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BUYING AUTO LICENSES EARLY

The 46 Branch Bureaus and the Raleigh Office Sold 10,000 First Day—Only 3,000 Sold Same Day Last Year.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Automobile owners are buying their license plates earlier than ever before, and are responding splendidly to the appeal of the license bureau to get their licenses early, according to Sprague Silver, chief of the license division of the Department of Revenue.

"Of course we do not know how long this is going to last, but indications are that we are going to get along better this year than ever before and without a mad rush at the end of the selling period," said Mr. Silver. "We have just gotten in our reports for the first day's sale from the 46 branch bureaus, and the number sold in these branches, together with the licenses sold by mail and direct to car owners here in Raleigh, brings the total to almost 10,000 for the first day as compared with less than 3,000 for the first day last year."

"So if people only continue to buy them as well as they have started out, we will have no difficulty in getting the new licenses to all the car owners before the first of the year. And we are hoping and believe that it will. For with the law prohibiting any extension of time, and with the highway patrolmen on the roads to check up on the cars, it will be impossible for anyone to drive a car without a new license after January 1."

Numerous cars are already to be seen on the streets and highways with the new maroon license plates with white numerals, and with a plate front and rear. This is the first year that the law has required North Carolina cars to display two license plates, one in front and the other in the rear.

Stokes Prisoners Taken Away Thursday

Deputies Cleve Lawson and Berkley Smith on Thursday went to Raleigh where they carried two men sentenced to the State prison. They also carried to Durham the five men sentenced to terms on the roads in Durham county. The officers were assisted by James Flinchum.

Good Tobacco Seed For The Asking

Winston-Salem tobacco people are offering farmers free tobacco seed. They can be had for the asking from any of the proprietors of the warehouses there. See announcement elsewhere in this paper.

We agree with President Hoover's idea of freedom for food. Also free food.

REAL ROAD SYSTEM PROPOSED

Congressman Holaday Offers Bill For Spending Five Billion Dollars On Express Highways.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The creation of a gigantic Federal system of express highways, costing five billions of dollars and spanning the nation, has been proposed to Congress by Representative William P. Holaday.

The plan is no mere dream, Holaday declares. It merely represents the ultimate in the nation's remarkable development of motor transportation, he says.

"The proposed system was devised by Arthur Hall, the father of Illinois great system of hardsurfaced highways," said Holaday. "The Federal aid highway system already has developed beyond all dreams. A co-ordination and extension of this system on a truly national, instead of State basis, is now necessary."

"Many members of Congress who have examined the plan have expressed the conviction that either it or a similar plan must supplement the present system."

A large part of the 54,000-mile system proposed by Holaday already is paved through Federal aid. His plan contemplates reimbursement to the State of money expended on the system, and its continuation as a purely Federal system without State aid.

Such a development, he declares, is especially necessary in providing the transcontinental highways necessary to more closely bind the great territory of the far west with the rest of the nation. Just as railroads united the country, so highways must bring the people and business of different sections into closer contact, he says.

"These roads are to range in width from twenty feet to forty feet for at least twenty-five miles from any city over 200,000 population," explained Holaday. "Provided, also, that wherever practicable, for at least ten miles out from the corporate limits of any city of over 800,000 population, the width of the roads shall be sixty feet. The system will afford direct communication between the national capital, the various State capitals and all the principal cities in the United States. Belt roads around large cities may be constructed to divert through traffic from the congested areas."

"The Secretaries of Agriculture, War, Commerce and Postmaster General shall prescribe plans and specifications for the construction of the post roads. Such specifications shall call for hard-surfaced roads that will remain in good condition with low reasonable maintenance."

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TOBACCO SALES SINCE OPENING

Winston Market Has Sold 49 Million Pounds At Average Price Of \$17.55. Forty Cents Under Last Year's Price.

The Winston-Salem tobacco market closed for the holidays Wednesday and will reopen on Tuesday, January 7th.

The Supervisor of sales there has prepared the following report on the sales since the opening of the market at Winston-Salem on October 1st:

Sales of tobacco since opening and up to closing Wednesday aggregated 49,053,146 pounds, which brought \$8,607,455, an average price of \$17.55 per hundred pounds.

In the same period last year the market sold 43,377,496 pounds for \$7,796,632.77, an average of \$17.95.

McLean Is Not Candidate For Senate

Greensboro, Dec. 19.—Former Governor Angus W. McLean said here today that he will not be a candidate for the United States Senate next year in opposition to Senator F. M. Simmons.

Mr. McLean, who has been silent on the subject for some time, answered a direct question put to him by newspaper men.

"Will you be a candidate in the Democratic primary next June against Senator Simmons?"

"No, I will not," replied Mr. McLean.

"Do you care to enlarge upon that statement?"

"No, I have nothing further to say at this time," was the reply.

Christmas Is Time Of Accidents

Raleigh, Dec. 20.—Be careful at Christmas time, for there are probably more health and life hazards than at any other time, according to the State Board of Health, in a holiday warning to the people of the State.

Perhaps the greatest hazard is the automobile hazard. Then along with it are the dangers from fireworks, firearms in hunting, the fire hazard of the Christmas tree, especially if lighted with candles.

ance cost until after all of the bonds issued for them shall have matured.

"Provision is made for the construction of airplane fields along the side the roads, for the exchange of air mail, or for military, commercial or other national purpose."

While five billion dollars is a huge sum, Holaday pointed out that there is now being spent in the country through Federal, State and local governments, more than a billion and a half dollars a year on highways.

FRED E. SHORE IS ILL AT KING

Three New Citizens Arrive In Town—Citizens Killing Some Fine Parkers—Personal's.

