

COMMISSIONERS LOATH TO BUILD BRIDGE ON CREEK

Turn Deaf Ear to Appeal of Industrial Concerns Affected; Highway Body Asks \$12,000

OLD DEBT UNEARTHED

C. R. Pugh Presents Bill for \$1,630 for Benefit Accruing to Roads From Drainage

The Board of County Commissioners, approached on the matter of providing for a \$12,000 appropriation for construction of a new bridge over Knobbs Creek, at the foot of Pennsylvania avenue, or to repair the bridge already there, took no action at their regular meeting Monday morning, despite an urgent plea on the part of attorneys representing industrial concerns affected, reinforced by delegates from the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Bureau.

Attorneys P. W. McMullan and J. C. B. Ethinghaus made strong appeals on behalf of the manufacturing interests north of Knobbs Creek, representing that these would be handicapped seriously if the bridge were discontinued, and that the general public would suffer as well. Chairman W. T. Love, Sr., of the Commissioners, was inclined, however, to regard the project as involving too large an outlay compared with its benefit to the public at large. He appeared to favor discontinuance of the present bridge and construction of another at the head of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company's plant. Other members of the board had little to say on the subject.

Mr. Love took the stand that a bridge could be built near the Foreman-Blades plant at considerably less cost, that it would not be necessary there to maintain a draw, with a bridge keeper, and that very little inconvenience to the general public would result from abandonment of the Pennsylvania avenue bridge. He was inclined also to stress a clause in the law on the subject that requires the Highway Commission to present its budget to the County Commissioners by July 1. The budget was not ready until the middle of July this year, and he took that as relieving the commissioners of obligation to build the bridge.

The commissioners learned to their surprise that they owed \$1,630 assessed against them as the value of benefits accruing to County roads from the formation of Pasquotank County Drainage District No. 1, in Newland Township. Attorney C. R. Pugh brought the matter to their attention, explaining it had been assessed against the County by the board of viewers of the district November 22, 1921, but subsequently had been overlooked. He explained the County is now liable for the debt, but that at any time during the ten year term of life of the drainage district's bond issue.

"After some discussion, the commissioners voted to defer action on the bill pending investigation. That there are only seven cases of typhoid fever in Pasquotank County at present, and that all of them are among persons who failed to take the inoculation provided free by the County, was the outstanding feature of the report of Dr. C. B. Williams, County Health Officer.

YOUTH KILLED WHEN SEAPLANE CRASHES

Norfolk, Aug. 3.—Hugh Long, 15 year old son of Maurice C. Long of this city, was killed and Lieutenant W. B. Gwin was seriously injured when a seaplane crashed into a small boat Sunday at the Naval Base here today. The boy was a passenger in a flight arranged for by his father.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION INVITED TO ASSIST IN REVIVAL

Shawboro, Aug. 3.—Revival services at Perkins' Methodist Church started Sunday night August 2. Rev. C. T. Thrift of Monck, pastor of the church, is conducting the services which are being held at 3 p. m., and 8 p. m., daily this week.

DR. WILLIAMS RETURNS

Dr. C. B. Williams and family returned Sunday from a three weeks' stay at the seashore.

GRAHAM WILL SPEAK TO LOCAL AUDIENCE

Returning from a brief sojourn at Nags Head, Maor William A. Graham, State Commissioner of Agriculture, will address a meeting of Pasquotank County farmers and others interested Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce quarters in the Community Building.

INJURED YOUTH IMPROVING NOW

Vernon Hanbury, Hurt in Auto Crash, Is Regaining Consciousness

Vernon Hanbury, 16 years old Cradock, Va., youth who was injured in an automobile accident on the Woodville Highway early Thursday night, is showing steady improvement, according to Dr. Zenas Fearing, who is attending him at the Elizabeth City Hospital. He is now able to take nourishment readily, Dr. Fearing states, and the condition of semi-consciousness that has persisted since the accident is gradually clearing away.

Thus far, no complications have resulted from the fracture of two of the boy's ribs, Dr. Fearing says, and the danger that pneumonia might set in, strongly feared at first, is growing more remote. Dr. Fearing expresses hope for the speedy recovery of the boy, though his condition still is regarded as serious.

