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# DOLLARS STRETCHED SATURDAY

## Thirty-Four Firms Will Participate in Event to Make Dollar Go Farther

Hardly in History of Elizabeth City Has Such Array of Values Been Marshalled as Will Await Out of Town Shopper Who Will Study Ads

### The Dollar Stretchers

Firm Name	Bargain	Page
Bright Jewelry Co.	Silverware	5
Leslie Belanga	Roanoke Island figs	7
C. B. Ives Co.	Aluminum Ware	6
M. C. Love	Creamery Butter	5
P. W. Melick Co.	Flour Bins	6
Overman & Stevenson	Free Face Powder	7
Clarence Reid	Pure Honey	3
Rucker & Sheely	Silk Hosiery	2
J. W. Shannonhouse & Son	Coffee	8
Standard Pharmacy	Jonteel Cream	4
T. W. Williams & Son	Shoes	5
G. M. Williams	Dresses	2
Aydlett Hardware Co.	Cutlery	7
Auto & Gas Eng. Wks.	Free Snubbers	6
E. J. Cohoon & Co.	Sampson Paint	8
Garrett Hardware Co.	Silverware	8
Gilbert's	Dresses	6
Mitchell's	Dresses	5
M. G. Morrisette & Co.	Sugar	2
Quinn Furniture Co.	Iron Beds	8
T. T. Turner & Co.	Shirts	7
Ryan Floral Co.	Flowers	7
C. A. Cooke	Men's & Boys' Wear	4
Louis Selig	Silverware	8
Spence-Hollowell Co.	Repair Parts	8
Apothecary Shop	Stationery	2
Weeks & Sawyer	Shirts	3
M. Leigh Sheep Co.	Dresses	8
McCabe & Grice	Flat Crepe	3

Hardly in the history of The Advance has this newspaper brought to its readers such an array of bargains as is presented in the advertising columns of this newspaper today.

And still today's advertisements do not tell the whole story, for a few firms who announced their stretch-your-dollar bargains yesterday are not advertising today. Thrifty shoppers are urged to refer to yesterday's issue of The Advance as well as today's in making up their lists of firms they wish to visit when in the city on Saturday or Monday.

Falling in line with its advertisers, The Advance is doing its bit to make it worth while for out-of-town readers to visit Elizabeth City on Saturday and Monday. Not only in this newspaper repeating its half-price subscription offer to out-of-town subscribers, but also The Advance is offering its out-of-town readers who come to Elizabeth City on Saturday and Monday its classified columns free of charge. Details of both of these offers will be found elsewhere on this page.

No reader of The Advance should lay this issue aside until every advertisement in it has been at least glanced at. For the convenience of bargain hunters, stretch-your-dollar firms are listed in the box under the head at the top of this column and their bargains are indexed. But a glance at the index is not enough. The advertisements must be read in full to appreciate the values offered.

The number of firms participating in the event is particularly gratifying to this newspaper, for with each firm offering at least one special value to stretch the dollars of the customers, the thirty-four firms together present an opportunity for dollar stretching rarely seen in any community. It started with the shopper who can find an opportunity to get to Elizabeth City on Saturday or Monday, for hardly will such another bargain fete be set in Elizabeth City within the next six months.

Some merchants today are offering reasonable goods as low as half price. Others offer valuable merchandise free to customers who make certain specified purchases. Others make drastic price cuts in items for which there is particularly good demand at this time. And so one might go on for half a column. But even then one would find the story better and more definitely told in the advertisements themselves and it is to these advertisements that the attention of the reader is now invited.

The name of Bright Jewelry Company was inadvertently omitted from the list of co-operating firms which was published Thursday.

Firms co-operating who are not advertising bargains today are: Harrison & McCoy, Home Supply Store, Owens Shoe Co., Gallop & Toxey Shoe Co., Elizabeth City Marble and Granite Works.

