

Referendum To Decide Whether Commissioners Will Build Courthouse

People to Vote on Erection of Handsome New Structure in Ballot in November Elections

BOARD "PASSES BUCK" County Administrative Body Plans to Tender Result of Balloting to Judge and Grand Jury

The voters in Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County will decide the question whether the County needs a new courthouse, and their decision will be recorded duly in the general election to be held the first Tuesday in November.

After many months of consideration, the Board of County Commissioners has decided to "pass the buck" on the courthouse problem, feeling that since, in a larger sense, they are merely the servants of the people, it would be best to let the people themselves say whether they wished to invest approximately a quarter of a million dollars in a new structure to house the County's administrative departments.

At a recent special meeting, the Commissioners passed a motion offered by C. A. Ownley, providing for a vote on the courthouse to be taken in November, and arranging for a resolution directing that a citizens' committee be formed to study the question and report to the judge and grand jury at the November term of Superior Court, present the results of the referendum, and ask that the Board of County Commissioners be relieved of further responsibility in the matter.

Those who have followed the courthouse matter from its first serious agitation by Judge Henry A. Grady at the March term of Superior Court here, when the judge gave the Commissioners to understand flatly that they must pay closer heed to grand jury recommendations, or abide by the consequences, are inclined to be relieved over this latest turn of events.

There has been an increasing disposition on the part of the public to question the advisability of a large expenditure for a new courthouse here at the present time. The fact that the County has issued a million dollars' worth of road bonds, on which only \$40,000 has been paid to date, is prompting many to feel that this indebtedness should be curtailed much more, before anything like a quarter of a million dollars is spent on a courthouse.

Those who follow this line of reasoning point out that the County's present courthouse needs are not measurably greater than they were five years ago, and that there is no indication that they will become much more pressing in another five years. They advocate a wait before the courthouse project is undertaken, though agreeing that it would be mighty nice to have a new courthouse now.

On the other hand, there are some who argue that Pasquotank County should build a new courthouse at once, in keeping with the County's progress in other lines, and that it should be a building of such dignity and beauty as will create a favorable impression on the minds of the numerous tourists and other visitors expected to pass through here when present highway projects are completed.

At any rate, barring another change of mind on the part of the County Commissioners, the voters will have an opportunity to register their sentiment on the courthouse matter in the coming election.

AVIATOR BETTIS DIES AFTER BEING ON WAY RECOVERY

Washington, Sept. 1.—Lieutenant Cyrus K. Bettis, Army flyer injured in a crash in Pennsylvania last week, died today at Walter Reed Hospital.

Death resulted from spinal meningitis which developed after the injured flyer was believed to be on his way to recovery. He was brought to Walter Reed Hospital several days ago in an ambulance from Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, near which place his injury occurred.

Lieutenant Bettis gained outstanding prominence as flyer by winning the Pulitzer air races in 1925 at which time he set a record of 248.99 miles an hour. In capturing the trophy for the Army that year he defeated Al Williams, Navy flyer, long holder of the air speed record. He served with the American Army Air Corps during the war.

ONE PUBLISHER LOWERS PRICE

Agrees to Sell Text Books at Same Prices They Are Sold in Tennessee

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 1.—One publishing company has capitulated to the State Board of Education and agreed to sell their books in North Carolina at the same prices they are being sold in Tennessee, and indications are that at least some if not all of the remaining companies may do the same, as the result of the announcement by A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Education that the Johnson Publishing Company of Richmond, Virginia has agreed to fix the Tennessee scale on its four readers used in the North Carolina schools. Neither Mr. Allen or Attorney General Brummitt would intimate as to whether any of the other four publishers were wavering, but from the general atmosphere of satisfaction optimism that reigned in their offices today, it was judged that the threatened suits would never have to be taken into court.

There was also a changed attitude among the representatives of the publishers who have been haunting the offices of the attorney general and State superintendent of public instruction for the past week. Tensley had given way to relaxation, and grim business to laughter and platitudes. There is no denying that the text book agitation has borne fruit and that within a few days at most, the majority of the disputed nine text books will be on sale in this State at the same prices that are charged for them in Tennessee.

