

HOME PAPER A BEACON LIGHT

The Journal of a Town Reflects Glory of Townsmen.

Fourth Estate. A plea for the support of the home town newspaper is the subject of the following interesting and well-written editorial from the Wyckoff, Minn., Enterprise:

A news bureau recently sent out a list of cities and towns which were offering special inducements for industrial enterprises. Eight states were represented and in every instance those whose might be interested were advised to address inquiries to the editor of the home town newspaper.

This is but one example of how the home town newspaper is always on duty; how it is constantly striving to better the community which it serves, not for any selfish purpose, but because it has the welfare of the community at heart.

The home town newspaper is the beacon light that reflects the glory of the people and the natural advantages that the town possesses. It is ever alert to opportunities for progress.

Countless numbers of towns would be a dismal failure without a newspaper. Their light would be hidden under a bushel, never to shine forth and beckon the stranger to come in.

Everyone recognizes the value of a newspaper and the usefulness work that it does in building up the community, but all too few show their appreciation in a substantial way.

All Should Subscribe.

With the revenue from subscriptions alone, no newspaper can live, but every person should be a subscriber to an enterprise that always puts the best interests of the community before every other consideration.

From those who are first to benefit from the constant efforts of the newspaper, the merchants, should come the financial support that is the first essential in publishing a newspaper.

This newspaper or any other newspaper can not continue to be the standard by which the community is judged without advertising patronage. Advertising must be forthcoming if the newspaper is to continue as the medium by which the community expresses itself; if it is to go on as the advance agent for the people, weekly performing a public service that no other agency is willing to or can perform.

USE PENNY COLUMN-IT PAYS

SENATOR DIAL'S VOTE FOR SUSTAINING THE VETO

Boils Democratic Colleagues On Postal Pay Increase—Friendly to President.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The vote of 55 to 29 sustaining the President's veto of the postal increase bill was made possible today by the vote of Senator Dial, of South Carolina. If Dial had voted with his fellow Democrats the veto would have been over-riden and the postal pay increase would have become a law. It is understood that Senator Dial, whose term as senator expires on March 4th, is a candidate to fill the vacancy that will occur on January 15th in the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The senator made a speech on Saturday praising President Coolidge as being a better Democrat than the senator's own Democratic colleagues, but Mr. Dial's Democratic colleagues said it would be unjust to attribute to him an ulterior motive in his speech, and his vote to sustain the President, as his present motive was no different from what he had maintained throughout his career as a senator. It was this position, his South Carolina colleagues say, that defeated him for the Senate in last summer's primary.

The belief widely prevails tonight that the proposal of the administration, to advance postal rates, will fail. Senator Overman said he did not apprehend the passage of this bill. Some of the newspaper correspondents, who keep in close touch with the Republican senators, are of the opinion that a hard fight will be made for the bill, but that it will not be successful.

Solving of Puzzles Adds to Efficiency of Typists.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Cross word puzzles "are a blessing in disguise to those employers who feared their distracting influence when they first appeared," according to Albert M. Johnson, president of the National Life Insurance Company of the United States, who said that so far as his organization was concerned the puzzles were responsible for increasing the efficiency of his stenographers 25 per cent.

Rather than being a distraction to the office girl, the mental labor in solving them has made her faster and more accurate in her work, Mr. Johnson found.

"Noticing a marked improvement in the speed with which our several hundred stenographers were handling the correspondence to 100,000 policyholders, I inquired the reason and found that I had the crossword puzzles to thank,"

HAD TWO CENTS AND A RAZOR FOR TAXI FARE

Greensboro Taxi Driver, Arriving at Salisbury, Offered Unusual Payment By His Fare.

Salisbury, Jan. 6.—A negro who gave his name as Frank Thompson, of Greensboro, evidently has unusual ideas as to what is required as taxi fare.

He engaged a black and white taxi in Greensboro tonight to bring him to Salisbury. The driver of the taxi rolled into Salisbury easily enough but some way or other the actions of his fare had caused him to be suspicious. So he drove in front of the police station and stopped. Thompson didn't know the car had been stopped in front of the police station.

"How about my fare?" asked the driver, whose name was not learned. "I've just got two cents," was the answer.

Police were called immediately. Thompson was searched. Sure enough he had a razor. Just what his plans were are not known but police think the taxi driver was lucky to reach Salisbury alive.

Thompson was lodged in the city jail. About 10 o'clock the taxi driver started back to Greensboro. He admitted before he left that he had given up prospects of collecting for the trip.

Thaddeus Adams Files Petition in Bankruptcy.

Charlotte Observer. Thaddeus A. Adams, Charlotte attorney, has filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy with John M. Robinson, federal referee in bankruptcy. Mr. Robinson yesterday transferred the papers to the office of E. S. Williams, deputy clerk of the United States federal court.

