

HOTEL COMMITTEE ACCEPTS CONTRACT OF WILLIAM FOOR

Conspicuous Figure Among Hotel Men of South Here in Person to Discuss the Local Situation

CAMPAIGN PLANNED

Central Group Will Meet Friday Night to Decide Upon Date for Drive to Finance Project

The central committee sponsoring the plan for erection of a modern 100-room hotel here crossed its first bridge Saturday in accepting of a proposition from the William Foor Hotel Operating Company, of New York and Richmond, for operation of the proposed structure. The committee will meet again Friday night at 7:30 o'clock to decide upon the date for a campaign to finance the hotel.

The proposition was tendered personally by William Foor, president of the hotel operating concern bearing his name, and also of the Foor-Robinson Company, engaged in the same business. It was accepted with minor changes, as recommended by the committee on operations. This committee consists of Dr. A. L. Pendleton, W. G. Gathers and J. Wesley Foreman. The tentative contract will be re-drafted and submitted to Mr. Foor for acceptance.

William Foor is a conspicuous figure among hotel men of the South. He owns outright the O. Henry Hotel in Greensboro, regarded as one of the half dozen best in the State. "I paid \$500,000 for that hotel," he told the committee, "and then I borrowed around and borrowed \$750,000 on it."

C. R. Pugh, chairman of the central committee, declined to discuss the terms of the contract under which the Foor interests will operate the hotel here, other than to say that it was decidedly the best that had been submitted, in the opinion of the committee.

Two other operating concerns, the American Hotels Corporation, of New York, and the Interstate Hotel Company, of Raleigh, had entered into negotiations with the committee with regard to management of the proposed new hotel.

William Foor told the committee he had been in active management of hotel properties for the last 42 years, declaring he had been in the game so long he knew how to buy to best advantage.

"Long ago, I learned only to buy the best," he commented.

"The advertisement is the best you can have for a hotel," he declared. "A man who is pleased with your service, and goes away and tells somebody else about it, is worth all the road signs you can put up."

Mr. Foor's companies operate such hotels as the Washington Duke, in Durham, the Hotel Charlotte, in Charlotte, the George Vanderbilt, in Asheville—in all, a chain of 17 hotels, mainly in North and South Carolina. He declares emphatically that the finest hotel in the South today is the Washington Duke, with one of Atlanta's newest as the only close competitor, in beauty, convenience and appointments.

This matter of location is one on which the operating companies have laid particular stress, almost without an exception. Some have gone so far as to state they'd rather pay \$175,000 for a location they wanted, than to accept, free of charge, a site they didn't approve.

With a modern theater virtually assured through action taken in the last few days by the stockholders of the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, a growing sentiment is manifested here for early action on the erection of a hotel. The hope is expressed that both the theater and the hotel can be completed and in operation by the end of the year.

THOUGHT OF GOD WAS UPPERMOST AT LAST

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 16.—The thought of God was uppermost when things were darkest for the 21 men underground 18 hours after the explosion in the Jamison Coal and Coke Company mine, John M. McNeill, engineer, Bible, and prayed. McNeill led the prayer after the death of the negro miner.

ROAD IN GOOD SHAPE

The road from here to Norfolk via South Mills is in excellent condition, according to O. E. McPherson, of McPherson Brothers, operators of bus lines running from Edenton to the Hampton Roads titles. "It's as smooth as glass all the way," he declares.

Stovepipe Hat Now In Evidence At Capital

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

Washington, Jan. 16.—One thing this season's White House social functions have proven is that the plug title is far from obsolete.

That is to say, it is still affected by an overwhelming majority of the president's civilian callers. Of course the Army and Navy men wear their uniform headgear. With few exceptions the members of the diplomatic corps are uninformed, too, mostly with cocked hats and some old-fashioned waving plumes, like an old-fashioned plume.

But for ordinary people—ordinary people of consequence, not the hot polloi, who attend the public receptions—the stovepipe's the rule among all who care a cent for appearances.

Speaking of hats—Representative H. St. George Tucker of Virginia had his blown off a few days ago going down Pennsylvania avenue. In it was a speech Tucker had prepared, denouncing the appropriation of money to enable prohibition agents to buy liquor. The wind broadcast that speech all over northwest Washington.

Right then Tucker delivered a speech all right, but it was impromptu. Wayne B. Wheeler grinned fiendishly when he heard about it.

Col Cheney, chief military aide at the White House, used to be one of the principal ornaments at all functions there. Now there's a scandal about him.

