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## Will Appeal Decision Of Corporation Commission

### City Council Decides Not To Accept Ruling Raising Local Sewer Rate Without Legal Battle Before Superior Court — Edgar Williams May Lose License

The City Council will appeal to Superior Court from the decision of the North Carolina Corporation Commission to increase the sewer rate at Elizabeth City from \$1.00 to \$1.50 a month. A motion was passed at the regular meeting of the Council Monday night directing City Attorney Leigh to serve immediate notice of such an appeal upon the utility companies.

City Manager Ferebee was authorized to offer George F. Wright fifty dollars for furnishing a sanitary concrete vault type toilet to the city in accordance with the State specifications. Mr. Wright had presented a bill to the Council in the amount of \$144, in which was included the expense of manufacturing special steel molds for the toilet vaults. At the March meeting of Council, a motion was passed authorizing the payment of the bill, provided the molds were turned over to the city. This Mr. Wright refused to do, pointing out that he held the patents on them. The fifty dollar allowance was made Monday night on the basis of the approximate cost of the materials used, the labor involved, and the expense of preparing wood molds of proper dimensions.

Following a request from Chief of Police Holmes, a motion was passed directing the light company to place an electric light at the jail at such location that it will shine both upon the jail yard and the adjacent street. A proffered contract from the Norfolk Southern Railroad, allowing \$100.00 toward the drainage of the so-called "mosquito lake" on Pennsylvania Avenue was rejected, and the railroad was ordered to remove the pond upon its property.

Dr. Zenas Fearing, City Health Officer, reported that two specimens of city water had been tested during March, and that no colon bacilli had been found in either sample.

A motion was passed changing the meeting hour of the Council from 7.30 to eight o'clock.

C. Edgar Williams was ordered to appear before the Council on April 10 at 8 p. m. to show cause why his jitney license should not be rescinded. It was the sense of the Council that William's license had been upheld in Superior Court because he had not been required to appear before its members to show cause as indicated.

A suggested change of the stop law requiring motor vehicles to come to a complete stop at the intersection of Church and streets, and make such stop at the crossing of Lawrence-Ehringhaus streets and Road, made by Councilman Williams, was tabled. The members of the Council were notified of a meeting of the Utilities Committee to be held at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

## SLAIN WOMAN'S HUSBAND TAKEN

### Mercer Insists That He Has Not Been To Ocean View In Several Years

Baltimore, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Edward T. Mercer, husband of Mrs. Ruth Mercer, whose mutilated body was found Sunday on the beach at Ocean View, Va., was arrested here this morning on a warrant charging him with his wife's murder.

The accused was found in bed at the Buddie Club. He declared insistently that he had not been at Ocean View in three or four years.

## IN OTHER WORDS IT'S JUST POLITICS

Washington, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Recent dismissal of officials of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by the President involved no desire to reflect upon the character of any Government employee, said Secretary Christian today.

## NOTED ACTRESS VERY ILL

New York, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Miss Rose Cochran, one of the most noted actresses of the English speaking stage, is critically ill here, it was announced this morning.

## UNSELFISH AID HIS FIRST AIM

### Thus Dr. John Saliba Characterizes Ideal Physician In Banquet Address Thursday

A fine philosophic discourse on the physician's relation to his fellow man is contained in Dr. John Saliba's address before the doctors of the First Councillor's District, delivered at a banquet at the Southern Hotel Thursday night. Excluding the remarks complimentary to other speakers of the evening, the speech of Dr. Saliba, who is president of the Pasquotank-Camden-Dare Medical Society, was as follows:

"Society is born of the action and interaction of social forces. These social forces come into existence through the play of mind on mind, character on character, will on will. To produce them it was necessary to get men to live and work together. 'Man likes the company of his fellow men. His mind is shaped for the pleasures and the profits of intercourse; he is marvelously responsive, not only to thoughts and feelings but to suggestions; and he is imitative. His nature feeds on social companionship, and the lonely savage is moved to ecstasy when he dances and sings and acts with a multitude of his fellows. This is natural; it is a sign of progress, a sign of enlarging sympathies and a growing mind.