After adjudication by Judge Webb a referee will be named and later a trustee will be chosen to represent the creditors. Mr. Robinson said last night that the creditors will meet January 20 to select a trustee.

Germany Would Have Demanded More.

Philadelphia Record. A Paris correspondent says that "your taxi chauffeur, your barber, grocer, baker . . . sincerely believe that France should never pay 'un sacre sou,'" and that our government is a vampire intent on sucking the blood out of their beloved country. Happily there are in the French government persons of more intelligence than the chauffeur, barber, grocer and baker. And we doubt not that France contains a great many people of lower rank than the government and the national assembly who realize that if we had not sent 2,000,000 soldiers to France and incurred a debt of \$15,000,000,000 on our own account France would have had to pay Germany a great deal more than the amount of her war debt to us.

Grays Harbor, Wash., loaded a billion feet of lumber cargo in 1924, establishing a world's record for water shipments from any port in one year.

Better Corn Yield by Growing Clover.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The organic matter secured from plowing under clover will not only increase the plant food in the soil but the clover also permits of better drainage during wet weather and of greater moisture—holding capacity during dry weather.

E. C. Blair, extension agronomist for State College, finds from one of his demonstrations this year that thirty bushels of corn per acre was made on wet land where clover was plowed under as against five bushels per acre on similar land that had no clover. Both fields were fertilized with 400 pounds of acid phosphate and the one with no clover plowed under received an additional application of 50 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre.

The great difference in yield was caused by the land being very wet. The inorganic fertilizer was leached out while that supplied by the clover was retained in the soil. The clover also helped in giving air to the soil and in promoting better drainage. Mr. Blair says, "The demonstration was on the farm of E. L. Green in Bladen county. County Agent J. R. Powell had charge of the work."

The clover was planted on two acres in 1923. In 1924 it was plowed under and corn planted. The corn on these two acres and over the remainder of the field received 400 pounds of 16 percent acid phosphate per acre. Where no clover was plowed under an additional application of 50 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre was used. The results were that 30 bushels of corn per acre was harvested from the clover land and only five bushels per acre from the land with no clover."

Mr. Blair states that much of the land in Bladen county would be improved by clover. This soil is poorly drained and plowing under the organic matter will loosen up the soil, provide a reservoir to hold moisture in dry weather and at the same time, permit excess water to escape faster after heavy rains.

She's Mother Now.

Irene Castel McLaughlin, world-famous dancer, gave birth to a seven-pound girl in a Chicago hospital, and Major Frederik McLaughlin is the usual proud and beaming father. Stork's visit sets a rest, at least for the present, reports that the McLaughlins are contemplating a divorce.

The Hoboken Model Yacht Club, the in America, was organized in 1840.

Marshville Woman Is Killed by Accident.

Marshville, Jan. 6.—Mrs. L. L. Parker died in the Ellen Fitzgerald Hospital in Monroe yesterday, where she had been rushed after having been accidentally run over by a Charlotte automobile Sunday afternoon as she stepped from her car in front of her residence.

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Poultry Paves Way For Owning Farm.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Success with poultry is largely responsible for R. E. Parker, of the Amity community in Iredell county, now owning his own farm, reports R. W. Graeber, county agent for the State College extension division in the county.

Mr. Graeber states that Mr. Parker has demonstrated to the people of his section that poultry will bring in a good farm income. The returns from Mr. Parker's birds has about equalled that secured from cotton, in addition to giving food for the family.

"Mr. Parker is a small farmer and has been living on rented land," says Mr. Graeber. "He has not had the opportunity for equipping himself for handling his poultry as he would like to; but, when we visited his farm recently we found 350 high grade White Leghorns turning the grain crops of the farm into eggs. We found crude equipment but fine methods of using equipment as he had."

"After talking with Mr. Parker, we realized that he had given much study to his work. His wife had kept a careful record on the poultry for the past eleven months and her report showed that they began the year on January 1st, 1924, with 150 hens. The sale of eggs and poultry up until December 1st was \$1,488.45. This amount included the value of 200 birds now in the laying flock as \$1.50 each. The feed cost during the eleven months was \$465.59, leaving a net profit from the 150 hens of \$1,022.86."

Mr. Graeber states that the Parkers did not keep a careful record of the poultry and eggs consumed at home. On December 1st the laying flock included ninety yearling hens and 200 early hatched pullets. Mr. Parker has recently purchased a farm of his own and moved to it in December. He has built an excellent farm poultry house that will care for 250 layers and he says, "My success with poultry gave me the idea of buying the new place."

