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GOVERNOR WINS IN ROAD BOND ISSUE

Morrison Presents His Side of the Deficit Issue; Bailey Charges Various Extravagances

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS

Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Angus Wilton McLean's first victory as Governor was scored during the week and his position as the real leader of the State considerably strengthened thereby; Josiah W. Bailey, some-time candidate for Governor, issued a statement decrying what he termed "extravagances" in the operation of the State's affairs; former Governor Cameron Morrison appeared before the finance committees to defend his "accrual" system of financing the State; expenses of legislative commissions was made public; the "bus" bill got by the Senate and went to the House with a prediction that its passage is assured; the Supreme Court told the legislators that they had no power to create "special" judges to relieve court congestion and the House Committee on Courts and Judicial Districts announced the purpose of re-districting the State with a bill creating seven additional judicial districts; these were the high spots of legislative week which was more prolific of results than any thus far in 1925.

Tam Bowie, ardent hard-surfaced roads proponent, showed himself to be as good a politician as he is a friend of good roads. Tam saw the current was set against him in the matter of a \$35,000,000 bond issue for roads. Governor McLean came out in his second message and said twenty millions for the next two years with income from gas and licenses and county and Federal aid bringing it to approximately thirty-two millions, would carry the program along and at the same time NOT endanger the State's credit. He pointed to the deficit of nine and a half millions by June 30, next, and asked for common sense, in legislation, in order that the whole future of road building might not be endangered. The logic of the Governor's stand was too much for the Bowie-Heath group and when Frank Page backed up Mr. McLean's argument, the larger bond issue advocates saw that they would have to overcome not only those who believe McLean has the right idea, but also those—and their name is legion—who have implicit confidence in Frank Page as the builder of roads; said confidence having been gained by the splendid methods he has used during five years in building the State's roads. Mr. Bowie saw the opposition growing and he capitulated rather than go down to what would have been almost certain defeat. Mr. McLean won his victory and Bowie failed to lose any of the prestige which he has gained as one of the strong figures of the General Assembly.

Former Governor Morrison presented his side of the deficit issue, made a speech that will long be remembered for its eloquence and its unusually kindly treatment of his political opponents, was given respectful attention by a large crowd and left the matter with the finance committees, who it is believed, will go ahead and carry out their original intentions of recognizing a deficit to exist and arrange for amortizing it. The chief argument against Mr. Morrison was that his administration is over. Mr. McLean is now governor, wants to figure on a cash basis, has presented in cogent terms his executive budget system for balancing the State's financial books, and is entitled to his turn at the bat without any sideline coaching by Mr. Morrison. The former governor was received by a hostile crowd that gave him credit for an excellent speech and which, though he seems to think so, has NOT misjudged his administration and which is quite willing to concede his right to criticize in a constructive manner, but not to debate to the McLean administration. The

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TO THE CITIZENS OF SMITHFIELD AND VICINITY:

In view of the fact that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce chose Johnston County and Smithfield as the place to hold the Third Annual Exposition from among a number of other cities in Eastern Carolina, it behooves the citizens of our city and surrounding vicinity to closely and collectively co-operate together to the end that the coming Exposition will be a great success, not only from the standpoint of handling the great crowds that will be our guests during the week of April 13th to 18th, but from the standpoint of the real good that it will do our county and our city, in the matter of publicity, knowledge of this section and its environs. It will help Johnston County from an industrial standpoint. In consideration of the above I am calling on all the citizens of Smithfield, especially the merchants and other business men to close the doors for about one hour Thursday night the 12th of February and come to the Court House where the matters pertaining to the Exposition will be fully discussed and where we can work out plans and methods whereby our city can entertain its guests in April. Please be on hand at 7:00 o'clock, and be there.

JOHN A. NARRON,
Mayor.

TWO AUTO THIEVES ARE APPREHENDED

Two Young Men Who Stole New Overland Car in New Bern Arrested in Princeton

Princeton, Feb. 9.—Chief Police Stevens captured two young men here Saturday morning who were driving a new Overland which was stolen in New Bern Friday. The men made a desperate effort to get away from the chief, but they were landed in the lockup. The New Bern officer came up and carried the men and car back. The car was stolen from a preacher.

Several days ago Chief Stevens captured a Ford touring car which had been out on a general raid and the driver said they had visited Raleigh, Wilson, Kenly and Goldsboro. In the car were the cash and drawer taken from some slot machine, also a quantity of mint checks and an overcoat. The young men with this car made their escape, but they are known. The car and stolen goods are being detained by Mayor Charles Holt. This car was in the possession of a young man who is well known in the vicinity 6 or 8 miles west of Smithfield, and his father is well known. The young man is still on the scout, having failed to appear at the Recorder's court last Tuesday under a 200-dollar bond in another case.

