

BOARD MEMBERS DISTURBED OVER TURN OF EVENTS

Commissioners Edney and Thompson Feel That Some Have Misinterpreted Their Vote

EDNEY STATES STAND

Would Have Entire Matter Submitted to Vote of People; Cites Condition of County's Finances

Feeling that the sudden influx of candidates for the Board of County Commissioners, as disclosed through publication yesterday of the names of all who had filed their candidacies, may have been prompted by a misunderstanding of their attitude on the question of moving the courthouse, several of the present members of the board are hastening today to let the public know exactly how they stood on the question when it came to a vote May 13.

As put before the board, the motion was that the courthouse remain on the present site, whether the present building was remodeled, or a new one built. The motion was put by Commissioner C. A. Owenly, and was seconded by Commissioner C. B. Munden. Voting with Messrs. Owenly and Munden in favor of it were Messrs. Cartwright and Pritchard.

Commissioners Edney and Thompson voted against the motion, both explaining at the time that they preferred for the people to settle the question in the June primaries, rather than to have the board decide it. Both made it clear that their votes against the motion were not to be construed as votes in favor of moving the courthouse, though the subsequent coming out of candidates against them leads them to the impression that, somehow, a number of voters in the city and County have so interpreted their action.

With Chairman W. T. Love, Sr., out of the running through having failed to file his candidacy up to Saturday night, three candidates for the Board of County Commissioners have announced themselves in Elizabeth City. They are Hillary Cartwright, at present a member of the board, and L. S. Gordon and A. B. Walston. Mr. Walston has announced that he is running to succeed Mr. Love, though, of course, in the event of his election, that does not necessarily mean that he will succeed to the chairmanship. The new board will elect its chairman after it goes into office.

The other new contenders are Caleb W. Ives, who is running against Commissioner Pritchard, in Providence; T. L. Overman, who is opposing Commissioner Thompson, in Nixonton; and W. O. Etheridge, who is against Mr. Edney, in Newland. In a written communication to this newspaper, Mr. Edney sets forth his stand, as follows:

Elizabeth City, N. C. May 24, 1926.

Editor, The Advance.

Elizabeth City, N. C. Gentlemen:

It seems as if I have been misunderstood or misrepresented with respect to my vote as a County Commissioner on the question of the location of the proposed new court house. To the end that I may be understood may I say here and now that my recent vote as a member of the Board of County Commissioners was to the effect that the entire matter should be submitted to a vote of the people.

The reason that I favor submitting the question to a vote of the people is because our county debt is already staggering. The auditor's books will show that the county now owes \$1,784,692.50. Our County Highway Commission has recommended an additional bond issue for roads of \$250,000. This would make a total of \$2,034,692.50. Upon a taxable valuation in the entire county of only \$20,000,000 I respectfully submit that to build a new court house at this time would impose a tax burden that should not be placed upon the people without a vote of the people.

As a member of the Board of County Commissioners I am opposed to any further bond issues unless the people vote the indebtedness upon themselves. If the people of Pasquotank County wish to vote against me because of my position I shall retire with a sense of duty done as I see it. It is a mere matter of figuring to see that our tax rate will be higher than we can bear. While I am from the country, I am calling the attention of the people in town to the fact that the town pays three-fifths of the taxes and that with all the public improvements that are now being put through the town will be appreciated more than the country man though the farmer will be bearing the burden of paying high taxes with the present prices of farm products.

Yours very truly,

R. B. EDNEY.

Most of those signing for the good old days wouldn't know which end of a horse to crank.

NEGRO IS HELD ON CHARGE OF HOUSEBREAKING

George White to Face Superior Court Grand Jury in Connection With Recent Thefts Here

BOND SET AT \$1,000

Liquor Case Scheduled for Disposal at Wednesday Morning Session of Recorder's Court

Finding probable cause for indictment on charges of housebreaking and larceny, Trial Justice P. G. Sawyer held George White, colored, for the term of Superior Court beginning June 15, at the close of a hearing in recorder's court Tuesday morning. He fixed White's bond at \$1,000, in default of which the accused was sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury in the higher court.

White was sentenced to 60 days on the roads each on two charges of larceny of goods valued at less than \$20, and therefore falling within the jurisdiction of the lower court. He appealed from the judgments.

In the arrest of White, police express the hope that they have succeeded in checking the epidemic of petty thievery which has raged here for many months, the depredations being confined mainly to automobile tires and accessories.

White was accused in connection with the seizure by police of a camera, two automobile tires, rims and tubes, a Ford generator, an automobile horn and an electric toaster at his home on Cobb street early Monday morning. The kodak was identified positively by Ellis Alexander, colored barber, as one that had been stolen from his home a few days before.

