

BUSINESSMEN BENT PEACE, PROSPERITY, ON IMPROV'G EVERY NOBLE GOVERNMENT ROAD IN LENOIR CO'Y & FAVOR FROM GOD TO CROSS BOUNDARY

Chamber of Commerce Will Carry Big Bond Issue During the Winter SAY PEOPLE ARE READY

To Support Movement — Every Mile of Principal Highways Would Be Overhauled—Limited to Quarter Million Dollars

Lenoir county will in all probability spend a quarter million dollars on its main roads in 1917 and 1918. At a special meeting of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening it was decided to ask the Board of Commissioners to call a bond issue election for the third Tuesday in next February. There was no dissenting voice.

Officials and directors of the Chamber believe the county will not turn down this proposition that that influential organization has fostered for years past. The Tobacco Board of Trade also is committed to better roads. The two bodies can command a great following in the county. The individual commissioners are all either outspoken in favor of road improvements by means of a bond issue or are believed to be favorable.

The machinery for the election has been available since an act was passed by the Legislature allowing the county to sell bonds to the maximum of \$250,000. This sum, Chamber of Commerce officials say, would, together with what has already been expended by the county, modernize practically 200 miles, or every mile of main highway in the county.

During the three weeks beginning December 1 the Chamber will have a membership campaign on. At a session to celebrate what success may attend this, at its conclusion, the Chamber will select its bravest and best to start the war in the cause of roads, if a war the movement is necessary to be. Members, however, are inclined to minimize the opposition. The dead-set antagonism that has been a bugbear also has been a fiction, some think. The committee named will go before the County Commissioners on the first day of January and ask that the election be called, thereby "properly presenting" as the law exacts, a demand for such action. The Commissioners, it is thought in some quarters, may request a petition signed by a certain proportion of the voting population, "to be on the safe side."

Between now and the last of December, probably, the Chamber will call a meeting to consider, possibly organize for, the proposed Kinston-Swainsboro highway. This road will traverse Lenoir, Jones and Onslow counties, and the meeting will be held at Trenton or Maysville, about midway between this city and Swainsboro. It may be that the conference will not be requested until after the bond issue committee is appointed, so that the same committee that will look out for the Chamber's interest in that matter can represent it in the business of the intercounty highway. A big committee will be named to wage the campaign for the bond issue in the county.

BRIEFS IN THE NEWS NEIGHBORING TOWNS

Greenville is to organize an Associated Charities.
Rev. H. N. Blanchard of Greenville, Baptist, has been instructed to report for examination for a chaplaincy in the Army. He was given the appointment some time ago.
One New Bern tobacco warehouse ended the sales season Friday.
The New Bern Chamber of Commerce at an early meeting will discuss the proposed boat line between Kinston and that city.

Things to Be Thankful for This Year, Says Governor In Proclamation—"Seed Fell Upon Good Ground; Harvest Plenteous"

"A proclamation by the Governor," calling upon the people of North Carolina to keep properly Thanksgiving day, next Thursday, has been issued from the executive office at Raleigh. It follows:

"The seed fell upon good ground. The harvest is plenteous. In the marts of commerce, in field and in factory industry has been rewarded with a bountiful hand. A prosperity never known before has come to all conditions and classes of men. Our material achievement leads to social advancement, and a higher social order. Altruism is militant for the universal welfare. Our government is controlled by a noble purpose, and is responsive to the demands of the age. As never in any country, now in any age, has equity to all men been remembered in the highest place of authority. Opportunity has been vouchsafed greater than ever before, and to the genius and energy of the American people the future unfolds in sublime revelation.

"In wealth, in progress, in freedom and hope to the people, our Republic is the first of all nations. She has indicated the rights of her citizens in every land, and has maintained the law of civilization and humanity upon the seas.

"In diplomacy and in dealings with all nations, great and small, she has been firm, considerate and just; the simple rule of right is the standard that she has set and steadfastly maintained. Her demands have been conceded, and her rights have been respected when armed nations are ravaged by war.

"Above all, we have peace. While the earth has been consumed by the conflagration of desolation, while amidst war still strikes such unmitigated fury and reaps his countless harvest of death and woe, we have been spared to work out the high purpose of God.

"Now, therefore, I, Locke Craig, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in obedience to the custom established by our fathers, and in accord with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do proclaim Thursday, the 20th day of November, a day of thanksgiving.

"And I do call upon the people of North Carolina to meet on that day in their places of worship and in devout gratitude and humility remember our abundant blessings.

