

# Chowan College May Be Moved

Rocky Mount, March 19.—If Rocky Mount raises \$250,000 and a sufficient sum to provide annual revenues of \$12,500 towards the upkeep of Chowan College, a special committee from the board of trustees of the college and the Baptist State Board of Education will recommend that the institution be moved from Murfreesboro to this city.

Such was the announcement made Friday afternoon following a luncheon conference of the trustees committee, state board and special chamber of commerce committee at which the entire college proposition was gone into in minute detail.

With the announcement came an explanation that the figures named were not final, but that they represented the first tangible basis for negotiations. The members of both the trustees committee and Education Board expressed themselves as being greatly pleased with Rocky Mount and as favoring the location of the college, and a grade institution for girls, here in the event it is to come.

Prior to the luncheon conference, which was held at the Bland cafe, The trustees committee, headed by J. H. Matthews, of Windsor, chairman of the board, and the state board held a preliminary meeting at the First Baptist church where they discussed the proposition which was to be submitted to this city through the Chamber of Commerce committee which has been handling the local campaign for the college.

At the luncheon conference, Mr. Matthews, as chairman of the board stated that the contemplated removal of the college had not been given publicity as the authorities were not seeking bids. He declared, however, that in the event the location was changed the body was highly favorable to Rocky Mount.

As spokesman for the committee and Education Board, Dr. G. W. Paschall, of Wake Forest, stressed the value of an A Grade college and declared that in the event it was moved from Murfreesboro a sum suffi-

cient to replace the buildings would be required. He emphasized the need for a fifty-acre site and \$250,000 for buildings. The State Board of Education, he explained, will provide half of the revenue needed for the operation of the college, but a campaign to raise an endowment fund of \$250,000 would be necessary. It was pointed out that any gifts or outside help, and the sum derived from the sale of the Murfreesboro plant would go towards the amount.

The result of the conference will be reported by the Chamber of Commerce committee, of which T. A. Avera is chairman, to the directors of the commercial organization, and the next step will be determined by that body. It was generally believed after the meeting that there would be further negotiations with the figures suggested as a mere starter. Final action on the removal of the college Murfreesboro would be left to a vote of the full membership of the trustees, but the recommendation of that body's committee is expected to be accepted.

## OPERATOR SAVES LIFE OF DOCTOR, SHOT BY BANDITS

When Miss Margaret Sullivan, a Lawrence (Mass.) telephone operator, plugged in and said "Number, please?" on a recent evening, she did not realize that a man's life depended upon that switchboard signal and her speed in answering it. Dr. Beeley, a Lawrence physician, had been attacked by two bandits who called at his office and demanded his money. When he failed to comply with their requests, one of the gunmen shot him in the leg, severing a large artery. Despite a hemorrhage, the doctor dragged himself to the telephone where he was just able to lift the receiver off the hook.

The telephone girl, however, did the rest. She called an ambulance and the police, and it was her speed in answering the signal that was the first factor in saving Dr. Beeley's life.

## MURDERER OF SIX HAD OTHERS ON BOOK OF DEATH

Stockton, California, Mar. 19.—Not all the persons listed for death by John M. Goins, of Stockton, were slain by him yesterday in the series of six murders, which terminated with his suicide as he was being pursued by officers.

This was indicated when Alvin Matthews, former Stockton newspaper reporter, said that he saw a small book in which Goins had written a number of names, including that of Matthews and that Goins had stated "these are to be settled with."

Matthews said he was told that his name was on the list because he had written a story about a court case that went against Goins.

"But I only did my duty as a reporter," Matthews said.

"All right, we'll scratch you off" Goins replied. Then he drew a pencil through Matthews' name.

The names of Captain Smith and Officer McHugh, of the Stockton force, also were in the book, Matthews said.

Della Podesta, Goins' sister-in-law, was said to have been marked for death also.

The funerals of Mrs. Florence Podesta Goins, wife of Goins, and her sister, Minnie Podesta Clark, of Stockton, the first ones to fall before the madman's gun, are to be held Monday, as there are those of Alexander Marengo, 60, vineyardist of Galt, his wife, Mrs. Matilda Marengo, their daughter, Mrs. Mary Dutra, and Mrs. George McNoble, wife of the former district attorney of San Joaquin county.

