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NORTH CAROLINA GOOD ROADS ASS'N. IS JEOPARDIZING CAUSE THEY SAY

Because Harmony Is Absolutely Essential In Order to Get Legislature to Lift North Carolina Out of the Mud, It Is Argued

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Opposition of the North Carolina Good Roads Association to Governor Morrison's county maintenance plan as outlined by him in his inaugural address is understood to have caused considerable worry among friends of a State wide system of hard surfaced highways when it became known here that the good roads association was flooding the State with letters attempting to show the fallacy of the governor's program.

With Governor Morrison championing the county maintenance plan and the North Carolina Good Roads Association giving State-wide circulation to its State maintenance friends of good roads who are wedded to no particular plan but who are anxious that North Carolina be "lifted out of the mud" express the opinion that the association is jeopardizing the cause. Unless there is harmony when the good roads advocates go before the committee of the legislature it is feared that the State will suffer since with so many conflicting views and opinions the legislators will hesitate to pass any sort of a road bill.

The good roads association from its Raleigh office, established for the session of the General Assembly, thinks little of the governor's maintenance program. Aside from being unbusiness-like the reply to Governor Morrison's inaugural address goes in the mails as follows: "Even if the plan was feasible it would only serve further to discriminate against the farmer, for the funds demanded by the State under this (Morrison's) plan for construction and maintenance would not only take all funds that might otherwise be used on county roads, but would be over-burdensome to the rural counties, and any other which may happen to be heavily in debt."

Association Fights Morrison

Governor Morrison has not learned that the association was attempting to stymede the General Assembly into State maintenance by holding the "farmer" up before the legislators. But this appeal will have weight with both Democrats and Republicans who are year in and year out, on any and all proposed legislation, estopped from taking progressive steps for fear of alienating "the farmer."

The governor, following his inauguration, said to the newspaper men that "the red herring dragged in front of the State's road program in the past was maintenance by the State." He fears that such will be the case again and therefore he is urging copy upkeep as the best substitute. State maintenance heretofore, because of its staggering cost, held North Carolina to mud roads because it was feared the State could not bear the brunt of taxes. Governor Morrison offers "county maintenance" in the hope of getting legislation that will provide a State-wide system of hard surfaced highways.

Frankly the situation at the present time does not appear the brightest. However, if the warring factions will come together it is altogether probable that a constructive program of legislation will be passed by the General Assembly.

To Retain Welfare Officer

Legislators familiar with the work being done by the Department of Public Welfare declare that the bill introduced by Senator Nash to abolish the department will not pass in either branch of the General Assembly.

It is admitted that there is a disposition on the part of some of the members to vote for the Nash bill although they will be prevented from so doing because it is not apparent how the provisions of the compulsory attendance law and the child labor law will be enforced in the event the office is abolished. A number of counties have asked for the abolition of the county officers by the introduction of bills and it is not likely they will meet with opposition, although the Nash bill will hardly go through since it is State-wide.

Governor Morrison, asked as to his opinion of the State department, said that while the office had only been in existence two years, he was convinced that it should be retained. Supporting the Governor are the women through the North Carolina Legislative Council of Women. The women are urging that the depart-

CITY CHURCHES

Blackwell Memorial Baptist
 Sunday School 9:30 a. m., E. F. Aydtlett, Superintendent.
 Preaching 11:00 a. m. by the pastor, Dr. George W. Clarke. Subject: "A Separate People."
 Junior B. Y. P. U. at 1:15 p. m., Senior Union at 6:30 p. m.
 Preaching 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Subject: "Evangelism"
 The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Christ Church
 Rev. George F. Hill, rector.
 Septuagesima Sunday
 Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
 Evening prayer and sermon 7:30 p. m.
 You are cordially invited to attend these services.

City Road Methodist
 Rev. H. E. Myers, pastor.
 Sunday School 9:30 a. m., G. F. Seyffert, superintendent.
 Morning worship 11:00, sermon by the pastor, subject "Bartering the Best."
 Evening worship and praise 7:30, sermon subject "Successful but Unhappy." Epworth League meets happy.

Epworth League meets 6:45.
 Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30.
First Baptist
 Rev. H. K. Williams, pastor.
 Sunday School at 9:30 A. M., S. G. Scott, Superintendent.
 Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. The morning theme: "The Young Man Who Could not Stand the Test." The night theme: "The Certainty of Punishment."

