

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ACT ON C. OF C. PLAN

Movement started for county-wide Chamber of Commerce by appointment of 22 men PURPOSE TO BRING COUNTY TO FRONT

The Board of County Commissioners adopted the resolutions presented to them by the Editor of this paper.

They provide for the organization of a Chamber of Commerce—county wide—to promote the business interest of the county and make known the advantages to business to locate in Rockingham county.

The Resolutions as presented and adopted follows:

WHEREAS, under the good road program started in Rockingham county eight years ago, and carried on continuously ever since, with about two more year's work ahead the completion of which, will place Rockingham county near the top of Good Road Counties in North Carolina, and possibly in the entire South making a total of 60 miles of hard surfaced roads completed, under construction, or ordered, and 330 miles of good sand clay or top soil roads making all parts of the county conveniently and safely accessible twelve months in the year and,

WHEREAS, the program of the County Board of Education has been in keeping with the Good Road movement in building many fine and modern school buildings for the education of the children of this county, citizens of the State can look forward with confidence to the time when every child in Rockingham county will have first class school facilities within easy reach, and that the policy of the County of educating every child, will and must be carried out, and,

WHEREAS, Rockingham county has made wonderful strides in recent years both in agriculture and manufacturing and many new enterprises are locating in various towns in the county; and that hundreds of opportunities are open for those who would locate where an endless number of natural advantages abound good roads, good schools, and churches stand ready to welcome them, therefore be it,

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Rockingham county that this Board respectfully invite the business men in particular, and citizens in general, and urges them to form a County Chamber of Commerce, or some similar organization for the purpose of making known the advantages and opportunities that Rockingham county has to offer; and for the purpose of accomplishing this end, a committee composed of two men from each township in the county, be named by this Board, and when named they get together meet and organize a county-wide Chamber of Commerce.

RESOLVED, that power to contract any bills or incur any expense upon the county is withheld from said committee and their successors, unless they first obtain definite authorization from this Board.

DANVILLE & WESTERN WILL MAKE NEEDED CHANGE

A representative of the Danville & Western Railroad was in town yesterday and stated that the request contained in the petition forwarded to Major Parker by the Gazette, would be granted as soon as arrangements can be made. When this is done mail and express will come in on the train due here about 3:15 in the afternoon. This too will relieve the congested condition of freight switching in Leaksville.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Thompson of Halifax, Va., spent the week end with Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. S. L. Robertson, Leaksville.

FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDE TO URGE CHINESE TO ACTION

Two foreigners, one an American killed in Chinese bandit raid

19 HELD BY BANDITS MOSTLY AMERICANS

(By Associated Press) Washington, May 8.—The council of ministers in Peking have decided to make urgent representations to the Chinese Government and to recommend that punitive measures be taken by it to secure the release of foreigners still held captives by Chinese bandits.

Shanghai, May 8.—Two foreigners including one unidentified American have been killed in a shooting incident to the bandit raid on the Peking Express train according to a list compiled here. Other foreigners was Joseph Rothman a British subject.

Peking, May 8.—With 19 foreigners most of them Americans still held by Chinese bandits who seized the Shanghai & Peking Express train near Suchow, Kiangsu Province early Sunday morning the latest report here at 1:35 was that a ransom of one million dollars had been demanded for the return of the captives. The desperadoes were also said to be holding out for their own pardons. Unconfirmed advices say the bandits were using captives as shield against bullets of pursuing troops.

Eight of the 15 foreigners all men are Americans. Two others escaped and have reached Tsinanfu. Rothman was shot down at the scene of the holdup Sunday and an American was killed in the fighting between bandits and the pursuing troops Monday.

HEAVY LOSSES IN TRIPOLI REPORTED

(By Associated Press) Rome, May 8.—Fifteen hundred rebels were defeated and 200 killed by Italians in the latest operations in Tripoli according to an official statement. Nineteen native troopers were killed. Unofficial reports state Italian losses included 119 wounded.

UNCLE JOE 87 YEARS OLD

(By Associated Press) Danville, May 8.—"Uncle Joe" Cannon who served in Congress thru two generations with record and display of personality that has made his name and black cigar as well known to school boys as to the politician, was yesterday celebrating his 87th birthday and his homecoming from his final session of Congress.

MISS HELEN WEAVER DRAPER, N. C. CORRESPONDENT

Miss Tee Fagge has returned from Richmond, Virginia. Miss Kopelia Hunt of the Carolina Home, Leaksville spent Sunday with her sister Miss Julia Hunt. Mr. and Mrs. Price and daughter Miss Maud Price were in Danville Sunday.

