

WOULD REMODEL COUNTY ROAD LAW

Representative Cohoon Would Also Establish Experimental Farm For Section

A change in the County road law whereby the County could be relieved of the expense of digging and keeping open lead ditches crossing the public roads by draining farm lands and taking over the construction and maintenance of the bridges crossing such ditches, and whereby the public roads in the County not a part of the State system would be maintained by letting contracts for the maintenance of certain stretches of such roads to the lowest bidder is the first half of the legislative program of T. F. Cohoon, who leaves Elizabeth City next week for Raleigh to represent Pasquotank in the House of Representatives during the approaching session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

The other half is to establish in Pasquotank an experimental farm for this section "to give the farm demonstration agent an opportunity to demonstrate something" and at the same time to raise pure-blooded breeding stock for distribution among the farmers of the section.

"I do not know that I shall be able to carry out either half or any part of my program," says Mr. Cohoon, "but if I am permitted to do so I believe that with the first half of it I can start something that will greatly reduce the maintenance cost of the County roads; and with the second half of it, something that will not only improve farming methods and crop yields throughout the section but that will also wipe out about livestock and poultry in this section within five years.

As to his road program, Mr. Cohoon explains that the present system of maintaining the roads is expensive and unsatisfactory, because when work needs to be done it needs to be done everywhere at once and the County can not afford to keep a force of men that could cover the whole County. Under the system that he proposes every contractor would be responsible for only a comparatively short stretch of road and this he could work when and as often as it needed it.

Mr. Cohoon goes on to say that one of the most expensive items in the present system of road maintenance is the matter of ditching and one of the most unsatisfactory is the matter of maintenance of road bridges over farm drainage ditches. The reason, he explains, is that the County maintains the ditches and the farmers whose land is drained are supposed to maintain the bridges. The farmers, he says, fail to live up to their part of the bargain; while the ditching imposes on the County an expense which should be borne by the farmer whose land is drained.

Mr. Cohoon is himself a practical farmer, operating at the present time a farm near the Fairground on which he carries out his own theories of progressive farming. He has been a pioneer in introducing pure-bred livestock and poultry in this section and has lately put on his farm a grandson of Emperor 19th, the bull that recently died on the State experiment farm at Raleigh. He also has at the present time a hog on his farm that at the age of nine months will dress 300 pounds, he believes.

"Most farmers in this section," says Mr. Cohoon, "feed a hog two years in produce 200 pounds of pork. Imagine the advantage and the saving of getting the same result in nine months. And I am not talking of impossibilities. What I have done is achieved in eight months as a regular thing in Wisconsin. It is all a question of careful breeding and balanced feeding.

Farmers in this section, however, will never grasp this fact by having it told to them. They are talked to death already and the money spent on farm institutes and such things goes a handful of farmers' lips to speech after speech is largely wasted. The farmers have got to see it. What I want is a chance to show them."

Mr. Cohoon is able to put his ideas in a bill for passage by the State Legislature and is able to get them through both houses of the General Assembly. The experimental farm which he established here would be located in livestock, in the section of the County near the Fairground.

Kidnapped Child Promptly Returned

Detroit, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Eight year old Mary Giovannelli, kidnapped eight days ago and held for \$20,000 ransom, was returned home less than twelve hours after her father, a banker, reported her disappearance. Although police were stationed at the home, the man drove within half a block, put the girl out his automobile, and directed her to "hurry home and don't be afraid of the dark." The child was unharmed.

ROTARIANS TO STAGE MINSTREL SHOW SOON

The first minstrel show under the auspices of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club will be presented here on the nights of January 29 and 30.

The production will be under the direction of the Harry Miller Production Co., of New York and promises to eclipse any minstrel previously seen in this city. The proceeds of these shows will be donated to charity by the Rotary Club. Rehearsals will doubtless begin in about two weeks after the proper talent has been signed up by the committee in charge.

BORAH DROPS AMENDMENT

Washington, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Senator Borah withdrew his amendment which provided for an international parity when assured that the President had already taken the proper steps toward such action.

The Orphan's Dream Scores Great Success

"The Orphan's Dream," a Christmas play given under the supervision of Mrs. Larry E. Skinner at Blackwell Memorial annex Friday evening scored a great success, both because it was very creditably given and also because of the elaborate electrical scenic effects, the work of Wm. J. Overman.

