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HERE, NOW
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HEREAFTER
By VANCE HAYNER
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COX BOOM PLAYS HAVOC WITH EHRLINGHAUS HOPE

Growing Sentiment For Cox Probably Means There Will Be No Serious Consideration of Elizabeth City Man in 1932

Elizabeth City's gubernatorial hopes for 1932 have gone a glimmering. O. Max Gardner from the West will be the Democratic nominee for governor this year. Four years hence the East will again be recognized and Elizabeth City has had great hopes in the gubernatorial possibilities of its affable and popular citizen J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

But there has come a shadow over the proposed Ehringhaus boom; the Elizabeth City man is not in the minds of strong forces through the State that are organizing to put General Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh in line for the nomination in 1932.

General Cox head of the North Carolina division of the American Legion, is the choice today of hundreds of influential North Carolinians for the governorship following Max Gardner, and a Cox organization is already underway.

General Cox was in Elizabeth City Saturday for a brief visit and those in Elizabeth City who met him looked him over and talked with friends who accompanied him on his expedition here, were impressed with the man. He is a typical first rate North Carolinian; able, courageous, unselfish, friendly and genial without affectation or affect. Elizabeth City has nothing exciting to offer to offset the winning personality and state-wide popularity of Albert Cox. And Cox has a record for public service that will satisfy most North Carolinians.

Elizabeth City is proud of Ehringhaus; he shows off well; has made friends and admirers through the State. But North Carolinians demand much of an aspirant for its governorship; they demand first of all that he must have rendered the State some outstanding public service. Ehringhaus has never had an opportunity to qualify in that respect; there is not to his record any outstanding public service to brag about. Elizabeth City was right proud of the way he acquitted himself in the contest of the recent community hotel litigation; but that was not a public service; a bill for \$1,500 went in to the stockholders of the hotel for the lawyer's fees for that service.

And so here we are, only beginning to think about getting one of our citizens groomed for the governorship, when we find the State being rapidly organized far in advance for another and more genial personality. We just haven't learned how to play the game up here in this Northeast corner of Tarheelia.

It takes so much time, so much energy, so much leadership and so much money to keep up a multiplicity of churches of conflicting faiths in one small city that no wonder the potential leaders of the town have little time for or interest in larger community activities. W. O. Saunders told the Lions Club of Norfolk, Va. Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

The occasion was Ladies Day with the Norfolk Lions and the affair was greeted by a mixed audience of nearly 200 Lions and their guests in the massive ball room of the Monticello Hotel. "W. O." shocked them, but they listened intently to what he said, applauded him at the end and, when a rising ovation of thanks was suggested, a Baptist minister and a Catholic priest were among those who showed their good manners and stood up. Mr. Saunders said in part:

"One of your most enterprising and most patriotic citizens was telling me of the general apathy and indifference to great public enterprises in your city. He told me of the great difficulties encountered in organizing the interest of some of your leaders in your great community parking station and community service station which I consider one of the greatest forward steps Norfolk has taken in a long time.

"He told me of Norfolk's great need for an auditorium, for lack of which Norfolk is denied every opportunity to become the great convention city and musical center that it should rightfully be. And he said it seems almost impossible to

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OBJECTION TO BRIDGE NORTH OF PT. HARBOR

Two Companies Eager to Build Toll Bridges Across Currituck Sound

The proposition of the recently incorporated Currituck & Dare Bridge Corp. to bridge Currituck Sound between Pig Point and Martins Point will be opposed by influential interests in both Currituck and Dare Counties.

The opposition contends that the proposed bridge will be too far North to serve the best interests of the two counties; that it will afford by an indirect route to Roanoke Island whereas the objective of State Highway construction is to connect county seats by the shortest possible route; and they contend that the proposed route will intersect one of the most attractive shooting areas in Currituck Sound, demoralize a sportsman's paradise and cut off a county's revenue from many shooting licenses.

