

HIGHWAY BOARD TO RECEIVE BIDS AT NEXT SESSION

Letting of Contracts for Eslip and Salem Roads Scheduled for Meeting Tuesday, December 1

RIVER ROAD NEXT?

Paving of Highway From Newland Methodist Church Apparently Next on Slate of Commission

A decision to receive bids Tuesday, December 1, on the Eslip and Salem roads, both in Salem Township, and the last of those included in the County's "feeder road" program under which a bond issue of \$200,000 was authorized by the last General Assembly, was reached by the Pasquotank Highway Commission in regular session here yesterday.

The Eslip road is given as 2.2 miles, running from the present Weeksville Highway a few hundred yards west of the Weeksville Postoffice to a point "at or near Union Methodist Church." The Salem road is set forth as 1.7 miles, and runs from Weeksville Postoffice to Salem Baptist Church.

Present probabilities are that the next road to be hard-surfaced by the commission will be the River road, running 2.1 miles from the termination of the present Newland paved highway at Newland Methodist Church to Brother's Store. This road already has been placed tentatively on the County's highway hard-surfacing program.

There has been considerable agitation on the part of residents of the suburban district affected for the hard-surfacing of the road from the Elizabeth City Hospital following the river shore and joining the Weeksville Highway at Epworth Methodist Church. Apparently, however, the Highway Commission is inclined to give the River road in Newland Township first consideration when the present program has been taken care of.

The commission at yesterday's meeting directed the clerk, County Auditor Pritchard, to write the Perquimans Board to County Commissioners with reference to any contemplated improvements on the Perquimans end of the Five Bridge Swamp Road in Mt. Hermon Township. This road carries little traffic, it is explained, by reason of the paving of the Foreman-Bundy road, and the Pasquotank Commission has been inclined to order it closed. A delegation from the community it serves appeared before the commission yesterday to ask that the closing of the road be delayed until it could be ascertained whether Perquimans contemplated similar action, or purposed to put the road into better condition than at present.

EVERYBODY DANCES TO DUFF'S FOX-TROT

Talented Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duff Wins New Recognition

The name of W. E. Duff appears on a new talking machine record, as composer of "Home of the Nile," an entrancing fox trot played by the Poor-Robinson Carolina Club Orchestra, of which William Truesdale is director, and recorded at the George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville.

W. E. Duff is the talented son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Duff of Elizabeth City, and his home town friends call him Erskine. He is only 20 years old and has had special musical training except six months of violin lessons. However, both his father and mother are musical and he was "born and bred" in an atmosphere of good music.

He would have been a senior at the University of North Carolina this year, but is working with his music instead and expects to re-enter the university next year and complete his course.

Last year he was president of the Wig and Mask, a dramatic and musical organization at the university and a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity.

He was with the Carolina Play-makers also, and during the summer of 1924 was a member of the Blue-Medley Orchestra of New Orleans which played in Winniepeg, Canada.

Since last summer he has been with the Poor-Robinson Carolina Orchestra. He plays four different style saxophones, a clarinet, and an oboe. He orchestrated practically all the music the orchestra played last summer, and their numbers were broadcast each day from the George Vanderbilt Hotel at Asheville.

FLYERS HOP OFF ON LONG FLIGHTS

Buenos Aires, Nov. 4.—Guillermo Hillcoat, Argentine army aviator, hopped off at 5:10 this morning in an attempted flight to New York by way of Peru, Central America, and Mexico City.

Genoa, Italy, Nov. 4.—Count Eugenio Casaranda Divallavanti began an attempted flight to Buenos Aires today, stopping off for Gibraltar accompanied by three aides.

FINDING GOLD SPOILED FUN

Successful Miner Says All the Thrill Is in the Hunting

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 4.—William Grady, who started the gold stampede to the Cassiar district of British Columbia last spring and who has arrived in Seattle with a poke containing \$10,000 worth of gold, the result of two months work on his claim, is like the little boy who broke his drum to see what made the noise. The location of a paying spoiled at his find. "The thrill is in the hunt," said Grady. "Mining itself is no fun. It is good hard work. It's the feverish pursuit of something alluring, always ahead beckoning you, which makes gold hunting worth while."

Preferring adventure and excitement to mere wealth Grady is thinking seriously of disposing of his interests in Gold Pan Creek next spring so he can have the fun of locating more gold. "I know there is plenty on my claim to make me rich for life," he says, "but its finding has taken away the zest of adventure."

