

KELLOGG IS NOT EXPECTING GIVE WAY TO ANY ONE

Talk of His Resigning to Give Place to Ambassador Houghton Utterly Unfounded, Says Writer

HAUGHTON TO STAY ON

Will Not be Recalled as Ambassador and Though His Been Some Misunderstanding, Is Valued

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, April 2.—Secretary of State Kellogg has no intention of resigning his portfolio. This information is pertinent at this time because of the publication of various reports in Europe to the effect that Ambassador Houghton's visit to the United States might be taken as the forerunner of his promotion to the highest place in the Cabinet.

Europe had come to the conclusion that because Mr. Kellogg as the American ambassador to Great Britain was elevated to the Secretaryship of State, the same might happen to Mr. Houghton.

But there is to be no vacancy at the Department of State because Mr. Kellogg is in good health and has no desire to resign. Nor does Mr. Coolidge want him to do so.

The rumors arose because Mr. Kellogg felt it necessary to leave his desk for several days recently and go South.

It is important, on the other hand, to clear up the reasons for Mr. Houghton's visit to the United States. This correspondent has learned that Mr. Houghton was not summoned home as was generally reported but had expressed a desire to confer with the President and Secretary of State, and, of course, was told that he might come to Washington.

But the initiative came from Mr. Houghton. Naturally there were several matters on which Mr. Houghton sought the counsel and advice of his superiors and he had many things which he wished to bring forward to the attention of the Washington Government.

One, for instance, was his view that the Department of State ought to waive its objections to the flotation in the United States of a loan to the German potash monopoly.

Mr. Houghton through his residence in Berlin as the American ambassador to Germany became familiar with the potash situation and he has been besought in London by British and German interests to do what he could toward swaying the Washington authorities to lift the ban on loans.

When Mr. Houghton returned here, however, he found that, contrary to some published reports, it was not Secretary of Commerce Hoover or Secretary Kellogg of the Department of State, who stood against the lending of money to governmental monopolies abroad, but that President Coolidge himself was adamant on the subject.

He found that Mr. Coolidge had approved every single step taken by the Departments of State and Commerce in the long correspondence that has been going on with New York bankers relative to foreign loans.

Mr. Houghton discussed the general European situation and in his conference with the press gave some of his views. The publication of remarks attributed to him caused some embarrassment at the White House but it is understood that this incident now is closed.

Mr. Houghton goes back to Europe with the full confidence of the Washington Government and with a clearer idea of the Coolidge-Kellogg-Hoover policy than he had before.

Mr. Houghton is one of the few ambassadors who reports not only on what is going on at his post but who makes suggestions on foreign policy as a whole.

How Car Driver May Keep Within Limits Of The Law

City Auditor Snowden and City Attorney Leigh Assist in Compilation of Traffic Regulations for Benefit of Elizabeth City Autoists

By RALPH POOL

Elizabeth City's ordinances regulating the operation of automobiles and other motor vehicles have just been painstakingly collected and classified by City Auditor John H. Snowden, in collaboration with Judge J. Hough Leigh, city attorney, and a representative of The Daily Advance.

A survey of them is interesting in a number of ways. The following article is the first of a series of two. Both will deal with various phases of the city regulations, and of the State laws on the subject. The second article will appear in tomorrow's issue of this newspaper.

Nearly a week has been spent in the collection and interpretation of these motor vehicle laws, and they are as nearly authoritative as those who collaborated in the work could make them.

Judge Leigh has obligingly given his interpretation of many obscure legal points in connection with them, and extreme care has been taken in preparation of the two articles. They are intended as an aid to the public, and especially to that large majority of automobile drivers who comply with the law, but are handicapped by unfamiliarity with it.

First of all we shall take up the matter of speed limits. The State law, which supersedes all city ordinances, sets the limit at 20 miles an hour in the residential section of any village, town or city.

In the business section, a speed of 12 miles is allowed, and 15 miles an hour when passing any church or school, while people are entering or leaving.

Supplementing the State law, a city ordinance prescribes a speed of 10 miles an hour in crossing street intersections. At first glance, this appears to conflict with the State regulations, but Judge Leigh, city attorney, holds that in constitutional cases the State law gives each municipality the right to make "reasonable street crossing regulations."