One automobile tire, the generator and horn were identified partially by D. T. Meads, a traveling salesman, as corresponding with similar equipment which had been stolen Sunday night from cars belonging to several of his assistants, the cars having been left parked at the side of the Raleigh Hotel.

Lester Winder, living at Road and Cedar streets, testifying for the State, declared he saw a negro of about the same size as White passing his home on the Cedar street side shortly after midnight Monday, carrying an automobile tire on one arm, and something clutched close to his body with the other arm. He said he could not positively identify the passerby as White.

The defendant did not take the stand. His attorney, Walter L. Cohoon, put on one witness, Lee Clement, colored, who testified that he had left a Ford generator at White's home for White to repair. Clement undertook to identify the generator, exhibited in court as his own, by a "secret" in taking it off his car. The court obviously was not impressed by the identification.

Leroy Duncan, charged with assault on Murdock Gibbs, young white boy, was fined \$5 and costs. Evidence in the case was that Gibbs had accused Duncan of stealing, and when upbraided by the latter, had offered the excuse that he was only joking, whereupon Duncan had struck him several times, inflicting minor injuries.

Judgment was suspended in the case of Dennis Roughton, fisherman accused of having failed to pay the State license on one or more anchor gill nets, on the condition that the defendant pay the license fee and the court costs.

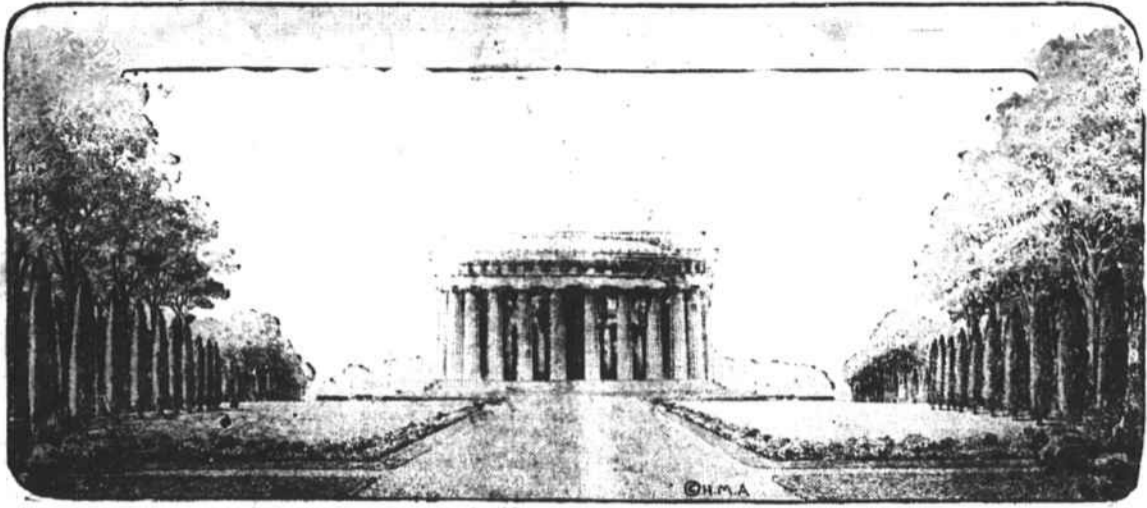
Trial of quo warranto charges against Abraham Hobbs, colored, accused in connection with the arrest of James Brown, colored, Saturday afternoon, was continued to Wednesday morning. Four pints of liquor were seized when Brown was arrested, and he is said to have claimed he bought it from Hobbs. The latter's bond was increased from \$100 to \$150 Tuesday morning, and an additional charge of vagrancy was preferred against him.

TO CHOOSE BALL MOGULS TONIGHT

"Come up or shut up." That is the slogan of those most keenly interested in arrangements for a schedule of worth while summer baseball here, in urging all stockholders and others interested to attend a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce tonight at 7 o'clock, at which a board of directors, or executive committee, and officers for the proposed club will be elected, and other business attended to.

Those active in signing up guarantors for the summer ball league report having raised a little more than \$1,000 for a season of six to eight weeks, with every prospect that Hertford and Edenton will come in, and with the possibility that Suffolk will enter also, thereby forming a four-team league.

Memorial to Harding to Be Erected at Marion



This is the \$800,000 memorial to the late President Warren G. Harding that the Harding Memorial Association will erect at Marion, Ohio, the late President's home, with a fund raised by nation-wide subscription. The cornerstone will be laid on Memorial Day, with Vice President Dawes presiding.