The bright lights, cafes, and theaters of the city do not interest the lucky prospector. Fresh from the enjoyment of the most exciting game in the world, the search for gold, everything else seems to pale into insignificance. Now that he can enjoy ease and luxury he longs to be back once more on the rugged uncertain trail.

Grady and his partner, Hugh Ford, discovered Yellow metal on Gold Pan Creek in the autumn of 1924, but owing to the cold weather they were unable to begin operations until last spring. Word of the discovery spread and started a rush which threatened to become a stampede. Grady pronounced gold pan creek not the richest field he has seen, but one that will produce plenty of money. During fifty days he says he took out gold at the rate of about \$30 per shovel.

HIGH OFFICIALS ARE NOT SUMMONED

Washington, Nov. 4.—Wholesale subpoenas for defense witnesses were issued in the Mitchell court martial proceedings today, but those who ranked highest on the list submitted by counsel for the accused were not summoned.

BELIEVE BOAT IS BUNNY THE THIRD

Southport, Nov. 4.—The belief is growing that a boat found two miles from Georgetown was Bunny III on which Secretary of State W. G. Taylor, of Delaware, and E. R. Perry of Wilmington, Delaware, lay here on the morning of October 23. No further information of the fate of the boat's occupants has been received.

Newport News, Nov. 4.—T. B. Phillips of this city who was on a yachting party trip to Florida wrote his wife from Beaufort, North Carolina, that the yacht Bunny III had been destroyed by fire at sea and all aboard perished.

CORNERSTONE LAYING AT SIGN PINE SUNDAY

Camden, Nov. 4.—Ceremonies incident to the laying of the cornerstone of Sign Pine Methodist Church, nearing completion on the Shiloh Road, about half a mile from Camden Courthouse, are scheduled for Sunday afternoon, November 8, at 3 o'clock, Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City, will assist Rev. F. S. Coble, pastor of the new church, who has labored diligently and long to complete the edifice.

The cornerstone laying at Sign Pine Church originally was set for Sunday afternoon, October 25. It was postponed to Sunday, November 1, on account of bad weather, and again to next Sunday for the same reason.

SUGAR FACTORY CLOSERS Oxnard, Cal., Nov. 4.—The American Sugar beet factory here has closed after making 300,000 sacks of sugar 73 day run.

SEEKS PROVE AIR INQUIRY BADLY NEEDED

Colonel Mitchell Expects to Show Public That His Charges Caused Presidential Action

FIGHT TO FINISH

Flying Colonel Believes He Can Succeed if President's Secretary Produces Correspondence

By ROBERT T. SMALL Copyright, 1925, by The Advance Washington, Nov. 4.—The real secret of the Mitchell defense is out at last. The flying colonel is seeking permission to prove if he can that the "offenses" for which he is being tried by general court martial, moved President Coolidge to institute the general air inquiry under the direction of Dwight F. Morrow, classmate of the President, and member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company.

Colonel Mitchell will show, if he can, that far from bringing the military service into disrepute or public contempt, his statements given to the press at San Antonio, contained so much of the elements of truth as to impress the President with the vital necessity of sifting the aviation problem in the most thorough manner possible.

Colonel Mitchell believes he can prove this contention if Everett Sanders, secretary to the President, is directed to produce before the court martial all of the correspondence between Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Morrow. Failing to obtain the presence of the President's secretary, Colonel Mitchell believes he can get the necessary proof from Mr. Morrow himself.

In further substantiation of the truth of his charges Colonel Mitchell would introduce in proper form virtually all of the evidence given before the Morrow board.

Colonel Mitchell and his counsel are confident that if they can prove by certain letters of the President that the Colonel was instrumental in bringing about the Morrow inquiry, they will convince the country, if not the court martial, that the flying colonel is being made a "scapegoat" by the persons most involved in his charges of neglect and incompetence in the handling of the country's aviation services.

Already the defense has shown by a military witness for the prosecution that nothing Colonel Mitchell did in Texas caused riots, mutiny, secession, slaughter or mayhem. When it was brought out that the fiery statements failed to do any of these things the expression on Colonel Mitchell's face was a study. It was difficult to tell whether he registered satisfaction or disappointment. But whatever disappointment he may feel as to the lack of sensation created in the eighth army camp area around San Antonio is more than made up for by the explosion which resulted in Washington and which was recorded on seismographs as far away as the Antipodes.