This last State mandate also provides the authority under which Elizabeth City's two "stop" corners are maintained. These are at the intersection of Main and Road streets, and at Main and Poindecker streets.

A question of constitutionality of "stop" corners was raised after the passage of this State law, the Supreme Court later deciding in favor of them.

The State law also allows a maximum speed of 35 miles an hour on rural highways, except at road intersections and sharp curves. There, the limit is 15 miles an hour, if the driver's view is obstructed for a distance of as much as 300 feet in the direction of travel.

Hard on "Road Hogs" State motor regulations require further that when one driver overtakes another, the one overtaken must turn out to let the other pass, or else maintain a speed of 35 miles an hour.

The vexatious practice of some "pedestrians" in holding to the center of the highway, while themselves driving at low speed, and paying no heed to signals from behind, thus lays them open to prosecution in the courts.

Here is something of more than casual interest to the man who doesn't own a car: Section 29 of article 8 of the State highway ordinances provides that "pedestrians walking on highways shall keep to the left-hand side of the road."

The general practice in this part of the State, as any experienced automobile driver will testify, is for the pedestrian to walk on the right side of the road. This means that he is directly in the path of vehicles coming up from behind, and ordinarily is unable to protect himself from a careless driver.

Walking on the left side of the road, the pedestrian sees all approaching cars on his side, and is in comparatively little danger from those approaching him from behind, since they are normally to be expected to pass on the opposite side of the road from him.

COOL AND SUNNY EASTER PROMISED

Washington, April 2.—The Weather Bureau was cautious today with its Easter weather predictions, but Forecaster Mitchell ventured to say that cool weather and bright skies probably would prevail in most of the eastern and southeastern parts of the United States.

DIVISION SALES BODY IS NAMED

W. G. Gaither Announces Appointments in General Hotel Campaign

Elizabeth City's hotel campaign is making definite progress through work accomplished in the past week. W. G. Gaither, general sales manager, announces the appointment of N. W. Dally, W. E. Griffin, R. S. Toxey and Buxton White as managers of the four divisions which will participate in the general stock sales.

Each division manager will have three teams or groups composed of ten men each, each group being under the direction of a leader selected by the division manager. It is reported that two of the division managers have already signed up the three leaders of the groups in their division.

"Developments in the last few days have been most encouraging," says W. G. Gaither. "The people realize the tremendous need for this hotel and have definitely determined that the hotel shall be built. Special emphasis should be placed on the investment feature of the stock being sold. We are all sold on the hotel, and whatever evidence they might have to put our money into the project from that standpoint alone."

The executive committee has made such a thorough investigation that its members are convinced that Elizabeth City's new hotel will be a good paying investment; and, with the developments taking place in this section and with the growth of business which is actually in sight, it can be reasonably expected that the stock now being purchased will have a greatly enhanced value in a comparatively short time.

"To build this hotel, and to make it the greatest success as a community institution, it is necessary for everybody to take some part in the enterprise and to make as large an investment as possible. In order to do this, the committee has provided that payments shall be extended over a period of 14 months, thus enabling every citizen to handle larger blocks of stock than if sold on a cash basis."

A meeting of the executive committee is being held tonight, preparatory to starting the initial sales work. While the amount has not been given out, it is definitely known that the executive committee's quota for personal subscription will be completed by tonight's meeting so that the next steps in the financing program can be carried out.

L. R. Foreman, associate general sales manager, is authority for the statement that in all the surrounding territory Elizabeth City's new hotel is being pointed to as the outstanding accomplishment of this city. "The interest being shown in this project is surprising," he says. "I have visited many places in the surrounding territory, and find the greatest interest in the successful outcome of this enterprise. Elizabeth City is the natural trade center for this territory and, naturally, the surrounding territory looks to this community for leadership in all community projects."

"We have already received a tremendous lot of fine advertising since the inception of this undertaking. Every effort should be put forth now by every loyal resident in the community to complete the financing as quickly as possible and get the actual construction of the hotel under way."

Elizabeth City has never had an undertaking which has meant so much for the welfare and development of the community, and every one should gladly do his part to insure the success of the enterprise.

STATE RESTS CASE IN WATKINS MURDER

Albemarle, April 2.—The State rested its case today against John Gray, alleged slayer of Dad Watkins here some time ago, in which robbery was charged as the motive. Watkins' charred body was found in the ruins of a burned barn.