The annex was darkened and the stage showed a night effect with the stars of Bethlehem and myriads of smaller stars twinkling in the sky. Little Evelyn Pritchard took the part of the orphan with Miss Nellie Hastings as the mother, Miss Aurilla Strahl as the queen of fairies, Misses Marguerite Parsons, Amber Holloman, Jessie Williams, Estelle Silverthorn, Lucile Poag, Mary Louise Skinner as the angels. Little Miss Renne Williams led the fairies in their procession to and fro.

The play was so impressive that when it came to a close the audience was spellbound and instead of applause there was a silence even more eloquent than the many warm words of appreciation given Mrs. Skinner and her helpers when the entertainment was over.

IN POLICE COURT

Ernest Pendleton, colored, charged with assault, was taxed with the costs in police court Saturday.

from one-half to one-third the time now taken under the feeding methods and with the scrub stock in vogue in the section. One does not have to go to Wisconsin for proof of it. It is being demonstrated every year on the Foreman Stock Farm right here in Pasquotank."

Some attention is paid to livestock, Mr. Cohoon admits, at all State agricultural experimental stations. But what he claims is a "new idea in North Carolina" is his proposal to produce this pure-bred stock for use among the farmers of the section. He would have the experiment farm here exchange the pure-bred stock produced on it for the scrub stock on the farms. It is by this scheme that he claims it would be possible to wipe out scrub stock in the section within five years.

Included among the features which Mr. Cohoon seeks to embody in the experiment station would be a model dairy to encourage scientific dairying, now in its infancy here; and a model farm home. Not only the best methods of cultivating such crops as are now grown here would be demonstrated but also experiments would be made toward the introduction of new crops.

"For instance," says Mr. Cohoon enthusiastically, "soil experts tell us that our black peaty lands in this County and section are very similar to the best celery lands in the United States. Suppose celery could be added to our list of truck crops!"

Mr. Cohoon's idea is that all experimental work could be carried on in the town of the County near the Fairground.

Woman Miser Is Frozen To Death

New York, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The police placed a guard around the Bronx home of Mrs. Miheeta Marsh, seventy, when they learned that the woman whose frozen body was discovered last night had kept thousands of dollars worth of jewels in a secret panel. Medical examiners said the woman had been dead from three to five days. The water pipes had burst and the floors were covered with ice.

Bonar Law Hopes French Will Agree

London, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—It was announced today at official quarters that Premier Bonar Law will take to the Paris conference the premiers' complete plan upon which the British cabinet passed judgment in the hope of obtaining French agreement for final settlement of the reparations problem.

TWO STEAMERS LOST IT IS GREATLY FEARED

New York, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Gales continue to whip the Atlantic coast and fear is expressed for two steamers, the freighter Bretonia, and the Heinrich Kayser. Neither have been heard of since December 12.

WILL PREACH AT EPWORTH

Rev. E. L. Stack will preach at Epworth church at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

FUNERAL MRS. SIMPSON

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Simpson of the Four Forks section was conducted at the home Friday at 2 o'clock by Rev. E. L. Stack and interment was made at Halls Creek.

HARRIS-CARTWRIGHT

Rufus Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Harris, and Miss Hazel Cartwright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cartwright, both of Weeksville, were married Saturday at 11 o'clock by Rev. E. L. Stack at his home on Ehringhaus street.

EMORY HOSPITAL WARD IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Atlanta, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—An occupied ward of Emory Hospital at Emory University was slightly damaged by fire last night. All available Atlanta equipment was on the scene.

Winecream Features New Year Special

The Winecream Company is featuring a special New Year's hick for Sunday and New Year's today.

F. A. Wineke, of Baltimore, founder of the Winecream Company, is in the city again for some time, and he is brim full of plans for the future of the company. His son, Sam W. Wineke, will leave in a few days for a special course in dairying and ice cream making at Pennsylvania State College.

TWO MORE EXECUTED

Dublin, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Two more men were executed last night as enemies of the Irish Free State, found guilty of possessing arms and ammunition.

Strangler Lewis To Fight Dempsey

San Francisco, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Ed Strangler Lewis, world's champion heavyweight wrestler, has announced that arrangements are completed for the mixed match with Jack Dempsey, heavyweight pugilist title holder. He produced articles carrying the signature of Jack Lewis, Dempsey's manager. The place and date are not announced.

TO COMMUTE SENTENCES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Washington, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The President is expected to sign the commutation of sentences of twelve or more political prisoners today as a New Year's gift.

National Home Is Plan For Armenians

Lausanne, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Plans for an Armenian national home to be financed by a possible twenty million appropriation by the American Congress or by a popular loan in the United States in addition to funds from other countries was presented to the Near East conference by the American delegation today.

