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15 MILLION SCHOOL BONDS VOTED 1922

Towns and Cities in North Carolina Providing Better School Facilities

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Cities and towns in North Carolina during the past two years voted bond issues of approximately \$15,000,000 for the purpose of providing better school buildings, according to the completed report of Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of public instruction, made public tonight.

"The counties are providing large brick buildings with auditoriums for the rural consolidated schools," the report reads. "This has been made possible through the aid of the special building fund authorized by the last general assembly. This fund amounts to \$5,000,000 and is loaned to the counties for a period of twenty years, the counties paying one-twentieth of the principal and the accrued interest annually."

The report shows, in accordance with an announcement made by the superintendent recently, that the entire building program, when completed, will cost about \$25,000,000.

"The idea of a state loan fund for aiding the counties in erecting school buildings is now law," it is stated. "In 1923, the general assembly very wisely set aside the state literary fund, then amounting to about \$200,000 to be used as a loan fund for building school houses. This amount has been increased as the state has sold its public lands, and by legislative appropriation until today it amounts to \$1,028,117, which is now loaned at 4 per cent interest to one hundred counties in the state on a ten-year basis. One-tenth, together with the accrued interest, is repaid annually, making about \$150,000 annually which the state may loan from this fund."

"But this has been totally inadequate. The counties had only one other alternative—local bond issues. But this required a vote of the people. As a result, the strong wealthy

paying a reasonably low tax rate, while the more backward districts, in favor of education, could not secure a bond issue of sufficient size to provide the necessary buildings without levying a tax rate that would be almost prohibitive. Since the wealthier counties were already bonding themselves, they were not enthusiastic about assuming additional burdens in order to help the more backward districts, which were little in favor of education anyway. As a result, the counties had a tendency to break up into district schools and the rural sections for the most part were being neglected."

"The general assembly of 1921, however, made it possible for the counties to secure funds to erect buildings in the rural districts and this paved the way for a county unit system that will make better schools possible for the children of the county. This was done by creating the special building fund of five million dollars. The state was authorized to sell bonds amounting to this sum and loan the proceeds to the counties. In June, following the act of the general assembly, the state board of education adopted the following rules governing the loans:

- "1. The special building fund will be loaned to counties on a pro-rata basis. That is each county will be entitled to borrow the same per cent of the special building fund that the school population of the county bears to the school population of the state.
- "2. If the entire amount is not borrowed on this basis the remainder will be loaned to counties in accordance with their needs.
- "3. Counties may make application at once for loans from this fund on blanks to be supplied by the superintendent of public instruction.
- "4. Counties are at liberty to begin their building program this summer with the assurance that the loan will be available on January 1, 1922, provided the bonds are sold. If the bond market next December is not such that the entire amount is made available and the counties desiring to secure loans will secure purchasers for the sum needed, this amount will be loaned to the counties in accordance with sections one and two.
- "5. No loan shall be approved by the state department of education until the plans for the building and the location of the same and the size of the district have been recommended by the director of school-house planning.

"By June, 1921, applications had been received for the entire \$5,000,000. But the constitutionality of the act was questioned and the state board of education was stopped from making the loans until the courts

CONCILIATION TAKES PLACE AT LAUSANNE

Danger of a Breach is Sidetracked By All Concerned—Curzon Postpones Trip

Lausanne, Jan. 31.—The spirit of conciliation shown on all sides today prevented a rupture of the near eastern peace conference following formal presentation of the allied draft treaty to the Turks and the mutual goodwill manifested by the British, French and Italian delegations sidetracked any danger of a break in the allied front due to yesterday's developments.

Marquis Curzon, the British foreign secretary, changed his plans for leaving Lausanne on Friday, and agreed to remain, together with his entire delegation until Sunday night. Meanwhile, efforts will be made by private negotiations to obtain accord on the disputed points in the treaty.

Richard Washburn Child, who as chief American spokesman delivered a striking address at today's meeting urging that peace be signed as soon as possible, has played an important role in dominating part both in harmonizing the conflicting views of the allies as to the time limit to be given the Turks and in convincing the Ottoman delegates that their national interests demand peace be concluded without delay.

