

And yet he goes about the country pulling this sort of stuff and is acclaimed a howling success and the world's greatest preacher. Why does he thrive? I'll tell you; he thrives because humanity desires entertainment and will pay for it even at a sacrifice of its highest ideals of religion. Rev. Wm. A. Sunday has the greatest show on earth. Sunday makes a caricature of God Almighty; he knows as much about the religion of Jesus Christ as a hog knows about Heaven; he is a screaming, howling, dancing, dirty-mouthed, bullet headed, sneering, conceited, blating, arrogant, dollar chasing parody on the religion of Jesus Christ. The clergy generally support him and employ him because the clergy are more anxious for bigger churches than for better churches. Sunday corals a lot of old men, old women and children into the church and pads religious statistics to the liking of lazy preachers who have found their memberships falling off.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT STAYS

North Carolina will retain Capital Punishment. The Senate finally killed my bill Tuesday morning, even after the bill had been terribly mutilated by amendments in the House. I did not expect more of the Senate. It seems to me that a majority of the Senators are seekers after further political honors and they make a great show of worshipping the old gods. They fear to do anything out of the ordinary, lest they alienate the votes of the reactionary constituents. It is well perhaps that my bill, as amended, was killed. If North Carolina is to retain capital punishment, let it be retained in all its hideousness. It will be easier to get another hearing for its total abolition later on.

Local Matters

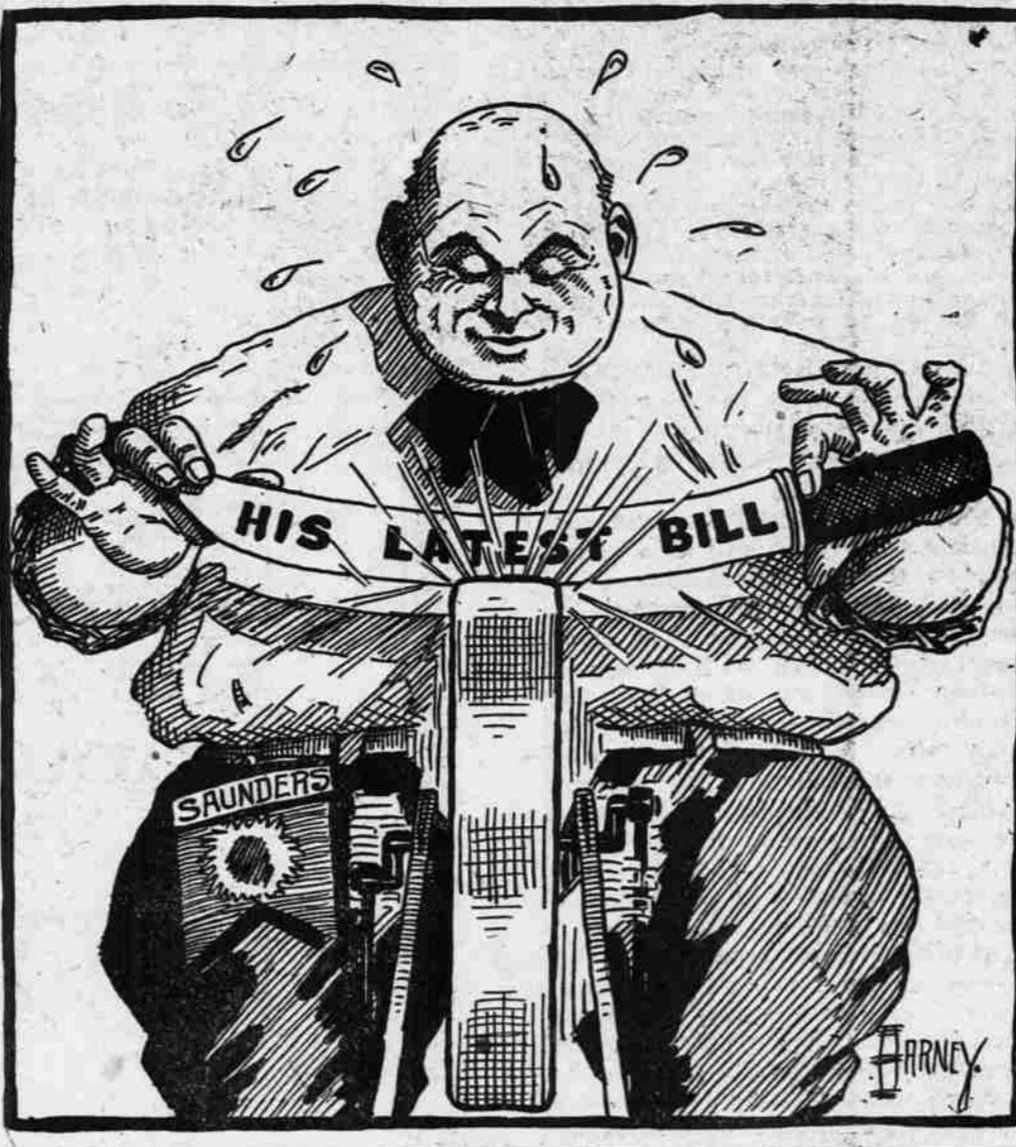
Your Representative received petitions this week to increase the salaries of the Register of Deeds, the Clerk of the Court, the Auditor and the Sheriff of Pasquotank county. I am opposed to increases for all of these officers with the exception of the Clerk of the Court. All officers, excepting the Clerk of the Court, got increases in salary at the hands of the last General Assembly. The Clerk of the Court did not get an increase at that time because he was then on a fee system. He now goes on a straight salary basis of \$1,800 a year and that is hardly enough. His is the most important office in the county and he can not support himself and pay clerk hire out of \$1,800 a year. I have introduced a bill to increase the salary of the Clerk of the Superior Court to \$2,400. The Highway Commission, I understand, is going to pay the County Auditor, Mr. Corrine \$400 on the side for his services to that body. With his present salary that additional compensation should take care of him. The sheriff of the county already gets more than he is worth. The Register of Deeds, by some queer twist of the law, also holds the office of Justice of the Peace and does a land of office business marrying couples who obtain license at his office. His revenue from this encroachment upon the prerogative of the ministerial brethren, in addition to his salary as Register of Deeds, should take care of him.