Already county and city superintendents have been advised of the change in prices on the four readers published by the Johnson Publishing Company who in turn are asked by Mr. Allen to advise children and parents not to pay the old and higher prices, and to make known the new price schedule. In his letter, just issued, Mr. Allen says: "This is to inform you that hereafter the prices of the following books will be as shown after the title of each book. Please call attention of dealers to this and give such publicity to it as may occur to you and warn parents that it is not necessary to pay the prices stamped on the back of the books."

The new prices are as follows: Primer, 40 cents; first reader, 45 cents; second reader, 50 cents; third reader, 55 cents.

MISS KELLY TELLS WHAT'S THE MATTER

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 1.—The trouble with education in North Carolina is not so much complacency and self satisfaction, as alleged recently by a professor in the University of North Carolina named Knight, as it is political influences in the various local school districts and lack of school support, according to Miss Elizabeth Kelly, lately of the State Department of Education, in addressing the Raleigh Rotary Club. The question is not so much how does the State compare with other states educationally, but "where did we start, where are we going, and how far are we on the way?" Miss Kelly said.

A back-hand slap at Professor Knight, who assailed the North Carolina school system recently as the poorest of the 48 states, especially in reference to the average length of the school term in days, when Miss Kelly said that it "is not only unfair but stupid to compare North Carolina's educational advancement with that of other states that have had a heritage of abundant wealth with which to underwrite their educational program."

SMITH AND BROWN IN SECOND PRIMARY

Columbia, Sept. 1.—Senator E. D. Smith and Edgar A. Brown maintained their relative standing today in figures received from yesterday's Democratic primary.

Revised returns tabulated this morning gave to the Senate, Brown, 53,783; N. B. Dial, 30,129; and Smith, 61,782.

The second race will be on September 14 for the run off between Smith and Brown, if continued returns bear out indications. Returns represented 45 out of 46 counties.

COTTON MARKET—New York, September 1.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.82, Dec. 17.86, Jan. 17.93, Mar. 18.13, May 18.28.

ARE HUSBANDS LIABILITIES IN POLITICAL LIFE?

Downfall of the Ferguson Regime Makes Ambitious Women Ponder About This Matter Seriously

A WIDOW IS LUCKY

One Congresswoman, However, Has Real Live Husband But She Doesn't Talk About Him At All

By ROBERT T. SMALL Washington, Sept. 1.—Now that "the Ferguson" have been voted out of the governorship down in Texas, a wide and elaborate discussion is going on among the women's organizations here at the capital as to what is to be done with husbands after all. Are they a handicap or a help to the woman in office? And what position should they occupy after their wives have been elected? It is indeed a serious problem to many women who have taken their civic and political duties seriously. Of course, many of these ladies have no husbands, and have no intentions of taking a spouse. So they are not worried. Still, there are a great many wives and mothers who are going in for public careers and as it is impossible as a rule for them to make most husbands believe that man's place is in the home, they naturally are puzzled as to just where to place the male of the species.

The experience of women in politics thus far has indicated that perhaps the widow is best qualified for public office. She has had experience in the home, in the kitchen, in the nursery—and often in the hospital but has been freed from her wifely duties and is in a position to take up politics as a career.

A striking illustration is the experience of Mrs. "Ma" Ferguson as governor of Texas, and that of Mrs. Nellie Ross, as governor of Wyoming. Mrs. Ferguson is much married, so much so in fact that Texas claimed her husband "Jim" was her proxy. This probably was true. It is probable also that Mrs. Ferguson never could have been elected governor if it had not been for her politically minded husband. She was completely dominated by Jim. She called him her assistant and gave him a desk in her private office at the Lone Star capitol. He said it was his god-given right to advise and assist his wife whenever she asked for help. But another or other the idea of a twin governorship did not sit well with the red-blooded Texans. They stood it for the better part of two years but now they have blasted the Fergusons out of public life and buried them under an unprecedented avalanche of adverse votes.

