

CALL FOR BONDS LOOKS LIKE RAID

Special Session Talk Says Fifty Millions of Fresh Debt

BY R. E. POWELL Raleigh, July 21. — Two more weeks and the General Assembly of North Carolina, in extra ordinary session, will be amongst us.

Primarily, the solons are coming here to take some action upon the report of the State Ship and Water Transportation Commission and to enact some legislation "necessary to protect the credit of the State." Superintendent A. T. Allen is reported ready to ask for an additional \$5,000,000 for the school building fund; Governor Morrison is inclined to urge the issuance of \$35,000,000 additional to complete the road program and the Giles Farm Tenancy commission is expected to make some sort of report asking also for more money.

The terminals and ship program is the big thing with the question now hanging whether to submit it to the people or pass it by the legislature and let the people talk about it in November. In most any event, it is going to be a Democratic measure but the assurances the governor says he has received from prominent Republicans, in every section, indicate that the minority leaders will have to cut some queer somersaults if they are to launch an attack on it in the coming campaign.

The bold stroke of the governor in offering to submit this proposal, involving an outlay of seven to ten millions at the jump, to the folks has alarmed his critics and is not pleasing to those who have shared the enthusiasm of the boat line with him. His friends and the proponents of the measure, who see in it relief from present freight rates, do not think it a propitious time to ask the people to authorize bond issues—especially for a project on which the popular mind has been so muddled as it has over boats and terminals.

Still, on the other side, the original heavy opposition to the project appears unwilling for the people to pass upon the measure and desirous of having the legislature fight it out and end it. The argument of the bitter-enders is that the chief hostility to the project is from Democrats and that if it is shot into the election campaign, even independent of party issues, there will be no one to take the stump against Governor Morrison and those who would champion it.

In short, here is what is recommended:

The creation of a port commission of five members and the clothing of this commission with power enough to locate ports and select terminal sites and to build terminals. Authority, under the recommendation of the commission, would also be given to engage the State in the boat line business if, after a reasonable time (to be determined by the commission) private enterprise did not utilize the terminals.

Seven million dollars is recommended for that much of the undertaking but no such sum is mentioned in connection with the recommendation that the State get back the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad, deemed by the Commission to be highly necessary to any ultimate relief in freight rates.

One of the threats the opposition, speaking thru a member of the senate from the First District, throws out is that there will be yielding, even to a referendum, until the legislature repeals the bill passed at the regular session appropriating \$10,000,000 for the construction of railroads through the "Lost Provinces."

Here is seen the beginning of an East and West fight, one even more bitter than that which surrounded the efforts of Rufe Doughton, to have the State build him a road from Elkin, in Surry, to Sparta, in Alleghaney, years ago.

The legislation needed to protect the credit of the State, according to Governor Morrison, is a bill repealing the present bill authorizing a vote on a sinking fund amendment to the constitution and the enactment of a better law on the same subject. This necessity seems to have been brought about by confusion in two bills during the regular session. Two were enacted providing for submitting the amendment to a vote in November; one satisfactory to the State's bond attorneys and the administration and another not so satisfactory. When discovery of the double enactment was made, a repeal bill was offered to cure the trouble. But the member sponsoring it repealed the wrong measure

and the thing has to be done all over again. That's that.

An additional \$5,000,000 for the county school building fund, which the State loans at a rate seldom higher than 4.50, will make \$15,000,000 in all appropriated for this purpose. There has been no definite statement from the Superintendent on this score.

Discussing the legislature today, Governor Morrison concluded an hour's interview with newspapermen by bringing to attention the need for an additional \$35,000,000 to complete the highway program of the State and intimated that the special session may be asked to authorize this additional bond issue.

His Excellency feels that the State will never have a better chance to get a scrupulously honest administration of the road funds. The State at large shares this view and would, it is believed by those who have assailed the present taxation system, readily agree to the extra issue at this time.

Of other and divers things that may come to the attention of the law makers no one can guess. Those who have watched the two august bodies in session, bi-ennium after bi-ennium, are steeled to shocks and surprises. There is nothing in the air to indicate that their coming together this summer will be any different.

FOURTH ANNUAL PEACH SHOW

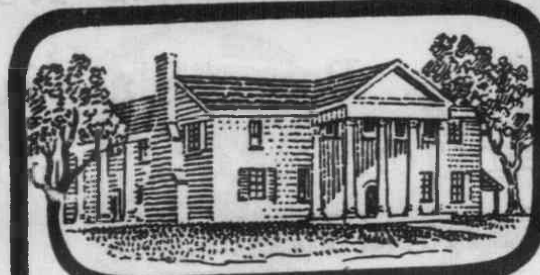
The Fourth Annual Sandhill Peach Show will be held at Hamlet on Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 and 31, and promises many surprises for those who are not familiar with the peach industry. Plans for the show are materializing rapidly. The mammoth horse shoe frame which is to be covered over with thousands and thousands of peaches, has been built and is now being decorated. Decorators are also at work on the whole exhibition building, and on the streets for blocks around. All of the public buildings of the city as well as many private business houses and homes will be gaily decorated in festive colors for the occasion.

Besides the exhibition of peaches in the show building there will be shown orchard and farm machinery and supplies, sprayers, etc., as well as other products. The State home demonstration forces will be there to show how to prepare and preserve peaches and peach by-products, and the housewife may get many helpful suggestions from this booth.

Governor Morrison will officially open the show on Wednesday morning, July 30, at ten o'clock. Governor McLeod has been invited to speak on Thursday, and there will be a few others to make short talks, although the speaking program is light. Entertainment will be the strong feature. The Fifth Artillery Band from Fort Bragg will furnish the music for the occasion. The band will be accompanied to Hamlet by General A. J. Bowley and his staff. Motor trips are being planned out through the peach orchards, so the visitors may have an opportunity to see the pickers and packers at work, and get an idea of how the crop is handled.

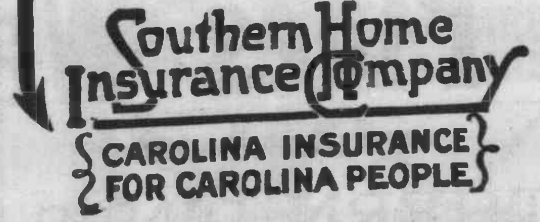
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The meeting was opened with a song, followed by a Scripture lesson read by Mrs. W. J. Cameron. A short business session was then held. A report from the treasurer was made and plans for future work discussed. Letters were written to Mrs. S. R. Smith, chairman of the Circle, and Mrs. Ed. Thompson, who were absent on account of illness. At the conclusion of the business session a social hour was greatly enjoyed. An interesting musical contest was given and the first prize, dainty handkerchiefs, was won by Mrs. W. D. Matthews and Mrs. C. L. Tyson. Winners of the second prize were Mrs. Vaughn Byrd and Mrs. Alsie Thompson.

Mrs. Gaddy of Cameron was guest of honor. The hostess was assisted by Misses Katherine Graham and Louise Leslie in serving delicious refreshments, consisting of lemonade, ice cream and cake.

Mrs. W. B. Graham invited the Circle to hold its August meeting with her, which was accepted.—Contributed. bjjjja-pjse.ah taoin etaoin shrdl etet

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