"And let us pray that the power of truth may be quickened, and our consciences awakened to know and to do the Will of our Father, that his Kingdom may come upon earth; that peace may be restored to all the world; that the Light and the Spirit of the Prince of Peace may come again to the peoples who drink the cup of trembling in the horror of great darkness.

"Let us not forget our neighbors and the people of our State who may be humble and in need, nor the widow and the orphan in distress, nor

DARING ATTEMPT BY GERMAN D'STROYERS FOILED BY PATROL

(By the United Press)
London, Nov. 25.—An attempt by a German destroyer flotilla on Thursday night to approach the Downs, was frustrated by patrol vessels, says the Admiralty. Six German destroyers were in the squadron. They were sighted by a patrol vessel, when the enemy fired twelve rounds and steamed away.

WITHDRAWAL, JOINT PATROL AND RIGHT TO CROSS BOUNDARY

Agreed Upon In Protocol by American-Mexican Com- missioners—Must Be Rat- ified By the Two Govern- ments

Atlantic City, Nov. 24.—A protocol providing for the conditional withdrawal of the American troops now in Chihuahua, Mexico, and for the joint military control of the border, with the supplemental stipulation that United States troops shall be sent into Mexico in pursuit of bandits at any time necessary, was signed here today by the members of the Mexican-American joint committee.

If the protocol is ratified by the two governments the commission will convene again on December 8 to resume the discussion of other questions affecting the two countries, especially those related to the protection of life and property of Americans and their foreigners in Mexico. If ratification by either government is withheld the work of the conference will be declared at an end.

After the protocol was signed, Secretary Lane issued a statement declaring to a certain extent the policy of the United States government toward Mexico. He stated that he believed General Carranza a strong candidate that he should be given a "fair chance," adding that "Mexico will either do right without our help or with it. This is her choice."

TOMBSTONE FALLS ON HIM, VICTIM DIES

A. C. Avery, 22, son of A. W. Avery of Cave City, died in St. Luke's hospital, New Bern, Friday night as a result of injury sustained some days ago when a tombstone fell on his chest on him. Avery was taken to the hospital on the 19th.

The funeral will be held at Cave City Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Avery. The Women of the World, of which Avery was a member, will hold a service at the same time. Women in this part of the county are invited to be present.

His father, Mr. Avery is survived by four sisters and three brothers.

BRITISH HOSPITAL SHIP WITH LOT OF WOUND'D TORPEDO'D

(By the United Press)
London, Nov. 25.—The Evening Star's Athens correspondent today declared that the British hospital ship Braemar Castle, sunk yesterday, was torpedoed, while carrying four hundred British wounded.

"Those who have been overtaken by disaster. May our sympathies be quickened and strengthened that we may go on in the grace of Charity toward the realization of the brotherhood of men.

"On this day let our gifts be generous in accordance with our good name, and let us beseech Almighty God to give us that due sense of all mercies that our hearts may be humbly thankful, and that we show forth his praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving ourselves to his service, and by walking before him in holiness and righteousness all our days.

"Done in our City of Raleigh, on this the twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the one hundred and forty-first year of our American independence.
"LOCKE CRAIG, Governor.
"By the Governor:
"MAY F. JONES,
"Private Secretary."

SPLENDID MEETING COUNTY TEACHERS ASSOC'N SATURDAY

Almost Perfect Attendance Recorded—Messrs. Brog- den, Taylor, Wilson and Holder Made Interesting Talks

The Lenoir County Teachers Association had a most interesting meeting in the recreation rooms of the Methodist Street Christian church yesterday morning. It was the second general meeting of the county since the present school year and seventy-one of the seventy-three members were present. Sixty of the 8 group centers were represented by all the teachers and they were unanimous in recognition of the perfect attendance and punctuality the County Board of Education presented at this six-group centers with a set of the books to be used in the county's reading circle course.

The group centers thus honored were: Group No. 1 Grangers; No. 2 Army Cove; No. 3 Farm Valley; No. 4 Moss Hill; No. 5 Pink Hill and No. 7 Cashona.

Speakers were Roy Taylor of the Grangers, G. S. School and Mr. C. W. Wilson, head of the Department of English, Training of the East Carolina Teacher Training School, outlined the plan for the reading circle course and they will assist the local schools throughout the year in carrying on this comparatively new phase of the work in the Lenoir county.