"Each individual is sometimes inclined to work only in the interest of himself or his group. Sometimes his aim is intensely and naturally selfish. In the general struggle for the means of livelihood there obtain all kinds of individual competition.

"The human passions, desires and interests which form the energy of society are continually in conflict. When the primal wants of the individual are satisfied new wants arise. When men are sure of their bread and butter they begin to struggle among themselves for jam.

"The interests of men often work at cross purposes, and sometimes to no purpose, clashing against one another in a way that would end in common ruin if there were no means of harnessing their energies.

"These facts which apply to society in general apply also to the medical profession in particular. Our first and chief aim and interest in our profession is service to our fellow men. No nobler aim could be conceived or put to practice.

"By means of our County, District and State Medical Societies we harness our energies, and by the interaction of our forces we bring strength, equilibrium and stability to our profession.

"Man is a social outcome and not a social unit. The social acts of an individual are his because they are first society's; otherwise he would not have learned them, nor have had any tendency to do them. A person born in the woods and deprived of the companionship and influence of his fellow men would have no language, but would grow to mew like a cat, bark like a dog, bray like an ass and mimic like a monkey.

"Similarly a physician is the outcome of the medical profession and not a unit of it. Everything that he knows about disease and its treatment is learned, copied and assimilated from his fellow physicians—past and present.

"A physician cannot help being part of the medical profession, even when he ranges himself against his fellow practitioners."

## Million Dollar Oil Fire Raging Unchecked

Sapulpa, Okla., April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Fire fighters are making no appreciable headway today toward control of the last of three blazing oil storage tanks of the Sapulpa Refining Company. Destruction of the entire refinery, valued at a million dollars, is momentarily expected.

## Champion's Newest Trophy



Winter sportsmen, fishing for tarpon and other big fish in Florida waters, look with envy upon Charles Thompson, of Miami, considered by many the champion fisherman of the world. Photo shows him with his latest catch, a great hammer-head shark.

## Lecturing Prince



For the first time in history the son of a reigning monarch becomes a public lecturer. This is Prince William of Sweden lecturing at Denmark on his experiences as an African game hunter. He is also a poet and explorer.

## SHOT IN ARMS OF ANOTHER'S WIFE

### Lieutenant Colonel In Aviation Corps Meets Death In Fashionable Residence

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Lieutenant Colonel Paul W. Bee, attached to the Fort Sill aviation section, was shot to death at the fashionable residence of Jean P. Day, widely known oil operator today. The latter is being held pending an investigation.

According to the statement of R. W. Dick, Day returned home after escorting home guests his wife had entertained. He found Mrs. Day struggling in the arms of Colonel Bee. Day is president of the Four-some Producing and Refining Company. Bee was one of the first four aviators of the United States army and a widower.

## Bomb Kills Three

Budapest, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Three were killed and thirty were injured by a bomb explosion at a business men's banquet today.

## Four Cars Derailed

Savannah, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Four cars of the Seaboard Air Line Florida Limited were derailed at Ford, Georgia, today. Nobody was seriously hurt.

## BOYS, A DAUGHTER

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Daniels Saturday, a little daughter, Martha Ella.

## UNION OFFICIALS GREATLY PLEASED

### Hail Reported Acceptance Of Strikers' Demands As First Break In Ranks

New York, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Strike leaders announced today that the Anthracite Miners' General Policies Committee will meet here tomorrow to act on the reported offer of several independent producers to grant the strikers their nineteen demands immediately, if they would return to work.

The acceptance of these offers is hailed by the union as the first break in the ranks of the operators, and may result in negotiations for separate contracts and reopening of the mines, according to union officials.

## One Mine Working

New York, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—C. J. Golden, president of District Nine, Shamokin, Penna., says that at least one anthracite mine in the country is operating, regardless of the strike, at Locust Gap, Penna., in the Philadelphia and Reading mine, where for three months thirty men have been digging frantically in search of a miner, Stanley Quliski, who disappeared under an avalanche of hard coal last January.

