

WILL PRESENT ROAD PETITION NEXT MONDAY

COMMITTEE WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THAT TIME.

PETITION SIGNED

Contains the Signatures of Over One-fourth of the Qualified Voters of the Township. Election to be Called Within Thirty Days.

Monday, at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, a committee from the Chamber of Commerce will present a petition calling for an election to issue \$50,000 bonds in Washington township. The petition has been duly signed by more than one-fourth of the qualified voters of the township and reads as follows:

"To the Honorable Chairman, and Board of County Commissioners of Beaufort County:

"We, the undersigned residents, taxpayers and qualified voters of Washington township, Beaufort county, North Carolina, being desirous of having the public roads and highways of said township laid out, established, altered, repaired, graded, constructed and improved, and that machinery, tools, etc., necessary for such improvements shall be purchased, to the end that the movement of produce over said public roads and highways may be facilitated, the cost of same greatly reduced in the saving of wear and tear on team and vehicles, and in time required for moving said produce, and further to the end that the social and intellectual welfare of the residents of said township, and particularly those of the rural sections may be largely fostered and promoted, do, pursuant to the authority, terms and conditions of Chapter 123 Public Laws of North Carolina, Session 1913, entitled, 'An Act to Provide for the Working of Public Roads of various Townships, and Issuing Bonds for the Same,' respectfully petition your honorable body to call, within thirty days from the date of presentation of this petition, and under the terms of the Statute hereinbefore referred to, an election of the qualified voters of this township, to vote fifty thousand dollars of coupon bonds, to run for a period of twenty-five years, and to bear interest not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used for the working of the said public roads of Washington township, as hereinbefore set out, and under the terms and conditions as prescribed in said Statute.

"Respectfully submitted, (Signatures)"

WILL REMOVE DRAW BRIDGE

To Replace Draw Over Runyon Creek With Two Fixed Spans. Hearing November 4th.

The Board of Commissioners contemplate removing the draw bridge over Runyon Creek, near Washington, and replacing this draw with two fixed spans. A public hearing will be held at 11 o'clock on November 4th, in the Federal building here for the purpose of ascertaining the views of interested parties. All persons interested in this matter are requested to attend.

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NATIONAL BANKS ARE WARNED BY COMPTROLLER

CHARTERS MAY BE CANCELLED IF RATES OF INTEREST ARE EXCESSIVE.

3 IN THIS STATE

Many Banks Charging at the Rate of 10 Per Cent a Month, or 120 Per Cent a Year. Practice Must Be Discontinued.

(By Parker S. Anderson)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams today again warned national banks to discontinue the practice of charging excessive rates of interest for loans. Mr. Williams intimates strongly that unless this practice is discontinued he will cancel the charters of the banks found to be violating the law. In a recent speech before the Bankers' association of Kentucky Mr. Williams stated that many banks charge a rate of interest of 10 per cent a month, or 120 per cent a year and that many of them have even exceeded this exorbitant rate. In his Kentucky speech the comptroller gave the names of states where banks were violating the usury law and stated that three of these banks were in North Carolina.

In discussing the situation Mr. Williams said that 1,020 banks in different sections of the country of a total of 7,600 had admitted that they were charging an average of 10 per cent or more, an average of 18 per cent for loans. These banks, he said, for the most part, are located in the south and west. The borrowers he said usually were persons who had little experience in banking and in a majority of cases persons who could least afford to pay the high rates.

The abstract of the conditions of national banks of North Carolina at the close of business September 2, as reported to the comptroller of the currency shows the following condition: Reserve held at 18.17 per cent; loans and discounts, \$45,549,394; gold coin, \$262,320; lawful money in reserve, \$14,422,251, and deposits, \$34,773,271.

CAL JORDAN DIED IN WASHINGTON CITY

Was Well Known Here. Remains to Arrive Here Tomorrow. Funeral at Ten O'Clock.

Word was received here today of the death of Cal Jordan, aged 37, at Washington, D. C. Jordan died Wednesday night and his death was due to heart failure. The remains will arrive in this city tomorrow morning and the funeral will be held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Carnes tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Deceased was formerly a resident of Washington, and is the son of Mrs. J. P. Carnes. He also has one brother living, W. A. Jordan, of Kinston. He was a member of the Masonic and Elk orders. For the last seven years he has been employed as a type operator on the Washington Post.

