

DRAINAGE ADDS WEALTH TO STATE

Reclaimed Swamp Lands in Eastern Carolina Greatly Increase in Value — Convention Comes Here Soon

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The drainage and reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands in North Carolina is one of the functions of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey; and although this Department of the State has had but a small amount of money available for this work, it has been able to accomplish some wonderful results due to the most cordial cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture and various interests in North Carolina.

The drainage work of the State readily divides itself into four heads:

1. Drainage of the swamp lands in the coastal plain region.
2. Reclamation of overflowed lands in the Piedmont region.
3. The drainage of the reclaimed lands.
4. Bringing settlers to take up these reclaimed lands in the Coastal Plain Region.

1. Drainage of Swamp Lands in the Coastal Plain region: There are now approximately 600,000 acres of land that formerly was swamp acres valued at from 25¢ to \$2 as a maximum per acre, and was not listed at more than an average of 50¢ per acre. These lands are now worth from \$50 to \$100 or more per acre. As stated by Congressman John H. Small in a recent address — "I presume it is a fair statement to make that the market value upon an average, of these lands today is \$50 an acre, and 700 times 600,000 acres is \$39,000,000; so that there has been added to the assets of the State lands which heretofore were not worth more than \$600,000 or certainly \$1,200,000, which are now worth at least \$30,000,000. Any public movement which can set forth to the people of the State an increment to economic wealth of our people to that extent is entitled to the favorable consideration of the people of North Carolina." This reclamation of the swamp lands is one of the most successful accomplishments of the Survey, and it can be justly proud of adding this large asset to the State.

The Drainage Law, which has made this work possible, has been the model for drainage legislation in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

2. Reclamation of Overflowed Lands in the Piedmont section: The same law governing the drainage of the swamp lands of the Coastal Plain is applicable to the reclamation of the overflowed lands of the Piedmont section. Here again the Survey has been very successful in assisting in the organization and carrying through of drainage districts. Many acres in these Piedmont counties have been reclaimed and brought into cultivation, and these lands have become a valuable asset to the State, where formerly they were practically non-productive.

3. The Drainage of the Reclaimed Lands: The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has given a great deal of attention to this phase of reclamation work and, through special engineers, has given instruction and assistance to the owners of these reclaimed lands in tilling them and making them more productive.

4. Bringing Settlers to take up these Reclaimed Lands in the Coastal Plain Region: One of the large problems that now confronts the

NEW MANDATE NOTES SENT TO FOUR NATIONS

Washington, April 6.—New notes on mandates have been sent by the American government to Japan, England, France and Italy. The State Department today refused to discuss the documents but it was learned that they are broad enough to cover all American rights growing out of the war.

PAINT DEMONSTRATION AT CULPEPPER HARDWARE

Culpepper Hardware Company advertises in today's paper an interesting paint demonstration at their store tomorrow. These demonstrations are being given all over the country by the B. F. S. paint people during Clean Up and Paint Up Week.

NEW ARRIVALS

The very newest things in Sport Skirts and Silk Sweaters—just received. We want you to see them. M. Leigh Sheep Co.

Twilight League Stepping Lively

Diamond Is Getting In Shape, Three Teams Are Practicing and First Game Is April 18

The 1921 Twilight League is stepping lively and home town baseball this season is going to eclipse the last two seasons, which is going some.

Working is being done on the diamond to get it ready for the season's games. The three teams, the Elks, the Cubs and the Red Men, are practicing and the season's schedule starts off with the first game on April 18.

Cubs Will Play Edenton Friday

The Elizabeth City Cubs will journey to Edenton Friday afternoon to play the Edenton ball club.

The Cubs was the only Elizabeth City team, without help from other teams, to defeat the strong Edenton nine last year, and did it on the Edenton grounds. They are determined to turn the trick again Friday.

EXPECT MANNING TO TESTIFY TODAY

Covington, Ga., April 6.—The state's case against John S. Williams, charged with the murder of negro farm hands, reached the stage of examination of witnesses today and Clyde Manning, negro farm boss, was expected to be one of the first to testify of alleged peonage conditions on the Williams farm and the series of crimes attributed to Williams.

FACTORY OWNERS DECLARE LOCKOUT

London, April 6.—A lockout has been declared by factory owners of Turin, an important Italian industrial center, and troops have occupied the factories, according to a Central News dispatch from Rome.

CAME ON MOTORCYCLE TO BE MARRIED HERE

Tony Amarina and Miss Curtis Bell Dowe, both of Norfolk, were married here Tuesday morning by Justice of the Peace T. B. Wilson. They came to Elizabeth City on a motorcycle.