An athletic association was organized with the following officers: Principal M. Robinson of the Moss Hill high school, president; Miss E. H. Holder of the Lawson school, first vice-president; Miss Eunice Albritton of the Pine Grove school, second vice-president, and Miss Allen Gardner of Grangers, secretary and treasurer.

The Lenoir School Retirement Association was also perfected. Mrs. C. A. Broadway of the Grangers school was elected president; Mrs. D. Q. Womack of the Sharon school, vice-president, and Miss Myra Outlaw of the Pine Grove school, secretary.

The first regular meeting of the new organization will be held on the 1st of December.

Miss Albritton of the Pine Grove school, reported for the group center teachers and announced the dates and program for the year's meetings.

Principal M. B. Holder of the Pink Hill high school made an interesting talk on school administration, and Mr. J. C. Eason, State Agent for Rural Schools of the Department of Public Instruction, conducted a most beneficial conference on graduation and classification of the schools.

The officers of the Lenoir Association are: President, Miss Ida Eberly of the Moss Hill school, vice-president, Miss Annie Vause of Sharon, and Secretary, Miss Mamie Giddens of White's school. They presided at the session Saturday.

QUICK WORK FIREMEN SAVED BIG BUILDING

The firemen Saturday at noon extinguished a blaze on the roof of the colored Free Will Baptist College, Lincoln City, with only \$30 damage, after a nine-hour fight.

The building is of frame construction. The blaze was caused by the blowing of sparks from a stove. The firemen were called at 11:30 p. m. and worked until 1:00 a. m. The building is of frame construction. The blaze was caused by the blowing of sparks from a stove. The firemen were called at 11:30 p. m. and worked until 1:00 a. m.

VILLA BEGINS NEW ATTACK ON TREVINO AT CHIHUAHUA CITY

Trying to Exhaust Ammu- nition of Defense by Spasmodic Detached At- tacks—Had Been Report- edly Defeated

(By the United Press)
El Paso, Nov. 25.—A concerted assault was begun upon Chihuahua City from three sides shortly after daylight by Villista bandits, according to reports reaching government agents here. Small raiding parties moved upon the Trevino advanced trenches during the night to draw the defenders' fire, and exhaust General Trevino's limited supply of ammunition.

Chihuahua City, Nov. 24, via El Paso, Junction.—Another attack by the Villa bandits upon this city from the east was begun at 6 a. m. today and was repulsed, as were the previous attacks by the bandits, with heavy losses to the attacking forces. The machine guns again did deadly execution in the ranks of the bandits.

STEAMER POWHATAN ON FIRE EN ROUTE BOSTON TO NORFOLK

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 25.—The steamer Powhatan, en route from Boston to Norfolk, caught fire off Block Island today, a wireless message says. The vessel is said to carry passengers and freight. She is owned by the Merchants and Miners' company. Coast guard cutters are rendering assistance. It is reported that the fire was extinguished at 9:15 p. m.

Newport, Nov. 25.—Wireless reports say the Powhatan fire is uncontrolled and there is no need for further assistance.

OVERTON CONFESSES HE KILLED LAWLER; SELF-DEFENSE, SAYS

Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 24.—Probate Judge William T. Lawler, whose death was followed by the suicides of a Huntsville attorney and a sheriff of Madison county who believed they were implicated in connection with his death, was killed the night of June 11, by David D. Overton, his political rival. Overton testified here today in his trial on a charge of having murdered the jurist. The killing which occurred on the Whitesburg bridge was in self-defense, Overton declared. He said he was attacked by Lawler with a knife when he refused to join Lawler in a plan to delay a report of the Madison county grand jury which then was in session.

Overton declared he drove Lawler to the Whitesburg bridge in his buggy at the latter's suggestion, to discuss political difficulties which they agreed to settle.

He informed Sheriff Robert Phillips of the tragedy the night it occurred, he said, and when he saw Phillips the next day, the sheriff told him the body "had not been brought to town and that no one would find it." Sheriff Phillips killed himself the week after the discovery of Lawler's body, leaving word he could not bear the suspicion he believed was directed against him. Three days before Shelby Pleasants, a Huntsville attorney, committed suicide.

BOY, PLEASE PAGE ADAM,
London, Nov. 25.—The Garden of Eden is the same old garden. A Toronto army surgeon reported that his surgical kit was stolen one night as he slept in the cradle of Original Sin.

