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## LEGAL NOTICE IS SERVED ON HICKORY POOL ROOMS

### City Council Revokes Licenses of Three Billiard Rooms--Citizens Back up Board--Extra Teacher for Spring Term--Won't Pay for Bridge Over Public Road.

City council Tuesday night left the matter of employing an extra teacher for the remainder of the spring term with Superintendent McIntosh and Mayor Whitener, heard a delegation of citizens in regard to the pool rooms in Hickory and decided to serve the legal notice on the places, and voted unanimously not to pay for the construction of the Horseshoe creek bridge on one of the principal highways of the county.

Several things made necessary the extra teacher. One thing was the closing of the schools on account of scarlet fever and the consequent absence during the fall term of many pupils out of fear of the disease; another was the addition of 21 new pupils from Mrs. Beard's school, and another that the high school was so crowded as to make it impossible for the four teachers to do the work of five grades. There are 82 pupils in the eighth grade, causing a division of the room. And, as Superintendent McIntosh explained, some students are brighter in arithmetic than others, some are brighter in English, and quite a number have weak points--just as older students and adults. Members of council agreed that if an extra teacher to take small groups of these students and coach them on deficient subjects would help them to make their grades, the city would be wise in providing the help. Mayor Whitener was empowered to act.

City Manager Ballew today served legal notice on the three pool rooms in Hickory, which were closed Wednesday and opened Saturday, that they would be closed for good in five days, and City Attorney Murphy was instructed to draw up the necessary papers. It developed that the charter provides for five days' notice before revoking a license for cause, and as Councilman Gilley explained to a delegation of citizens who appeared in the interest of having these places shut up, the board "got hold of an old almanac the first time," and would have to act in accordance with a new one. Members of council were unanimous.

Among those who appeared before the board were Messrs. J. D. Elliott, Geo. F. Ivey, Dr. W. R. Ramsay, Robert E. Martin, O. M. Sigmom, A. M. West, A. K. Joy, Geo. E. Bisanar, J. W. Blackwelder, John A. Lentz, Mr. Elliott and others, speaking as individuals, assured council that they were behind the board in any action it might take to safeguard the morals of the young men. It was stated by various ones that numbers of pool players had requested that the places be closed, as gambling was said to be the rule in the places, and abundant evidence, should the proprietors protest, will be forthcoming, it was said.

Every member of council, while not swearing a Hannibal oath, resolved not to pay the bill of \$574.19 for the construction of a bridge over Horseshoe creek to replace the one destroyed by the July flood. The old road changed when the new one was built and the township authorities put on the new one. It was explained that Hickory pays nearly one-third of the total general taxes in the county, that it pays 87 1/2 per cent of the taxes of Hickory township and that it would be unjust to make the city pay for a public bridge on a main highway. A letter inclosing the bill was ordered returned to the proper authorities.

Among other matters discussed were improvements at the water plant and the installing of the force pump on the big fire truck, the representative of the fire engine company, Mr. Feagin, beginning the work today.

## Details of North Sea Naval Engagement Lacking; Both Sides Report Some Losses

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, via London, Jan. 24.—One British destroyer was sunk and another was observed to be in a sinking condition in the North sea naval engagement the admiralty announced today.

One German torpedo boat put in at Ymuiden in a damaged condition. The others returned to port slightly injured.

### BATTLE WAS FOUGHT IN COLD AND DARK

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 24.—Special dispatches from Holland give stories of the battle between German and British destroyers in the North sea, but the details on some parts conflicting, are mostly avowedly derived from hearsay and not substantiated. It seems certain, however, that the main engagement began about 2 o'clock

## WEATHER IN JANUARY IN CATAWBA IN 1870

Look out for a cold wave about February 6, the sign of the crawfish and the full moon, and watch for snow and ice in the injunction of Col. Geo. M. Yoder, Catawba historian and weather prophet, in a letter to the Record and Democrat. Referring to his diary which carries him back 47 years, Colonel Yoder remarks that snow and ice on the full moon and crawfish have been an occurrence almost every year.