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Must Increase Taxes or Cut the Appropriations

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 7. (By the Associated Press)—Pending the reports of the Budget Commission and its complementary body, the State Board of Assessments, the North Carolina General Assembly, which convened today at noon in regular biennial session, will be forced to defer action on its principal task that of framing the State's financial program.

It is understood now on authority of the Budget Commission that that body's report will not be forth coming until the early part of February, probably the second week. The Commission is delaying final draft of its report until some of the departments and institutions can submit re-drafts of their individual budgets, on which they request for appropriations for the next two years are based. These re-drafts are due the latter part of this month, when the Budget Commission will re-consider them in final session.

The Budget Commission's report will be in the nature of a recommendation to the General Assembly for appropriations, while the Board of Assessments will have to frame a bill providing for revenues.

It is admitted on all sides that an increase in taxes will be necessary unless the requests for appropriations are drastically cut. But to maintain the State departments and institutions on their present basis, not allowing even for any expansion, cutting will reach its limit. To meet the situation, Revenue Commissioner H. A. Doughton has already indicated that he thinks it will be necessary to increase taxes. He recently declared he thought the State should raise approximately \$11,000,000 of revenue annually instead of the present amount of approximately \$8,000,000.

To provide for this increase and offset an imminent tax loss this year, estimated at \$500,000 and due to the poor year with cotton manufacturers, the commissioner suggested that the brunt of it be placed on income taxes. He favored increasing these by from 33 1/3 to 50 percent. He also favored an increase of about fifty percent in inheritance, license and privilege taxes, and an increase of about 100 percent in taxes on tobacco manufacturers and certain professions.

The Board of Assessments may present its bill before the Budget Commission reports, but final action will hardly be taken on establishing taxes until it is definitely known what is being asked. The measure probably will be held up some time in committee.

The various departments and institutions asked for very large appropriations in their first budgets submitted to the Budget Commission, some requests being several times which was granted two years ago. The first requests for maintenance for the two ear period approximated \$25,000,000. In the way of appropriations for permanent improvements, the institutions asked for \$17,000,000, a sum as great as the total of all that has been granted for the past four years. That there will be considerable slashing by the Budget Commission or the Legislature unless the institutions and departments do some downward revising of their own accord, is regarded as certain in view of what is regarded as "a conservative General Assembly," as the present body has been termed.

Both Lieut-Governor-elect Long and Representative Pharr have committed themselves to early announcements of their committees and chairmen.

Although the solons will have to delay action on their most important work, they will have enough to keep them busy for some weeks. Numerous reports will be before them demanding

action and indications are that there will be considered the usual host of minor bills, and a number of old questions will be re-considered.

Among the reports to be received and acted upon are those of the Prison Commission, Bus Regulation Commission, State Constabulary Commission, North Carolina National Park Commission, Educational Finance Commission, Land Commission and the numerous reports of the State departments with their many recommendations.

Two of these commissions, those dealing with a state constabulary and farm tenancy, will recommend establishment of new departments or sub-departments. In view of the agitation for economy in government, it is expected that these measures will meet with opposition.

An effort is expected to be made to bring about enactment of a State-wide Australian ballot bill. This system of voting already exists in 19 of the 100 counties by virtue of their own selection with legislative approval.

Little or no legislation is expected to result from the report of the Prison Investigation Commission. It is understood that the Commission has found that there is no need for any drastic change in the State's penal system. However, the Commission will recommend that city and county jails and camps be placed under State supervision.

The Citizens Committee of 100, which meets here January 12 to 16 is expected to launch a program of prison reform measures calling for a State farm colony for women offenders, state control of all prisoners' abolition of county convicts' camps, abolition of leasing prisoners by either county or State, establishment of an advisory board of parole, and compulsory education for the inmates of the State Prison.

The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League has indicated that it will seek an amendment to the Turlington Act, placing the burden of proof upon the possessor to prove that liquor in his possession was lawfully acquired, possessed.

Among the measures expected to be re-introduced is the one for abolition of the foreign stock exemption law. This was brought forth at the special session last summer, but without success. Proponents of abolition of foreign stock exemption are expected to argue that this will help a long way towards meeting the State's increasing demands for revenue.

In connection with raising more revenue there also is a possibility of a bill providing a sales tax on certain luxuries. The North Carolina Merchants' Association, it is reported, will fight this measure, with a fund of \$5,000.

The Merchants' Association also has announced that it will attempt again to secure passage of a bill designed to thwart the bad check passer. However, the association will not foster the garnishment measure as it did at the last regular session.