It seems that in this land of the free and home of the brave it is all right for a woman to help her husband in his political career. There has been striking evidence of this right here in Washington. A great many of the closest friends of the Harding always felt that Mr. Harding "made" Warren G. Harding President of the United States. She had spurred him forward in all his public career and had a real flair for politics herself. But it is all wrong for a husband to help his wife. He must be in the main thing—or nothing.

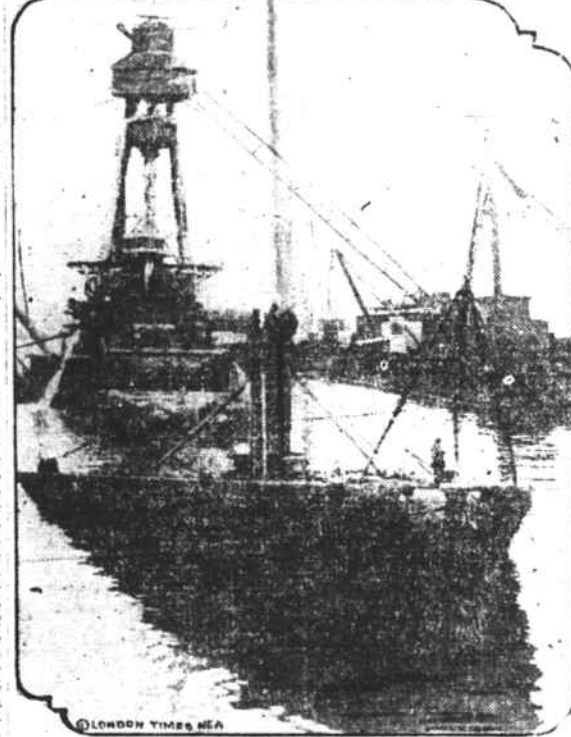
Mrs. Nellie Ross, the other feminine governor, has had a placid administration in Wyoming. She took the place of her deceased husband on the state ticket and, according to all accounts, has been governor in fact, as well as in name.

Two of the three present women members of the National House of Representatives are widows—widows of former members of Congress and it seemed that their election two years ago set a new precedent in American politics—the selection of wives to succeed their dead husbands. Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, of California, and Mrs. Edith Nourse Rogers, of Massachusetts, are the widows of the House and both were accorded a most cordial reception on the Republican side of the chamber.

The Democrats also boast a congresswoman in the person of Mrs. Mary T. Norton, of New Jersey. Mrs. Norton is not a widow. She has a perfectly good husband, but thus far he has kept himself rather solidly in the background of Washington affairs and has let Mrs. Norton direct her own career, which she seems perfectly capable of doing. Mrs. Norton is the first woman ever elected to Congress by the Democrats. Mrs. Norton is the first woman ever elected to Congress by the Democratic party. She is the first woman ever elected to Congress by the Democrats. Mrs. Norton is the first woman ever elected to Congress by the Democrats.

Mr. Norton is a very busy and successful man. If husbands should become popular with women in public office and should come to Washington with their wives, the social arbiters might have a problem on their hands. Wives always have been charming adjuncts of official society, but what place would the

Barnacle Relic of Hate



The German battle cruiser, Hindenburg, scuttled by its own crew to prevent surrender at the close of the great war, at length is being salvaged by British engineers. The picture shows the vessel raised almost to normal floating position, with cans and armor rusted and coated with barnacles.

September Morn Brings Weary World Cheering Foretaste of Bright Autumn Months Ahead

Today there arrives, again, in its annual cycle, that day of the year which is dedicated to a sharply and charming young lady whose wardrobe cost nothing at all. A young lady who stands in the edge of the river and shivers a bit, as a breeze hinting of autumn comes swiftly to harass her.

September Morn heralds something more than the wane of the summertime, the passing of those days when one may disport gaily on the beaches and revel in the surf. It is something more than the beginning of another month, a milestone in the never ending journey of Old Father Time.

With its fore-taste of autumn in the air, September 1 holds forth an alluring picture of the bright Indian Summer ahead, when the corn turns brown and ripens in the fields; when the morning air has a tang and sparkle, and the nights are idyllically perfect for the grateful analysis of slumber, and when Mother Nature fulfills her promise of bounteous harvests to a waiting world.