Reasonable prospects of attaining an agreement, probably by submission of several of the matters in conflict to arbitration, saved the conference from shipwreck, included the Turks to adopt a more moderate attitude and prevented discord among the allies.

The results is that the Turks probably will not present their counter proposals at a formal session of the conference, but will endeavor to iron out the difficulties speedily in private conferences.

FORT BRAGG SOLDIER KILLED IN COLLISION

John Wise is Dead and John Mitchell, Another Soldier, Hurt Near Florence S. C.

A soldier from Fort Bragg, N. C., was killed and John Mitchell another soldier, was critically injured near here today in a collision between a wagon and an automobile in which they were riding.

Three other soldiers from Camp Bragg were in the car but not seriously injured. They were R. L. Malvern, Barwick, Ga., who is said to have been driving the car; Melton Dixon, Barwick, Ga., and L. E. Wright. All five men were members of battery G, 5th field artillery.

Wise's home address could not be obtained. The tongue of the wagon penetrated the right breast of Mitchell, whose home is Washington, N. C. Physicians say he may recover.

Mitchell and Wise were on furlough, it was said by survivors of the accident. Camp authorities were immediately notified of the accident.

The time is rapidly approaching when the pearl-handled revolver will take the place of the pickle-dish among the bride's presents.—Toledo Blade.

The French army seems to be something in the nature of a Fact Finding commission.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

could pass on its constitutionality. The decision of the Supreme court was favorable to the state and far reaching in its effects. The court made it clear that the constitution demands a state system of schools with the county, not the district, as the local unit of administration.

"At the present time, \$3,800,000 have been loaned and the remainder will be as soon as the bonds are sold. The cost of the buildings aided by these loans amounts to \$9,024,635. The applications far exceeded \$5,000,000. Over \$3,000,000 of the amount already loaned have gone into small towns, villages and rural districts that could not have secured the necessary funds otherwise for the erection of suitable buildings. The larger towns already were financing their own building programs.

"According to estimates received in this office as was said above, the cost of the building program now underway will, when completed, amount to about \$25,000,000. At least half of this amount is spent in the rural districts and in the small towns and villages.

"But this amount will not be sufficient to complete the necessary building program and either the state should authorize another bond issue to be loaned to the counties on similar terms or the counties under state supervision should be authorized to issue bonds. Our children cannot be educated unless school buildings are provided," it was ascertained.

DISCOVERS WAY TO DELINT COTTON SEED

Removes Lint So As To Improve Cotton Seed For Planting Purpose

Washington, Jan. 31.—A process of removing from cottonseed the short pieces of lint which adhere after cotton is ginned, so as to improve the seed for planting purpose, has been discovered by Leroy G. Polhamus, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, and a public service patent has been granted at the request of the Department of Agriculture. The new process makes use of gaseous hydrochloric acid, and experiments are being conducted by Mr. Polhamus near San Diego, California, to develop it on a scale that can be used generally for preparing seed for planting, and to determine whether the process can be used commercially on cotton seed in the production of lint cotton.

No safe and practical process of chemically delinting large quantities of cotton seed has been developed but exposure of the dry seed to hydrochloric acid disintegrates the lint, obviating the wetting, washing and drying the seed as is necessary in a suggested treatment with sulphuric acid. A thorough cleaning of the seed by the new process facilitates prompt germination which aids in securing full stands of cotton and avoids clogging of planting machines.

EXPECT TO CONTINUE THE TRAINING CAMPS

One Camp Will Be Held At Fort Bragg—General Metts Outlines The Program

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—"Elaborate plans are underway for the continuation of the government summer camps for young men to receive military training," Captain Donovan Yeuell, acting C. M. T. C. officer of the fourth corps area, which includes the states of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, has advised officials in this state. Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts announced today.

"According to present plans, camps are to be held this year at Camp McClellan, Fla., Fort Barrancas, Fla., and Fort Bragg, N. C.," it was stated. "The branches of instruction offered may be slightly different from those of last year, but in the main will be in the same branches, which includes infantry, cavalry field artillery, engineers and coast artillery.

