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AGAIN WILL HAVE MOTORCYCLE COP

County Commissioners Take Action at Monday Meeting After Lively Discussion of Reckless Driving.

Pasquotank County is again to have a motorcycle officer.

After a lively discussion at the regular session held at the court house Monday the County Commissioners voted to procure an officer whose duty it will be to ride the roads leading into Elizabeth City from all directions, restraining speeders and when occasion arises haling reckless drivers before a magistrate.

The motion was made by Commissioner J. C. Thompson of Nixonton, who made a strong plea for a motorcycle officer. Mr. Thompson said he believes it the duty of the Commissioners to provide protection on the roads from reckless and intoxicated drivers and warned that unless something was done to curb speeding that a serious accident perhaps resulting in the loss of life would be the inevitable result.

"Churches complain of the continual roar of speeding automobiles by their doors," said Mr. Thompson. "Most any Sunday afternoon you can see from eight to 10 automobiles with every person in them drunk. They feel that they cannot get drunk in town so they go to the country to drink."

Chairman Burfoot agreed with Mr. Thompson that some protection is needed but he deplored the inability of the speed officers employed by the County in the past to make arrests that resulted in fines. He also said that the State allows autoists to "speed" when it fixes the limit of travel at 30 miles an hour.

"What good does it do," asked Mr. Burfoot to spend the County's money to have arrests made when they are brought up here convicted, then let off with the costs?"

There was some discussion as to whether 30 miles an hour is fact. One commissioner thought on a straightaway road it is not so very fast, but another interpolated the remark that it is as fast as the Norfolk Southern train runs. Many motorists make much better than 30 miles an hour, however, as it was testified that a number have been going from Elizabeth City to Norfolk in one hour and 15 minutes, while on short stretches commissioners said they have seen automobiles going up to 70 miles an hour.

Some one suggested that the board send to Norfolk for a man who could be recommended to them. This brought up the recent upsets in the Norfolk police force and there was some apprehension lest a similar experience with officers in league with the bootleggers be met with in this County. However, it is believed that a man from out of town will in all probability be employed.

There was very little objection to the proposal on a trial basis and the motion carried with but one dissenting vote. An officer will be employed and if he proves satisfactory he will be kept in the employ of the County until September 1, at which time his record and the results of his activity will be considered with a view to making it a permanent arrangement.

"We are going to instruct this cop when he goes on duty," says Mr. Burfoot, "that he is to give his entire attention to securing better observance of traffic regulations, and that he is not to concern himself with enforcement of the dry laws or consider himself the guardian of public morality save in the matter of speeding or other violations of the State's traffic laws."

RELATIVES TO ERECT MONUMENT TO PERRY

Permission was granted by the County Commissioners Monday to the relatives of Seth M. Perry, Pasquotank County soldier killed in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, to erect a monument at his grave in the Courthouse square.

At one time it was planned to erect a monument at the Perry grave for the Pasquotank County soldiers. As this has apparently been neglected the relatives of the young man wish to place a fitting marker at his grave.

Bobbed Hair Bandit Is Sentenced to Prison

New York, May 6.—Celia Nooncy, New York's bobbed hair bandit, and her husband were declared sane yesterday and having pleaded guilty were sentenced today to between 10 and 20 years imprisonment.

FUNERAL MRS. LEE
Richmond, May 6.—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Tabb Bolling Lee, widow of Major General W. H. F. Lee and daughter-in-law of General Robert E. Lee, will be held from St. Paul's Episcopal Church at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The body will then be taken to Lexington where brief services will be conducted in Washington and Lee chapel and interment made in the mausoleum where the body of the Confederate leader is resting. Mrs. Lee was born in Petersburg August 20, 1847. She died in her suite at a hotel last night, after a week's illness.

SERIOUS FIRE IN WASHINGTON, N. C.

Loss Estimated at \$50,000 in Wire
from Washington Department
To Local Fire Chief

Fire was raging in Washington, N. C., when the Norfolk Southern passenger train passed through that city between three and four o'clock this morning, according to passengers arriving here Tuesday morning. At least one store was in flames and the hotel there was threatened, passengers said.

The fire is reported to have gotten beyond the control of the Washington Fire Department and aid was asked from nearby cities.