BESTCITY WINS GAME

In the basketball game between Edenton and Elizabeth City High School Alumni Thursday night at the Y. M. C. A. the score was 26 to 25 in favor of Elizabeth City. A return game had been planned for Friday night, but several members of the teams were called away. This is an annual affair and last year Edenton came out three points ahead.

Edenton

Forwards—John Cates and Roy Cates.

Center—Albert Byrum.

Guards—George Cates and A. E. Shaakle.

Elizabeth City

Forwards—Francis Seyffert and Selden Lamb.

Center—William Dally.

Guards—Ray Quinn and Charles Seyffert.

Subs—Joy Sykes, Warren Jennette, Erwin Midgett.

Referee—Melick Blades.

Timekeeper—Graftin Lowe.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Dispatches from New Bern tell of the narrow escape of Earl Brewer, who at one time was with the Albatross Pharmacy here, when the touring car he was driving plunged through the drawbridge into 22 feet of water at the New Bern end of the Neuse river at two o'clock Friday morning. Brewer is now engaged in highway work in Pamlico County. He failed to see that the draw was open and miraculously escaped serious injury.

HOPES TO SECURE FUNDS FOR NORMAL SCHOOL HERE

Among the plans of Dr. E. C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Education, for 1923, is that of securing extra funds for the Elizabeth City Normal School. He hopes to obtain these funds through appropriations by the General Assembly.

Russia In Favor Emigrants Return

Moscow, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Ludwig Martens, former Soviet representative in America, has become chairman of a special commission organized by the Soviet government to assist in the return to Russia of Russian-Americans and Russian "donkobbors" from Canada.

More than 20,000 Russian-Americans already have come back to Russia from America during the last two years. The greater part of these men are agricultural workers, and they have brought with them agricultural implements valued at \$50,000.

A big scheme is now on foot to bring from Canada between 30,000 and 40,000 "donkobbors," men who under prosecution were forced to emigrate from Russia in 1895. These families intend to bring with them their entire property, consisting of agricultural implements, tractors and livestock. The Soviet government is assigning to them 25,000 acres in the Ukraine. In addition to the existing Soviet laws exempting conscientious objectors from military service, the central executive committee of Soviets has given to the delegates of this sect, who recently came to Moscow to carry on negotiations, a signed undertaking exempting their whole community from military services and all other duties connected with the bearing of arms.

WESTERN UNION OPEN NINE TO SIX MONDAY

The Western Union office will be open from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. New Year's day, Manager Sykes keeping open instead of observing regular holiday hours, for the benefit of The Advance and other patrons.

LOST—GOLD GREEN WHIST

Watch on black ribbon, between Hinton building, McCabe & Orice or J. T. McCabe residence. Return to McCabe & Orice and receive reward.

Must Apply To Welfare Officer

All children between the ages of 14 and 16 who intend working after the first of the year must see the Superintendent of Public Welfare and secure the proper certificates before doing so. Also, no one employing children between these ages can legally do so without first having made written application to the Superintendent of Public Welfare. Mrs. Lewis has the blanks in her office for this purpose.

MAN SHOTS GIRL KILLS POLICEMAN

Chicago, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—One of three men shot Minnie Finkelstein, seventeen years old high school girl, as she was enroute home from a school entertainment early today, killed a policeman and in turn was probably fatally wounded by another patrolman.

The girl said three men accosted her, another girl, her brother and another high school student and fired when she protested. Patrolman William O'Malley dashed to the rescue and shot three times.

ONE LIFE LOST AND TWO BLOCKS BURNED

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—At least one was killed and two are reported missing and two blocks of frame business buildings here are destroyed by fire.

