

Publication of Letters By Culpepper to Gravel Salesman Stirs Comment

Trend of Street Talk Highly Favorable to City Manager Ferebee as Missives Are Discussed

INTERESTING READING

"Keep This Under Your Hat, Please," First Letter Concludes, After Outlining the "Deal"

Public discussion of recent graft charges made by City Manager Ferebee against Luther B. Culpepper, a local contractor, and of counter charges made by Mr. Culpepper, was opened afresh today, after publication in Friday's edition of the Independent, a weekly newspaper edited by W. O. Saunders, of fac simile copies of letters Mr. Culpepper is alleged to have written W. H. Freeman, a Norfolk gravel salesman.

In general, the public here is disposed to regard the letters as tending to support Mr. Ferebee's accusations, and as decidedly discounting Mr. Culpepper's counter allegations that his action was taken at the instance of the city manager. Mr. Ferebee charged that Mr. Culpepper approached him with an offer of a "side profit" conditional upon his assistance in having the city purchase a specified type of gravel for street improvements here.

The letters follow: Supplementing our Telephone Conversation of a few minutes ago with reference to Clay Gravel for the City of E. City, Mr. Ferebee said:

Dear Mr. Freeman: Supplementing our Telephone Conversation of a few minutes ago with reference to Clay Gravel for the City of E. City, Mr. Ferebee said: "I feel sure I can sell them your material. We could also use Barce Transportation for delivering this material. We can get a better price on this material I think to and in fact I know we can so you see you won't be losing anything by allowing us 15c on the city material. Please write me at once just what you will do at once. Keep this under your hat please. Camden will need about 75M tons.

Yours very truly, L. B. CULPEPPER. The foregoing letter is dated May 12, last, and is written in pen and ink on stationery of the W. L. Jones Construction Company, the letter head setting forth that L. B. Culpepper is secretary-treasurer of the company. The second letter, dated May 14, is typewritten on the stationery of the Culpepper Hardware Company, in which Mr. Culpepper is a partner.

MA. W. H. FREEMAN, Va-Carolina Bldg., Norfolk, Va. Dear Mr. Freeman: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 13th with reference to clay gravel for the City of Elizabeth City, and I am very sorry to advise that I was too late to head off your letter in giving quotation to the city on gravel as same had been turned over to the Council by Mr. Ferebee.

However, I wish I could have known of this earlier as I feel sure we could have gotten a fair margin of profit out of this proposition, and nobody would have been the loser. However, I appreciate very highly the 5c per ton that you have included for us and I assure you anytime we can do for you will be done with great pleasure. Don't hesitate to call on us for any favor we can render.

With best wishes, I am, Yours truly, L. B. CULPEPPER. With reference to the letters, Mr. Ferebee declared positively today that he made no mention of the gravel offer to Mr. Culpepper, but did mention it to several other individuals here, and added that he presented Mr. Freeman's proposition to the Council at a special meeting called for another purpose, tendering it as evidence of his own estimates on the cost

A Fishing Cat



Policeman Joe Burke, who patrols a bathing beach on the outskirts of Pensacola, Fla., has a cat that goes fishing. Burke tosses a bit of bread in the water, a fish sneaks up to eat it—and it dives pussy to catch the fish. The cat, which is named Jimmy, is shown here with Burke and a fish that Jimmy has just caught.

Engineers Finishing Survey for Super Power Lines

Surveys preliminary to the construction of a high tension transmission line from Suffolk to Winfall, near Hertford, and thence eastwardly to this city and westwardly to Hertford and Edenton, whereby the Virginia Electric & Power Company will supply current to the three cities, probably will be completed Saturday, according to company engineers. Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton have contracted to buy power from the company.

Assurance has been received by the Chamber of Commerce here that the branch from Winfall to this city will be built as quickly as is practicable, and that it probably will be completed a little ahead of the line to Hertford and Edenton.

FEW AUTOMOBILES WITHOUT LICENSES

Raleigh, Aug. 13.—There are very few automobiles in the State that do not have the new license plates, according to the reports of inspectors in all sections of the State to the Department of Revenue, Commissioner R. A. Dougherty announces. The automobile license division is now well caught up with its work and only the last loose ends remain to be taken care of. Most of the work now is in connection with making corrections in records and transfers of cars. Very few arrests have been necessary.

WHITTEMORE IS HANGED

Baltimore, Aug. 13.—Richard Reese Whittemore was hanged this morning for murder of Robert Holtman, penitentiary guard, 18 months ago. Whittemore was the head of the now shattered "million dollar crime trust."