The Crusaders meet at six-thirty Sunday evening. The B. Y. P. U. meets at six-forty-five Sunday evening. The mid-week prayer meeting is on Wednesday evening at seven-thirty.
 The public is most cordially invited to attend all these services.

Cann Memorial Presbyterian
 The pastor, Rev. William McMiller, Jr., will conduct services at Cann Memorial Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and evening.
 The subject for the morning service will be "Birth of the Universe." In the evening the pastor will use as his subject, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"
 The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Calvary Baptist
 At three o'clock Sunday afternoon Sunday school will be held at Calvary Chapel on Riverside Drive.
 In the evening at seven-thirty the pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall, will conduct the service.
 A cordial invitation is extended to every one.

First Methodist
 The First Methodist church, South, extends a cordial welcome to all worshippers tomorrow who desire to attend the various religious services. At nine-thirty a. m. the Sunday school convenes, at six forty-five p. m. the Epworth League will conduct a young people's meeting, and at the usual hours for morning and evening worship, the minister, Rev. J. M. Ormond, will preach and the choir will have suitable music.

POLICE KILL FOUR
 Madrid, Jan. 22.—Barcelona reports indicate a continuance of sanguinary encounters between police-men and syndicalists. The police killed four syndicalists yesterday when they attempted to escape while being taken to jail.

FATHER MANNIX ARRESTED
 London, Jan. 22.—The Daily Mail says that Father Mannix, cousin of Archbishop Mannix, of Australia, has been arrested in the County of Cork.

ment be maintained.
 Governor Morrison is back in his office after a day's trip to Charlotte, where he presided over the meeting which was addressed by members of the American College of Surgeons.

The Governor is now busy with his first message to the Legislature, which will likely be delivered Monday or Tuesday.

Ole Brer 'Possum Moved To Bestcity

He and His Spouse Were Greatly Enjoying Town Life When Rudely Interrupted

Ole Brer Possum and ole Sis Possum decided last fall to move to town. They had evolved quite beyond the wild ways of their kin and neighbors and they really had sense just like folks. They didn't think much of living in a hole in the ground or just beating around the bushes for a living, so they picked out a nice juniper tree which was just next door to a lovely persimmon tree in J. L. Pendleton's yard on Morgan street and there they built themselves a really up to date 'possum home. Mr. Pendleton who knows a lot about the out doors and the "creeturs" admits that he had never seen such a classy 'possum home in all his wanderings.

Early Saturday morning though came Mr. and Mrs. Possum's un-lucky hour. Tom Cartwright, who also lives on Morgan street, discovered the visitors from the swamp, called to Mr. Pendleton and pretty soon Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Pendleton, and all the feminine inhabitants on Morgan street were on hand to catch the 'possums. The gentlemen went up the tree and got the 'possums in a bag, while the ladies aided and abetted, and some of them almost wept because it really did seem a shame to disturb 'possums who had so much sense.

And now Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Morgan urge that in advertising Bestcity the Chamber of Commerce may safely and sanely declare that it has all the advantages of town and country, and that sportsmen may find the most thrilling sport and the most delectable game right in the town limits.

All season Mr. Pendleton had been missing persimmons off his tree and now he knows why those 'possums were so fat.
 The 'possums were awarded to Mr. Morgan by right of discovery and there'll be some feast at his house tonight, they say, with 'possum and taters as the chief items on the bill of fare.

ALKRAMA TODAY

Henry Lehrman, whose latest Associated First National comedy, "Wet and Warmer" will be seen at the Alkrama today, had a variegated although swift moving career, before he came to occupy his present position of recognized leader in comedy film production.

Mr. Lehrman was born in a small village in the eastern part of France. Practically all of his education, however, was received in Vienna, where he attended school for several years. Immediately after leaving school, he took a short whirl at the European music halls with several different vaudeville acts.

Tiring of the life, Mr. Lehrman abandoned the stage, as he supposed, for all time, and entered the glass business. Representing this glass concern, he came to America, and had been here but a short time when he again fell before the lure of the stage, this time the pictures. He first joined forces with the old Biograph company, and from there went to Keystone, as director. He left the Keystone company to help organize the "L-K-O" comedies, and then, in 1917, with William Fox, he organized the "Lehrman Sunshine Comedies."

