

John Harvey Robinson Is Speaker This Year

Twenty-fourth Annual Session of North Carolina Literary and Historical Association Will be Held in Raleigh Thursday and Friday

Raleigh, Dec. 2.—The twenty-fourth annual session of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association will be held in this city during December 4 and 5, it was announced here today by R. B. House, secretary. Educators and leaders in social work and men of letters from other parts of the country as well as North Carolina will be on the program.

James Harvey Robinson, of the New School of Social Research of New York, will deliver an address on Friday evening at the Meredith College auditorium. His subject will probably be "What Ought to be Written as History."

According to the custom of inviting each year some North Carolinians who have some distinction outside of the state, the Association has as one of its speakers George Gordon Battle, who was born in Edgecombe County in 1858 and is now a practicing lawyer in New York. He will be entertained by Josephus Daniels and will speak Thursday evening at the Woman's Club.

W. C. Jackson, vice-president of North Carolina College for Women, and a well known author in Southern Literary circles, will speak Thursday night on "Culture and the New Era."

"The Problem of Historical Interpretation" will be the subject of Benjamin B. Kendrick, professor of history in North Carolina College for Women, who will speak Friday morning at the Woman's Club. At the same time Gerald W. Johnson and Nell Battle Lewis will discuss "Culture and the Art of Living."

During the meeting plans will be laid for the completion of the Valley Forge Memorial Fund; the memorial to Andrew Johnson. The North Carolina Fine Arts Association will also be organized.

Officers will be elected for the year 1925.

TRAINING SCHOOL MAKES FINE START

The Sunday School Training School at Blackwell Memorial Church got off to a fine start Monday night with a good attendance considering the cold weather.

The pastor urges all officers and teachers of the Sunday School and all others who are interested in Sunday School work to attend tonight. The session begins at 6:30 promptly. After a class period of about three quarters of an hour a light supper is served and class work is resumed for another period.

LAWYER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM FIRE

Winston-Salem, Dec. 2.—An early morning fire in the heart of the retail section this morning gutted the Ideal Theater. J. W. Hollingsworth, lawyer, in the building was saved by the firemen's ladder. There was no estimate of the damage available early today.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

Col. George C. Cabell of Norfolk will deliver the address next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the annual Elks Memorial Service at the Alkama.

The program has been arranged as follows: Invocation—Rev. Daniel Lane, De Tom in F (Ashford)—First Methodist Choir.

Solo, He Dried the Tears (Handel's Largo), Oren—Mrs. J. W. Foreman; violin obligato, Bobby Fearing.

Lodge ceremonies. Calling roll deceased brothers. Vacant Chair—Elo's Quartet.

Address—Col. Geo. C. Cabell, Norfolk, Virginia.

—Daybreak (Ponsote-Parks)—First Methodist Choir.

Closing ceremonies. Benediction.

**IMPORTANT MEETING OF
WOMAN'S CLUB THURSDAY**

A very important meeting of the Woman's Club will be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. One of the matters to receive attention is whether or not the Linden will be continued. It is urged that all members attend.

COTTON REPORT
New York, Dec. 2.—Spot cotton closed quiet. Middling 28.40, an advance of 25 points. Futures Dec. 22.90, Jan. 23.05, March 23.44, May 23.78, July 23.83.

NOTICE
Begin to prepare now for your 1925 Christmas. Our Christmas Savings Club for 1925 will open tomorrow, December 3rd. A class to suit all. Join now.
Carolina Banking & Trust Co., adv.

MORE BONDS FOR COUNTY'S ROADS

J. Kenyon Wilson Would Have County Pave More Roads but Would Provide What Roads in Act.

An additional road bond issue of \$250,000 with stipulations in the bill providing for the bond issue as to the money shall be spent in part of the legislative program of J. Kenyon Wilson, Representative for Pasquotank County in the next session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Wilson will go before the Pasquotank Highway Commission at its regular session Tuesday of this week with a tentative program for road paving with the funds that will be made available by the proposed bond issue. The County now has \$175,000 left of the \$750,000 in road bonds already issued. Added to the \$250,000 that will be made available by the proposed bond issue, this will make \$425,000, which, on the basis of figures obtained from the chairman of State Highway Commission, Mr. Wilson believes should pave 20 miles of nine-foot road, with a reasonable margin for safety.

