

Big Victory Is Scored For Rural Education By Result of Election

Successful Outcome of Special Tax Proposal Yesterday Brings Early Prospect of Consolidation

HIGH SCHOOL PLANNED Funds Soon Available, and Tentative Plans Drawn for Third Large School in This County

A momentous victory for improved rural education in Pasquotank County was scored yesterday through the successful outcome of an election to determine whether a special school tax of 30 cents per \$100 property valuation be levied in four small school districts in the territory adjacent to Elizabeth City. The vote was 91 to 6 in favor of the special tax.

Eleven of those who registered failed to vote, and therefore counted against the proposal, in effect making the vote 91 for and 17 against it.

The school districts in which the election was held were Corinth, Naconton, Banks and Small's. These had returned favorable majorities in a similar election held September 1, with a view to consolidation of all the small districts about Elizabeth City, but they had been voted down in some of the larger districts, notably Forks and Berea.

The importance of yesterday's victory is seen in the circumstance that the County Board of Education is empowered, at its discretion, to consolidate these newly formed special tax districts with other such districts already in existence, and build a single large central school for them all. This is contemplated by the board.

Anticipating a successful outcome for the election, the Board of Education, at its last meeting, tentatively approved plans for a modern high school, probably to be erected somewhere in the vicinity of this city on a site to be selected on the Hertford Highway. The board also has arranged to borrow funds from the State to finance erection of a school of the type proposed.

Barring eventualities not foreseen at present, the County Board of Education proposed to have ready for occupancy a large, modern high school in this territory adjacent to the city by the opening of the 1926-27 school term. The board is particularly anxious to accomplish this by reason of an announcement by the Board of Trustees of the city schools to the effect that no out of town pupils will be accepted in Elizabeth City High School after the present session.

The carrying into effect of this plan means virtual completion of the consolidation of Pasquotank's rural high schools in three large units centering about Wekeville, Newland and Corinth. Only a small territory is left out, and it is anticipated that this will be absorbed normally into the new districts about Elizabeth City in the early future.

"HIGH-HANDED" SAYS MITCHELL'S COUNSEL

Washington, Nov. 18.—The shadows of the Navy's Shenandoah court of inquiry overcast the Mitchell court martial today when Representative Frank Reid, counsel for Colonel Mitchell, asked that the court be held in the attention of President Coolidge the Shenandoah court's "high-handed procedure."

EIGHT COAST GUARD MEN ARE DROWNED

Shelburne, N. S., Nov. 18.—Eight men—possibly nine—of the crew of the United States Coast Guard cutter Morrill were drowned in the harbor Monday night when a sail boat in which they were returning to the cutter after leave on shore capsized during a heavy blow and in turbulent water.

Only one man in the boat was saved. He is C. Taylor, an engineer, second class, who swam ashore through the icy waters after the boat had drifted close into the rocks.

PARDONS SOUGHT FOR PAIR IN JAIL

Popular Minister Interested in Mary Howard and Ernest Wade Hartsell

Hertford, Nov. 18.—Petitions are being circulated in Hertford and Perquimans County in an effort to obtain pardons for Mary Howard and Ernest Wade Hartsell, convicted and sentenced in Perquimans Superior Court week before last in connection with the robbery of the home of Townsend Chappell, blind Perquimans merchant, on the night of July 29.

The Rev. Josiah Elliott, of Hertford, one of the best known Baptist ministers in this part of the State, is the leader in the effort to obtain clemency for the pair, whose companions on the night of the robbery, Sam Lougee and Lewis Powell, testified that Mary Howard and Hartsell had no knowledge of the planning or execution of the robbery. Many signatures have been obtained to the petitions, it is stated.

A written statement of appreciation has been issued by the pair from their cells in Hertford jail, where, unable to procure bond, they are awaiting the outcome of an appeal to the State Supreme Court to grant them a new trial. This statement calls specific attention to their gratitude for kindnesses shown them by the Rev. Mr. Elliott; by Mrs. Whit Wright, wife of the sheriff of Perquimans; by the press; and by their attorney, P. W. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, and Carl Wiegand, of Durham. In conclusion, they thank "all friends who have lent or shall lend a helping hand towards our freedom."