"Wonderlands of America" To Be Shown Here Thursday

Have you visited the Wonderlands of America? If not, there is a delightful evening in store for you on February 12. If so, there is a chance to live again those joyous days. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Buck who have toured America, making pictures of its wonderlands, will bring them to you on the screen. As each picture is shown, Mr. Buck will tell interesting facts concerning it. You will find this program both entertaining and educational. As you travel through Yellowstone Park, down into the Grand Canyon, along the Royal Gorge, over the Rockies and through other interesting points of the West you will see Nature in its natural colors. Those of you who recall a similar program of pictures on the Hawaiian Islands given by the 1923 Chataqua will look forward to this evening's entertainment. This entertainment is to be given under the auspices of the Senior Class of the graded school.

WOMAN'S DIVISION MEETS IN KENLY

Miss Irene Myatt Will Direct Pageant Put On By Johnston County Towns

WOMEN ARE ON JOB

(By Mrs. W. T. Martin)
Benson, Feb. 9.—The Woman's Division of Johnston County met in Kenly Wednesday afternoon of last week at three o'clock at the attractive home of Mrs. H. M. Grizzard to outline a definite program and to discuss more fully the duties of the committees appointed relative to the Eastern Carolina Exposition to be held in Smithfield, April 13th to 18th. Secretary N. G. Bartlett was present and outlined to those present the duties of each committee. Mrs. H. L. Skinner, of Smithfield, the general chairman, presided over the meeting. "We know now that this Exposition is going to be a tremendous success," Mr. Bartlett said in his opening remarks, "because we have the full support of the good women of the county."

The women who make up the various committees are alive to the big job ahead of the county and they are bending every effort to the end that nothing will be left undone to make the big Show the biggest of them all. Each committee present assured the management of the Exposition all that it is intended to be.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Exposition will be the selection of the Queens. There will be two distinct contests. Each town in Johnston county will be entitled to enter a Queen, who will compete for a \$500.00 diamond ring and each town outside of Johnston County will be entitled to enter a Queen, who will compete for a \$500 diamond ring. It was agreed at this meeting that towns may use any method they may see fit for selecting their own representative. The name, however, must be in the hands of the Secretary-Manager, N. G. Bartlett, at Kinston, by noon, March 15th.

Plans for the Baby Show were discussed. Mrs. A. R. Wilson, of Selma, is chairman of this committee. This contest will be limited to Johnston County. One baby boy and one baby girl from each township in the county (17) may be entered. The ages are between 18 months and 36 months old. They must be formally entered and in the hands of the Secretary not later than noon, April 3rd. The winners in each of these two contests will be given cash prizes as follows: 1st \$25 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10. This applies to both girls and boys. They will be introduced from the platform Wednesday afternoon and voted on by those present, by ballot.

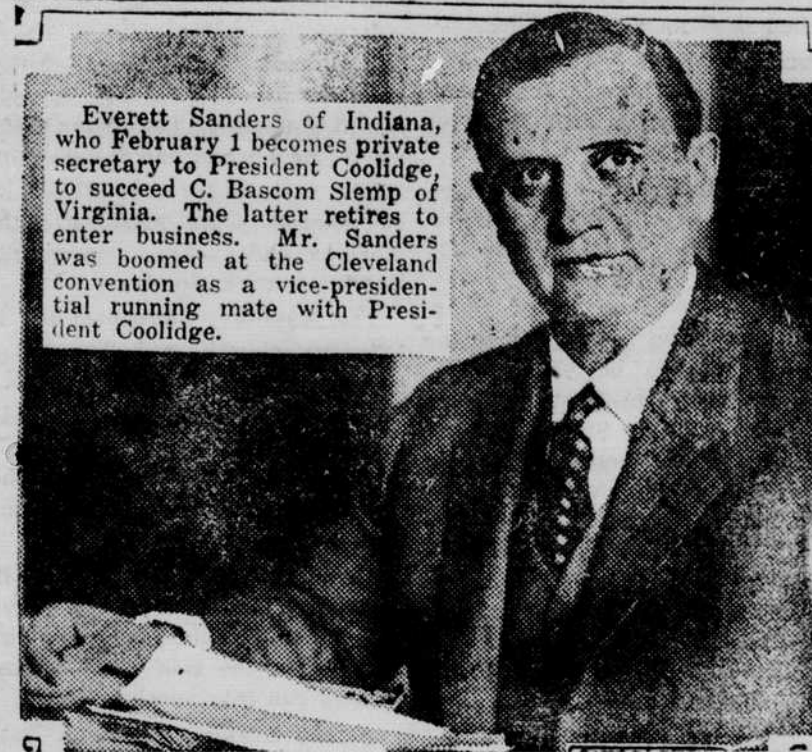
Another feature will be the Pageant, which will be under the leadership of Miss Irene Myatt, of Smithfield. The talent will be taken from Johnston county. Each town will be given a certain Episode to work up. A local committee in each town will look after working it up. Cash prize will be awarded the town putting on its Episode the best. Miss Myatt is a very talented young woman and the Pageant will work out well under her leadership.

