

SIMMONS PRAISES CAPE ENTERPRISE

Senior Senator Has Long Dreamed of Development At Lookout

New Bern, September 3.—The proposal to develop the port of Cape Lookout and build a railroad from there to points in the piedmont interior of the state has been accorded wide interest. Among the endorsements received is one from Senator F. M. Simmons, who has long dreamed of such a plan. He conferred in Raleigh Thursday with Governor McLean relative to the project.

In a letter to Calvin A. Owens, organizer, Mr. Simmons says Cape Lookout can be made a great protected harbor with a depth of nearly 40 feet.

The Senator's letter to Mr. Owens in part follows:

"An enormous expense to the Federal government we now have the great inland waterway connecting our state with the chief coastal cities of the north and east as far as Boston. This great water highway, one of the greatest and most ambitious schemes ever undertaken by any government, will soon be extended to Wilmington and thence down the coast to Florida and eventually to Texas.

"This inland waterway system to run through the state measurably parallels the great north and south lines which run through North Carolina, thus giving our state the benefit of both through rail and inland water transportation between the North and South. In an effort to limit the effect of this water competition it was to be expected that the competing trunk line railroads would do all they could to stifle this water competition or localize and limit its operation to a small area on either side of its course.

"There is significant evidence that the campaign to accomplish this result has already been inaugurated and it is greatly feared that if the Interstate Commerce Commission should approve of their initial proposition now pending before it they will continue the policy thus inaugurated and ultimately accomplish their purpose, so far as North Carolina territory is concerned, unless the people by further and appropriate means shall protect themselves against such an eventuality.

"The whole people of North Carolina are entitled to the benefits of water competition made practical by the construction on the part of the government at great cost of this water way and in the improvement and development of Cape Lookout harbor as an ocean port and to be placed upon a parity in the matter of its freight rates with the sister State of Virginia and in order that this right may be safeguarded against artificial restriction it would seem apparent that it is necessary that we provide as speedily as possible facilities for direct east and west rail transportation concerning our great seaports and the intra-coastal waterway with the great middle west.

"With this accomplished, the regulatory effect of water competition will be felt in reduced transportation rates throughout the whole state.

"Undoubtedly Cape Lookout can be made a great protected harbor connecting with the open sea by a governing depth of nearly, if not quite, forty feet.

"The government has authorized during my term in Congress the appropriation of \$3,000,000 to improve and further enlarge this landlocked harbor. It has already expended a million and a half of this amount and will spend the balance of it and more if necessary, whenever assurances of a railroad connecting with that harbor are given.

"During my term in the Senate I have been profoundly interested in the construction of this great inland waterway and the improvement of this great harbor and now I am naturally deeply interested in seeing that all the people of

Weeks Becomes Ford Agent Here

Clinton Man Succeeds Bruce Strowd As Representative of Ford Products—To Take Charge September 26th.

J. C. Weeks, Jr., of Clinton, will come here Sept. 26, as proprietor of the Ford business at Pittsboro, succeeding Bruce Strowd of Chapel Hill, who for a number of years has conducted the Ford agency at this point as well as that in his home town. Mr. Weeks accepted the agency from the Ford folk two or three weeks ago, and made a purchase agreement with Mr. Strowd for the building and machinery at the same time.

Pittsboro's prospective citizen has, for several years, held a responsible position in the Bank of Clinton, and is a young man of sterling worth. He is a son of J. C. Weeks, Sr., one of Sampson county's large farm owners. The editor of the Record has known "J. C.", Jr., since the latter's youth, and can, and gladly does, commend him to the people of Chatham county. He is a man of character and of good business sense. He and Mrs. Weeks will prove a real acquisition to Pittsboro. He is a Methodist, while Mrs. Weeks, we believe, is a Baptist. The latter is a native of Georgia. She is a young woman of culture.