All during the New Year reception one of the front buttons on his full dress uniform coat was unbuttoned. Nobody noticed it at the time, but a photograph of him, sending in the receiving line alongside the Coolidges, subsequently revealed it.

NEW RECORD MADE BUILDING IN 1925

New York, Jan. 16.—The F. W. Dodge Corporation estimates that building and engineering contracts in the United States last year total \$5,600,000,000, a new record. Nearly one third was for residences.

BRAND PERSUADES CALL OFF DEBATE

Paris, Jan. 16.—Premier Briand today persuaded members of the Chamber of Deputies finance committee to call off the debate which was slated to end in the downfall of the Briand government, believing that the country would not tolerate another ministerial crisis. A compromise plan was effected.

THINK DISARMAMENT MEETING IS DELAYED

Geneva, Jan. 16.—Articles in the foreign press and Foreign Minister Stresemann's desire to await German entry lead officials to believe that the League of Nations preparatory disarmament conference will be delayed until the last of April.

Urges Export Bounty On Farm Products

Washington, Jan. 16.—William Adcock, Illinois general assembly member today urged an export bounty on wheat, corn, hogs, and cattle before the House agriculture committee. The plan contemplates a forty per cent bounty on the world price paid by the Government which would levy an excess tax and equalize the import tariff on affected commodities.

Ditch Diggers Hang New Record After Discovery Near Cemetery

Jubilant descended upon a gang of colored street laborers engaged in deepening a ditch near Hollywood Cemetery the other day, when unexpectedly they came upon what is believed to have been the cache of a bootlegger. The haul included two gallons of highly potent fluid, contained in four tightly screwed up fruit jars, and a five gallon water bottle whose odor suggested that it might have graduated out of the H-2-O class.

Operating upon the theory that possession is nine points of the law, the finders are believed to have made a personal test of the contents of the fruit jars when their boss, Captain W. J. Simmons, wasn't looking. At any rate, it is reported authoritatively that a brand new record for speed

GOOD HEAD WRITERS ON DAILY ADVANCE, SAYS UTICA EDITOR

Among the 20 daily newspapers in the State, The Advance was one of four that came in for special mention by M. V. Atwood, managing editor of the Observer-Dispatch of Utica, New York, in his survey of the North Carolina press presented to the newspaper institute at Chapel Hill at its second day's session. Though The Advance was among the smaller newspapers in the State, Mr. Atwood said, lacking no doubt in many of the facilities of the larger dailies, he singled it out for the marked excellence of its heads, a matter in which North Carolina newspapers as a whole seemed rather weak.

Other newspapers mentioned included the Winston-Salem Journal, for the attractiveness of its front and editorial pages; the Charlotte Observer, as a newspaper with an excellent front page of a less conservative type, and the Raleigh Times, for the general appearance of its heads. The Advance, however, was the only one of the smaller dailies in the State mentioned by name for the excellence of any feature, and the only newspaper of any class cited as conspicuous for excellence in the content as well as in the appearance of its heads.

TALE OF GROWTH RELATED BY JOB

Chamber Secretary Describes Effect of Service Clubs on Organization

A forceful and vital outline of the aims and purposes of Kiwanis was given last night by Dr. R. H. Crossfield, pastor of the First Christian Church of Norfolk, in an absorbingly interesting address delivered before the Elizabeth City Kiwanis Club at a supper at the Southern Hotel, in commemoration of the eleventh anniversary of the founding of the organization.

The supper also was the occasion for installation of the year's officers. J. Kenyon Wilson, the new president, and the other incoming officers were introduced by C. R. Pugh, retiring head of the club, in brief and fitting fashion. Upon taking the chair, Mr. Wilson touched briefly upon the plans of the club for the coming year, and announced the various chairmen of committees. He then introduced Dr. Crossfield as the speaker of the evening.

Beginning with a survey of the development of business from the stage where every storekeeper was bent only upon making money for his family and himself, to the point where service to community, State and Nation became the primary consideration, with profit as secondary aim, Dr. Crossfield launched into a summary of the history of Kiwanis.

The speaker told of the adoption of the slogan, "We trade," and of a chaotic three years in which Kiwanis grew gradually, working without a definite aim, or common denominator, which might motivate the organization as a whole. Then, he said, was adopted the present slogan, "We build," which he characterized as a challenge to Kiwanians everywhere to give their best to their communities.