Phil Sawyer Still Eager

Phil Sawyer has again implored me to make him Prosecuting Attorney of Pasquotank and has sent me petitions signed by a lot of folks who would cease me from now until the next war if I complied with their petition. The petition instead of impressing me favorably, has nearly disgusted me with a lot of Elizabeth City people who have always pretended to be hostile to anything that had the Sawyer smell on it. I am publishing a list of the petitioners. You will note that the petition is padded. It is not enough for T. T. Turner & Co. to sign the petition; they sign for the firm and then as individuals. It is not enough for R. E. Lewis, superintendent of the public utilities corporations to sign; he signs up the electric light company, the water company and the sewerage company. But that isn't enough; somebody digs down into an old drawer and finds a rubber stamp of the Elizabeth City Electric Light & Power Co. and puts that on top. I wonder why Phil didn't go out to Hollywood and copy some names off the tombstones. But here are the petitioners:—

S. G. Etheridge, C. E. Morrisette, N. (Continued on page 5)

What Will He Do Next?



RECONSTRUCTION WILL BRING OPPORTUNITIES

Hon. O. B. Eaton thrilled a good sized audience at the Alkrama last Sunday afternoon. In the splendid address he gave on "Elizabeth City and the Reconstruction Period." For fifteen years as mayor of Winston-Salem, Mr. Eaton became intimately acquainted with the various problems facing every city in these days, and his varied experience as a Federal agent during the war has brought him into contact with the larger needs of the state as a whole.