Young Hanbury, accompanied by his parents and other members of the family, had motored from Cradock to spend the night with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Tasker, on Ethinghaus street, extended. They arrived after supper, and Mrs. Tasker sent Vernon, together with her own son, Kelly and Theodore Miller, young son of a neighbor, in the Tasker car after a loaf of bread, in order that she might fix supper for the unexpected guests.

While on their way down the Woodville Highway toward the Norfolk Southern station, the car in which the boys were riding was in a collision with another driven by Dr. F. W. Lowry, who lives near the city. Young Hanbury was thrown out upon the concrete roadway, and was picked up and carried to the hospital unconscious. The other boys were caught beneath their car, and escaped injury.

START HUNT FOR MAN THOUGHT DEAD

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Henry Swartz, vice president and general manager of the Buffalo Cellulose Company, supposed to have met death in his own laboratory at Walnut Creek last Thursday by an explosion, was sought by Sheriff R. R. Yeale today.

A. J. Neilson, dental expert, declared today a minute examination of the charred body found in the Swartz laboratory, "This dead man is not Swartz. His teeth vary from the Swartz teeth."

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH OF TEACHER

Mattoon, Ill., Aug. 3.—The mysterious tangle of evidence centering about threatening letters found floating over the victim's head today, and the investigation of the death of Miss Cora Stallman, former school teacher, whose body was found in a cistern on her sister's farm near here.

Letters signed "K. K. K." and filled with invectives and the discovery that death was not due to drowning were the major factors in starting the investigation.

SAYS INTER-ALLIED DEBTS IMPORTANT

Autun, France, Aug. 3.—The question of inter-allied debts must be settled before France can enjoy full liberty in her foreign policy, Premier Painleve declared in a speech here today.

Debts between the Allies would have been easy to settle during the last month of the war, the premier said, but now the question is imposed on nations in "pressing and urgent fashion."

HAYNES IS RELIEVED OF HIS AUTHORITY

Washington, Aug. 3.—An order relieving Prohibition Commissioner Haynes of authority with respect to supervision over the question of intoxicating liquors was made public today at the Treasury in connection with reorganization of the prohibition unit, effective September 1.

The order signed by Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair is addressed to the prohibition commissioners and to prohibition directors.

COMMITTEE TO MEET

The boys' work committee of the Rotary Club will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce.

FARMERS COME BY ACORN HILL

See Prettiest Crops Between Here and Raleigh in Tadmore

Forty nine farmers from Pasquotank County attended the Farmers Convention in Raleigh last week and all report a profitable and enjoyable visit to the State Capital.

The party returned by the Acorn Hill Road and R. C. Lowry, Jr., who was a member of the party, said that the prettiest crops he observed anywhere between Elizabeth City and Raleigh were in the Tadmore Section of Pasquotank. "The corn in Tadmore," says Mr. Lowry, "is marvelous and is well worth the day's journey to see. I had heard a great deal about the agitation over the drainage district there but I am surprised that intelligent men cannot see the great advantage derived from this undertaking."

The finest corn I have seen anywhere was on what two years ago was waste land, upon which only cattle grazed. I understand and this reclamation is due solely to the drainage canal which parallels the road across the swamp to Gates County. I am of the opinion that drainage is as important to us as good roads and as soon as our people awaken to the importance of drainage we shall become more prosperous farming people. Frankly, I did not know that there was such land in Pasquotank County as the wonderful black lands of Tadmore."

FIVE ARE INJURED IN KU KLUX RIOTING

Westwood, Mass., Aug. 3.—Five persons, including two women and a boy were cut and bruised, three were arrested and the farm house of Stephen Hilsley in the Hilsley district here was wrecked Sunday when a meeting of some three score Ku Klux Klansmen was broken up by a mob of 500 persons. The meeting was the first attempted since the state police arrested the Klansmen and a large number would afford police protection to Klan gatherings.

