

Council Adopts Program To Issue \$935,000 Worth Of Bonds At Early Date

Street Improvement Program Curtailed Slightly To Avoid Present Limit of Bonded Indebtedness

CITY FATHERS JOLTED

Must Circulate Street Paving Petitions All Over Again, on Account of Mistake in Phraseology.

A decision to authorize the issuance of \$935,000 in municipal improvement bonds was reached early last night by the City Council toward the close of a long conference with Chester B. Masslich, of New York, bond attorney, in which Mr. Masslich and the Councilmen threshed out the details incident to the issue.

The bonds are to be divided as follows:
For storm sewers, \$32,000; sanitary sewers, \$110,000; street extensions and widening, \$7,000; street improvements, as comprised in City Manager Ferebee's paving program, \$306,000; and water extensions and improvement, \$480,000. Total, \$935,000.

The Council was compelled to curtail the street paving program some \$62,000 in order to avoid exceeding the present bond limit of this city. Figures were cited giving the present gross debt as \$1,131,750, from which \$562,000 was deducted for water and other utilities exempted under the Municipal Finance Act, leaving a net debt of \$569,750 as against a bonding limit of \$804,000, leaving a margin of \$234,250 available for street improvements and sewer installations, the latter not being exempted under the act.

It was decided finally to make such minor modifications in the street paving program as might be necessitated by the reduction. Much of the afternoon was spent in an argument by Mr. Masslich, on the one hand, and members of the Council and City Attorney J. B. Leigh, on the other, over the legality of the petition for street paving circulated and signed in anticipation of the paving bond issue. Mr. Masslich held that the petitions, as written, did not specify that the property owners pay the required one-half of the paving costs, except for the street intersections. He pointed out also that the petitions did not include the property owners on the respective streets who had not signed the petitions, and, strictly interpreting the phraseology of the documents, they could not be required to pay one cent of the paving costs. The signers, he stated, actually had obligated themselves to pay only one-fourth of the cost of the paving, whereas they should pay one-half.

City Attorney Leigh, who drafted the petitions, held out to the last ditch, figuratively, but finally Mr. Masslich prevailed. He promised to draft new petitions, in conformity with the law, and to forward them here next week.

Hence it is that the Councilmen who went to great pains during the last few weeks to have the original petitions signed by a majority of the property owners, face the distinctly unpleasant job of having to do their work all over again.

Incidentally, Mr. Masslich took a crack at the city charter, after having pointed out various peculiarities in it. "I think it is a charter fearfully and wonderfully made," he commented. "Perhaps you should be very proud of it."

He cited for instance, that it was unusual, to say the least, for property owners to be required to pay for every foot of sewer lines abutting their premises, and then to have to pay for sewer service. The Council session was held after a meeting of the Utilities Commission in the morning, at which City Engineer Olsen's recommendation for the expenditure of \$629,000 on a new water filtration and pumping plant, and on other municipal projects, was accepted and forwarded to the City Fathers for ratification.

MARKET SPUD REPORTS WILL BE BEGUN SOON

A representative of the Federal Department of Agriculture is expected to arrive here in the next few days to inaugurate the daily market news service on early Irish potatoes, which has proven of much value to growers and consumers here in the last few years.

The market reporter will be stationed at the Chamber of Commerce, and will issue reports each day on prices and movements of potatoes throughout the country.

The reports will be mailed free to all who apply for the service at the Chamber of Commerce.

Main-Road Project Appears Doomed By Bond Cuts

It begins to look as though the proposed improvement of Main and Road streets, links in the State Highway System passing through Elizabeth City, must be deferred indefinitely, through the topping off of \$62,000 from the contemplated bond issue for street improvements, necessitated Thursday by the disquieting discovery that this city had reached its bonding limit for such purposes.

After a conference with City Engineer W. C. Olsen Thursday, in which earlier estimates of cost were revised upward substantially, City Manager Ferebee presented a street improvement program calling for a total expenditure of \$369,000 to the Council for inclusion in the pending bond issue.