In part, Mr. Eaton spoke as follows: "The War demonstrated the greatness of our people. It proved the patriotism not only of the boys who went to the front, but of the people who remained at home. The men of Elizabeth City responded grandly to all of the nation's calls. They nobly backed every campaign for funds to prosecute the war. But, a big work yet remains to be done, and it is going to take a higher kind of patriotism to do it. The boys are coming home from the trenches, some crippled for life, all looking for opportunities for self support, and they must be given every chance. The starving millions in Europe, who fought our fight, must be fed. Contracts entered into by the government must be met."

"The great lesson we learned," said he, "was that of forgetting our differences, and working and sacrificing together for a common cause. And if we will not only forget, now that peace has come, and will carry that same unity of spirit and purpose over into our community life, the great war terrible as was the cost of it, will not have been fought in vain. We have drenched continents in blood, caused rivers to run crimson to the sea, sacrificed money and life unparalleled in the history of mankind, to preserve democracy, to establish brotherhood, to wipe out the distinctions and differences that have divided men, set nation against nation, class against class. And to win the titanic conflict, we started the world by such an exhibition of unity, sacrifice and service as it has never before witnessed. Unless this same cooperation is carried into our daily life as citizens of this town, for example, then the war, as far as Elizabeth City is concerned, was a failure, and the sacrifices of the boys in the trenches a useless sacrifice."

BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMEDY AGAIN APPEARS

Officer Says He and Mayor Drink Together

The Board of Aldermen held their monthly one-ring performance last Monday Night and the comedy was up to the usual Barnum & Bailey standard. Alderman Anderson expressed himself as being "with no confidence in the City Manager" while Alderman Owens wanted to fire Patrolman Roughton right away.

Mayor Phil Sawyer, seemed to be after Officer Roughton's scalp also and is hot after this officer's dismissal from the police force. Roughton claims that this is because he had two warrants sworn out for the parties connected with the "X" affair and intimates that our Mayor is connected with it in such a way as would be embarrassing should all the facts in that case be brought out.

The Mayor should explain his whereabouts on the night of January 20. Mayor Sawyer claims that Roughton should be dismissed from the force because he owes so much in the city as would reflect upon the administration. Roughton was given ten days in which to settle these accounts or else be discharged from the force. In other words he was given ten days notice to look for another job.

It seems that before this investigation of our police came to the public eye, Officer Roughton told Officer McHorney that he wasn't going to pay any of those debts. The former did not deny this allegation. Officer Roughton then threw a bomb in the ring by saying that Officer McHorney told him that he and the Mayor were regular friends and often drank together so he was in no danger of losing his job. The actual facts might come out in a subsequent issue of this paper.

Officer Cherry was also put under fire because of his alleged humane treatment of a woman during one of those cold January nights. It seems that Cherry saw this woman and hearing from her that she had no place to sleep that night, he kindly consented to let her sleep upstairs in the City Hall. Officer Cherry is one of the night policemen. No official action was taken on his case, but a secret meeting was held where our aldermen could straighten out their own personal matters in a municipal way.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOW HAVE NEW SLIDES

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce has initiated a movement that will surely interest the people of Pasquotank and adjoining counties. The organization has purchased a standard stereopticon equipped with both electric and acetylene lights.

A number of sets of stereopticon slides have already been secured. Most of the pictures are beautifully colored. Each lecture deals with some subject vitally related to the daily life, prosperity and happiness of the people who live on farms or in the rural communities.

The Maritime Company is making every endeavor to begin full operation by March 1st.

AN UNUSUAL SERVICE

The country is full of good eye specialists and there are hundreds of good eye glass manufacturers, but it is worth something to Elizabeth City and vicinity to know that both can be found in this town. Dr. Hathaway is not only a reputable and skillful optometrist, but he grinds and fits glasses on his premises. This unusual service is seldom found except in much larger cities.

DR. J. D. HATHAWAY OPTOMETRIST

Over McCabe & Grice Elizabeth City, N. C.