## Miners Leaving Country

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 4 (By The Associated Press)—The fourth day of the coal strike in the anthracite fields found many of the 150,000 striking miners seeking employment in local industries, and others are preparing to leave for their old homes in foreign countries, each departing train carrying its quota who withdrew their savings from the bank, saying that they never expected to return.

## Lewis Claims 100 Per Cent

Washington, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—The miners strike in all union districts, both anthracite and bituminous, is 100 per cent effective, John L. Lewis, miners' president, declared after going over reports of union leaders today.

## Henderson To Succeed Edward R. Shaughnessy

Washington, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—President Harding will send to the Senate soon the nomination of Paul Henderson, of Chicago, to be second assistant postmaster general, it was learned definitely at the White House today. Henderson, a son-in-law of Chairman Madden, of the House Appropriations Committee, is to succeed Edward R. Shaughnessy, who died of injuries in the Knickerbocker disaster.

## OUT CAMPAIGNING

Wanchese, April 4 (Special)—Melvin R. Daniels, a promising young man of this place who has entered the race for the nomination for election to the office of sheriff of Dare County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held on Saturday, June 3rd, was at Manteo Friday night on business.

## BENJAMIN BOSSE DEAD

Evansville, Ind., April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Benjamin Bosse, mayor and Democratic state chairman, died of pneumonia here today.

## Weeksville Folks Want Traffic Cop On Again

### Question Is Whether The Highway Commission Should Or Shouldn't Employ Such Officer—Committee Will Ask Advice Of State Attorney General On The Matter

The County Highway Commission faces a dilemma in the matter of police protection of traffic on the Weeksville paved road. Action was taken by the County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners at their March meetings to discontinue the employment of a traffic officer on the road, beginning April 1st, and nothing was done at the meeting of either Board Monday to alter the situation. Officer George Smith, mounted policeman on the road was relieved of duty last Saturday, and there is now no regular traffic officer on it.

People living at points in lower Pasquotank County have registered a vigorous unofficial protest against the removal of police protection on the road. The matter was taken up at the regular meeting of the Pasquotank Highway Commission Tuesday morning, and a committee made up of Chairman Houtz and Commissioners Morris and Foreman was appointed to confer with the State Attorney General for advice as to the properly authorized body to employ such an officer.

Section 14 of Chapter 126 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, 1915, under which the Pasquotank Highway Commission was created, specifically provides that "The Highway Commission shall have full power to prescribe rules and regulations governing the use of any public road within Pasquotank County, and any violation of such rules and regulations shall be a misdemeanor." Nothing is said of the responsibility of the Commission to provide police authority for the enforcement of the regulations, and Chairman Houtz of that body declares that, in his opinion, the Highway Commission is not burdened with that responsibility.

"The money collected from taxpayers in the County," Mr. Houtz says further, "and entrusted to us for road work, is specifically for the construction, maintenance and improvement of the roads. I do not believe that we have the right to spend a part of it for traffic protection." As a further basis for his contention, Mr. Houtz quotes section 2600 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, which deals with the enforcement of traffic legislation, and provides that the officers empowered to arrest violators include: "Every police officer, marshal, deputy marshal, watchman of any incorporated village or city, every sheriff, and all other lawful officers of every county, and every constable of any township."

Commissioner J. J. Morris, of Weeksville, insists that it is necessary to put a traffic officer on the Weeksville road. "We are spending money," he says, "to safeguard the lives of our cattle by eradicating the cattle fever tick. I thoroughly approve of this work, and have supported it from the beginning. We are spending money, too, to protect our hogs from the dangers of cholera and other diseases. I think this is a good thing.