In the conference with Chester B. Masslich, New York bond attorney, which consumed most of the Council session Thursday afternoon, it developed that the city could not undertake a street bond issue of \$368,000 in conjunction with the other improvements contemplated. As a means of scaling down costs, \$39,000 was lopped from the sewer program of \$149,000, leaving \$110,000, and \$52,000 from the street program, leaving a total of \$306,000.

Before leaving Thursday night, however, Mr. Masslich agreed to add \$1,000 to the street bond issue, bringing it up to \$306,000.

Repeal 1911 Policy
Unqualified disapproval of the policy adopted in issuing the 1911 street improvement bonds here was expressed by Mr. Masslich in the course of his party with the Council. Repayment of the bonds will not begin until 1941.

"It is absolutely wrong to saddle your children and grandchildren with the job of paying for improvements which you, yourselves, are enjoying," Mr. Masslich declared. "You should not allow your 1911 street paving bonds to run until 1941, without providing one cent in the meantime through a sinking fund. I trust that you will correct this in the next few years. Otherwise, the bond buyers may embarrass you by informing you that they do not care to purchase bonds issued by the kind of a town that saddles its rightful obligations on another generation."

Mr. Masslich declared that Charlotte had been taught a costly lesson along that line a few years ago—in fact, had been made an example of—and that since then, that city had built up probably the best credit of any in North Carolina.

Board Faces Alternative
Through the certainty that the paving program now pending must be cut heavily to conform with the reduction in available funds, the City Council faces the alternative of spending less money on Main and Road streets, which were to have been paved with brick on a concrete base, or of dropping outright one or more streets which at present lack paving entirely.

Just what turn matters will take is uncertain. Mayor McCabe expressed himself vigorously Thursday afternoon as opposed to dropping the Main and Road street improvement plan, and several members of the Council declared themselves as just as strongly against leaving out, altogether or in part, any of the other streets.

It was suggested that several of the streets to be surfaced with asphalt and tar might be partially built from the proceeds of the present bond issue, and completed later, when a contemplated increase of about a million dollars in property values here, through extension of the city limits, goes into effect. This is anticipated at the session of the General Assembly next winter.

Mr. Masslich recommended that the pending bond issue be placed on the market immediately after July 1, explaining that there was a stronger demand for bonds at that time than at any other except possibly January 1, through the fact that many dividends and the like are paid July 1, and the recipients are casting about for attractive means to invest them.

In the course of his stay, Mr. Masslich suggested also that the city charter be amended by eliminating a clause providing that bond issues for street improvements may not draw more than 5 per cent interest. He explained that the State Municipal Finance Act provided a limit of 6 per cent, and declared that the city might as well fall back on that, inasmuch as decided embarrassment might possibly be encountered later in disposing of street bonds.

The smallest things on earth may be parts of the atom, but the too smallest are tight shoes.

CALIFORNIA IN TURMOIL OVER NEW DRY ORDER

Proposal Make That State Testing Ground of Enforcement Program Stirs Opposition of Wets

STATE LAW IN DANGER

Referendum for Repeal Statute Making Volstead Act State Law Is Being Agitated

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San Francisco, May 28.—Amidst the hubbub of opinions, pro and con in regard to President Coolidge's authorization of making California a testing ground for employment of peace officers in National prohibition enforcement, has come at least definite reaction. A movement is being launched here for repeal of the Wright Act, the state law supporting the Volstead Act.

Prominent persons back of the movement plan to circulate an initiative petition to place repeal of the state law before the voters at the autumn election. Leaders in the repeal movement say it is designed to give Californians an opportunity to vote on the prohibition question and let the nation know exactly where this commonwealth stands.

They believe, judging from the recent newspaper polls on the question, that the people of this state are overwhelmingly in favor of legalizing the sale of light wines and beer, and they profess to believe that a majority will express the sentiment by voting for repeal of the state enforcement act. They feel the people of California have been sufficiently aroused by the recent attempt to link local and Federal enforcement to throw out the state law and leave the question of prohibition enforcement entirely in the hands of Federal agents.