It will be recalled that in summing up the presidential board of inquiry, the first official statement by Chairman Morrow announced that Colonel Mitchell would be heard in full. This statement is regarded by the defense as further evidence that President Coolidge was galvanized into action by the Mitchell charges.

It is the desire of the defense to prove that the President expects great constructive good to come of his first official statement and it is proposed that Colonel Mitchell shall get the credit for bringing about this constructive move. Then it will be asked how he can be condemned as destructive by one bit of government machinery and extolled in effect, by another bit of machinery for doing the country a great service.

It has been the effort of the court martial not to concern itself with the good effects of the Mitchell statement but to consider only its possible gnawing effect upon military discipline. In other words there is not so much a disposition in Washington to quarrel with what Colonel Mitchell may have had in mind, but it is the nasty way in which he did it. And it is further claimed the Colonel knew he was doing it in the nastiest possible way, for, after giving out the statement, he told the reporters he expected to be placed under arrest "toute de suite," as they used to say in the A. E. F.

U. S. DESTROYERS LEAVE FOR SYRIA

Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 4.—The two American destroyers which have been lying here awaiting orders left this morning for Beirut, Syria.

TWO ARMED MEN HOLD UP BANK MESSENGER

Vandergrift, Pa., Nov. 4.—Two armed men held up Warren Walworth, messenger for the Vandergrift Savings and Trust Company today, and took a satchel, said to contain \$75,000. Walworth reported the matter to the police.

NEGRO TRYING TO PROVE ALIBI

Alvin Mansel's Fate Will Be in Hands of the Jury Late Tonight

(By The Associated Press) Asheville, Nov. 4.—The attempt to prove an alibi for Alvin Mansel, 17-year old negro on trial for his life charged with a criminal attack on a white woman, is being made by the defense today.

Mansel, who was employed as an orderly at a sanatorium, is expected to show, his attorney said, that he was on duty at the time of the alleged attack. It is anticipated that the case will reach the jury late tonight or tomorrow morning. A night session was held last night and another will be held tonight if it is necessary to conclude the case.

The alleged victim of the attack positively identified Mansel as her assailant last night. Testifying behind locked doors after all the spectators had been excluded from the court room, the woman told how she had started from her mountain home with flowers for sale, that she had met Mansel and asked him if he knew where she might sell some flowers. The negro followed, seized a stone, she testified, and struck her on the head.

Additional Troops Raleigh, Nov. 4.—Acting on telephone instructions from General Metts at the scene, Major Gordon Smith shortly before midday today ordered additional troops to proceed at once to Asheville where negroes are being tried for attacks on white women.

Major Smith said he understood the orders were issued as precautionary measures. Three squads of Company B, Fifth Engineers, Morganton, were ordered to proceed at once.

INVITES BURGLARS RETURN GOODS "NOT SATISFACTORY"

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—A Philadelphia store that was robbed invited the burglars to bring back the goods they took if not found satisfactory.

Realizing the power of advertising the store inserted a display ad in local papers headed "Notice! To the Burglars Who Robbed Our Store." The notice said:

"You boys are not using your powers of observation. (An unpardonable trait in any burglar.) If you had read our advertisement and noticed our very low prices you could have saved yourself the trouble of 'breaking in' to get the things you wanted. We are glad to know, however, that you prefer our merchandise. Every article in our store is absolutely guaranteed by us—whether you buy it or steal it makes no difference. If what you fellows took does not give you good service, bring it back and we will make it good—with the assistance of General Butler."

"P. S.—Special reception for burglars calling after our store is closed. Bring your friends along."

Spiritualism Won Its Day in Chicago Court

Hall of Justice Turned Into Seance When Head of Church of the Divine Inspiration Sued Ezekiel Morris for Slander

By OWEN L. SCOTT Copyright, 1925, by The Advance Chicago, Nov. 4.—Spiritualism won its day in court here, turned the hall of justice into the scene of a seance, and then passed out considerably the worse for wear. The spirits today were greatly disturbed.

Mrs. Julia Johnson, colored, head of the Church of the Divine Inspiration came to court to get \$25,000 out of Ezekiel Morris, also colored, for alleged slander. She claimed that Ezekiel, quoting a "Mr. Jones" with whom they both were intimately acquainted, had slandered her.

"Mr. Jones" speaking of the defendant to Ezekiel Morris that Mrs. Johnson took him around to evil places.

Judge Joseph B. David became interested. He wanted to know something of these spirit conversations which were causing a ruckus in his court.