## NEWTON ROAD CONTROVERSY IS UNSETTLED

### Interest in Cases from First District to be Heard Tuesday Overshadowed on Supreme Court Docket

### REHEARING ASKED FOR And Decision of Supreme Court on Highway Commission's Petition Is Expected Tuesday

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Aug. 27.—The now far-famed Newton highway controversy is destined again to overshadow the deliberations of the State Supreme Court, which convenes Tuesday, August 31, for its fall term to consider a docket of 14 cases, none of which are criminal cases, all of which are from the First Judicial District. For of more interest than any of these 14 cases on the docket is the decision which the court will make as to whether or not it will re-hear the Newton highway case. Petition has been filed for some time asking that the case be re-heard, and the court will have 30 days in which to make known its final decision. It is expected that an announcement as to whether it will or will not re-hear the case will be made within a few days after the court convenes.

The State Highway Department, at whose instigation the re-hearing has been asked, is most hopeful that its petition will be granted, inasmuch as all work on the Newton-Statesville link of Highway No. 10 is being held up pending the disposition of the case. The Supreme Court at the last session, made permanent the injunction granted against the construction of the highway over the route laid out by the Highway Department, because it did not run through the center of Newton and "past the court house door."

The decision was written by Justice Brogdon, but a dissenting opinion was written by Chief Justice Stacey, which was also signed by Justice Adams.

In the majority opinion by Justice Brogdon, it was held that by failing to route the proposed link of highway "past the court house door" of Newton, the Highway Commission had failed to fulfill the spirit of the highway law which specifically said that the main highways "must connect county seats and principal towns" of the county. Hence the injunction previously granted by Judge J. L. Webb, temporarily restraining the commission from starting work on the section of proposed highway in Catawba county, from the Catawba river, was made permanent.

However, the injunction not only halted work on the route from the Catawba river to Newton, but on the route in Iredell county as well, from Statesville to the Catawba, because if the road was not going to be built in Catawba county to connect with the Iredell county section of the road, there was no use in building it at all until the entire new route could be determined. And if the court refuses to rehear the case, much delay will result, because an entirely new route will have to be surveyed and laid out by the Highway Department.

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## Let Kansas Beat This One



Kansas is supposed to be the sunflower state. But California boosters think their state can beat 'em up, and maybe they're right. This shows Miss Gladys Kenyon holding a sunflower grown at Hayward, Calif. It's 17 inches in diameter and weighs 16 pounds, nine ounces.

## No Place Like Elizabeth City, Mike Mettrey and Family Agree After Two Year Visit to Syria

"There's no place like Elizabeth City."

Thus chant Mike Mettrey, his wife, and their eight youthful sons and daughters, just back from a stay of more than two years in Syria, Mike's native home, whence he emigrated to the United States some 28 years ago.

Coming to America as a youngster, Mike started out with a pack on his back. He finally drifted into Elizabeth City, opened a store of his own, and prospered. In time, he accumulated considerable savings, along with a thriving business.

The call of the homeland was strong in Mike's heart, and grew in intensity as the years wore along. Finally he decided to set out, and returned to his beloved Syria, again to mingle with his kin and old friends in the garden-like plain over which towers Mount Lebanon, whence Solomon brought great cedars for that temple whose fame has rung through the centuries.

Mike's mother, Mary Mettrey, bought out her son's business, and on May 14, 1924, Mike, his wife and seven little Mettreys set sail for the Holy Land. Seven little Mettreys made the trip across, but there were eight when Mike returned this week, an additional son and heir having arrived in the interim.

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## CAPITAL CITY IS ALSO WONDERING ABOUT ITS TREES

### Automobile Traffic Threatens to Wreck Chief Beauty of Washington Unless Airplanes Rush to Rescue

### THE AXE IS HEARD

### Street by Street the Trees Are Going and Visitors Can Easily See the Great Difference Made

By ROBERT T. SMALL  
Washington, Aug. 27.—The automobile, creature of modern comfort and convenience in transportation, is slowly but surely devastating Washington. It is robbing the Capital city of its crowning glory of beauty—the trees.

A recent rather severe and somewhat choleric critic declared that if a tornado should hit Washington and wreck everything except the trees the Capital would have suffered no great loss. In his sweeping denunciation of supposed architectural splendors and his antipathy to the bronze statues which dot the landscape in more or less reckless fashion, this critic spared only the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the local courthouse and the Treasury.

One or two private structures were exempted from the general scheme of destruction, but all the other government edifices, costing millions of people's dollars, it was argued, should be thrown to the swine.

