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PROBLEM CITY COUNCIL HAS ONE FOR PEOPLE

Associated Press.
N. C., Dec. 6.—The child
welfare problem can never be solved
unless the community accepts the
responsibility of keeping normal child
institutions by becoming
laboratory for the scientific
study of proper care and protection
of children.

CITY COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSION HERE

City council at a busy session last
night passed on first reading the anti-
wood shingle ordinance and will meet
again tonight to consider the water
supply ordinance. Several engineers will be
present tonight to discuss the feasibility
of a gravity water system and to give
council estimates on the relative cost
of the present and proposed systems.
The meeting will be in the nature of
an exploration and nothing will be
binding.

ment was made by Mrs.
Johnson, state commis-
sioner of welfare, in presenting
the problem to represen-
tative and fraternal organiza-
tions of all sections of the state
today to select defini-
tions of such reclamation work
in their own cities and to
secure legislative support of such
work. It should be provided for
the use of public funds.
The State Board of Char-
itable Welfare given at the
close that for the thirteen
months with the fiscal year
1922, approximately ten
percent, neglected and de-
ficient were handled by
the courts and superinten-
dents of welfare in North Caro-
lina.

The anti-wood shingle ordinance
was proposed by the insurance agents
and adopted unanimously after Geo.
R. Wootten, Earl N. Carr and other
local men had stated that the cost
of fire-proof roofing is about the
same as wood shingles, that the in-
surance rate on residences covered
with wood would be reduced 10 cen-
t per cent on the adoption of the ordi-
nance and that all metal or other safe
material placed on houses would
bring the rate down 20 per cent on
such buildings. Covering authorized is
brick or concrete, clay or Portland
cement tile, tin or slate, asbestos-
shingles one-eighth of an inch thick
felt, asbestos-asphalt and similar
materials.

ANOTHER PLAN TO OPERATE BIG SHOALS

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 6.—Government
controlled corporation to produce
nitrogen for war purposes and cheaper
fertilizer for farmers was proposed
today as a solution of the Muscle
Shoals project by Representative
Dickenson of Iowa, leader of the farm
bloc in the house.

Edward L. Shuford, Geo. Bailey and
Mrs. W. B. Ramsay appeared before
council in the interest of New Bern
relief and the mayor, who was drawing
up a proclamation, said he would
issue it this morning and Mr. Shuford
promised that the Rotary, Kiwanis
and Community clubs would get
behind the movement to raise fund
and clothing here for the distressed it
New Bern.

In a statement accompanying the bill
Mr. Dickenson said the offers for
Muscle Shoals had been subjected to
such criticism as to endanger the
future of the plant and that he had
been led to the conclusion that some
plan of federal operation is the only
plan that will insure early completion
of the work.
Mr. Dickenson's bill provides that
the federal chemical association be
given powers to complete and operate
the Muscle Shoals project for the
manufacture of nitrate and fertilizer,
the latter to be sold to the consumer
at cost, less three and one-fourth
per cent to equip the plant. No charge
would be added for equipment already
installed.
The corporation would be author-
ized to sell excess power to municipal-
ities and states or corporations, with
preference to cities and states.
The difference between America's
capital and America's capital is that
one is in Washington and the other
is in tax-free securities.—St. Thomas
(Ont.) Times-Journal.

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, A great conflagration has visited our sister
city of New Bern, rendering thousands destitute and homeless,
and whereas, the mayor of said city, as well as the Governor of the
state, has appealed to the various communities of the state for as-
sistance,

NOW, Therefore, I, M. H. Yount, as mayor of the city of
Hickory, hereby earnestly urge all our citizens, who are charitably
inclined, to respond freely to this worthy cause, either in money or
clothing. All contributions in money can be left at either bank or
at any drug store in the city, and all contributions of clothing can
be left at the municipal building, and all persons who have cloth-
ing to contribute and are unable to deliver the same can call at
the city manager's office for information. The committee has fixed
Thursday and Friday of this week as the days for contributions,
and a committee of ladies will receive the same at the city hall.