The pall bearers will be R. L. Stewart, Sam Reid, Frank Wright, Isaac Hughes, M. F. McKee and W. W. Walker.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD VOTES TO PROHIBIT MANY THINGS

Washington, Oct. 29.—Unanimous authorization for a petition to Congress to submit to the States a national prohibition amendment was voted today by the Presbyterian synod of Baltimore, in annual session here. Petitions also were approved asking for a federal censorship of moving picture films, and a prohibition against the exportation from the United States of intoxicating liquors to Africa.

Each of the petitions, it was said, would be supported by a national movement of churches to be initiated by the synod.

DANCE LAST NIGHT

The opening dance of the season was given by the Halyon Club at the Elay Home last night. A large number were present and enjoyed the occasion. The music was furnished by Forbes Orchestra.

SHELLS FOR THE GREAT FRENCH OFFENSIVE



This photograph of great stores of shells, which has just reached America, gives some idea of the preparations made by the French for the recent offensive in the western war zone. The picture was taken near a hidden battery.

AGED FARMER WAS HELD UP BY NEGRO

ALLEGED TO HAVE THREATENED TO KILL ADAM McROY OF CHOCOWINITY.

IS UNDER ARREST

Jack Staten Said to Have Lured Farmer Out Near the Colored Cemetery and Held Him Up Yesterday Afternoon.

A bold attempt at highway robbery is alleged to have been made by Jack Staten, colored, against Adam McRoy, an aged farmer, who resides in Chocowinity township. Staten has been arrested and will be tried next Monday.

According to report, Staten visited Mr. McRoy yesterday afternoon and purchased a bushel of potatoes from the farmer. He then told him where he could sell four more bushels at six cents a bushel. McRoy got into the cart with him and when they were near the colored cemetery, Staten is said to have suddenly turned on the man and threatened to kill him unless he gave up what money he had. McRoy called for help and was so loud in his call that Staten took fright and ran away. The horse also became frightened and started so suddenly that McRoy was thrown from the wagon. The animal proceeded on to town. During its run both wheels of the cart came off and when the horse appeared on Main street it was dragging only a board behind it.

Staten was later taken in by the police and is now in jail.

TARBORO FAIR TO BE NEXT WEEK

Ferences to be Bigger and Better Than Any That Has Ever Been Held Before in That City.

A large number of local residents are planning to attend the Edgecombe county fair, which will be held at Tarboro November 2, 3, 4, and 5. Special rates are in effect over the Coast Line. Those who so desire, may leave here in the morning and return the same evening.

The attractions at the Tarboro fair will be larger and better than ever, according to advance information. The exhibit of live-stock and agricultural produce promises to be especially good. The amusement features have also been well looked after. A number of free attractions will be on the program. Of special interest will be the horse races. These have always been a big attraction at the Tarboro fair. A number of entries have already been received and some good races may be expected.

LUMBERMAN KILLED BY OWNS LOCOMOTIVE

Williamston, Oct. 28.—Attempting to board his own locomotive in the logging department of the Williamston Co-operative Company today, Paul Smithwick fell beneath the wheels and was fatally injured. He died an hour later. Both limbs were severed and he suffered internal injuries. He was 50 years old and is survived by a wife and two sisters.

OCRACOKE PREPARING FOR HUNTING SEASON

Rex Beach and Party to Visit Island Again this Winter. Interesting Items From the Island.

(Special Correspondence)

Ocracoke, Oct. 28.—Since the writer's last communication, James Garrish, in his 65th year, Mrs. Sarah Gaskill, in her 79th year, and the infant child of Amasa Fulcher, of the J. W. McWilliams Co., have passed away. Mr. Garrish suffered from dropsy for a year. He was a good citizen, a kind neighbor and highly esteemed by all who knew him. Mrs. Gaskill, the mother of W. D. Gaskill, had had several strokes of paralysis and died after a recent attack of one of them. She was a kind-hearted and most estimable lady and was a niece and beneficiary in the estate left by the late Mrs. Mary Dimmock, formerly of Washington, who died in Greensboro.

Shore is Washing Away. The shore from Springer's Point to the upper end of the island, is very perceptibly washing away, caused principally by the horses and sheep pawing up the grass and roots that grow to the water's edge. Horses also dig water holes in the sand when others have dried up.

