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Fix Bond Issue At New Figure

School Board by Close Vote Decides $400,000 Will be Ample to Provide All Needful Buildings and Equipment

Four hundred thousand dollars will be the amount of the bond issue for better school buildings and equipment if the action of the board of trustees at a meeting held Monday night is final.

At a previous meeting the board, with some members dissenting, voted for a half million dollar bond issue. At Monday night's meeting, in an effort to get unanimity, an amendment was proposed fixing the amount of the bond issue at $400,000 and the amendment was adopted by a vote of 6 to 5, the chairman of the board casting the deciding vote.

The attitude of those voting for the amendment is thus set forth by C. O. Robinson, who voting originally for the half million dollar bond issue, last night voted that the amount be fixed at $400,000:

'It would hardly have been possible to pass a bill providing for a half million dollar bond issue at this session of the Legislature.

"If a bill providing so large an amount had been passed by the Legislature there is further serious doubt whether it would have been ratified by the people.

"A great deal can be accomplished, and more than we have ever dreamed of heretofore with $400,000. This amount, by the time we are ready to begin the actual work of construction, will do more than $500,000 at the present time."

There is a division of opinion among those who voted last night for the half million dollar issue. C. P. Brown, for instance, who is one of these, says that though he voted for the larger amount, he recognizes the cogency of some of the arguments of those who think $400,000 ample and that he has no reason to doubt the sincerity of their motives. "I am not sure," he says, "that my own views are always wisest in matters of this sort. It may be that the action taken last night was the best course that could have been pursued under the circumstances."

G. F. Seyffert, on the other hand, seems to be of the opinion that the action taken last night was a blunder and, perhaps, a serious one.

"Our plans are not definite enough, as yet," he says, "for us to know what sum we shall n[illegible]. We have estimates on plans [illegible]tted by architects, to be sure, [illegible] plans have not been [illegible] my mind they are not [illegible] Some of the class rooms [illegible] small. The auditorium has [illegible]ing capacity of only 500. No [illegible]vision is made for a new prima[illegible] building which is a veritable firetrap and where sanitary conditions are deplorable. If, when our plans are finally adopted and we come to carry them out, [illegible] that we are $50,000 short of our requirements we shall have put ourselves in an unenviable position.

"I was anxious to see this bond issue put through in a liberal, a handsome way, so as to provide for all emergencies, and then if we found we had more than we needed it would not have been necessary to expend the entire amount authorized."

The situation is thus summarized by E. F. Aydlett, chairman of the board, who cast the deciding vote:

"We had a committee appointed to look into the cost of the necessary buildings, paying off the indebtedness, adequately furnishing the new and repairing the old buildings, and buying the extra lots that will be required.

"Basing their estimate on figures submitted by the architects, the committee decided that the amount required would be $350,000 to $360,000. In the opinion of the committee this amount was ample to cover everything, including a ten thousand dollar home for the teachers.

"The board decided to let the bill [illegible]ide for a bond issue of $400,000 [illegible]er to make ample provisions [illegible]ssible emergencies. We do [illegible]o have to use as much [illegible]e time will be of[illegible] [illegible]pers of the city for publi[illegible] [illegible]hey care to publish it. It [illegible] wish that the people shall be [illegible]oroughly informed as to the contents of the bill.

"The board also passed on a second bill to be put through the Legislature at this session providing for a tax of 30 cents to maintain the schools. This with the 4 cents provided by the State levy will give us ample revenue to run the schools on. It will mean an increase of 20 or 25 per cent in the school taxes.

"The board has got the money to pay the coupons on bonds already issued and to take up the bonds which fell due in November so that the credit of the board is protected and the creditors satisfied.

"The board has heretofore been handicapped in having insufficient money to run the schools. The banks have naturally not been inclined to lend because the school revenues were not sufficient to meet the running expenses. The Savings bank has made some loans, but the National bank for the last four years has declined to do so.