A delegation of 100 or more citizens of Currituck and Dare is expected to organize to protest against the proposed bridge at a public hearing to be conducted by Lieut. Col. Henry C. Jewett for the War Department in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at Elizabeth City at 11 o'clock Wednesday, Feb. 28th.

Former Sheriff R. L. Griggs, of Point Harbor, one of the most influential men in Currituck County is expected to lead the opposition from Currituck and Dare. It is proposed to dignify their protest by a dinner at the Virginia Dare hotel on the day of the hearing.

L. C. Blades, S. B. Parker and M. B. Sawyer of Elizabeth City are the incorporators of the Currituck & Dare Bridge Corp. These gentlemen are interested in property on the coast at Martins Point North of Kitty Hawk. They foresee not only profits from the operation of a toll bridge across Currituck Sound; they are interested in making their real estate holdings mes- side and subject to development.

But new highway routes always meet with opposition. The ferry line in operation between Point Harbor and Kitty Hawk has fixed the public mind on that route. Point Harbor folk don't want a bridge North of Point Harbor and the majority of Dare County folks don't want a bridge North of Kitty Hawk.

To add to the confusion, another company composed of H. C. Lawrence and R. B. Eberhardt have secured a franchise from the Commonwealth of Dare County to build a bridge across Currituck Sound from Point Harbor to Kitty Hawk.

And, after all, these many churches and lodges are great training schools for Negro leaders; it is in the church and the lodge room that they learn self-expression, parliamentary practice and how to play politics. If we know more about what goes on in these Negro churches and lodge rooms we would have a better understanding of the Negro and a better appreciation of his progress.

Biddy Crank Gets Four Months, 60 Days

Biddy Crank, former runner for prohibition enforcement officers in this city was sentenced to four months and 60 days on the roads in the County Court yesterday.

The four months was for wife abandonment; the 60 days was for assault on his wife. The prosecution of Crank was conducted by a cross examination of a witness by the name of David D. Mayne, a former prohibition officer who is living at the Crank home and who was in court to testify that he had never seen anything wrong between Crank and his wife.

Mayne, who was kicked out of his job some months ago, has spent much of his time in Elizabeth City pretending to be getting evidence to show that prohibition officers generally are a lot of crooks and hijackers. Just how Mayne himself makes a living is not known.

THE BEST IS CHEAPEST

Breakfast 10c; lunch, meat or fish with two vegetables, dessert, bread, butter and coffee 5c; regular dinner 75c. A room with private lavatory \$2.00.

The Virginia Dare Hotel Elizabeth City, N. C. advt

RAW FURS WANTED: Coon, Mink, Opossum, Otter, etc. Hides, skins, soybeans and eggs. Top market prices. Spot cash. W. C. GLOVER, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Elizabeth City Let Him Get Away



W. SELBY HARNEY, for several years assistant manager of the Jacksonville, Fla. Chamber of Commerce, sometime agent of the Norfolk Southern Rail Road at Elizabeth City and later at Edenton, has accepted the position of executive secretary of the Norfolk-Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce. Selby Harney is a native of Elizabeth City, a son of Mrs. T. S. Harney, 300 W. Main St. He is democratic, tall, resourceful, efficient and high-spirited with that quiet energy that accomplishes much in a day without a grind and a clatter. He has made a name for himself as a chamber of commerce secretary; Norfolk is proud of having secured his services and Elizabeth City is happy to see him in Norfolk.

If You Hear Music In The Air, Look Up

If you hear music from the air 3,000 feet or more above Elizabeth City this week, have no fears; it will be neither Gabriel nor a choir of angels, but a novel entertainment provided by the advertisers of a new brand of cigarettes.

It was learned in Norfolk this week that the Old Gold cigarette makers contemplate broadcasting a program over Elizabeth City from a transmitter located in a building with music makers and a loud speaker that will make words spoken in the big plane a mile in the air audible to listeners on the streets all over town. Watch for it.