CURRITUCK SWEETS TAKE SHARP DROP

Due largely to heavily increased shipments, and to the receipt of inferior stock, the sweet potato market slumped seriously Wednesday, the 1. o. b., price to growers at Currituck County points dropping to \$3.50 from its former figure of \$4.

Questions as to the condition of the market shortly after noon Wednesday, Julian R. Newbern, of this city, who handles much of the Currituck crop, stated that it was unsettled, and that nothing definite could be stated as to the price range.

Nutrition Contest Be Held Saturday

The Nutrition Contest being put on by Miss Marcella Albertson County Home Demonstration Agent, will be held next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rest rooms.

Miss Mary E. Thomas, State Nutrition Specialist from Raleigh, will act as judge and make a talk on nutrition.

All members of the clubs who have kept their nutrition records and all club girls who have made posters and anyone else interested in this work and in balanced meals are asked to attend this meeting.

A prize is to be given for the best kept record and Miss Albertson asks that all club members in the county be present.

TAX RATE TAKES CARELESS AUTOISTS A HEALTHY JUMP AGAIN THIS YEAR

County Levy Goes From \$1.11 Per \$100 Property Valuation, to \$1.36 for Coming Year

MUST RETIRE BONDS

Commissioners Take Steps to Pay for Hard surfaced Highway Construction More Rapidly

Through need for additional funds to provide for hard surfaced highway expenditures and other increased costs of maintenance in county affairs, the Board of County Commissioners has adopted a tax rate of \$1.36 per \$100 property valuation for the coming year, as compared with \$1.11 for the past year.

Retained, the rate is as follows for the two years:

Table with 2 columns: 1925, 1926. Rows include General County fund, County Road fund, General County road, Fund, Road debt fund, and General school fund.

In increasing the County road bond fund from \$2 to \$2 cents, the Commissioners were aided by recommendations from the State Department of Highways, and made the increase in order to retire more rapidly bonds for pay-d highway construction which originally totalled \$1,000,000, and which thus far have been reduced only \$49,000.

The general County road fund provides for the maintenance of roads and construction of bridges. In increasing this item from \$20,000 to \$25,000, the County Commissioners acted upon the recommendation of the Pasquotank Highway Commission, except they failed to give the Commission as much as it asked for. The road body wanted \$42,000, which would have required a levy of 22 cents, and in cutting the latter to 15 cents, the County Commissioners provided from within \$39,000.

It is noted that the \$12,000 which represents the difference between the amount the Highway Commission asked, and the amount it actually received, is just about the estimated cost of a proposed new bridge over Knobbs Creek in the Pennsylvania avenue crossing. Last year, when a request for funds to replace this bridge was made by the Highway Commission, the County Commissioners denied it. This year, there was no special mention of the bridge when the levy was made. The Commissioners merely cut the amount asked by \$12,000.

As last year, the poll tax was fixed at \$2 per capita, and the usual road poll of \$2, applying only in the County, was levied.

Three special tax districts were taken care of in the levy also, these special assessments being provided to help meet the cost of the modern high schools erected in the respective districts. In Newland and Wakefield districts, the last year's levy of 30 cents per \$100 property valuation was retained, and in the New Central High School District, a levy in the same amount was imposed. In this last instance, the general district tax automatically eliminated special levies formerly collected in Ninetyon, Providence and Okisko districts, which were absorbed in the New Central district. Providence formerly paid 20 cents per \$100, Ninetyon ten cents, and Okisko, one cent.

GOVERNOR TALKS ON AVIATION'S FUTURE

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 1.—Convicted of the practical value of commercial aviation and that it will not be long before both the line and postal air lines will be established throughout the entire country, Governor A. W. McLean believes that North Carolina cities and towns should look ahead and make preparations now and begin to provide adequate landing fields.

"In another ten years, airplanes will be almost as common as automobiles are today, and long before the time is past in the immediate future—the airplane is going to become an every-day means of communication and transportation. Air mail routes are constantly being enlarged and expanded, and close in their wake is coming the commercial air express and freight route. These routes are already well established in the Middle West, particularly between Detroit and Chicago, over which Henry Ford's big freight planes fly. And now plans are under way to extend these routes all over the country."

