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FORSYTH COUNTY WILL VOTE ON ROAD BONDS

Legislature Will Be Asked To Authorize Vote On \$2,000,000 In Bonds

Winston-Salem, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the highway council of the chamber of commerce tonight, attended by representative members of all civic associations and clubs, A. S. Hanes, chairman of the council, was authorized to appoint a committee to confer with the Forsyth representatives in the general assembly and draft a bill which will authorize an election on the issuance of \$2,000,000 of road bonds for the construction of approximately 50 miles of hard surfaced highways in the county and also construct improved soil top type mail laterals leading into this system.

The movement was unanimously endorsed and the officials of the county were urged to call the election as early as possible in order that construction may begin certainly by the spring of 1922. The construction program will require four or five years. Chairman Frang Page, of the state highway commission, and J. K. Norfleet, member of the state body, and resident of Winston-Salem, were present and addressed the meeting on road matters generally.

Mr. Page gave some interesting facts regarding road work in the state, among them that to December 1 the state commission had constructed and has under construction about 859.9 miles of highways, since April, 1919, at a cost of \$11,799,357.03. This does not include work done by counties from county funds. Of that amount the people of North Carolina paid more than half. The entire mileage will be completed by August, 1921.

Mr. Page called attention to the fact that Congress is to take action on a road bill at the next regular session. There are two bills. The Chamberlain bill would continue the federal appropriation to be used as heretofore in cooperation with the state and county highway commissions of the nation. The other, the Townsend bill, would appropriate \$400,000,000 for construction of a federal highway system, the bill providing a complete hard surface highway across each state, from north to south and from east to west. It is unreasonable to think that Congress will enact both, he said.

The meeting went on record as endorsing the federal aid to states bill and against the Townsend bill. The council was asked also to secure the co-operation of other commercial and civic bodies of the state in endorsing the Chamberlain bill to North Carolina senators and representatives at Washington, urging them to give it their uncompromising support.

Woman Chloroformed And Robbed On Train

Oriando, Fla., Dec. 9.—Mrs. S. Waters Howe, wife of the cashier of a local bank, was chloroformed and robbed of her jewelry, after which the thief cut off a large portion of her back hair, while en route on a Pullman car to Jacksonville.

Mr. Howe today received a special delivery letter mailed from Atlanta relating a few brief facts of the robbery. She left Jacksonville on the Cincinnati train shortly after 8 o'clock p. m. She retired early and some time during the night was drugged with chloroform, not regaining consciousness until the morning, when she discovered that her hair had been cut short in the back and that her rings and money were gone. She wrote that she was ill from the effects of the chloroform.

Swift Motor Boat Can Be Converted Quickly

New York, Dec. 11.—A high-powered motor boat, which, during times of peace can be carried on battleships as a service launch, and in wartime converted in a few moments into a deadly torpedo boat, was demonstrated here today in the launching of the first vessel of the new naval auxiliary known as "Type A-3 Sea Hornet."

The vessel is designed to form an important part of America's coast defense, and the launching took place in the presence of more than 100 regular army and national guard officers, as well as representatives of the navy and the governors of New York and New Jersey.

The "Sea Hornet" type was conceived during the war and was held as a navy secret, its operation being prevented by the armistice. It is a twin screw 600-horsepower motor boat, 58 feet long, with a hinge bow which drops from place. In the bow is a 21-inch torpedo, carrying in its war head 600 pounds of high explosive. Two additional torpedoes are carried.

IRELAND TO ALLOW THE WORLD NO PEACE TILL SHE HAS WON FREEDOM

Cork Lord Mayor's Widow Gives Her Story Of Her Husband's Death, Saying "It Was The Decision Of His Spirit."

Washington, Dec. 9.—The widow of the late lord mayor of Cork, Mrs. Muriel McSwiney, presented today to the commission of the committee of 100 investigating the Irish question her story of the hunger strike in Brixton prison, London, of her husband and of his death, and the details as she had witnessed them of attempts by the Irish republicans to gain freedom for their country.

