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## Road Across Camden By Belcross Or Not At All

Page Emphatic in Statement That No Route Other Than Belcross Will be Considered and Camden's Refusal Accept Belcross Route Will Mean No Road

Does Camden County want a 16-foot road from the end of Project No. 110, the State bridge floating concrete road, across the county by way of Belcross, or does Camden prefer no paved road at all?

That is, in effect, the question that is put up to the Highway Commission of Camden by Chairman Frank Page of the State Highway Commission in a letter dated February 25, and addressed to the members of the Camden road building body.

If Camden will provide a right-of-way without cost to the State, the State Highway Commission is ready. Mr. Page sets forth, to award the contract at the March letting for a 16-foot road from the end of Project No. 110 toward Silgo for a distance of approximately 12 miles.

But, unless the Camden Highway Commission meets the terms of the State Commission relative to a right-of-way, no contracts for road building in Camden County will be awarded at the March lettings and nobody knows when any more roads in that county will be paved.

Moreover, Mr. Page wants it understood that if a road across Camden from the end of Project No. 110 toward Currituck Courthouse is ever built it will be built by way of Belcross. This is most emphatically and directly set forth in the letter addressed separately to the several members of the Camden Commission. The letter follows:

"Some days ago I sent to your chairman, Mr. Edwin Sawyer, copy of contract which the State Highway Commission is asking the Highway Commission of Camden County to sign, furnishing right-of-way without cost to the State Highway Commission for Project No. 111.

"We intended to send copy of letter accompanying this contract to each of the members of the County Highway Commission, but in error failed to do so. I am, therefore, writing you notifying you that unless this contract is returned properly executed within the next few days it will be impossible for us to let Project No. 111 at the next letting, which will be some time the latter part of March.

"I had just as well say here that the State Highway Commission has adopted definitely, once and for all, the location as recommended by its engineering department for Route 111—that is the road leading via Belcross. This route is estimated to cost \$47,000.00 less than some other suggested route, and is approximately 1 1/2 miles shorter.

"If Currituck and Camden counties at once agree to furnish the right-of-way as provided in the contract sent to your chairman, it is the purpose of the State Highway Commission to let for contract a project of a 16-foot paved road from the end of Project No. 110 toward Silgo, Currituck County. We have a contract from Currituck County Highway Commission covering their participation in this road.

"Your immediate attention to this contract will be necessary if we are enabled to let this project at our next letting.

"Awaiting your immediate reply, I am,

"Yours very truly,  
 FRANK PAGE,  
 Chairman, State Highway Commission."

Elizabeth City, of course, is not interested in a Camden fight as to the route of a Camden County highway, but Elizabeth City is intensely and vitally interested in the early paving of a road across Camden County and on toward Currituck Courthouse and the Virginia line. And, inasmuch as the State Highway Commission is committed to the building of a 16-foot road "as far as the money will go" it becomes apparent that Elizabeth City is also interested, as well as Currituck, in having the road go by the shorter route, since choosing the longer would shorten by 1 1/2 miles, or more, the length of road paved in Currituck County.

Members of the Camden Highway Commission are: Edwin Sawyer of Belcross, chairman; W. A. Gregory, of Shiloh, and Wiley Whitehurst, of South Mills.

## BELGIAN CABINET RESIGNED TODAY

Brussels, Feb. 27.—The Belgian cabinet today resigned as the result of defeat in the Chamber of Deputies over the Franco-Belgian economic convention.

## ACREAGE INCREASES

Athens, Texas, Feb. 27.—Cotton growing on the plains of Texas has received new impetus from the announcement that H. F. Underwood of this place will build a 20,000 bale Compress in Plainview, Swisher County, hitherto a ranching district, is plowing for a large cotton acreage.

## NEW SERIES IS GOING STRONG

Nearly Thousand Shares Already Subscribed, Says W. Ben Goodwin of Building & Loan Association.

Nearly 1,000 shares have already been subscribed in the new series of the Albemarle Building & Loan Association, according to W. Ben Goodwin, secretary and treasurer.

It is probable that the new series which opens March 1 will approximate the largest series in the history of the association. Last spring there were 2,000 shares subscribed, the largest number since organization, and Mr. Goodwin believes the present series will be close to that figure.

A contest among the shareholders is becoming warm, as the opening date approaches. The shareholder who secures the largest number of new shares will receive a prize of \$50 in gold. A number of the shareholders are working hard for this prize.

Mr. Goodwin wishes to stress the value of using the savings of the people for home building. Business is not disturbed but stimulated by the Building & Loan Association's employing, as it does, the money saved by the people of the community, Mr. Goodwin thinks.

"The money saved through the Building & Loan and used in home building goes directly to labor, lumber and building material dealers and others connected with the building trades, who deposit it in the banks and in that way make available more capital for the use of other business enterprises," Mr. Goodwin said.

"The money remains right here with all its added profits, to raise the standard of living in the city."

