

Route Thirty Meet For Chowan Bridge

Spanning of Lower Chowan Under Act of Legislature Endorsed by Coastal County Representatives at New Bern Wednesday

The building of a bridge across the lower Chowan River under special act of the North Carolina Legislature was heartily endorsed by the North Carolina Coastal Route 30 Association in session at New Bern Wednesday. The association also went on record as endorsing the appropriation of an additional \$55,000,000 road building program in North Carolina. Resolutions adopted also included the recommendations to the State Highway Commission that all new projects be at least 16 feet wide and that all roads and extensions of Route 30 be completed as soon as practicable.

That the South Atlantic Coastal Highway is the greatest project underway in the United States today in the opinion of a number of the nation's greatest economic experts was declared by Fred G. Wade, secretary of the highway association, in one of the leading addresses given Wednesday at the Masonic theater before several hundred delegates and visitors to the North Carolina Coastal Route 30 Association.

Meeting to plan for the immediate completion of North Carolina's part of Route 30 as adopted by the South Atlantic Coastal Highway, the organization held an enthusiastic session, the second semi-annual gathering of its history. Much interest in the various road projects was aroused by a number of inspirational and instructive addresses.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 11 o'clock by Mayor Edward Clark. After an invocation by Dr. W. H. Horton and the singing of "America" and "The Old North State," Mayor Clark welcomed the delegates and visitors. The meeting was then turned over to Vice-President Frank Keugler, of Washington, in the unavoidable absence of President Charles Whedbee, of Hertford.

In a short message of appropriate explanation and encouragement for the great work at hand, Chairman Keugler called for responses by a number of representatives present. These were made first by Hon. C. R. Pugh, of Elizabeth City, speaking for the north side of Albemarle Sound, who appealed primarily for the Chowan bridge; then by Mrs. A. F. Ellis, of Norfolk, Virginia, secretary of the Tidewater Automobile Association, who stated that the South Atlantic Coastal highway possessed the four chief characteristics of the favored highways: best road, shortest route, best scenery and lowest fares.

Speaking for the Tidewater Hotel Men's Association, J. M. Deer, of Newport News, Virginia, pledged the support of his organization in offering publicity and financial aid for the highway. He extended an invitation to the meeting of the Tidewater Trail to be held next Thursday at Newport News.

Judge Francis W. Winston, of Windsor, responded for the south side of the sound, capturing his audience immediately by the witty whimsicality of his talk and impressive descriptions of the scenic beauty, healthful aspects, historic interest and pleasure resorts of the highway.

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MAY LET DOCTORS TAKE HUMAN LIFE

By The Associated Press
Copenhagen, Dec. 4.—A bill which would authorize doctors under certain conditions to take the life of a patient without incurring punishment has been introduced in the Danish parliament by Minister of Justice Stejneger.

DENY EGYPT RIGHT APPEAL TO LEAGUE

Britain to Brook No Interference in Sudan by League or Individual Nation
By The Associated Press
London, Dec. 4.—Great Britain has informed the League of Nations that the British government will not recognize that any signature by Egypt of the Peace Protocol will give that country the right to appeal to the League of Nations. The statement says that Great Britain will not accept any interference, whether it be by Egypt, by the League, or by any individual government in matters touching the Sudan.

MEN'S FEDERATION OUTGROWS QUARTERS

The morning prayer meetings of the Men's Christian Federation of Elizabeth City, organized as a result of the Ham-Banamy revival, have outgrown the Chamber of Commerce assembly rooms and are now held in the Junior Order in the Kramer Building. The attendance at these morning prayer services, which during the revival was not large enough to crowd the Chamber of Commerce assembly rooms, had grown so since the meeting closed that both assembly rooms were thrown together and used for the service. Both rooms have now been found inadequate, and the service is for that reason going to larger quarters.

CHRISTMAS SAVERS NOW EXCEED 3,000

Ninety-five thousand dollars was mailed out in Christmas Savings Club checks by the banks of Elizabeth City this week. This represents the total membership of 3,538. Each bank reports gains over last year both in the number of club members and the amounts saved.

NAME SISTER HARDING GETS IN FORBES CASE

Chicago, Dec. 4.—The name of Mrs. Carolyn Votaw, sister of the late President Harding, was brought momentarily into Federal Court during the trial here today of Colonel Charles Forbes and John W. Thompson for conspiracy to defraud the Government when a letter identified by Elias H. Mortimer, chief Government witness, as having been received by himself at San Francisco from Mr. Thompson was read to the jury over the strenuous objection of the defense counsel who declared "it would drag scandal into this case."

