

City's Utility Bonds Bought At A Premium

Chicago Firm of C. W. McNear & Company Successful Bidders for \$800,000 in Bonds Issued for Lights, Water and Sewerage Properties of City

The City Council in session Monday awarded the city's public improvement bonds for \$800,000 to C. W. McNear & Company, of Chicago, the amount of this company's bid being \$802,241.91. The interest rate was 5 per cent.

Among the 12 other concerns bidding, the Southern Trust Company of Elizabeth City offered the next highest bid which was \$800,075.00, the interest in this bid also being 5 per cent.

Immediately following the opening and reading of the bids by the clerk, a special committee consisting of H. G. Kramer, M. H. Jones, and G. R. Little, retired from the meeting room and in a few minutes returned with the statement that the committee considered the bid of C. W. McNear & Company the best bid offered. Immediately upon this report the Council voted to award the bid to this concern.

Of these bonds \$550,000 are for the purchase and extension of the water, electric light and power systems. The other \$250,000 are for acquiring and improving the existing sewerage system.

SERVICE MEN ARE URGED APPLY BONUS

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According to the plans of the Adjutant General of the Army, many thousand more applications for Bonus can be handled daily. The great difficulty today appears to be that many veterans are delaying in making their applications.

Consequently, the War Department desires to make further effort to reach every man and have him either make his application or to please send a letter or card to the Adjutant General stating that he does not intend to apply for the Bonus.

It is not believed that the veterans are indifferent to the Bonus but merely that they have failed to appreciate the necessity for promptly submitting their applications. There is no red tape in this matter. Of course the application must be properly filled out in order to identify the veteran and to compute accurately what amount of compensation he is entitled to. His name, serial number, organization he served in, with dates his finger prints and other data are important in order to be sure that each is identified with his record in the War Department office here.

A statement issued today from the U. S. District Engineer's office follows:

"If you are a World War veteran and you want your bonus, please make application at once. Don't delay for delay means a loss of money to you. Make out your application today while this request is fresh in your mind. The War Department is prepared to handle 30,000 applications a day. Let them have yours tomorrow.

If you do not want the bonus and do not wish to make application, please notify the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., telling him that you do not want the bonus. We ask you to do this in order that the War Department may know how many veterans intend to apply and that they can thereby keep their force at full work until the work is done. Delay means more expense to the taxpayer."

If there has been some error in your application and it has been returned to you, please make the correction and send it in today. If there is something that you do not understand and which you wish explained, apply to the nearest recruiting office of the Army, Navy, Marines, The American Legion Post, The Veterans' Bureau or the Adjutant General."

TRADE BALANCE IS FAVORABLE TO U. S.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Exports from the United States during November amounted to \$494,000,000. Comparing this with the imports of \$426,000,000 it leaves a trade balance favorable to the United States of \$198,000,000.

AUTO RESPONSIBLE FIFTH FATALITIES

Washington, Dec. 15.—One-fifth of all the fatalities by accident in the United States in 1923 were caused by automobile accidents, according to figures made public today by the Census Bureau. The number of deaths from automobile accidents in cities was twice as great as in the rural districts.

DUNKIRK'S JAIL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Dunkirk's city hall, jail and police station were destroyed by fire today. The loss was estimated at \$100,000.

MEXICO TO DECORATE DEFENDERS OF VERA CRUZ

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Creation of a new decoration called the "Second North American Invasion," to be bestowed upon the defenders of Vera Cruz against the United States navy in 1914, has been approved by the chamber of deputies and sent to the senate.

Newspapers of the capital declare that the decoration will be awarded only to the soldiers and sailors who participated in the defense of the port and not to the thousands of civilians who risked their lives to repulse Admiral Fletcher's sailors and marines.

WORKING OUT PLAN FOR CONSOLIDATION

The movement to consolidate the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association, making the latter organization a bureau of the former, seems to be gaining in momentum, and growing in favor.

