

Cooke's Bridge Bill Killed in Committee

Track Clear For Morrisette Bill

Measure Would Put Total Cost Of Bridge Across Pasquotank River On Camden County And Provide Tolls From All Except Camden Residents

Representative Cooke's bill providing for a free bridge across the Pasquotank River at a cost not to exceed \$150,000, with sixty-five per cent of the cost to be borne by Pasquotank County and thirty-five per cent by Camden County, introduced on Tuesday and referred to the House Committee on Roads and Turnpikes, was killed in committee Wednesday afternoon.

This gives a clear track to Representative Morrisette's bill, introduced a day earlier and put on the House calendar Monday morning, providing a free bridge for residents of Camden County only and providing for the charging of tolls to any persons using the bridge besides bona fide residents of Camden County; and also authorizing the issuing of \$100,000 in bonds to pay the cost of constructing the bridge and for acquiring such property as may be necessary to the bridge's construction.

This situation is the outcome of a long-drawn-out fight between Representative Cooke and Representative Morrisette on the personnel of the proposed bridge commission. For a long time the deadlock was unbroken and no bill whatever was introduced looking toward a free bridge across the Pasquotank connecting the two counties.

On last Friday, however, the two representatives at last got together and agreed on the bill introduced by Representative Cooke on the following Tuesday and killed in committee yesterday afternoon.

Skirts Clear, Says Cooke
"My skirts are clear," said Mr. Cooke yesterday afternoon, apparently bitterly disappointed at the defeat of his measure.

"I introduced the bill that had been agreed upon and made the hardest fight I knew how to for it, speaking before the committee for over an hour. But Morrisette and his Camden friends, assisted by Colonel Meekins, of Elizabeth City, beat me. Now the way is open for the passage of the bill that Morrisette sneaked back up here and introduced in my absence. Unless my constituents let me know that they are anxious for me to do so, I am disposed to think that I shall not even fight it."

But Representative Morrisette tells another story. He admits that Mr. Cooke's bill as introduced was agreed upon by both representatives last Friday.

But he says that it was also understood that Mr. Cooke was to make arrangements to have the bill introduced last Saturday while the member from Pasquotank and the member from Camden were both absent and that Mr. Cooke failed to carry out this agreement, leaving Raleigh Friday without making any arrangements to have the measure introduced. Finding that Mr. Cooke had failed to have the bill introduced as agreed upon, Mr. Morrisette, considering the agreement as all off and despairing of ever being able to reach another agreement with Mr. Cooke, introduced his own mea-

sure, putting the entire cost of the bridge building upon Camden County.

Morrisette Was Conciliatory
Yesterday morning Morrisette's forces were still hopeful of compromise. They would be willing, they intimated, to drop the fight if Mr. Cooke would withdraw the name of his brother, J. E. Cooke, from the bridge commission. In the committee hearing, they say, they offered to drop the fight if Mr. Cooke would agree to put the matter of the building of the bridge in the hands of the Pasquotank Highway Commission and of the Camden Highway Commission. But Mr. Cooke stood out against any compromise whatever, holding that having once agreed to the measure as it had been introduced, Mr. Morrisette should stand by it.

Friends of Mr. Morrisette who were present at the committee hearing and who were on the train this morning blamed Mr. Cooke's uncompromising attitude and his bitter personal attacks upon Mr. Morrisette, rather than any weakness in his bill or any influence of theirs upon the committee, for Mr. Cooke's defeat.

Cooke Was Personal
Mr. Cooke charges Mr. Morrisette with being the tool of the private Camden Ferry interests. He charged in the committee hearing, it is said, that Mr. Morrisette, with C. O. Robinson's endorsement, had gone to the First & Citizens National Bank and borrowed a large sum of money when legitimate borrowers with Liberty Bond collateral were being told that the bank had no money to lend. Morrisette denied the allegation. Mr. Cooke charged Mr. Meekins with having said that he did not know whether he had any influence with Morrisette now or not; but that he used to have some when he had Morrisette under financial obligation to him.

"What you are saying is as false as what Annanias and Sapphira told the Apostle Peter," said Mr. Meekins. "I beg your pardon, I must have misunderstood you," Mr. Cooke is quoted as replying.

However, after the hearing Mr. Cooke did not seem chastened, or repentant, or convinced. "I showed up Meekins and Morrisette both," he said.

In answer to the Cooke charge that Morrisette is subservient to the interests of the Camden Bridge and Ferry Company, Morrisette points out that in so far as the point of crossing the river is concerned, his bill and the Cooke measure are practically identical, the point of crossing in each case being left to the discretion of the State Highway Commission.

Morrisette does not undertake to charge Cooke with ulterior motive on the bridge project, but says he would like to have explained Cooke's determination and insistence not only

Cooke Denies Broke Agreement

Raleigh, Feb. 17 (Special)—Representative Cooke emphatically denied today the report that his agreement with Representative Morrisette, of Camden, on the bridge bill introduced by Representative Cooke was made on the understanding that the bill would be introduced when he and Morrisette were absent.