WESTERN UNION OFFICE QUITS GIVING THE TIME

In keeping with a policy adopted all over the country, and announced through the press a few days ago, the Western Union office here is discontinuing its former policy of giving the correct time to inquirers over the telephone.

J. D. Sykes, manager of the Western Union office in Elizabeth City, offers the explanation that the calls are received in such numbers as to interfere seriously with the handling of messages and other work. He asks courteously that the public bear in mind the new regulation, and refrain from embarrassing the office with further calls on the subject.

Careless Autoists Pay Penalty For Parking Wrong

Impressive warning that parking on the wrong side of the street will be punished summarily, and in keeping with the seriousness of the offense, was given recorder's court Wednesday morning, when three culprits were held before the bar to explain the why and wherefore of having permitted their automobiles to remain longer than the prescribed five minutes in forbidden territory.

One of the three offenders failed to appear, and that cost him a dollar, a fine in that amount being imposed upon him, in addition to the court costs. Of the two who did appear, one made a repentant admission of guilt, and was let off with the costs. The other was found not guilty when he offered evidence that his dereliction was in the line of duty. He was delivering milk, he said, and was delayed a little in returning to his car.

A fourth defendant, charged with having driven to the left of the center of the highway, was fined \$1 and costs, the evidence being that he failed to make the proper sort of left turn at the intersection of Main and Road streets. It was indicated that he might have been rattled a little by the new traffic signal there.

Complaining the docket, there was a case in which Outson White, of this city, paid a fine of \$5 and costs on a charge of simple drunkenness.

Police are keenly on the watch at the automatic traffic regulator at Main and Road streets, but thus far have made no arrests there for failure properly to comply with the light's directions in the matter of stopping and going.

The officers are disposed to give the public a little temporary leeway as a matter of letting motorists become accustomed to the light and its vagaries, but they warn that this leniency will not be continued long. In fact, anyone who manifests a tendency wilfully to disregard the signal may expect to explain matters to Trial Justice Sawyer.

Governed by the habit of years, some motorists still absent-mindedly drive up to the former "stop" corner occasionally, bring their cars to a halt, and then go ahead, without regard to the color of the light being shown. Thus far, their recollection has not been jogged up by the painful but effective method in vogue in recorder's court—but it may be, most any time, police warn.

PEOPLE EXPECT TOO MUCH OF GOVERNOR

Sir-Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Sept. 1.—His desk is already covered with scores of letters from people all over the State, asking him to do all sorts of things, many of them entirely outside of his province as chief executive of the State, according to Governor A. W. McLean.

Many people get the impression that just because I am Governor my power is unlimited, and that I can do all sorts of things," he said.

As an example of the letters he receives, he cited one in which a woman wrote that the taxes in her town in which she was living had been increased from 85 cents per \$100 valuation to \$2.25 within the past year, and asked the Governor if he could not "do something" about it.

He said that of course, since the matter was an entirely local one, and in no wise connected with the State, as there are no direct State taxes on property, he had no authority in the matter whatever.

LOS ANGELES ON WAY TO POYNERS HILL

Norfolk, Sept. 1.—A wireless from the Los Angeles at noon said the dirigible was nearing Bethany Beach, that she would moor for a short time at the Patoka, near Cape Charles, and then proceed to Poyners Hill, North Carolina, to Calibate Coast Guard station. She expected to reach Poyners Hill about 2 o'clock.

CONVICT WOUNDED

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—J. B. Viekers, convict, serving a ten-year sentence for manslaughter, today lies in State Prison hospital seriously wounded as a result of his latest attempt to escape. The shooting of the prisoner was termed by prison officials as "purely accidental." The guard declared that in the nervousness of the moment he accidentally pulled the trigger that shot the man after he had been cornered in his latest escape attempt.

CONFESSES KILLING

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 1.—Brought here early today by automobile from Montgomery County jail for safe keeping, Clyde Reese Bachman, confessed that he had made Hays Leonard, negro, fire the shot that killed Judge Lamar Smith of Wetumpka, Alabama, Monday night.

