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MASS MEETING INDORSES PLAN FOR HOSPITAL

Large Crowd Hears Dr. Hubert Royster Stress Needs Of Community

ASK TOWN TO GIVE

Municipality May Be Asked To Contribute \$20,000 Toward Project

Dunn indorses the project to build a hospital as a memorial to the late McD. Holliday and its citizens have placed the stamp of approval upon the suggestion that the municipal government contribute \$20,000 of public funds toward the building of such a hospital. So much was shown Sunday afternoon when a great crowd of men and women gathered in Municipal Theatre to hear a speech by Dr. Hubert Royster, of Raleigh, who stressed the need every community has for such an institution.

Present status of the project is that it has been turned back to the Chamber of Commerce where it had its birth. The Chamber is to appoint a committee which is to study hospitals and hospital management in other towns with a view to outlining plans for the institution Dunn needs. This committee is to report its suggestions to the Chamber. When a definite project is planned, the matter will be placed before the board of town commissioners, who will be asked to contribute half of the sum required.

It is believed that at least \$40,000 will be needed to build and equip the hospital and provide for expenses incidental to the first few months of its operation. Citizens of the town and dwellers in the regions surrounding Dunn will be asked to contribute the other half.

Already Jack Jordan, jeweler, Ellis Goldstein, president of the Chamber of Commerce and head of one of the community's largest stores, have expressed a willingness to give \$500 each toward the project. Wilson and Lee, druggists, will give \$200; Rev. Angus R. McQueen, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will give \$100; James W. Vines, principal of the negro schools, will give \$25.

The foregoing are the only citizens who have stated just what they will give. John W. Draughton, leading merchant; Preston S. Cooper, president of the First National Bank; T. V. Smith, president of the State Bank; E. P. Davis, president of the Commercial Bank; K. L. Howard, farmer and capitalist; George K. Grantham, of the Hood and Grantham drug store; Carl Fitchett, of the Fitchett Drug Company; Marlon C. Butler, of Butler Brothers, and a large number of other business and professional men of the community have expressed a desire to aid the movement as much as they can. All of them believe that the town should contribute a substantial sum toward the building of a hospital.

Bud Hawk Jernigan, owner of an ideal site in the southeastern edge of town, offers the site, valued at not less than \$3,000 by any appraisers, for \$1,500.

As soon as the Chamber of Commerce committee forms its plans, the drive for funds will begin. Every citizen of Dunn will be asked to contribute.

In the meeting Sunday George K. Grantham acted as chairman and Judge John C. Clifford introduced the principal speaker. Hannibal L. Godwin and Rev. E. N. Johnson made excellent speeches in which the need for a hospital was emphasized and in which they pledged their support to the movement.

FORD'S JOURNAL PRAISES THE STATE

Looks To Us To Help In Saving Nation From Ruin By Alien Influence

Washington, Nov. 19.—In connection with the immigration question, the Dearborn Independent, Henry Ford's paper, takes occasion to pay tribute to the progressive spirit shown by North Carolina which has only a fractional per cent of alien population. Here is the paragraph from the Ford weekly:

"General Grant more than forty years ago regarded as a grave danger the heavy immigration of foreigners into this country. He stated that he feared the time would come when the South, with its Anglo-Saxonism could alone be depended upon to save the nation from ruin by the influence of an alien population. North Carolina with only seventeenth

FLUCTUATIONS IN PRICE OF COTTON

Values Drop To Levels of 65 To 70 Points Under Previous Week's Close

New Orleans, Nov. 20.—In the cotton market last week fluctuations again were wide. From advances of 45 to 70 points over the level of the preceding week's close there was a drop to levels 65 to 128 points under. Fluctuations were within limits of 132 to 176 points, December in the early part of the week trading up to 26.10 while in the later seasons it worked as low as 24.37 cents a pound. Spots were not as well sustained as futures and lost 112 points on middling, which closed at 25.25 as against 24.98 at the closing price on December. At the end of last week a year ago middling closed at 16.50.