CHORAL PRACTICE EVERY AFTERNOON AT 4:45

The Elizabeth City Choral Society is practicing every afternoon at 4:45 at the Y for the coming opera which is to be the biggest musical event in the life of Bestley.

The date will be announced soon so that everybody in the surrounding counties may come to this really splendid affair.

CARON-VALKMAN

Nathan Caron, prominent farmer of the Berea section, and Mrs. Matilda Valkman, of Currituck County, were married at ten o'clock Wednesday morning by Dr. G. W. Clarke at his home on Burgess street. The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. Hilma Wagner, Miss Julia Wagner and Miss Theonia Valkman, all of Currituck.

JOHN H. BEALE DEAD

The funeral of John H. Beale was conducted Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Dr. G. W. Clarke in the Odd Fellows Hall, corner Road and Fearing streets. The Odd Fellows were in charge of the service. Interment was made in the Episcopal Cemetery.

Mr. Beale died Tuesday night at ten o'clock at the Chubby Home at the age of 73. He was a native of Camden County and a member of Sawyer's Creek Baptist church. Several years ago he was paralyzed and becoming more and more helpless went to the County Home to spend his last days. He had been there about two years. For two days before his death he was entirely unconscious.

CARTWRIGHT-STEVENSON

Charlie Cartwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cartwright, of Weeksville, and Miss Mollie Stevenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stevenson, of Weeksville, were married at the home of the register of deeds on North Road street Saturday night by Rev. H. E. Myers.

SILK SWEATERS AND SPORT SKIRTS

We have just received a large assortment of the very newest things in Silk Sweaters and Sport Skirts. These garments are very much in demand and are in high favor at all fashion centers. Come in and look them over. M. Leigh Sheep Co.



FRANK E. McCRAHY

Singing evangelist, fine chorus director, sweet soloist and untiring personal worker, who comes to direct the singing at the meeting to begin at the First Baptist Church on April 17. Dr. Aubrey Williams, of Richmond, will do the preaching.

South Mills and Manteo Debate Here

Friday Night at High School and at Blackwell Memorial Church—Public Invited

South Mills and Manteo will debate here Friday night, one debate being held in the high school auditorium at 7:30 and the other at Blackwell Memorial church at the same hour.

Two teams from each school will come over and decide on neutral ground which team will go to Chapel Hill. The other school in the triangle pulled out and left it up to Manteo and South Mills.

The public is cordially invited to attend these debates Friday night. The South Mills teams are: Negative, Frank Mullen and Jack Burnham; affirmative, Wiley Burnham and Lenwood Gregory.

Curtis Berry returned Saturday from Manteo, where he went to assist in the music with trap drum at the County School Commencement.

HELP FARMERS TO MARKET CROPS

Says Secretary Wallace In Address Today—Also Urges Farmers Must Look After Business End of Farming

Chicago, April 6.—The Department of Agriculture should lend the same aid to farmers in marketing their crops as it does in their production, Secretary Wallace declared today in an address before the Farmers' Grain Marketing Committee. The nation cannot hope to maintain its agriculture on a sound basis, he said, unless farmers give attention to the business end of farming.

MYRON HERRICK ACCEPTS FRENCH AMBASSADORSHIP

Washington, April 6.—Myron Herrick has decided to accept the appointment as American ambassador to France, which place he filled under Taft. He will go to France in the early summer.

A WHIRLWIND FINISH IN SIGHT

Now is the time to work hard and get as many subscriptions as possible before April 16th. After then it will be too late. There will be in this campaign as in all others, members who after the campaign closes will say, "I wish I had worked just a little bit harder, it would have meant so much if I had." Don't be one of this class, you have two weeks left and extra added effort during the remainder of the time may be just what it would take to put you over the top. Every member of the club has told the club manager that he or she intended to make this the banner week and a whirlwind finish is in sight.

Many a race has been lost on the home stretch. Over-confidence has been the cause of many a battle being lost, and the chances are that if you are one who feels that you have enough votes to win without making a strong finish, it may be well for you to look to your laurels, for every indication points to a strong finish.

WHICH PRIZE WILL I WIN?

The Paige Touring Car, the Ford Sedan, or one of the District Prizes?

The above question no doubt is utmost in the minds of the club members and it will be answered best by those who strive hardest during the remaining time. It is the all important question in the minds of the friends and boosters of each member and after weeks of hard work it is a most timely thought and will be fully answered by the results obtained between now and April 16th. The disappointment of your friends will be keener than your own, for they are expecting you to win after such loyal help. Bury this one thing deep in your mind—that it is very essential that you make every minute count during the few remaining days.

School Bond Election Friday

Elizabeth City Men and Women Will On That Day Take Their Stand For Education of Boys and Girls

Friday is a red letter day on the calendar whether it so happens to be marked there or not.