Mr. Wilson is convinced that this money should be spent for the most part in those sections of the County which have been taxed for the roads already paved in the County but which have received no direct practical benefit from them. His tentative program, subject to such modifications as the County Highway Commission can agree upon, is as follows:

- Pear Tree Road — 5 miles
- Body Road — 4 miles
- Fork Road — 3 miles
- Newland (extension) — 2 miles
- Salem (extension) — 2 miles

It is hoped that citizens of the County interested in the foregoing program or in some modification of it will be present in large numbers at Tuesday's session of the County Highway Commission and that a definite program may be agreed upon, so that citizens in the County may advocate the bond issue without a feeling that the money will all be spent in some township other than their own.

DANCE HALLS NOW MEETING HOUSES

Missionary Tells of Changes Wrought by Gospel in Czecho-Slovakia

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 2.—As the result of work performed in Europe, missions and dance halls are fast being transformed into Methodist meeting houses and chapels, according to Rev. J. L. Neil, Episcopal Church, South, who has just returned to the United States after three years spent abroad.

Rev. Mr. Neil was one of the first missionaries sent to Czecho-Slovakia after century mission opened a field in that country, it was stated. He is president of the Bible Seminary and treasurer of the mission.

The Central Church at Prague, formerly known as "Marble Hall" was considered one of the most up-to-date dance halls in Europe, according to Mr. Neil, and the church at Vrscevic was an old dance hall, which the Methodists purchased and turned into a chapel. The minister further points out that most of the work up to the present time has been accomplished in saloons and dance halls, and he asserts that as soon as the Czechs become converted they are willing to transform such places into houses of worship.

OPEN SEALED BIDS DECEMBER FIFTEENTH

Monday morning, December 15, at half past 11 o'clock is the time set by the City Council in regular session Monday night for the opening of sealed bids on the \$800,000 public improvement bonds.

They are now being offered for sale by the city to provide for funds for municipally owned and operated electric light, water and sewerage systems.

The council took a recess until that date at the close of its Monday night session.

SEEK REPEAL THE CHILD LABOR LAW

Washington, Dec. 2.—An effort will be made by Senator Duff of South Carolina to repeal the Child Labor Law amendment to the constitution adopted at the last session of Congress.

STUDENTS SHOUT FOR REVOLUTION

(By The Associated Press)
Cairo, Dec. 2.—On hearing of the Egyptian government's acceptance of the remaining terms of the British ultimatum, 800 students today rushed into the quadrangle shouting "up" and "revolution." Some of the students harangued their comrades for two hours after which the crowd dispersed into groups which heatedly discussed the situation.

FIGHT FOR COWS DID NOT HAPPEN

The promised fight for the repeal of the ordinance putting the family cow out of Elizabeth City did not develop at Monday night's session of the City Council.

Cow owners who still are un-reconciled to the ordinance and have not disposed of their cows or made provision to keep them outside of the corporate limits of the city, were present in considerable numbers, and some of them made strong pleas for permission to continue to produce their own milk for their families; but no action was taken. After leading out his forces and engaging in a few skirmishes, Councilman Louis Anderson, leader in the fight for the repeal of the ordinance, called in his forces and withdrew behind his fortifications, announcing that he would storm the position of the enemy at the next meeting of the Council on December 15. His partying shot was the statement that he believed he could muster six votes for an ordinance to permit the keeping of one cow to a family.

Mr. Anderson's claim to six votes followed the flat statement from Mayor Goodwin that if an ordinance to permit the keeping of cows in the city limits should be voted on favorably by the Council he would veto it and that it would require a two-thirds majority to override that veto. Though many occasions are remembered when the Mayor has exercised his prerogative and broken a tie, no one present could recall an instance of any Boss City Mayor's exercising a veto power, and there was some question as to his rights in the matter. It was presumed, however, that Mayor Goodwin would not have made this statement without consulting the city charter as to his powers.

The ordinance banning the cow from the corporate limits of Elizabeth City with the beginning of 1925, was passed last summer in order to give cow owners in the city ample time to dispose of their animals outside the city for keeping their cows. By this time, many have already made these provisions, others have, on the basis of the expectations that the ordinance would go into effect, made plans to open dairies outside of the city, and still others have acquired lots beyond the corporate limits of the town where they may keep their cows without violating the new ordinance. In view of these facts and the possibility of suits against the city in some instances where plans to establish a dairy have already gone forward, Councilman Foreman stated that though he had not been among those who voted to ban the cows in the first instance he would now vote to repeal the ordinance now.

Councilman Gordon declared that he was rather inclined to vote the family cow back into the city by reason of the fact that two local dairies have increased the price of milk from 12c to 15c a quart coincident with the date that the cow banning ordinance goes into effect.

This gave rise to the question of possibility of regulating the price at which milk can be sold in the city. City Attorney Leigh was of the opinion that the city would have such power; and he was sure that the organization of any pool to control the price of milk in the city would be contrary to law.