THE SAUNDERS GOOD ROAD BILL

Would take Pasquotank County Out of the Mud and Put it in Good Roads Column

The following is a copy of the suggested draft of a bill for permanent road improvements in Pasquotank county submitted to the Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City by Representative Saunders. The enactment of this or a similar act will take Pasquotank county out of the mud and put it in the good roads column in North Carolina.

A BILL ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PASQUOTANK COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS TO BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PERMANENT ROADS OF THAT COUNTY."

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the Board of County Commissioners of Pasquotank County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.) to be denominated Pasquotank County Road Bonds. That said bonds shall be issued in denominations of not less than one hundred (\$100.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to bear interest at not exceeding six per cent (6%) and be evidenced by coupons attached to said bonds.

Section 2. That no bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be sold or otherwise disposed of for less than par and accrued interest. Said Board of County Commissioners are authorized and empowered to sell or dispose of the said bonds either by public or private sale or by sealed bids, as to them may seem best, and in case they sell at a public sale, they shall give notice thereof in one or more newspapers published in the state of North Carolina for at least thirty days. The said Board of Commissioners may also advertise the sale of said bonds in one or more newspapers which may make bona fide advertisements such as are published within or without the State.

Section 3. That the purchase money arising from said sale of said bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall constitute a separate and distinct fund to be applied and appropriated to the laying out, construction and maintenance of the public roads of Pasquotank County, and the said Board of Commissioners shall cause the treasurer or disbursing officer acting in the place of the treasurer of said county to keep a book in which the number of bonds sold, and with them the date, the amount paid for the same, and when the interest shall fall due.

Section 4. That the disbursement of the said fund arising from the sale of said bonds aforesaid shall be under the direction of the Highway Commission of Pasquotank County created by chapter 128 of the Public Laws of 1915, their successors in office.

Section 5. That in order to pay the interest on said bonds as it may accrue and create a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds at maturity, the Board of Commissioners of Pasquotank County shall annually levy a special tax of such amount, as in their discretion they shall deem necessary, to meet the interest accruing upon said bonds and to create a sinking fund to pay for the bonds as they mature. The tax shall be levied and collected as other county taxes and shall be imposed upon such property and other subjects of taxation as are now or may hereafter be subject to taxation under the laws of the State and it shall be collected by the officer or officers charged with the collection of other county taxes, and shall be paid to the Highway Commission of Pasquotank County, to be used by them in the manner provided for other road funds of the county.

Section 6. That immediately upon the sale of the bonds herein provided for the Commissioners of the county of Pasquotank shall turn over to the Highway Commission of Pasquotank County said funds to be used by them in the manner provided for other road funds of the county.

Section 7. That the purchaser or purchasers of any part of said bonds shall not be required to see to the application of the proceeds of said funds by the commissioner of Pasquotank county or the Highway Commission of Pasquotank County.

Section 8. Whenever in the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, it may be necessary or advisable, they may make an assessment upon the lands abutting property owners or those lands directly benefited by the construction of roads hereunder, under the provisions of chapter 284 of the Public Laws of 1917, sections 45 to 61 inclusive which are hereby made a part of this act.

Section 9. That nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the county of Pasquotank or its duly constituted authorities from taking advantage of the provisions of the Clark Good Roads Law to encourage road building or any other legislation that is now or may hereafter become effective in this State.

Section 10. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing the road laws now in effect in the county of Pasquotank.

Section 11. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

NEW BOAT LINE

The steamer Greensboro of the Virginia-Carolina Navigation Co., left Elizabeth City Monday on her maiden trip between Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Va., returning on Wednesday.