"Positively no," said Mr. Cooke in reply to a query from The Advance correspondent.

The member from Pasquotank today introduced the bill to strengthen the State prohibition laws and put the enforcement of these laws under the office of the Attorney-General. The measure was drawn by R. L. Davis, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League.

Visits Schools Washington Co.

Mrs. Fearing Finds Splendid Work In Progress—Schools Remembered Last Lessons

Mrs. James G. Fearing has been visiting the schools in Washington County this week, organizing Safety Leagues.

Mrs. Fearing felt very much gratified to find a great many leagues already organized and doing splendid work.

The county superintendent said, too, that the very schools Mrs. Fearing visited last April are still doing the things that she suggested that they do. They have put in metal mats under their heaters, they have held clean up campaigns, and have kept up their interest and pride in these things.

At Mackeys School Mrs. Fearing found the home demonstration agent, Miss Julia Warner, and the Community Service Agent, Miss Alice McQueen, teaching Good Citizenship from the Safety League program. It was quite a coincidence that these three fine workers should meet in this way. Mrs. Fearing then told who she was and distributed new Safety League programs and literature.

on naming the Pasquotank members of the bridge commission, but also on putting on it J. E. Cooke, of Camden County, his brother.

State Highway Commission Decides
It is true that as to the point of crossing the river the two bills are practically in effect identical.

Here on this point is the wording of Morrisette's bill:

"The State Highway Commission of North Carolina is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, as soon as practicable after the ratification of this act, to choose and select a point in Camden and Pasquotank Counties respectively from which the said bridge shall connect. The said terminal point so selected shall be at the most practicable, economical and convenient place, and such selection shall be entirely within the discretion of the said State Highway Commission. The said State Highway Commission shall decide what territory is necessary and advisable to be purchased and acquired as approaches to said bridge and as terminal points for the same. The said State Highway Commission shall also decide whether it shall be necessary or advisable to acquire along with the said approaches and terminal points, any existing bridge and approaches thereto across the said Pasquotank River. The said State Highway Commission shall, after full surveys and appraisals by its engineers, decide what

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ONE OF SIXTEEN BIGGEST FIRES

New Quarters of Savings Bank & Trust Company Ranked Among January's Heaviest Losses

Raleigh, February 17—The Insurance Department of the State, will have paid into the State treasury from all sources by the end of the fiscal year a round million dollars is the estimate of Commissioner Wade. The entire force is busy now mailing out blank applications for licenses from more than 18,000 agents of the various companies, doing business in the State. Most of these are renewals, but an unusually large number of the new companies and agents are on the applicant file. The next fiscal year begins April 1st and by that date all of these 18,000 who have qualified, will have their licenses in hand signed, countersigned, and license fees received for, from the Insurance Commissioner.

The aggregate loss by fire in North Carolina for January according to reports filed with the Insurance Commissioner, was \$617,000.00. Of this loss \$16,000.00 was the total of 16 fires where the damage was \$10,000.00 and over. The heaviest of these were Raleigh, damage to Tucker Building and stock of merchandise \$60,000.00; Whitakers, Oil Factory 100,000.00; LaGrange Tobacco Warehouse and 250,000 pounds of tobacco 100,000.00; Elizabeth City, Bank Building and fixtures \$35,000.00; Greensboro heads the list in number of losses, there being four in the major class aggregating \$85,000.00. The total December fire loss was \$1,025,000.00.

The month's fires show an unusual number of negro settlement fires. These occurred twice at Newbern and Goldsboro, once each at High Point, Durham and Chapel Hill. At Mounton, High Point the thickly populated section was saved by the fire company. At Durham, "Walktown" beyond fire apparatus, was saved by a bucket brigade of Trinity College students. At Chapel Hill, the University student bucket brigade saved another negro settlement, fire starting from a lamp explosion in a negro church, entirely destroying it and an adjacent dwelling before the students got organized.

Another interesting feature in these fire loss reports for January, says Commissioner Wade, is the damage or loss of dwellings occupied by professional men of prominence. Among these are Harry Howell, Superintendent of Raleigh City Schools, Dr. Foust, President of the State Normal College, Rev. Dr. Myers, 1st Presbyterian church, Greensboro, Dr. Cheesbury, Asheville, Mrs. Vestal, Sanford. In every case, except the last, which was caused by explosion of an instantaneous heater, foul or faulty flues produced the loss. Fire prevention literature or methods evidently never interested them.

Savings Bank Says Thank You

Following is the letter received by the Fire Department this week by the Savings Bank and Trust Company:

Mr. J. B. Flora, Chief of Fire Department, Elizabeth City, N. C. Dear Sir:

We certainly appreciate the splendid and efficient work of your Department at the Fire in the Savings Bank & Trust Company building on the 23 of January, and in token of same, we herewith enclose you our check for \$100.

Respectfully yours,
H. G. KRAMER,
Vice-President and Cashier.