ELK 'SPREAD' TONIGHT

A special Elk "spread" is arranged for tonight's meeting of the Elizabeth City lodge, at which officers recently elected will be installed. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock, and all members have been urged to attend. A menu that is even better than usual is promised.

CHARGES WILL NOT STAND IN CAPITAL VIEW

Shacklette's Plea Through Counsel for 30 Days in Which to Marshall Evidence Believed a Bluff

REQUEST IS GRANTED

Prison Board Ready and Willing to Hear Evidence From Any Sources as to Misconduct of Officials

Raleigh, April 2.—Words flew with the profanity of snow flake in the Northern blizzard in yesterday's hearing on Captain W. S. Shacklette's new famous "charges" or "information" before the prison board, but the net results of the day's proceedings were in direct keeping with the day, April 1. The only question was who the joke was on.

Through his attorney, J. W. Halley, the militant parson had much to say on such questions as the authority of the prison board to subpoena witnesses and to protect them from "intimidation or corruption" in connection with anything they might testify; the matter of the investigation ordered by the board on March 9 into the "activities and accomplishments of the welfare officer," who is Mr. Shacklette and the fairness of "opening the doors to all testimonial contributions with the understanding of any prison official and closing the doors at 10:30" and the general propriety of the entire investigation, but he had nothing at all to say on the information he lodged with the board earlier tending to incriminate Superintendent George Ross Pou and Warden J. H. Norman.

Even after the board had assured Mr. Shacklette that any convicts who might testify in the case would receive the full protection of the board, backed by the State, and that any information they might furnish would be kept secret from the officials against whom it might be directed, his attorney demanded 30 days, and refused to discuss the alleged charges or the sources of information or to allow his client to discuss them.

Following adjournment of the board meeting, Attorney General Brunmitt, after reading a letter from Governor McLean asking him to investigate any charges against Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sisk, called upon Attorney Bailey and Mr. Shacklette to produce whatever evidence they might have to substantiate the allegations of trafficking in pardons, paroles and commutations. They refused to talk, but finally agreed to a conference in the attorney general's office at 2:30 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

No promise could be elicited that any further information would be divulged at that time. In view of the attitude of reticence adopted by Mr. Shacklette, the board, in a statement issued late yesterday afternoon, declared its conviction that the charges against the prison officials were groundless, but expressed its willingness to hear any information bearing on the matter at any time and to investigate such information fairly and impartially, with a sincere desire to get at the bottom of the mix-up.

LOCAL MANAGER OF PENDER'S GROCERY IS PRIZE WINNER

Harry Forbes, manager of the Water and Pearing street Pender store here, was the high man in the entire chain of Pender stores last week, according to S. W. Dunn of Ahoskie, district superintendent who is in the city today.

"Mr. Forbes has made a wonderful record here," Mr. Dunn said. "Not only has his business for the week past shown the greatest increase of any store, but his tire chain but gross business at this store has shown a gain of \$20,000 for the year."

Mr. Forbes also recently won a prize of \$10.00 for selling the highest number of pounds of "Spread" in this district.

In commenting upon the gain for the year, Mr. Forbes attributes a large volume of the increase to daily advertising in The Advance.

For nearly a year now Penders has been a daily advertiser in The Advance.

MONTH'S COLLECTIONS IN COURT SET RECORD

March was the best month of the year thus far, financially, in recorder's court here. Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer reported Friday morning that a total of \$957.15 had been collected by the court in fines and costs during the month. This total, however, falls substantially behind record months in other years.

Jerusalem As It Looks Today



Here is a picture of modern Jerusalem, looking toward the Mount of Olives, with the dome of the Mosque of Omar rising in the middle distance. The mosque is believed to occupy the site of the Jewish temple of Biblical times.

Modern Hotel Should Pay Here From Start, Members of Group Behind Financial Campaign Say

Hundreds of motorists returning from winter vacations in Florida this spring, and stopping over in Norfolk for the night, have remained for many days, touring the country around that city, according to news dispatches. Members of the general hotel executive committee point to this as an indication of what Elizabeth City may expect when the proposed new hotel has been built.

Almost coincident with completion of the hotel here, the Chocoma Bridge will have been finished also, if present prospects to deal with, and no concerted traffic, and because of the greater freedom from noise.