NONE SATISFIED WITH ENFORCEMENT

Washington, Dec. 2.—Renewing the recommendations for transferring prohibition enforcement to the Department of Justice or creating a new department for it directly under President, Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals, told the board at its annual meeting here today that he had yet to meet "the first temperance man in the ministry or the laity who was satisfied with the way the prohibition law was being enforced."

NATIONAL BANK MAILS \$40,000.00 IN CHECKS

Indicative of the growing popularity of the Christmas Savings Clubs in Elizabeth City is the fact that the First National Bank has mailed out nearly four times the amount in Christmas savings checks that the institution mailed out three years ago. "Three years ago we mailed out \$7,000 and today we are mailing over \$40,000 in checks," said an officer of the bank Tuesday morning. Next year they hope to make it around \$100,000.

ADOPT PROGRAM AT NEXT MEET

County Highway Commission Agreed in the Main on Wilson's Program but Await Figures.

Agreement in the main on the part of the members of the Pasquotank Highway Commission with the County bond issue and road paving program mapped out by Representative J. K. Wilson was expressed Tuesday when Mr. Wilson put his program, as outlined in this newspaper, before the Commission in regular session.

Certain members of the board suggested some modification of extension of Mr. Wilson's program, but no definite program was adopted at Tuesday's meeting of the Commission. This was decided upon when the J. B. McCrary Engineering Corporation of Atlanta that the Commission would be in a better position to adopt a paving program if they had before them definite estimates as to the costs of building the various projects proposed, and heard recommendations as to type of road that would be best suited to meet the conditions that would be encountered on each project and at the same time comply within the limit as to funds that will have to be regarded if Mr. Wilson's plans for a road bond issue of \$250,000 go through.

The County now has on hand in round figures \$185,000, \$150,000 of which, it is estimated, will be available for new road paving projects. A new issue of \$250,000 would provide, then, a total of \$435,000, which, it is estimated, would take care of the total of 20 miles called for in Mr. Wilson's paving program.

It was when Mr. Young called attention to the fact that mileage would depend on what roads were paved, as some roads could be paved at less expense than others, and on what type of construction was adopted that the Commission decided to await figures from Mr. Young, which he undertook would be offered without expense to the County and without obligation to his firm on the part of the Highway Commission, before adopting a definite program.

Mr. Young's figures are to be presented to the Commission at its January meeting.

TO ELET OFFICERS

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will hold its annual election of officers for the ensuing year on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the club rooms.

Farmers Dollar Getting Bigger And Easier to Get

Buying Power of Agricultural Products Has Now Risen to 87 Per Cent of Par as Compared with 69 Per Cent at the Lowest Point of 1921 Depression

(Copyright, 1921, By The Advance)
New York, Dec. 2.—The farmer's dollar undoubtedly is getting bigger and in consequence those who sell to the agriculturists anticipate that it will be easier to move. After a somewhat jerky movement throughout the fall months, October and November have seen a definite rise in the ratio of farm prices to wholesale prices of non-agricultural commodities, based on figures of the Department of Agriculture, and it seems that the farmer has made a long step toward reinstating himself as a buyer in the industrial and business world.

What happened to the farmer is plainly seen from the figures compiled. These were based on comparison with the average prices of farm products and non-agricultural products from August, 1909, to July 1914, which in each case, were given an index figure of 100 per cent. In 1918 the buying power of farm products as compared with those the farmer did not raise was 106 per cent the farm price index having reached 206, as compared with 100 before the war, while the index for manufactured goods advanced only to 188.

By the 1921 the buying value of the farmer's dollar, as compared with what he had to pay for non-agricultural products, had shrunk to 69 per cent. This was the lowest point in the depression period. During this time the farmer's dollar worth only 69 cents worth of non-agricultural goods. In 1922 the ratio rose to 74 per cent and in 1923 it climbed to 78, with the index number of the cost of living 71 points and crop prices 34 points above pre-war levels. In the present month the ratio has risen to 87 per cent of equality.

This gradual climb of the prices which the farmer is paid in ward the level at which he must buy, indicates as clearly as anything can the improved condition of the agriculturist.

This country is facing one serious crop shortage which may mean higher butter, milk and

BISHOP DeLANEY HERE WEDNESDAY

Rev. Henry DeLaney, D. D., Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina of the Episcopal Church for the colored people, will preach in St. Philip's church, Martin street, Wednesday evening, December 3, at 7:30 o'clock. Bishop DeLaney is a gifted speaker and held in the highest regard and admiration not only by people of his own race but by the white people as well. He always brings a message and his coming is looked forward to with the greatest of pleasure. The public is cordially invited to hear Bishop DeLaney Wednesday night at the colored Episcopal Church.