"If we have found it advisable to expend our money for the conservation and protection of dumb brutes, why should we hesitate to make the relatively small monthly outlay necessary to give reasonable assurance of protection to our wives, our children and ourselves, when we use the paved roads of the County? Are human lives worth less than those of hogs and cattle? As the situation stands, reckless automobile speed fiends, drunk likely as not, are free to go tearing down the Weeksville road, menacing life, limb and property, knowing that they will not be arrested.

"A traffic cop is not put on a road primarily for the arrests that he will make. He is placed there as a deterrent to speeders. His value lies in the number of accidents, and of violations of the law, that his presence prevents. Those inclined to disregard the traffic laws will drive far more conservatively if they know that they may be arrested and required to pay a fine if they are caught speeding. As the situation stands now, it is positively unsafe for a woman or child to drive upon the Weeksville road. If we can spend \$750,000 for improved highways in Pasquotank County, surely we can afford to spend a small additional sum to make those roads safe."

There has been some agitation of a move to have the County Commissioners, the City Council and the Pasquotank Highway Commission defray each a third of the cost of

## PLANS FOR OPENING TONIGHT ARE READY

### Dress Up Week Displays, A Street Parade, Band Concerts And Dance Features

Elizabeth City's Dress Up Week parade will begin tonight at seven o'clock at the corner of Main and Martin streets. Thence it will proceed down Martin to Burgess, up Burgess to Road, down Road to Main, out West Main to Perse, thence to Church, down Church to Road, out Road to Shepard to Front, then to Church, and down Martin to the starting point. The equipment and apparatus of Elizabeth City Fire Company No. 1, the firemen in full regalia, the band, and many local automobiles will be included in the parade.

At half past seven the fire siren will be sounded, officially opening Dress Up Week. Simultaneously the curtains will be drawn from the display windows of the stores, the doors of each establishment will be thrown open, and the public will be invited to inspect the beautiful assortments of reasonable merchandise of all kinds. Twenty-minute band concerts will be given at the corner of Martin and Main streets, Water and Main, Matthews and Poindexter, and in front of the Bradford place on Main street.

M. P. Gallop will put on a Loose-wiles demonstration of Sunshine biscuits tonight, and will serve Wine-cream to visitors at his store. Pender's Grocery announces a National Biscuit Company demonstration for Saturday. Among other special features for Tuesday night will be the giving away of a \$25.00 suit of clothes by D. Walter Harris, a silk umbrella and two Earl & Wilson shirts by McCabe & Grice, a concert by Flatt's orchestra at Week's & Sawyer's. Finneb's band at T. T. Turner & Co., free white enameled broom holders Tuesday night and through the week at the M. G. Morrisette & Company furniture store, a guessing contest at Selig's to run until Saturday, another at the Savings Bank & Trust Company, and other special celebration features to be announced later.

Tuesday morning many of the windows of downtown merchants had already been curtained off, and the mysterious work of decoration was going on full blast. Preparations were being made for the roping off of Main street between Martin and Water at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon and generally the city was beginning to assume the holiday air of Dress Up Week.

The street dance, with Flatt's orchestra to provide the music will be given at 9.30 tonight on the block from Mitchell's corner to Woolworth's Five and Ten Cent store. This block will be roped off for the dance. Much interest has already been shown in this feature of the celebration, which will be a genuine novelty at Elizabeth City, though similar dances have been held with great success in other cities.

## JAPS CLASH WITH CHITA GOVERNMENT

Tokio, April 4 (By The Associated Press)—Special Vladivostok dispatches report a clash between Japanese and forces of the Chita Government near Spassk, following a Japanese demand to disarm. Eighty Chita soldiers are reported killed.

maintaining a traffic officer on the County roads. It is suggested that such an officer would be available a part of the time for service on the streets of the city, hence the Council is included to pay a third of the expense. No official action, however, has been taken on the plan by either of the three boards.

The Pasquotank Highway Commission passed a motion Tuesday for the appointment of a board of arbitration to pass upon a claim for damages preferred by C. H. Sawyer, of Durants Neck, in the amount of \$200 for the death of a horse, alleged to have died as the result of injuries sustained in a collision with a Highway Commission truck.