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County Farmers Wax Indignant

Ruthlessness of Sportsmen and Holly Seekers Likely Abridge Privileges of Former and End Fun Latter
The cold December days are here, the gladdest of the year for the sportsman and the thrill of the holiday season is already in the air, with Christmas evergreens in great demand.

But unless local sportsmen have more regard for the rights and feelings of those on whose property they hunt, and unless the sportsmen who are engaged for purposes of decoration cut such on their enthusiasm, both will probably finally find that they must suffer for it. The sportsman's activities are likely to be so circumscribed that the privilege of hunting can be enjoyed by comparatively few, while the evergreens that are associated with Christmas will become so scarce that those used in Elizabeth City will have to be brought here from some other county.

With the opening of the hunting season many land owners in the County are complaining that the sportsman out after game are ruthless in their pursuit and wantonly injure the owner's wild and domestic animals. Signs that lands are wanted, they say, are torn down at night and the next day hunters go upon these lands claiming to be unaware that they were posted. A farmer whose land is posted comes to town and on returning home finds that apparently some local sportsman has seen him in the city and taken advantage of the fact to go out to his farm and hunt over his land.

A particularly irate farmer tells the story of how while he was in the city a hunter went on his land and, despite the protestations of the tenant, shot down squirrels in his very barnyard that had been kept as pets and fed with the children.

Equally ruthless are some of the methods of the holly seekers. Christmas evergreens, it is a matter of common knowledge, that 25 years ago the woods of this section abounded with holly; but today this beautiful evergreen is disappearing so rapidly that to find a tree loaded with red berries is extremely unusual. Less than 10 years ago the old fair grounds behind the hospital had an abundance of holly trees. Today one may search fruitlessly through these grounds without finding one.

Land owners complain that parties of young people from the city, unable to secure permission to go upon the lands of the farmers for holly, have taken to the practice of cutting the trees in the day time and then setting out at night to get them. The operations of these night raiders, according to current reports, are ruthless in the extreme, an entire tree being cut down in many instances to get a few branches.

A prominent Parrotbank farmer, stopping for a few minutes in the Advance office one day this week on a matter of business, recounted how one December night he found an automobile parked in the road beside his property and, awaiting the return of the owners, met them face to face coming from his woods loaded with holly that they had taken advantage of darkness to go to his property to obtain. He declared this instance typical of many others that are now taking place every day.

A recent act of the Legislature made it impossible to secure license to hunt except by a petition signed by a certain number of freeholders of the County. Unless the hunters show a less ruthless spirit and less disrespect for the wishes of those upon whose lands they hunt, in all probability the restrictions which the Legislature in this County will be made more rigid. As to the depredations of seekers after Christmas evergreens for decorations, it is felt that the rapid destruction of the holly trees of this section ought to be a matter to create so militant a sentiment against such wantonness that the depredations would have to cease.

FIVE CONFEDERATE VETS DIE IN HOME

Beauvoir, Miss., Dec. 4.—Five Confederate veterans at the old soldiers' home here have died during the last nine days and one more is expected to die from an epidemic which as yet has not been diagnosed. The disease affects the patient's stomach.

TREASURY BOND ISSUE FAR OVER-SUBSCRIBED

Washington, Dec. 4.—Subscriptions to the new Treasury bond issue of \$200,000,000 opened yesterday exceeded \$500,000,000 today, and Secretary Winston announced that the offering for further cash sale would be withdrawn at the close of business tonight.

SHRINE ELECTS OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Shrine Club last night the following officers were elected: W. A. Peters, president; E. E. Lewis, vice president; A. G. James, secretary; and H. Howard Smith was elected as a new director.

PARKER AND OVERMAN TO TAKE CROF CENSUS

Farmers Requested to Have Blanks Filled Out and Ready When Enumerators Call
J. L. Lewis, district supervisor of the United States Census Bureau, has arranged with L. B. Parker and S. S. Overman as local enumerators to take the census of the County.

"The purpose of this census," says Supervisor Lewis, "is to ascertain the value of land, built-up areas, crops, live stocks, and everything bought for the farm or produced on the farm. The quantity as well as the value of each article produced is desired."

The Census Bureau has sent a blank to every farmer in the County and each is asked to fill out the blank and have it ready when the enumerators call on him. The Federal code requires that this report be filled out and made as accurate as possible.

Farmers are requested to hold their reports until the enumerators call for them rather than try to send them in to the enumerators. This request is made in order that the enumerators may be able to keep an accurate check on their work.

