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CONCERTED ACTION NEEDED

A news item in the Wilmington Star records that "resolutions urging that members of the General Assembly from Pender, Bladen and Onslow counties be requested to amend the act of 1921 so as to extend road No. 23 of the North Carolina highway system from Elizabethtown to Jacksonville via Burgaw were adopted at an enthusiastic meeting of the Tri-County Highway Association held at Burgaw on the night of the 1st."

Speakers called attention to the fact that it was the purpose of the act of 1921 to connect county seats with dependable highways.

Which has not been done in this immediate section. Would it not be a good idea for Robeson, Bladen, Cumberland, Columbus and Hoke counties to form an association for the purpose of seeing what can be done about remedying the condition of highways connecting their county seats? Hard-surface highways are badly needed connecting Lumberton with Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Raeford and Whiteville, but no concerted efforts are being made to bring these needs to the attention of Commissioner McGirt. Robeson and adjoining counties have slept on their rights, and other counties have secured hard-surface roads not even connecting county seats.

If Robeson and adjoining counties do not press their claims to consideration and just dealing they are going to get as little consideration in apportionment of funds from the additional money the General Assembly will be asked to provide as they have received in apportionment of the sixty-five millions that have been spent.

It would be hard to find roads anywhere that need hard-surfacing more than the roads connecting Lumberton with Fayetteville and Elizabethtown.

This is a matter that should have public consideration at once, as The Robesonian sees it. Robeson is beautifully supplied with State highways on the map, but the improved highways are not on the ground. They are merely pictures of highway, with the exception of one 23-mile stretch. This county's claims have received very little consideration and are not likely to be given consideration as long as the people are content to sleep on their rights.

A NOSE FOR NEWS

Under the above caption the esteemed Wilmington Star copies a local item from The Robesonian telling of a world-famous photographer of color did a rushing business on the streets of this town Christmas morning, giving the names of some prominent and pugnacious gentlemen who patronized this 2-minute service, and editorially comments as follows:

"We have at times in the past observed social columns where one's rating was based to some extent on the ability of the subject to assimilate punishment in fashionable hospitals, but must admit that this newest wrinkle from the pages of the dignified Lumberton Robesonian excels.

"Can it be that a fast dying leap year inspired a collusion between the eligible bachelors and the Robesonian reporter to advertise to a feminine world the available crop of masculine charms?"

"Or can it be that Lumberton harbors such a galaxy of celebrities that the mere fact of their patronizing the quick lunch beauty shop becomes an item of news?"

"But please, Mr. Reporter, refrain from giving us the color of the mayor's pajamas."

Trouble with you, sonny, is that you may know a piece of news if it's labeled and handed in, but would never recognize an explosion right under your nose. You might print an item about a dog running down the street with a tin can tied to his tail, but if that same dog happened to walk down the street with the can tied to his tail you'd pass it up. Reminds of the cub reporter who was sent to report a balloon ascension and didn't write anything. When asked by his editor why he did not turn in the story he replied there was nothing to report, that the balloon burst and killed the man. Selah.

KNOW YOUR STATE

It is well to learn something about one's State every day. From time to time this The Robesonian will give in this column some facts worth remembering about North Carolina. In its issue New Year's day the Charlotte Observer published enough "firsts" that are to be placed to the credit of North Carolina to furnish grist of this kind for some time to come.

"Our list of great men and great things," says The Observer, "makes up a proudfest record. Some of the items in it are not so well known even by our own people." Mildred Lewis Rutherford, the old lady who as a young girl struck a small Confederate flag in her hair publishes The Scrap Book, a pamphlet which every month contains valuable information about the South. In the August number "there is a contribution on 'North Carolina First' by Mrs. P. S. Rothrock of Mount Airy, historian of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy", and it is from that record, as reproduced by The Observer, that The Robesonian will draw for a few issues. Here are a few to memorize before the next issue:

The first and oldest, white settlement that has been continuous in America was established in the town of Bath.

The first child of Anglo-Saxon blood born in America was Virginia Dare, born on Roanoke Island, N. C.

The first open resistance to the British Crown was led by Herman Husband, in North Carolina.