"The courses offered include a basic rod course, which gives fundamental training, but does not instruct in any particular branch of the service; advanced rod course, which gives basic instruction in branches desired; white course, (for which graduates of last year's rod course who were certified as eligible for admission to white course are qualified) fits students to be non-commissioned officers in the organized reserves of the national guard; and the blue course, (for which graduates of last year's white course who were certified as eligible for admission to blue course are qualified if of proper age and possess necessary educational qualifications) which fits candidates for commissions in the officers' reserve corps."

Approximately 3,000 men received outings at the government's expense last year, it was stated. The North Carolina national guard, said General Metts made an "excellent record" at the regular summer encampment for national guardsmen.

DISCUSS RACING PLANS FOR EASTERN FAIRS

Rocky Mount, Jan. 31.—Plans for the racing program for the 1923 Eastern Carolina Fairs were discussed at a meeting of the Short Ship circuit, composed of the fairs of this section, which was held at the Bland Cafe here yesterday afternoon. Representatives were present from Kingston, Tarboro, Wilson, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Norfolk, Greenville and Rocky Mount while Clinton and Dunn did not have personal representatives present. In addition representatives from numerous trotting associations and show organizations were in attendance.

Prior to going into a discussion of this year's work and program, the circuit held its annual election with the following results: President, C. A. Johnson, of Tarboro; vice-president, L. S. Hadley, of Wilson; T. B. Smith, of Clinton, and R. M. Jackson, of Fayetteville. T. A. Arrowsmith, of Hillsboro, was named secretary-treasurer to succeed W. S. Mays who stated that the pressure of other business would not allow him to continue in the office.

ORGANIZATION OF CHAMBER COMPLETE

Miss Turlington Named As Assistant Secretary—Department Heads Named

Miss Marie Turlington has been employed as assistant secretary of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce. Miss Turlington was appointed by a committee composed of Messrs. Ellis Goldstein, N. M. Johnson and H. B. Taylor, recently appointed by the board of directors for that purpose.

Miss Turlington will handle the detail work of the organization, will keep the office open during business hours and furnish information to the public, in keeping with the work of the organizations.

The local Chamber of Commerce has taken on new life and while no definite program for the year's work has yet been announced, great things may be expected from the organization during the year 1923.

The following local citizens have been named by President Ellis Goldstein to head the various departments of the Chamber of Commerce during the present year:

Publicity—J. R. Butler; industrial—E. P. Davis; agricultural—N. M. Johnson; public utility—C. L. Wilson; public utilities—A. L. Newberry; civic—E. N. Johnson; good roads—Marion Butler; office—Edwin B. Cooper.

Officials of the organization, which has for its purpose the building of a "bigger and better Dunn," are highly pleased with the number of memberships already enrolled. However, the membership committee has not yet finished its work, and a number of other members are expected to be added during the next few days.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS POLICE PROTECTION

Money Made Available For The Shrine Council

Washington, Jan. 31.—When three hundred and thirty-five members of their wives and children, visit Washington, D. C., next June, they will find an adequately piled cist. The Senate voted twenty-five thousand dollars for the purpose which amount was increased by the House to fifty-four thousand dollars.

The sum is to be paid wholly from revenues of the District of Columbia, the National Government taking no part in this feature of entertaining the visiting Masons.

During the Shrine convention week the population of the Capital City will be very nearly doubled; a much larger influx of visitors is expected even than during inauguration week which every four years packs Washington to overflowing.

Members of Congress who are intensely interested in this bringing to the Capital City the cream and flower of Masonry from the four corners of the Nation. They believe that a great deal of good will be accomplished by so large a gathering of such solid citizens in the National Capital. While Washington is the country's own city, and justly regarded by travelers as the most beautiful city in the world, not even Paris, France exceeding it in loveliness, the majority of Americans of course have never seen it. That so huge a number, of such business, financial, and social prominence, are coming to make their Capital their home for a week, is justly regarded "on the Hill" as an event of great potentialities of education in Americanism and pride in the Capital of the Nation.

PLAYMAKERS ARE ASKED TO PLAY IN NEW YORK

Chapel Hill, Jan. 31.—H. G. Paine, secretary of the Authors' League of America, has written a letter asking that the Carolina Playmakers arrange to come to New York to appear under the sponsorship of the league.

This gives the Playmakers an opportunity to get into close touch with the professional stage and is considered a highly complimentary invitation.