Of course, this is merely the opinion of wine and beer modificationists. Whether they diagnose the situation correctly can only be ascertained by the referendum they propose.

Then naturally are receiving the support of the state branch of the Association against the Prohibition amendment, which has a large membership in the state and which at one time had a considerable feminine following.

They can count also upon the support of large foreign elements and the many descendants in Northern California of Spanish and Italian families which always have been accustomed to the use of native wines.

Those favoring such a referendum realize they will be opposed, not only at the polls, but in asking for the referendum also, by the extreme dries. They also realize a difference of sentiment on the liquor question in Northern and Southern California and the possibility of the feminine vote going against liberalization of the law. They chose the referendum method because they hope for a quicker reaction from the voters than they could secure from the state legislature. Political parties in the state are avoiding the wet and dry issue.

A widespread campaign is now being waged to influence more voters to register. Civic clubs are being urged to fine members who fail in this respect. Sponsors of the prohibition referendum claim that if they get their repeal measure on the November ballot, they will cause a larger registration of voters than all other forms of propaganda combined could secure. Every one is either a wet or a dry, they claim, and referendum on the question will bring out every voter in the state on election day.

New Bus Service To Begin June 1

Opening of bus service between Elizabeth City and Norfolk by way of Moyoek and Great Bridge, Va., on Tuesday, June 1, is announced by the McPherson Bus Line of this city, with a schedule of three busses a day in each direction, leaving here at 8 and 10:30 in the morning, and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and leaving Norfolk at 8 o'clock in the morning and at 3:45 and 5 in the afternoon. The trip will require two hours and 20 minutes.

The McPhersons announce that their present schedule of two busses a day between Elizabeth City and Norfolk over the George Washington Highway will be continued.

COTTON MARKET
New York, May 28.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 18.43, Oct. 17.63, Dec. 17.55, Jan. 17.47, Mar. 17.54.
New York, May 28.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 15.90, points unchanged. Futures, closing bids: July 18.75, Oct. 17.43, Dec. 17.54, Jan. 17.49, Mar. 17.60.

A REAL AMERICAN BEAUTY



Miss Joyce Jones, 16, of Okemah, Okla., will represent Oklahoma Indians at Pawhuska, Okla., in June. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Alice Davis, Seminole leader, who is said to be the only woman chief of an Indian tribe in the country.

MAY PEA PRICES MOVE DOWNWARD

The effect of heavy receipts on the May pea markets of the country was reflected this morning in a general dropping-off in prices, the general range reported by commission men being from \$1.25 to \$2.75, with a few early sales reported at \$1.25 to \$2.25.

The Norfolk Southern freight office staff announced that 20 cars of peas were shipped from here yesterday, and that 17 had been ordered for today, indicating that the peak of shipments probably had been passed.

Leading Resident Of Hertford Dies Following Stroke

Ned Winslow, prominent farmer and retired capitalist of Perquimans County, died Thursday night at 9:15 o'clock at his home in Hertford from a stroke of paralysis which he sustained yesterday morning shortly after 9 o'clock. Mr. Winslow rallied after the stroke, but suffered a relapse at noon, and grew steadily weaker until the end came.

Mr. Winslow was a lifelong resident of Perquimans County, and a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families. He was vice president of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, operating extensive interests in Northeastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia, and was connected with the Hertford Hardware & Supply Company and with other business enterprises in Hertford. He was 59 years old, and had never married.

Besides a brother, Tudor Winslow, of Hertford, Mr. Winslow is survived only by a number of nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be conducted at Hertford Methodist Church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. L. S. Massey, the pastor, and the Rev. J. T. Stanford, of Winfall, pastor of the Perquimans Methodist Church. Burial will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery, Hertford.

OFF FROM MIAMI

Miami, Fla., May 28.—With ideal weather prevailing, Bernardo Duggan and his two companions in the seaplane Buenos Aires hopped off for Havana this morning on the fourth leg of their Argentine flight.

Havana, May 28.—Bernardo Duggan, Argentine sportsman who is flying from New York to Buenos Aires, landed here at 5:58 o'clock this morning.