"Do you see spirits," he asked Mrs. Johnson, "Julia" she asked "See them?" Julia retorted: "I see them and I talk to them. For 25 years I've been a medium and have communicated with big numbers out of the billions of spirits."

Judge David turned to the jury: "Gentlemen do you want to—" The jury: "Let her hold a seance."

The judge ordered the lights out. The curtains were drawn. The court room was dark with darkness. Suddenly a weird, wailing chant rose from the surrounding seats where black adherents of the competing mediums sat.

"It gives me great pleasure to come here," came a monotonous voice from "Julia. "Spiritualism knows me. It knows I know. O great judge."

"Yes, yes. But get a spirit. Cut out the talking and bring a spirit!" Judge David ordered.

"I see Ida. Ida. Is Ida here?" came as Julia's reply.

"I'm here. I'm here," piped up a voice from the audience.

"Your mother is speaking Ida," said Julia changing her voice.

"She is happy. You will be happy too. All is well."

Judge David here interjected:

"I have a number of dead relatives couldn't you summon one of them or perhaps the jury has relatives they'd like to hear. Can they talk to each other in the spirit world. Could Napoleon and Caesar hold a conversation?"

"Yes, yes, Judge if they should meet," Julia answered.

"Let there be light!" Judge David ordered. "Turn on the lights."

The lights came on to find one of the jurors making a dissertation on spiritualism, to tell the judge that he didn't understand. The defense moved that the case be thrown out of court. Judge David asked to hear the defendant.

Ezekiel Morris took the stand.

"Hallelujah," he cried with a resonance that caused the judge almost to drop out of his chair. The lawyers were about bowled over.

"Hallelujah!" he shouted again. The judge tried to quiet him but the "hallelujahs" were started and they kept up until Ezekiel passed into unconsciousness.

At that point they had to carry him out of court on a stretcher while Judge David hastily dismissed the case.

IS PREACHING HERE

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Besides her husband, brother and parents, Mrs. McMullan is survived by a baby daughter, several weeks old, and two sisters, Miss Isabel and Mary Meekins, both of this city.

Burial services will be conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Hollywood Cemetery by Dr. S. H. Templeman and Rev. G. F. Hill.

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ANNUAL METHODIST CONFERENCE OPENS

High Point, Nov. 4.—The one hundredth session of the North Carolina annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church opened this morning with the president, Dr. A. G. Dixon of Greensboro, presiding. Inaugural ceremonies were conducted by Dr. Dixon after which he read the annual report and preached the conference sermon.

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RADIO EXPORTS UP IN MILLIONS

Interest in Broadcasting Increasing Thruout Canada

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Washington, Nov. 4.—Exports of radio apparatus from the United States and Canada in the last fiscal year amounted to more than two thirds the total value of sets and parts manufactured in the dominion itself. A Department of Commerce report today discloses that United States exports to Canada totaled \$2,413,687 as compared with Canadian manufactures of \$3,216,213.

Notwithstanding the heavy importations from the outside, Canada looks upon her radio industry as a very real one. Thirteen plants in the dominion turn out sets and parts and in addition three important electrical concerns produce radio goods on a large scale in special departments.

Interest in broadcasting is reported rapidly increasing. A steady stream of applications for licenses is being received by the Government. Business pours into them coming from the farmer to hold the farmers' interest, nearly all of the 51 Canadian broadcasting stations have made arrangements to present market and crop reports which are much in demand by isolated listeners.

From Trade Commissioners: E. G. Babbitt, at Sydney, New South Wales, comes a report of elaborate preparations for the transmission of lectures to primary and secondary schools throughout New South Wales. Successful experiments already have been conducted by station 2FC at Sydney and the Government is planning a great central broadcasting station with relay plants in all parts of the country which will make lectures by members of college faculties available in class rooms of even the most distant country high school.

Virginia's first high powered broadcasting station took the air for the first time Monday night under the call letters WRVA, Richmond. The plant is equipped to operate with 1,000 watts on the 256 meter wave length. Its second program will be broadcast Thursday night from nine to 12 o'clock eastern standard time, when an all musical program will be presented.

WANT PUBLICATIONS ON NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—From the Science Museum, North Kensington, London, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture received a request for publication on North Carolina, to be placed in the permanent records of its library.

"The Science Library," said the writer, "is the National Reference Library and forms a part of the Science Museum."