Mrs. McSwiney concluded her story with the declaration "that England shall have no peace; that the world will have no peace until our republic is recognized."

Miss Mary McSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor, recalled to add details to the story she told the commission yesterday, added to the declaration of her sister-in-law the assertion that the coming winter would be "Ireland's Valley Forge," and appealed for American aid not, she said, for the men and women of Ireland, but for the children.

"The coming winter in Ireland," said Miss McSwiney, "will be hard. The British have destroyed our crops, our supplies of food. The men can go on; the women can stand the suffering. But it is for the children I plead. We must have help this winter."

Is But One Choice
The widow of the Cork lord mayor declared there was no choice for the Irish republicans but to stand together whatever the cost and continue the fight for independence. She said it was such a spirit that had actuated her husband to refuse food until death.

"I knew my husband was happy, as his physical strength was worn away by hunger, for his countenance absolutely radiated peace and contentment," Mrs. McSwiney asserted. "I was besought to plead with him to take food. But I would not, for I never, never would interfere with my husband in a matter of conscience. It was his choice. It was the decision of his spirit."

Miss McSwiney expressed the belief that the fatal hunger strike of her brother had greatly benefited the Irish independence movement. She told of the series of telegrams she had exchanged with Premier Lloyd George in an attempt to fix responsibility for her brother's prison sentence and for the treatment he and his relatives had been accorded by the British government.

"The result of this exchange of telegrams," she added, "made me feel that Lloyd George was responsible before God and man for the death of my brother. I shall continue to feel that way, and I shall continue to spread truth of that situation throughout all of Ireland."

Asks Fair Play In America
Miss McSwiney gave an account of what she characterized as a conspiracy between officials of Brixton prison and the British home office "to defeat plans of the family to take the lord mayor's body back to Cork" because, she said, "the British feared an uprising and they didn't want any more trouble than they already had."

"We Irish are no domestic problem of England," she said. "We are an international problem. Our ideals, the ideals of all Irish Republicans, are the same, and my plea to the American people is that you at least give fair play and justice to me, for the British stories of the separatist movement do not carry all the facts. We are not divided, and we intend that the whole world shall know the truth both of our cause and the misrepresentations of the British."

Former Congressman Kills Himself

Montezuma, Ga., Dec. 10.—Former Congressman E. B. Lewis, 65, president of the First National Bank of Montezuma and also president of the Lewis Banking company of this city, shot and killed himself this afternoon.

Former Congressman Lewis was rated as one of the wealthiest men in the Georgia peach belt.

Just before Lewis shot himself he went to a hardware store adjoining the Lewis Banking company's building, purchased a pistol, returned to his private office, ordering a visitor out of the place, and then pressed the weapon against his head and pulled the trigger.

Failure of the peach crop last season and the condition of the cotton market are said to have furnished the motive for the shooting.

CAN'T NAME CEMETERY IN HONOR OF OLD HICKORY DIVISION

Secretary Baker Replies to Request of Head of Old Hickory Association.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The Secretary of war today advised Senator Simmons that it is impossible to designate in France a special cemetery in honor of the men of the 30th or "Old Hickory" division, who broke the Hindenburg line, and that the American cemeteries in the battle area are entirely located without regimental or divisional recognition.

Some days ago Senator Simmons transmitted to the war department the letter of Col. Albert Cox, president of the Old Hickory association, complaining that a New York regiment claimed to have broken the Hindenburg line, whereas the 30th division had been largely and mainly instrumental in breaking through the German barrier. Colonel Cox suggested that there be a special cemetery for those men of the Old Hickory division who had brought about this turn in the fortunes of war and that the claims of the New York regiment had no basis in the official records of the war department.

In his reply today, Secretary Baker furnishes the following statement: "I have your letter with an enclosure from Col. Albert Cox, president of the Old Hickory association, relative to the establishment of an overseas cemetery at Bony, department of the Aisne."

