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PORT TERMINALS IMPORTANT ISSUE

Vote On Nov. 4 Will Determine
Whether North Carolina
Shall Establish Water-
way System or Not

Port Terminals and Water Transportation is a new question in North Carolina and because it is new some people are honestly in doubt about it. The only state with an ocean or lake front and without port terminals is North Carolina. Every other state with a chance at water rate competition has one or more public port terminals open on an equal footing to the commerce of the world—had to have such terminals to control railroad rates. And nobody in these states is in doubt about the wisdom of such enterprises.

There are sixty-eight public port terminals in thirty-one states, all of them established on the basis of public bond issues. All are self-financing and self-supporting, some are also paying interest and sinking fund charges, and others are earning enough in harbor fees to pay for expansion as port traffic increases. The older the public port is the better chance it has to pay its own way and to pay off the bonds that built it.

Our state highway system is already on a self-financing basis and nobody is bothering about our highway bonds. A state water transportation system can be put on the same self-supporting basis. If not, then we are stupider than the people of thirty-one other states. North Carolina has shown the rest of the states the way in public highway finance. She now has a chance to show them her ability in public water transportation finance.

Once upon a time many timid people wanted no bonds in millions for public roads in North Carolina. Now nobody is in doubt about the matter. Everybody is on the band wagon today. It may be that the same story will be told a few years hence about a state system of water transportation in North Carolina.

Thirteen hundred miles of navigable river ways and 1500 miles of navigable sounds but no public port terminals and no water rate competition to regulate railway freights. That is the situation in North Carolina at present.

Does the most progressive state in the union hesitate because the question is new, hesitate while thirty-one other states get the jump on us?

A referendum vote for public port terminals in Maine in 1919 carried by a majority of four to one. A referendum vote in Alabama in 1923 authorized ten million dollars in bonds for public port terminals.

These are the last two of the thirty-one states to establish public port terminals.

North Carolina has waked up about everything else and nobody doubts it. Is she in a Rip Van Winkle state in public port terminals and water transportation?

The vote on the Port Terminals Bill will answer this question on November 4.

Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson as Governor

For several years a Mohammedan Indian woman, the Begam of Bhopal, has served as governor of one of the states of India. Recently, for the first time in the history of America, a woman has been nominated as Governor of a state. The distinction of achieving this victory belongs to the Democratic Party, which is progressively generous in its attitude toward women.

The honored person, in this instance, is Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson, of the great Commonwealth of Texas. She announces a program of independence for her regime: one that shall be stamped by her individuality, especially along sociological lines. Her interest centers largely in prison reform and in the welfare generally of women and children.

Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson is a mother and grandmother. She is described as being educated and refined, industrious and sensible, prudent and thorough in business methods. Her election to the exalted office of Governor of a powerful state means a distinct advancement for the

To Conduct Revival Here



DR. JOHN E. WHITE

DR. JOHN E. WHITE CONDUCT REVIVAL

Services Will Begin Monday,
Oct. 6 At 7:30 P. M. And
Will Continue For
Ten Days

IS FORMER JOHNSTONIAN

Dr. John E. White, noted son of Johnston county, will conduct a series of revival meetings with the Smithfield Baptist Church beginning October 6. He is rated in "Who's Who in America" among the great preachers of the South.

Dr. White's father was principal of the Clayton Academy for many years, where many leading men of Johnston county were prepared for college, and his mother was the daughter of Rev. John F. Ellington, who for a generation was pastor of the Baptist churches of Bethesda, Baptist Center and Johnston-Liberty. He married Miss Effie L. Guest, who was born near Wilson's Mills.

For fifteen years Dr. White was pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Atlanta, the largest and strongest Baptist church in the city. For the last nine years he has been in Anderson, S. C., where he is pastor of a church of about 2,000 members, which leads all the Baptist churches in the Southeastern States in gifts to Foreign Missions, with an annual contribution of \$40,000. During his stay in Anderson he has built Anderson College, of which he is the president, a college which has taken rank among the best colleges for women in the South. As a preacher and orator and educator he ranks among the outstanding men of the Southern Baptist Convention. His coming back to Johnston county for ten days will be an event of interest to a wide section of country around Smithfield.

12 INCH RAINFALL AT BEAUFORT

Beaufort, Sept. 17.—The heaviest rainfall ever recorded at Beaufort took place here last night, according to U. S. Weather Observer Charles Hatsell. From 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon to 6 o'clock this morning it rained incessantly and a total of 12 inches fell. The highest figure before this in one day was 5 inches, which happened last year. Some damage was done by the rain, sidewalks in several places were undermined and the east end of Front street for about 50 yards was also badly damaged. In some places in the town the water stood three feet deep.

A good many small boats filled with water and sank. The wind was north east, but did not blow hard enough to hurt anything. There were a number of washouts on the county roads and the railroad. No mail from the west has arrived here so far today.

Miss Mary Pruden will spend this week end in Clayton with friends.

Mrs. E. S. Lassiter of near Four Oaks, was in the city yesterday.

woman's cause; not only in America, but in all lands.—Fornightly Bulletin.