Speaking of the month of January 47 years ago, Colonel Yoder tells what the weather was then. New year's day fell on Friday and the next three days was mild, rain fell on the 4th, but from the 5th to the 10th was clear and mild again, followed by rain on the 11th and clearing and highwater on the 12th. The weather alternated between sunshine and rain until January 27, when a thunder shower occurred and then from the 28th to the 31st the weather was clear and mild again.

Colonel Yoder remarks that January and December weather are not exceptions to the full moon and crawfish sign and he points out days that prove his contention.

A letter to Colonel Yoder from John Q. D. Whitener from Mar. guard, Mo., during the holidays stated that the wheat crop in that section of the state was almost an entire failure, from two to three bushels being harvested from an acre. The corn crop also was rather light, from 700 acres in corn, Mr. Whitener produced about 2,000 bushels but 500 acres in cotton and an equal number in alfalfa enabled him to pull through all right.

The public roads in the South Fork valley are poor, Colonel Yoder says, and visitors have returned home and the farmers are pursuing their usual work again.

## NEWS PRINT STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Vice-Chairman Harris and Commissioner Parry, the federal trade commission announced today, have gone to Ottawa, Canada, to consult Canadian officials about a recent order in council fixing the price of newsprint paper in Canada.

The commissioners will go from Ottawa to Chicago for a meeting Friday between American newspaper publishers and Canadian and American manufacturers. The meeting was called by publishers. The Canadian decree not only fixed newsprint prices at \$10 a ton over last year's contract, but limited export to 10 per cent of the mill's capacity. The export order was annulled yesterday.

FUNERAL OF MR. MAYNARD The funeral of Mr. Garland H. Maynard, whose death occurred in Greensboro Tuesday, was held from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Maynard on Ninth avenue this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The service was conducted by Rev. W. E. Murray, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran church, and interment was in Oakwood cemetery. The deceased is survived by his parents and a sister, Miss Maude Maynard, and Cecil Maynard. He was born May 25, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Huffman left today for Florida to spend some time.

## AUSTRIA TO TAKE PROPERTY OF SUBJECTS SUGGESTS SOME GERMAN PAPERS BULGARS FORCED BACK ACROSS DANUBE ESTUARY

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 24.—Austria has decided on an extraordinary measure to stave off "imminent bankruptcy," according to a Paris newspaper's Geneva correspondent. The correspondent says that a decree is about to be submitted to the emperor whereby a fourth part of all the subjects and inhabitants of the empire is to become the property of the state in exchange for a kind of mortgage bond. This bond, according to the correspondent, the state promises to redeem when the financial condition permits.

## RECORD OF DEEDS BE FURNISHED WHIPPLE

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—The house rules committee today decided to adjourn its New York hearing on the leak investigation for an indefinite period. Members of the committee planned to return to Washington today and hold a meeting some time later in the week to decide on when the hearing will be resumed here.

Announcement of this decision came when the committee was in conference with members of the stock exchange.

New York, Jan. 24.—H. G. S. Stokes, president of the New York stock exchange at the leak inquiry that the first responses from members to request for a record of their transactions in December may be expected tomorrow or the day after exchange at the leak inquiry said, "that speed is required, and those that are going to comply will comply at once."

Attorney Whipple for the committee then resumed his examination of Noble on stock methods, particularly, about "short" sales.

## DEMOCRATS TO HOLD SEPARATE CAUCUSES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Democrats of both branches of congress will hold separate caucuses tomorrow night, the senate to consider the steering committee's plans and the house to take up the revenue bill.

## PRESIDENT TO SPEND AFTERNOON AT CAPITOL

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Further extending his plan of transacting business at the capitol, President Wilson arranged today to spend the entire afternoon in his office outside the senate chamber receiving delegations in addition to the usual congressional callers. Before going to the capitol, Mr. Wilson shook hands with 100 independent oil dealers and a delegation from the Churches of Christ in America.

## STOCKHOLDERS OF FAIR TO MEET THURSDAY

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Catawba Fair Association will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and it is important that every stockholder be present. One of the purposes of the meeting is to change the date of the annual meeting, another is to elect four directors for the coming year and a third is to hear the report of the secretary. The fair made good the first jump out of the box and it is planned to make it better next fall.