Jerome Flora dispatched a wire to the Washington Fire Department Tuesday morning offering the assistance of the local Fire Department. Mr. Flora received a reply about noon Tuesday stating that the fire was brought under control at 5 a. m. and that damage done was estimated at \$50,000.

WEEKSVILLE HIGH ADDS EIGHT ROOMS

Moses Palmer of Elizabeth City was awarded the contract Monday for constructing an addition to the Weeksville High School.

Four bids were received by the County Board of Education at its monthly meeting Monday. Mr. Palmer's bid was for \$17,450. The others were: W. T. Gregory of Norfolk \$23,250; B. F. Wentz of Norfolk \$20,968.75; Pamfills Contracting Company of Baltimore \$18,800.

Mr. Palmer expects to begin work at once. Although the high school was only built last summer this addition is already needed to take care of the increase in attendance. The popularity of the new high school has exceeded the expectations of even its most optimistic advocates.

The addition contemplated provides eight new class rooms with a new water system and other conveniences. J. M. LeRoy is chairman and M. P. Jennings is secretary of the board of education under whose guidance the new addition is planned.

SOUTH CAROLINA IS STRONG FOR McADOO

Columbia, S. C., May 6.—While a number of counties sent uninvited delegations to state conventions yesterday McAdoo sentiment prevailed and he was endorsed by some counties and pledged to by others with the probability that the state convention will endorse his candidacy.

MAJOR MARTIN IS SEEN IN AIRPLANE

Cordova, Alaska, May 6.—Reports received here last night indicated that Major Martin had been seen in his airplane in a deserted section of the Behring Sea and additional searching parties left at once for that territory.

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT BETHEL

The Chowan Baptist Association convened at Bethel Baptist Church in Perquimans County Tuesday morning with a number of people in attendance from Elizabeth City and from the rural churches near here.

DOHENY'S SON IS BEFORE GRAND JURY

Washington, May 6.—Edward L. Doheny, Jr., son of the lessee of Naval Reserve, No. 1 in California, was today called before the grand jury investigating the charges of fraud and corruption in connection with the naval oil leases. He was in the grand jury just eight minutes and then was directed to remain within call.

FOR EXPENSES RELATIVE TO PURCHASE DISMAL SWAMP

The City Council Monday night appropriated \$150 as expense money for the Chamber of Commerce in connection with necessary work in Washington before the House and Senate relative to the purchase by the Government of the Dismal Swamp canal.

Dr. S. H. Templeman, J. T. McCabe, P. H. Williams and J. C. B. Ehringhaus represented the Chamber of Commerce in asking for the appropriation which the council granted.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 6.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: May 29.75; July 27.93; October 24.35; December 23.72; January 23.40.

At two p. m. futures were quoted as follows: May 29.78; July 28.04; October 24.35; December 23.75; January 23.50.

New York, May 6.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 20 points. Middling 30.25. Futures closed at the following levels: May 29.89; July 28.22; October 24.50; December 23.89; January 23.60.

SAYS AMENDMENTS ARE UNDESIRABLE

Coolidge Lets It Be Known That He Doesn't Like What Senate Has Done to the Tax Bill.

Washington, May 6.—President Coolidge let it be known today that he regards as very undesirable some of the amendments made to the tax bill in the Senate.

The amendments viewed by him as particularly undesirable are those relating to the taxation of corporations and to the publicity of income tax returns.

Washington, May 6.—Senate Republican organization leaders got to work in earnest today in an attempt to line up a majority on a compromise for the Democratic Income tax schedule substituted in the revenue bill yesterday for the Mellon rates.

Chairman Smoot of the finance committee in charge of the bill declared he would propose a compromise on surtax rates when the measure is brought up for final passage. He will offer a maximum rate of 30 per cent, he said, and then if necessary 32 per cent.

Washington, May 6.—With the aid of some insurgent Republicans the Simmons income tax rates and surtax rates were inserted into the revenue bill yesterday by the Senate and the Mellon rates went down in defeat.

PEACE IS RESTORED IN HONDURAS AGAIN

Washington, May 6.—A treaty between warring factions in Honduras was signed yesterday, restoring peace to that country.