Coolidge May Pay Visit To Section

Invitation to President Suggested by Coming of Mayflower's Skipper

On his way back to Washington after a hunting trip to the Duck Island Club, in the lower Sound country, Captain Andrews, commander of the presidential yacht Mayflower, passed through Elizabeth City Wednesday morning. Captain Andrews came in on the steamer Trenton, from Manteo, arriving at 10:30 o'clock, and left by automobile a few minutes later, hoping to make connections in Norfolk which would enable him to be in Washington early next morning.

"I must be on hand at the White House tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock," he explained to members of the Country Club who had hoped to entertain him here, "and when President Coolidge says 8:30, he doesn't mean 8:35."

There is a probability that the President himself will be invited on a duck hunting trip to North-eastern Carolina's paradise for sportsmen as a result of Captain Andrews' visit, thereby, in the event he accepted, giving the folks of this section an opportunity to view a Republican President at close range.

MRS. STEELE BEFORE SHENANDOAH COURT

Washington, Nov. 18.—Mrs. George W. Steele, Jr., today testified before the Shenandoah court of inquiry that Mrs. Margaret Lansdowne, "understood fully" that the statement sent by Captain Paul Foley of the court was merely a memorandum of suggestions and not to direct the testimony she was to give on the witness stand.

"THE UNHOLY THREE" GREAT UNDERWORLD FILM

There is no lack of thrills and entertainment in Tod Browning's crook drama, "The Unholy Three," a Metro-Goldwyn production, showing at the Alkrama Theater today.

Thank Coolidge for Tolerance



These Jewish rabbis from New York went to Washington to thank President Coolidge for his recent "tolerance speech" before the American Legion and to ask his support for a broad street immigration law. They are, back row, left to right, Rabbi Hirsch, Rabbi M. Frank, Rabbi Abraham Miller, Rabbi Zelig, and Golubowski. Front row, left to right, Grand Rabbi L. Lerner, Chief Rabbi A. Yablonsky, Chief Rabbi G. W. Margolis.

MAKING SURVEY 1926 BUSINESS

North Carolina Chambers of Commerce Gather Data from Which Forecast Will be Published

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—What are the business prospects for North Carolina in 1926?

No present indications point to industrial progress during the coming year, or will industry lag? Will labor be faced with unemployment next year, or will there be jobs for all who wish to work? In agriculture, will the farmers increase their acreage, or will farm operations in this state be restricted?

These and similar questions the State Department of Labor and Printing is attempting to answer with intelligence and reasonable accuracy. It is conducting a comprehensive, state-wide industrial survey, through chambers of commerce over the state.

The department is asking the various chambers to give its detailed information and forecasts based on present conditions and probable conditions that will exist in 1926.

The department has compressed its inquiries into four questions which the chambers of commerce over the state are being requested to answer. The questions follow:

1. What are the industrial prospects for the coming year in your community? Will there be as great or greater demand for skilled labor in 1926 as in 1925?

2. What are the prospects for 1926 building construction? Will it afford steady employment to all the building craftsmen in your community?

3. Will there be an increase in the amount of public work in your community over that of 1925? How much money will be spent on such work?

4. What is the attitude of the farmers of your community? Will there increase or decrease the acreage in 1926?

Replies to the inquiries are already coming in, and Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, states that in the main the replies are detailed, intelligent, and distinctly optimistic throughout.

From the replies from the chambers of commerce from all over the state, Mr. Grist plans to issue a comprehensive industrial review sometime next month.

This service, the commissioner believes, will be of real value to the business and labor interests of the state; and he believes that the survey is unique, at least so far as North Carolina is concerned.