## PULPIT COMMITTEE WILL REPORT TONIGHT

Every member of the First Baptist church is urged to be present at prayer-meeting tonight for a double reason--the first that the service will be interesting and the second that the pulpit committee will make its report on the call extended to Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. The committee has not indicated the nature of its report, but urges every member of the church to be on hand.

The following communication to the Raleigh News and Observer will cause a deal of thoughtful consideration: As president of the Sandhill Board of Trade I wish to make it clear through your columns that the movement to bring about legislation for the advertising of North Carolina outlined in your paper Sunday is the work of the board and not the work of the Sandhill Board of Trade. The matter has not been presented to our organization for any consideration of any official action. No committee of the board of Trade, Mr. Lutz nor Mr. Davis as secretary, will appear before the legislature in the interest of the legislation outlined.

Personally I am opposed to the movement. I had many statements in yesterday's article which are misleading. My impression is given that most of the progress we have made in the Sandhills is due to advertising. This is emphatically not the case. Our board of trade has not spent more than three thousand dollars in the last three years in advertising. This is an insignificant sum when one considers the publicity that our section has received.

However, I believe in advertising when you have something to advertise. Our board of trade has consistently achieved results of value to the Sandhill community. When these results have been achieved, they have been of such considerable value that writers of North Carolina as well as other parts of the country have been eager to use them as material for articles.

Our cotton loan during the low price of cotton at the outbreak of the war in Europe, our health campaign, our rural hospital that will offer to the farm children as efficient and economical relief as is offered to children in any American city, our farm life school which trains as well as educates, our efforts to improve schools generally in the section, our fair, and the other efforts we are making to build a sound rural civilization are our first concerns.

Such constructive work as the first concern of the present legislature of North Carolina. Until we have gone a long way further in improving the conditions of our rural sections we should not spend much money in inviting people from the outside to come to them. North Carolina's problem is to check emigration rather than to stimulate immigration. We have the highest birth-rate of any Anglo-Saxon state and, I understand, the highest infant mortality rate. Had we better not alter these conditions before we spend money advertising our natural resources and our obvious short comings? And will not constructive work along these lines be the best advertising we can do?

It seems to me that the proposition to devote half the taxes of any newcomer for ten years to advertising the state is a thoroughly unsound and vicious one. All the taxes of every new-comer belong to the county for the betterment of schools, roads, and health conditions first last and all the time.

We believe that we have found the correct method to develop the rural districts of the south. We believe that it can be done only by powerful local organizations that inspire strong local pride and esprit de corps, and that concretely serve the communities they support. We are more proud of the work that has been developed in the Sandhills of the whole-hearted cooperation of our leading men than of any publicity we have received.

We would be glad to see other communities build up such organizations. We know that the inception and construction of such organizations should come from within the community if they are to be vital and permanent.

We should be glad to have any committee of the legislature that may be interested visit us, as was suggested in your communication of yesterday and of the opportunity to explain to them exactly what our program has been.

## MARKETS

### COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—The cotton market opened easy today at an advance of four to nine points on January, but generally lower. The general list on market soon steadied on covering. May rallied to 16.99 before the end of the first hour. The market closed steady.

	Open	Close
January	16.79	16.87
March	16.80	16.96
May	16.98	17.16
July	16.90	17.12
October	15.99	16.18

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Cotton	16 7-8
Wheat	\$1.90

### CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Jan. 24.—Fresh declines in wheat took place in wheat today largely as the result of continued absence of foreign buying. Opening prices, which ranged from 1-8 to 7-8 lower, with May at 1.87 and July at 1.51, were followed by a material general decline, but then a rally.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Jan. 23, via London, Jan. 24.—The newspapers are slow in expressing an opinion on President Wilson's speech, the text of which was received shortly before going to press. The afternoon papers refrained from comment, the headlines being noncommittal, and the stock market regarded as the barometer of popular sentiment, seemed to be unaffected.

Nevertheless the speech occupied unreserved space in the newspapers and is regarded as the feature news of the day.