The first real clash of arms against the rule of Britain, was at Moore's Creek, North Carolina.

The deciding battle of the Revolutionary War was fought at Guilford Courthouse near Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

THE ACID TEST

Throwing open the doors of the White House to all who cared to call, states a Washington dispatch, President and Mrs. Coolidge received 4,000 visitors at their New Year's reception. For four hours and a half the President and his wife stood in the blue room shaking hands with their callers and extending and receiving New Year's greetings. The number received, the dispatch continues, was no greater than in previous years, but the proportion of the general public to the portion classed as official was larger. All classes and conditions of people called. There appears to be something about the President and his wife, a former school-marm, that inspires respect and confidence and love. If they have been spoiled at all by their high station it does not appear from reports of their doings. Plain everyday folk, bent on doing the day's work creditably, from all accounts. In which respect they differ refreshingly from some people who cannot stand a little prominence and prosperity. The smaller the man or woman, the more uppish and cold, haughty and exclusive do they become when they attain to high place. It is the acid test which makes the plectian soul haughty and cold and exclusive and which makes more human and approachable the souls of real worth.

SPECIAL RALEIGH

During the session of the General Assembly which convenes Wednesday of this week The Robesonian will be represented in Raleigh by a special correspondent, Mr. M. L. Shipman. Mr. Shipman is peculiarly well qualified to furnish a service that will keep Robesonian readers thoroughly posted on legislative matters. His long term of office as commissioner of labor and printing has given him a knowledge of public men and measures that few men in the State possess, and he has for years been a successful newspaper man. Mr. Shipman's first letter appears in today's issue. He not only will keep Robesonian readers informed of legislative matters and news of the capital city in general, but will give special attention to matters pertaining to Robeson county.

The Robesonian never before has been so well prepared to give its readers fine service during a term of the General Assembly. Daily newspapers sometimes boast of their special correspondents, but it is a rare thing for a semi-weekly paper to be so well represented. The Robesonian with a correspondent in Raleigh gets right up among the pictures.

If you want real service don't fail to let The Robesonian be a regular visitor to your home.

LYNCHING RECORD IMPROVES

The record in regard to lynchings seems to be growing better. North Carolina's record in that respect has been clear for a number of years. The smallest number, sixteen, in any year since records have been kept were lynched last year, as announced by the department of records and research of Tuskegee institute. In making the report R. R. Moton,

TO OUR FAITHFUL OLD FRIENDS, OUR CHERISHED NEW FRIENDS AND TO THOSE WHOSE FRIENDSHIP WE STRIVE TO DESERVE, WE WISH A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. WE WANT TO SERVE YOU DURING 1925. State Land Development and Insurance Company 207 LAFAYETTE LIFE BUILDING. PHONE FOUR-0H-FOUR.

Principal, said the compilation shows 17 less than the 33 recorded in 1923. According to the Tuskegee records, nine of the victims last year were taken from the hands of the law—six from jails and three from officers outside jails. The report says there were forty-five instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings.

The compilation gives the offenses charged as: criminal assault, 5; attempted criminal assault, 2; murder, 1; killing an officer of the law, 2; insulting women, 3; attacking women, 1; killing man in altercation, 1; wounding man, 11.

All persons lynched—negroes according to the Tuskegee records—

Of the six thousand students registered at the university of North Carolina during the past year, sixteen hundred are earning their own expenses, Dr. W. S. Bernard of the university is quoted as saying in an address at Lenoir the other day. "Of the sixteen hundred" he continued, "earning their own way, some of them came to Chapel Hill with not enough money to buy a meal. Many of them coming in the morning would be found working with grading crews on the side-tracks leading to the university grounds. The first night many of them slept on the campus and on the streets of the college. Rooms of other students were thrown open to them". Which ought to be encouraging to those who sometimes are inclined to think that all the youths of the present day are jazz-bent and hell-bent. The jazz crowd makes a mighty noise, but the voice of the age is not found in the raucous noises the flappers and flappers make.

PURE RELIGION and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.—James 1:27.

Mrs. Lizzie Varnadore, 52, and her grandson, Jas. Varnadore, aged 3, were struck and killed by a passenger train at Gastonia Friday as the woman was crossing the tracks with the child in her arms.