LABOR MEN DECLINE TAKE ACTION MIGHT EMBARRASS PRES'T

Will Not Go On Record As Opposed to Short Day Through Legislation

TEST DECISION UNCERTAIN May Be Several Weeks Af- ter New Year's Before Supreme Court Renders Opinion—Up to Highest Tribunal Now

(By the United Press)
Baltimore, Nov. 25.—The American Federation of Labor today refused to go on record against efforts to obtain the eight-hour law through legislation. The desire not to embarrass President Wilson because of his work in forcing the eight-hour law for railroaders was the apparent cause of the convention's action.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The question of the constitutionality of the Adams eight-hour law is up to the United States Supreme Court with the formal filing of papers expected Monday or Tuesday. Whether the highest tribunal is willing to speed up its proverbially slow-moving judicial machinery in order to dispose of the case by January 1, remains a question, although it is believed strongly that it will be several weeks after New Year's before a decision is had.

FIFTY MILLIONS IN BRITISH GOLD WILL ARRIVE DUR'G WEEK

(By the United Press)
New York, Nov. 25.—Another stream of British gold, totaling fifty million dollars, will begin to pour into the United States Monday to offset the new British loan being sought here. Four hundred and seventy million of gold have come to the United States in the last four months.

MULE HAD TO BE PUT TO DEATH AFTER BAD RUNAWAY QUEEN STREET

A mule of a pair drawing a truck had to be killed after the team, running away, collided with a telephone pole at North and Queen streets Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. The animal had a broken leg. One of three hogsheads of tobacco on the truck rolled off upon the mule. The mule was owned by Copeland Bros. and the tobacco by the Export Leaf Company. The total damage to the outfit including the loss of the animal, valued at \$300, was about \$350. A milk wagon from the Tall dairy was smashed up to some extent when the runaway team ran into it.

The runaway was exciting. It started at the Export Company's place in North Kinston when flying paper, it is supposed, blew around the mule's hooves. There followed a wild dash down Queen street. The colored driver jumped off when the reins parted. The mules, it is thought, were making for the stables on North street in their panic.

SCATTER LONDON'S ASHES IN BELOVED 'VALLEY OF MOON'

(By the United Press)
Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 25.—The ashes of Jack London were taken to Glen Elen, where tomorrow they will be scattered to the four winds to find their last resting place in "the valley of the moon."

VENIZELOS STARTS WAR AGAINST SERBIA ON OWN ACCOUNT

Greek Provisional Govern- ment Formally Declares, Athens Reports

TEUTON DRIVE ON ROUMANIAN CAPITAL SEEMS TO HAVE STARTED IN EARNEST— GREAT BATTLE IN THE BALK- ANS BEFORE LONG

(By the United Press)
Athens, Nov. 25.—The Greek provisional government, headed by ex-Premier Venizelos, has declared war on Bulgaria.

London, Nov. 25.—The German drive on Bucharest has apparently started. The reported crossing of the Danube by Teutons at Simniza and Von Mackensen's reported crossing in Debrudja and the reforming of the Roumanian lines in the Atl valley, all lead military experts to believe the forces are being drawn up for one of the greatest struggles of the Balkan campaign.

Rains in West.
London, Nov. 25.—Heavy rains have impeded operations in the Somme region, General Haig reports.

Berlin Statement.
Berlin, Nov. 25.—The successful crossing of the Danube and recovering of a foothold on Roumanian soil near Racovite is officially reported.

Petrograd Gives Bad News.
Petrograd, Nov. 25.—Admission that the Teutons have crossed the Danube near Simniza and that the Roumanians have been pushed back in the Atl valley is made at the war office.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT WASHINGTON IN HONOR FRANZ JOSEF

(By the United Press)
Washington, Nov. 25.—The President, Mrs. Wilson, members of the United States Supreme Court, leaders of Congress, and all ambassadors and ministers of the nations allied with the Central Powers and neutral nations, will attend elaborate memorial service in honor of the late Emperor Franz Josef Wednesday. Cardinal Gibbons will preside.

WILMINGTON WOMAN HAVE CHARGE SCH'L INSPECTION SERVICE

Miss Fannie G. Stotler of Wilmington will report here December 1 to take charge of the medical inspection work in the City Schools, was information given out by Superintendent K. R. Curtis Saturday. Miss Stotler is now in Durham, taking a school inspection work. She is reputed to be a well-qualified person for the work.

BIG NAVAL BILL TO BE FIRST TO COME UP

Washington, Nov. 24.—The 1918 naval appropriation bill probably will be one of the first great supply bills ready for consideration in the House when Congress convenes next month, despite the fact that it will carry a total of nearly \$400,000,000.