"The new books received are exhibited for inspection on the counters in the reading room for about six months." This it was pointed out, means that information about North Carolina sent in response to the letter will be available to all who visit the library.

The Department has received another letter which indicates that the schools of Hurley, New Mexico, are making a study of North Carolina. The writer of this letter was Maxine Foushee, who said:

"Please send me some information of the agriculture of your state. We wish to use it in our geography class."

BULGARIAN REPORTERS RECEIVE \$8 A MONTH

Sofia, Nov. 4.—News reporters here presumably exist on what many newly married couples always feel they can fall back on—love and fresh water. The average reporter receives about \$8 a month and, an important editor such as Nikola Mileff, who was assassinated, receives less than \$50 a month.

South has 14 daily newspapers and they sell for about three-fourths of a cent each.

Rainy Drizzle Fails To Dampen Ardor Workers In Advance Race for Hudson

Both Out of Town and City Contenders Make Good Showing Tuesday With Point Harbor First, Belcross Second and a Three Corner Tie for Third Place; Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Sanderlin Lead City

Workers from both Elizabeth City and the outside territory are making campaign history right now in spite of the drizzly weather that has prevailed during the past few days in The Daily Advance subscription campaign. Vote totals still continue to mount high as the most ambitious ones realize that every subscription secured between now and the 14th means the maximum in votes.

High score for yesterday goes to E. C. Gibbs of Point Harbor, who leads the outside workers with the most votes for the week up to the close of business last night. Second high for outside contestants comes Mrs. T. G. Williams of Belcross while Miss Sackie Gregory, Route Four; Miss Elmer Ralph, Route Three, and Miss Aethia L. Riggs, Route Three, follow in a three-cornered tie for third highest.

Elizabeth City contestants failed to let a little rain dampen their spirits yesterday and closed the day with a satisfactory allotment of business. Mrs. L. C. Fletcher took the leading honors for the in-town workers and Mrs. Ida Sanderlin ran a close second.

It will be noticed from the list of contestants and their standing as published three times a week, that the race campaign is their share of entries. This is in it should be for with double votes given on subscriptions secured outside the city every one entered from the country has an excellent opportunity to earn an automobile.

Word comes to the campaign manager today from Winfall that Miss Hattie Hurdle of that town is about to bring in several prizes that have been outstanding ever since she announced her intentions of taking hold and working for the Hudson coach. Receipt of her subscriptions gathered during spare time work is awaited with interest.

Candidates should realize the fact that the most important period of the entire campaign is now on. Paid in advance subscriptions to The Advance secured between now and the 14th will carry one a long way toward victory and an automobile. More votes may be had on a subscription right now than will be given during any other period of the campaign. After the close of business on Saturday, November 14, a year's subscription to The Advance will count you but 6,000 votes if secured in Elizabeth City and double that amount if secured outside the city. Now that same subscription will count you a lot more—7,500 here in the city and 15,000 outside.

Those who are still thinking about entering should enter before the big decrease in votes comes. If you could earn a Hudson coach, Ford coupe, Ford touring car, \$250 suite of furniture, \$175 suite of furniture, \$100 and \$50 in cash besides a commission of 20 per cent to non-winners, you must decide now while the entry list is being held open.

The foregoing prizes are to be awarded on November 28 to those who secure the most votes from the paid subscriptions to The Advance. It is not too late—you can enter now and earn the leading prize on the 28th. Simply send in your name to The Daily Advance and all necessary stationery will be furnished free.

DRUGHT DISASTROUS TO THE COTTON MILLS

Gastonia, Nov. 4.—From the standpoint of the cotton mills, the drought situation in Gaston County continues serious.

Gaston County mills are still running less than three days a week, due to the water shortage. The little rain that has fallen in this county has not produced any appreciable effect on the water situation. Only continuous and heavy rains for several days will do the trick for effect toward relieving the situation, officials say.

The mill owners are said to be beginning to feel the pinch of the drought. It is pointed out that New England mills, idle for several months, are now running full blast, but the mills in this county are forced to stand idle half the time.

Mills served by the Southern Power Company are running every hour slowed them up to midnight Saturday night.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 4.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 29.45, an advance of 55 points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 19.94, Jan. 19.85, March 19.88, May 19.70, July 19.20.

New York, Nov. 4.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 19.75, Jan. 19.20, March 19.55, May 19.65, July 19.20.

Please send me some information of the agriculture of your state. We wish to use it in our geography class."