"The board now feels that in a short while it will be able to escape this handicap and conduct the school in first class condition."

HARDING GETTING READY TO MOVE

And Will Receive Few Visitors Except Close Personal Friends During Remainder of Stay at Marion

Marion, Jan. 18.—The press of personal business before his departure South is engaging President-elect Harding, and few visitors except personal friends are understood to be expected here during the remainder of his stay.

There was evidence of early departure on the Southern trip today when a moving van began carrying away furniture from the Harding residence.

IN POLICE COURT

Ab Whitehurst, colored, was taxed with the costs in police court Tuesday on the charge of assault, the court holding him technically guilty. Whitehurst, it was testified, laid hands on and held Fred Steger, a white boy near his own age. Both are boys in their early teens.

Raymond Boseman and George Koch were before the recorder Monday as a result of a difficulty at the skating rink. Boseman's conduct was not pleasing to the management of the rink and Koch undertook to remove Boseman's skates. Boseman was fined $5 and half the costs and Koch was taxed with the other half of the costs.

South Carolina Has Woman Judge

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 18.—The first woman in South Carolina elected to public office is Mrs. Fannie C. Scott, elected here today to the office of judge of the probate in Greenville County. She had no opposition, succeeding a judge recently killed in an automobile accident.

The City's Opportunity

If there is one thing that Elizabeth City needs more than any other, it is a Community Club where, without regard to creed or party, without initiatory ceremonies or pledges, except to pay the dues, citizens may assemble for recreation, fraternal intercourse, and the discussion of individual and community interests. That is, Elizabeth City needs a Club which any citizen may join by signing an application, and agreeing to pay the membership fee, and a club whose money will all be spent at home.

The Community Needs Such A Club

Of inestimable benefit to our business and professional men would be a Club where, amid artistic and comfortable surroundings, they might congregate for pleasure, or for conferences with business or professional associates.

When the men of a city come into frequent contact, fraternal and social sentiments are developed. Such contacts make for a united citizenship, and it is the united town that grows most rapidly.

Again, there is nothing guests of a city and its citizens more appreciate than attractive, fully equipped Club Rooms, to which they may have free access. And no other courtesy extended such guests ever causes them to carry away a more favorable impression of a city and its people. And certainly the best and most effective publicity is that given a town by its friends.

How Bestcity May Have Such a Club

Few, if any, cities have ever had an opportunity to so easily acquire the rooms and equipment for such a club. Both are ready and scores of discriminating visitors have said that nothing better, except in size, can be found in the largest cities.

Thursday night, January 20, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association and the Moose Lodge, will meet in the Moose Club Rooms, Hinton Building, at eight o'clock sharp, for the purpose of considering the Community Club project.

If you believe Elizabeth City should have the kind of Club outlined above, come to the meeting Thursday night. This is a citizen's meeting, and, if you live in Elizabeth City, and are interested in her future, your presence is desired.

Committee:
P. G. Sawyer, Moose Club,
Edgar Stevens, Merchants Association.
A. R. Nicholson, Chamber of Commerce.

Stranger Steals From The Good Samaritans

Borrows Money and Accepts Hospitality and Then Makes Off With Jewelry

Robert, Stark, recently discharged from the Navy, is in jail here in default of the $300 bond required of him by Judge Spence in police court Monday morning.

Stark had worked for J. S. Padgett, steam heat contractor, for a while, after a former appearance in police court from which he was let off by the judge. But he got out of luck again and was borrowing from those who would lend to him and accepting the hospitality of those who were kindhearted, Mrs. Irving Pool and Ralph Pool being among the number. Sunday night he ate supper at the Pool home on Harney street. After he had gone Mrs. Harry Dewey who boards with the Pool family, missed her diamond necklace and ruby ring. Ralph Pool and Harry Dewey thought at once of the stranger. They secured a search warrant and a warrant for his arrest, found him at his room at the Y and proceeded to search the room without success. While the stranger was being taken to jail, however, he confessed that the articles were in his room and when taken back produced them from the interior of his pillow, together with a watch and pearl necklace belonging to Mrs. Pool. He was taken back to jail for the night to await his trial Monday morning.