Mr. Lehrman now has his own producing company, making pictures for Associated First National, the first of which was the comedy sensation, "The Twilight Baby."
 The present offering, "Wet and Warmer," is said to live up in every way to Mr. Lehrman's established reputation for producing distinctive comedies.

Last episode of Ruth Roland, "The Hidden Treasure."

IN POLICE COURT

M. R. Fletcher was fined \$5 and costs for simple assault and \$5 and costs for being drunk in police court Saturday.

Lloyd Crank was fined \$25 and costs for operating an automobile without license. Lee Overman was fined \$50 and costs for the same offense, there being two cases against him. Both Crank and Overman noted appeals.

CROUCH-LANE

Joseph Lewis Crouch, of Rock-hall, Md., and Mrs. Mabel Lane, of Goldsboro, were married at about ten o'clock Friday morning by Rev. H. K. Williams at his residence on West Main street.

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LUDWIG MARTENS SAILS FOR SWEDEN

Deported By Department of Labor as Undesirable Alien After Two Years Effort to Gain Recognition

New York, Jan. 22.—Nearly two years' effort by Ludwig Martens to gain recognition by the United States as ambassador of the Russian Soviet government ended today with his departure for Sweden.

The Department of Labor deported him as an undesirable alien.

Getting Ready For State-Wide Debate

Schools All Over North Caro- lina Getting Ready to Argue About Collective Bargaining

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 21.—High schools all over North Carolina are joining the high school debating union and are preparing for the ninth annual state-wide debate in March. Thus far 224 schools have already announced their intention of participating, according to E. R. Rankin, secretary of the union, and others are expected to join in the next few weeks.

The debate will center on the question of collective bargaining. "If any cynic feels that our school students are not interested in urgent problems of the times," said one of the leading newspapers of the state editorially, "he should consider the dauntless manner in which our public school pupils are addressing themselves to a discussion of this over-shadowing question."

The actual query reads: "Resolved, That the policy of collective bargaining through trade unions should prevail in American industry." An interpretation of the query says that "it is understood that this query affirms that in these main lines of American industry, viz., mining, manufacturing, building and transportation, it should be the policy of employers to recognize trade unions and to make collective bargains with their employees through accredited representatives of the trade unions."

All high schools in the state are eligible for the contest. As in former years the schools will have two teams, and each school will debate two other schools. Those winning both preliminary debates will send their teams to the university for the eliminatory rounds, and the last two teams will contest for the state championship and the Aycock Memorial Cup.

If the small towns of North Carolina, towns with less than 2,500 inhabitants, want to survive and grow, they must do one of two things, according to Roy M. Brown, of Watanga County, speaking before the North Carolina Club, which is this year studying the state from an urban and industrial point of view. These small towns must either move forward into the class of manufacturing centers, which a few of them have been able to do; or they must by community effort become attractive local trade, high school, and residence center.

Mr. Brown cited figures showing that the small towns of North Carolina were not only not increasing in population, but that 93 of them in the past decade actually dwindled in size and 40 of them surrendered their charters of incorporation and quietly faded from the map, disappeared, lay down and died.

He thinks the same fate is coming to others unless they do something to prevent. Country people leaving their farms do not stop in these little towns, he said, unless they are especially attracted to them and see in them a chance for themselves and their children. They jump over them and go to the larger cities.

"Here is the great place for chambers of commerce or other community bodies," said Mr. Brown. "Membership and activities of such bodies should extend throughout the trade area of the town. In predominantly rural counties the chambers should be county-wide."

Hog Island Builds Very Last Vessel

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—Hog Island today sent its last vessel, the army transport Ainsie, on a trial run and with this vessel's delivery to the Emergency Fleet Corporation next week, shipbuilding at the big plant will cease.

Invite Coolidge Speak In Raleigh

North Carolina Legislature Extends Invitation — Bill Introduced To Make Women Eligible As Jurors

Raleigh, Jan. 22.—Both branches of the Legislature today passed the resolution offered by Senator Cox, of Randolph, inviting Calvin Coolidge, Vice President-elect, to address a joint session of the General Assembly.