WHITE MAN FINED FOR ASSAULT ON HIS WIFE

A. G. Forbes, Second street, paid a fine of \$10 and costs in recorder's court Wednesday morning on his own admission that he had slapped his wife.

J. H. Ripley, reporting to be from Florida, and discovered by the police peddling medicine without license, who had been cited to appear before County Judge Sawyer Wednesday morning to answer to this charge, failed to answer when his case was called and his bond of \$15 was declared forfeited.

The foregoing were the only two cases disposed of in Wednesday's session of recorder's court.

SKIRMISH BEGINS IN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Charlotte, Nov. 18.—The first clear indication of the skirmish in the Baptist Convention on the theory of evolution came this morning when by the vote of 134 to 126 a resolution was sent to a special committee declaring for "acceptance of the Bible as the inspired word of God."

When the Floods Swept China



When the Yellow River flooded its banks in China it meant only a small news item in this country, but in China it means hundreds of tragedies and a tremendous amount of suffering. This exclusive photo shows four destitute Chinese watching over the bodies of their children, drowned when a dyke gave way.

SAVES HIMSELF AND TWO OTHERS

Dexter Snow of Powells Point Keeps His Head on Stormy Night

Powells Point, Nov. 18.—Quick action and clear thinking on the part of Dexter Snow of Powells Point is probably all that saved himself and two others from drowning in Currituck Sound last Thursday night when the launch in which they were going from Currituck Courthouse to Swan Island Club struck a snag and poked a hole in her hull, sinking almost immediately.

Mr. Snow, who is game warden in the vicinity of Swan Island Club, had been to Currituck Courthouse landing to meet Al Poyner, superintendent of the club, and also George Whitehurst. They were returning to the club when engine trouble developed and the boat began to drift with the wind. The night was stormy and the boat was drifting at a great rate of speed when it struck a snag in the edge of the channel. Seeing that the boat was sinking, Mr. Snow quickly sounded the water and discovered that there was ten feet of water on one side and only five on the other. He quickly threw the anchor as far as he could on the shoal and putting all his strength and weight on the cable he succeeded in getting the boat into shallow water before it sank.

This was about 6 o'clock and the three men were then forced to cling to the hull of the boat until 9 o'clock, during which time they were subjected to one of the worst storms that has been seen in some time. Finally a boat going to Munden's Point, Virginia, picked the three men up and cared for them until they were returned home. It is said that efforts will be made at once to raise and repair the sunken launch.

PAINLEVE LEARNED FROM GEN. DAWES

Paris, Nov. 18.—Premier Painleve today leaf out of the fruitful experience of Vice-President Dawes when he formed his new cabinet. Remembering the eulogistic reports published here of the results obtained by the former director of the budget, he decided to try something of the sort. He added a new ministry, the budget ministry, to his official household, with M. Georges Bonnet, his right-hand man, at the ministry of war, as his first portfolio holder.

The minister of the budget will have the same responsibility as General Dawes had, but his task will involve different difficulties, due to the differences between the system of government. He will be expected to pare down appropriations to the core and at the same time offend some of the members of parliament who are interested in satisfying the demands of their electors. The experiments are regarded as likely to bring into relief the obstacles to economy that arise from a regime in which the government is at the mercy of parliament.

LENAPE MAKES DASH TO SAFETY

Passengers and Crew Safe and Special Train Goes to Aid

Lewes, Del., Nov. 18.—After winning the race with death, the 368 passengers and crew who spent a harrowing night at sea aboard the blazing Clyde Line Lenape, were safely landed here at daybreak and cared for by townspersons.

One man was known to be dead when the body of Robert Layton, believed to be of Holyoke, Massachusetts, was picked up off the wrecked Lenape. It was reported that he had suffered injuries but no further details were given.

New York, Nov. 18.—Following the removal of the passengers the Lenape was scuttled inside the Delaware breakwater, the Clyde Line announced today. Officials here estimated the damage to cargo and vessel at \$2,000,000.