## ANOTHER ENTERS RACE FOR SHERIFF

J. W. Hobbs of Salem, Successful in Fishing and Farming, Is Fourth Candidate for This Office.

Another candidate who has entered the lists in the race for sheriff of Pasquotank County is J. W. Hobbs of Salem, who is announcing his candidacy in this issue.

Fisherman and farmer, Mr. Hobbs is successful at both callings. Married 14 years ago \$250 in debt, he was able, when he came to Pasquotank from Chowan in 1912, to make the first payment on a Salem township farm and now has his home paid for, a considerable investment in fishing equipment, and money in the bank.

He says that if elected sheriff of Pasquotank he will put into the work of the office the same energy, application and industry that have characterized his activities as farmer and fisherman.

Mr. Hobbs also makes the candid admission that he is not entering the race because he has been urged to do so by his friends, but because he wants the office and believes himself capable of filling it acceptably to the people of Pasquotank County.

"I have been too busy up to this time to engage in any active campaigning," he declares, "but between now and the primary I expect to get out among the voters and let them understand that I am a candidate and that I will appreciate their support."

With Mr. Hobbs' announcement, there are now four avowed candidates in the race for sheriff. They are: L. W. Anderson, Charles Carmine, Miles Ferbee and J. W. Hobbs.

## Black Billy Sunday At Mt. Lebanon Tonight

Evangelist C. P. Dixon, commonly known as "Black Billy Sunday" will speak at Mt. Lebanon Church tonight at eight o'clock and also Thursday and Friday nights at the same hour. Tonight his subject will be, "The Underfaker is at the Door." Thursday night the subject will be "As an Eagle Stirs Up Her Nest" and Friday night he has been asked to speak on "The Vision of Dry Bones." Seats will be reserved for white people.

## PATRIARCH TIKHON IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Moscow, Feb. 27.—Patriarch Tikhon, head of the Russian church, who suffered a stroke on Saturday, is in a serious condition.

## Oh, for the Life of a Traffic Cop



New York City was struck by a storm of snow and sleet the other day. The streets were flooded and passage almost impossible. One fair victim was caught at 33rd street and Eighth avenue. Traffic Officer Henry C. Windell thereupon picked her up and just as the photographer happened along was about to hand her over to Officer John McGuire.

## To Wed Egyptian Royalty



Mrs. Jean Nash, daughter of an American millionaire, who eloped at the age of 17, now is engaged, it is reported, to Prince Ahmed Sahib Bey (shown with her), nephew to King Fouad of Egypt. One report is that Mrs. Nash will embrace the Mohammedan faith.

## Looks Different, Doesn't He?

**RUDOLPH VALENTINO.** He has discarded the Spanish atmosphere that made a million girls call him a sheik, and for his next picture, "Monsieur Beaucaire," dons this sort of garb.

Powdered wig and everything. Fine clothes. Looks different but clothes don't make a man and our guess is that Rudy will get more letters from movie-smitten ladies than ever. This might prove almost anything. Rudy has been away from the screen for some time, so that his return is something of an event—like fringed, the birth of twin giraffes or breakfast in bed.



## UNION DRESSMAKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Chicago, Feb. 27.—A strike of union dressmakers was called today by the International Ladies' Garment Workers, and the strikers started out with half a dozen riot calls and several acts of violence.

## DOBY-RHODES

Miss Clennie Rhodes and Mr. Charles J. Doby, both of this city, were married at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by Dr. S. H. Templeman at his home on West Main street. They left on the morning train for Columbia, where they will visit the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson Rhodes. After February 29 they will make their home at Norwood.

## Daugherty Has Plan To Retire Gracefully

Believed That He Will Announce Retirement to Take Place Regardless of Outcome of Inquiry After Investigation Is Over, But This May Not Satisfy His Critics

Washington, Feb. 27.—An offer made by Attorney General Daugherty to retire to private life when the Senate completes its investigation of his official acts is believed in official circles to be imminent.

## WINTER'S WORST VISITS BEST CITY

Most Severe Storm of Season Passing Without Serious Damage and With Only Temporary Inconvenience.

Elizabeth City Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was in the grip of the worst storm that has visited this city this winter.

No serious damage has been done so far as reports reaching this newspaper indicate, except damage to stock due to leaking roofs. Roofs that have not leaked since the last big snow were leaking Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, it was reported.

The most serious inconvenience suffered as a result of the storm was the interruption of electric service Wednesday morning. During the night the wind blew the front of the old sheetiron clad building on North Pointe street across the high tension wires on that street and the awning of the M. G. Morrisette Furniture store twisted itself about another wire on the corner of Main and Water streets. At 5 o'clock Wednesday morning sparks were flying and a wire was snapping off at a great rate at the Morrisette corner. For about two hours the lights flickered on and off, and then went off altogether until 10 o'clock in the morning.