It has always been the pride of Hickory that no worthy
cause has ever gone unheeded, and to this call Hickory people will
respond with their usual cheerfulness.

Respectfully,
M. H. YOUNT,
Mayor.

BIG CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR CITY

Hickory will have a community
Christmas celebration this year, in
which everyone will have an oppor-
tunity to participate. This was de-
cided at a meeting of the Community
service committee held in the Chamber
of Commerce last evening. Caroling
will form an important part of the
Christmas celebration. The object of
this plan is to organize groups of carol-
ers to sing on Christmas Eve
throughout the entire city. The carol-
ing groups will be made up of chil-
dren from the grades and high school,
church choirs, and other organizations.
Since Christmas Eve this year falls
on Sunday, it has been suggested that
the caroling take place immediately af-
ter the Sunday evening services.
Homes wishing to have the carolers
stop and sing are asked to place the
symbol of welcome in their windows,
in the form of a lighted candle.
Arrangements will be made to have
all church and school bells ring for a
period of five minutes announcing to
the community and the carolers that
the program will begin.
Mrs. Robert S. Brown, supervisor of
music in the graded schools, has al-
ready started to familiarize the chil-
dren with the carols and will soon be-
gin to organize them into small groups.
The city will be distributed according
to wards with a ward chairman and
various subchairmen in each, in order
that there will be no overlapping in
the program. Mrs. S. H. Farabee has
been appointed chairman of the carol-
ing groups and will begin work on
the selection of the various ward chair-
men and adult leaders. There will be
an adult in charge of each group, which
will have a certain territory to cover
on Christmas Eve.
The four carols that have been se-
lected by the committee are "O Come
All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night," "O
Little Town of Bethlehem," and "It
Came Upon a Midnight Clear." Stories
of these four carols will be printed in
the local newspapers in addition to the
words of the hymns. Everyone is re-
quested to clip these stories out of the
papers when they appear so that all
will be familiar with these songs and
able to sing them at all occasions dur-
ing the Christmas season.
The committee is also arranging to
have a tree of light erected at the
park on Union square, where a varied
program will be given on Christmas
evening.

MELLON MAKES FINANCIAL REPORT

Washington Dec. 6.—Reduction of
the maximum income surtax rate
from the present 50 per cent to not
more than 25 per cent and the closing
up so far as possible of existing avenues
of escape from federal taxes are
urged by Secretary Mellon in his
annual report, transmitted today to
congress. No general revision of the
revenue laws is proposed not are ad-
ditional taxes suggested, Mr. Mellon
expressing the hope of meeting any
indicated government deficit through
collection of back taxes and income
from other sources.
The treasury secretary informs con-
gress that to attempt alone to stop
the gaps through which there is an
avoidance of tax payments to the
government will not be enough be-
cause the existing rates of surtax
"put such heavy pressure on the large-
er taxpayers to reduce their taxable
incomes" that new ones would surely
be found. He adds that the high rates
"sound productive," but that the fact
remains that they are becoming in-
creasingly ineffective and are yielding
less and less revenue each year.
The bluntly he tells congress the
time has come to "face the facts
squarely" and to correct the artificial
conditions which now prevail and
which, he asserts, are not wholesome
from the point of view of business or
industrial development, and at the
same time, are impairing the revenues
of the government.
The more important of the methods
used by the taxpayers to reduce the
amount of income subject to taxation
are listed by Mr. Mellon as follows:
Deduction of losses on sales of
capital assets, with the failure to
realize on capital gains.
Exchanges of property and securities
so as to avoid taxable gains.
Investments in tax-exempt securities;
and
Division of property, creation of
trusts, and the like.
"Not all of these things can be
controlled by law or by regulation,"
he continued, "and most of them lead
to unnatural and frequently harmful
economic results. To reach the evil
thing most necessary is the reduction
of the surtax rates themselves. In
order to reduce the pressure for avoid-
ance and maintain the revenues deriv-
ed from the surtax."
"Until some such readjustment is
made the yield of the higher surtaxes
will tend in the ordinary course of
events, to drop toward the vanishing
point. The wise course is to reform
the surtaxes now while the system
still functions and at the same time
to close, so far as possible, the gaps
which now exist. On this basis the
revision can be made without loss of
revenue and, in the long run, with
material benefit to the revenues."
To support his argument that the
high surtaxes gradually are "defeat-
ing their own purpose," he calls at-
tention that while net incomes of all
classes during the period from 1916
to 1920 increased from \$6,298,577,620
to \$19,196,237,629,183 in 1920, and
the number of returns from 437,036
in 1916 to 7,259,944 in 1920, the
number of returns of incomes over
\$300,000 decreased during the same
period from 1,296 in 1916 to 396 in
1920, and the amount of incomes over
\$300,000 from \$922,972,986 in 1916
to \$246,354,585 in 1920.
In "earnestly urging" prompt adop-
tion of the proposed constitutional
amendment against the further
issuance of tax exempt securities, the
Treasury Secretary says these securi-
ties, now reaching the market at the
rate of about \$1,000,000,000 annually,
from the "outstanding avenue" of
escape from the surtaxes.
"With these securities available for
investment, fully exempt as they are
from federal income surtaxes," Mr.
Mellon continues, "investors who
would normally put their surplus
funds into productive enterprise, are
automatically driven under the pres-
sure of high surtax rates into in-
vestment in tax-exempt securities,
with the result that the federal gov-
ernment loses the revenue, business
and industry loses the capital, and
funds badly needed for productive
purposes are diverted into unproductive
and frequently wasteful expenditure."
"This is a situation which can not
be permitted to continue without
grave danger to our economic struc-
ture, as well as our system of taxa-
tion."