ORCHESTRA PRESENTS PROGRAM AT SHILOH

The orchestra of the First Methodist Sunday school, an organization composed of 12 of the city's best musicians under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Freeman, will give a concert at Shiloh Tuesday night, December 9. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Shiloh Methodist Church. The public is cordially invited.

MRS. SHREVELEY A STUDENT

Columbus, Dec. 4.—Mrs. A. V. Shreveley, wife of Rev. C. V. Shreveley, pastor of Christ Church, a local church of the Episcopal body was found in the furnace of the Shreveley home, completed at Shiloh, Coleridge Murphy held in his formal report on the tragedy, filed with the clerk of the county court today.

SEVERAL PASSENGERS ARE REPORTED KILLED

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 4.—Several passengers were reported killed when a Sacramento Street train ran into and telegraphed the rear of a Twelfth street train on Keyroute line. Twenty injured were rushed to hospitals here.

FILING STATIONS TO CLOSE UP FOR SUNDAY

Effective Sunday, December 7, Elizabeth City's mailing stations will not sell gasoline and oils on Sundays.

The owners and operators of these stations explain in an advertisement inserted in The Advance Thursday that they want one day of rest in seven that they can give the devotees six days in the week if they are not allowed one day for rest and worship.

"The closing of the service stations will not be a hardship to anyone," according to the advertisement, "and this will enable at least 20 men to have Sundays to attend church and rest. All we ask is that you buy your gasoline and oils on Saturdays."

NEAR EAST ORPHANS ASK BE REMEMBERED

Charlotte, Dec. 4.—The people of North Carolina have been asked to observe "Golden Rule Sunday" on next Sunday and to give a thanks-offering for the property that they enjoy, toward the support of the destitute orphans and others of the Near East. The movement has been endorsed by President Coolidge, who in a letter to the Near East Relief in New York, has renewed his commendation of the movement and asserted that "international observance of this day might well contribute materially to the betterment of international relations and bring world peace."

TOWNSEND ADDED TO STATE BOARD HEALTH

Winston-Salem, Dec. 4.—The staff of the State Board of Health has been augmented by the addition of Dr. M. L. Townsend of Charlotte. He has taken charge of the educational work of the board.

CAN NOT RESTORE DISMEMBERED R. R.

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—The North Carolina Supreme Court in an opinion handed down yesterday holds that the splitting of the Cross-Fair and Yadkin Valley Railroad was lawful and that the State can not compel it to be returned to the original owners and operated as one road.

The Cross-Fair and Yadkin Valley runs from Wilmington to Mt. Airy, but it is operated as two lines, the eastern end under the control of the Atlantic Coast Line and the western end under the control of the Southern.

This road is the only line already built which is susceptible of development into a trunk line east and west through the State to the great fields.

CHAPLIN'S NEW WIFE MUST OBEY THE LAW

Los Angeles, Dec. 4.—Whether the six-foot, 16-year-old Lilian Chapman, Chaplin's bride of the film comedian, Charlie Chaplin, has come over to California to complete schooling law since her appearance in the movies as Lily Gray is under investigation by the Compulsory Education Department of the Los Angeles school board, says the Los Angeles Times newspaper, which revealed details and published the birth certificate revealing Mrs. Chaplin as much younger than the public had believed her. This newspaper quotes Raymond Dunlop, director of the department, as saying, "Very careful attention will be given to see that she meets the requirements of the law just the same as any other person of her sex, regardless of the circumstances."

COTTON REPORT

New York, Dec. 4.—Spot cotton closed quiet with 10 points decline, adding 23.93. Futures, December 22.80, January 22.91, March 23.25, May 23.65, July 23.84.

Mellon Sees New Era Of Prosperity

Washington, Dec. 4.—Years of "prosperous and healthy conditions such as succeeded the election of 1856" were forecast for the United States by Secretary Mellon in the annual report of the Treasury sent to Congress today.

The Secretary's views are based, he said, on the repudiation of "various theories inconsistent with economic laws" and the endorsement of a program of constructive handling of Government affairs given in the last election. He counseled the nation, however, to approach the program with intelligence; the program made and the ground work laid in the last four years may not come to naught.

The United States, he asserted, was the first world power to come through the post-war transition stage successfully and the first to be able to present "reasonable assurance" that "true progress" will be restored to his former status in the economic system.

Mr. Mellon again attacked the continued issue of tax exempt securities as a menace, saying that surely it will mean in the end continued heavy tax burdens for the states and municipalities. For the Federal Government, he said, it is a matter of high importance that so long as high surtaxes are effective, the possession of large fortunes will continue to avoid the Federal levy by investment in the tax exempt securities. He renewed his recommendation for a constitutional amendment limiting the issue of tax exempt obligations, but suggested a more immediate remedy in the form of changes in surtax rates, as proposed a year ago by the Treasury.