It was determined Friday by a coroner's jury that Goins ended his own life by sending a bullet into his head as he drove along a highway near Placerville closely pursued by two officers in another car.

Tarboro, March 19.—Hon. William A. Hart, Highway Commissioner for the first district, and one of the leading citizens of Eastern Carolina, died early Friday morning at his home in Tarboro. When he arose he complained of a pain in his chest and asked for water which Mrs. Hart brought him as he sank to the floor. Dr. J. M. Baker was summoned, but before he arrived Mr. Hart had passed away. His death was due to heart failure.

## SOME ADVICE TO POTATO GROWERS

(By The Co-operative Crop Reporting Service, Raleigh, N. C.)

The following is quoted from "The Agricultural Situation," released by the United States Department of Agriculture about February 1st. It is supplied herewith for the benefit of the potato-growers in North Carolina, and is recommended to the press of the State in areas where potatoes are of commercial importance.

"Growers of early potatoes who can market their product by the first of June need have little fear of over-production this season, but growers in the intermediate and late potato states will need to keep a close watch on the acreage being planted in competing sections because many growers who made unusual profits from the 1925 crop seem to be unduly optimistic regarding the returns to be expected this season. If the total acreage of potatoes in the United States is not increased over the very low acreage harvested in 1925 it is probable that good profits would again be secured. If the acreage is increased 7 per cent it would equal the acreage harvested in 1924 when, on account of abnormally high yield many more potatoes were grown than could be marketed. If the acreage is increased by 10 per cent and a yield of 110 bushels per acre is secured, the production would be 377 million bushels, which is about the average production in the United States during the last ten years. If the acreage is increased as much as twenty per cent as it was following the short crop of 1925 a yield of 110 bushel per acre would give a crop of 411,000,000, which is the equivalent of 3.55 bushels per capita. During the last 15 years such a crop has, in nearly every case, reduced returns in potatoes sufficiently below those from competing crops to cause a reduction in the acreage of potatoes planted the following year.

"Conditions are so abnormal this spring that, outside of the very early states, no individual farmer can afford to plant a greatly increased acreage of potatoes without taking into consideration the acreage being planted by others. Farmers who find that many of their neighbors are planning to put in a very largely increased acreage of potatoes should at least be cautious about doing the same, for the response of growers in one's own community to an abnormal price situation is often a fairly good indication of what is happening elsewhere. On March 19 the Department of Agriculture will issue a report on the acreage of potatoes and other crops which farmers then intend to plant but in the case of potatoes the changes after that date may need to be considered this season.

"There is room for a considerable difference of opinion regarding just what acreage of potatoes should be planted because there is evidence that the quantity of marketable potatoes produced per acre is increasing and the per capita consumption may be declining somewhat. The overproduction from the crop of 1924 resulted primarily from the exceptional yield of 127 bushels per acre. The acreage that year was relatively low and if the yield had not exceeded all previous records the crop could have been marketed without difficulty. The unusually high price being paid for the crop of 1925 resulted from a 7 per cent reduction in acreage, combined with a reduction of 18 per cent in the yield per acre. The 1925 yield per acre was 103.8 bushels, or 3 bushels per acre above the average yield during the previous ten years. The securing of this yield, notwithstanding the generally unfavorable weather conditions, supports other evidence indicating that, on account of improvements in the quality of potatoes grown for seed purposes, the yield of potatoes in the United States is now likely to average close to 110 bushels per acre, although the average yield during the past ten years has been only 100.8."

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## WOMAN TAKING LEAF FROM HUSBAND'S BUSINESS BOOK

When a woman visits her husband's office she often may learn a valuable lesson in home economics.

On almost every desk there is a telephone. A desk telephone for the individual worker saves time, saves walking and promotes greater efficiency, very likely has but one telephone in his home and the weary housewife has to climb the stairs or descend them several times a day to answer or to make necessary calls.