"In reply I beg to say that a letter from Colonel Cox has already been forwarded to me by the secretary of the navy and I have transmitted the information necessary to correct the misapprehension which has led to such presentation as Colonel Cox has before made and is likewise set forth in the enclosure presented by you.

"One of our basic decisions as to policy is that there shall be no segregation of bodies in overseas cemeteries on the basis of divisional or regimental organization. Consequently there is no cemetery which can be known as the 27th division cemetery or by any other divisional designation.

"It has been necessary to materially reduce the number of our cemeteries abroad in order to assure their perfect maintenance throughout the future. Four of these cemeteries, now existing have been designated for permanent use and into these will be gathered the bodies of our dead, which are destined to remain permanently in Europe.

"The concentration of bodies will be conducted on the basis of geographical considerations and the availability of rail transportation.

"Bony was selected as one of the four permanent cemeteries because it is the largest of the established cemeteries in that area which was covered in combat by the associated forces of Great Britain and the United States. There is no cemetery now at Bellecourt, and if one were to be re-established at that place the land therefor would have to be acquired. Inasmuch as no individual consideration has obtained or will obtain in these matters I do not feel that any change should be made in the carefully considered and announced policy of this department."

Will Make Survey Of Nation's Idle Workers

Washington, Dec. 9.—An inquiry to determine the extent of unemployment in 65 principal industrial cities of the country was announced today by the department of labor. Decision to this effect was made public after Secretary Wilson had conferred with nine regional directors who have been appointed to conduct a survey of conditions in co-operation with the present field force of the United States employment service, and with other state and federal agencies.

Officials would make no estimate today of the country's idle workers, although they expressed the opinion that the trend toward unemployment on a large scale has been marked during the last few months. Recently, it was said, the employment service has been placing from 45,000 to 50,000 persons in positions every month.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Now is the time to lay in a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before the winter is over. You will look a good while before you find a better remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough or one that is more pleasant to take. It meets with favor everywhere. Buy it now and be prepared. Mrs. Bullock Recommends Chamber-

ACREAGE REDUCTION OF 50 PER CENT. AGREED ON

Will Refuse Credit To Cotton Men Who Refuse To Aid In Movement

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 8.—A 50 per cent cut in cotton production in 1921 and curtailment in the acreage planted in cotton to one-third that of the total area in cultivation, was agreed upon at the acreage reduction conference here today of southern bankers, merchants and farmers, and to make the plan effective, machinery was set in motion to restrict wherever necessary credits to individual farmers, merchants, factors or banks unwilling to agree to the acreage reduction plans.

The plan, embodied in the report of the acreage reduction committee, was adopted by a practically unanimous vote of the conference late today. It includes the formation of an organization in every township in the cotton states to secure the support of the growers, and their adherence to pledges of reduction.

Organization work pledged by the bankers present, will begin immediately, and under the provisions of the plan, will be practically complete by January 15, next.

The resolution adopted call on the banker and credit merchants in the cotton states "to use their utmost endeavor to bring about the enforcement of a cotton acreage reduction by refusing to advance any money to any one interested in farming of any kind who does not plant enough food and feed crops for their own use."

Land owners are asked to share in whatever crops may be raised on his lands on a percentage basis and not require any fixed sum of money or pounds of cotton for rent.

A system of bonded warehouses for cotton and a classification of cotton that will be ample to protect it from weather damage and make it a safe collateral on which to borrow money was endorsed.

A system of co-operative marketing of crops was favored and the work of the American cotton association in effort to stabilize the price of cotton bring about a reduction of acreage, improve marketing methods and in the educational campaign for diversification of crops, was approved.

Siloam, Route 1 News

We are having some winter weather now.

Gaither Flinchum and Miss Hettie Denny were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Sunday Dec. 5, Rev. W. F. Arrington officiating, we wish them a long and prosperous life.

Rev. W. F. Arrington is this week moving from this section to Pine Ridge, having sold his farm here to E. G. and E. J. Flinchum and he has bought a farm there. We hate to give him up, but wish him the best of luck where he is going.