The gift tax provision of the present law was characterized by the Secretary as one of the futile attempts to check avoidance of the high tax rates and yet not penalize legitimate transactions. He said there was "grave doubt" as to the right of Congress to impose a tax on gifts at all, and that the manner in which the provision was phrased had placed on the Internal Revenue Bureau the duty of passing judgment on countless straight business deals to determine whether there had been a "gift" involved since the statute compelled the interpretation of a payment by cash, in an exchange of property, as gift and therefore taxable.

Publicity provisions of the present law should be repealed, the Secretary said, adding that they were included in the law when sections penalizing publication by newspapers of the income tax returns were enacted alongside of them. While discussing the question of taxation, the Secretary renewed his appeal that Congress should not launch on any new program that would call for additional outlays of money.

Economy Begins At Home In Opinion Of Coolidge

And So For First Time in History an American President Journeys to Chicago in Ordinary Pullman Instead of in Private Car

Washington, Dec. 4.—By traveling to Chicago one day this week in the drawing room of an "ordinary sleeping car," President Coolidge has set another example of that Jeffersonian simplicity which is to mark the next four years in the White House. Not for 33 years—possibly many more than that—has a President of the United States made an overnight trip away from Washington in anything but a private car, often in a special train.

The President traveled in a sleeper without dining equipment, taking his dinner and breakfast in the regular dining car attached to the train for all the travellers, high and low.

It must not be supposed, however, that the general public is being accommodated in the same pullman with the President. It so happens that his travelling companions are all personal acquaintances or attaches of the White House. There was no room in the President's car even for the newspaper men regularly attached to the White House. They had to find accommodations elsewhere on the train, along with the general public.

Preaching severe economy in his annual message to Congress, President Coolidge took an early occasion to show how much in earnest he is on the subject. Like Gladstone, he believes that economy begins at home and he is going to set an example to the nation in keeping with the frugal life he always has led. The President has a travel allowance from Congress of \$25,000 a year. This sum is more than sufficient to provide

him with a private car and crew whenever he cares to use it. It has always proved sufficient in the past for Presidents with far more of a travel predilection than Mr. Coolidge possesses. But the President feels that the more of this sum that he can turn back into the treasury at the end of the fiscal year the better for the government and for the tax payers. It was erroneously reported some time ago that this travel sum was a part of the President's personal compensation and any saving from it went to him. That never has been the case. It is a public fund.

Railroad men said today while Mr. Coolidge's new mode of travel will save the government some money, the amount will not be so large as would appear on the surface. A private car would cost \$5 single railroad fares to Chicago. With sixteen or seventeen persons in the Presidential party, including secret service operatives, the saving in railroad fares to the government amounts to about \$200. Of course the secret service has a travel of its own and the expense of the guards will not be charged against the White House appropriation.

The present trip of the President is in sharp contrast to the mode of presidential travel of two decades ago. Then the Congress provided nothing for the chief executive to go on, but he travelled nevertheless in royal fashion. The reason for this was that the railroads of the country furnished the transportation and the equipment free. It was in the good old days of passes, when everybody with an official position cut in on the freedom of the rails. The railway companies also furnished the food and other refreshments for the Presidential party and the President was free to invite as many guests as he chose.

Some of the presidential trips under the old order cost the railroads as high as \$100,000. Wines, liquors and cigars were furnished with a free hand. Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt were the last to travel under the old order. They would have been called particularly extravagant. Mr. Roosevelt realized this after he had been in the White House for some time. Then there came the Federal law against the granting of passes. This put it up to Congress to provide a legitimate travel fund for the President. With the advent of Mr. Taft this fund became available.

Mr. Taft traveled freely, but on no occasion when he had a special train was the cost charged entirely against the Government. The newspaper correspondents who accompanied him shared pro rata in the entire expense. This was true also during the Wilson and Harding regimes. Mr. Taft always used a private car. Sometimes it was attached to milk trains; occasionally to milk freight. The correspondents accompanying him had many a hard night on the benches of a day coach, so they at least, are accustomed to some of the frugalities of the new administration. At one time the Taft correspondents organized what they called a "pillow and blanket club." They would borrow the pillows and blankets from the president's train. There has been a suggestion from time to time that Congress should provide a private car for the President just as it provides him with a private yacht, the Mayflower. It always has been necessary to hire a private pullman. The cost of such a car averages about \$75 a day. The Coolidge plan of travel will save the Government considerable in this way, for each member of his party now will pay only "space rates" on a regular sleeper.