Bull private bureau reports on ginning helped to carry the market to its highest levels. An estimate of only 8,876,000 bales ginned to the 14th of November caused much buying, as the total was well under general expectations and indicated only 735,000 bales produced the last period. It revived very small crop guesses and strengthened the belief among considerable element that the total crop would not be much, if any, in excess of 9,500,000 bales. For a while these figures and the small crop estimate that followed fairly well dominated the trading but late in the week they were lost sight of.

The slowing down in spot trading over the belt was a bear argument of some weight and at times it caused much selling, although the argument from long side was that smaller sales were more the result of withdrawal of sellers from the market than they were the result of a falling off in the demand. Late in the week spot news was not quite as bullish in character and there was a resumption of hedge selling which, at some stages, has an adverse effect on prices.

This week, the fifth report of the season on ginning by the census bureau on Tuesday is likely to dominate a good part of the trading.

SPRUNT MAKES GIFT TO CHINESE ACADEMY

Wilmington, Nov. 14.—Dr. James Sprunt, philanthropist and active head of the largest individually owned cotton exporting firm in the world, Alexander Sprunt and Sons, has made a gift of \$10,500 to the James Sprunt Academy in China.

The money will be handled by Geo. C. Worth, missionary to China, who is kept in that field by the First Presbyterian church of this city.

Dr. Sprunt is well known all over the South as a philanthropist and scholar, he having made many gifts within the last few years of a benevolent nature and having written much relative to the history of the lower Cape Fear.

"MY UNCLE FROM JAPAN" TO BE GIVEN NOVEMBER 27-28.

Do you remember Miss Erwin's success as "Piney Melting Heart" in "The Microbe of Love," or as "Opheelia Higgins," in the recent musical comedy, "A Bachelor's Honeymoon"? If you saw her in either of these you will know that the success of "My Uncle from Japan" is assured which Miss Erwin as a principal character. Add to that a cast made up of other favorites. Bill Newberry as Captain Somers, Mrs. E. S. McKay, as Dorothy Somers, Miss Henderson as Kitty the maid, and Mr. Henry Melver, director of the play in the title role and no lover of a good comedy will want to miss this production.

The chorus numbers this time are unusually good—all new and full of pep. The costumes too will be entirely different from those of "A Bachelor's Honeymoon," and between acts there will be several catchy "specials," which have already been successfully used all over the country and made undisputable hits.

The purpose for which this play is being given under the auspices of the Cornellius Harnett Chapter D. A. R. is one which should interest every patriotic American—to erect a lasting and fitting memorial to the boys "who gave their last full measure of devotion" for the noble and righteous cause our country championed in the late World War.

Tickets are now on sale by a number of the ladies in town selling for exactly half of what was charged for Mr. Melver's production in Goldsboro and other towns, 50c and 75c.

of one per cent of foreign stock, is spending \$20,000,000 in a building campaign. It is putting \$50,000,000 into highway improvements and is expanding its hydro-electric development and cotton mill interests."

COMPANY FORMED TO MINE GRAVEL

New Harnett Enterprises Will Embrace Capital of a Quarter Million Dollars

Lillington, Nov. 17.—C. W. Lacy of Wilmington, N. C.; T. H. Higgs of Parkersburg, W. Va.; W. H. Thomas of Montgomery, Ala.; E. R. DeLorms of Birmingham, Ala.; J. C. Blanchard of Hartford, N. C., and J. R. Baggett of Lillington met here yesterday for the purpose of completing the organization of the Cape Fear Gravel Pits, Inc., a concern which will begin immediately the mining of Harnett county gravel and the manufacture of cement products on the most pretentious scale ever comprehended by any similar enterprise in this section of country if not in the United States. Over half of the quarter million capital was paid in cash for the immediate beginning of operations. First on the program of plans will be the construction of a large plant at Cape Fear, a small station just across the river from Lillington. Another big plant three miles west of town, construction of which has already been planned and part of the equipment for which is already on the ground, will be put in commission as rapidly as competent workmen can complete the job.