Misses Loula Turner and Emma-line Marshall, of Martinsville, Virginia have returned home after spending the week end with Miss Loula Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Weaver, Mrs. Kemp Stigall and little son, and Miss Helen Weaver spent Sunday in Martinsville, Va.

Mr. Robert Fagge is out of town for a few days.

Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Webb had a dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Harry Filtz, of Cascade, Virginia.

Mrs. T. M. Roberts has returned home after visiting friends in Buna Vista, Va.

Mr. Walter Barnes has returned home from a business trip South.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BEGIN

There will a Revival at the Wesleyan Methodist Church starting May 9th to 20th. Every Christian is invited to help in this meeting. Rev. J. L. Armstrong from Concord, N. C. will do the preaching. Rev. Geo. W. Clarke of Charlotte, N. C. will lead the singing. All good singers are invited to attend.

Mass Meeting Files Its Protest Against More Heavy Tax Burdens

Strike at Fishing Creek bridge Madison Road and stills Stoneville

CHAIRMAN PRATT SAYS ALREADY STOPPED

The protest mass meeting at Wentworth yesterday, organized by the election of Mr. T. B. Wilson chairman and Mr. Gibbs of Ruffin, secretary. They also borrowed the young lady clerk of Prof. Hickerman's office.

Mr. Mead Wilson led the movement from Leaksville township with a number of petitions from business men of Leaksville-Draper. These were all aimed against the proposed bridge at Fishing Creek, which they claimed was not a necessity.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions. The committee later reported the following.

We, the citizens of Rockingham county in mass meeting assembled at Wentworth, N. C., this the 7th day of May 1923 realize that the tax burdens of the citizens of Rockingham county are now very burdensome, and that a further tax burden upon the citizens for the purpose of building a bridge at Fishing Creek and grading the proposed road leading to the same is unjust and absolutely not a public necessity, and therefore an unnecessary expense.

We also deem it inadvisable to build a hard surface road from Settles Bridge to Mayo river, as a top soil road has recently been completed where this hard surfaced road is proposed, which we consider sufficient for present traffic.

BRITISH PRESENTS CHARGES TO SOVIET IN STRONG TERMS

British Subjects are notified to be ready to leave Russia

RUSSO-BRITISH TO TEST RELATIONS

(By Associated Press) Moscow, May 8.—A lengthy reviewing numerous British complaints against Soviet Russia and couched in such strong terms it may bring Russo-British relations to an issue was handed to Maxim Litvinoff assistant commissar of foreign affairs by a British representative. Anticipating a break the British mission several days ago warned all Britishers in Russia they should be prepared to leave the country on short notice.

FRANCO-BELGIAN NOTE BALDWIN DISLIKES

(By Associated Press) London, May 8.—Stanley Baldwin chancellor of the the British exchequer stated in the Commons the government regretted the precipitancy of the Franco Belgian reply to the German reparations note and proposed to state its own view in a separate reply with the least possible delay. He added there was a reason to believe Italy was in accord with the British and contemplated a similar procedure.

12 MILLION BALES WORLDS SUPPLY

(By Associated Press) Washington, May 8.—Stocks of American cotton on hand April 1st the Commerce Department estimated totalled 6,390,000 bales while the world stocks amounted to 12,010,000 bales.

MISSING VESSEL COMES INTO PORT

(By Associated Press) St. Petersburg, Fla., May 8.—Army vessel Q-15 which was reported lost at sea since May 5th dropped anchor in Baybro harbor here last night following a rough time on the high seas.

THE GAZETTE IN EVERY HOME

NINE CONVICTS MET THEIR DEATH IN 1 FLORIDA CAMP

Mrs. Thelma Franklin testifies before legislative committee

9 DEATHS DURING THE PAST YEAR

(By Associated Press) Tallahassee, Fla., May 8.—Nine convicts serving at least at camp of State Senator Knabb met their death during the last year six dying since September the joint legislative committee investigating convict camps brutality was told by Mrs. Thelma Franklin, a social worker.

IRISH IRREGULARS IN ROUND UP

(By Associated Press) Dublin, May 8.—The roundup of Irish Irregulars is progressing in the mountains near Blessington county. Wicklow where large numbers of them are reported to be hiding according to reports received by the Central News. Heavy firing was heard near Blessington and late more than a dozen prisoners were brought into town.

DOCTOR KRUPP GETS 15 YEAR SENTENCE

(By Associated Press) Werden, May 8.—Dr. Krupp Vorbohlen head of the Krupp Works was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and to pay a fine of one hundred million marks, as a result of trial by court martial growing out of the shooting at the Krupp plant on March 31st.