King, Dec. 23.—Some very nice porkers are being killed in and around King these days. Grover F. Stone butchered two Wednesday weighing 536 and 514 pounds respectively. J. E. Newsum killed one Thursday weighing 632 pounds.

T. G. New, manager of the Bennett Mercantile Co., went to Winston-Salem Thursday to look after some business matters.

The following births were registered here last week: To Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Priddy, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. William Darnell, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. John Spainhower, a son.

Fred E. Shore, manager of the Shore Mercantile Co., is confined to his home on west Main street by illness.

Mrs. C. T. McGee spent Wednesday with friends in Winston-Salem.

John Burge has returned to his home near High Point after spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Taylor White, of Roanoke, Va., is spending a short while with his mother, Mrs. C. F. White, on Main Street.

Make Sensible Gifts

The idea of a few years ago that a fellow had to spend a lot of money to make Christmas as merry as it ought to be seems to have disappeared. Today the tendency is toward the giving of sensible gifts the kind that afford service and comfort. It doesn't necessarily have to cost a lot for it to do this.

So far as we are able to determine, people are going to get as much happiness out of this Christmas as they did in other years, but they are not going to waste a lot of money doing it. Our merchants tell us the tendency of the buying public is to confine its purchases to useful things. While they still offer gimcracks for children, of course, they are centering attention on sensible gifts for older members of the family. Today articles of clothing and things for the home are considered the best Christmas presents.

Making a spending orgie out of Christmas was wrong in the first place, because it was never intended for it to be celebrated in that way. Make up your mind to give something serviceable this time, and remember the price tag doesn't really count—it's the spirit that prompted the gift. Do that and you will make yourself and the community happy, and you will feel better later on when you realize that you had a joyous holiday without having squandered any money procuring it.—Reidsville Review.

Appearances are often deceiving. A stick of dynamite looks harmless enough.

Not having trouble enough already, Comrade Trotsky has tackled the Turkish language.

NEW CANDIDATE IN THIS DISTRICT

Emery E. Raper Asking For Judge Shaw's Place—Two Other Candidates For Judge and Two For Solicitor.

Judge Thos. J. Shaw and Solicitor J. F. Spruill, both of this district, announced some time since that they would retire when their present terms expired next fall. Since their announcements candidates for their positions have continued to come forward until now there are 3 gentlemen in the field for judge and two for solicitor, as follows:

For Judge, T. C. Hoyle and A. Wayland Cook, of Greensboro, and Emery E. Raper, of Lexington.

For Solicitor: H. L. Koontz and George Younce, both of Greensboro.

There will likely be other candidates. The Stokes County Democratic Executive Committee recently endorsed Attorney J. D. Humphreys, of Danbury, for judge, though Mr. Humphreys has not made it known so far whether he expects to be a candidate or not.

This judicial district is composed of Stokes, Guilford and Davidson counties.

The Lexington Dispatch says "a campaign organization has been set up in Davidson county with John C. Bower, former Solicitor, as chairman of the central committee, and the campaign will shortly be pushed into Stokes and Guilford counties."

Number of \$100 Counterfeit Bills Are in Circulation

New York, Dec. 16.—Look carefully at your change folks. There's a lot of counterfeit \$100 bills about.

Allen G. Straight, head of the Secret Service in New York, revealed that a number of spurious notes of new Federal Reserve \$100 denomination are being circulated throughout the country, especially in cities along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

The bills are nearly perfect in engraving, Straight said, and experts can detect them only with the aid of a powerful magnifying glass. The green ink is too dark in spots and the picture of Benjamin Franklin on the face is made from two fine a screen among other flaws.

Banks are receiving from one to four bills a day.

This is the time of the year to decide what you will plant in your spring garden.

In several countries bachelors must pay a special tax. Married men pay heavily, also, but it is called something else.

Billy Grey, 5, of Levy, Ark., dragged his 2-year-old sister from their burning home which he had accidentally set on fire.

GIVES STOKES POOR SHOWING

Raleigh Office Listing Many Car and Truck Owners In Stokes As Citizens Of Forsyth County.

It is evident that Stokes county car and truck owners who bought their license plates at the Winston-Salem bureau last year are being listed in Raleigh as citizens of Forsyth county, and consequently the next official report showing the number of cars and trucks in each county will show that Stokes has about fifty per cent less cars and trucks than we really have.

Notices which have been received here from Raleigh by car owners in regard to buying new license tags are stamped Forsyth county in many cases. In fact, it is believed that all citizens who bought licenses last year from the Winston-Salem bureau are so listed.

While the error is probably traceable, as one citizen suggests, to thoughtlessness on the part of clerks in the Winston-Salem bureau, at the same time it gives Stokes a poor showing in the matter of ownership of cars and trucks, and will doubtless have its effect in the distribution of State highway funds, unless corrected.

Candidate For Governor Of N. C.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Judge Thomas L. Johnson, of Lumberton, here today on business, said that he was not ready to make any formal announcement as to his candidacy for Governor in 1932 but that he did expect to run.

"I do not propose to make formal announcement until later on," Judge Johnson said, "but you can say that I expect to be a candidate for the nomination in the Democratic primary in 1932. I will, however, for some time continue my work on the bench."

Four other men are being prominently mentioned as Democratic gubernatorial candidates; Dennis G. Brummitt, of Oxford, now Attorney General; Albert L. Cox, of Raleigh; Richard T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, Lieutenant Governor, and J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City.

Walnut Cove Couple To Virginia To Wed

Martinsville, Va., Dec. 20.—Among the number of marriages taking place here this week was that of Mary Hurd Horton and James A. Cox, both of Walnut Cove, N. C., the wedding taking place Thursday at the clerk's office. Dr. J. P. McCabe performed the ceremony.

Chicago will celebrate a "century of progress." From tomahawk to machine gun.