## WANT TO REPEAL MEASURES ALREADY

Record's Special Legislative Report Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Bills amending the state constitution and providing for 1918 elections to repeal the four adopted at the last state election were offered in the house today and will be argued by Representative Haymore of Surry. Clayton also presented a measure of this character.

It was announced by leaders of the opposition that they would move for a constitutional convention next year to bring about the same end. The house reported favorably the bill to modify the capital punishment law by which trial judges may sentence prisoners convicted to life imprisonment or to the electric chair in the court's discretion. The measure applies to all capital felonies.

When the Joyner bill prohibiting the throwing of refuse in certain streams of eastern North Carolina was recommitted today, members asked if that refuse affected the fish of those waters. The whole argument was predicated upon the fish, but it was learned during the day that promoters of the new paper mill at Roanoke Rapids will attend a committee meeting this afternoon. It is said that the bill if enacted would prevent the erection of this mill.

The senate debated until a late hour in the afternoon the education bill introduced by Senator Turner providing for a central commission which will appoint county boards rather than elect them as many counties are demanding. The Wednesday night caucus was abandoned and the Bertie county school bill was postponed for a week.

Miss Kate Bernard, prison reformer and for two terms state commissioner of charities in Oklahoma, addressed a crowded house today on prison reform, the senate having declined to invite her or to sit jointly with the house. She urged many measures for better prison conditions and among them more power to the governor to give him a strong hand on prison control.

### LYCEUM ATTRACTIONS COMING TO HICKORY

The senior class of the Hickory high school has closed a contract with the Piedmont Lyceum Association of Charlotte for the following lyceum numbers, to be given in the Hub theatre: Miss Jeanette Kling, a reader of extraordinary talent who will appear at the Hub Friday, February 2. The next number will be the Doering Orchestra Quintette, composed of ladies and the Croatian Sandurican Orchestra, composed of six young men, who are ranked among the best on the lyceum stage.

This course was made possible through the generosity of Messrs. Hugh Miller, N. J. Sigmom, D. T. Applegate, James Villas, A. L. Moser, George Blackwelder, A. K. Joy, S. H. Farabee, J. W. Shuford and C. E. McIntosh. The price for the three numbers is \$1.25. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the senior class.

LAND FOR GARDENS Mrs. A. Bourbonnais has offered to the Volunteers of America her large garden on the corner of Fourteenth street and Eighth avenue for the use as a home garden to be worked by families designated by Captain Coy. Mrs. Morris has offered a two-acre lot, and the prospects are bright for as much land as can be cultivated in the spring.

## THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Probably rain on the coast and rain or snow in interior tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature, moderate variable winds.

## BULGARS FORCED BACK ACROSS DANUBE ESTUARY

### Unable to Hold Ground Gained From Russians --Cold Hampers Operations in Moldavia-- Violent Fighting in Riga Region and Raiding Engagements in France.

(By Associated Press.) Apparently the Bulgarians were not able to hold the ground north of the southern estuary of the Danube in Dobrudja, occupation of which was announced in yesterday's report. Today's statement indicates the withdrawal of their forces to their former position.

This is the only important movement that has occurred in the Rumanian campaign. Extreme cold weather is interfering with operations in the Moldavian mountains.

Attention is again turned to the Riga region on the northern end of the Russian front where a renewal of the fighting is reported by Berlin. This was forecast by yesterday's announcement of intense artillery operations. The Perli announcement merely indicates that the operations are successful for them.

On the Franco-Belgian front the pronounced activity of raiding detachments is being continued. Berlin reports numerous air engagements in which the entente lost six aeroplanes. Three German aeroplanes were brought down, according to the French report.

The German admiralty's report today of the torpedo craft engagement in the North sea declares only one of the German craft, a torpedo boat, which put in distress at Ymuiden, Holland, was more than slightly damaged. The sinking of one British destroyer is reported, while a second British boat of this type was observed in a sinking condition.

The British admiralty yesterday reported the sinking of a German torpedo boat on Monday night and the torpedoing of a British craft.