COLLEGES IN N. C. ARE NOW OPENING

College Enrollments Show In
Most Instances Record
Breaking Registrations

SOME NEW IMPROVEMENTS

The colleges of the state have been opening during the past two or three weeks and almost without exception the enrollments have been the largest in the history of the colleges. Improvements have been made in many instances, and even then the capacity of the educational institutional institutions are taxed to accommodate the large number of young men and women who seek higher educational advantages. The following clippings from the State papers in regard to the opening of some of the schools will bear out this statement.

N. C. C. W.

An increase of approximately 200 over the freshman class registration of last year was noted at North Carolina college Wednesday when the number of first year girls who had arrived since Monday was found to reach a total of a little less than 700. It is expected that this increase will be paralleled in proportion by the numbers of upper class girls returning today, making the registration for the entire school about 1,700. The new girls are getting settled in their unaccustomed surroundings and the majority interviewed expressed a desire to begin the routine work of their college life immediately. Classes for the freshmen will start on Friday.

Meredith College

Raleigh, Sept. 12.—With a registration of 371 students for regular college work Meredith college faculty and students, together with many friends of the institution assembled this morning at 10:30 for the formal opening with Dr. A. Paul Bagby, pastor of the Baptist church of Wake Forest as chief speaker. The above registration does not include the 135 children in the normal music department under Mrs. W. J. Ferrell, nor does it include the large number of town students registering for the special course in music under Dr. Dingley Brown, director of the music department of the college.

N. C. University

Chapel Hill, Sept. 16.—One thousand and 25 students matriculated at the opening of the 131st session of the University of North Carolina today and another thousand more are expected to register tomorrow and the number may go beyond 2,200 before the end of the week. Today's enrollment broke all previous records for the first day.

Registrations showed an increase in all departments. The machinery of registration was set in motion in the Memorial hall early this morning and all day long queues of students passed in and out of the building, selecting courses, filling in blanks, paying fees and consulting advisers.

Wake Forest College

Wake Forest, Sept. 16.—Despite continual rain, approximately 400 students registered at Wake Forest college today upon the occasion of the first day of the 18th session, breaking all records. Registration will continue tomorrow. Three hundred freshmen and a total enrollment of 700 is indicated.

State College

Raleigh, Sept. 17.—With an enrollment of freshmen in excess of 500, indicating it stated, a total enrollment of about 1,500, North Carolina State College opened its 36th session here today. Registration will continue through tomorrow and classes will commence on Friday.

St. Mary's

The formal opening of St. Mary's in Raleigh, was held yesterday.

Substantial improvements have been made in buildings and grounds. The faculty has been strengthened by the coming of a number of teachers with an established record of success. The enrollment this year is expected to reach about 185, with the completion of registration today. The new students arrived yesterday, and

Sold Her Baby on Installment Plan



Mrs. Agnes Mack, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is held with Erwin Dathe, (both shown above) the man to whom she sold her 10-months-old baby for \$300, fifty dollars of which was paid down, and the balance to follow in installments. The mother tearfully admits she wants her baby back.

COWAN'S WIDOW MAY BE MAYOR

Wilmington, Sept. 17.—Mrs. Katharine Mayo Cowan, widow of the late Mayor James H. Cowan, will probably be named to succeed her husband as chief executive of Wilmington.

While members of the commission have not definitely stated that Mrs. Cowan will be appointed, they are known to favor such procedure.

Under the law, the two surviving members of the board may fill the vacancy either by the elevation of one of their own number or by the appointment of any qualified voter of the city.

The mayor's office pays a salary of \$5,000 a year and the term is four years. The new appointee will serve out the term of Mayor Cowan, which will expire in 1925.

Fire Starts From Exhaust Pipe

The Ford car of Mr. W. J. Stanley, of Wilson's Mills, caught fire here Wednesday morning, after he drove into town. The rear seat of the car was loaded with tobacco which he had brought to market, and it was said that the tobacco caught fire from the exhaust pipe. The blaze was soon extinguished and little damage done.

THE PROPER WORD

"James, have you whispered today without permission?"

"Only wunst."

"Leroy, should James have said wunst?"

"No'm; he should have said twit."

the former students will come in today.

Davidson College

Davidson, Sept. 11.—The 81st annual session of Davidson college opened here today with over 600 students enrolled, the largest number in the history of the Presbyterian institution. Registration began Tuesday and today saw the entire campus crowded. The freshman class is the largest, its enrollment exceeding by far a third of the total student body.

Several changes have been made on the campus since commencement last spring. Physical improvements have taken place on the campus and in the village of Davidson as well. The construction of the new Chambers hall has gotten under way with the south wing almost complete. This building is valued at \$600,000 and will be used as the central administration building.

TOBACCO HERE FROM FAR AND NEAR

Paved roads and good highways serve to enlarge the scope of territory for the Smithfield tobacco market. Farmers from Alamance County, four miles of Burlington, and from Timmons-ville, S. C., sold tobacco here yesterday. More than a dozen counties, including Durham, Wake, Sampson, Greene, Wilson and Wayne, were represented on the market here yesterday.