A stone thrown at the speaker's stand started the rioting, and instantly the air was filled with missiles. The three local constables were unable to restore order. Many of the Klansmen reached their automobiles and escaped, but about a score took refuge in the Hilsley house, which immediately was surrounded and stormed.

"LADY OF QUALITY" AT THE ALKRAMA

Of the costume plays that have been produced recently, none are said to surpass "A Lady of Quality" in dramatic strength. The picture is the attraction at the Alkrama tonight. The mental struggle of the heroine keeps the spectator in the highest of suspense.

The heroine's noble sacrifice of renouncing the man she loves and is about to marry rather than cast a stigma upon him awakens for her the deepest of sympathy. In the closing scenes the sight of the hero embracing the heroine and saying to her that he knows all, her sister having out of pity for both acquainted him with the murder and its causes, is a sight which one cannot easily forget.

LABOR THROUGH WITH THIRD PARTY MOVES

Washington, Aug. 3.—In direct language from its executive council, the American Federation of Labor has announced that it is through backing third party movement of the kind which it supported in 1924 with the late Senator LaFollette as Presidential candidate.

A return to the custom of entering Congressional and other political contests in support of individual candidates satisfactory to unions emphatically was indicated as its future course by the council, which has just rounded up a quarterly session, during which much time was given to study of labor strategy in approaching elections.

RIFLIANS CONFER WITH SPANISH HEAD

Paris, Aug. 3.—General Primo DeRivers, head of the Spanish military directorate, has received two emissaries from Abd El Krim, Rifian leader, at Tetuan, Spanish Morocco. It was learned today from dispatches reaching the foreign office, The Rifian emissaries went to Gibraltar, millionaires ship owner of Balba who acted as intermediary between the Spanish government and Abd El Krim.

BRICKLAYERS AND PLASTERERS STRIKE

New York, Aug. 3.—Approximately \$20,000,000 worth of construction was halted when bricklayers and plasterers employed by the George A. Fuller Construction Company went on a strike in all the building projects in the city today.

He Started New Monkey War



Here is Loren Wittner, who stirred up what promises to be another "evolution trial" at Washington by filing suit to withhold pay from teachers who "teach disrespect to the Bible" by giving instruction in various sciences. He is shown here talking it over with Jocko, of the monkey tribe.

Crime Commission Not Heeding The Reformers

New Organization Headed by Elbert H. Gary Will Make Critical Study of Crime and Methods Used to Combat Evil in Various Places

By EDNA MARSHALL
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New York, Aug. 3.—"Blue" law reformers, who would cut further into the traditional right of the American people to the "pursuit of happiness," need look for no support from the newly organized National Crime Commission. And relatives of criminals will find it a poor place to go seeking support of appeals for clemency.

These facts were made clearly evident at the meeting late Wednesday at the offices of Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, where organization of the new commission was begun with Judge Gary in the chair.

One "blue" Sunday advocate who attempted to corral a group of the big business men, judges, state senators, crime experts, police officials, and others, including Governor Smith, who met to launch the crusade against national conditions of crime characterizes as "terrifying beyond all expression," received no attention at all.

Theater going and card playing on Sunday are not crimes and mild pleasure seeking leads to no more crimes on Sunday than on week days, was the opinion one committee member expressed. And that reformer went home disappointed.

Another reader who came to tell the "workers for public safety" of the trip.

Club Girls Are Hostesses To Hungry Body of Guests

Members of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Board of Education and several specially invited guests were entertained by the Pasquotank County club girls at a delightful dinner Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce quarters. The term "delightful" is used advisedly in describing the dinner—it was just that.

The menu comprised fried chicken that came up to the finest traditions of this delicacy; beautifully browned gravy; deliciously creamed potatoes; hot rolls and beaten biscuits that literally melted in one's mouth; tasty corn pudding, ice cream and cake. The guests did full justice to it.

The dinner was given as a token of appreciation for the kindness of the Board of Education in providing a truck for the girls on their recent trip to Raleigh for the short course at State College, and to show their appreciation to the work, in connection with which the girls' clubs conducted under the supervision of Miss Marcie Albertson, Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, was master of ceremonies.