Now it would seem that the automobile has joined forces with the hypercritical destructionists of Washington and is threatening to wipe out the trees. The automobile, of commercial and passenger design, has brought about a traffic congestion in the capital which has called for the widening of many of the thoroughfares. In thus making way for more vehicular traffic the sidewalks have had to be narrowed and the fringes of trees have had to be sacrificed.

These trees have given downtown Washington a different aspect from any other city of the country. The trees have lined the business streets and avenues from time immemorial. But street by street they are going and visitors to the capital, who knew it in its former splendor can easily note the difference. The ring of the woodsman's axe is to be heard at last in the near vicinity of the White House for Fifteenth Street, leading north from Pennsylvania Avenue where the Treasury stands, and just one block from the President's home at what is sometimes called 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, has been added to the list of thoroughfares to be widened.

Pennsylvania Avenue still is flanked by towering trees from the Capitol to the Treasury and, fortunately, is wide enough to accommodate traffic for decades to come. It is hoped that before Pennsylvania Avenue has to be denuded of its arboreal trimmings travel through the air will have been developed sufficiently to relieve the congestion on the streets.

There is approaching danger of the necessity of widening a great many of the streets in the residential sections of the capital as well as downtown.

Many of these streets it is barely possible at night for two lines of vehicles to pass, for parking is almost solid on both sides of the street. Washington permits all-night parking in the residential neighborhood and it is estimated that between 25,000 and 30,000 cars use the streets as year-round garages. During the winter these cars of the open spaces get snowed in occasionally but no great damage seems to be done.

A short time ago there was a proposal to ban the all-night parking, but the howl which went up could be heard for miles around and both Congress and the local government officials were frightened away from the revolutionary rule. Washingtonians are clinging to their liberty of the streets if nothing else. They can't vote, but occasionally they can howl in unison and get action, or prevent it.

The residential streets of the capital are very poorly lighted as a rule and on most of them the old time gas lamps are still in vogue. With double lines of parked vehicles to contend with night driving is anything but a safe pastime.

For this reason there soon must be a showdown between night parking or general widening of streets from one end of the city to the other with consequent destruction of all the city trees. It is a situation which is arousing real concern among the advocates of a still more beautiful city.

Traffic regulation in Washington is an extremely difficult problem at best. When the French

## SHEFFIELD WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR AMERICANS

### American Ambassador to Return to Mexico to Vindicate American Government's Position

### PRIDE IS AT STAKE

### Hard to Persuade Mexico That United States Government Must be Treated With Consideration

By DAVID LAWRENCE  
Washington, Aug. 27.—James R. Sheffield, American ambassador to Mexico goes back to the Mexican capital in a few weeks not to stay permanently but to continue with undiminished vigor the fight he has been making to uphold the legal rights of American citizens.

With anxious eyes, indeed with real concern, the Mexican authorities have watched to see whether Sheffield would get the "cold shoulder" as he conferred with the Secretary of State, Mr. Kellogg, or whether he would go back to his post encouraged to go ahead along the lines he has laid down in the last several months.

The conference has been held and while a brief official statement was issued, there is more back of the terse announcement from the Secretary of State than appears on the surface. In the Sheffield would at length with President Coolidge and when Mr. Sheffield arrived was prepared to discuss at length the policy that is to be pursued.

Mr. Sheffield's trip, begun originally as a vacation because he is very much in need of rest, has developed into an important turning point in American policy toward Mexico.

"The aim and substance of the situation is that Mexico has made repeated promises to the American Government that the written and oral statements made to Charles B. Warren, special envoy, to the effect that the new land and oil laws would not operate retroactively and to the detriment of Americans owning property in Mexico would be fulfilled. But despite lengthy notes and arguments, the results have not been forthcoming.

"The big question today is what method can be pursued to persuade the Mexican government that the United States cannot indefinitely afford to have its protests and requests side tracked. Both President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg have counseled patience and have in their instructions to Ambassador Sheffield urged that the utmost care be taken to give no offense either to the sovereignty or pride of Mexico.

"Yet the pride of the American Government is also at stake and if the diplomatic correspondence between the two countries were published it would reveal a sad difference of opinion between the Calles administration and the American government, a difference indeed which shows at the moment little promise of being reconciled.

