

## Full Text of Proposed Port Terminal Bill

Measure Presented to Legislature In Accordance With Plans of Gov. Morrison to Remedy Freight Rates.

### To Be Voted On In Coming Elections

Advocates of Measure Will Stump The State In Informing The Voters of Merits.

The chief topic of discussion or question occupying the attention of the citizens of the state is the proposed measure providing port terminals in Eastern North Carolina waters and possibly the acquisition of railroads reaching into the interior of the state. In order that the readers of The Graphic may consider the full text of the proposed measure for which the Legislature was convened some days ago, the full text of same is herewith given and is as follows:

"A bill entitled, An act to provide ship and water transportation, to create the port commission of the state of North Carolina, to prescribe its duties and powers, to authorize the treasurer of the state of North Carolina to issue and sell not exceeding \$8,500,000 of bonds of the state, and provide for the submission of this act to the voters of North Carolina at the next general election to be held in November, 1924.

"Whereas, the general assembly of North Carolina at its session in one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three ratified on the sixteenth day of February chapter ninety-four of the public laws of said session entitled 'An act to create the State Ship and Water Transportation Commission,' and declared that in order to further promote the public welfare, to provide cheaper transportation to the markets within and without the state for the products of the farm, the forests, the mines and factories of the state, and to effect cheaper transportation for commodities purchased by the people of the state both within and without the state, it was deemed advisable to use more fully the navigable rivers, sounds and other bodies of water within the boundaries of the state, and authorized and directed said State Ship and Water Transportation Commission to carefully inquire, investigate and ascertain the practicability of obtaining docks, wharves, and other landing places along the banks of said navigable rivers, sounds and other waters, and at towns located thereon within the state and the feasibility of obtaining terminal facilities at towns or cities without the boundaries of the state, and the cost of building, buying or renting the same; and

"Whereas, the said Ship and Water Transportation Commission has made its report in writing to the Governor and Council of State, and the same has been printed and distributed to members of this General Assembly and to other citizens of the State of North Carolina; and

"Whereas, in said report the said Commission did express its conclusion that it is imperative for the good of the State that a maritime industry be created on the waters of the State, and that said industry will be both profitable in itself and will tend to reduce the freight rates throughout the State and place said freight rates on a par with those of other states and localities, and that docks, wharves and landing places are available at some twenty-five or thirty towns within the State, and sites have been tendered through gift at Southport, Wilmington, New Bern, Manteo and other places, and that docks and wharves are available in ports outside of the State on equal terms for all shipping interests; and

"Whereas, in said report, the said Commission did recommend that the Port Commission created by this act be authorized to purchase or lease ships, and operate the same, if in its opinion adequate shipping to carry the commerce to and from the ports established is not provided by private enterprise.

"Now, therefore, in order to accomplish the public benefits set forth,

"Section 1. That the Port Commission of the State of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby, created and shall have and exercise the powers and duties herein in this act provided and set forth. That the said Port Commission shall be composed of seven experienced business

men, citizens of the State of North Carolina, to be appointed upon the ratification of this act by this General Assembly, by the Governor of the State and confirmed by the Senate, two of whom shall be appointed for two years, and so designated; three for four years, and so designated; and two for six years, and so designated, and their successors in each class to be appointed for a term of four years. Upon the resignation, death, disqualification or removal for cause of any member of said Commission, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor for the unexpired term of such member and by him reported to the Senate at the next succeeding regular session of the General Assembly. Each of the members and their successors so appointed shall take and subscribe before some official authorized to administer oath, an oath of office and file the same with the Secretary of State. The said Board shall organize by electing one of its members chairman and another secretary, and shall elect a treasurer of said Board, who shall not be a member thereof, fix his compensation and prescribe his duties.

"The treasurer shall give bond in such amount as the board shall fix in some reliable surety company doing business in the state of North Carolina, and the premium required to be paid on said bond shall be paid by the said port commission. The said port commission shall meet in regular session at least once in each three months at a place and date to be fixed by said board, and shall meet in special session at such other times and places as the chairman of said commission or any two members thereof may request. The compensation of said board shall be... dollars for each day in attendance upon an regular or special meeting of said port commission, and the actual expenses incurred traveling to and from said place or places of meeting and while in attendance upon said meeting.