JOHNSTON CO. CLUB GIRLS IN CONTEST

Two Teams Will Enter Clothing
And Jelly-making Contests
At Goldsboro On
Sept. 27th

WINNER GOES STATE FAIR

The District Contest of Club Girls in Home Demonstration work from seven counties including Johnston will be held in Goldsboro on September 27. Johnston County will send two teams, one to compete in the clothing demonstration and one in jelly-making. Misses Daisy Creech and Pauline Barnes of the Creech school section will give a demonstration in the selection and care of shoes. These young ladies completed in canning at Fayetteville last year and won first prize. Misses Janie Edwards of the Creech school section, and Sallie Herring of Selma will enter the jelly-making contest. They won second place in the demonstration at Fayetteville a year ago.

Other counties comprising this district are Edgecombe, Nash, Sampson, Cumberland, Duplin and Wayne. The meeting in Goldsboro will be held at the court house and will begin at ten o'clock.

Forty-five minutes will be allowed in each subject. At these group meetings the following demonstrations to be given: Breads, conservation of food; Jelly-making; Clothing; and Poultry. The team making the highest score in each subject will represent the Eastern District at the State Fair, competing against a team from each of the other four districts in the state.

The two girls scoring highest at the State Fair, will be given a free trip to Chicago to attend the national meeting. Last year the Eastern District won this prize, Catherine Clark of Bladen county taking the trip.

The first contest from the Eastern District will be held tomorrow, Sept. 20, at Wilmington.

Death of Palmer Cox

Palmer Cox, father of the Brownies, who delighted two generations of children with stories and drawings about his amusing elfin creations, died July 24 in his famous Brownie Castle at Granby near Quebec, Canada. When past 40, business failure drove Mr. Cox to venture to make use of his artistic talents. He became a cartoonist of mark in San Francisco and in 1876 opened a studio in New York. In casting about for a distinctive subject for his drawings, he hit upon the Brownies of the Grampian mountain folklore brought to Canada by the Scotch settlers of Granby. At once the Brownies captured the fancy of the juvenile public.

Palmer Cox wrote and illustrated 13 Brownie books and a play, "Palmer Cox's Brownies," ranging in publication date from 1887 to 1918. beside other books for children and adults including: "Squibs of California" (1875); "Hans Von Pelter's Trip to Gotham"; "How Columbus Found America"; "Queer People," "Queer People With Wings and Strings," and "Queer People With Paws and Claws" (1888).

Name Is Overlooked

In mentioning the close relatives of the late J. W. Myatt, the name of a surviving sister, Mrs. Mary P. Smith, of Willow Springs, was inadvertently overlooked in the account given in the last issue of The Herald. Mr. Myatt leaves three sisters and two brothers besides his widow and six sons and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lassiter, of South Boston, Va., spent this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lassiter, in the Spilona section.

Miss Christine Talton, of Rocky Mount, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city with relatives.

sets in the kitchen. Then a little electric motor turns the washing machine and the wringer. An electric iron, always at the right temperature, does the ironing quickly and well. There's still work on washday, but it's much easier. The drudgery is gone.

COUNTY CHOIR TO MEET AT CORINTH

Johnston County singers are getting to be quite popular. Not only will they compete in a singing contest at the Sandhill Fair in October but they have been invited to sing at the State Fair in Raleigh. Free tickets and free dinner will be given members of the choir in Raleigh. In regard to preparations for the contest at the Sandhill Fair, Mr. S. P. Honeycutt makes the following announcement:

It is requested that all singers who have been selected to sing in the Johnston County Choir at Pinehurst, meet at Corinth Church Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21, at 2:30 o'clock, and bring books. It is very important that all singers meet at this time as the songs for the occasion will be selected.

S. P. HONEYCUTT, Pres.

GOES TO COLLEGE AT THE AGE OF 65

Chapel Hill, Sept. 17.—Among the many students registered at the University of North Carolina this fall is Robert W. Winston, 62 years old and formerly Judge of the Superior Court. Upon retiring from the bench Judge Winston decided to re-enter college and is now in the junior class with all his requirements complete and is majoring in philosophy and social science work. He is also doing some magazine writing.

Judge Winston has just returned from Nantucket Island, Massachusetts, where he spent the summer with leaders of political and social workers of the country. He made several addresses while there, one of which was a discussion of the negro problem at which there were a large number of negroes present.

The former jurist told his audience that the negro in the South could never hope to have equal political and social rights with the whites and that he advocated the proposal to send 5,000,000 negroes to Brazil, for which, he said, there had been a strong bid.

ELECTRIC WASH DAY ON THE FARM

Washday on the farm has always been one of the hardest for the farm wife.

Washday meant the worst sort of drudgery for the farm wife. But within the last few years a new washday has dawned for farm women.

Electricity has come to the aid of farm women as well as to their city sisters.

Lights of course, are the first thing thought of and the first thing installed.

With light the independent electric plant has brought power, too, and perhaps its most valuable use is found on washday. Now an electric pumping system draws water from the well or cistern, puts it under pressure in a tank, and so delivers it to fau-