"Bucky's" Fiancee



Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, daughter of Howard Sutherland, alien property custodian and former Senator from West Virginia, is reported engaged to Stanley Raymond (Bucky) Harris, manager of the Washington American League baseball team. The wedding is not expected to take place until after the present ball season. Harris, too, comes from West Virginia.

SCOUTS HELP FIGHT FIRE NEAR MEREDITH

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 25.—Boy Scouts in Raleigh were given an opportunity to demonstrate their value as fire fighters when they were called on to help fight a forest fire that for a time threatened to become serious in the vicinity of Meredith College west of the city Monday. First fighting equipment was furnished by State Forester J. S. Holmes who welcomed their assistance.

Mr. Holmes, aid only by one other man, the caretaker of the grounds of the old Institute for the Blind, had fought the fire alone on Sunday afternoon and which by tonight, however, thanks to the good work of the Boy Scouts, the fire had been brought under control.

VIGOROUS CHARGE BY JUDGE I. M. MEEKINS

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 25.—A vigorous charge was given the Federal grand jury at the opening of the three weeks term of United States District Court here yesterday by Judge Meekins, in which he agreed attorneys who block the court docket by accepting cases for days when they know they will not be able to appear to argue them, then getting them continued, thus congested the docket.

Rigid enforcement of the Volstead act was also demanded by the judge of the grand jury and talk of modifying this act was characterized as a "smoke screen" thrown up by bootleggers. He said that Pennsylvanians might have some moral excuse for violating the dry law but that North Carolinians had none.

COOLIDGE GIVES WELCOME TO RED CROSS MEETING

Delivers Address in Memorial Hall to Welcome the Pan-American Red Cross Conference

TYPIFIES PEACE

Organization Expresses Spirit of Friendly Co-Operation of All Nations, Declares President

Washington, May 25.—The Red Cross has provided a means by which the American people may express their spirit of consecration to peace and to the friendly cooperation of all nations. President Coolidge asserted today in an address welcoming the delegates to the Second Pan-American Red Cross Conference.

Speaking in Continental Memorial Hall, the President described the Red Cross as "in the truest sense a popular organization," which "springs from the people," and said that in bringing about such discussions as provided for at the conference the delegates were holding before their respective peoples "new ideals which can not but have a wider and wider reaction."

"In recent years," he added, "there has been much discussion of international relations. And, indeed, the need for such discussion is apparent. The application of scientific discovery to communications, to transportation, to industry, has bound the countries of the world together to a degree our forefathers could never have anticipated."

"Social organization seldom keeps pace with human activity in science, industry and commerce. The very complexity of modern governmental problems is appalling to those who share the responsibility. In the face of these increasing problems of international intercourse, co-operation of the peoples of the world must rest on a broad and fundamental basis. Mutual understanding, sympathy and tolerance, must grow up among the peoples themselves and cannot be imposed upon them."

"The ill of humanity are common to all nations and afflict us all alike. The chief factors conditioning human life and happiness are still national rather than social in their character. Our chief problem, and the universal dilemma of the race is that of perfecting our adaptation to our natural environment; of controlling the blind forces of nature to make them serve as instruments of human happiness; of circumventing the operation of natural causes destructive of our health, our vitality, or our lives. As mankind learns to devote its efforts to these tasks, rather than to futile and intestine strife, international relationships will become increasingly cooperative and less controversial."

TWENTY-FOUR KILLED WHEN TRAINS CRASH

Munich, Bavaria, May 25.—Twenty-four persons were killed and many injured today when a passenger train ran into another train which had stopped in the East station. Several cars of the train which had stopped were telescoped.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 25.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 18.25, Oct. 18.50, Dec. 18.24, Jan. 17.35, Mar. 17.45. New York, May 25.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 18.85, an advance of 10 points. Futures closing bids: July 18.33, October 17.59, December 17.51, January 17.42, March 17.50.

Crowning the Blossom Queen



Miss Belle Bridges was chosen queen of the annual apple blossom festival at Winchester, Virginia. This picture shows her receiving her crown from Governor Harry Byrd of Virginia.

McLEAN STATES POSITION STATE

Gives Article From State Constitution in Connection Federal Order

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 25.—That the position of North Carolina with regard to the recent executive order of President Coolidge authorizing the employment of state, county and city officials as Federal Prohibition agents, was clearly defined by the State Constitution, was the gist of the reply made by Gov. A. W. McLean to an inquiry by The New York Times yesterday as to his attitude. The reply of the governor reads in part:

"I have had no time to give consideration to this matter. North Carolina's attitude, however, seems to be fixed by Section 7, Article 14 of the State Constitution which provides that: 'No person who shall hold any office or place of trust or profit under the United States, or any department thereof, or under this State, or under any other state or government, shall hold or exercise any other office or place of trust or profit under the authority of this State, or be eligible to a seat in either House of the General Assembly.'"