Ralph Pool is an ex-service man himself and a newspaper guy, too, so he has a soft spot in his heart for the fellow who is down and out. But in this case the stranger who was taken in, also "took in" the good samaritans.

KILLS BIG PIG

Bruce Davis of Providence township killed six fine Poland China pigs Tuesday morning, the largest one weighing six hundred pounds. Mr. Davis is one of the progressive farmers of this county.

Would Make Wife Husband's Employe

Such Intent of Bill Introduced In Kansas House of Representatives by Woman

Topeka, Jan. 18. — Husbands would be placed on the status of employers with their wives as employes in their homes and permitted to recover damages for injuries received while performing household duties under the terms of a bill introduced into the Kansas house of representatives by one or two women members of that body.

Y. W. A. MEETING MONDAY EVENING

The Young Woman's Auxiliary of First Baptist church had its regular meeting on Monday evening at seven-thirty in the church parlors.

After the opening prayer and reading of the minutes of last meeting, the treasurer, Miss Bernice Twiddy, gave her report for the past year. Various matters of importance were discussed. The president, Miss Mary Owens, was instructed to appoint a committee to elect new officers for the year. Plans were made to raise money in order to send a delegate to the convention, which will convene at Rocky Mount in March. It was decided, since the auxiliary has chosen a foreign missionary, to have a Mission Study Class once a month, two weeks apart from the regular meeting, to meet at the homes of the members of the auxiliary.

The meeting was then turned over to the leader, Miss Annie Weatherly. A program of interesting readings and songs followed.

Balloonists Appear Before Court Today

Rockaway, Jan. 18.—Kloor, Farrell and Hinton were asked to appear today before the second day's session of the naval board of inquiry's session here to give first hand reports of the balloon flight.

Youthful Bandits Make Big Haul

Hold Up Mail Truck and Escape In Automobile With Ten Bags of Registered Mail

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Five youthful bandits held up the mail truck at the Union Station here early today, escaping in an automobile with twelve sacks of mail, ten of which contained registered mail.

The police say that from the best information obtainable it is indicated that the pouches contained part of the Federal Reserve Bank money shipment destined for the train leaving Chicago for St. Paul at two-thirty o'clock in the morning.

Postal authorities while unable to estimate the amount stolen, said that shipments to the northwest which usually go out at two-thirty average about $100,000.

INDIANS STAGE BIG CELEBRATION

Pottawatomie Tribe Holds Two Day Feast In Honor of the New Year

Mayetta, Kan., Jan. 18.—The Pottawatomie Indians recently finished a two days' dance and feast in honor of the New Year. It was a celebration which every Indian on the reservation, a mile from here, attended, and many white guests were present, for the Pottawatomie feasts are famous for their quality and excellence. Barbecued beef is one of the favorite dishes.

The reservation is twenty-five miles from Topeka, the capital of Kansas, and contains about eleven square miles of land. Approximately five hundred Indians are living there and the land is farmed. The white man's civilization has flowed around the little reservation and left it, a relic of pioneer days in Kansas. Much of the white man's civilization has, of course, been absorbed by the Pottawatomies; they all speak English, and motor cars are commonplace among the red men.

"I can remember," Mat Septa, a young Potfawatomie, said, "when the dancers and medicine men used to prophesy at our dances of how the white men would one day ride in carriages without horses, and fly through the air like birds. We used to think that was very wonderful, but we have seen it happen. Our dancers also told of how there would be a great war among the white men, in which they would cross the sea to kill one another. That was the European war. I was in France sixteen months myself with the Eighty-ninth division. A great experience. You know, what I liked about the army, you always had friends and were not lonesome. But I was glad to come home.