This company already owns and is operating the James River Sand and Gravel properties just north of Petersburg, Va., which plant is putting out between 25 and 30 cars of washed gravel per day. The two plants to be erected near Lillington will be of the same capacity. The company has bought 300 acres of the richest gravel land, according to the Geological Survey, existing in Harnett county. These lands lie conveniently along the Cape Fear river, from which stream water will be pumped for the purpose of handering the pebbles so much desired in hard-surface road construction, cement work and buildings. Officials of the concern state that they have immediate prospect of sale for all gravel produced for their plant, and are including also the sand which will go largely into their cement products. Building blocks and tile will feature largely in the output of the cement works, though concrete work will be undertaken on a rather large scale, state the officers of the new company.

Cape Fear Gravel Pits, Inc., is composed of some of the most noted engineers and contractors in the southeast, together with a capitalist of this State. Messrs. Higgs and Lacy are expected here within the next day or so to superintend the construction of the plants and the laying of spur tracks, one of which will lead to the Norfolk Southern railway, the other to the Atlantic and Western. Mr. Higgs is an engineer and Mr. Lacy is a contractor. Ability of these two gentlemen assures early completion of the plants and the actual beginning of operations.

Home office of the company will be in Lillington, but a general sales office will be maintained in Raleigh, as well also an office in Richmond, Va., from which will be directed the fiscal affairs of the organization. It is stated that the concern had secured large ballast contracts from certain railroads, but detailed information on this point is not given out at this time.

The magic wand of a fairy could scarcely unfold the wonderful revelations in the development of Harnett county's gravel industry in a more truly fascinating style than is being actually wrought out now with this vast enterprise which will outstrip even the large undertakings already in working order and running to capacity. What with the vast amount of road building and other construction work going on which requires this sort of material, the Harnett county product has at last come into its own, and that too in a handsome way. The gravel from this county is eagerly sought by all contractors having jobs calling for rock-bed construction.

Officers of Cape Fear Gravel Pits, Inc. are: C. W. Lacy, president; T. H. Higgs, vice-president and general manager; H. B. DeLorms, secretary; J. C. Blanchard, treasurer; J. R. Baggett, attorney. The above officers with W. H. Thomas constitute the directorate as well as the entire company. No stock is for sale, to outsiders.

The writer of this article is not at all interested particularly in the gravel industry nor in the sale of land; but to him the seemingly limitless development of the varied resources of Harnett county have been an intensely absorbing study these last few years in which the county has been making such lengthy strides. For instance, the very fields from which were taken the material for the construction of that elegant piece

PROCLAMATION OF EDUCATION WEEK

President To Be Observed December 3 To 9, Inclusive; Objects

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Harding, in a proclamation made public today in the White House, set aside the week of December 3 to 9 as American Education Week. He recommends to the appropriate national state and local authorities that they give their cordial support and cooperation and appeals upon parents to confer with their schools on behalf of closer understanding between the school and the home.

The text of the proclamation in part is as follows:

"The ideals of democratic government and domestic education were planted almost consciously in our country. The faith is rightly believed that only a people trained to vision of public needs and duties could develop and maintain institutions of popular government. The system of universal education, established in the beginning, has developed with the country and became one of the characteristic features of our life. In it we have laid the foundation of that system of American culture which has enabled us to absorb and assimilate millions who have come to us from many countries, bringing the traditions of widely varying institutions.

"In order that we may keep in mind the need constantly to improve our educational system, it is proposed that the week of December 3 to 9 inclusive, be made for special observance as American Education Week. It is recommended to the governors of the states that they cooperate with the national and civic authorities of their commonwealths to make the week a period for revival of interest in the broad work of national education.

"It is gratifying to know that in a time when the business world is again very busy, the educational authorities in order that the coming generation may be equipped, regardless of sacrifices in the present, for the increasing responsibilities which it must bear.