"It might be mentioned in this connection that the State of North Carolina has no State Constabulary or other officers exercising general police powers. The authority to exercise such functions is generally lodged in the local police officers, such as sheriffs in the counties and policemen in the cities and towns."

Sheriff D. Bryant Harrison, of Wake County, said that while he would be prevented by the constitution from becoming a Federal Prohibition Agent, he was advising all his deputies, who are the only officers who are allowed by the State Constitution to act in this capacity, to be sworn to once as dry agents.

"I am heartily in favor of the move, as it will be of great aid to the sheriffs in the various counties in enforcing the prohibition law," he said. He plans to have all his deputies formally sworn in as dry agents Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

JESSE WYATT OUT ON PAROLE FOR FUNERAL

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 25.—Jesse Wyatt, of Wake county, serving from 8 to 18 months in the State Prison for manslaughter, is out of prison today on a 12-hour parole to attend the funeral of his sister, who is being buried today in Rocky Mount. Wyatt's parole was issued last yesterday afternoon by Governor A. W. McLean on the recommendation of the Pardons and Paroles. It read to the effect that Wyatt was to be permitted to be absent from the prison from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time he must report back to the warden.

GIANT PLANE PASSES OVER MOREHEAD CITY

Wilmington, N. C., May 25.—A seaplane believed to be the Buenos Aires passed over here flying low at 8:50 o'clock.

Morehead City, N. C., May 25.—A giant seaplane believed to have been the Buenos Aires flying from New York to the Argentine passed over here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. The plane was flying close to the coast line and proceeding at a rapid rate of speed.

FIFTY BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM MUD

Tokyo, May 25.—A dispatch to Nichinichi says that 50 bodies have been recovered from the mud and sand of the Hokkaido Volcano which has been in eruption.

JURIST AND AUTHOR DEAD BY REVOLVER

London, May 25.—Sir Charles Walpole, jurist and author, was found dead in his home in Kensington court late last night. A revolver lay by the body.

FUNERAL MRS. MOSS
The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Moss, who died at the County Home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, was conducted at the home at 1 o'clock Tuesday by Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of City Road Methodist Church, and burial made in the family burying ground near Winfall.

Stockholders in Hotel Clear Deck For Early Start On Construction

C. O. ROBINSON TO HEAD HOTEL

Twenty Dollars in Gold to Be Awarded Winner in Contest for Name

C. O. Robinson, one of this city's leading younger business men, was elected president of the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation Tuesday, at the first meeting of the board of directors of the corporation. Besides his business connections, Mr. Robinson is president of the Elizabeth City Country Club.

Other officers elected were: J. Wesley Foreman, first vice president; W. T. Love, Sr., second vice president; L. C. Blades, treasurer, and R. C. Job, secretary. Mr. Job is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and his election to the new position was made contingent upon the approval of the board of directors of the chamber. It was believed that this would be granted readily, as it was expected that Mr. Job would continue as secretary of the latter organization.

The directors also elected an executive committee of five, to conduct the affairs of the hotel in the interim between meetings of the board. The committee comprises: C. O. Robinson, J. Wesley Foreman, W. T. Love, Sr., W. G. Galther and W. J. Woodley, Sr. The board voted also to hold a conference with various architects Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce for consideration of plans for the new hotel, but probably not for a final decision in the matter.

The board decided to hold a contest to select a name for the hotel, with \$20 in gold as the prize to be awarded the individual presenting the appellation chosen. The contest will be decided at a meeting at the courthouse Friday night, June 11, at 7:30 o'clock. All entrants have been requested to submit their suggestions in sealed envelopes to Secretary Job, and they may begin sending them in at once.

On the night the contest closes, the envelopes will be opened by the directors in the presence of the crowd, and the winning name selected. In the event that more than one contestant submits the name chosen, the slips bearing the duplicate appellations will be dropped into a hat, and the winning one drawn out.

Members of the board declare that probably a number of tentative plans for the new hotel will be placed on display at the meeting, in order that those present may look them over.

PRESIDENT SEES NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Washington, May 25.—Coinciding with the new outbreak in Congress against the Presidential order authorizing employment of state officers in prohibition enforcement, the White House today said the President was ready to modify the proposal if proven oppressive.

The White House maintained, however, that the President saw no cause for alarm in the order and was certain it did not constitute an invasion of state sovereignty but was rather an aid to the states.