"Sec. 2. That the said port commission is hereby authorized, direct and empowered to establish port facilities and port terminals at such places in the state of North Carolina upon the navigable rivers, sounds and other navigable waters within the borders of the state of North Carolina as they may deem necessary and wise for the building up, fostering and encouraging the transportation of the products of the farms, the forests, mines and factories of the state, and the transportation by water of commodities purchased by the people of the state, both within and without the state, including inland, coastwise and foreign commerce, and for this purpose and all purposes of this act, the said port commission of the state of North Carolina is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase in fee, to receive by gift or devise, and to condemn whenever necessary and to use any of the water fronts or river fronts and navigable sounds, bays and rivers of the state now belonging to the state or to the state board of education, such lands, water fronts as may be necessary at each terminal so established by the said port commission, and to build, erect and construct of such material as the said port commission shall deem wise, all piers, docks, wharves, sheds, warehouses, grain elevators and coal bins or coal elevators, and to install such machinery as may be necessary to efficiently and expeditiously handle all freight of every kind and nature that may be delivered to said nature that may be delivered to said docks, piers and wharves for shipment by water or by rail or any other means of transportation: Provided, however, that the total expenditures for the purchase of all land, rights of way, erection and construction of all piers, wharves, docks, sheds, and other structures and the purchase and installation of all such machinery as may be needed as authorized in this section shall not exceed the sum of seven million dollars. Before erecting or constructing the piers, wharves or docks or other buildings, or the installation of the necessary machinery and appliances, the said port commission is directed to employ an experienced, skillful and competent engineer who shall examine the location at which the terminal is to be erected, and report to said commission what water fronts or lands are required at such terminal,

al, what piers, wharves, docks and other buildings are suitable and necessary, and an approximate cost of the same, and the said port commission is further directed to employ such other aid as in their judgment is necessary to further inform them of the cost and the probable tonnage available at such terminals, and to investigate, ascertain and determine all other facts and information relative to and bearing upon the advisability of locating a port terminal on an navigable river, inland waterway, sound or bay within the borders of the state, and at such terminals so established, erected and constructed by said port commission, the said port commission is authorized and directed to appoint a general manager of each terminal and to fix reasonable charges and fees for the use of said piers, docks, wharves and storage warehouses and other structures erected by it, and to make such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary in the management of such terminals, and to employ such number of persons as may be necessary to efficiently and promptly handle all freight tendered at such terminals, and to fix the wages and compensation of all persons employed by it.

"Sec. 3. That the port commission is authorized to purchase or lease, or to purchase and lease, such number and size ships, vessels and boats by whatever name called, and operate the same, when in its opinion adequate shipping is not provided by private enterprise to carry the commerce tendered at the ports established by the commission, and to use such part of the proceeds of the bonds hereinafter authorized as may be required to pay for said ships, vessels or boats, but in no event to exceed one and one-half million dollars (\$1,500,000.00), and if the said port commission shall hereunder operate any ships, vessels or boats, whether purchased or leased, it shall publish and maintain adequate schedules and render adequate service, and shall collect and receive reasonable charges without discrimination for merchandise transported, and is authorized to classify the commodities so carried, and fix and publish the rates of transportation. The said port commission shall, from the revenues received from transportation charges and, if required, from any other revenues received by it, pay the expense and costs of operating said vessels, ships or boats operated by it.

"Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the port commission to file with the governor of the state annually a report showing the ports established, the piers, wharves, docks, warehouses and other buildings erected at each and every port, and the cost thereof, the cost of operation at each port, and the receipts from each port, which said reports shall be transmitted by the governor to the next regular session of the general assembly of North Carolina.

"Sec. 5. That whatever it shall become necessary for the port commission to exercise the right of eminent domain and to acquire any land, water frontage or right of way by condemnation, the said port commission is authorized to institute a proceeding in the Superior Court of the county in which such property is situated, making parties to it all persons interested in the ownership of said property, and the procedure shall be substantially the same as that set forth in consolidated statutes, chapter thirty-three, article two.

"Sec. 6. That for the purpose of providing funds for carrying out this act, the treasurer of the state of North Carolina is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds of the state of North Carolina payable in the manner and at the dates herein prescribed to an amount not exceeding eight million five hundred thousand dollars. Said bonds shall be issued from time to time at the request of the said port commission of North Carolina, upon the approval of the governor and council of state.

"Sec. 7. All of said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum from the date of said issue until paid, and the said bonds shall bear such date as may be fixed by the said port commission. Interest shall be paid semi-annually on the dates fixed by the said port commission.

"Sec. 8. That the bonds authorized and directed to be issued by the preceding sections shall be either coupon bonds or registered bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 or more, such as may be determined by the said state treasurer, and shall be signed by the governor of the state and the state treasurer, and sealed with the great seal of the state. The coupons thereon may be signed by the state treasurer alone or may have a facsimile of his signature printed, engraved or lithographed thereon, and the said bonds shall in all respects be in such form as the state treasurer shall direct, and there shall be no limitation on the number of

## Everything Is In Readiness

Many New Faces Will Be Seen Among Nashville School Faculty.

Everything is practically in readiness for the fall term of Nashville High School which will be thrown open to the boys and girls of the district on Monday morning, Sept. 1st, and these young people will have the pleasure and advantage of entering one of the best appointed school buildings in Nash county; where every facility possible has been provided for their development in both mind and body.