"The strength and security of the nation will always rest in the intelligent body of its people. Our education should implant conceptions of public duty and prevent obligations broad enough to envisage the problems of a greatly distraught world. More than anything else, men and women need the capacity to see with their eyes and to contemplate with an unprejudiced mind the issues of these times. Only through a properly motivated and generously inspired process of education can this be accomplished.

"In view, then, of these and many other considerations, I hereby proclaim the week of December 3 to 9 as American Education Week, recommending to the appropriate national, state and local authorities that they give their cordial support and cooperation to making its observance inspirational and beneficial. Civic organizations and religious bodies may render special services by their co-operation; and particularly it is recommended that parents confer with their schools on behalf of closer understanding between the school and the home with the purpose of mutual helpfulness.

"In consideration and witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and forty-seventh.

"Signed:
"WARREN G. HARDING."

of highway, the Lafayette, leading from Raleigh via Lillington to Fayetteville—that ground produced this year under improved cultivation one of the best cotton and tobacco crops ever grown in the country's history; and the beauty about the cotton crop so grown was the fact that the boll weevil, here in millions, yet was so ignorant of the type of soil and aggressive farming methods that he slept on the job till it was too late to get in his deadly work. Result is that Harnett farmers are in clover and the boll weevil is out of luck with the frost killing his young brood.

But to get back directly to the gravel industry. The fact that the Harnett type of gravel has drawn the attention of prominent engineers from West Virginia and Alabama denotes that diligent search for the best

IMPORTANT PERIOD IN DISPATCH'S BIG DRIVE COMES TO A CLOSE AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FOR THE DAY WEDNESDAY

Indications Are That Second Lap Will Close With All Candidates Closely Bunched. 25,000 Extra Votes Allowed On Every Club of \$20.00 In Subscriptions Collected Before Close Of Business Tomorrow

THE REAL WORKERS IN THE DRIVE

NAME	ADDRESS
Miss Fannie Johnson, Lillington.	
Mrs. Matha Pipkin, Dunn, Route 5.	
Miss Matibel Godwin, Dunn n.	
Mrs. Carl Barefoot, Dunn.	
Mrs. William Jackson, Dunn.	
Miss Mabel Butler, Dunn.	
Miss Pearl Turlington, Dunn, Route 3.	

The second lap in the race for the Durant touring car and the many other valuable prizes to be awarded in the Dunn Dispatch's big subscription drive comes to a close tomorrow evening. This marks the close of the final extra vote offer and from Thursday morning to the close of the campaign there will be no extra votes allowed on subscriptions.

The subscriptions turned in before this offer expires average two and a half times as many votes as will be allowed later, so each and every candidate should see that he overlooks no possible avenue of votes, as tomorrow's subscriptions are more than twice as valuable as they will be the closing period of the drive.

Judges For Campaign Appointed

The judges appointed to count the votes and award the prizes the closing night are: Mr. Herbert Taylor, cashier of the First National Bank; Mr. T. V. Smith, president of The State Bank and Trust Company, and Mr. Jim Davis, cashier of the Commercial Bank.

It is hardly necessary to introduce these gentlemen to residents of Dunn and vicinity as each is so well known that everyone realizes that a careful and important count of votes will be made. At eight p. m. Monday evening, November 20th, the counting of the votes will be in charge of the campaign and after thoroughly counting all votes polled by the different candidates will proceed to award the prizes.

Just one week from tomorrow night, some energetic person is going to drive away from the campaign manager's office of The Dunn Dispatch in their own beautiful Durant touring car. This statement does not imply that all of the candidates in The Dispatch's drive are not energetic as indeed this is not the case, as all of the active candidates have proven themselves both energetic and ambitious. However, the one who really combines energy with ability and gets the most votes will be the winner of the Durant.