A committee from the Merchants' Association consisting of J. C. Sawyer, R. B. Sheely, and P. P. Gallop is working this week with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce consisting of C. R. Pugh, Dr. M. S. Bulla and J. H. LeRoy, Sr., on plan of consolidation.

This plan, if the program adopted by a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants' Association last week is carried out, will be presented to the members of both bodies at a banquet to be held on Monday night, December 29. Plans for the banquet are going along hand in hand with the mapping out of the plans for the consolidation.

In the opinion of those who have given the matter the most careful thought that duplications of effort will be obviated, expenses will be cut down and efficiency will be gained by the consolidation. Meantime the members of the committee who have the matter of the plan of consolidation under consideration invite suggestions from members of the organizations which they represent.

COWS COME BACK AT SPECIAL MEET

Our cow to the family was again written in the city's speech at the special meeting of the City Council which convened at noon Monday. Councilman P. C. Cohoon, who previously voted for barring the cow from the city buildings, told the members of the Council that he had changed his mind, that without cows in the city there were certain sections of the citizens of the city that would find it difficult to get milk from dairy for limited periods and in emergencies.

Upon roll call Councilmen Foyerman and Weatherly were the only members to stand up on the ordinance passed last summer to prevent the owning of milk cows within the city limits.

WHI INVESTIGATE HERALD EDITORIAL

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RAID MANUFACTURER'S BUSY

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Special—Radio manufacturers are among the busiest of the postal units here. One company has started a 24-hour a day schedule.

Short Haul Business Sought By Railroads

Vice President of Pennsylvania System Sees Motor Truck Used by Railroad as Aid in Handling of Short Haul Freight at a Profit

New York, Dec. 15.—Edgar L. Lee, vice-president in charge of operation of the Pennsylvania System, sees the motor delivery truck sharing future transportation, now that the railroad industry has become permanently divided into what he calls wholesale and retail departments.

Vice-President Lee holds the view that the chief problem in regard to the handling of freight, as between railroads and motor vehicles, are not those of competition but rather those of co-operation. "The part of the motor vehicle," Mr. Lee said, "is not to do what the railroads are already fitted and equipped to do with full success and satisfaction; it is to do what the railroads are not able to do at all, or else do only with difficulty and imperfect success.

"Such profits as the railroads are able to make at all come practically altogether from the mass transportation of freight and passengers over at least considerable distances, in other words from what we may term the wholesale experiments of transportation. This is just the form of service in which experience shows that trucks cannot consistently earn real profits. On the other hand, those forms in which trucks can and do make money are almost invariably the strictly retail forms, in the rendering of which railroad operation practically always involves losses, and sometimes very heavy ones."

As a result the use of motor trucks in the handling of short-distance packages, or, in railroadese, "less-than-carload," (l.c.l.) freight, has been developed on the Pennsylvania Railroad until more than 30 routes are in operation. Most of these serve the suburban zones of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and, to some extent, the eastern shore of Maryland. The extension of this trucking service has been accomplished practically within 12 months, and research and studies are under way to extend it further. The management feels it has proved that the speedy and mobile new auxiliary releases heavier traffic load; increases efficiency of general service and effects important economies.

For a number of years it had been the custom to operate two package freight trains daily over the Philadelphia-Wilmington line,

HYDE SENTENCED YEAR IN PRISON

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—Tristram Hyde, former mayor of Charleston and prominent in religious circles, was sentenced to one year and one day in federal penitentiary at Atlanta in United States District Court here today. He was convicted last week of violating the national banking laws.

MRS. CLYDE BYFIELD GETS A NEW TRIAL

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Clyde Byfield was granted a new trial in her suit for \$100,000 damages against Walter Candler, growing from his alleged attack on the steamship Berengaria about two years ago. The Georgia court of appeals interpreted certain instructions of the presiding judge of DeKalb county court, where a jury found the verdict for Candler, as favorable to the defendant.