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS URGED TO EASE TRAFFIC RUSH

(By Associated Press) Tokyo, May 8.—The Tokio Electric Bureau which operates the street car system of the city, has adopted new measures to relieve congestion at the rush hours. It was asked the bank and business concerns of Marunouchi, the Wall street district of Tokio, to rearrange the hours of their employes so that all will not arrive at and leave their offices at the same time.

A recent investigation revealed that about 200,000 persons employed in offices in the Marunouchi district ride on the cars between 8 and 9 o'clock in the morning, and between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. It is believed the present jam will be eliminated if half of the workers arrive and depart half an hour earlier than the rest.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS AT BAGDAD

(By Associated Press) New York May 8.—The American schools of Oriental Research has announced that the long contemplated School of Mesopotamian Archaeology probably would be opened in Bagdad next fall.

The American consulate will furnish temporary quarters. Plans have been drawn for the erection later of a permanent building near the new museum and the University of Bagdad.

MILLIONS OF AMERICAN TREES SENT FRENCH BATTLEFIELDS

(By Associated Press) New York, May 8.—Millions of "good will" delegates sailed from port today for France. These "good will" delegates are American tree seedlings presented to the French government for reforesting battle areas by Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American tree Association. A similar shipment was turned over to the British Embassy at Washington a few days ago.

Today's shipment had been presented to Ambassador Jusserand in Washington and here M. Barrett, the acting consul general received them. The seeds will be turned over to the French Commissioner of Agriculture in Paris and will be placed in nurseries until ready for transplanting as seedlings.

Mr. C. M. Land was re-appointed Solicitor of Leaksville township yesterday by the Board of County Commissioners.

HOME SWEET HOME 100TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE OBSERVED

100 years ago John Howard Payne wrote Famous words to song

HISTORY OF AUTHOR CORRECTS OLD ERROR

(By Associated Press) New York, May 8.—The 100th anniversary of the first singing of "Home Sweet Home" in Vovent Garden will be celebrated tomorrow on both sides of the Atlantic.

England has planned appropriate exercises, while the chief ceremonies in the United States will be staged at Easthampton, Long Island, and in this city.

The words of the celebrated song—incorporated in the opera "Clari, or the Sweet Maid of Milan"—were written by an American, John Howard Payne who was born in New York City and spent his boyhood in Easthampton, where stands the old homestead which inspired the song. The music was composed by Sir Henry Bishop.

Suitable exercises will be held at the homestead while in New York schools 900,000 children will chant the air, which later will be sung in front of the City Hall by a selected chorus.

"Home Sweet Home" which was placed in the second act of the opera was popular from the start. It spread rapidly throughout the English-speaking world, bringing tears to the eyes of countless thousands.

Payne used to tell his friends that he caught the air from a little girl during a trip through Italy.

The words of the song Payne said came to him while he was a student at Union College in Schenectady, N. Y., when he recalled his boyhood days on the Long Island farm.

Contrary to a general belief, Payne was not penniless wanderer when he wrote the words of the song. He was in Paris at the time living in comfortable quarters with Washington Irving.

Born in a little red brick house in lower Manhattan, on June 9, 1791, Payne was the sixth child of William Payne, later principal of a school at Easthampton, and a Jewish mother. He spent the greater part of his early childhood in Easthampton in the old homestead which is still standing and open to visitors. A replica of his childhood home has been erected in Washington as a permanent exhibit of the better homes movement.

Payne's family moved to Boston where he received most of his early education. While there he showed the greatest interest in the theatre and expressed the desire to be an actor. But he was placed in a New York counting house to be a business man at the age of 13.

He secretly published "The Thespian Mirror," which attracted the attention of the editor of the New York Evening Post to the unusual abilities of the boy. Through his friends efforts Payne was sent to Union College, where he devoted as much time to amateur theatricals as he did to his studies.

The death of his mother and the failure in business of his father led the family to consent to his becoming an actor. He was a successful actor while in his teens but a quarrel with his manager led him to leave for London in 1813 at the age of 22.

He was successful on the English stage, but although he had won the approbation and friendship of men like Coleridge, Southey, and Thomas Moore he was not satisfied. He left the stage and began to write. It was at that period that he wrote the opera "Clari"

In 1845 he was appointed United States Consul at Tunis and with one interruption when there was a change of administration, remained there until his death of fever, April 9, 1853. In 1833 his remains were brought to this country and re-interred in the old Oak Hill Cemetery in Georgetown, D. C., with ceremonies in which President Arthur and official Washington took part.

Famous Players Lasky Corp., has sent Mr. A. L. Hicks to Leaksville to explain how the "Screen's most beloved Star" met his untimely death.