Dr. Crossfield touched upon that greatest of all Kiwanis projects, the aiding of the underprivileged child, at considerable length, telling in detail of the work done by Norfolk Kiwanians in arranging for a clinic at which 2,400 boys and girls were aided. He was accorded a rousing ovation at the close of his address.

The program was interpolated with piano selections by Miss Eva Walton, member of the Elizabeth City High School Orchestra. The prize of the evening was won by Kiwanian N. W. Dally.

Mrs. J. A. Rodgerson, who lives on Greenleaf street, is recovering at the Elizabeth City Hospital, after the arrival of a baby daughter.

RANK AND FILE WOULD BE GLAD TO GO TO WORK

But Some of the Miners Have Money and Slogan Is "Mos' be Strike" which Means "It Is Fate"

FOREIGNERS THRIFTY This Because of Different Standards of Living. Older Head of Families Are Also Best Off

By J. C. ROYLE (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

Seranton, Pa., Jan. 16.—The rank and file of the anthracite miners would be glad to go back to work tomorrow at the same wages and conditions which existed when they dropped their tools September 1, 1925. Representatives of both English speaking and foreign speaking miners, miners' wives, bankers, business men, merchants and professional men of the hard coal fields told the writer that today without hesitation or dissent.

This does not mean a speedy end of the struggle by any means. The miners still are loyal to their union and their leaders, and it is quite evident to stick it out indefinitely although that surely will mean short rations to many. It is significant that the very word "arbitration" gets a scowl when it is mentioned. John Stankowicz, a foreign born miner of Thopon, near here, expressed the attitude of the miners for all today when he examined his derby hat down on his ears, grinned, and said "mos' be strike."

"Mos' be strike," is the slogan of the hard coal country today. It corresponds here to the "Kismet" of the Mohammedan and the "Maskee" of the Chinese. It means in effect "It's to bad, but it is fate." For many both inside and outside the coal industry the phrase is spelling acute suffering. Already in the year and a half months of the struggle the miners have lost over \$113,000,000 in wages. The daily payroll of the section within ten miles of Seranton runs normally between \$200,000 and \$300,000 a day. No district can have its buying power cut to that extent and not feel it in every artery of industry and trade.

Every day long lines of applicants appear at the Family Welfare Bureau, which is handling the relief funds made available from Seranton's community chest. A force of 50 trained women motor corps drivers investigating the appeals for assistance. If it is required the applicants are furnished clothing from the clothing bureau, or are given orders on local stores for groceries and supplies. Every Sunday School class and many of the school classes are collecting and distributing baskets of provisions every day.

Some time ago the Glen Alden Coal Company, headed by Major W. W. Inglis, who heads the Operators' Conference Board, posted notice that it would take steps to relieve suffering among the families of its former employees, which were reported to it. Few of the miners took advantage of the offer for being unwilling to be under any obligation to the company. But now, the corporation is turning over reports of suffering families to the family welfare bureau and paying the bills for relief.

Nobody in Seranton regards this as a philanthropic measure. The union leaders call it by far harder names but the non-partisan citizens allude to it as "enlightened self interest."

Not all the miners are in financial straits by any means. Most of the men with big families who are buying their own homes and normally would be under the heaviest expense have money. David James of Oilphant, and old contract miner, blames automobiles and dances for the flat pocketbooks of the younger men and says that the foreign speaking miners are far better off in general than the English, Welsh, Irish and German workers, owing to different standards of living.

The writer today visited one Slav miner's home, which contained a piano, a victrola, a radio and a \$250 electric washing machine. On the other hand, doctors and dentists of foreign birth in the smaller mining towns say that although they are perfectly willing to extend credit their patients will not come to them except as a last resort, because they say "me no got money."

Many of the miners who have taken out insurance on a monthly payment plan have let their payments lapse. But Mrs. Sadie Wilschewsky of Throp, when called on by the insurance agent today, coyly turned her back, extracted from a capacious stocking a roll of bills big enough to choke a mine mule and declared "mos' be strike."

The banks of the coal country have ceased to loan money. Savings accounts have not decreased but such a marked degree here but the local banks which are depositaries for the cash of smaller institutions throughout the field have had heavy drafts made upon them. The

New Traffic Plan Provides For A Set System of Fines

Chicago Expected to Try Scheme. Believed That Other Cities Will Follow, to Lessen Court Procedure and Quickly Dispose of Cases

By OWEN L. SCOTT (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Systematic and efficient handling of the ever-mounting number of traffic violation cases with the least amount of delay to the violator and to the courts, is provided in a new scheme of procedure being urged for Chicago by the municipal court and the chief of police. The recommendations are made after several months of study and discussion.