For on Friday of this week—get the date—April the 8th, nineteen hundred and twenty-one, Elizabeth City men and women are going to vote for the \$400,000 school bond issue that will make possible the opportunity for an education to every boy and girl in Elizabeth City.

TRANSPORT MEN SUPPORT MINERS

Decision Is Unanimous Today to Join In Strike Which Seriously Affects Life In Great Britain

London, April 6.—Decision to support the British miners in their strike was reached by the Transport Workers Federation today by a unanimous vote.

The transport workers decided to meet with the National Union of Railwaymen's delegates and the Miners Union for the purpose of securing action on the strike by the triple alliance.

The executive body of the Miners' Union this afternoon accepted the government's proposal that miners' delegates meet representatives of owners and government for re-opening negotiations with a view to settlement of the coal strike.

Clyde Manning On Witness Stand

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After Department of Justice investigators described the stockade where Williams is alleged to have kept the negroes locked up at night, Manning testified regarding the death of Lindsey Peterson.

He declared Peterson and Willie Preston were chained together to a hundred pounds of rock and tossed into the Yellow River from Allens Bridge. Williams drove the automobile and helped the bound negroes out of the car. The witness said he and Charlie Chisholm were ordered by Williams to throw the negroes in the river.

FRENCH RECEIVE NOTE FROM HUGHES

Political Editor of Echo De Paris Says Means America Declines to Recognize Any Decision of Allies

Paris, April 6.—A note of considerable length from Secretary Hughes was received at the French foreign office today bearing the date of April 4th and affirming the rights of the United States in all settlements arising from the world war.

It is understood that an identical note was sent to the Italian and British governments.

The political editor of the Echo De Paris, who apparently had access to the note, declares that he considers that it means that America declines to recognize any decision of the Allies in the Treaty of Versailles or the League of Nations.

It is learned in official circles that the communication bears principally upon the action of the League of Nations Council last December in approving mandates including the Japanese mandate over the North Pacific islands, including Yap; but it also outlines the policy of the Harding administration regarding questions arising from the war and declares the approval of the United States to be necessary for final settlement.

The disposition to recognize the justice of the American claim was indicated in official circles.

Mrs. J. H. Humphlett is improving after an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk.

The polls will be open from six-thirty in the morning until six-thirty in the evening.

Voting will be a simple matter. The ballots are marked "For School Bonds" and "Against School Bonds." Surely everybody will choose the ballot "For School Bonds." Then it is an easy matter to drop it in the ballot box to help swell the majority.

There are two poll holders at each polling place and one at each place is a woman. This will make it easier and more pleasant for the women voters and everybody knows that the women stand for the education of their children.

The Polling Places

Following are the polling places:
First Ward—Godfrey's store.
Second Ward—Store on Harney back of Williams' store on Parsonage street.
Third Ward—Whitehurst's store on Fearing street.
Fourth Ward—City Market.

The Poll Holders

Following are the poll holders:
First Ward—L. R. Foreman, Mrs. A. B. Houtz.
Second Ward—E. M. Stevens, Mrs. M. E. Trueblood.
Third Ward—John Wells, Miss Marcie Albertson.
Fourth Ward—J. C. Spence, Mrs. Bessie Stewart.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALLED FOR MAY 10

The municipal election has been called for May 10th. At this time the board of aldermen and mayor will be elected. Cooke's trustee bill will be voted on, and other matters of municipal concern.

The school election, which is entirely separate and apart from everything else, is this week, April 8th, Friday, and at that time everybody who sincerely believes in the future of the boys and girls of Elizabeth City and wants to give them a chance, will vote for the school bond issue of \$400,000.

WILSON HAS HANDSOME NEW COUNTRY HOME

Philadelphia, April 6.—Woodrow Wilson will have a handsome country home near Princeton, New Jersey, it was learned today. A Philadelphia architect has been working on the plans since last November.

McCLEES-CARTWRIGHT

Carl McClees, of Norfolk, and Miss Lena Cartwright, of Elizabeth City, were married Sunday at Norfolk and left on a wedding tour South. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Enoch Cartwright, West Fearing street. The groom is employed at Pender's Grocery in Norfolk, and the couple will make Norfolk their home.

EASTER DANCE TONIGHT

The postponed Easter Dance of the Carmina Cotillion Club will be given tonight in the Masonic Hall. Music will be furnished by Mike Special's Versatile Sextette Orchestra, of Norfolk. Club members are asked to get their tickets from the Apothecary Shop.

ATTENDING COUNCIL

Rev. G. F. Hill, W. G. Galtner, W. P. Skinner, F. G. Jacobs, E. R. Conger are attending the Episcopal Council at Edenton.