The average motor tourist prefers to spend the night in a small city, if it has a good hotel, it is claimed, because there he can no difficulty in finding his way about, and no serious parking problem to deal with, and no congested traffic, and because of the greater freedom from noise.

It is anticipated also that, with the opening of the Disraeli Swamp Canal and the expected consequent increase in water traffic through Elizabeth City, many yachtsmen will stop over here, attracted by the excellent hotel and the facilities for golfing and other recreation at the new Elizabeth City Country Club.

All in all, members of the hotel committee express themselves as increasingly optimistic over the prospect for the new hotel having plenty of business from the start.

Sewer Pumping Stations Run Selves Without Aid

Clean, Attractive and Odorless. Completed Plant on South Road Street Offers No Suggestion of Purpose for Which It Is Intended

A glimpse of the marvels of modern mechanics and engineering awaits any one who will visit the new sewer pumping station, now in operation just off South Road street, at the point where an unsightly drainage canal pours forth its noxious fumes for generations. The new plant is sleek and clean—and it is odorless in appearance. It is not at all suggestive of its utilitarian purpose.

The station is not dependent upon human hands for its operation. Nobody need go near it for days on end, but smoothly and efficiently it carries on two powerful force pumps, working automatically, take care of thousands of gallons of sewage each 24 hours. When there is work to be done, they start. When the job is finished, they quit. Except for occasional replenishment of the oil reservoirs, they require absolutely no attention.

These two pumps will force into the mains leading to Pasquotank River 1,800 gallons of sewage each minute, or 5,184,000 gallons each 24 hours. It is estimated that 100 gallons of sewage per inhabitant must be disposed of in that period. Hence, this station alone is prepared to meet the needs of a population of 51,840 souls.

Two other stations of like capacity are to be built here, under the program of the Utilities Commission, and one of those, situated on West Burgess street, is already under construction. When all have been finished, Elizabeth City will be prepared to take care of the needs of a population of 150,000 people, so far as pumping of sewage is concerned. Ample provision for a long time to come.

Playmakers Giving 'The First Year' Here April 10

Described by the critic of the New York Times as "the most enjoyable comedy of the year," the Carolina Playmakers, North Carolina's talented assemblage of playwrights and actors at the University of North Carolina, will present "The First Year," a comedy of married life, in the High School auditorium on Saturday night, April 10, at 8 o'clock.

The Carolina Playmakers made a decided hit here two years ago in a series of folk plays given under the direction of Frederick H. Koels, who came to the University eight years ago, and was a leading spirit in the formation of this group of dramatists. Usually the Playmakers carry on tour their own productions, but this time they have stepped outside their own circle to produce a play written by Frank M. Craven, nationally known playwright.

"The First Year" is described as an authentic domestic comedy—a representation of every day American life. The naturalness of its humor and pathos have given it an irresistible appeal for audiences in many parts of the country.

The play depicts the first year of married life of Grace and Tommie Tucker, in Joplin, Missouri. But for that matter, it might be the first year of any wedded couple in Elizabeth City.

To those who have had their "first year," and those who look forward to theirs, the play is declared to speak with undeniable truth.

"You two are just suffering from matrimonial measles," Dr. Anderson, one of the characters in the play, wisely avers to the Tuckers, "troubles that look terrible but don't amount to anything. Everybody has them, and, like measles, it's better to have them young and get over them. Years from now, you're either going to laugh at this or cry over it. If you let it take you apart, you're going to cry, so let's laugh at it. What do you say?"

And of course, the Tuckers and the audience choose to laugh. Seats for "The First Year" will go on sale at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The play is being brought here under auspices of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club, which has underwritten the expense involved.

Truck Capsizes But Nobody Hurt

Chapman, April 2.—About two miles from the State highway, the Chapman and Woodville school truck turned over in the swamp, Wednesday afternoon as it was returning from Reynolds County High School. There were about thirty students in the truck; every one of whom escaped with no more serious marks than a few cuts and bruises. The truck was badly damaged.

WETS AND DRIES IN SENATE ARE AT ODDS

Washington, April 2.—The Senate prohibition committee refused today to issue subpoenas for 18 witnesses which the wets desired to have heard next week.