The repeat was entirely of food-stuffs grown and prepared in Pasquotank County. There are 16 of the girls' clubs, with a membership of 250. At the close of the dinner, W. T. Love, Sr., chairman of the Commissioners, J. M. LeRoy, chairman of the Board of Education, County Superintendent M. P. Jennings, Secretary Job and others of the guests made short talks. All expressed delight with the entertainment given them.

The girls sang their club songs and gave their club "yells," all in appropriate fashion. Miss Marguerite Morgan, a member of the party that took the trip to Raleigh, told of it entertainingly, and on behalf of the group as a whole expressed appreciation to the Board of Education for lending the truck. Miss Jimmie James, who drove the truck there and back, told briefly and interestingly of the trip.

NEW SOUTHPAW HERE; SHORTSTOP IS COMING

Capps, star southpaw of the fast Norfolk & Western Railway nine of Norfolk is here, and will play on the Elizabeth City team this week, the baseball management announces. A new shortstop is expected to arrive in time for Tuesday's game with Hertford. The Elizabeth City nine has been week at short since Davis, of South Norfolk, left about a week ago. Also, the management has been seeking to strengthen the pitching staff of the team for several weeks.

NEW POLICY FOR SIMPLE DRUNKS

Defendants Must Answer to Charges of Receiving and Transporting

No longer will a defendant who indulges in a week-end spree be permitted to come into court and, by a plea of guilty to a "simple drunk" charge, get off with a fine of \$5 and costs. He will also be called upon to answer to charges of receiving and transporting, penalties for which usually run from a \$50 fine to a jail sentence, according to whether it is the defendant's first, second or third offense.

This announcement came from County Judge P. G. Sawyer Monday morning, when a fine of \$10 and costs was imposed on Lyman Armstrong, five for getting drunk and five, the court frankly admitted, because the witness got his liquor from a perfect stranger for whose name he did not take the trouble to inquire. Hardly again, the court intimated, under the new policy of pressing charges of receiving and transporting against those violating the city ordinance against drunkenness, will a defendant brought in on this charge get off so lightly.

A fine of \$50 and costs and a jail sentence of four months, the jail sentence suspended for two years conditional upon the defendant's observance of laws relating to possession of liquor, was the penalty imposed upon Levy Sprull, colored, on a charge of possession for the purpose of sale. Visiting Levy's home, back of the electric light plant, on the strength of information to the effect that he was retailing liquor, police officers found jars and jugs and bottles in any quantity smelling of liquor, a glass upside down on a table with the smell of liquor still strong in it, and a pint bottle nearly full. That the table had been used as a bar was indicated by the fact that liquor spilled on it had eaten the paint and varnish away.

That the electric light plant neighborhood, just beyond the corporate limits of the city, was a sort of center for petty bootlegging operations has been evident to the police for some time. In fact, one overbold bootlegger in that neighborhood is reported recently to have accosted a city official, before recognizing him, as the official was passing in his automobile about dusk, thus: "Say, boss, don't you want to buy this pint of liquor?"

Sprull, however, was the first bootlegger in that vicinity whom the police have been able to apprehend in many months. The foregoing cases broke the 10 day period of no police court ending Saturday.

"I feel more like myself," remarked County Prosecutor Roy Monday morning, "and I feel every day that something was decidedly wrong with my schedule of work."

NEW AUTO CONCERN STARTS BUSINESS

The Pasquotank Motor Company, incorporated in the name of Elizabeth City's newest automobile concern which opened for business Monday morning at 511-513 East Fearing street as agents for the thrifty automobile, the Tom Jones and Willis Wright of this city and Tom Cowell of Shiloh are the members of the new concern.

Tom Jones is well known here, recognized for his mechanical skill. He has been in the employ of the Auto & Gas Engine Works since this firm was organized. Willis Wright is also an experienced automobile mechanic, specializing on repair work for high priced cars. He has also been with the Auto & Gas Engine Works for nine years.

Tom Cowell of Shiloh will doubtless draw considerable business to the new firm from his county. He will continue to live at Shiloh, looking after his interests there as well as his connection with the new firm here.