The women, however, are learning from the men, and extension telephones are being added to American homes to a greater extent now than ever before.

We read somewhere recently that a lot of bacteria—we don't remember (just how many, but it's a very, very great number—can live on a dollar bill. Yea, but how long?

## STRENGTH OF GAS INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED

American gas companies increased their stock sales last year, 32 per cent over the sales of 1924; they increased the number of their security buyers 85 per cent above the sales of 1924. Their sales of ranges, space and water heaters, reached nearly to 2,000,000 pieces during the year 1925; and they have more than 10,000,000 customers, and serve an estimated population of 52,000,000.

Fewer suits are filed every year for new rates for gas delivery; with the spread of customer ownership, and a better understanding of the problems that must be solved in making rates, the public favors giving gas as well as other utilities a fair chance for life and better service. In 1908, 118,000,000,000 cubic feet of manufactured gas was sold in this country; last year, with the

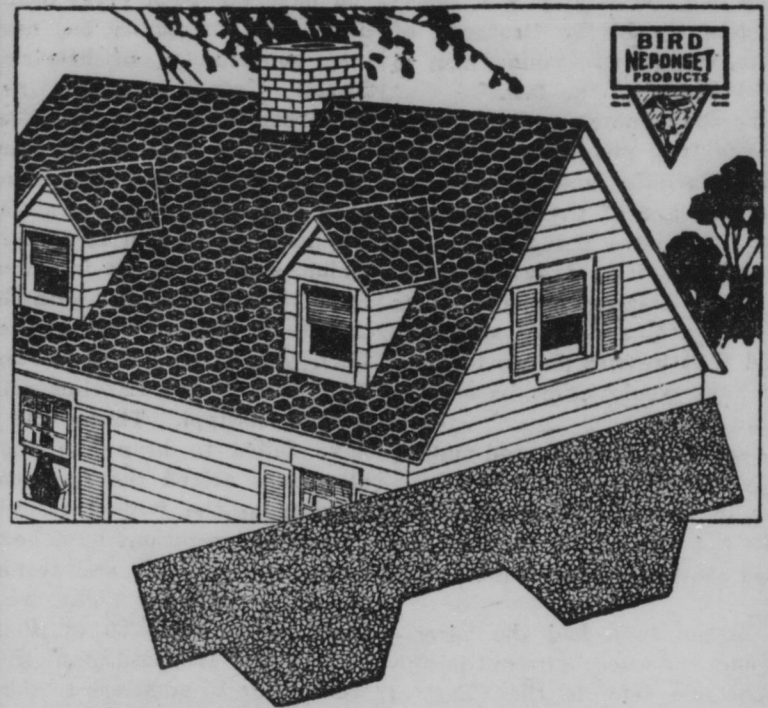
figures still not accurately made up, the total approached 500,000,000,000. Securities based on an industry that touches so many people and that is growing faster every day, of necessity, must be good.

Consoling a bereaved widow, the parson said: "The body is only an empty shell—the nut has gone to heaven."

Carefully compiled statistics show that the drug habit has not increased since prohibition, but has probably decreased. That is not unlikely. Alcoholics and drug addicts have always been a different class.

Not a few of the evils often ascribed to alcohol more justly belong to drugs. Criminals, for example, are drug addicts rather than drunkards. Dope gives them the nerve to run in abnormal risks.

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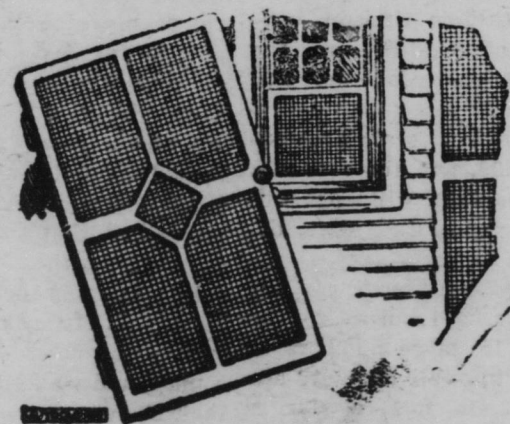
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