JURY LIST FOR JUNE

Following is the jury list for the June term of superior court for the trial of civil cases which convenes June 9 and last two weeks:

G. A. Flora, H. C. Palmer, M. G. Owens, J. H. Menden, W. L. Johnson, F. H. Venters, B. L. Stevens, T. M. Hollowell, G. F. Homer, Geo. C. Smith, Oscar Jackson, A. J. Scott, C. S. Armstrongs, E. Sample, Alonzo Reid, J. W. Price, Jos. Connery, Charles Jennings, E. T. White, J. W. Edney, T. N. Commander, C. R. Fulcher, L. E. Hurdle, N. O. Morris, H. G. Reid, W. H. Jennings, J. L. Ranhorn, Chas. Sawyer, M. B. Sawyer, Geo. Winslow, M. L. Britt, J. M. Pike, C. P. Harris, N. P. Jennings, J. A. Jennings, M. L. Palmer, H. M. James, W. P. Comstock, W. S. Brothers, J. E. Jones, C. P. White, V. E. Gregory, C. E. Ward, A. B. Price, G. M. Morris, C. A. Ownley, W. T. Carter, M. W. Lister.

STORE MUST NOT HAVE PORCHES OVER SIDEWALK

A motion to permit C. J. Ward and L. W. Ballance to complete porches to their buildings which extend over the sidewalk was lost at the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night.

A new ordinance was passed the first of this year by the present administration making it unlawful to erect porches to buildings which extend over the sidewalk.

C. J. Ward had started the erection of his store on North Road street and G. W. Ballance had planned a building on Riverside Drive when the ordinance was passed. Both buildings are now under construction and Mr. Ward and Mr. Ballance asked for permission to complete their porches.

While the council voted down the motion to complete the buildings with porches over the sidewalk, it voted a reimbursement to both parties for the expense already incurred.

PLANET MERCURY TO PASS OVER SUN

Williams Bay, Wis., May 6.—The planet Mercury will pass slowly over the sun on the afternoon of May 7, appearing as a small black dot on its brilliant surface when viewed with a proper telescope, but it will be invisible to the naked eye, announces Edwin B. Frost, director of Yerkes Observatory here.

Since 1910 mercury has crossed the sun 40 times. On May 7 it will be 51,880,000 miles from the earth and its angular diameter projected upon the sun will be about one hundred and sixtieth that of the sun.

At 3:42.6 minutes, central time, the edge of the planet will touch the northeastern edge at a point of 55 degrees from the north point of the sun's disk. It will occur within the same minute for the whole country, but the hour will be 4 p. m. for regions using Eastern time, 2 p. m. for Mountain time and 1 p. m. for Pacific time. Three minutes later Mercury's image will fall wholly upon the sun. It will thereafter move southwesterly across the sun at the rate of one diameter of Mercury in every three minutes. The end of the transit will be observed in Alaska that evening and in Asia early the next morning.

Professor Frost explained that the planet Venus also makes such transits but have occurred but five times since the invention of the telescope. The last two were in 1874 and 1882 and the next pair will be in 2004 and 2012.

EMERGENCIES ARE MUCH TOO FREQUENT

Seven-seven-seven is the number of the Elizabeth City emergency police telephone.

Perhaps because the number sticks easily in one's memory 777 has come to be the number that a good many people use when they call the police, whether there is any emergency or not.

The result is that more than one member of the force has hot footed it a half block or more to the emergency telephone at the corner of Main and Poindexter streets to get a call to come out in some part of town on a trivial matter. Sometimes the caller does not even say what is wanted and thinking, by reason of the fact that the call has come in over the emergency phone, that an emergency really exists, a police officer rushes to a remote part of the city to find that the only trouble is that some resident wants a dead cat removed from the sidewalk.

Instances of this sort have come to happen so often that Chief Gregory is issuing an appeal to the public generally not to call the emergency phone except in case of an emergency. The number of police headquarters is 778, and this is the number that should be called.

BAILEY WILL SPEAK THURSDAY NIGHT

J. W. Bailey of Raleigh, candidate for Governor, will be in the city Thursday and will speak at the courthouse Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

DEMAND LOCKWOOD MAKE EXPLANATIONS

Washington, May 6.—The demand that George Lockwood, secretary of the Republican National Committee, be called to explain his attacks "on this body" was made in the Senate today by Democratic Leader Robinson.