ROAD IS NOW INTER-COUNTY

Mt. Hermon Extension Open to Public Thanksgiving Day Offers Paved Detour into Perquimans.

The extension of the Mount Hermon road from its former terminus to the Perquimans County line was opened to the public on Thanksgiving Day and E. V. Young of the J. B. McCrary Engineering Corporation of Atlanta, Ga., was given a check for \$3,900 Tuesday as the balance in full due him for the construction of this piece of road, which ties up the Mt. Hermon road with the paved roads of Perquimans County and makes it an inter-county road instead of a neighborhood road.

In addition to affording local residents of Chatham and the tributary section of Perquimans County a paved road into Elizabeth City, this road also offers a paved detour for three miles of the dirt section of the State highway between Elizabeth City and Hertford. Taking the Mt. Hermon road at its intersection with the State highway one may now travel the paved road to Elizabeth City, this road also offers a paved detour for three miles of the dirt section of the State highway between Elizabeth City and Hertford. Taking the Mt. Hermon road at its intersection with the State highway one may now travel the paved road to Elizabeth City, this road also offers a paved detour for three miles of the dirt section of the State highway between Elizabeth City and Hertford.

The total cost of this latest 9 foot paved road project of about seven tenths of a mile was \$15,500. The cost was slightly higher than would have been the case but for the fact that the project was such a short one.

JITNEY WAR IS AGAIN RESUMED

Local Jitneys Good and Sore as They Present Their Case to the City Council.

The Tong War has broken out again in New York and hostilities have been resumed in the jitney war in Elizabeth City. While not attended by the fatalities that have characterized the warfare of the heathen Chinese in American cities, jitney feuds in the past in Elizabeth City have lacked nothing in bitterness and have even been attended by some little blood shed, though this was mostly from damaged noses.

Undoubtedly the local jitneys are good and sore. A year or so ago the Elizabeth City Merchants Association, impressed by the fact that it was costing people from nearby towns more to get up town from the Norfolk & Southern Passenger Station than it did to get to the station, went into the passenger bus business with a 10c fare from the passenger station to the downtown business district. Undoubtedly this bus cut somewhat into the profits of the professional jitneys.

The Southern Hotel bus, always accorded preferential position at the passenger station, took up the practice of taking passengers to any part of the City, and this again cut into the profits of the jitneys.

Nevertheless, the jitneys, so they claim, submitted to these conditions without reprisals; but when Tom Nelson, who runs the Southern Hotel, headed a local company that purchased two Yellow Cab taxis and inaugurated Yellow Cab taxi service for Elizabeth City with Mr. Nelson drumming up trade for his taxi in competition with the jitneys, open hostilities were provoked and reprisals were begun.

The Southern Hotel bus discovered that war had been declared when on driving down to the passenger station to meet the train it found the space traditionally reserved for the bus occupied by the passenger cars of local jitneys who refused to give space to the bus. Norfolk Southern officials were appealed to and these officials declared that certain spaces of right belonged to the Southern Hotel bus and to the Merchants Association bus. This ruling was duly conveyed to the local jitneys, but they refused to recognize the space assigned to the hotel and city bus by the railroad authorities.

The foregoing facts were brought into the lime light at the regular session of the City Council Monday night when Edgar Williams and Johnnie Johnson, representing the local jitneys, appeared before the Council with a petition for a change in the parking regulations now in force at the Norfolk & Southern passenger station.

Originally the jitney cars were parked in a line parallel to the railroad track to the north of the passenger station, with no division between the cars soliciting white and those soliciting colored passengers. In order to get to any of those cars the passengers getting off the train had to leave the shed and, if it was raining, walk through the rain several feet or sometimes as far as 100 feet to take a jitney. To obviate this necessity and to separate the white from the colored jitneys, the regulations now in force were established. Under these regulations the jitneys parked around the passenger station, backing up to the cement walk under the shed on the sides and to the rear of the station, the rear entrance to the colored waiting room marking the division line between white and colored jitneys.

Having colored a large part in securing the establishment of the present regulations, local jitneys are now dissatisfied by reason of the fact that most of them are thrown to the rear of the passenger station and out of sight of passengers getting off the train. They are now asking, then, that the white jitneys be permitted to park their cars along the line on which all jitneys were parked prior to the establishment of the present regulations.