SIX AIRMEN DIE IN COLLISION TODAY

By the Associated Press.
Newport News, Va., Dec. 6.—Maj.
Guy L. Gearhart of Lavenworth, Kans.
Capt. Benton A. Doyle of St. Louis
and four enlisted men were killed at
Langley field today when a Martin
bombing plane carrying five men and
a Vickers scouting machine piloted by
he major collided about 25 feet in
the air.
The enlisted men killed were Staff
Sergeant Morrisk, Cleveland, O.,
Private F. J. Blunka, Chicago; Pri-
vate Thomas Jordan, Deppe Stepp,
Ia., and Private Leon Rollas, Phila-
delphia.

NEW COTTON BODY SURE OF RESULTS

By the Associated Press.
Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—With a
permanent organization assured and
a definite program worked out, mem-
bers of the cotton states association,
as the new body will be known, ex-
pressed confidence that its existence
has brought satisfactory results and
under the new organization will render
better.
A. W. McLean of Lumberton, N. C.,
former secretary of the treasury, and
for some time managing director of
the war finance corporation, stated at
the closing of the meeting last night
that the organization had achieved re-
sults in calling attention of represen-
tatives of the southern states to the
necessity for cooperation with the
department of agriculture in extermin-
ating insect pests, particularly the
boll weevil.

SEARCH IS MADE FOR ESCAPED WOMAN

By the Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Search for
Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted of beat-
ing Mrs. Alberta T. Meadows to death
with a hammer, who escaped yester-
day from the Los Angeles penitentiary
was in active progress throughout this
section, including Mexican lower Cal-
ifornia.
Despite various other "tips and
clues" sheriff's deputies generally held
to their original belief that the ham-
mer murderess had fled across the
border to Mexico and plans were made
to extend the search as far as the west
coast of lower California in Mexico.
Armour L. Phillips, the convicted
woman's husband, upon whose story
of his movements the 24 hours preced-
ing his wife's escape, "some doubt had
been cast," according to sheriff's deputies.
Although not placed in jail he was
in charge of a deputy sheriff with
whom he slept and with whom he
was to take his meals "until further
notice," according to deputies.

MEXICO LACKS 70,000 BALES

Mexico City, Nov. 21.—A deficit of
70,000 bales of cotton in the normal
stock of 100,000 bales, usually kept
in Mexico City, is reported in com-
mercial circles. It is pointed out that
at present at least 85,000 bales are
in warehouses in Lower California, but
are not available for Mexico City
consumption because of lack of trans-
portation facilities.