Mr. Week's expects to bring with him as mechanic, Mr. Warren, who for the past ten years has been employed in the Vann garage at Clinton, and who knows automobile mechanics as few men in this section does. However, Mr. Weeks expects to retain, for the present at least, the force already employed by the Chatham Motor Company.

Deep Sea Fishing In Full Swing

The deep sea fishing season will be in full swing in the vicinity of Morehead City and Beaufort about the first of October, according to Captain J. A. Nelson, fisheries commissioner. The fall season is approaching and the sport fish from the deep are doing their seasonal moving to within the range of the coast and the sportsmen.

The inside summer fishing for trout and smaller fish is passing out and the lovers of big fishing are sheathing their light summer tackles and greasing and limbering up their high caliber machinery, to wrestle with the fighting finny beyond the twelve mile limit, Captain Nelson reports.

Preparations are already in order in the twin cities of Morehead and Beaufort and a very successful season is anticipated for the fall.

MRS. M. L. BUCHANAN IS DEAD AT SANFORD

Sanford, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Margaret Love Buchanan one of the most highly regarded women of this town died in her home here Sunday morning. She was the widow of S. H. Buchanan, former banker and real estate dealer. She was 83 years of age and had lived in and near Jonesboro all her life. She was loyal to her friends and everybody who knew her loved her. One of the main characteristics of her life was the generous hospitality she extended to the well-to-do and the poor alike. Funeral services will be held from the Shallow Well Christian Church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The service will be conducted by Rev. O. I. Hinson, her pastor, assisted by Rev. Roy Morris, of Sanford. Interment will be made in the church cemetery. Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. J. L. Reid, of Carnegie, Penn.

One of every three people in this country earns his living.

my state shall be given full benefit of these wonderful water facilities and advantages and that whatever may be expedient and necessary to accomplish and safeguard this result should be done as quickly as practically possible."

BOY CALLED FROM CHURCH IS KILLED

Congregation Is Stunned As It Hears Screams, Punctuated With Gunshots

Murphy, Sept. 16.—Called from his place in church by whispered conversation with John Bright, constable, Wayne Moore, 19-year-old Cherokee county youth, was shot dead a few minutes later within hearing distance of the church which was crowded with people.

When members of the congregation, startled by the sound of piercing screams and two revolver shots, rushed from the little church they found Moore dead with two bullet wounds in his head. Bright had fled and up to a late hour tonight had not been arrested, although a warrant sworn out by the boy's father charges him with murder.

Will Moore, father of the dead youth, declared that the boy was followed from the church by his mother, who pleaded with Bright not to shoot her boy and that the shots that ended his life were fired as the mother tried in vain to hurl herself between the boy and the flying lead.

The interruption to the little factory town Baptist church came just after the minister's sermon had been concluded and he had asked for the young people of the congregation to come forward and give him their hand and kneel in front of the altar.

Bright was seen to enter the church, whisper momentarily with Moore, who got up slowly and followed him out. Again the heavy note of the persuading hymn rose from the throats of the congregation as the minister renewed his plea. Just as the notes died away and there was a strained silence screams were heard from the darkness about a hundred yards from the church. The screams were followed, or rather punctuated, by two shots fired close together and then came the heavy silence again as the congregation stood stunned. The people poured out of the building and went in search of the spot from which the sounds had come.

Investigation by members of the sheriff's department has failed to unearth a single clue to the motive for the shooting.

A BIT OF PAVING ON HIGHWAY NINETY

The indications are that a short distance will be paved on route 90, leading out toward Raleigh. The paving on the Chapel Hill road will reach Pittsboro by October 1, and it seems probable that Zeigler Bros. will be awarded the job of grading and paving a section of 90, at least to the edge of town.

It is to be hoped that the rumor is correct and that the work will be done within the next month.

WORK PROGRESSING ON STATE HIGHWAY NO. 50

Sanford, Sept. 18.—Work is rapidly progressing on State Highway No. 50, which is also known as Federal Highway No. 1. This highway is being re-located and straightened from Deep river, seven miles south of Moncure. The contractors have a large force at work and in a few weeks the work will be completed. It is thought that in the spring this link will be hard surfaced.

REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR BANK IS APPROVED

Fayetteville, Sept. 16.—Unanimous approval of a plan for reorganizing the National Bank of Fayetteville, was accorded by directors and stock holders of that institution in two separate meetings held here today. The plan was presented by its author, Judge Robert G. Finney, of Virginia, financier and lawyer, who for many years held an important post in the office of the comptroller of the currency at Washington.

Farmers Bank Goes To Moncure

The Farmers Bank has combined forces with Moncure capital and the new bank will be established at Moncure. The stock of the old bank goes into the new corporation at par and the capital stock is increased to twenty-five thousand dollars.

The name of the new bank will be The Bank of Moncure. Matters are at an indefinite stage now but a full and complete statement will be made by the bank through these columns after the new organization is effected.

Baptist Centennial Campaign Launched

Last Thursday evening saw about 650 more or less prominent Baptists of the associations of the central section of the state assembled in the dining hall of Meredith College, Raleigh, to launch the Centennial drive for funds to pay the indebtedness of the Baptist schools of the state and afford additional endowment funds.

The next two or three months will see a well organized campaign pushed through the state, when pledges will be secured to be paid in quarterly installments up to 1930, the hundredth year since the organization of the Baptist State convention.

The campaign in each association will be directed by an associational leader, aided by a lady assistant, with leaders for each of several associational groups and for each church. The leaders for the whole Sandy Creek association are Mr. D. B. Teague of Sanford and Mrs. Sinclair of the same town. The leader of the associational division of which the Pittsboro church is a member is Mr. J. L. Griffin.

Present from Chatham Thursday evening, enjoying the banquet spread by the State management and the speeches by Drs. Madry, Poteat, and Gaines, the new president of Wake Forest, were Messrs. L. P. Dixon and Dr. Edwards of Siler City, H. A. Teague, and son, Charlie Fields, V. R. Johnson, J. L. Griffin, and O. J. Peterson, and possibly others. Mr. C. B. Griffin of Chapel Hill, too, was with the Chatham group.

The occasion was a very pleasant one and was particularly enjoyed by the Chatham bunch, who were located near the speakers' table and had the prettiest senior in the whole college group to serve them.

Speakers will invade the county later, presenting the matter of the centennial fund in every church in the association.

Retiring President Poteat was given an ovation, while the reception of the new Wake Forest president, Dr. Gaines, was almost as enthusiastic. He appears a mere boy, but seems to be a real man.

O. P. MAKEPEACE NAMES HIS NEW HOTEL THE CAROLINA

Sanford Journal. Mr. O. P. Makepeace has employed a manager for his new hotel and the building is being rushed to completion with the hope that it can be opened between the first and fifteenth of October. The manager, Archie Cooke, of Burlington, is an experienced hotel man, having had charge of the Burlington Hotel.

Mr. Makepeace says that he will not operate a dining room in connection with the hotel, but will operate a coffee shop for his customers. The shop will be one of the best equipped shops in the state, and will be furnished very attractively.

The name adopted for the new hotel is the "Carolina Hotel."

MOTHER OF BOY IS GIVEN GIRL

Cleveland, O., Sept. 16.—While a heart-broken mother lay in a hospital tonight praying for the return of her "son," as she nursed a baby girl, Judge Carl V. Weygrand looked forward to a conference tomorrow with masters of the medical profession who might aid him in solving a tangle that would test the wisdom of a Solomon.

The pressure of business in common pleas court, where Judge Weygrand presides, forced him to postpone a personal visit to the hospital, planned for late today, until Monday. Last Saturday the tangle was brought to the bar of justice in Judge Weygrand's court when Sam Smith father of the child instituted habeas corpus proceedings demanding that Fairview Park hospital officials be forced to rescue his child "George Smith."