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Labor's Head



Wm. Green, of Ohio Mine Workers, is now president of the American Federation of Labor to succeed the late Samuel Gompers. Green's election, at a special called session of the Executive Committee, deposed Acting Pres. James Duncan, First Vice-President.

666 is a prescription for Colds, Grippe, Dengue, Headaches, Constipation, Biliousness. It is the most speedy remedy we know.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Lumberton will be held at its banking rooms in Lumberton Tuesday, January 13th, 1925 at eleven o'clock, A. M. for the election of directors and the transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting. M. F. COBB, Cashier.

Spring!



Before the old year ended, fashion makers had spring frocks on sale in New York. This model is of Bengaline Faile in Boise-de-Rose color trimmed with contrasting colors of Crepe Chenette. It is smart and simple.

Vocational News From Orrum School

Special Work on Fertilizers, Swine and Poultry for Men, and Women of Community—Program to Include Experts—First Meeting January 13th 4 P. M.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, Jan. 3.—In order that the people of the community may have the opportunity to come together, exchange "better farming" ideas, and hear experts in their special lines, a number of meetings has been planned.

Is of Interest to Lumberton Folks. When one has had the misfortune to suffer from backache, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders and other kidney ills—and has found relief from all this sickness and suffering, that person's advice is of untold value to friends and neighbors. The following case is only one of many thousands, but it is that of a Lumberton resident, who could ask for a better example? J. J. Ammons, prop. repair shop for State Highway, Chippewa St., says: "I was badly hurt, and after that, my kidneys were bad. Mornings I felt more tired than the night before. My back just about killed me and I had pains over my kidneys, too. My kidneys acted irregularly and the secretions burned like fire in passage. I got Doan's Pills at Grantham Bros' Drug Store, and they did the work. I haven't had any further trouble."

What My Neighbor Says

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mr. Ammons had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS, STOCKHOLDERS AND OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BANK OF PARKTON: To all stockholders, creditors, dealers and others interested in the affairs of the Bank of Parkton, N. C.: You and each of you are hereby notified that an action entitled "The North Carolina Corporation Commission vs. The Bank of Parkton, N. C." has been instituted in the Superior Court of Robeson County, North Carolina, and that the summons has been issued therein returnable on Monday, January 12th, 1925; that the same has been properly served upon the defendant, the plaintiff has been duly filed and any person interested as stockholder, creditor, claimant or otherwise, in the affairs of said Bank, may appear, make themselves parties, prove claims or take such other action as they may be advised. The LaFayette Bank & Trust Company, of Fayetteville, N. C., has been appointed temporary Receiver of all of the property, assets and other effects of the defendant Bank of Parkton, and you and each one of you are hereby notified that you may show cause, if any you have, why the Receivership should not be made permanent, before His Honor N. A. Snelair, Resident Judge of the Superior Court in his office in the County of Cumberland, City of Fayetteville, N. C., on the 10th day of January, A. D., 1925. This 30th day of December, A. D., 1924. C. B. SKIPPER, Clerk of the Superior Court of Robeson County.

Muscle-lame



Quickly relieve that stiffness and ache. Start rich, healing blood to flowing through stiff, sore muscles—and the lameness disappears as if by magic. That's how Sloan's works—first a glowing warmth, then the pain is gone! All druggists—35 cents. Sloan's Liniment—kills pain!

ADDITIONAL STATE HIGHWAY BOND ISSUE MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Proposed \$35,000,000 May Not be Needed in Next Two Years—Budget Commission May Recommend \$10,000,000 a Year—Varsar and Doughton Give Views. Raleigh, Jan. 2.—A twenty or twenty-five million dollar bond issue for highways, instead of the widely advertised thirty-five millions, may be recommended to the General Assembly by the budget commission, it was indicated this afternoon following a conference between the commission and Highway Chairman Frank Page.

Mr. Page, who has carefully avoided a public expression of his attitude on the proposed thirty-five million dollar issue, was asked by the budget commission for an estimate of the amount that could be reasonably expended by his organization during the next two years.

That the budget commission is disposed to recommend a smaller bond issue in order to safeguard the state's position on the bond market was made known here to the afternoon conference by Senator L. R. Varsar, a member of the commission.