The City Council took no action Monday night but referred the matter to City Manager Ferebee with the request that he investigate the situation and make a report as to his finding at the next meeting of the Council.

ENGINEER AND HIS FIREMAN KILLED

Richmond, Dec. 2.—Joe Laird, engineer, and his fireman, Hardin, were killed last night in a wreck between two trains on the James River division of Chesapeake & Ohio near Westham, Virginia.

COLUMBIA TO ENTER SOUTH ATLANTIC

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 2.—This city decided last night to enter a team in the South Atlantic League this season.

Says Tourist Traffic Would Justify Expense

Senator P. H. Williams Estimates Could Invest \$11,000,000 in Proposed Bridge Across Lower Chowan and Get It Back in Ten Years

On the basis of the tourist traffic that it would bring through the coastal counties of North Carolina in the first ten years of its existence, in the opinion of Senator P. H. Williams, the proposed bridge across the Lower Chowan River would justify an investment of \$11,000,000. As a matter of fact, it is believed that the bridge can be built for \$7,000,000.

The average number of tourists' cars that would cross the bridge annually, according to Mr. Williams' figures, would be 87,000; though the number of cars would be far less than that when the bridge was first opened and considerably more than that at the end of the ten year period.

Fifty thousand cars would consume in crossing the State from the Virginia line to Wilmington 2,000,000 gallons of gasoline, Mr. Williams figures, which would mean a revenue of \$60,000 to the State and an equal profit to dealers in gasoline.

Again 50,000 motor cars would carry an average of four persons to the car, or a total of 200,000 persons, and if each of these in passing through the State spent \$20 there would be a total expenditure of \$4,000,000, or a profit, in round numbers, of \$1,000,000.

Figuring up the total profit on the basis of the foregoing figures, one gets the sum of \$1,120,000 annually, which would justify an investment of \$11,200,000.

The foregoing is a sort of sample of the way proponents of the Chowan River bridge have marshaled their facts and figures to put them before the Route 30 Coastal Highway Association when that body meets in New-Berlin Wednesday. Among those who are on the program to speak in behalf of the bridge project are Congressman Lindsay Warren, Clayton Moore of Williamston, S. C., S. Van of Edenton and R. C. Job of Elizabeth City.

Also on the program are C. H. Pugh, who will respond to the address of welcome on behalf of the north side of Albemarle Sound, Senator P. H. Williams of Elizabeth City, State Chairman of the Coastal Highway Executive Committee for North Carolina, and Charles Whedbee of Hertford, president of the Route 30 Association.

The Elizabeth City delegation will carry with it a copy of the big sign donated by Yacobi and Schmidt erected on the Bradford lot depot; the route of the Coastal Highway over the proposed river bridge and will suggest that such signs as that on the Bradford lot be set up along various points of the route throughout the coastal counties of North Carolina.

JUDGE RULES CAN PUBLISH RETURNS

(By The Associated Press)
Kansas City, Dec. 2.—Federal Judge Albert Reeves today sustained the demurrers of Walter Dickey, owner and editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post, and Ralph Ellis, manager, to indictments charging alleged illegal publication of Federal income tax returns. The section charging that publication was illegal, Judge Reeves said, in announcing his decision, is in violation of the first amendment to the Federal constitution relative to the freedom of the press.

SAYS MRS. CHAPLIN MUST GO TO SCHOOL

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Charlie Chaplin who until a few days ago was Lita Grey, the film comedian's leading woman, is subject to California's compulsory school law, being only 16 years of age, the Los Angeles Times said today.

This newspaper based its statement on what purported to be a photographic copy of the birth certificate filed with the bureau of vital statistics by Dr. E. O. Palmer on April 27, 1905.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MEN'S FEDERATION

Changes and announcements for meetings of the Men's Federation are as follows: The meeting at New-Berlin Church will be held the fourth Sunday afternoon instead of next Sunday. The meeting at Salem will be held the third Sunday afternoon instead of the second Sunday. The second Sunday afternoon the Federation will hold service at Mt. Hermon at 3:30 o'clock. This Thursday night prayer meeting for Epworth and Riverside Churches will be held at Epworth Church at 7 p. m., by Federation members.

ANGLO-GERMAN TREATY IS SIGNED

(By The Associated Press)
London, Dec. 2.—The Anglo-German commercial treaty was signed at four o'clock this afternoon.

UNDERWOOD PUTS FORTH HIS PLAN

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Underwood of Alabama today presented a new plan for the operation of Muscle Shoals. He would dedicate the property to National Defense, provide for either government or private operation, for the production of nitrogen for explosives and fertilizer, and call for the construction of dam No. 2.