HIGH POINT WOMAN SAID BE SUICIDE

Charlotte, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Isabella Montgomery, said to have been a resident of High Point, was found dead seated at a table in the offices of knights of the mystic circle here, her face lying in cloth saturated with a sleep producing drug. The police said she committed suicide.

LATEST VICTIMS OF TUT'S "CURSE"



FREED



Captain James Chastain, Jr., former aid to Major General John J. Pershing, the "Mr. A" in the much-publicized London biscuit bill, will be extradited from Paris. The magistrate hearing the case has ordered his release.

DEER OF HIGH DEGREES FLOURISH IN ENGLAND

London, Dec. 15.—Captive deer and fawns kept by nobles confined to the English aristocracy, their antlers weighed hundreds of deer in Great Britain whose records go back more than 400 years. The 1923 register of the Deer Board Book Society of Great Britain, the social register of the animals, just published, gives a complete list of the names and distinguishing marks of the herds.

The herd at Dian Park, Fife, which went into existence more than 100 years ago, is the topnotch in the mixed blazed blood of English herds. Among other deer ranking above the pedestal rank is the 300-year-old herd of Lord Clifford, which has not mixed with other blood lines 1672, and the herd of Lord Cobham, which has maintained its exclusiveness since 1785.

Sir Robert Harvey of Lanark Park owns a herd of mixed deer which have been bred there since Queen Elizabeth used the park as a royal hunting ground. A three-century mixed herd, 1672, owned by Lord Hastings, and the Duke of Norfolk have maintained a herd on their estate in Norfolk for about 700 years.

Altogether there are about 110 privately owned herds in Great Britain, including three belonging to King George, but which do not rank with their royal master in the matter of pedigree. On some of the large estates of the Midlands as many as 400 deer are kept.

Kidnaped



Oklahoma hills are being searched for trace of Oklahoma kidnappers.

20-year-old Indian, accused by authorities of kidnapping Miss Bertha May Grove, 16-year-old Oklahoma girl, high school girl.

GOMPER'S BODY TO LIE IN STATE

Now Enroute to Capital Where Will Remain from Tuesday P. M. Until Time to Leave for Funeral.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—The train bearing the body of Samuel Gompers to Washington, where it will lie in state until burial Wednesday in New York, paused here from early morning until noon today after a journey marked by outpourings of those who wished to pay their respects at all stations from San Antonio, Texas, where the president of the American Federation of Labor died Saturday.

The schedule from St. Louis called for the train to reach Cincinnati at 8:55 tonight. Arrival in Washington is scheduled for 2:45 Tuesday.

Martin H. Glynn Dead

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Former Governor Martin H. Glynn, who has been ill for two months, died Sunday.

KILLER INSANE OR FEIGNING INSANITY

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Police state that C. A. Rourke, who Saturday shot and killed Miss Verna Moore, Western Union Multiple operator, is either insane or feigning insanity. Immediately after the shooting, Rourke declared that he shot the girl because she threatened to ruin his wife.

GERMAN GLASS INDUSTRY RECENTLY REVIVED

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—The manufacture of beer glasses has helped to keep the German glass industry on its feet during the last few months when there has been a letdown in numerous other industries owing to the lack of ready cash for operating expenses. The demand has come chiefly from the home trade.

In the last 22 years Mr. Drolet says that there have been 12,000 deaths from tuberculosis of school children between the ages of 5 and 12 in the United States. Mr. Drolet estimates that the public schools spent an average of \$75 to \$100 a year per school child in education on these 12,000 children. The loss in wasted education on these children alone amounts to over \$1,000,000,000. In addition to this loss of valuable school money, Mr. Drolet estimates that the parents and families of these same children previous to their death had already expended on average a minimum of \$250 annually for feeding, clothing and sheltering them, a total for the entire group of \$300,000,000. The average life of these children was approximately 19 years.