At one time between 5 and 6 o'clock one of the high tension wires crossed a service wire somewhere along the line and consternation reigned in The Advance shop when the linotype motor began to spit and smoke and sputter and the heating equipment of the Ludlow Typograph ceased to hum. For a time it was feared that such havoc had been done to its type setting machinery that it would not be possible to get The Advance out Wednesday, but when normal current came back on at 10 o'clock all the electrical equipment except a couple of fuses proved to be in working order.

However, ordinarily The Advance work day begins at 5 o'clock in the morning and, as nothing could be done Tuesday morning until about 11 o'clock, since an hour is required to melt down the metal in the typesetting machines and bring it to a casting temperature, this issue of The Advance has suffered accordingly. The first edition, which must be in the postoffice in time to catch the rural free delivery carriers' mail, went out in a four page form.

## JAPANESE PRINCE IS REPORTED DEAD

London, Feb. 27.—Prince Mahuyhi Matsukata is dead, according to a dispatch received here from Tokyo.

Prince Matsukata, one of the few remaining Japanese genro or elder statesmen, was the founder of Japanese finance. He was a member of the ancient feudal clan of Satsuma from whose descendants spring the greater number of officers of the Japanese navy. He was born in February, 1835.

He served under Prince Shimazu, the feudal lord of Satsuma, and fought in the Japanese civil war of restoration. When the imperial government returned to power, taking the place of the Shoguns, he entered the government service as a prefectural governor and later became attached to the department of finance under the then minister Count Shigenobu Okuma. With Count Okuma he laid the foundations for a stable state finance which was in chaotic condition on account of the feudal system of administration. A notable achievement of Prince Matsukata was the organization of a land tax.

Prince Matsukata was the head of a numerous family. It is generally believed that his children and grandchildren number between 60 and 80. Several of his sons are leading figures in the Japanese business world. Matsukata's second ministry in 1896-97 again emphasized his right to be called the founder of Japanese finance, for it was then that he established a system of gold standard for the empire. He was finance minister in the succeeding Yamagata cabinet and in 1902 traveled extensively through the United States and Europe. During the Russo-Japanese war he was made a Marquis for meritorious service, and some time later was appointed Lord Keeper of the Private Seal. In 1922 he resigned from the latter office and was elevated to the peerage, taking the title of Prince Matsukata.

Under the plan he would step out of the cabinet regardless of the outcome of the Senate inquiry and would announce that intention to the country in advance.

A statement from him is expected before the day is over.

There is the belief in some quarters that this may end the bitter controversy of which he has become the center. There still are some of President Coolidge's advisers, however, who believe that the promise to resign at a future date will not satisfy the Attorney General's critics in the Senate.

Whether it would be entirely satisfactory to Coolidge or not remains undisclosed. He conferred for an hour today with Daugherty but made no statement.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Attorney General Daugherty was called to the White House last night for a two-hour conference and it is expected that there will be swift developments in the matter of his resignation today.

## SMOOT KNEW OF DOHENY'S COMING

Former Chairman of Oil Committee, However, Denied Rumors of Having Communication With Fall

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Smoot, Republican, of Utah, former chairman of the oil committee, today disclosed publicly that he was advised in advance that E. L. Doheny was coming to Washington to testify about his \$100,000 loan to Albert B. Fall.

Smoot said he received information from J. W. Zevilly, personal counsel to Harry Sinclair, who was at New Orleans at the time with Fall.

The Senator denied the rumors current at the Capitol that he had been in telegraphic communication with Fall since the former Secretary of the Interior announced in December that he had received \$100,000 loan from Edward McLean, publisher of the Washington Post.

The telegrams sent to McLean, Fall and others at Palm Beach and relevant to the oil inquiry were read into the record today. The first, from John Major of Washington to McLean, suggested a leased wire from the Washington Post to McLean's cottage in Florida so the publisher could have "easy and quick access to the White House."

## GARNER HAS NEW SET OF FIGURES

Washington, Feb. 27.—A new set of Treasury figures, made public today by Representative Garner, ranking Democrat on the House Ways and Means committee, estimated that the personal income tax reduction schedule of the Garner tax plan would result in a loss of \$483,000,000 in revenue in 1925, and the Mellon plan would cause a loss of \$350,000,000.

These estimates did not take into consideration the proposed reductions in miscellaneous taxes and were based on the estimated revenue for the calendar year, 1925.

## PRECINCT MEETINGS ON APRIL THE FIFTH

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—The State Democratic executive committee met here yesterday and set April 5 as the date for precinct meetings, April 12 for county meetings, and April 17 at Raleigh as the date of the Democratic convention.

Judge Francis D. Winston read a resolution which he stated would be introduced in the convention pledging the State to support Josephus Daniels for President.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, February 27.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, advancing 55 points. Middling 29.55. At two p. m. futures closed as follows: March 29.02; May 29.43; July 28.75; October 26.00; December 25.85. New York, Feb. 27.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: March 29.00; May 29.35; July 28.50; October 26.15; December 25.75.