Rev. Killis Denny a noted Primitive Baptist minister, of Pinnacle, Route 3, was buried at Cedar Hill church Sunday Dec. 5, 1920. He had been in ill health for some time, he was a good citizen.

The Farmers Union in this section is taking on new life, we are taking in new members right on at Douglas Local Union No. 1049, and doing business.

Roscoe Hill, of this route, had the misfortune to break his wrist while cranking his Ford a few days ago.

S. H. Hill and family expect to move from this section right away, having bought a farm at White Plains. We will miss them but hope they will do well in their new home.

We are having a good school at Douglas this year. Miss Oma Wilmoth and Miss Lela Davenport teachers. School is closed now on account of the death of Miss Wilmoth's grandmother, who lived near Rockford.

BIG EGG YIELD

From a small flock of hens I now get 20 to 25 eggs per day, whereas before giving them Dr. LeGear's Poultry Prescription, I only received three or four. Its cost has been repaid to me over and over." So writes Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, Tunnell Hill, Ga.

You should increase your yield now, while prices are high, through Dr. LeGear's Poultry Prescription. It is a tonic which builds up the hen's strength and vitality, and stimulates the egg-producing organs.

For 28 years Dr. LeGear has been recognized as America's foremost Expert on all things pertaining to poultry. It will pay you to get pert Poultry Breeder and Veterinarian. Any time your poultry or the proper Dr. LeGear Remedy from your dealer. It must give satisfaction or your dealer will refund your money.

OLD INTERNAL REVENUE LAW NOW SUPERSEDED

This Is Opinion of Judge James E. Boyd, Of Federal District Court

Greensboro, Dec. 9.—The Volstead prohibition act, which became effective January 17, 1920, repeals the old internal revenue act by implication and persons who were brought up for trial under the internal revenue act provisions cannot be tried, as the Volstead act supersedes the law under which they were arrested and bound over to the federal court, is the ruling of Judge James E. Boyd, presiding over the federal court in session here this week.

Judge Boyd's decision eliminates approximately 150 cases from the docket, or nearly four-fifths of the cases, which it contained. The defendants were arrested under the old internal revenue act.

It was understood here yesterday that a number of federal judges have handed down opinions similar to that given by Judge Boyd.

S. J. Durham, district attorney, said yesterday afternoon that he intends taking the cases affected by the judge's ruling to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for a review. It was the first time that the question had been brought up in the western district and the higher court's decision will be followed with considerable interest.

If Judge Boyd's ruling is upheld by the higher tribunal, the 150-odd persons who were scheduled to stand trial for the illicit manufacture of whisky under the old internal revenue provisions will go scott free.

Sixty-Sixth Congress Convenes In Third Session

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress reconvened today with the customary brief and routine opening sessions which were attended by great crowds and marked by an address, in the senate, by President elect Harding as a unique and historic feature. Senator Harding took his seat, answered his name when the senate roll was called and made a brief address from the rostrum.

Other features of the opening of the third and final session of the 66th Congress were receipt of annual appropriation estimates aggregating \$4,653,000,000 and introduction in the house of unusual volume of new bills and resolutions. Senators held up their bills until tomorrow, in accordance with the custom of limiting the first day to formal convocation.

As usual the senate session proceeded with dignified calm and the house with boisterous confusion. The latter's roll call was taken amid a bedlam of felicitations of returning members and conversation of members and spectators.

Galleries of both bodies were jammed and thousands of persons stood in the halls to catch glimpses and sounds of the proceedings within. About the capitol, conferences of party leaders, cafe dinner parties and surging crowds in the corridors furnished other opening session atmosphere.