Late in winter, when grass has all been eaten, they feed on the green growth to be found at the bottoms of the fresh water ponds. The writer has seen them feeding, with their heads submerged and only their ears to be seen.

Goose "Round-up" Day. As there is a pony penning day at the island, there is also a "round-up" day for decoy geese. The round-up took place last Saturday. It will not be long before the thrilling "hank" of the migratory ones will be heard with that of the quavering brant. Some of the hunters do not cut the wings of the young geese, but leave them for flying decoys. Sometimes when the old wild geese and gander have been killed their brood will follow the domesticated ones to the ponds on the shore, where the decoys are corraled. W. D. Gaskill, who has a hunting station on Beacon Island, has caught a number of wild ones in this way, by gently driving them into the enclosure and clipping their wings. They soon become domesticated. A pair of geese remain mated for life. When one is killed, some, after a much longer interval than most persons observe, will mate again, while others never do.

Rex Beach Coming. Rex Beach has written to his attendant that he wants to come here for his annual hunting trip sometime in November, but as his guide has engagements that will conflict with this, it will probably be late in December when he comes. Mr. Beach stated that a party of his friends were coming here in a yacht to make sketches and to take views of the hunting sections, batteries, blinds, equipments, etc., also the porpoise fishery at Hatteras and methods of catching them.

Famous Boat Here. Occasionally the Fishhagen boat, that catch fish for the oil factory at Morehead City, comes to Ocracoke and among them there is one larger and entirely different in model and build from the others. A person would little think that this craft, now relegated to such humble service, was once a yacht of international fame, as her performance un-

der sail, in connection with the American Cup Races, was flashed to all parts of the world, wherever there was a cable laid or a telegraph wire strung. The boat in question is the once-famous "Pilgrim."

Dr. Small at the Island. Dr. Small paid a visit to Ocracoke and met with such a warm reception from everyone that it must have been very pleasing to the doctor, who lived here for nearly eighteen months.

Peculiar Blindness. In 1878, your correspondent, who was then a weekly contributor to the Tarboro Southerner, gave an account of the remarkable nocturnal blindness of the three Howard children, cousins of ex-Chief George Howard of Washington. They were Homer, Wheeler and their sister, now Mrs. Dave Tolson. Their sight waned as the sun set and at twilight they became totally blind and remained thus until sunrise the following morning. Their sight, during the night, was in such an eclipse of absolute blindness that the brightest light could not be seen by them when held before their eyes. They gradually outgrew this defect of vision as they grew in years. Now their sight is above normal, for both brothers passed for years the annual rigid examination for color blindness that members of the Life Saving Service are subjected to just before going on duty after the summer vacation. The item attracted considerable attention and was extensively copied by other papers, among them being the New York World.

HATTERAS FLIGHT BEEN ABANDONED

Aviator Became Lost in Heavy Sea Fog and Was Forced to Give Up Trip.

Ocean City, Md., Oct. 29.—Beryl H. Kendrick, who left Albany, N. Y., at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning in a hydroaeroplane in an attempt to fly to Cape Hatteras, N. C., lost his way in a dense fog after passing Seaside Park, N. J., and when overtaken by darkness was obliged to land in Assawoman bay, near here. The trip to Hatteras will be abandoned and Kendrick, with his machine, will leave tomorrow for New York.

Kendrick followed the Hudson river from Albany to New York city and then flew down the New Jersey coast. Several stops were made during the day for gasoline and to adjust machinery.

Kendrick made the flight in competition for the Curtiss marine flying trophy and a cash prize. He was accompanied by Frank Mills.

TODAY'S COTTON QUOTATIONS

Table with cotton price quotations: Lint cotton—11c, Seed cotton—\$4.50, Cotton seed—\$40.00.

BALKAN CAMPAIGN MAY REACH EGYPT

SERIOUSLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Accident Occurred in Kinston Last Night. Automobile Crashed Into Horse and Buggy. Occupants Badly Injured.

(By Eastern Press) Kinston, Oct. 29.—C. R. Sydes, an automobile mechanic, drove his machine into a horse and buggy last night in which Jake Beckton and Edgar Herring were riding. The vehicle was dashed into the curb with considerable force. Beckton was seriously injured. Two ribs were broken, his shoulder lacerated and it is feared that he will suffer from concussion of the brain. He was also badly bruised in a number of places. Herring received minor injuries. Sydes has been arrested and is being held in jail until next Tuesday, when he will stand trial.