The Smithfield Herald will begin a daily paper March 23 for four weeks to cover the Exposition news. The next meeting of the ladies' committee will be at Clayton, March 3rd. Every member of the committees is urged to attend every meeting. The Committee is indebted to Mrs. H. M. Grizzard for her charming hospitality while in Kenly. As the members arrived, they were served with hot tea and wafers by Mrs. Grizzard and Mrs. H. P. Johnson and Mrs. G. T. Whitley.

MICRO ALL STARS

DEFEAT SELMA 26-19
Micro, Feb. 6.—The Micro All Stars beat the Selmites Tuesday night at Selma by a score of 26 to 19. The game was featured by the good work of both teams. Smith, Luby, Smith, Coy, and George Barden were the scorers for Micro while Holland, W., held Richardson down to one field goal.

New Secretary to President



Everett Sanders of Indiana, who February 1 becomes private secretary to President Coolidge, to succeed C. Bascom Slemp of Virginia. The latter retires to enter business. Mr. Sanders was boomed at the Cleveland convention as a vice-presidential running mate with President Coolidge.

MR. MARROW SPEAKS TO KIWANIS CLUB

Smithfield Joins The Shenandoah System of Town Decorating; Sponsored By Club

(By Geo. Y. Ragsdale)

In a meeting featured by an informal talk by Kiwanian H. B. Marrow on the County school system in Johnston, the welcoming of five new members, and the announcement that Kiwanis had put over the Shenandoah system of decorating for Smithfield the Club of Kiwanis International held its first February meeting last Thursday night. In all there were 33 members present to enjoy the meeting and to eat the ham, scrambled eggs, egg bread, potato chips, hot rolls and lemon custard served by the Woman's Club.

Kiwanian Marrow's talk was very informal, but full of valuable information relative to the rural school system now employed in this county. He told of the methods now used, the number of teachers employed, how they were selected and apportioned to the various schools, why and how the trucks were used, and of the great saving in money for the county, and the better results now being obtained as a result of consolidation. He also gave some illuminating side-lights as to how many of the citizens of the county tried to evade the special taxes. This was the feature of the evening.

Kiwanian Walter W. Jordan made the announcement that the local Club sponsoring the Shenandoah system of town decorating, had secured a sufficient number of merchants to warrant the installation of the system. He outlined the plan as follows: There is to be an American flag placed at intervals of 25 feet on the main business streets of the town. These flags are to be placed in holders, laid in the sidewalks, the holders being inside the curbing some 18 inches. The staffs are 12 feet high and the flags four by six feet. This system has been successfully employed by a number of the largest cities and towns in this and other states, and has proved to be very satisfactory, and most economical.

The Club welcomed as new members, Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church; Johnny Flahive, cotton grader; Ira Medlin, printer; F. H. Brooks, attorney, and Willie Gaskin, Publisher.

Bills Introduced By Johnston's Representatives

By Mr. Lucas: a bill to be entitled an act to make the county board of Education of Johnston county elective by the voters of said county and to provide that the county board of education of Johnston county shall appoint the county superintendents of schools.

By Mr. Lucas: a bill to be entitled an act to submit any further issue of bonds in any town of Johnston county to a vote of the qualified voters of such town.

By Mr. Batten: a bill to be entitled an act placing Mrs. Martha Price, of Johnston county, on the Pension Roll.

Evangelist Ham May Come To Smithfield

The public and especially the official members of the churches of Smithfield are asked to be present at a meeting to be held Friday night at the Methodist church in the interest of a Union Revival for the town sometime in the near future. There has been some correspondence with Evangelist Ham, well known in North Carolina because of successful meetings, he has conducted and discussion and plans relative to inviting him to come to Smithfield will feature the program of the evening. This meeting will take the place of the Layman's prayer-meeting which has been held on Friday evenings for some time.