"Our people live softer than they used to. When I was a little boy, often they used to take us down to the bank of the creek winter mornings, and break the ice and make us jump in. That was to make us hard and strong. They don't do that any more with our boys.

"Our prophets tell of another great war that will come among the white men, and after that, they say, there will be no more war. They tell us that the white man's heart will be changed then, and that much of the land that once belonged to the Indian will be given back to him. I do not know. It is not good for my people to have too much money in their pockets, for they spend it awfully."

The Pottawatomies are proud of the fact that Charles Curtis, senior United States Senator from Kansas, is of Pottawatomie ancestry, and still count him a member of their tribe, although they do not often see him on the reservationu.

"His time is taken up in the city of the Great White Father," the Pottawatomies explain, "but his heart is friendly toward his people."

Goose Race Features Annual Poultry Show

Eighteen Actresses From Leading Musical Comedies of Broadway Holding Reins

New York, Jan. 18.—The spectacle of 18 actresses from leading musical comedies on Broadway holding the ribbon reins in a goose race will be a feature of the annual Madison Square Garden Poultry Show opening today.

The web-footed racers will be groomed after the derby for a midnight feasts for their drivers.

W. H. Gallop, of Jarvisburg, was in the city Saturday.

FRENCH BLACKS FIRE ON COSSACKS

Turn Machine Guns on Mutinous Ranks of Former Wrangel Army Who Return Fire With Fatal Effect

Constantinople, Jan. 18 (By The Associated Press) — French black troops turned their machine guns on mutinous Cossacks of Wrangel's former army encamped twenty-five miles from here Saturday night after the Cossacks had disarmed their officers.

The Russians returned the fire killing ten Senegalese and wounding 20 others and two French officers.

Swain Resolution Passes Both Houses

Passage of Swain resolution in both houses to investigate the expenditures of the State Building Commission and the State Architect, and the introduction by Representative Wolz and Senator Carpenter, asking for an appropriation of $100,000 to complete the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital for crippled children and $37,500 annually for its maintenance featured today's session of the Legislature.

Both houses passed resolutions providing for the celebration Wednesday of General Robert E. Lee's birthday.

Spanish Cabinet Decides To Resign

Paris, Jan. 18.—The Spanish cabinet has reached a decision to resign according to a Madrid dispatch received here.

Mexican Congress In Special Session

Mexico City, Jan. 18.—A call for a special session of the Mexican Congress was issued today by President Obregon.

Brazil Wants Bigger Navy

Rio De Janeiro, Dec. 25.—The Committee on Naval and Military Affairs of the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies wants a bigger navy. It has called upon the President to present to the next session of congress a program of naval construction drawn up by the general staff of the Admiralty and to be carried out for a term of years.

The reason given for this proposed increase is that it is necessary because of Brazil's new position in the world as a signatory of the Versailles Treaty and as an effective member of the League of Nations. Another reason ascribed is the necessity of defending a long coast line.

S. C. Governor Begins 2nd Term

Columbia, Jan. 18. — Governor Cooper began his second term today when he was inaugurated before a joint session of the Legislature.

The Governor's inaugural address was given over largely to education and to a review of school work in the state.

Lynching Witnesses Before Grand Jury

Jasper, Ala., Jan. 18.—Under heavy military guard six witnesses were examined today by the special grand jury inquiring into the lynching of William Baird, miner.

MADE MASON AT SIGHT

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 18.—Bishop William A. Guerry, of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, was made Mason at sight here today.

This is the first time in the history of the state that such a ceremony is known to have taken place.

BACK ON THE JOB

A. J. Armstrong is back at his his place of business at the Farm Light and Motor Company, Water street, after an illness last week.

INSTALLING SHOW CASES

The Standard Pharmacy is installing a number of new and modern show cases this week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Morrisette, a son, at their home on Burgess street Monday night.