COUNTY EXHIBIT IS ON DISPLAY

Has Been Returned from Raleigh and May Now Be Seen at the Bank of Washington. A Creditable Showing.

The greater part of the exhibit, which was sent from this county to the State fair, is now on exhibition at the Bank of Washington and may be seen there by those who are interested.

The exhibit took fourth prize at the fair and is one of the best that has ever been exhibited there. It is a credit to the county and gave Beaufort a large amount of excellent advertising. It has been attractively arranged at the Bank of Washington and makes a most creditable showing.

REVIVAL AT ROBERSONVILLE

Robersonville, Oct. 29.—R. W. Stancell, an evangelist from Ohio, is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings here to continue this and next week. The evangelist uses a chart, entitled "The Bible Plan of Salvation," in which he explains the Divine and human part in man's salvation. Mr. Stancell has been evangelizing in North Carolina since August 1st, having held several successful meetings.

ETTA KAPPA PARTY TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

Announcement that Hallowe'en Party Would Take Place Saturday Night Was Error.

The Hallowe'en party, to be given by the Etta Kappa Club of the Washington High School, will take place at the school auditorium tonight, instead of tomorrow night, as had been previously announced. The announcement of the first date was a mistake. Those who desire to attend the party are requested to note the change of date.

LARGEST SWEET POTATO IS BROUGHT TO TOWN

Weighed Almost Three Pounds, Was Grown by Mr. Corey in Martin County.

One of the largest sweet potatoes ever seen in Washington was brought to this office this morning. It was grown by James Rome Corey, one of the prominent farmers of Martin county. It measured eleven inches from tip to tip and weighed a little short of three pounds. Mr. Corey has a number of others that are almost as large.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT AT ASHEVILLE

Asheville, Oct. 29.—Two distinct earth shocks were felt in this city at 12:35 o'clock this morning. The shocks came about two minutes apart and lasted for only a few seconds each. Houses in all parts of the city were shaken, and many people were aroused from sleep. Tele-

THE SITUATION CAUSES WORRY

BELIEVED ULTIMATE AIM OF GERMAN IS TO REACH EGYPT AND INDIA.

A HOPELESS BATTLE

Serblans Are Being Closed in by Swift Advance of Teutons. Italy Claims Advances Against Austrians, Germans Repulse Russians.

London, Oct. 29.—Germany's thrust into the Balkans is being taken more seriously by England than any phase of the war yet developed. It is believed the ultimate end of the Germans in the Balkan campaign, is to reach Egypt and India, and as this is a danger to England only, she must meet it without outside help. It is estimated that a million soldiers must be had. Turkey is only waiting for German munitions before taking the field.

Serblans Fighting Hopelessly

The Austro-Germans and Bulgarians are closing swiftly upon the Serblans in three directions. The Teutonic front is moving restlessly southward along a hundred-mile front. A junction with the Bulgarians will open a clear road for munitions to Turkey.

Italians Claim Advances

Advances are claimed by the Italians in their new offensive movement against the Austrians. Rome declaring that ground has been gained in the Tolmino region, in the Piava zone, where a field fort was taken, and on the Carso front.

Germans Repulse Russians

In Russia the Germans report the repulse of Russian attacks on positions recently taken by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's troops in the Livinsk region and an advance for General Von Linington in the southern sector, where Rudka, west of Morynsk, has been taken.

More Recruits in England

A marked increase in recruiting in Great Britain, attributed largely by British newspapers to King Georges appeal and the execution in Belgium of Miss Edith Cavell, is reported.

HAVE GINNED 2,781 BALES

Quantity is Larger in Beaufort County Than Last Year, But Crop Will Be Greatly Reduced.

The report of the cotton ginned in Beaufort county up to October 18 shows that the yield of the crop up to that time amounted to 2,781 bales, as compared with 2,597 last year.

While the amount ginned is larger this year than for the same time last year, the crop will, nevertheless, be considerably less. Cotton opened up a good deal earlier this year, owing to the favorable weather.

In Hyde county the crop has also been greatly reduced. It is understood that very little was grown there this year.

phone inquiries from various points in the surrounding country indicated that the shock was general. So far as can be learned no serious damage was done.

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