Hay and Feedstuffs Burned Friday Night

Fire was discovered last Friday night about eleven o'clock in the storage warehouse at the rear of Turnage and Talton's store. The night policeman turned in the alarm and the fire company was soon on the scene. The warehouse was built of brick with tin roof and although the building was considerably damaged the flames were confined to the one warehouse. A tin covered house next to the brick building was endangered and some of the contents were slightly damaged. Both of these store-rooms were used by Turnage and Talton, hay and feedstuffs being the articles stored. This firm suffers a loss between \$1200 and \$1500 partly covered by insurance. The building belongs to Mrs. W. W. Cole.

Five Whiskey Stills Captured In County

During the past two weeks Federal officers have captured five whiskey stills and destroyed seven barrels of beer, two gallons of whiskey and about a thousand gallons of mash. Two arrests have been made.

During this time four distilling plants, several gallons of beer and some whiskey were taken in Lenoir county. One arrest was made.

Julius Fleischman Dies Suddenly

Julius Fleischman, millionaire philanthropist and president of the Fleischmann Company, said to be the largest yeast manufacturers in the world, died suddenly at Miami Beach Thursday after playing polo. He was in his fifty-third year. For several years he has spent his winters in Florida and was interested in polo maintaining a polo stable.

Meat Demonstration At Woman's Club

A demonstration in meat cuts, pork and beef, will be given at the Woman's Club room by Mr. Earl Hostetler, of the State Department, Raleigh, Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Mr. Hostetler is coming under the auspices of the home economics department of the Woman's Club of which Mrs. W. M. Sanders is chairman. All the ladies are invited.

BOULDER PINIONS A CAVE EXPLORER

Workers Still Try To Extricate Fred Collins From Imprisonment In Sand Cave

SHAFT BEING SUNK

For more than a week practically the nation has been on tip-toe concerning the rescue of Floyd Collins, who was imprisoned in a narrow passage 300 feet from the mouth of Sand Cave, Kentucky, by an 8-ton boulder on his foot. Collins had been exploring the cave and was crawling out when the cave-in of the huge subterranean rock pinioned his foot in the passageway. Unable to extricate himself, he began calling for help, but was not discovered until twenty-one hours later. Rescuers immediately set to work but owing to the lack of tools and the narrow passage little headway was gained. Numbers volunteered their services in this dangerous work, but only persons of small stature have been able to reach him.

The cave is little more than a hole-point where Collins is pinned, half erect and half in a reclining position, face upward. For twenty-four hours he was alone, the constant drip, drip, drip of the water from melting snow and ice on the surface creating a torture chamber such as was known in ages past. Collins' brothers, Marshall and Homer, carried oilcloth to the cave and put over their brother to protect him from the dripping water, say newspaper correspondents and everything possible was done to remove his body. A dispatch to the Louisville Post stated that Homer Collins offered \$500 to any reputable surgeon who would crawl into the cave, chloroform the imprisoned man and amputate his leg.

Last Thursday all communication was cut off from Collins when an uplift in the floor about forty-five feet from him sealed the entrance to the cave. Since that time it is not known whether he is alive or was crushed in this earth movement. Experienced drillers from the Kentucky Asphalt Company plant have been trying to sink a hole directly through the hillside at the point estimated to be above where Collins is pinned in. For several days it has been thought that he must have been crushed to death, died from suffocation or pneumonia brought on by exposure. Radio has been resorted to as a means of finding out if Collins is still alive and almost every day some little noise has been heard in the cave which is thought to have come from movements of Collins. Nothing definite is known, however, and meanwhile the work of sinking the shaft is slowly going on.

A special service for the entrapped explorer of caves was held at the Presbyterian church in Bowling Green Sunday morning and another service was held by the same pastor near the mouth of the cave Sunday afternoon, according to press dispatches. One night last week a message was broadcast by radio requesting every one to stop for a moment in silent prayer for the entombed man.

Several years ago Collins discovered a cave on his father's farm which has since been visited by many tourists. Collins and his father were equal owners of this cave, which is known as Crystal Cave, and he was exploring Sand Cave with a view to using it as a show place for tourists when he was entrapped. He was to have been married last week, according to reports.

Although Collins had not been able to get any food since last Wednesday, none of the men who were trying to rescue him had lost hope Sunday night of finding him alive. All day Sunday there was a steady stream of automobiles to the tragic scene. The Louisville and Nashville railroad added four coaches to the morning train and said that about 2,500 extra tickets were sold. The total number of visitors was estimated at 20,000 for the day.

When all is said and done, the most dangerous word in the English language is "yes."