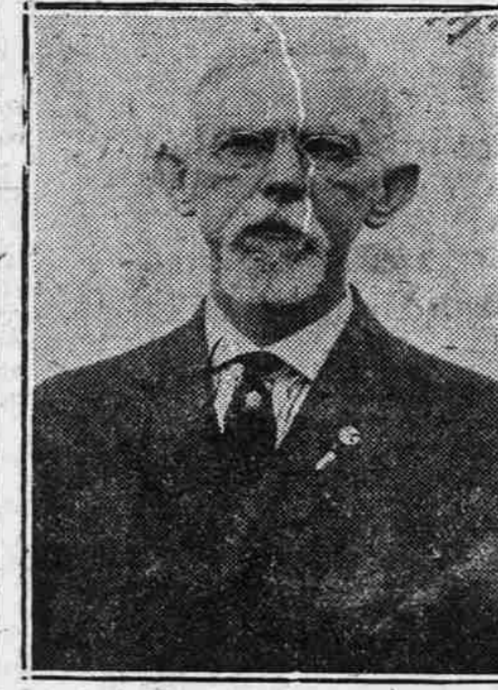
To Blue Gun Barrel.

A simple method of bluing a gun barrel requiring no heat is as follows: Clean the barrel carefully and apply a solution of one part nitric acid and ten parts water. When blue film has formed on surface, wash with warm water, wipe thoroughly dry and rub well with linsed oil.

5 COUNTIES TO BUILD MILLION DOLLAR ROAD

Senator Ferebee's Scheme to Build a Great Permanent Highway From Albemarle Sound via Hertford and Elizabeth City to Virginia Line

DARE IS REPRESENTED



HON. BURGESS G. CRISP

ONE of the most unique personalities in the Lower House of the N. C. General Assembly this session is Attorney Burgess G. Crisp, the Representative from the county of Dare. His legislative hobby is judicial reform and he is usually on the side of progressive measures. Having lived long by the roots of the Mother Scuppernon Vine on Roanoke Island and having drunk of the vintage of that grape, he takes not any too kindly to prohibition measures. He is also opposed to city lawyers trying to make all the laws for the state. He is also opposed to Republican appointments in Dare County making appointments that can be made by a Democratic Legislature and is determined to make his county at least, safe for Democrats, if not for Democracy, in so far as his power lies.

HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE TO START CAMPAIGN

Mrs. C. S. Stanworth, president of the Housewives' League of Norfolk, Va., will visit this city Saturday afternoon for the purpose of addressing all women who are interested in cheaper and cleaner food. A plan is under way to organize a Housewives' League in this City as the readers of this paper were informed in last week's paper, and Mrs. Stanworth will tell the Housewives here how they do it in Norfolk.

When the women get together to have prices on commodities put at a reasonable price, to stop profiteering, and to organize a clean up campaign, something is sure to happen.

Mrs. Stanworth will address the ladies of this city at the Alkrama Theatre on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock P.M., and it is hoped that every woman in Elizabeth City will be present to meet Mrs. Stanworth and to hear her address at the Alkrama Saturday afternoon.

There will be no admission charges to hear this lecture.

NORTH CAROLINA'S WAR LOSSES FOR THE YEAR '18

North Carolina had in round numbers 90,000 soldiers in this war, of whom 30,000 were colored.

The bulk of these soldiers were scattered among other organizations, so that we cannot ascertain as yet the total number of killed and wounded from this State, but we know that there were three regiments almost entirely from this State, all of which were in the Thirtieth Division, and that the Thirtieth Division sustained losses nearly as high as any division in service.

Of the regiments composing it, the 119th, Colonel Metts, lost 453 killed, wounded and missing.

The 120th Infantry, Colonel Minor (in which was the Raleigh Company B) lost 475.

The 113th Artillery, Col. Albert Cox, lost 11 killed and wounded six.

A large number of North Carolina troops were in the Eighty-first Division, which lost 370 killed and wounded.

The Thirtieth Division lost in all 1,772. Besides the three North Carolina regiments above named therein, there was a Tennessee and South Carolina regiment in the Thirtieth Division.

DEATH OF EDENTON WOMAN

Mrs. William Holloman of Edenton, N. C., died of a stroke of paralysis at her home in that city on Tuesday. Mrs. Holloman was the mother of Mr. A. B. Holloman of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Holloman are now in Edenton.