COLORED TOTS INSPECT BUSINESS SECTION HERE

"See Elizabeth City first."
This was the laudable slogan adopted by 48 tots from the Bank Street School, members of the first grade taught by Ethel Malloy, who in company with their teacher made a tour of the downtown business section Friday morning. They visited the Pasquotank Bottling Works, inspected the machinery in operation and were presented with a bottle of soda each. Forming in a column of two in front of Pender's store, each child tightly clutching a bottle of pop, the little army marched gaily away in the direction of the County Home, with the expectation of inspecting it before disbanding and returning to their homes. Their teacher said the trip would be made the subject of a language lesson in school Monday morning.

Canal Negotiations Entering Final Stages Now

Early consummation of negotiations for Government acquisition of the Dismal Swamp is indicated through word received by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce from W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, D. C., attorney for the Lake Drummond Canal Company, present owners of the canal, that the last important papers affecting the North Carolina end of the waterway were being recorded.

It is understood here that the principal delay in effecting the transfer of the canal from private to Federal ownership had resulted from difficulties in obtaining a clear title to the North Carolina end of it, and the message from Mr. Rodman indicating that this obstacle has been surmounted is taken to indicate that the purchase will be completed in the early future.

Negotiations affecting the Virginia end of the canal are still in progress, according to word received here but no particular difficulty is anticipated in completing them.

Government purchase of the canal was authorized at the last session of Congress, the purchase price being \$500,000. Many improvements in the waterway are contemplated after the Government takes it over. It is to be operated toll-free, and this feature is expected to result in heavily increased traffic through it, since the canal affords the shortest and safest North and South route through Eastern Carolina waters. The canal is a link in the Inland Waterways along the Atlantic Seaboard from Maine to Florida.

Bride-To-Be Third Victim Mail Bomb

Muskegon, Mich., May 28.—A H. Bartlett, Blue Lake Township leader of political opposition to August Krubach, supervisor, was arrested today in connection with the bomb outrage which cost the lives of Krubach; his daughter, Janet; and her fiancé, William Frank.

Muskegon Michigan, May 28.—Miss Janet Krubach, 19 years old, died here today, the third victim of the mail bomb that exploded in the lobby of her father's resort hotel, Three Lakes Tavern, yesterday.

William R. Frank 22, of Chicago who was to have been married Saturday to Miss Krubach was killed instantly and August Krubach, her father died shortly after the explosion.

Officers promised an arrest today. They have learned that a small package such as would be used in sending a box of cigars was mailed at Muskegon post office Wednesday afternoon. Only one theory is held, that the bomb was inspired and mailed because of bitter political hatred of Krubach, who was supervisor of Blue Lake township.

Mrs. Myrtle Chambers, Pearl Street Methodist

Mrs. Myrtle Chambers, who is conducting evangelistic services at Edenton this week, will be present tonight at the young people's meeting at Pearl Street Assembly, accompanied by Miss Gay Rathburn and her sister, both of the Chambers Evangelistic Party, who are remembered here by friends.

The Misses Rathburn will render special music at the service tonight beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

SUFFOLK ACTS FOR BASEBALL TEAM AT LAST

Committees to Confer with North Carolina Delegation on League Plans Early Next Week

ROTARY INTERESTED

Group Appointed to Discuss Situation With Lions and Chamber of Commerce on League

Suffolk at last is showing signs of real interest in the prospect for organized baseball this summer through formation of a four-team league to include also Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton. The Suffolk Rotary Club, in session Thursday night, appointed a committee to take up the matter with a similar committee to be appointed Tuesday night by the Suffolk Lions Club, and with a third committee to be named by the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce.

This action was announced by Secretary Caldwell, of the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce in a four distance telephone conversation with the secretary of the Elizabeth City Baseball Association Friday afternoon.

Mr. Caldwell stated that the Suffolk fans wished a delegation from Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton to go there on a night next week to be decided upon later, to present the situation to them.