The more favored route. The route has been surveyed, rights of way obtained and engineers employed to design and estimate the cost of such a bridge.

And so the U. S. Army Engineer's hearing to be conducted here next Wednesday will be no tame affair. When Currituck and Dare set their faces against a thing they throw their faces wide open.



THE SODA JERKER HAS A JOB THIS WINTER.

"Can't something be done to change the styles in women's clothes so the drapery will wear enough in cold weather to keep them reasonably comfortable?" asked the Soda Jerker of his friend the Bank Clerk.

"And what has come over you now?" exclaimed the Bank Clerk. "It was only a few weeks ago that you were proclaiming women's rights to wear nothing at all if they should so choose, and now you are all set up for them to be bundled up in so many clothes that all the modern joys would be taken out of the popular pastime of peeing."

"I have changed my ideas about women's right to wear nothing but two pieces of silk and a pair of chiffon hose," said the Soda Jerker. "You see, it has gotten to my lot to look after the fires at my house this winter and the darn women work me to death keeping the old house hot enough for them to live in their semi-nudity without freezing."

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SAYS NEGRO BOY HELD HER UP AT POINT OF A GUN

Forced Her Into Dark Alley and Threatened to Cut Her Throat

Fred Moore, a half-witted Negro youth under 16 years of age was sent on to the Juvenile Court from the County Court yesterday on a charge of attempted criminal assault on a young white woman of this city.

In the apprehension of this Negro youth the police believe they have found a young Negro who has been terrifying white girls in the Second Ward of the city for several weeks. The principal witness against Moore is Miss Ruth Sanderlin, 13 years old daughter of Mrs. W. H. H. Cooper living on Harney St. Miss Sanderlin tells a harrowing story of an attempted criminal assault on the night of Thursday, Jan. 28th.

The young girl was returning about 10 o'clock to her home on Harney street after visiting a girl friend on Cedar Street just around the corner, when she was intercepted by the negro who shoved the point of the pistol into her side and told her that if she started to run or cried out he would shoot her dead in her tracks. He then ordered her to move along to the corner of the school building not many yards away and he would let her go.

The girl, anxious to get away from the negro, obeyed him and walked to the corner of the building. There he ordered her to proceed around to the side of the building next to the residence of M. P. Hite where an alley separates the home of Mr. Hite and the school building. The girl protested against this telling the negro that it was dark up there and she was not going. The negro jabbed her in the side with the gun according to the girl's story, and cautioned her to move along and not to talk to loud.

Arriving around the corner of the building the negro placed his arm around the waist of the girl. She pushed his arm away and screamed for help, whereupon he grabbed her by the throat with one hand and slapped his other hand over her mouth. Telling her he was going to cut her throat he let go of her throat and reached into his pocket, presumably for a knife, when the girl got one of his fingers in her mouth and closed down on it with her teeth. He dropped his hand from her mouth and taking advantage of this the girl screamed again for help. This frightened the negro and he ran around the corner of the building towards Dyer street, the little girl made a sprint for her door which was only a few yards from the spot and dashed inside. Her screams were heard by residents of the neighborhood.

The negro is described by the girl as being around the age of 16 or 17 years of age, of medium height and a dark brown color.

A Miss Elsie Burrus, who lives next door to the little Sanderlin girl, reports that a negro followed her across the school ground Friday night. She was returning home and met a negro on Dyer street a short way from the school ground and after reaching the school ground happened to glance back and noticed the same negro who she had not seen on Dyer street walking behind her and apparently trying to catch up with her. She hurried across the dark school ground and stopped in the porch of Mrs. Cooper's home waiting for him to pass. After he had passed and nearly reached the corner of Harney and Parsonage streets, she left the porch to proceed to her own home, the negro turned around and hastened to get to her before she reached her home, but she beat him to the house and got inside of the door just as he came up. The negro said nothing to her and she does not know what his intentions in following her were.

The description of this negro fits fairly well with the description of the one that assaulted the little Sanderlin girl on the night before.