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 13.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 16.48, Dec. 16.31, Jan. 16.30, Mar. 16.50, May 16.73. New York, Aug. 13.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 17.80, an advance of 10 points. Futures, closing bid: Oct. 16.33, Dec. 16.27, Jan. 16.30, March 16.47, May 16.67.

of the material were not out of line. At that time, the Council was not ready to buy gravel, and no action was taken on the matter. In an interview on the day the graft charges were published originally in full, Mr. Culpepper admitted having written the first of the two letters to Mr. Freeman, as quoted above, asserting he wrote the letter at City Manager Ferebee's suggestion, that they see what they could get out of it.

SOUTH HAS NO RACE PROBLEM SAYS VISITOR

Dr. Henry K. Vye of Rhode Island Declares That It Is in North That Race Problem Exists SPEAKS TO ROTARY

Twenty Minute Talk Is Termed by Rotarians Most Thought-Provoking Utterance Heard

"The South has no race problem. America's real race problem is in the North." That is the opinion of Rev. Dr. Henry K. Vye of Providence, Rhode Island, now supplying the pulpit of the First Baptist Church during the vacation of Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, who was the speaker of the day at the weekly luncheon of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club at the Southern Hotel Friday.

Dr. Vye has a lecture on "Seeing Ourselves as Others See Us, or an Outsider's View of the South," which has been in rather wide demand, and he has given serious thought to the so-called race problem of the South. He believes that foreign immigration in the North presents a far more serious difficulty and that the presence of so large a proportion of foreigners in American life constitutes America's real race problem.

The speaker held the close attention of the members of the Elizabeth City Rotary Club Friday and his 20 minute talk has been the occasion for no little comment, many Rotarians regarding it as the most thought-provoking utterance heard by the club this summer.

In substance Dr. Vye said: On the spot, Dr. Vye, who preaches his last sermons in the First Baptist pulpit next Sunday, was given a hearty invitation to speak to the club again next summer.

"The United States is an experiment in democracy, a venture in the form of government known as a republic. There has always been a question as to the future of this nation. Great men have been skeptical as to the permanency of this kind of government. Carlyle said: 'Bewildered Europe struggles not toward the impossible self government of a multitude by a multitude but toward some possible government by the wisest.'"

"Ruskin said: 'The interests of the multitude are always safer in the hands of the highly intelligent few than in their own hands.' Macaulay said: 'The blunders of a democracy cost more than it is worth.'"

"It is predicted the collapse of this public in forty years. We may not accept this statement as sure prophecy. It is worth considering. The Real Race Problem 'Now the great problem is the race problem. Not that of the negro race. There is no problem connected with the negro in the South. The Southern people understand the negro, and the negro knows his place, and they both get along well together.'"

"But there is a race problem that ought to be clearly understood by every true American. 'Before we can present this problem we need to refresh our minds as to the race that laid the foundation of our nation. Who are we anyhow? An Englishman and a Frenchman and an Irishman were talking together as to what they would like to be if they were not what they were. The Englishman said: 'If I were not an Englishman I would like to be a Frenchman.' The Frenchman returned the compliment and said: 'If I were not a Frenchman I would like to be an Englishman.' Then they asked the Irishman what he would like to be if he were not an Irishman and he replied: 'If I were not an Irishman, I would be ashamed of myself.'"

"We need not ever be ashamed of our ancestors, the Anglo-Saxon race, who laid the foundations of this nation. For over fifteen years the Anglo-Saxon race has exerted a protective influence upon lives of mankind. About 449 A. D. the Jutes, the Angles and the Saxons, different tribes of the Teutonic race, began a conquest of Britain. For over four years Britain had been a Roman province, but in 410 Rome withdrew her allegiance with Britain. Then the Jutes, the Saxons and the Angles came in. The new home of this population was hard and severe. Dismal and gloomy forest lay behind them. The North Sea with its storms and tempests lay before them. Their life was an everlasting struggle with nature. The result was that only the most hardy survived and a race robust and vigorous was produced. The sea exerted a far influence upon them. In all great English literature the music of the sea is heard.

Fifteen Hundred Years of Progress "Now, after fifteen hundred years (Continued on page 4)

Coolidge Emissary in Philippines



Carmel Thompson, Ohio politician, sent to the Philippines by President Coolidge to make a first-hand survey of governmental and economic conditions there, discusses the Filipino independence movement with Manuel Quizon, Iloilo leader. This picture shows Thompson, at the left, shaking hands with Quizon.