Mrs. Smith nursed a baby girl tonight which hospital officials claim is the child born to her August 22. They also claim that the tangle resulted from a clerical error made at the hospital. But the doubt of a mother is not dispelled by their explanation, and the child's father vowed today that he "would spend every penny I have to straighten this."

Meantime the possibility that the grand jury may be called upon to probe the case was seen today when County Prosecutor Stanton assured Charles F. McConnell, attorney for Mrs. Smith, that "the grand jury will make an exhaustive probe without delay if there is the least bit of evidence of perjury or hint of criminality in the case."

McConnell told the prosecutor that he was convinced of "perjury in the case." "At least two witnesses have not only failed to tell the truth, but have plainly showed that many details of the case are being covered up," he said.

For eight days after the birth of the disputed child, nurses and doctors told Mrs. Smith that she was the mother of a boy. She then discovered that the child she had in her arms was a girl and hospital officials then explained that it was a clerical error. The same day Mrs. Sam Smith's baby was born two other women by the name of Smith gave birth to boy babies.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith hold that there was a shuffle of babies and that hospital officials in some manner lost identification of their baby giving it to another mother while they received a girl instead.

WANTS STATE HIGHWAY COLERIDGE TO CARTHAGE

If you look on a state highway map you will find the two largest areas in central Carolina without a state highway both penetrating Chatham county. Bennett is in one of those sections, while the other includes the northwestern section of Chatham. Accordingly, it should not be surprising that there is a demand for a state highway in the first mentioned area. The suggestion is that the state take over the road from Coleridge, Randolph county through Bennett and High Falls to Carthage. Four miles of the proposed highway would lie in Chatham.

Randolph and Moore county folk are moving for the adoption of this route and Commissioner Brooks has also brought the matter to the attention of the Chatham board, and himself is anxious to see Bennett get the benefit of a better road.

After all, the state has built comparatively little road in Chatham, since most of the roads taken over by the state had already been graded by the county with state and Federal aid, and it is to be hoped that the highway commission will take over this proposed road.

County and community fairs are being planned for practically every county having a farm and home agent according to reports from these agents.

Sweet clover should not be cut or pastured so low that no branches are left on the main stem.

Fireproof Barns To Cure Tobacco

State College Professor Starts Movement For Their Erection; To Replace Old Type

Fireproof tobacco barns to replace the present type of log structure will probably become a reality in the bright leaf tobacco belt, if the research plans developed at State College in conjunction with the Oxford experiment station are satisfactorily completed.

Prof. A. F. Graves-Walker, head of the ceramic engineering school of State College, started the movement one month ago with an article in Progressive Farmer on the advantages of fireproof structures for curing tobacco.

In regard to the experiments which will be conducted at Oxford, Prof. Graves-Walker said today, "the 75 fireproof barns that have already been erected in this State have demonstrated both their superiority as to fire resistance, and the superiority of the tobacco cured in fireproof barns. The object of the experimental work is to determine scientifically the best material for the construction of fireproof barns, and to determine the exact degree to which tobacco cured in fireproof barns is superior to that cured in old-fashioned log barns."

The experiment at Oxford will be conducted jointly by the engineering experiment station of State College and the agricultural experiment station. The plan is to have the manufacturers of brick, hollow tile, and cement to furnish the material for the barns. Specimen structures will be built of these various materials under the direction of Dr. H. E. Shaw and Prof. A. S. Graves-Walker, of the engineering station, and curing tests will be made under direction of Dr. R. Y. Winters and E. G. Moss, of the agricultural station.

The farm at Oxford is equipped with old style log and frame tobacco barns at present, and the results from these barns will be compared with those from the different types of fireproof barns. It is expected that it will be two years before the experiment is completed.

According to Prof. Graves-Walker, the project includes the immediate distribution of standard plans for fireproof structures made of brick, hollow tile, or hollow cement.