For some days past Principal H. C. West has been busily engaged personally assisting and directing in the installation of the desks and other equipment in the various departments and for several days past a working force has been grading the grounds and clearing for recreational additions to the physical development of the students and within the next few days all these details will be completed.

While the actual work of the school is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 1st, announcement is made that all pupils who purpose attending during the session are requested to go to the school building on Saturday morning, August 30th, at 10:00 o'clock to be given lists of the books assigned to their rooms, and to receive such other instructions as will be deemed necessary to facilitate the prompt beginning of work on Monday following.

This year additional work is to be offered in the high school department. An instructor of agriculture for the boys has already been employed and he has been on the grounds for some few days past preparing to get this department functioning at the beginning of the term. This new phase of work will doubtless prove one of the outstanding features of the term.

Efforts are being made to secure a teacher of Home Economics, and it is quite likely this will be done within the next few days. This department will be for the especial training of girls and well directed effort will be made to make these courses a very attractive and beneficial feature during the term.

Principal West is very earnest in his appeal to the pupils and patrons of the school to lend their hearty support and cooperation from the very outset of the term in trying to take care of the property and the new school building which is dedicated to the boys and girls and coming as a personal yet willing sacrifice on the part of the people of the district. The handsome new building and all its equipment has been provided for a specific purpose; that of developing boys and girls to the highest standard of citizenship and preparing them for the rugged battles of life.

Parents are reminded of the fact that children who will be six years old by Jan. 1st, 1925, are eligible for entrance, but they must be enrolled during the first two weeks of school.

Several new faces will be seen among the personnel of the faculty during the approaching term, while some members of same who were associated with the school last term will be found in the list, which is as follows:

Mrs. J. I. White, of Nashville; Miss Myrtle Byrd, of Milltown, Ga., first grade.

Second Grade—Mrs. S. V. T. Chambliss, Nashville; Miss Lois Gerock, of Ahsokle, N. C.

Third Grade—Miss Inez Smithwick, of LaGrange, N. C.

Fourth Grade—Miss Sallie Benson, of Nashville.

Fifth Grade—Miss Pansy Gaitley, of Maxton, N. C.

Sixth Grade—Miss Lucy Wiggs, of Bunn, N. C.

Seventh Grade—Mrs. J. A. Leonard, of Nashville.

In the high school department the following will constitute the faculty: H. C. West, principal, French, H. B. Sheely, of Newberry, S. C. Science, Miss Eddie Mae Barrett, of Waycross, Ga., History, Miss Sadie Jenkins, of Nashville, English, Mrs. W. D. Glenn, Jr., of Nashville, Latin and Mathematics, T. W. Bridges, of Shelby, N. C., Agriculture, Mrs. A. A. Ross, of Nashville, Music.

**Death Claims Venerable Father of Mr. John L. Cornwell.**

His scores of friends in Nash and adjoining counties will learn with regret the sorrow that has come to County Auditor John L. Cornwell and other members of his family caused by the death of his venerable father, which occurred at his country home near Shelby, N. C., early on Tuesday morning of last week. The deceased had been ill for some time and was in a very weak

condition when he was held in Cleveland county is indicated by the following extract taken from the Shelby Star:

"When Mr. Cornwell came home from two years in the Confederate army he was penniless but had the courage and determination so characteristic of his comrades to set to work to rebuild the devastated South. By thrift and industry he became one of the largest land-owners of the county, most of his property, however, being divided among his noble children so that he could see them start in life in better circumstances than he was able to do. He became one of the county's largest money-lenders, yet a personal friend who was close to him in his business affairs, says he never once charged more than the legal rate, although it was offered many times, and only once did he foreclose a paper. Mr. Cornwell had great faith in men who wanted to own real estate and there are many indebted to him for their success in life. He was strong in his convictions, yet kind, obliging and above all patient to the last degree. A member of Zion Church, he loved his church and the cause for which it stood."

### Representatives Off To State Council Meeting At Asheville

Messrs. M. W. Lincke, V. H. Hamlet and A. D. Odom, representatives from Nashville Council, and Mr. Daniel Bisette, representing Magnolia Council, of Macon, left Sunday morning for a cross-country trip to Asheville, where they will attend the State Council Meeting of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, which convened in the mountain city on Tuesday morning and will continue in session probably until this (Thursday) evening.

The city authorities and civic organizations of Asheville are giving the Juniors from all parts of the state a rousing reception and affording many delightful and memorable events that will make for the pleasure of the State Council and attendants.