HOG CALLING IN CLASS WITH THE CHANNEL SWIM

Also a Close Competitor With Charleston Contests; Farmer Ranks With Opera Stars Now

FANS ARE JUDGES

But One Old Farmer Declared He Thought It Would be Much Fairer to Let the Hogs Decide

By SUE McNAMARA Tipton, Iowa, Sept. 1.—While Charleston, Iowa, is on in crowded cities and American glitz vie with each other in swimming the English Channel it has remained for the Middle West to inaugurate the most unique sport of all—the "hog calling" contest, which is sweeping all over the corn states, causing eminent statesmen who recalled their boyhood days to chuckle with glee.

The duck or mournful call of "hooey" which has floated over across pastures at dusk and at dawn for years unnoticed, save by hogs themselves, has now been elevated to a thing of almost national importance.

Hog calling contests are being conducted all through Iowa and Nebraska by radio, at state and county fairs, and as a new diversion on every possible occasion. Money prizes are given for the best leather linned "hooey" and the whole population has taken to strutting in recognition of the new sport.

The red-faced, blue-overalled farmer suddenly finds himself in the limelight as an entertainer. He now ranks alongside opera singers and actors, either in front of the microphone or as a star performer before big assemblies. Somebody in Nebraska conceived the idea of a hog calling contest over the radio. The fans were the judges, and the winner was picked by post card vote, though, as one old farmer remarked, "it would have been fairer to let the hogs act as judges."

Omaha, Des Moines and other cities, as well as small towns, are taking up the new sport with enthusiasm. Prizes totalling almost \$500 are being offered at the Iowa State Fair, held at Des Moines this week, for the best hog callers.

In making a decision various factors are taken into consideration, such as strength of voice, clearness of call, effect on hogs, and whether the voice will carry against the wind.

Farmers all through the Middle West are discussing with much seriousness the relative merits of "sooney" and "hooey," the old conservatives coming out strong for "sooney" while the radicals incline to "hooey" and a camp has sprung up which insist that "sooney" carries along the wind.

Some of Iowa's most illustrious sons have gone out into the gloaming in their boyhood days and called the hogs home. Senator Brookhart tried his stentorian tones on Iowa hogs long before he loosed his oratory on the United States Senate. Herbert Hoover was once a farmer boy near West Branch, Iowa. Jim Wilson and Henry Wallace, both secretaries of agriculture, have lawfully their "hooey" at returning winds.

Not always the huskiest farmer with the loudest voice takes a prize. In the Cedar County contest, a lad named Morningstar, who stutters, was awarded first prize, and in Northern Iowa a barber was found to emit a clear, sweet call which brought the bacon home on the gallop.

Training School At The First Methodist

The Standard Training School for Sunday School and church leaders of the Elizabeth City District will be held at the First Methodist Church, September 12-17 with L. L. Gobbel, director; Rev. C. B. Culbreth, chairman of the board of managers; Mrs. G. R. Barrow, secretary; and W. C. Sawyer, treasurer.

Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory University will teach the "The Life and Letters of Paul," by Carter. "The Educational Task of the Local Church" will be taught by Prof. H. E. Spence of Duke University.

Miss Georgia S. Keene, conference elementary superintendent, will give a course in Story-Telling. "A Study of the Junior Child" will be taught by Mrs. H. E. Spence of Durham, and "A Study of Middle Childhood" by Mrs. M. M. Cardale of Norfolk.

Teachers, present and prospective, superintendents, officers, parents, and young people are asked to attend and prepare themselves for more effective service in the Sunday School and church. The sessions are held at night so that all may attend.

Nebraska farmer hit on the head by lightning was only knocked out. It should know better than to hit a Nebraska farmer.

"Miss X"



Met. Lorraine Wiseman has told officers for Alameda county, California, Los Angeles county that she and her sister were the women who stayed at the Carmel cottage with Kenneth G. Omberton, with whom detectives charged Mrs. McPherson had eloped. She said she was the only one who had written certain laundry tags that were at first believed to be in the evangelist's handwriting. Omberton, in an affidavit, had said that his companion was not Mrs. McPherson, but a "Miss X." And Mrs. Wiseman says there were two "Miss Xs."