The plan as proposed is along the line of the system being used in Detroit and is considered a model which all cities may well follow. It cuts down court procedure, relieves policemen of court appearances, and lessens the time the traffic violator must spend in court.

Nine groups of violations are established, with a set punishment for each offense. Arresting officers will send their slips to the court retaining their connection with the case. The arrested man will then appear before the court within 30 hours after the violation and pay the fine established for the type of violation he is charged with.

The scheme provides for a first group of violations, largely infractions of parking ordinances, with fines \$1 for the first offense, \$3 for the second and \$5 for the third.

A second big group of violations, including improper lights, blocking traffic in various ways, failure to observe signals or signs, unnecessary noise and other technical infractions, would call for a \$2 fine for the first offense, \$5 for the second and \$10 for the third.

The third group involving missing or obscure license plates would call for a \$2 fine the first offense, \$5 the second and court the third. The fourth group, driving against traffic or on the wrong side of the street would bring first a \$5 fine, second a \$10 and third court. Driving away from accidents, failure to report to police would cause the same fine in the fifth group. Slight variations would be made for the sixth and seventh groups.

Speed limit violations would come in the eighth group and would bring a \$10 fine for the first offense and court for the second and third. Driving while intoxicated, recklessness, and improper use of trucks would force the violator directly into court for trial.

THREE EXECUTED AND TWO OTHERS SPARED

Mexico City, Jan. 16.—Summary execution was meted out today to three of the bandits who last week massacred passengers and members of the train crew and soldiers on a train running between Guad alajara and the capital. Five were captured but two were spared upon promise to divulge the location of other members. President Calles offered a reward for the capture of the leader dead or alive.

SENATOR LaFOLLETTE ASKS ABOUT MEXICO

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin today introduced a resolution asking the Secretary of State for information on conditions under which American recognition was granted Mexico. He seeks particular information on agreements regarding exploitation of petroleum deposits and natural resources.

WILL RECONSIDER THE SURTAX RATES

Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate Finance Committee is to reconsider important surtax rates of the house tax reduction bill with a view to working reduction of some of the lower brackets. It previously voted approval of rates which would reduce surtaxes on incomes over forty thousand. Indications are that administration Senators will compromise on the lower brackets but insist on a 20 per cent maximum.

DINNER TONIGHT TO BOOST PROHIBITION

New York, Jan. 16.—To observe the sixth anniversary of prohibition, with celebration of inter-related civic organizations and statements of leading prohibitionists, a dinner will be given tonight in honor of "Pussy Foot" Johnson, recently returned from a trip abroad.

HAD NO MONOPOLY ON JIM QUESTION

N. Howard Smith, producer, exhibitor, actor, and confided sayer of what he thinks, received a letter from Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, with reference to a project in which the Chamber was engaged. The letter began:

"Dear Mr. Smith: I am in a jam, and need your assistance." It continued with a discussion of the matter in hand.

Mr. Smith read the letter, and mailed it back with the following notation at the bottom:

"Dear Mr. Job: You are in the majority. What could be more explicit?"

Record Attendance In Prospect For Chamber Event

A record attendance at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce Monday night is assured, according to members of the committee in charge of reservations for the event. In all, 150 tickets had been sold up to Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, and it was announced that none would be disposed of after Saturday. The committee had figured on an attendance of 150, and finds itself in the position of having to make arrangements to take care of considerable more. Reservations continued to pour in.

Feature events of the evening will include addresses by J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, president of the Atlantic Deepwater Fisheries Association since its organization 18 years ago, and said to be one of the best public speakers in the country, and Thomas F. Armstrong, secretary of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia. Music will be furnished by the Carolina Merry-makers.

ASKS COOLIDGE ACT IN COAL SITUATION

Washington, Jan. 16.—Senator Copeland, Democrat, of New York today proposed a resolution requesting the President to intervene in the anthracite situation, and asking him to take action "necessary and proper to bring about an immediate resumption of anthracite coal mining." He says the present situation is "fraught with imminent danger to public health."

WOMEN SUFFOCATED IN HOTEL FLAMES

Lakewood, N. J., Jan. 16.—Two women were suffocated while sleeping today when fire partly destroyed the Lorraine Hotel.

WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING

It is announced by the pastor, Dr. S. H. Templeman, of the First Baptist Church, that at the close of the Sunday morning service the deacons will make a recommendation on the plans for the new building.

GIVEN FOUR MONTHS

Four months on the roads was the aggregate sentence imposed in recorder's court Saturday on George White, alias George Reid, colored resident, who was found guilty by a jury on charges of carrying concealed weapons and being drunk and disorderly. The charges resulted from a little disturbance the preceding Sunday night at the home of an acquaintance of the defendant, for which the latter was blamed.

SHORTAGE OF HOGS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 16.—The unusual shortage of hogs in the Pacific northwest is forcing packers on the Pacific slope to obtain the bulk of their supplies from Canada. The price here has advanced to \$13.25 a hundred.

COTTON MARKETS

New York, Jan. 16.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 20.50, March 19.90, May 19.13, July 18.30, Oct. 18.15.

New York, Jan. 16.—Spot cotton closed today steady, 15 points advance, middling 21.29, Futures, closing bid: March 20.46, May 19.88, July 19.17, October 18.31, December 18.10.

Mrs. L. W. Jackson, City Route Three, is improving after an operation for appendicitis at the Elizabeth City Hospital Wednesday.

SIGNAL VICTORY FOR SECTION AT HIGHWAY EVENT

National Association Gives Road From Philadelphia to Jacksonville Single Federal Number

WILL BRING TOURISTS Frank Page and Lindsay Warren Elated Over Turn of Events at Chicago Meeting on Routing

A signal victory for Eastern North Carolina was scored in Chicago yesterday, according to word just received from Representative Lindsay Warren, of the First North Carolina District, announcing that he had received a telegram from Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, announcing that that part of the Atlantic Coastal Highway running from Philadelphia to Jacksonville had been designated as Federal Route 17.

This designation was made by the National Highway Association at a meeting in Chicago this week. Representative Warren had been working hard to obtain a single route number for this entire interstate road, but had had scant hope for success since parts of it up to yesterday were links in other Federal routes.

Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, who received Mr. Warren's telegram announcing the successful outcome of the fight, was in Washington, D. C., Tuesday in conference with him and others with a view to winning the single route number, if possible. He is highly elated over the outcome.

Route 17, leaving Philadelphia, passes through Wilmington, Delaware, then through Maryland through the Eastern Shore to Maryland and Virginia to Cape Charles, crosses to Norfolk, and passes southward through Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, and thence to Washington, New Bern and Wilmington. From the latter point it goes through Charleston and Savannah and thence to Jacksonville.

From that point a Federal highway runs almost due south along the East Coast of Florida to Key West. Northwardly from Philadelphia, another Federal link in the Coastal Highway runs through New York, Boston, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and thence to the Canadian border. This whole is a great North and South highway which is 200 miles shorter than any other. Mr. Job declares and has more miles of hard surface than any other.

The importance of including that part of the highway from Philadelphia to Jacksonville under a single Federal route number, Mr. Job explains, lies in the fact that it will be shown on maps to be distributed throughout the United States. Tourists thereby will be inclined to follow it on trips to and from Florida and of the Atlantic Seaboard states, he says, all of which will tend to bring more traffic through Elizabeth City.

BARLOW HARRELL WINS GOLD WATCH AS PRIZE

Barlow Harrell, of this city, has just received a handsome gold watch as first prize in a contest recently conducted by his company, together with a telegram of congratulations on the amount of business turned in.

"You have sent in a wonderful business," states the telegram, which is from Rufus A. Hunter, of Raleigh, State manager for the company. "I wish to congratulate you on establishing a record to be envied by all."

DURO JERSEY PIG WEIGHED LIKE THREE

W. P. Pritchard, Route Three, City, recently killed a two-year-old Duro Jersey hog that dressed over 520 pounds. This is the weight of three scrub pigs of the same age killed on the same day in the community, says County Agent G. W. Falls. A three-year-old hog of the same breed was killed by C. W. Ives and dressed out over 745 pounds, of the equal in weight of a good steer.

WAR DEPARTMENT APPROVES DAM ON KNOBBS CREEK

Washington, Jan. 16.—The War Department has approved the plans of the city of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, for the proposed dam on Knobbs Creek just above the city which will prevent the tide waters from entering the creek.

The structure will have swinging tide gates at the top to permit the escape of water in the upper creek in high water stages and also will have a special sluice which will permit the passage of logs. The creek is a tributary of the Pamlico River.