The Grave Diggers For North Carolina's Babies

The October issue of the North Carolina Health Bulletin, which discusses the prevention of Typhoid, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Measles, and Colitis is just off the press. It is edited by the Bureau of Epidemiology. Four diseases which take such heavy toll from infants are vividly presented by spades labeled Whooping Cough, Measles, Diphtheria, and Colitis. The first in 1918 dug 775 graves, the second, 373, the third 252, and the fourth, Colitis, the Master Grave Digger, dug 1,914. Then below the champion killers are two groups of children; the one anaemic, ragged, dirty, and ill-fed begging the hosts of light, on the opposite side, a group of beauties fed on pure milk and taught by an enlightened public opinion. "The spirit of two communities" it is labeled. And below: "Which spirit has yours?"

Tobacco Sales in the Twin City Total 33,715,877 Pounds

Winston-Salem, Dec. 11.—Figures given out this afternoon show that this market has sold 33,715,877 pounds of leaf tobacco since September 14 for an average of \$23.85 per hundred pounds. Over \$8,000,000 were paid out for the weed. Warehousemen are hoping that market conditions and prices will show an improvement when sales are resumed in January.

HARDING SEEKS ADVICE OF CHARLES E. HUGHES

They Confer for Several Hours But Neither Would Comment in Detail.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 10.—In fulfillment of his campaign promises for a "meeting of minds" to determine a new American foreign policy, President-elect Harding today began a month of conferences here by seeking the advice of Charles Evans Hughes, Republican nominee for the presidency in 1916.

What passed during their talk of several hours was not revealed, for afterwards Mr. Harding maintained silence and Mr. Hughes would only say that international problems had been considered in relation to constantly changing conditions, and with a view to solution along the lines laid down by the President-elect during the campaign.

Neither would comment on widely circulated reports that the conference had to do also with cabinet appointments and other practical questions of administration building. Mr. Hughes has been mentioned many times as a possible secretary of state, and his arrival here at the head of the President-elect's list of chosen conferees enlivened speculation on his availability for the premier portfolio in the next cabinet.

While the two were closeted together, Col. George Harvey, the New York magazine editor appeared on the scene for a visit which, it was said, might last for several days. It was the second time he had come here at an hour when questions affecting the country's international relations were awaiting solution. He spent two weeks at Harding's headquarters just prior to Mr. Harding's address of August 28, terming the Versailles league a failure and proposing formation of an association of nations.

Short Course in Agriculture For Farmers

The State College, West Raleigh, advertises a two week course in practical agricultural subjects beginning Jan. 20, 1921 and ending Feb. 3, 1921. No tuition will be charged for the course, the principal cost therefore will be board and lodging which will cost something like \$1.25 a day up.

The purpose of the course is to aid farmers both old and young who wish to be more modern and business like in their farming operations with a view to making farming more pleasant and profitable.

The subjects studied will be gardening, fruit growing and vegetable gardening, farm dairying, crop diseases and their control, soil study, diseases of live stock, use of gas engines and tractors, etc.

For full information write E. B. Owens, Registrar, West Raleigh, N. C.

Murder by Automobile

Charlotte Observer.
At Spartanburg a pint bottle of whiskey was found on the ground at the scene of an automobile overturning "accident," in which one man was killed. His companions are being held in jail for trial. At Druham, an automobile driven by a reckless young man was overturned, one of his passengers being killed and another seriously hurt. He is being held for manslaughter. After awhile the recklessly disposed drivers may be made to realize that they cannot kill and maim their passengers and escape the penalty of the law, while those who are in the habit of driving with the assistance of a pint bottle may be broken of the habit. The officers of the law in this part of the country are at last coming into realization of the fact that it is just as much murder to kill with the automobile as with a shotgun.

Couple of Inmates of County Home Married

Winston-Salem, Dec. 2.—It developed today that a couple of inmates of the county home slipped away Monday came to the register of deeds office, secured license and after they was married, the pastor of the Methodist church on Forsyth circuit officiating. It is reported that he was misled by the couple who claimed that they lived in the city. The bride is several years the senior of the groom. After their return to the home, the couple revealed the story of the nuptials and now the keeper declares that others are endeavoring to slip off and pull the same stunt. Disposition of the newly wedded couple will be referred to the county commissioners.