### Thieves Make An Entrance To Steadman Stores Co.

Some time during the night of Friday or early Saturday morning thieves forced an entrance through the rear window of the Steadman Stores Company and through the open space made by smashing one of the window glass carried off a quantity of articles, consisting mostly of cigarettes, tobacco and fancy cakes. The thieves also rifled the money drawer from which they took change and bills aggregating possibly twenty dollars. While it may be possible that some groceries, flour, etc., were also carried off, Mr. Taylor, the manager is unable to ascertain, since the store usually carries a large stock of these articles.

### School Children Without a Scar Should Be Vaccinated

Next month marks the beginning of another school year. In order that there may be no interruption in attendance, parents will please see that all children, not possessing a scar showing vaccination during last seven years, are vaccinated before September 1st. And please do not wait until the last day to have this done.

### To School Committeemen.

All school committeemen will please notify the teachers of your respective schools that the county Board of Health requires all children of compulsory age to be vaccinated before entering school. If the child possesses a scar showing a take during the past seven years, he need not be vaccinated this year.

### Children's Home Society Has Children For Foster Homes.

The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, located at Greensboro, North Carolina, now has ready for placement in approval foster homes a number of children, both boys and girls, and ranging in age from infants of a few months up to large boys and girls ten to fourteen years of age. Correspondence is invited from respectable citizens throughout the state who are interested in receiving desirable children into their homes for legal adoption. Address, stating age of child wanted and sex, John J. Phoenix, State Superintendent, Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., P. O. Box 1478, Greensboro, N. C.

### Surprise Marriage Celebrated In Nashville Last Week.

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends was the wedding of Miss Josephie Parrish and Mr. Chilton Harper, which was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage Monday afternoon of last week about 5:30 o'clock. Rev. C. A. Upchurch presiding the

## Road Question Is Finally Settled

Highway Commission And County Commissioners Hear Vigorous Protests From Road Advocates.

### Financial Obstacles Are Wiped Out

People Unanimous For Construction of Important Highways Now Badly Neglected.

These citizens of Nashville, Coopers, Red Oak, Jacksons, Dry Wells, Mannings, Castalia and Griffin's Townships who have been so active for the past year or two in an effort to induce the Nash County Highway Commission to carry out in part the will of the people of the County as expressed in the election held on Saturday, July 12th, 1919, when by an overwhelming majority they voted upon the question of Nash County issuing bonds in the sum of one million dollars, for the purpose of remodeling the court house, jail and to build a decent County Home and also to meet Federal, State and county aid in road construction work and for the construction of such other tributary roads as the County Commission deemed necessary not served by the hard-surface road from Rocky Mount to Nashville, Spring Hope and to the Franklin County line and from the Halifax county line via Nashville to Bailey and Wilson or Johnston county, have the satisfaction of knowing that the road building program for this year will go on despite the fact that on Tuesday of last week the Commission suddenly came to the decision to call off all projects that had been approved.

This sudden turn of affairs caused somewhat of a stir among the citizens of the townships above mentioned, since it was an accepted fact that the Commission had approved of these projects, had caused them to be surveyed by the highway engineer, had called upon the Board of County Commissioners to issue bonds in the sum of \$140,000 for the construction of the roads decided upon and the County Commissioners had instructed the County Attorney to draft and have passed by the Legislature an act making valid the proceedings of the Commissioners in issuing the bonds. The bonds have been sold at a good premium and only the passage of the act would have placed the funds in the hands of the Commission to proceed with their building program. After the bills had been passed by the House of Representatives and went over to the Senate, the Highway Commission late Tuesday afternoon held another short session at which two members were absent, however, one of these giving his proxy to one of the members, at this meeting the Commission voted to call off or rescind their former action with reference to pre-secuting the work and ordered the passage of the act held up, no satisfactory or plausible reason being given the road advocates for the sudden turn of affairs.

As the news of the action taken by the Commission became more generally known the citizens of those sections of the county who were to become the main beneficiaries and who had appeared before the Commission on quite a number of occasions to press their claims for consideration, and others removed therefrom, became active and as a result the Highway Commission and the Board of County Commissioners held a special meeting on Saturday last which was attended by hundreds of citizens from the various townships, and the whole question was gone to again in an effort to ascertain the why and wherefore of the situation.

Chairman A. F. Manning, of the Commission, explained why matters had taken such a sudden turn, advancing the opinion that this Board had suddenly come to the conclusion that \$140,000 would not carry out the program previously decided upon and they deemed it advisable to hold up on same; that other plans would be worked out whereby a larger appropriation would be available or curtailment of the road mileage made. The following discussion of the situation from practically every angle, wherein Dr. J. A. Winstead, Harold D. Cooney, C. B. Jones, E. T. Hamilton, M. W. Lincke, E. T. Benson and others took part, was so well conducted, that the general sentiment of the audience was that the road building program should be continued.

On next Sunday afternoon, August 24th, the Nashville Concert Band will furnish music to the inmates of the Nash County Home, about a mile and a half from this city. All others who desire to come and listen to the good music are cordially invited.

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