This combined loss of over \$1,000,000 makes no allowance for sums that were spent upon the children for medical, nursing and institutional care, which a very considerable portion of them received. "Bohemian as tuberculosis is an easily preventable disease, particularly in school children," says Mr. Drolet, "a loss of such an immense sum as \$300,000,000 in wasted education and wasted training of childhood, to say nothing of blighted hopes and the additional tremendous loss in unrealized production with the communities in which these children lived, seems almost criminal."

One bright ray of hope concerning tuberculosis in children, however, is the very great decline that has taken place among them since the organization of the National Tuberculosis Association in 1904. In that year 62 out of every 100,000 children under fifteen years of age in the United States were dying of tuberculosis. In 1921, the last available figures, only 28 of this group of children in every 100,000 were dying of this preventable disease. This tremendous reduction has largely been brought about by the campaign against tuberculosis organized and sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association and financed by the annual sale of Christmas Seals.

At the granite quarries in this section of the country stone of a high quality has been taken out since 1921 and the competitive advantages of its location, says Mr. Drane, will probably be further increased by the recent consolidation of railroads affecting its traffic.

"It is not perhaps generally realized," asserted Mr. Drane, "how limited is the occurrence of good building and ornamental stone in the United States. East of the Rocky Mountains there are few exceptions to the general rule that the only states producing stone are those traversed by the Appalachian Mountain Range. Of these eastern states south of New England, North Carolina, with the exception of Georgia, is the best supplied with variety, quality and quantity. The high quality of North Carolina granite is already well established in the national building market."

"There are general facts necessary to stone-quarry development. The first is that transportation facilities which make stone marketable must generally be developed by other products. The second is that there must be durable and weather-resisting and free of mineral components which will discolor and stain. In addition it must possess the quality of 'working true,' a characteristic comparable to well frozen ice, in which a skillful pick will open a surface crack which follows straight and true to the bottom of the block."

"The valuable quality appears in peculiar degree in the Rolesville granite, which in other respects meets the requirements of the United States Bureau of Public Roads, which approves its use as crushed stone in pavements of bituminous macadam or Portland cement concrete, and as paving blocks and concrete.

"Stone from the quarries in the vicinity of Rolesville is mostly composed of crystals of quartz, two types of feldspar, and biotite, or black mica. In color it is an attractive light grey with an unusual uniformity of distribution of the dark crystals and a finer grain than that of the quarries of southern Wake County or Wilson County. The outcrops are numerous and the stone is exposed for several miles and show large surfaces free from overburden. A number of openings have been made to determine the variation of its character over the area seen to show a tendency to grade from coarse crystals on the western edge to fine grains on the eastern edge of the area."

"With the coming of the railroad, Mount Airy granite was developed into a building stone which gave North Carolina granite a high standing in rivalry with

SOUTHWIDE MEET ORGANIZED CLASS

And Baptist State Sunday School Secretary Middleton Believes N. C. be Represented

Raleigh, Dec. 15.—A number of the 2348 Baptist Sunday schools of North Carolina will be represented at the fourth annual South-wide Baptist Organized Bible Class Conference at Shreveport, Louisiana, January 13 to 15, in the opinion of E. L. Middleton, of this city, secretary in charge of Baptist Sunday school work of North Carolina. Mr. Middleton will head the delegation from this State.

An innovation in this year's conference will be introduced in the form of a special session devoted to organized class work among rural Sunday schools and this conference will be presided over by J. M. Barnette of Hickory, who has achieved wide reputation as a successful superintendent and leader in a large country Sunday school. It is expected that this interest in rural Sunday schools will result in many more of that type of schools being represented than at any previous conference.

Every phase of activity of organized classes will be considered by persons who have succeeded in the work in the various southern states, while a few outstanding speakers from other sections of the nation will likewise deliver addresses. Among the nationally known speakers will be Dr. L. M. McConnell, of Oklahoma City, and Dr. Frank M. Goodchild, of New York City.

Reduced rates have been granted by the railroads and barters will be awarded those states sending the largest delegation and those delegations attending the conference in greatest numbers.

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