IRVING COBB TALKS; THEN JOYCE HAWLEY AT BATH TUB TRIAL

New York, May 25.—The Government sprang a surprise at the resumption of Earl Carroll's "bath tub" party trial today by calling Irving Cobb, writer and guest at the party, to the stand.

It had been announced yesterday that today's first witness would be Joyce Hawley, show girl and alleged occupant of the bathtub from which drinks were said to have been served. Cobb testified that as he was about to leave the Carroll Theater early in the morning of last February 22, Carroll urged him to remain as he was "going to put on a stunt of a girl in a tub."

On cross examination by counsel for Carroll, who is charged with perjury, Cobb said he was a close personal acquaintance of the theatrical man and so far as he knew Carroll's veracity was excellent. Joyce Hawley testified next. She said that she not only occupied the bath tub on the stage of the Carroll Theater but that she was drunk when she got into it from liquor served her in the theater. She testified that she had been offered \$350 by an associate of Carroll if she would appear before the grand jury and say there was no champagne or wine served at the party.

Board of Fifteen Directors Elected, Charter and By-Laws Adopted, and Other Business Transacted

NAME NOT SELECTED

Virginia Dare Obviously Preference of Majority, But Action on Christening Is Postponed

Electing a board of 15 directors, adopting a charter and by-laws, and authorizing the new board to meet without further notice to name officers for the corporation, stockholders in the new hotel last night cleared the decks for the early beginning of construction of the hostelry at a meeting at the courthouse, at which about 100 were present in person, and many more by proxy.

The directors elected, and the votes they received, were: C. O. Robinson, 3260; L. C. Blades, 3098; W. T. Culpeper, 2953; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, 3228; J. Wesley Foreman, 2982; W. G. Galther, 3268; M. P. Gallop, 2895; O. F. Gilbert, 2608; L. Roscoe Foreman, 2672; H. G. Kramer, 3199; G. R. Little, 3063; W. T. Love, Sr., 2757; W. J. Woodley, Sr., 3051; Ellisha Coppersmith, 2908; and J. T. McCabe, 2428.

These directors were chosen from a list of 25 submitted by a nominating committee, after the stockholders had voted favoring a directorate of that size. Those voting were given the privilege of adding any names they wished, and in all 41 candidates were voted on, the officers being: C. O. Robinson, Dr. I. Fearing, W. P. Skinner, C. W. Galther, E. C. Conger, T. P. Nash, J. C. Sawyer, S. H. Johnson, W. B. Foreman, C. H. Robinson, A. Lee Rawlings, M. H. Jones, W. L. Small, W. H. Weatherly, Sr., Dr. L. S. Blades, Jr., Leigh Sheep, N. S. Leary, M. L. Clark, W. T. Old, A. B. Houtz, M. G. Morrison, Dr. A. L. Pendleton, Henry Sanders and P. H. Williams.

Corporation Christened
The name of the new company was decided upon as the Elizabeth City Hotel Corporation, and it was voted to fix the maximum capital stock at \$450,000. Officers to be elected are a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, it being provided that one individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer, or vice president and secretary, or treasurer, but that one person may not hold all three offices. It was announced that a total of \$351,000 in stock had been taken to date.

The meeting was presided over by C. O. Robinson, in the capacity of temporary chairman. Mr. Robinson had been chairman of the hotel executive committee, and at the opening of the session last night was promptly elected to the chairmanship of that. The charter and by-laws were presented by J. C. B. Ehringhaus.

Among other things, the by-laws provide that the directors shall serve one year, or until their successors shall have qualified, they to be elected by the stockholders in annual meeting on the third Monday in January each year. Special meetings shall be called upon the request of one-third of the stockholders. The directors are given power to elect or appoint all necessary officers, make contracts with hotel operating companies, fix rent and generally control the operation of the hotel property. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum. They are given authority to appoint an executive committee of five members to transact business between the meetings of the directorate.

Empowered to Buy Site
The directors are empowered to fix the compensation of the hotel officers and of themselves, and to amend the by-laws, within certain restrictions embodied in the charter. At the close of the meeting, the stockholders voted to give the authority to purchase the tentative hotel site at Fearing and McCormick streets at a price of \$52,500, and in their discretion to buy a second lot fronting on Poindexter street at an option figure of \$12,500, both properties at present being owned by Gallop & Sawyer, real estate dealers.

Lacking adding machines, the stockholders present at the meeting tackled a considerable task when they undertook to count the ballots. This took more than 25 hours, and when it had been completed at 11 o'clock, only a small handful of the original crowd remained to learn the outcome.

Hotel Name Contest
The matter of naming the hotel (Continued on page 4.)