From 70 to 120 wooden barns burn up every year in the State of North Carolina, causing great losses to farmers, for, in addition to losing their investment in the barn, a fire there leaves them unable to dry their crop. An additional saving will result from the fact that much less fuel will be required in a fireproof barn with tight walls.

In recent years the price of such building materials has decreased so much that the proposed fireproof barns will cost little if any more than wooden barns at the present price of lumber.

PEONY SHIPMENTS NOW GOING FORWARD

Jonesboro, Sept. 18.—Fifty thousand plants were shipped to Michigan last week from the Peony farm near Sanford. The owners, James and W. R. Medlin, J. D. McPherson and Arch McPherson, have been raising peonies on their farms for a number of years, and are now getting a profit from the roots on plants as well as the flowers. Dr. J. A. Knapp, of Evansville, Indiana, came to this section a few years ago and upon discovering that the soil would grow these beautiful flowers to perfection had Messrs. Medlin and Mr. and Mrs. McPherson cultivate them. They have been shipping them to northern cities in large quantities every spring and have made a profit growing them.

Buy Land For Dairy Charlotte—Mecklenburg County Commissioners today purchased for \$6,000, 60 acres of land adjoining the County Tuberculosis Sanatorium. The land to be developed as a site for a dairy.

DOUGHBOYS ARE OVER THERE

General Pershing And Thousands Of Buddies In France

Paris, Sept. 16.—General Pershing and his doughboys are back in France again. Tonight Paris is literally filled with wartime tunes, "Madelon," and "Over There," and the French people have turned back to those days of 1917 when Europe made the acquaintance of the Yank uniform.

This time Yank—30,000 of him, they say is in "Cits," and there isn't a man in all Europe to prevent him, as he goes about the job of seeing France as a civilian.

All Paris has caught the carnival spirit that this second A. E. F. has brought and the whole country looks forward to taking a holiday Monday when American Legionnaires parade through the capital before opening their convention on soil they helped to save ten years ago.

General Pershing and 1,600 of the men he commanded during the war, arrived today at Cherbourg aboard the Leviathan, greatest of wartime transports. Other thousands landed at French ports during the night and today on other ships, and still more thousands of their buddies had reached Paris before them.

Those that had known Paris in wartime when it was gay but not bright, came back to find more lights than they had any idea the city could produce. Not only were the street lights burning brightly tonight, but thousands of others were strung to make a Franco-American holiday. Many of them were so arranged that they spelled the word "Welcome," and everywhere in the city buildings displayed the Stars and Stripes and Tricolor. Along great avenues and in the more famous squares of the capital high white posts have been placed by the government to carry additional emblems of red, white and blue.

HIGHWAY COMMISSION DENIES DEBT TO LACY

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—The highway commission today denied obligation to pay C. W. Lacy, Wilmington road contractor, \$150,133 for removal of dirt from ditches along highways in Gates and Pasquotank counties.

Lacy recently filed suit against the state in supreme court alleging that he removed 150,133 yards of dirt from ditches, for which he was under contract with the highway commission for \$1 per yard. The suit was started in supreme court which could only recommend that payment be made the plaintiff.

The answer was filed today. The state highway commission does not deny the contract price per yard, but denies the contract was made as alleged by Lacy. It was stated in the answer that 40 cents per yard for dirt for road building was named in the contract and that the commission had paid the plaintiff all due him. The manner in which the dirt was removed from the ditches and placed on the road had considerable part in the complaint.

MONEY FROM TOBACCO IS BENEFIT TO TRADE

Goldsboro, Sept. 18.—Goldsboro merchants are optimistic as to the fall business generally for this section. Mounting sales show a tangible result of the large amount of money paid over to the farmers for tobacco sold on this market. Over a quarter of a million dollars have been thus checked out for tobacco during the ten days on which sales have been conducted this season. Statistics Saturday showed that sales this season to date have been in excess of one third more than the sales for the same period last year.

Never judge a man's greatness by the opinion his neighbors have of him.