Teaches Kiddies To Play the Game

A Jolly Fine Game Which All All May Play And In Which All Can Win

Mrs. Martha D. Dinwiddie, Health Specialist, from the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., who has spent the last three days in the County with Superintendent M. P. Jennings, left Wednesday night for Greenville, where she will speak to the students of the East Carolina Teachers Training School.

During her stay in the county she spoke to the teachers and students in practically every white school, in part of the colored schools; also to the High School students of the Elizabeth City High School, to the students of Roanoke Institute and the State Normal.

Mrs. Dinwiddie also spoke to a parent-teachers meeting at Salem Tuesday night.

In each of her talks she emphasized the rules of the Health Game which are the following: A full bath more than once a week; Brushing the teeth at least once every day; sleeping long hours with windows open; Drinking as much milk as possible, but no coffee or tea; Eating some vegetables or fruit every day; Drinking at least four glasses of water, for very small children, up to eight glasses for grown ups, a day; Playing part of every day out of doors and a bowel movement every day.

She encouraged the children to begin at once to play the game, a game in which all can play, and a game in which all can win.

Her talks were very much appreciated every place she went.

Will Banquet Raymond Evans

Friends of Raymond Evans, Best-city's first Big Leaguer, are preparing for a delightful banquet in his honor Friday night at the Southern Hotel.

Dave Robertson will be among the distinguished guests. The committee to prepare for the banquet is made up of John Wells and Oliver Gilbert, and they expect to make the affair in every way worthy of "Snooks," the honor guest.

Caruso May Have Chance To Recover

New York, Feb. 17.—Caruso held his own during the night. While not minimizing the danger, physicians indicated that if he passed the crisis today he had a fair chance of recovery. He slept some last night and his temperature is lower than at any time since the serious heart attack Tuesday night.

Investigate Last Night's Lynching

Athens, Ga., Feb. 17.—State and county authorities today began investigating the lynching last night of John Eberhardt, negro, suspected of the murder of Mrs. Walter Lee, a white woman.

The negro was taken from the Clarke County jail here and burned at the stake near the scene of the alleged crime in Oconee County seven miles away.

SMALL FIRE TODAY

The fire company was called to the house on Perre street occupied by Elijah Franklin and owned by W. T. Love, Thursday morning at seven-thirty. They found a chimney fire and there was no damage.

Tuesday night at 10:15 the fire company was called to Pennsylvania Avenue where they found a chimney fire in the dwelling occupied by John Taylor and owned by Mrs. Mary Commander. There was no damage.

J. Raleigh Morrisette, of Philadelphia, is visiting relatives here.

CHALLENGE RIGHT REGULATE RATES

Twenty States Join In Challenging Power of Interstate Commerce Commission Under Transportation Act

Washington, Feb. 17.—Twenty states will join Wisconsin in challenging before the Supreme Court the right of the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate railroad rates under the transportation act, it was announced here today after a two days conference of the attorneys-generals of twelve states.

Took Six Sacks Registered Mail

Toledo, Feb. 17.—Sheriff Taylor and a posse have surrounded several places at Point Place six miles north of here in search of five armed bandits who early today held up three clerks in the main postoffice and escaped with six sacks of registered mail. The postmaster is unable to say what the loss involves.

TALKS PROBLEMS OVER

St. Augustine, Feb. 17.—Problems of various kinds to be solved before the inauguration were talked over today by President-elect Harding and Harry Daugherty, of Ohio, who managed his campaign for the Presidency last spring and who is expected to be Attorney-General in the new cabinet. The final make-up of the cabinet itself occupied the first place in their consultations. The only cabinet posts not yet virtually assigned are the Navy, Commerce and Labor departments.

SAYS BATTLESHIPS WON WORLD WAR

Saint Blasien Baden, Feb. 17 (By Associated Press)—Battleships won the World War and will win the future wars, is the opinion of Admiral Von Tirpitz. He declares that the submarine, owing to the peculiarities of war, was given more importance than was warranted by the facts.

SUSPEND IMMIGRATION FROM CENTRAL EUROPE

Triest, Feb. 17 (By The Associated Press)—Emigration from Central Europe to the United States has been suspended and the eastern frontiers of Italy are closed pending the cleaning up of the sanitary situation here.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

The case of Love Bros. vs. Culpepper, the first taken up at this term of court, went to the jury Wednesday and verdict was for the defendant in the sum of \$283.81.

Thursday morning the plaintiff was non-suited in the case of the Standard Manufacturing Company vs. the Raeford Power and Manufacturing Company.

The case of G. C. Jennings vs. W. H. Jennings and A. C. Bell was being tried when this newspaper went to press.

TO REORGANIZE PARTY

Washington, Feb. 17.—Re-organization of the Democratic party machinery preparatory to the Congressional campaign for 1922 and the Presidential campaign of 1924 is the topic set for discussion at a meeting here today of Chairman White and the executive members of the National Democratic Committee recently appointed.

COLLECTION FOR RED CROSS

The collection for the local Red Cross amounted to \$44.60. There were 12 dollar bills, thirteen fifty cents pieces, 59 quarters, 57 dimes, 108 nickles and 25 pennies.