The Pasquotank Motor Company, besides selling the Chrysler cars, will specialize in repair work of all cars. They have quarters in the Scott building on East Fearing street with three entrance doors. The new cars have arrived, including the roadster, sedan and coach in four and six cylinder cars.

TILDEN HAS SIGNED WRITTEN PROMISE

New York, Aug. 3.—The executive committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association holds a written pledge from William T. Tilden, national tennis champion, binding him to give no more interviews for newspaper syndication on tennis tournaments in which he is competitor.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 3.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 24.65, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: Oct. 24.14, Dec. 24.16, Jan. 23.60, March 23.92, May 24.19.

JUNE BUSINESS WAS BETTER THAN MAY

Fifth Federal Reserve District Report Indicates Prosperity on Way

Richmond, Va., Aug. 3.—June business in the Fifth Federal District was relatively better than that done in May, although decreases were noted in some lines of trade, said an official review made public today. The volume for June, 1925, it was pointed out, was distinctly above that of June, 1924, "and correspondents in practically all lines are optimistic on prospects for the second half of 1925," the review said.

"A year ago three outstanding unfavorable factors were affecting the business outlook, but all of them show improvement this year," the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond finds. "The depression in the textile industry continues but is distinctly less marked than in June, 1924. Bituminous coal mines in West Virginia are producing more coal than at this time last year, and West Virginia appears to occupy a stronger position in the coal mining industry than any other State.

"The agricultural outlook is better than last year, when an exceptionally late spring and excessive rain had delayed planting and cultivation of the growing crops. June weather was too dry in most of the Fifth District, and certain sections, especially Virginia, will suffer serious losses in yields unless general rains fall this week, but on the whole the dry weather has probably been more helpful than otherwise this year.

"Farmers have their fields free of grass and weeds, crops have been unusually well cultivated and the hot, dry weather favored boll weevil control.

The report said that other indicators pointed to good prospects for the fall months, including higher bank deposits and the employment of labor at good wages. "Credits to individual accounts are running well ahead of last year. Business failures during June in the Fifth District were less in both number and liabilities than in June, 1924.

"The Carolinas appear to have fine tobacco crops, and cotton is also more promising than a year ago in both Carolinas.

"Building operations continue in record volume, assuring steady employment for workers in building trades."

SETS NEW RECORD IN "TANKING UP TANKER"

Wilmington, Aug. 3.—The pumping of 38,000 gallons of black strap molasses from the United States tanker Dannelledake in one hour, following its arrival here, is believed to have set up a new record. With 1,180,000 gallons of molasses in its tanks, the tanker arrived in port at 2:10 o'clock. The local cargo was discharged by 9:10 when the tanker put on fuel and left for Erie Pa., New York.

Captain M. T. Henderson is master of the tanker Dannelledake, which came from Porto Rico. He reported the presence on the boat of nine stowaways, all Porto Ricans. One of these was a lad of 13, who was placed in charge of local police for safe keeping, because of his age and because he could not speak English. But he appeared happy.

The little stowaway could make himself understood only to the captain, at whose coat and trousers he tugged when the captain was leaving. Owing to the lad's age, he could not be made a member of the crew, the minimum age limit being 18; and, as Porto Rico is an American possession, the other eight stowaways could not be deported. They obtained work one hour after their arrival in Wilmington.

FALLS URGES MORE PIGS IN PASQUOTANK

Farmers in North Carolina are losing an opportunity to make money with swine, said G. W. Fells, County Agent in Pasquotank, in reporting some hog-feeding demonstrations being carried on by the farmers of this County. "The Foreman Stock Farm," he said, "has recently completed a 35-day hog-feeding test with 20 animals and reports a gain of 1,027 pounds in the test."

Mr. Fells declared that a herd of 200 making the same gain would net the grower a profit of \$800 in a like period.

HAS FULL GROWN COTTON BOLLS IN 12 ACRE PATCH

Fully grown and well developed cotton bolls from the farm of Jacob Riddick, City Route Five, were brought in to The Advance office Monday and may be seen by callers on the editor's desk. Mr. Riddick has 12 or 13 acres of cotton, well fruited and a beautiful stand. His bolls are the first full grown specimens brought to The Advance this year.