FIGHT RESUMED ON SECRETARY MELLON

Washington, May 6.—The fight over the investigation of the Internal Revenue Bureau and Secretary Mellon was suddenly resumed on the Senate floor today with Republican organization leaders indicating that they are not disposed to further object to a continuation of the inquiry.

COOLIDGE BELIEVES REPORTS UNFOUNDED

Washington, May 6.—Allegations of serious deterioration of the American naval strength are regarded as generally unfounded by President Coolidge.

EL PASO BANK FAILS TO OPEN ITS DOORS

El Paso, Texas, May 6.—The El Paso City National Bank, one of the Southwest's largest institutions, failed today to open its doors.

THINKS VETERANS' BUREAU ALL RIGHT

Washington, May 6.—Coolidge is not convinced that anything is radically wrong with the administration of the Veterans' Bureau despite the complaint made to the White House and the charges in the Senate by Odie Nevada, Republican member of the special committee investigating the bureau.

JOB'S WORK RECOGNIZED

Secretary Job of the Chamber of Commerce was voted \$150 by the County Commissioners Monday for his efforts in regard to the purchase of the Dismal Swamp canal by the Government.

MAY NOT ADJOURN BEFORE CONVENTIONS

Washington, May 6.—Democratic leaders of the Senate today decided in conference that there is too much important legislation remaining undisposed of to determine at this time whether an adjournment of Congress before the national political conventions would be wise.

BUSINESS RUNNING ON HAND TO MOUTH BASIS

St. Louis, May 6.—(Special)—Production and consumption continue large in this district and underlying conditions show little sign of change, but the business situation is uneven and buying is hesitant, particularly on goods for future delivery. There is a growing disposition among merchants to fill their requirements from month to month owing to diminishing confidence and price uncertainty. Manufacturers are buying materials accordingly. Iron and steel and some other commodities are tending downward in price. The International Shoe Company has cut prices 3 to 5 per cent, and excess of production may result in closing of some factories until sales increase.

PARKER APPOINTED

Norfolk, May 6.—Louis R. Parker was yesterday appointed immigration inspector for Wilmington, North Carolina.

Labor Seeking To Abolish U. S. Railroad Labor Board

Has Lined Up Solidly Behind the Howell-Barkley Bill and Presidential Veto in Case Measure Passes Both Houses of Congress Seems Doubtful

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, May 5.—Organized labor has lined up solidly behind the Howell-Barkley bill, which proposes to abolish the United States Railroad Labor Board and substitute for it a board of mediation and conciliation.

Friends of President Coolidge have been saying in the last few days that he would veto the bill, but there is a general misunderstanding about its provisions and if it should pass both houses of Congress a veto may be said to be doubtful.

The writer erroneously stated a few days ago that the Howell-Barkley plan would eliminate the representatives of the public and leave railway disputes to be decided by the interested parties. The truth is the representatives of the employers and employees will alone constitute the membership of the four national adjustment boards which are to settle grievances and conflicts of interpretations on rules. But the principal body, to be known as the board of mediation and conciliation, will consist of five members, all of whom will represent the public. This is directly in line with the recommendation of the late President Harding.

For, at present, the Railroad Labor Board consists of three representatives of the railways, three of labor and three of the public. This means that three men, representing the public, usually have the deciding vote as almost invariably the parties at interest influence the votes of their representatives. To cure this weakness, the representatives of the employers and employees will appear before the board of mediation as advocates and pleaders for their respective causes and the judgment will be rendered by five impartial judges.

The four national adjustment boards are not to assume jurisdiction over disputes unless the employers or employees make application. This means that if the so-called company unions and the railway employers can adjust working conditions and wages between themselves, the adjustment boards will not come into the picture at all. There are certain company unions which are objecting to the Howell-Barkley bill on the ground that it is unnecessary, but the advocates of the measure say that a long list of labor organizations do want such tribunals and the bill proposes to give them the machinery for adjustment which they seek.

The Howell-Barkley bill combines many of the features of the Newland act, the Erdman act and the present transportation act. It has, however, introduced one important change which has been the basis of opposition by railway employers. It prohibits the employer from interfering in the selection of representatives or from controlling the organizations of employees so as to dictate the selection of employee representatives.