Lewes, Del., Nov. 18.—The 30 mile dash of the blazing steamship Lenape ended early today in safety apparently for the 120 passengers and the crew of 100. The ship was still burning to the water's edge this morning at the pier, however.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18.—A special train was made up at Harrison, Delaware, and left at 8:03 o'clock this morning for Lewes, it will bring the Lenape passengers to Wilmington. By law, where they will be transferred to doctors for Jacksonville and other Southern ports.

The Lenape left New York for Charleston and Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon. Officials of the line said that "about 200 passengers from all parts of the country were on board. They professed ignorance as to the identity of any of the passengers and declined to say what sort of cargo the Lenape was carrying."

The Lenape is the fifth ship of the Clyde Line to suffer distress from fire within the past few years.

ESTIMATE LOSS AT OVER THREE MILLIONS

New Orleans, Nov. 18.—Estimates today of the loss suffered in the fire sweeping the Mississippi river wharves last night and this morning were that \$3,000,000 was conservative.

CANCELLATION OF PERMITS DECIDED

Washington, Nov. 18.—Cancellation of all basic permits under the prohibition act effective December 31, was decided on today by Assistant Secretary Andrews of the Treasury.

COLONEL COOLIDGE HAS ANOTHER ATTACK

Plymouth, Nov. 18.—Colonel Coolidge, father of the President, suffered another attack of "heart block" early today but the attack soon passed and his condition is not regarded as critical.

WITNESSES HOLD But Ten Days Remain In Which to Work For Hudson Coach or Ford

MRS. GETSINGER WAS FULLY SANE Action Against Gates County Physician and Others Still Dragging Along in Court Here

JUDGE RAPS COUNSEL

Takes Attorneys Severely To Task for Continual Objections As Testimony Is Taken

Testimony of witnesses as to the sanity of the plaintiff marked this morning's session of the trial of a suit by Mrs. Sabra Getsinger, former Gates County resident, who is asking \$25,000 damages of Dr. E. F. Corbell, and others, of Gates County, for injury alleged to have been sustained through an attempt to have her confined in an asylum for the insane. Indications that the trial would continue through tomorrow, it is being conducted in Superior Court, with Judge Thomas H. Calvert, of Raleigh, presiding.

The first witness this morning was Supt. S. L. Sheep, of the city schools, who testified to having employed Mrs. Getsinger as a teacher for the spring term of 1921, subsequent to the proceeding for her confinement to an asylum. Mr. Sheep testified to the apparent sanity of the plaintiff, but stated, for various other reasons, she was not re-employed for the ensuing school session.

Others on the stand were Miss Christine Hollowell, of this city, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hollowell, of Chowan County, W. J. Byrum, of Chowan, and Mrs. S. N. Dulin, with whom Mrs. Getsinger boarded while teaching in this city. All testified to the plaintiff's apparent mental capacity.

Attorneys Rebuked In the course of the morning, Judge Calvert took counsel for defense severely to task for continual objections which, he said, made it almost impossible for him to follow the testimony.

The principal witness of the morning was W. C. Ashworth, of Greensboro, specialist in nervous and mental ill. He testified that Mrs. Getsinger was under his observation for ten days or two weeks subsequent to her flight from her home in Gates County, and that he pronounced her mentally competent, giving her a certificate to that effect. The certificate was signed by the court, first operations of a type unduly accented resulted in mental disorder. In fact, occasionally had a tendency to check or cure such disorders, through removal of focal infection. On cross-examination, he was questioned at length by Mr. E. F. Corbell, who apparently had inquired extensively on the subject of mental ill.

A Hypothetical Query In answer to a hypothetical question based upon the assumption that counsel for the defense would introduce testimony later tending to indicate that Mrs. Getsinger had threatened a relative at the point of a pistol, had been unusually suspicious of several members of her family, and had suffered from insomnia, Dr. Ashworth expressed the opinion that if these alleged acts and conditions had occurred, they would constitute symptoms of mental disorder on the part of the plaintiff.