WESTERN STORM IS COMING WITH RAIN

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The far west-
ern disturbance will move rapidly
east southeastward and rain is prob-
able in the next 36 hours in the lower
Ohio valley, East Tennessee and in the
Atlantic states south of Pennsylvania,
the weather bureau announced today.

GRAVE ROBBERS OF VIENNA HUNTER WITH DOGS

Vienna, Nov. 13.—Ghouls have be-
come so active in the great cemeteries,
that police guards now patrol
these resting places of the dead every
night, accompanied by dogs.
The grave robbers are disinterring
newly buried bodies and robbing them
of clothing, the little jewelry sou-
venirs that loving families have sent
with dear ones to the grave, of
gold filled teeth, and even shearing
the tresses of women.

IRELAND HAS PLACE AS COMMONWEALTH

By the Associated Press.
Dublin, Dec. 6.—Ireland took her
place today among the world's com-
monwealths. The provisional govern-
ment and parliament ceased to func-
tion, their place being taken by the
permanent parliament and cabinet
of the Irish Free state and the new
commonwealth being put orderly into
being.
The provisional regime which ceased
to exist today had such full powers
that the new one now inaugurated
marks but little change except in
name. The program of the day with-
out ceremony and after its members
had taken the oath, they should elect
an executive council. The arrange-
ments amount simply to confirming
in office of the men already there.

CLEMSON-CENTER GAME SCHEDULED

By the Associated Press.
Greenville, S. C., Dec. 6.—Clemson
College will play Center College at
Danville, Ky., October 13, 1923, it
was announced here today.
We believe Mr. Hohenzollern got
married again because he would have
somebody around who would have to
listen to him read from his book.—
New York Tribune.

BAILEY IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF KIWANIS

George Bailey is the new president
of the Hickory Kiwanis club. He was
elected last night at a largely at-
tended meeting and will assume his
new duties at the first meeting in
January.
Elected along with Mr. Bailey were
Hiram Balch, vice-president; Rus-
sell M. Yount, secretary, and Roy
Abernethy, trustee. The executive com-
mittee chosen last night consists of
Dr. Thomas C. Blackburn, Rev. W.
Rufus Bradshaw, Alonzo M. West,
Eubert Lyerly, J. Monroe Allred, Dr.
Walter W. Rowe and Donald T. Applegate.
The election of officers was the
principal matter of business, but the
club took action on New Bern relief
and named President Bailey as head
of its committee to cooperate with
other organizations.
Donald T. Applegate is retiring
president and soon he will join Roy
Abernethy and Chas. W. Bagby as
ex-presidents of the local club.
Mr. Bailey has displayed quite a
bit of talent as leader and members
of the club feel sure that his adminis-
tration, like those that have past,
will be rich with deeds done.

CAROLINA MOTOR CO. TO HANDLE FORDS

The Carolina Motor Company of
Newton and Statesville has obtained
the agency for the Ford Motor Com-
pany's products in Hickory. It is an-
nounced today, and the company has
secured show and storage rooms at
Johnson's Garage. Former Sheriff R.
Lee Hewitt and F. G. Deaton, the lat-
ter of Statesville, made arrange-
ments here yesterday and their an-
nouncement appears in the Record
today.
Mr. Deaton, who will be in charge
of the sales department here, is said
to be one of the liveliest salesmen in
this section. Mr. Deaton already has
moved his residence to Hickory.

BAKERY 14 YEARS OLD

Mr. G. W. Ellington, proprietor of
the City Steam Bakery, is receiving
the congratulations of friends on the
rounding out of 14 years of business
activity in Hickory. His bakery pro-
ducts are first class and he has built
up a large volume on the merit of
his goods. Mr. Ellington has one of
the best equipped bakeries in the state
and his "Hickory's Pride Bread" is
used in practically every household.
The Record extends to him congratu-
lations.