This has been inserted to overcome the embarrassments encountered by the present United States Railroad Labor Board in determining exactly who actually represents the employes on certain railroad systems. It is the outcropping of the old fight as between the national labor organizations like the American Federation of Labor and such a union as has been fostered by the Pennsylvania Railroad for its own employes. On the Pennsylvania nobody can represent the workmen in a dispute except persons actually on the Pennsylvania's payroll.

The principal weakness of the present transportation act has been the failure of the parties at interest to form the local adjustment boards provided by law. These organizations were left to voluntary action by the employers and employees. Under the Howell-Barkley bill, the adjustment boards would be Government institutions and therefore the minor grievances and disputes which have piled high the cases before the United States Railroad Labor Board would be diminished because they would, so to speak, be settled by the lower tribunals.

One of the objections to the bill said to emanate from the White House is the appropriation of \$500,000 for the expenses of the new machinery. The proponents of the bill point out that \$400,000 is now being spent under the transportation act and that the additional \$100,000 is good insurance against another railway strike, particularly since the last one is estimated to have cost the Government about \$2,000,000, while the railroads are known to have spent many times that sum themselves in fighting it.

The proposed bill provides about \$100,000 for the maintenance of the board of mediation and conciliation thus saving between \$250,000 and \$300,000 over the cost of the present labor board, which saving would be expended in the expenses of the four national adjustment boards. Fully \$5,000,000 is appropriated annually by Congress for the interstate Com-

MANY TO ATTEND ATLANTA MEETING

From Every Section of South and Southwest Baptists Will Gather on the Fourteenth of May

Atlanta, Ga., May 6.—From every section of the South and Southwest large delegations are planning to attend the Southern Baptist Convention here on May 14, according to advices that have been received by the local entertainment committee. Approximately a dozen trains and scores of special Pullmans have been engaged to bring the messengers, and the attendance is expected to reach at least 7,000, it was stated.

One of the facts contributing to a large attendance is the widespread interest among the constituents of the denominations generally in the important matters that will claim attention at this year's session, it was pointed out.

The convention's first major business will be the consideration of plans for the completion of the "75-000,000 Campaign," which will hold right of way on the first afternoon, following the organization and the convention sermon, which will be preached by Dr. Finley F. Gibson, of Louisville, Ky., at the first morning session.

Dr. O. E. Bryan, stewardship and budget director, and Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director, will present reports showing what the campaign has accomplished to date and then the convention will plan the most effective means for the completion of the task during the remaining months of 1924.

As results of the increased collections this year it is predicted that the heavy debts on the home and foreign mission boards will be materially reduced, if not wiped out altogether, and the whole work of the denomination is expected to be set forward considerably as a result of the convention's deliberation.

A committee appointed a year ago to recommend certain changes in the activities of some of the general boards and agencies, looking to a closer correlation of the convention's activities is planning to recommend the turning over to the Education Board the system of 35 mountain mission schools heretofore operated by the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, along with the work of the Intra-Board Commission in student activities and representation of the convention in the newly established theological seminary for negroes at Nashville.

The committee, it was said, will also recommend the establishment of a department of church finance by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, with a view to a more vigorous prosecution of the doctrine of stewardship and the installation by the churches of regular budgets.

The next program in behalf of missions, education, and benevolence that will follow the completion of the \$75,000,000 Campaign will claim large attention from the messengers, is thought, and a large committee is now formulating definite recommendations for the presentation to the body.

It was announced that plans are being made to broadcast the services of the convention in order that many thousands of Baptists who do not attend in person may have the opportunity to listen in on the proceedings.

MORE MONEY FOR DOGS.
Considerable money was voted to owners of poultry and sheep killed by dogs by the County Commissioners at their meeting Monday. A. W. Stanton received \$45 for sheep; E. J. Layden, \$10.25 for turkeys; W. F. Brickhouse the value of three sheep; and John Moore \$6.50 for poultry.

merce Commission so, relatively speaking, the amount needed to keep peace between railways and their employes is not as large as the sum needed to regulate disputes between the railways and shippers.

Several of the railroads are lukewarm in their opposition to the bill but certain roads which have always fought the present labor board and its decisions are working tooth and nail to beat the bill or force a Presidential veto. It looks as if some action will be taken on it before adjournment or a filibuster against adjournment may be started, for the Democrats and insurgent Republicans are in the main in sympathy with the proposal.