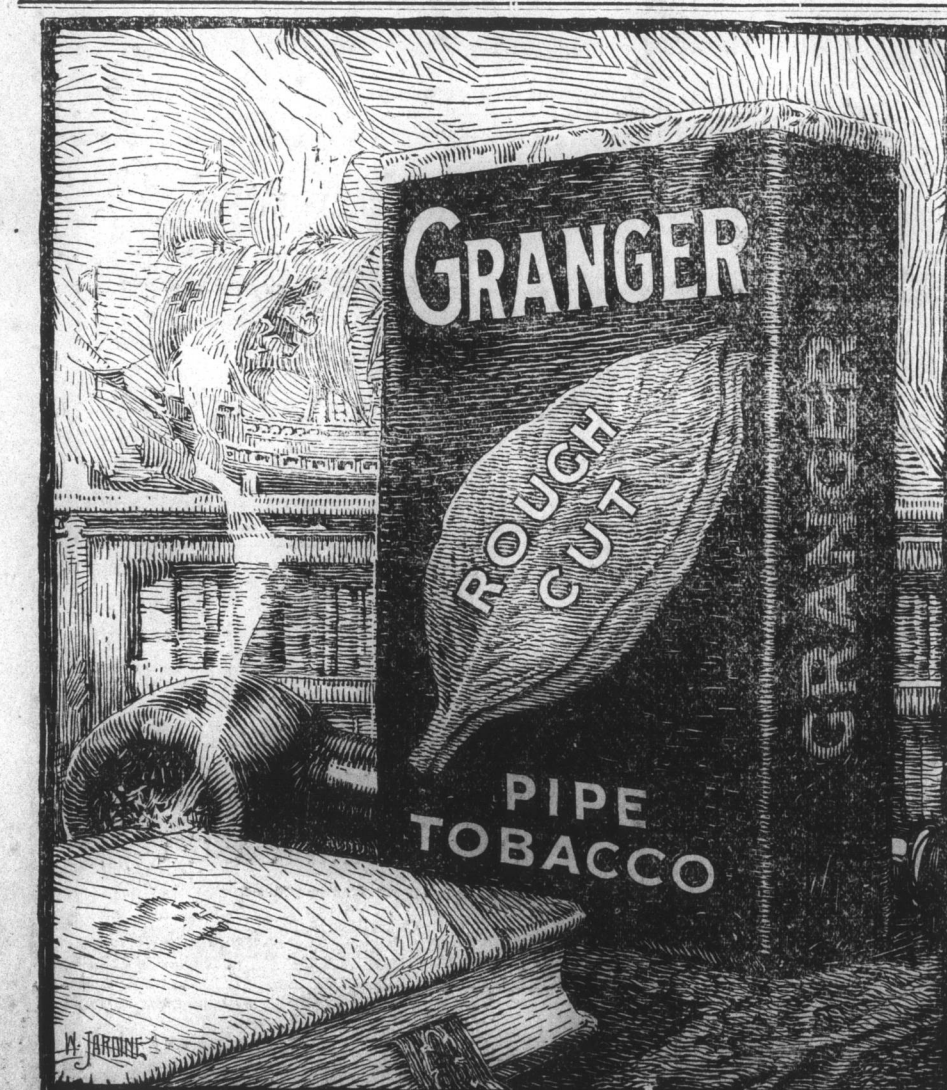
As to a new highway appropriation, it is yet uncertain just what sum will be asked. In some quarters there is favor for \$35,000,000, a sum which would complete the \$1,000,000,000 program. In other it is thought that \$20,000,000 is sufficient or all that the State can bear. In any case, the burden will be placed on the gasoline tax.

Governor Morrison is expected to deliver his address to the solons the latter part of this week. He has said that he will leave all suggestions to the incoming executive, Angus Wilton McLean, whose inauguration will take place January 14, just a week after convening of the General Assembly.

COURT CALENDER.

The January Term of Cabarrus Superior Court will be held January 5th, 1925, before His Honor T. J. Shaw. The Civil Docket will not be called until Monday, January 12, 1925, and will be called in the following order:

Table with columns for Day, Case Number, Parties, and Outcome. Includes cases like 79 F. A.—W. M. Thompson vs. Ada Garmon, Protest J. M. O. 106 M. A. S.—Sadie Gasky and Hus. vs. Jas. Barrier H. & H. 108 United Merc. Co. vs. W. G. Walters vs. United Merc. Co. 110 H. S. W.—J. S. Overcash vs. E. H. Denny & R. O. Walter. J. L. C. 122 H. A. S.—Minnie May Bost

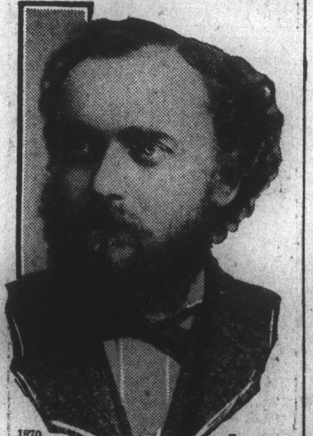


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