Just before recess at 1 o'clock, attorneys for the plaintiff sought to introduce stenographic notes of the previous trial. In effect, these witnesses being out of the seats at present, counsel for the defense contested the move via grounds, and the matter of admission of this testimony was left undecided until the afternoon session.

Hearing of the Getsinger case, begun at the opening of court yesterday morning, continued steadily through afternoon and night sessions, the latter of which lasted until 10 o'clock. Court and counsel worked patiently and hard in an effort to dispose of the case as quickly as was practicable.

Taking the stand at 11:40 o'clock to the morning as the first witness in her own behalf, Mrs. Getsinger testified on direct examination until recess at 1 o'clock, when she was resumed at 2:15 o'clock, and returned to the stand still on direct examination. At 2:40 o'clock, her cross-examination began. This continued until recess at 6 o'clock, and was resumed at 7:30 when court reconvened. She finally left the stand at 9:15 o'clock, after having spent six hours and 10 minutes in the witness chair. She was plainly wearied by the ordeal.

When she was resumed on cross-examination by Attorney J. C. B. Brinkman, insisting time and again upon detailed explanations to accompany answers which, of themselves, she obviously regarded as misleadingly incomplete.

With one exception, the witness maintained her composure as not regarded as critical.

And Outlook Is That Winner Will be One Who Makes Every Minute This Week Count Rather Than One Who Rests Until Final Spurt at Close

And Didn't Pop



"Joan Johnnie" Chapman of Los Angeles is recalled because it takes pretty nearly an ocean of liquid to quench his thirst. Forty-three bottles in 15 minutes was the soda pop consumption record he hung up recently.

PLANNING BODY SLOW TO START

More or Less at Sea and Must Study City Zoning Before Can Act

Pasquotank's new City Planning Commission finds itself more or less at sea as to how to make a start toward city zoning.

The Commission met in joint session with the City Council Tuesday night with a view toward formulating a city zoning ordinance.

The only man present who seemed to have directed his ideas into definite channels was City Manager M. W. Ferebee. Mr. Ferebee had been studying the city zoning ordinance recently adopted by Norfolk and with a map of Elizabeth City before him had certain concrete suggestions as to what sections of the city should be designated as Class A, for residence buildings only, Class B for business and class C for industrial. Members of the Planning Commission however, had not given the problems which he suggested sufficient thought to be ready to make any commitments.

The City Council stood pat, having no suggestions to offer, but taking the position that the time for the Council to function was when the planning body had a concrete ordinance to offer.

After a half hour's desultory discussion without anything before the house, the planning commission adopted a motion to meet at a later date, after members had read up on the subject of city zoning, and attempt to draw up a city zoning ordinance "in the rough." When the City Planning Commission has worked out its plan, it will swap ideas with City Manager Ferebee and then will tackle the job of undertaking to put the city zoning ordinance in form for presentation to the City Council.

Members of the City Planning Commission are G. F. Seyffert, W. Ben Goodwin, F. K. Kramer, and Marshall H. Jones, with Mayor McCabe ex officio members.

The only motion before the City Council Tuesday night was the motion for adjournment. The Council was in session an hour.

EDWARD PEELE GETTING ON WELL AFTER ACCIDENT

Edward Peele, freshman at Wake Forest College and brother of Herbert Peele of this city, who was struck by an automobile Sunday night and taken to the college hospital with a serious wound on his head, is getting along nicely, relatives here learned this morning.

Mr. Peele will be out of the hospital within a week, it is said, unless some complication sets in which is not now considered probable. Edward Peele visited relatives here in the summer of 1924 and for a few weeks was out in rural Pasquotank for The Advance.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 18.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 20.65, Jan. 19.57, March 19.20, May 19.53, July 19.40.

New York, Nov. 18.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 31.10, points unchanged. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 20.62, Jan. 19.57, March 20.00, May 19.70, July 19.30, Oct. 18.90.