There have been two other instances similar to those reported in the last week.

There's a light on the school ground just back of the property owned by M. P. Hite, and the property of Caleb Walker, but this light has not been burning since the storm which occurred Tuesday night, January 24, when it was put out of commission by the storm.

The mystery of the disappearance of young Edward Renn from his home in Charlotte was cleared up, when it became known that he is now serving with the marines against Nicaraguan bandits.

YOUR EYES AT WORK

Constant use of your eyes in any line, working all day by artificial light will lower their efficiency. It is wise to help your eyes with a pair of glasses, correctly prescribed. Consult an eye specialist. DR. J. D. HATHAWAY, Carolina Bank Building.

MAYOR FLORA TO ASK FOR BOARD OF HEALTH

Disgraceful Neglect of Public Health in City and County May Be Remedied With Substantial State Aid

A joint city and county health department with a whole time medical officer of health and a whole time maternity and infant nurse will be urged by Mayor Flora of Elizabeth City who has been giving serious thought to the subject and who is convinced that the most important need of Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County at the present time is to conserve the health of their people.

Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County are among the most backward in North Carolina in the matter of public health work. The officers of City and County Health are mere political spoils thrown semi-annually to those doctors who happen to stand in with the respective administrations.

Dr. Zeas Fearing, part time Health Officer for the city is paid a nominal salary of \$25 a month. It is a joke; the service he renders is about in proportion to the pay he receives.

Dr. Claude B. Williams, part time health officer for the county is paid \$50 a month for his services as health officer and \$25 a month as quarantine officer. His principal service is to report the number of births and deaths and put placards on the homes in which contagious diseases are reported. It is a joke.

The city however employs a whole time sanitary inspector who is subject to nobody in particular, working without any scientific direction at all, who draws a salary of \$120 a month.

The city and county are expending annually a total of \$2640 a year for inefficient health work that is hardly better than no health work at all, except for the work of the city's sanitary inspector.

The State Board of Health will appropriate \$2,500 annually in the maintenance of a county health department employing a whole-time medical officer of health. The State will go a step further and contribute an additional amount of \$1,250 toward the employment of a whole-time county nurse to specialize in maternity and infant work, if the city and county will appropriate a like sum.

In other words, if the city and county will spend \$3,750 a year on a serious and efficient health department instead of frittering away a good part of \$2,640 in inefficient part time health work, the State will provide an additional \$3,750, giving the city and county a real health department costing \$7,500.

In other words the city and county would have to expend only \$1,110 more than they now spend to give the city and county efficient health department with a whole-time health officer and a whole-time nurse in place of the make-shift we have. It would be better than Mayor Flora to appropriate even more money in the interest of the city and county's health generally.

Not only does the State stand ready to put \$3,750 a year in a city and county department of health; in addition to this cash outlay the State Board of Health furnishes many supplies for such a health department.

Mayor Flora has given no publicity to his consideration of the question going quietly about the business of getting information which he expects to present for the consideration of the Board of Aldermen and the County Commissioners at an early date. His interest in the matter was discovered by this newspaper this week when Mayor Flora was approached with a suggestion that something should be done about health conditions in the city and county. It was then and there discovered that the Mayor had been thinking about it since shortly after he entered office.

Merchants Meet and Dine Here To-night

Elizabeth City retail merchants will have one of the biggest get-together meetings in their history at a banquet at the Virginia Dare Hotel this evening, Friday, Feb. 3rd, at 6:30 P. M.

The particular business in hand is to organize to provide entertainment for the big convention of the State Merchants Association to be held here this summer.

Elizabeth City merchants, working thru the Chamber of Commerce, have paid little attention to their own organization as merchants and the need of a truly mercantile association is felt in view of the coming of the State Association.

Too Much Luxury Is Not Appreciated

Too much luxury is not appreciated. It is a fact that the people of this city are not interested in the things that are being sold here. They are interested in the things that are being sold here. They are interested in the things that are being sold here.