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A TIMELY SUGGESTION

The suggestion made at the Rotary luncheon yesterday that the bankers of the county meet on Tuesday for the purpose of determining the feasibility of offering to lend the state money for the purpose of building hard-surface roads in Catawba county under the \$50,000,000 bond provision of course came from persons who knew what they were doing and may be the answer to the question of where the money is coming from for this great internal development. It frequently has been suggested that the people of the state purchase their own bonds, but the matter has gained little progress.

Prior to the war, the people of North Carolina knew very little about bonds matters and they seldom invested their savings in these securities. Northern people bought North Carolina bonds.

The war, however, made many thousands of North Carolinians holders of bonds, and the habit formed four years ago might as well be continued. Why not buy North Carolina bonds?

The purpose of the meeting of the bankers on Tuesday, it should be understood, is not to buy bonds, which have not yet been issued, but to determine whether sufficient funds can be obtained within the county to finance many miles of improved highways, the state to be the borrower and repay when its bonds are sold. It is a good idea and should get results.

SERVES GOOD PURPOSES

It is only a few more days until clean-up week will be on us again and those of us who are busy with gardens and lawns will of course lay aside this work long enough to see that the back yards, closets and other places where trash and rubbish accumulate are thoroughly cleaned out. Two good purposes will be served by clean-up week, not to mention a third. One is the promotion of health and the other is reducing the risk of fire. This is not to mention the satisfaction even an indifferent home owner gets from the realization that he has his place in fine shape. Those who have never taken seriously these annual clean-ups might try it this year, and see how it feels.

If the government takes the trouble to advise farmers on the condition of crops and aid them in every way in producing the necessities of life, surely it is a function of government, as the new secretary of agriculture points out, to assist them in marketing their crops. The country must never forget that agriculture is the basic industry and that the prosperity of the farmer is paramount to nearly everything else. Mr. Wallace should proceed along the lines he has suggested.

BUILD TO THEM

With the assurance that in the next year or two hard-surface roads are to be built in Catawba county, our citizens should not hesitate to vote bonds for the purpose of placing every township within easy distance of the main roads. The only way to do that is to build good sand-clay roads to them. The citizens of Catawba county cannot afford to throw away an opportunity for community progress.

Judging by the weather yesterday afternoon, it was surely time to put beans in the ground.

FOR CLOTHING NAKED CHILDREN OF EUROPE

Persons who wish to contribute materials for making garments for European waifs may leave them at the Chamber of commerce, where they will be called for and made up into garments. Persons who have worn out clothing suitable for children may leave it at the Chamber also. This will be the assembling place for garments and articles. Mrs. M. M. Thompson is chairman of the Red Cross committee having this work in charge.

FOUGHT TO CONTROL WEALTH OF INDIA

By the Associated Press.

London, March 23.—The fighting at Nankana, India, in which about 130 persons were killed, was restricted to rival factions of Sikhs, according to a report just made public at the India office.

The rioters were described as old Sikhs and reformers, the former of whom included the managers of important and richly endowed shrines. That at Nankana is the wealthiest of them, its annual income, derived largely from landed estates, amounting to tens of thousands of pounds. The Mahants, who are in charge of such shrines, regard themselves as life tenants of the estates and secure in their possession as long as they discharge their religious duties.

The reformers opposed the view. They alleged that deplorable abuses exist in connection with the shrines. The revenues, they contend, belong to the Sikh community and should be administered under its control. But to the reform party, says the report, there have attached themselves a number of thieves as well as enemies of the government.

The attacks on what is termed the vested interests of the old Sikhs began with the occupation of certain shrines at the Golden Temple of Amritsar. The incumbents there gave way. They submitted also to being ousted from some minor shrines at other places.

But at the end of January a serious fight occurred at Tara Taran in the Amritsar district. A band of reformers which suddenly appeared there succeeded in getting possession of the shrines only after losing two lives. Some 25 persons altogether were injured.

The old Sikhs held a meeting at Lahore the day before the attack at Nankana which, it had been rumored had been impending for some time. Apparently the reformers numbered about 200. Just how the fight began is not known, says the report.

The Deputy Commissioner who started his investigation the day that the fight occurred, was told that the fight had taken place inside a small shrine enclosure which was commanded by houses on all sides.

"The inquiry into the facts," concluded the report, "was hampered by crowds of excited Sikhs from all parts of the Punjab who accused the Moslem neighbors of the shrine of having assisted the Mahants."

THREE OUTLAW SOX TO PLAY BASEBALL

By the Associated Press.

Chicago, April 8.—Three outlaw members of the White Sox club who were released because of indictments in the 1919 world's team are organizing clubs with the intention of playing teams not in the big league.

The three players are Joe Jackson, outfielder; Chas "Swede" Risberg, shortstop; and Claud Williams, pitcher. It is stated that two other former members of the White Sox Club, McMullin, third baseman, and Oscar Felts, outfielder, also will be included in the minors.

HONOR ROLL FOR BROOKFORD

First grade—Nancy Gaines, Bessie Hodge, Margie Walker, Paul Hunt, Hansel Mitchell, Basil Mantooth.
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Third grade—Ernest Pope, Berry Starnes, Dollie Moser.
 Fourth grade—Ernest Bright, Homer Mantooth, Fred Newton.

Fifth grade—Bascom Vance, Amy Jay, Sallie Hodge, Thelma Price, Grace Hart.
 Sixth grade—C. G. Smith.
 Seventh grade—Edith Hart, Katie Stepp.

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TYPHOID CASES IN FEBRUARY FATAL

Raleigh, April 8.—The twenty-eighth day of February last was the number of deaths in North Carolina for that month from typhoid fever, according to an announcement by the state board of health. This was an increase of twenty deaths over the same month of last year.

In this connection the health authorities are pointing out the necessity of campaigns to reduce the number of typhoid cases which may be expected because of the unusually early spring. This early spring, the health authorities say, means a longer fly season and thus a greater period of danger this year for typhoid.

"The peak of typhoid incidence is reached in August and ordinarily the summer months, which are also the fly months, are considered the ones when typhoid is most dangerous. It is true that the disease is most prevalent during these months, but at the same time there is always danger, even in the midst of winter, of becoming infected. The safe plan is to be inoculated, to take the three treatments which will render you immune."

This is the word of advice that is given to the thousands of Tar Heels who have not yet taken advantage of the free treatment offered by the State which will make them immune. The state board has confirmed the appointment of George F. Catlett as assistant sanitary engineer, which was announced from Mr. Catlett's home city, Wilmington, several days ago.

Grover Beegoll hopes to get back when Harding gets in if Grover gets back it probably won't be only Harding who gets in.—Philadelphia North American.

SWEEPING DENIAL OF PEONAGE CHARGE

Atlanta, April 7.—Willard Connell young Pike county planter on trial in federal court on a charge of peonage, took the stand today and made a sweeping denial of the charges that he had held a negro in peonage or that he had ever attempted to do so. He also denied that he had ever whipped a negro or threatened to kill one.

Connell is charged by the government with having held Cornelius Alexander, a negro farm hand in peonage and alleges that Alexander was beaten and whipped and that when he ran away he was brought back on a warrant charging swindling, but never given a trial.

WOMAN, LOVELY WOMAN

It takes a woman longer to make up her mind than it does to make up her face, but with either she usually gets what she is aiming at.—Florida Times Union.

The movement for restriction of naval armament was progressing more promisingly than usual. Then along came the pacifists and indorsed it.—Cleveland News.

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