PERQUIMANS LODGE HOLDS THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET

Hertford, Dec. 29.—Perquimans Lodge, No. 104 held its annual banquet in the Chamber of Commerce hall and lodge room Thursday night at eight o'clock. The committee on arrangements consisting of L. W. Anderson, J. W. and R. E. Brinn, R. S. Jordan, J. S. McNider and Simon Rutenberg had arranged with the local chapter of the O. E. S. to serve the banquet. The chapter had a committee on decorations consisting of Mrs. T. A. Cox, Misses Helen Gailher and Luella Triplett, and Messrs. Charles W. Morgan, W. P. and F. C. Fitzgerald and a committee on refreshments consisting of Mesdames Riddick Chappell, J. S. Vick, Charles Johnson, R. E. Brinn, Louis Nachman, R. G. Jordan, W. H. Fitzgerald and Miss Lillie Barrow. The hall was beautifully decorated in a color scheme of blue and gold with a touch of holly and pine. Christmas candles were on the tables, and miniature Christmas trees trimmed in tinsel were used as center pieces. Covers were laid for fifty plates and a sumptuous three course turkey dinner was served in a style that proved that the refreshment committee had lived up to its fine reputation. Toastmaster J. S. McNider called upon E. W. Joyner, master of the lodge, who gave a word of welcome which was followed by a short prayer by B. F. Bray. Between the courses and after the last course had been served all the men present were called on to respond to toasts and brief and impromptu responses were made by all with few exceptions. Among those who responded to toasts at some length were T. A. Cox, C. W. Morgan, J. P. Jessup, W. T. Brown and F. J. Triplett. Louis Norman made the principal speech of the evening and in his pleasing manner very fittingly pictured the great values of Masonry if any man who was so fortunate as to adopt its principles and live up to its teachings. A spirit of good cheer and fraternal love prevailed through out the evening. A vote of thanks was tendered the Eastern Star for its service.

FRUIT GROWERS MAY PRODUCE CORELESS APPLE

Montreal, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Much enthusiasm was evoked at the fall meeting of the Pomological and Fruit Growing Society of the Province of Quebec by the announcement of the discovery at Abbotstford of a seedless and coreless variety of the Fameuse apple.

Professor F. C. Sears of the American (Mass.) Horticultural college who was present, examined the fruit and pronounced it Fameuse in every essential detail. He said if it could be reproduced it would prove of great value.

The seedless apple was discovered by accident and the exhibitor had no idea how it was developed. He believes, however, that the variety could be reproduced by grafts.

INDICTMENTS IN WAR FRAUD CASES

True Bills Against Former Assistant Secretary Of War And Six Other Defense Men

Washington, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Benedict Crowell, assistant secretary of war in Wilson's administration and six dollar a year men associated with the Council of National Defense were indicted today by the special grand jury investigating war frauds on charges of conspiracy to defraud the Government in construction of war time camps and cantonments. The others are William A. Starrett, Morton C. Tuttle, Clemens W. Lundoff, Clair Foster, John H. McGibbons and James A. Mears.

WILMINGTON BANK FAILS

Wilmington, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—The Commercial National Bank here was closed by order of the comptroller of currency and the bank examiner has taken charge, according to a notice posted by W. P. Folger, national bank examiner.

Dies From Injuries In Railway Accident

Woodbury, N. J., Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Clarence Alexander Wray, member of the 1919 University of Pennsylvania football team, and Louis Brenner are dead from injuries sustained when a Pennsylvania train struck their automobile here last night. Misses Catherine Johnston of Philadelphia and Elizabeth M. Price of Washington are injured.

NO RECEPTION NEW YEARS

Washington, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—There will be no New Year's day reception at the White House Monday, the traditional open house discontinued by President Wilson and revived by President Harding last year being abandoned on account of Mrs. Harding's illness.

NOTED LAWYER DIES

Richmond, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—George Wayne Anderson, city attorney of Richmond, and one of the most distinguished lawyers of Virginia, died at his residence here today after an illness of several months. He was a former state senator and member of the House of Representatives.

Professor's Wife Goes to Legislature

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Mrs. May Van Wye, wife of a professor and herself a former school teacher, was elected by Republicans of Hamilton County to be one of the women who will represent this county in the Ohio Legislature for the next two years. Mrs. Van Wye was elected to the House of Representatives by 75,608 votes.

Born and educated in Brooklyn, Mrs. Van Wye came here about 10 years ago and engaged in school work. She was a member of the National Council of Defense during the war, being in direct charge of the social work of that organization, and also served as chairman of the Patriotic League. She is now connected with the Y. W. C. A. in an official capacity and is also a member of several clubs of Cincinnati.

It is Mrs. Van Wye's first venture in politics. During her campaign she spoke on legislation for women. She also stressed the importance of the women exercising their newly acquired rights.

Mrs. Van Wye is the wife of Benjamin C. Van Wye, professor of public speaking at the University of Cincinnati.

A. B. A. STAFF CUT IN TWO

Moscow, Dec. 30 (By The Associated Press)—Reductions in the American personnel of the American Relief Administration in Russia have reached a minimum, for the time being at least, there now being 114 men on the staff. The force has been cut nearly in half since last summer, when the organization was feeding more than 10,000,000 persons. The Russian personnel has also been reduced from 120,000 to 45,000 owing to the curtailment of the feeding program. The American Relief Administration now stands in need of children's hospital patients.