In a campaign where the different candidates are so closely bunched as in this drive, one can hardly afford to lose a single day's work and still maintain their standard.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS FIRM

General Business Conditions Satisfactory; Signs of Progress

New York, Nov. 19.—Continuation of a high rate of industrial activity and satisfactory progress of fall trade are indicated by the business of the past week. Steel production, if anything is improved and is now stated between 75 and 80 per cent of the country's capacity. Cotton consumption returns show that the textile mills used 534,000 bales in October, this figure being 39,000 larger than for September and setting a new high record for any month since June 1920. Soft coal production has continued at a rate of about 10,700,000 a week or at about the best attained since the end of the strike.

Perhaps the first sign of a seasonal slackening which must be expected is furnished in the statistics of car loadings. Total loadings for material has landed in this county the largest investment in this particular industry, perhaps, in the whole country. It has long been said that Harnett county soil was the best in the world to live upon, but only recently has it been demonstrated that it is the very best to travel upon. One infectious person has been heard to remark that if the streets above are paved with material from Harnett county he will be content to dwell there.

The most improved mechanical equipment will be installed by the Cape Fear Gravel Pits, and it is highly probable that all of it be electrical by drive.

CALLS ON STATE TO GIVE THANKS

Governor Morrison Asks Prayers For Those In Authority

"I respectfully ask that the people of North Carolina, at their Thanksgiving services, invoke divine guidance for all in Civil authority, that they may have a deep sense of their obligations to God as well as to the people they serve," says Governor Cameron Morrison in his annual Thanksgiving proclamation setting apart November 30, as a day of thanks in North Carolina.

The proclamation follows:

"In keeping with that beautiful and time-honored custom which has found a permanent place among the traditions of our National life and has been handed down from one generation to another by the Presidents of the Republic and the Governors of the several states,

"I, Cameron Morrison, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim and set apart Thursday, November 30, 1922, as a day of Thanksgiving, and call upon the people to observe it reverently by suspending all business, except that incident to the actual needs of humanity, and assembling at their respective places of worship, in order that we may publicly return thanks to Almighty God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us during the year now drawing to a close, renew our allegiance to Him and seek guidance for the future.

"We have passed through crises, but without bitterness or bloodshed, because we are a united people, and the spirit of Brotherly Love has prevailed. No great calamity has befallen us. Law and order have been respected. We have held fast to the faith of our fathers; and, consequently, we have enjoyed that real, abiding prosperity which comes only to a God-fearing people. Our accomplishments have been many and the future holds possibilities for advancement along all lines.

"Let us render thanks for these as publicly acknowledge our dependence upon God for all things worth while.

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"CYCLONE MACK" BEATS WRESTLER

Popular Evangelist Leaves Off Battle With Devil To Take On Show Man

Clinton, Nov. 18.—"Cyclone Mack" has wrestled with the devil many times and come out on top, but it was not until last week at the Clinton fair that he wrestled publicly with a regular wrestler and added a man's scalp to his string of achievements.

"Mack" or more properly, the Rev. Baxter McLendon, widely known and popular evangelist, was conducting revival services in Clinton, in competition to the attractions of the Sampson county fair, when the event took place.

On the midway was a wrestler who attracted a great deal of attention by offering \$15 to any man of any race, color or denomination, who would stay with him 15 minutes in a wrestling match. Admission to such matches was a quarter, and the contests became very popular, although all local talent was defeated.

They one day the news got about that "Cyclone" would take on the doughy professional the next afternoon at 3 o'clock. Admission to this contest was a dollar, but even standing room was sold. The contest will long be remembered in the village. "Mack" won, and the professional was only too glad to pay over the forfeit and end the match.

McLendon not only won the match but what he considers infinitely more important, he has won his way into the hearts and souls of some here whom he could not have ever otherwise reached.

A year ago and which indicates a ample reserve supply of credit accommodation. The decline in the high point of the year amounts to only 52 per cent. No further increase occurred in the increase of money and the rate on call money on the New York stock exchange dropped at the end of the week to 1-2 per cent the green figure since September.