## Cummins Opens Debate on Senate Resolution to Discuss Peace Address

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Cummins' resolution providing for exclusive consideration of President Wilson's address until all senators have had opportunity to express their views was sent to the senate calendar today after a debate lasting two hours.

Under this decision the resolution will come up in regular order.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Opening debate on his resolution for a week's discussion in the senate of President Wilson's peace address, Senator Cummins said the president's suggestions were the most important ever made by a chief executive of the United States and right or wrong the senate owes it to the country to set aside time for a full discussion of the issues involved.

"It will be observed that the resolution does not invite or even properly permit a discussion at this time of the soundness or unsoundness of the purposes announced in the president's address," Senator Cummins said.

"I will do all I can do to hold the debate to the point at issue. What is it? It is this. Ought the senate on some day in the near future do the country the justice of informing the people and advising the president of our views concerning a policy of the most vital import which he has told us he is about to commit this country?"

For the purpose of argument it matters not whether the president is right or wrong. In either case his communication is the most important ever made by a chief executive of the United States.

Rev. B. A. Yorke will conduct prayer services at the Methodist church tonight and a full attendance is desired.

Mrs. Box of Spartanburg was the guest today of Mrs. Mozelle Furman.

## Same Officers of Chamber of Commerce Reelected by Directors Tuesday Night

The directors of the Hickory Chamber of Commerce met last night and reelected the same officers as follows:

President, J. D. Elliott. First Vice-President, Dr. W. B. Ramsay. Second Vice-President, Geo. E. Bisanar. Treasurer, A. G. Henderson. Secretary, A. K. Joy. The committee appointed to investigate the damage done to the automobile by the fire in the garage of Mr. Geo. F. Bost, reported from Davidson county, reported that in their judgment the bill should be paid, and it was so ordered. The bill amounts to \$713.30.

The secretary read a letter from the Newton road bond meeting, in which the committee appointed at that meeting expressed a willingness to meet the Hickory Chamber of Commerce Committee at any time. Secretary Joy was instructed to arrange a meeting of the two committees. The Hickory committee is as follows: G. H. Geitner, chairman; K. C. Menzies, P. A. Setzer, W. A. Self, J. W. Blackwelder.

The matter of diverting the money received from tax on automobiles

## BETHLEHEM STEEL DROPS ON EXCHANGE

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 24.—Bethlehem Steel's response at the opening of today's market to yesterday's "melon cutting" by the directors, which included a 200 per cent dividend, was a decline of five points to 42.5 on the sale of 100 shares. The sale in the balance of the list was moderate.

## GERMAN GIRL SUED DENTIST FOR TEETH

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Jan. 24.—An unusual court decision here has just had to do with the complaint of a young woman who disliked her own white but tiny teeth, and induced a dentist to pull the whole 22 at once and substitute larger and more artistic teeth. She had scarcely received the new ones before she rued the experiment--and sued the dentist.

The evidence showed that five of the 22 teeth were altogether sound, that three had only small cavities, and that three more had cavities easily filled. At least these eleven teeth should not have been pulled, though the dentist had protested as much to her originally, she had insisted that they all be extracted.

The court held that the dentist had no right to submit blindly to the wishes of a patient, and that if the patient insisted on an operation against his or her health, the dentist's duty was to decline to perform it. The dentist accordingly was found guilty of breach of the law pertaining to "good manners."

to the highway commission, to be spent by them on state highways was discussed fully. The point in favor of such a change was that it was generally believed that none of the federal money can be had until some guarantee is made by the states that the roads will be properly maintained when constructed, and that the construction and maintenance of state and interstate highways will not only enable our own people to go and come from county to county and from state to state, but would be the means of bringing thousands of dollars into the state through tourist travel. The fact that 80 per cent of the automobile tax could be used in our county counterbalanced the problematical account of federal money that would be available, so no definite action was taken at this time.

The commercial organizations of the state have been asked for an expression of opinion on the repeal of the existing law providing a home-man or exemption in cases where a man takes bankruptcy, and it was unanimously agreed that it was the sense of this body that the personal property and homestead exemption should be abolished.

The meeting adjourned early so that the individual members could attend the meeting of city council.