CANT DISCUSS DISARMAMENT NOW

Elihu Root Tells House Com- mittee Must Wait Until Harding and His Secretary of State Are In Office

Washington, Jan. 22.—Total or partial disarmament should not be discussed by the United States with any other nations, pending the change of administration on March 4, Elihu Root, who helped to form the International Court of Arbitration under the League of Nations, declared today.

In a letter to Chairman Bazler, of the House naval committee Root said that the precise method of procedure ought to be determined after and not before Harding and his Secretary of State had had opportunity to inform themselves, and reach conclusions as to the way affording the best prospects of success.

Root also declared it was his belief that steps should be taken promptly after the new administration is established to bring about a general agreement for disarmament.

John Barclay's Home Raided For Liquor

John Barclay was placed under a \$500 bond for appearance at the next term of Federal Court by United States Commissioner Wilson Saturday for violation of the Federal prohibition laws. Barclay was already under a \$150 bond as a result of a raid made some weeks ago upon his shop on Matthews street. Mr. Barclay was before the Commissioner Saturday as the result of a raid made on his residence on Church street about half past ten o'clock Saturday morning.

A warrant for the search of the residence was sworn out by Deputy Collector Ferebee, issued by United States Commissioner Wilson and put in the hands of Deputy Marshal Williams. Mr. Ferebee and Chief Holmes proceeded then immediately to the house while Captain Williams went to Barclay's shop to advise him of the search warrant. After seeing Mr. Barclay and being told that he would be ready shortly to go, Captain Williams said that he would go on and Barclay should come on later. Mr. Barclay rode his bicycle, however, and, arriving at the house ahead of Williams, went at once inside under the eyes of the officers on guard. Shortly afterwards, they attacked, they heard the noise of breaking bottles on the inside and on going in the house after the arrival of Captain Williams, discovered fifteen or twenty broken bottles in the bath room and the smell of liquor strong in the air.

The hearing before Commissioner Wilson followed.

LENINE REALLY ILL

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.—Lenine, Bolshevik premier, is ill and has been ordered to take a long rest, says a Helsingfors dispatch. Rumors of Lenine's illness have been current for some time.

OPPOSITION PARTY PREPARES ITS DEMANDS

Tokio, Jan. 22.—Immediate evacuation of Siberia, universal suffrage and insistence upon Japan's rights in California were demanded today at a general meeting of the opposition party preparatory to the opening of the Japanese diet.

This invitation was ordered sent direct to Mr. Coolidge when it was learned that he with Mrs. Coolidge would spend the winter in Asheville. The date is left open and will depend upon the Vice President-elect's pleasure.

The Vice President-elect and party are expected to reach the State January thirtieth, and if he accepts the invitation of the Legislature, he will speak here soon after that date.

Senator Jones, of Edgecombe, today introduced a bill providing for women to sit on juries but not making it compulsory. The bill makes the women eligible for jury duty upon the same basis as men, but their objection to serving will always be considered.

Both Houses after passing several local measures adjourned until Monday night at eight o'clock.

OBREGON SAYS PAY INDEMNITIES

Although Does Not Believe Mexico Should Be Obligated to Do So, Recommends Follow- ing the Existing Laws

Mexico City, Jan. 22.—Recommendations that the Mexican government's indemnities for damages sustained by individuals and companies during the revolutionary period in this country will be made to the Mexican congress by President Obregon.

Obregon stated personally today that he did not believe the government should be obliged to pay such indemnities, but as the Mexican laws already enacted favored such payments, he felt bound to submit recommendations to that effect.

British Submarine Lost On Thursday

This Class of Boat Carries Six Officers and Fifty Men—All Are Lost

London, Jan. 22.—The British submarine commanded by John Gaines was lost with all hands Thursday at the approach to the English Channel, the admiralty announced today.

A full complement of officers and men was aboard. The number is not given, but submarines of this class carry six officers and fifty men. The cause of the disaster is unknown.

The vessel was the latest type of British submarine, 335 feet long. The disaster occurred while the submarine was practicing with four others. She submerged and never rose to the surface again.

PRINCESS IMPROVES

Brussels, Jan. 22.—Princess Charlotte, of Belgium, who has been seriously ill, improved today and is believed to be out of immediate danger.

BACK FROM WASHINGTON

Solicitor J. C. B. Ehringhaus returned Saturday from Washington, where he was one of the speakers at the Kiwanis Club banquet Friday night.