The wets and dries in the Senate are at odds as to whether the Judiciary subcommittee is to summon all of the witnesses the wets want examined during the prohibition hearings next week. Senator Edge, Republican, of New Jersey, has submitted to Chairman Means a list of 25 witnesses, including police chiefs and marshals.

MEEKINS DENIES DEFENSE PLEAS IN TRIAL CO-OPS

Overrules Motions to Dismiss Action on Ground of Fraud by Plaintiffs in Bringing Suit

HELD SIGNAL VICTORY

Ruling Came at Close Persuasive Argument by Sapiro and Plaintiffs Jubilant to Draw First Blood

Raleigh, April 2.—With the overruling by Judge Isaac M. Meekins of the two pleas in abatement filed by the defendant in the Federal Court action for a receivership for the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing Association, the plaintiffs won their first real victory yesterday afternoon. These rulings were followed, in short order, by a further ruling admitting 75 additional Virginia tobacco growers as parties plaintiff. E. P. Butler, represented by Colonel E. P. Butler, as parties defendant, another decided blow to the chances of the defendant association.

The rulings were considered all the more in the nature of a victory since they came at the conclusion of what was considered by those who heard it a most persuasive, but convincing, argument by Attorney Aaron Sapiro, chief of counsel for the plaintiffs, upon some of the points involved in the judge's decision, or ruling. In fact, the judge interrupted the answer of Attorney L. L. Horton, of counsel for the plaintiff, to Attorney Sapiro's argument, to give his rulings.

The defendant moved to dismiss the action. Farmer, et al. against the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association for the reason that fraud had been practiced in procuring plaintiffs required to secure jurisdiction in this court. The motion is denied and the plaintiff excepts, the first ruling read. On the second plea in abatement.

"The defendant moved to dismiss the action on the ground that the plaintiffs did not come into court with clean hands. The motion is denied and the defendant excepts." Then further: "In this connection, I want to say that there is nothing in the record that impresses me as justifying charges of nefarious, illegal or unethical practices against the counsel for the plaintiffs."

That was that, and the case dragged on. Practically the entire day was taken up with arguments, starting to cover only the point of the court's jurisdiction and taking in practically the entire scope of inquiry before they were concluded.

STATUS OF CRANFORD CASE IS UNCHANGED

Albemarle, April 2.—The status of the Cranford case remained the same today, with attorneys for both sides agreed that the former Stanley County convict superintendent would not be tried during the term of court. A quash motion and another to remove the trial to another county is still before the court.

WESTERN NEWSPAPER UNION PLANT DESTROYED BY FIRE

Charlotte, April 2.—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed the plant of the Western Newspaper Union here. Although it has not been officially estimated, firemen believe that the damage will exceed \$100,000.

The Western Newspaper Union heads later placed their loss at \$150,000. The blaze was discovered at 5 o'clock and had gained considerable headway when it was discovered and all the fire fighting force was required to get it under control.

FINED FOR ASSAULT

Charged with assault on Annie Howell, Louise Spence was fined \$5 and costs in recorder's court Friday morning. Testimony of witnesses was that the two had had a squabble over Louise's husband, and that Louise had slammed Annie over the head with a stick and had scratched her neck. Both are colored. The scrap occurred on North Harney street Friday afternoon.

MRS. H. V. RHODES DEAD

Mrs. Hattie V. Rhodes, 44, wife of M. V. Rhodes, of South Mills, Camden County, died at her home there this afternoon of double pneumonia and complications after an illness of several weeks. She was a daughter of Abner S. Spence and the late Mary A. Spence, of Pasquotank County. She spent all her life either in Pasquotank or Camden counties and was well known. Eight children survive. One of the children and her husband, M. V. Rhodes, now are ill of pneumonia. Three sisters and two brothers survive. They are Mrs. G. W. Culpepper, Mrs. Maud Hill and Mrs. Minnie Addison, and Miles S. and Joseph F. Spence. Four grandchildren also survive. The funeral will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday from the residence at South Mills and interment will be in the family cemetery in Pasquotank County.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 2.—The stock exchange is closed as Good Friday is being observed as a holiday. Therefore there is no cotton report today.

LENGLEN TO MARRY

Paris, April 2.—Suzanne Lenglen is engaged to be married to Jacques Bride Jones Offenbach, famous composer of "Tales of Hoffman." It was learned today.