"What then can be done to convince Mexico that the viewpoint of the United States Government must be treated with consideration and results, not words, delivered to the American Government? The Mexican government had an idea that Ambassador Sheffield has exhibited and would be jubilant if he did not come back to his post. This was shown in the editorials from the Mexican papers which recently reached here.

"To have permitted Mr. Sheffield to let go of his post as he has indicated from time to time a desire to do would have been construed in Mexico as a weakening on the part of the American Government and would have made more difficult the work of a successor. And besides Mr. Sheffield has fought the fight of his career and is eager to leave his mission only with a record of having achieved something for the Government which has been pleading incessantly for recognition of its rights from the Mexican government.

"The United States is in an awkward position also because the European governments all have passed on their troubles to the Washington Government. They make no strong protests at their own though their nationalities are being affected by retroactive laws just as are American citizens. The diplomatic corps in Mexico City looks to Ambassador Sheffield for initiative and leadership. Natural-

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## Motorists Flirting With Trouble On West Church

Too much eagerness to try out the newly paved sector of West Church street, completed this week and now undergoing the necessary seasoning process before being opened to the public, is more than apt to bring serious trouble in its wake, both for the street itself and for those motorists, youthful and otherwise, who have shown a disposition to drive their cars over it, regardless of the barricades and "keep off" signs.

Those who built the street declare that it may be damaged permanently by being driven over before it is ready. They point out also that to use it before it is opened is a violation of the law. In an effort to break up the practice, the police are asking that West Church residents who observe the street being thus "misrated" notify them at once, so that the offenders may be dealt with in recorder's court.

Dr. J. H. White who has been at Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C., has returned to his home on West Main street.

## CHAMBER OFFICIALS' SESSION POSTPONED

A meeting of commercial secretaries from towns and cities along the North Carolina coastal plain, from Elizabeth City to Wilmington, which had been scheduled to be held in Goldsboro next Tuesday, has been postponed to Wednesday, September 15, according to word received at the Chamber of Commerce here from Walter C. Denmark, secretary of the Goldsboro Chamber.

Mr. Denmark called the meeting after a conference with other Chamber of Commerce secretaries, with the idea of formulating plans for better advertising the advantages of the eastern part of the State, both from the standpoint of tourists and of home-seekers. While no reason for the postponement was given, it is assumed that it was decided upon because many of the commercial secretaries in the section are on their vacations this month.

## MANY ARE INJURED IN TROPICAL STORM

Schriever, La., Aug. 27.—At least one life and unestimated property damage was the toll of the tropical hurricane which swept through Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes Wednesday night.

Estimates in some cases placed property damage to the two parishes at ten million dollars.

One child in Schriever was drowned when her home was blown away and blown into a nearby pond.

Many persons are injured throughout the territory. Several lives are reported lost at Houma.

## COW PAGES RACE SUICIDE

A cow belonging to Al Harris, living in the Gallberry section, has just presented her owner with twins, according to word reaching this city. Both mother and offspring are reported doing nicely.

Growers of cattle in this vicinity declare it is exceptional for a cow to be doubly blessed, in the matter of newly arrived descendants, but that there are cases on record in which they have ushered triplets into the world.

## COLORED YOUTHS FINE

An encounter in which each accused the other of having been the aggressor, and in which each modestly admitted that he had been worsted, resulted in fines for Vernon Beasley and Fred McMurran, colored youth, in recorder's court Friday morning. There was evidence that Vernon had used a knife in the battle, and he was fined \$15 and costs. Fred paid a fine of \$5 and costs. They were charged with an affray.

## COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 27.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.93, Dec. 17.92, Jan. 17.94, Mar. 18.04, May 18.13.

New York, Aug. 27.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.05, point unchanged. Futures, closing bid: Oct. 17.90, Dec. 17.78, Jan. 17.80, Mar. 17.95, May 18.07.

engineer L'Esfant laid out the oblique avenues upon the general diagram of North and South streets. These avenues cut the streets at all sorts of angles and from triangles and circles at the various intersections. Each intersection therefore becomes an individual traffic problem. The father of the capital had no vision of the automobile when he made his ingenious design.