The Suffolk Collegians, strictly an amateur nine, already have manifested considerable interest in baseball plans in this section. Through the fact, however, that most of the members of the team are employed regularly, and play baseball only as a pastime after working hours, it is felt here that it would be impracticable to include them in a league operating on a regular schedule.

Much interest is being shown here in a prospect for the inclusion of Asheboro in the proposed North Carolina League. In the event that Suffolk does not come in, Asheboro is said to have a strong team already organized and in a position to enter the league at short notice, if it so elected.

SWALLOWS RING LOOSE LEAF BOOK

Bill Daniels Taken to Philadelphia to Have Article Removed

Bill Daniels, 10-year-old son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leon Daniels, and a nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, with whom he makes his home, was taken to Philadelphia Thursday night to have a loose leaf binder buckle removed from the esophagus.

Young Daniels accidentally swallowed the buckle Thursday afternoon about three o'clock in his room at school. He was playing with the buckle and had bent it just about the shape of the letter "Y" just before he swallowed it.

The buckle is about three-fourths of an inch in diameter and was lodged in the boy's chest opposite the juncture of the first rib and the chest bone, according to Dr. R. L. Kendrick, who was summoned to the grammar school Thursday afternoon when the accident occurred. The local physician did not consider the boy's condition serious and did not anticipate any trouble in removing the clasp when he reached Philadelphia to be treated by Dr. Chevalier Jackson, specialist.

Daniels was taken to Sarah Leigh Hospital at Norfolk late Thursday afternoon and the physicians there, after taking an X-ray of the boy's chest, recommended that he be sent to Philadelphia.

The news of the accident spread over the city rapidly Thursday afternoon as "Bill" is popular among his schoolmates and generally liked by all who know him.

Secretary Work Is Hanged In Effigy

Scotts Bluff, Neb., May 28.—Doctor Hubert Work Secretary of Interior, and Doctor Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, were hanged in effigy here last night by a group of angry farmers and citizens who blame their crop failure on the failure of the Government to supply the irrigated north Platte Valley with needed water from the Government project.

The two effigies were left dangling in front of the office of Water Users' Association which is the central organization of the North Platte Valley farmers who are now seeking water.

She's a Winner



Elta Cartwright, winner of the 50 yard dash in a recent girls' track and field meet out on the Pacific coast. Her performance was one of the sensations of the carnival. Elta will probably be seen in the east this summer as a member of the far western aggregation scheduled to compete in a national meet.

State Flag Rotary Speaker's Subject Friday Luncheon

And Club Spends Considerable Part of Hour with Plans for Next Week's Outing at Children's Home.

The history of North Carolina's flag, with the significance of the dates emblazoned on it, was the subject of Rotarian Winfield Worth, speaker at Friday's luncheon of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club.

The State flag, Mr. Worth pointed out, now seen throughout North Carolina back of the judge's bench wherever Superior Court is in session, dates back little more than half a century, and has become generally familiar only within the last decade.

"The suggestion of a flag for North Carolina was first presented when the General Assembly met," said Mr. Worth "on May 20th, 1851, when the State had just voted to secede from the Union. The suggestion was made in the form of a resolution presented by John D. Whitford of Craven County, while the flag itself was designed by Joel Brown, an artist, of Raleigh.

"As originally designed the State flag bears the dates of May 20, 1775, and of May 20, 1861, the first date commemorating the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence; and the second date the secession of North Carolina from the Union.

"It was not until 1885 that a resolution was passed by the General Assembly changing the date of May 20, 1861, to April 12, 1776, the new date being commemorative of the Halifax resolutions which were adopted on that day and sent to the Continental Congress in session at Philadelphia.

"In 1907 the North Carolina Legislature passed a law requiring that the State flag be flown over all State public buildings and that it be flown at half mast in the period from the death to the burial of any State official; and also that it either be unfurled from the flag pole of the Court House during the sessions of Superior Court or else draped back of the judge's bench. In almost every case it is the latter position that is chosen, and that is where we find the State flag in our own County."