HEARING ON BANK SUIT IS FINISHED

Consisted Mainly in Documentary Evidence of Decidedly "Dry" Variety

Taking of testimony in a suit in which the Carolina Banking & Trust Company here is seeking to collect a note for \$25,000, signed by the stockholders in the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Columbia, as security for liabilities incurred by the bank before its merger with the plaintiff institution in 1922, was concluded late yesterday.

The hearing was held before W. B. Rodman, Jr., of Washington, N. C., appointed referee by Judge Henry A. Grady, in Superior Court. The case was opened Monday afternoon, and in the main it consisted in the presentation of various records of transactions hinging about the collection of the \$25,000 obligation incurred by the stockholders. It was a decidedly "dry" affair for any one not interested directly in the outcome.

Mr. Rodman is expected to make known his decision in the case some time in the next few weeks.

Blind Musician To Play First Methodist Church

Lived in Elizabeth City Until 16 Years of Age, Has Played in All the Larger Cities and Received Recognition in the Musical World

The well known blind pianist, Sam Leonard Davis, will have charge of the music at the First Methodist Church at the Sunday night service. Here are a few comments from the press upon Mr. Davis as a musician:

"Sightless though he is, Sam Leonard Davis, formerly a Yonkersville headliner until he heard Billy Sunday preach and turned to other ways, amazed an audience of four thousand people in a piano recital at the city auditorium both with his commanding power as a technician, and with his wide knowledge of musical form. Taking simple hymnal melodies he elaborated them with fanciful variation and improvisation, invested them with new and unusual values, playing always with consummate skill and ease. He was accorded an inspiring measure of appreciation. His playing was excellent, and creditable to genius that has been allowed to develop without handicap." — Raleigh Times. "The most striking feature that has been seen at the Hippodrome is Sam Leonard Davis, the blind wizard of the piano. Davis' playing was remarkable, even for one gifted with sight, and he received a rare ovation such as but few are accorded. He played numbers of difficult technique with an accuracy that is faultless. He looks like a man, but plays like a superman." — Chicago Tribune.

A NEW CAROLINA DEVELOPED FROM OLD IS THE AIM

First Official Pamphlet Issued by Organization Committee of North Carolinians, Incorporated ADVERTISES STATE

"Tell It to North Carolinians, Sell It to the World" Is Slogan of These Non-Profit Boosters

By address, Aug. 12. A "New North State" developed by its own people from the Old North State, is the subject of the first official pamphlet issued by the organization committee of North Carolinians, Incorporated, in connection with its campaign for funds to advertise North Carolina to the world.

The former printed in light blue and conforming to the State's colors, gives in seven pages, a not at all dry and arid summary of the plan and activity of North Carolinians, Incorporated, to advertise in a well directed campaign the opportunities and resources of the State through newspapers, magazines and trade journals of national circulation. The pamphlet is being mailed to thousands of representative citizens in all sections of North Carolina, from its popular organization headquarters at 211 Jefferson Standard Building, Greensboro.

The history of this young organization is dealt with briefly, "for several years progressive business men have discussed the proposition of selling North Carolina to the world through advertising. There has been a most remarkable unanimity of opinion in favor of such an undertaking, but not until this year was the thought crystallized into action." North Carolinians, Incorporated, is the development of many discussions, several meetings and much correspondence among several hundred business men from practically every city and town in the State.

In 1924 as concrete a motion does the pamphlet present the reason for the organization's existence. It is a non-profit body incorporated under the laws of North Carolina, a voluntary organization of citizens, created to advertise the natural advantages and resources of all North Carolina through articles and display advertising in magazines and newspapers of national circulation, and to act as a clearing house for disseminating inquiries received from the advertising to the cities, towns and communities co-operating in the movement. It is designed to bring to North Carolina more good people to utilize the unused farm lands; to build additional manufacturing industries; to attract an ever increasing number of home builders, tourists and pleasure seekers.

THOUSANDS CUT OFF BY FLOODED TUNNELS

New York, Aug. 12.—Thousands of Long Island commuters were cut off from their Manhattan jobs and offices today by flooded railroad tunnels under East River, still choked with water from last night's storm that took a toll of lives and damaged property in New York, New Jersey, and Southern New England.

Huge pumps were utilized to pump 25,000 gallons a minute from three of the Long Island railroad tunnels. "The sole purpose is to protect the agricultural, commercial, industrial, residential and resort development of the entire State. The plans follow: 'It is planned to elicit State-wide support and interest in order to secure an adequate fund to advertise the natural resources, advantages and business opportunities of the State. To accomplish this, \$150,000 will be required for the first year's operations.'"