Varsar and Doughton. "It may be that the commission will not need thirty-five millions more during the next two years, and if it should not, then the state should not issue so large an amount in bonds," Senator Varsar said, adding that to confine the issue to present needs would afford protection for North Carolina's standing in the bond market.

A similar position was taken some time ago by Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton, who is directing the preparation of a revenue bill. Commissioner Doughton advocated "going forward with the road program" but pointed out that the amount of the additional expenditure should be based on a careful investigation of present highway needs.

When the road building program was launched in 1921, Highway Chairman Frank Page and his associates estimated that they could spend not more than ten million dollars a year. Favorable conditions for highway building enabled them, once they got their stride to double that estimate.

\$80,000,000 Worth Built. The estimated cost of roads and bridges built or now under contract in the state highway system was placed by the highway commission today at \$80,047,113.

If the road builders find that they can meet the state-wide demand for

more roads, by expending ten millions a year for the next two years, Senator Varsar thinks, it would be wise to restrict the bond issue to be authorized by the new legislature to 20 millions. And the 1927 body could add 15 millions more if at that time it should be found that the full issue of 35 millions would be necessary to wind up the program.

The budget commission adjourned its hearings today and will not meet again till Tuesday, January 13, six days following the convening of the 1925 General Assembly. It will then begin the preparation of its report.

No Pruning Begun Yet. The commission has not yet tackled the job of pruning down the requests for appropriations. The members have not discussed that phase of their work and no information is available yet as to the amount of increase in appropriations expected to be recommended. They first will have to determine the amount of bonded authorizations for permanent improvements for each institution as the requested appropriations are based on anticipated needs in the event the permanent improvements money should be granted and make possible further institutional expansion.

The general expectation, however, is that in its recommendations on new bond issues, the commission will stick pretty close to the three million dollars necessary to round out the scheduled 20 million dollars six year program. Seventeen millions were authorized by the 1921 and 1923 legislatures as their part in pushing that program.

Administration sentiment, as registered by Governor Morrison, Secretary of State W. N. Everitt, and other favorers that policy. The budget commission, representing the legislature, are understood to be favorable to it; and Governor-elect McLean is reported as concurring. The institutions and departments are asking for \$17,500,000 more for permanent improvements.

Budget Body Meets. The budget members held their first conference this morning with Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughton. The revenue outlook was the principal subject discussed.

Upon reconvening January 13 the budget makers and Commissioner Doughton will work together regularly in working out an appropriations bill and a revenue bill that will fit. Whether the two bills will stand together depends upon the reception they get from the legislators.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

District Attorney Irvin B. Tucker has been notified by Judge Chas. A. Wood that a special term of Federal court will be held in Wilmington February 5 for the trial of Lieut. Gov. W. B. Cooper and T. E. Cooper, charged with violation of the national banking laws in connection with the defunct Commercial National bank of Wilmington.

The budget system in housekeeping means telling your money where to go instead of asking where it went, say home demonstration workers.

Real Estate Loans ON BOTH CITY AND FARM PROPERTY. C. B. Townsend, Agt. LUMBERTON, N. C.

Tom Tarheel says that the folks down this way step on the gas and don't have time to read the bill-boards, but they do take the paper home and read it carefully.

—Watch your label! All subscriptions are stopped when they expire.

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Make 1925 Your Year The Happiest and Most Prosperous New Year ever is our wish to you. You have a brand New Year beginning today. Will every day pay a dividend to you in something worth while accomplished? The New Year belongs to everyone—no single man can claim it now. But its promises are for you if you achieve. New chances to serve and to succeed are offered each one of us. Money in bank will help you win your goal in 1925. Save something each week, and put it in bank where interest works for you. It may open the path to greater comfort and happiness, to business success and riches. The National Bank of Lumberton "Start the New Year With a Growing Bank Account." DIRECTORS: E. J. Britt, S. F. Caldwell, A. W. McLean, A. E. White, K. M. Biggs, H. B. Jennings, O. C. Norment, T. H. Caldwell, Stephen McIntyre, J. R. Varsar, C. Z. Williams