A considerable part of the time at the luncheon Friday, held as usual at the Southern hotel, was taken up with the mapping out of plans for an outing next week at which the members of the Elizabeth City Boys' Band will be guests of the club. An unusually entertaining program is promised, while planked fish, with Rotarian Frank Scattergood as chef, will be the piece de resistance of the picnic dinner to be served on this occasion.

The outing will be given at the Ansh Lewis Home, the Rotarians leaving from the Southern Hotel, with their guests, for the home at 5 o'clock. Every Rotarian is requested to drive his own car so that there may be plenty of room for all members of the Boys' Band.

YOUNG DOCTOR HATHAWAY OFFER STATE SOCIETY

Dr. J. D. Hathaway, Jr., of Hathaway and Hathaway, Elizabeth City, was elected fourth vice president of the North Carolina Optometric Society at the convention held this week in Asheville. Durham was chosen as the meeting place of the convention next year.

Permanent waves are all right in hair, but too many of our roads seem to have them.

CHOWAN BRIDGE APPROACHES TO BE BUILT SOON

Highway Commissioner Kugler Promises Early Letting of Contract for Paved Road to Windsor

MAY ACT NEXT MONTH

Gives Assurance Roads Will be Ready When Bridge Is Completed; Guest Edenton Rotarians

Assurance that the approaches to the half million dollar State highway bridge, now under construction across the Chowan River near Edenton, would be completed and ready when the bridge itself is finished, was given by Frank Kugler, member of the State Highway Commission from the First District, at a luncheon of the Edenton Rotary Club Thursday, it was learned here Friday.

These approaches constitute a stretch of about three miles from Edenton, the western terminus, to Windsor, Bertie County. With hard surfaced highways completed or under construction all the way through Northeastern Carolina, and connecting with Norfolk by two northerly paved roads, the people of this section are exceedingly hopeful that when the bridge is finished, they will have ready access by hard surfaced highway with the remainder of North Carolina.

The Chowan Bridge will not only form a vital connecting link in the Atlantic Coastal Highway, running from Maine to Florida, but also will serve to join the so-called "Lost Provinces" of the Northeast with the remainder of the State.

At the luncheon yesterday, Mr. Kugler was asked the direct question: "Will the approaches to the bridge be completed within a year?" Secretary Job, of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, was the questioner.

"I can't promise you that," he replied, "but I can assure you that you will be riding on hard surfaced highways to the bridge when it is completed." Mr. Kugler added that the contract for the approaches to the bridge probably would be awarded at the next letting of the State Highway Commission in June, provided the figures submitted were satisfactory.

Construction of the bridge was begun this spring, and it is reported to be nearly finished. Edenton is the one-tenth of the concrete piers to support it already have been driven. It is anticipated that the structure will be completed early next year.

Mr. Kugler, who was the principal speaker at the Edenton Rotary luncheon, left shortly afterward by automobile for his home in Washington, N. C.

WHEKIS OF JUSTICE IN HIGH GEAR ON FRIDAY

Friday morning's session of recorder's court was one of the briefest on record, Dudley Bateman young white man whose home is on Second street submitting and drawing a fine of \$5 and costs in two cases, one involving a charge of drunkenness and the other simple possession, all in space of less than five minutes.

Bateman was the sole defendant to face Trial Justice Sawyer this morning.

S. F. PATTERSON DIES AT ROANOKE RAPIDS

Roanoke Rapids, N. C., May 28. Samuel F. Patterson, president of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association, died at his home here today after several days' illness. He was elected president of the organization last week at a convention at Atlanta. He was 59 years of age.

His illness is said to have been aggravated by his recent trip to Atlanta to the convention.

STATE BUILDINGS MURT BE FIREPROOF—McLEAN

Raleigh, May 28.—All state buildings now under construction or which shall hereafter be constructed "under the public improvement appropriation of 1925 or others." Shall be so constructed with reference to fire proofing as to be acceptable to the state insurance department, Governor McLean today ordered.

FOREST FIRE RAGING

Greenville, S. C., May 28.—Three million feet of timber within a few miles of Cedar Mountain, North Carolina, have been destroyed by fire and the flames are still raging. It was learned here today.