BOND ISSUE ENDORSED

The proposed half million bond issue for hard surfaced roads in Pasquotank was endorsed by a rising unanimous vote by the Pasquotank Highway Commission on Tuesday.

See back page of this paper for McCabe & Grice's great ten day Winter Clearance Sale. Special bargains are offered in almost every department of this big store.

Senator Miles W. Ferebee, collaborating with State Highway Commissioner Falls, is the author of an interesting constructive piece of legislation designed to give the northeastern North Carolina counties the much desired permanent highway between the Albermarle Sound and the Virginia State Line.

The proposed legislation took tangible form in a meeting held in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce in Raleigh Monday night when a committee was appointed to draft a bill to authorize the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck to form a road district and jointly build a hard surfaced road from Edenton to the Virginia state line, the proposed road to connect Hertford, Elizabeth City, Shawboro and Moyock and to tap the proposed hard surfaced road from Norfolk, Va. to the North Carolina state line.

The meeting Tuesday night was attended by the Senators and Representatives of the counties indicated and by the following citizens: J. S. McMiller, Chas. Wheedee and Thos. Nixon of Perquimans; E. F. Ayldett, C. R. Pugh and J. K. Wilson, of Elizabeth City; W. I. Halstead, of South Mills; Dr. W. H. Covell, R. O. Bagley and Sheriff R. E. Flora, of Currituck.

The proposed road would be preferably of the most approved type of concrete construction and would be 14 to 16 feet wide. Its total length, from Edenton to the Virginia line would be about 49 miles and it would cost approximately \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. The road would receive state and federal aid to the extent of possibly one fourth of its total cost; abutting property owners would be assessed for another fourth of the total cost. This would leave \$400,000 to \$500,000, to be raised by bonding the district, each county paying according to its taxable property valuation. Chowan county with a tax valuation of \$300,000 would get 5 miles of the road; Perquimans with a tax valuation of \$350,000 would get 19 miles of the road; Pasquotank with a tax valuation of \$8,000,000 would get 6 1/2 miles; and Currituck with \$2,000,000 would get 12 miles. Pasquotank would pay four ninths of the cost of the road and get about one eighth of the road mileage; but it is pointed out that Elizabeth City and Pasquotank would be the chief beneficiaries of the proposed highway.

The conference Tuesday night appointed Hon. Chas. Wheedee, chairman of a committee to draft a bill along the lines indicated. Representative Saunders moved that the commission to be created by the proposed act be empowered to acquire any existing toll road or build any bridge at any point on the Pasquotank river necessary to the carrying out of the project. Mr. Saunders pointed out that without such powers the commission might find itself at the mercy of existing toll roads and be forced to purchase such a property disadvantageously. The Saunders motion was unanimously adopted.

The commission to be created would be composed of one member from each of the five counties.

The scheme is opposed by Mr. Halstead of South Mills township, Camden county, who thinks his township should be exempt from taxation on a scheme which would build a road not by way of South Mills township, representative Morgan of Perquimans opposes the scheme because, he says, he is a native of North Carolina, proud of his birth place and doesn't favor building any road that will help any body get out of North Carolina. He says everybody ought to stay at home and try to keep everybody else at home.

Representative McMullan of Chowan opposes the scheme because he thinks Chowan would have to pay more for its part of the road than it could build the road for by itself. This is hardly true, but it is good enough for an argument. There never was a general road scheme on which everybody could be united.

BARB shooting OF GAME BIRDS FROM AIRSHIPS

Hunting wild geese, ducks or other game birds in airplanes is taking an unfair advantage of the birds and has been banned.

The Director of military aeronautics has issued an order forbidding the shooting of wild fowl with machine guns from airplanes. He has directed that airplane flights along the Atlantic Coast or at any place where wild fowl may be found "be conducted in such manner as to interfere as little as possible with the habits and feeding of the wild fowl."

Complaints of hunting birds in airplanes have come in from several places.

STRAYED—I have on my premises one stray hog. Owner can get same by seeing M. B. SAMPLE, R-5, City, p. 77-2.