"Tell It to the World" is the slogan adopted by the organization committee, included in the pamphlet are letters of endorsement by Senators F. M. Simmons and Lee S. Overman and Governor A. W. McLean. Included also is a copy of the certificate of incorporation signed by Fred N. Tate, of High Point; L. H. Holt, Jr., of Greensboro; C. O. Kuester, of Charlotte; George W. Montague, of Lexington, and W. P. Budd, of Durham. The pamphlet also contains a list of resolutions which were sent out to representative citizens, asking their endorsement to the movement. More than 300 copies of the copies were signed, more than 50 of these by editors.

POU MAKES STUDY OF VARIOUS PRISONS

Raleigh, Aug. 12.—George Ross POU, superintendent of prisons, left today for Richmond, Virginia, Baltimore and Philadelphia, to make a study of prison industries in the prisons at those places, and if possible to get new ideas to put into practice in the State prison here. He will spend one day in each of these big penitentiaries, and while he will note the general conditions and methods of administration, he will devote most of his attention to the industrial angle. Although the prison, at present is manufacturing mattresses, mattress covers, shirts, overalls and prison clothing, also underwear and some knit goods, as well as chair bottoms, none of this work is being done on an extensive scale. The output, about what is used in the prison, is sold through the Rosner Sales Agency of Charlotte.

Plans for Virginia Dare Hotel Adopted And Board Asks Bids September 15

Nine Stone Hostelry Decided Upon, Flanked by Handsome Arcade and by Garage and Stores

SIGNS PREPARED TO AID VISITORS

Will Direct Way to Parking Enclosure and Other Points of Interest

Latter kind for the convenience of visitor here on route to the Virginia Dare celebration on Roanoke Island Wednesday are being prepared today under the direction of City Manager Ferebee. They are to be four by six feet, and are to be placed on the Newland, Woodville and Camden highways. The three principal road leading into the city. Within the city limits arrows will be erected at convenient intervals, directing the visitors to the free parking spaces at the new high school, in the baseball diamond enclosure, and to the docks where they will embark for the island. Signs will be placed on the Weckville highway, as much as Weckville is regarded as a direct route as a part of Elizabeth City, and everybody there knows the way around here.

Arrangements have been completed also for day and night car protection for the visitors cars left parked at the high school. A large deflation of new papers will be on hand for the celebration. The former State papers will be represented by station men, as well as various new entering organizations. The vast number of these probably will arrive Sunday.

New Traffic Signal Being Installed Opposite Hotel

City workmen were busy Friday installing the new traffic control system which is to be given a 20 day trial at the intersection of Main and Road streets, as a means of eliminating the objectionable "stop" corner there. The work is being supervised by Councilman D. Ray Kramer, and incidentally, Mr. Kramer is giving his services without pay.

The control contrivance has three lights. Red indicates for traffic to stop, green permits it to move ahead, and a yellow, or "caution" light flashes on for a few seconds when the others are about to change. The lights are operated automatically from a little gray house attached to a telephone pole alongside the Allegheny Pharmacy.

Mr. Kramer stated Friday that the device probably would be completely installed and in working order by Monday night, possibly before. In the event that it fails to come up to specifications, or otherwise proves unsatisfactory, it is to be returned to the Norfolk company which shipped it here for the trial period.

One little matter is bothering some folks in connection with the apparatus. They are wondering whether the huge wagons used in hauling potato barrels will go under it safely, or whether some extraordinary wagon driver will carry it off with him, quite unintentionally, when he passes beneath it. Mr. Kramer thinks the light is high enough to be safe from that hazard, declaring it is as high as the are light that it is replacing.

BORAH HOPES PROBE WILL AROUSE PEOPLE

Fairfield, Idaho, Aug. 13.—Senator William E. Borah in an address prepared for delivery at the annual Pioneer Day celebration at Camas Prairie here today declared that "startling revelations as to expenditures of money in elections reveal that 'money has come to be the moving power in American politics.'"

He expressed the wish that the exposure of "money" in politics will succeed in arousing the people to the real problem before us, in probing the work of Senator James A. Reed, Democrat, and his special investigating committee.

TODAY YOU'LL FIND THESE IN THE CLASSIFIED

Where to go to see about having your roof repaired or about getting a new roof. Classification 1. Where to find a furnished or unfurnished apartment for light housekeeping with all modern conveniences. Classification 10. Where to buy a good second hand cornet. Classification 11. The upper seven floors of the Virginia Dare will house the guest rooms, which are to be designed and furnished in keeping with the most modern arrangements. On each floor there will be a suite of three rooms which may be used separately or together, and also three pairs of rooms similarly connecting. The suites will overlook Pasquotank River, which is expected to add measurably to their desirability.