CHILD DIES FROM DRINKING KEROSENE

Gastonia, Aug. 3.—Violet Ruth Mauney, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mauney, is dead here as the result of drinking a small quantity of kerosene oil, which she swallowed from a bottle with which she was found to have been playing.

BRYAN'S DEATH WILL NOT DELAY SCOPES' APPEAL

Unlikely Anyway Even had Commoner Lived He or Darrow Would Have Figured in Higher Court

UP TO TENNESSEANS

Pros and Antis Will Have Fight Out Constitutional-ity of Evolution Statute Without Outside Aid

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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Washington, Aug. 3.—The death of William Jennings Bryan will have no effect upon the appeal plans in the case of young John T. Scopes, of Dayton, convicted for violation of Tennessee's anti-evolution act. Mr. Bryan's untimely taking off may rob the further proceedings in the case of some of their national interest, but it was never intended that he should be active for the state in upholding the conviction in the higher courts.

As a matter of fact there is very serious doubt if Clarence Darrow, Dudley Field Malone and Garfield Hays will appear further in the case for the defense. Their appearance at Dayton was due entirely to Mr. Bryan. It was only when announcement came that the commoner was to volunteer for the prosecution that Darrow and the others wired their willingness to take part in the defense. This was the reply of the defense lawyers from the constant taunt of "foreigners" mixing in the private affairs of Tennessee.

Now that Mr. Bryan has gone it would seem that the foreign lawyers would all disappear from the famous case. Just how young Mr. Scopes, the complacent "goat" in the entire proceedings, will feel about all this, remains to be seen. The Tennessee case is about to revert to the Tennesseans and they will have to fight it out along their own lines. Mr. Darrow had been seeking to retire from active law practice. Whether or not he will feel like returning to Tennessee merely to argue the constitutionality of the law is extremely doubtful. Certainly Mr. Darrow would not argue for a new trial in the lower courts, although he has asserted there were plenty of them, as noted by the number of exceptions filed. No one wants another trial in Dayton. There never could be another setting as that, and now that death has taken its fling at the famous characters, it would be impossible to reassemble the cast.

Mr. Scopes will have to make up his mind to submit to Tennessee and her people. It is perfectly true his stellar role in the trial was asserted by Darrow and Malone and Hays who were made the real defendants at the bar of public opinion, but the glamor and the spotlight are gone now and Mr. Scopes will have to carry along his cause as best he may.

It is fortunate for the young school teacher that his chief "native counsel," Judge John R. Neal, of Rhea County and Knoxville, is a constitutional lawyer of marked ability. The burden of the case, cast at Dayton fell upon Judge Neal and one or two of his local associates. The burden of carrying the case to higher courts also rests upon his shoulders. Judge Neal is not a rich man, but it is said he has born a large part of the defense expense already and will have to shoulder considerably more as the appeal moves forward. Judge Neal effected himself as much as possible during the proceedings in Dayton, but once more he is the martyr, and if there is to be an eventual overturning of the evolution law the credit will be largely his.

MARTIN COUNTY IS PLANNING BIG FAIR

Williamston, Aug. 3.—Martin County is planning the largest fair yet held in that county, reported Farm Agent T. B. Brandon. All premiums for exhibits have been materially increased, he said, and those for community exhibits have been practically doubled.

"Much interest is being shown by local communities," Mr. Brandon said, "and many of them are planning their own fairs from which exhibitors will be entered at the county fair."

J. F. MOORE DEAD

News has been received here of the death of James Ferguson Moore, brother of Miss Nellie Moore, a teacher in the Elizabeth City schools, in Jersey City, New Jersey, recently after an illness of two years. He was 28 years old, and was a native of York, South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Drucilla McGrath, of Cardiff, Wales; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Moore, of York, and the following brothers and sisters: Alberta Moore, of Lincolnton, North Carolina; Miss Nellie Moore; Mrs. W. M. Beach, of Winston-Salem; W. T. Moore, Jr., of Baltimore; and Miss Mary Moore and Joe Moore, of York.