The question of a trip to New York this spring is being considered by the Playmakers, though no definite plans have yet been made. If they do so, the New York trip will be a substitute for the regular western tour of the Playmakers during the month of April. Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia will probably be played en route, should the trip be undertaken.

Of course it is none of our business but if the check is as mean as they say he is why doesn't the swordfish cut his head off?—Dallas News.

COTTON INDUSTRIES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Federal Trade Commission is Directed by Senate to Make a Sweeping Investigation

Washington, Jan. 31.—The federal trade commission was directed by the senate today to make a sweeping investigation into all branches of the cotton industry, including production, marketing and mill operations.

The inquiry was provided for in a resolution by Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, which the senate adopted without debate.

The federal trade commission under the resolution would investigate the facts relating to "alleged corporate violations of the anti-trust laws with respect to operations in cotton including conduct of cotton exchanges and operation upon such exchanges by corporation, partnerships and individuals; the effect, if any, of such operations in future contracts upon the price of spot cotton sold in interstate or foreign commerce, and the relation to such anti-trust law violations of the demand for cotton and the supply methods of marketing it in interstate and foreign commerce."

The inquiry was declared to be for the purpose of providing Congress with information to serve as a basis for such legislation as might be found necessary to regulate the cotton industry.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR DEMOCRATS AT POLLS

Democratic Candidate Wins in Special Election, Hull in Statement

Washington, Jan. 31.—The victory of Sol Bloom in the special Congressional election in the Nineteenth District of New York yesterday, was described in a statement today by Cordell Hull, chairman of the Democratic national committee, as a "body blow to Republican expectation and a certain omen of a general and sweeping Democratic Congress next year."

Citing pre-election statements by Republican leaders that the election would be a "body blow" to the party's hopes based on the record of the administration, Mr. Hull said the party's hopes were dashed by the Democratic candidate's success, "because vast numbers of Republican voters in this New York district indignantly repudiated the Fordney-McCumber system of tariff robbery," and "because the voters there, as they are everywhere, are in open revolt against the entire Harding administration."

SEVERAL PASSENGERS HURT IN WRECK NEAR SUMTER

Sumter, S. C., Feb. 1.—Several passengers were injured this morning when Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 35, southbound, collided head-on with a freight train at Private nine miles south of here.

G. C. Hines of Florence, S. C., a mail clerk, was the most seriously injured. Most of the other injured were negroes, who sustained only bruises.

The track was expected to be cleared early this afternoon. Train No. 35 is operated between Florence, S. C., and Augusta, Ga.

IN THE RECORDERS COURT

Only four cases were "aired" before Recorder R. L. Godwin at yesterday's session of the local recorder's court.

David Benton, a negro, was bound over to the Superior court on the charge of highway robbery. His bond was fixed at \$300, in default of which he was remanded to the county jail. According to the evidence brought out at the trial Benton held up Julius Raynor, another negro, near Tighman's mill, one mile north of town, Saturday night of last week, and relieved him of \$8 in cash. Benton was arrested Monday by Chief of Police W. F. Dawson.

F. H. Westbrook was found guilty of operating an automobile while in a drunken condition, judgment being suspended upon payment of the cost.

Nathan Layton and James Breeden, negroes, were taxed with the cost for engaging in an affray. Neither of the negroes were badly hurt as a result of the mix up.

SEWER POLITICS

In 1913 the Daily News fought the appointment of A. D. Watts by the then President to the position of United States commissioner of Internal Revenue. We were then, and have continued from that day to this, opposed to his political theories and still more strongly opposed to his political methods. With that record of 10 years of consistent and persistent opposition to all that Watts stood for in poli-

JUDGE ISSUES AN ORDER AGAINST FIVE MEMBERS

Cannot Sell Cotton Outside of Cooperative According to Judge Cramer

Raleigh, Jan. 31.—Five members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association are permanently restrained from selling any cotton grown by them last season outside of the cooperative in an order signed by Judge E. H. Cramer, of Southport, last Monday in Wake county Superior court.

These injunctions are the first issued by the big cotton cooperative and represent all the legal actions taken so far with the exception of six actions started recently to secure liquidated damages for cotton alleged to have been sold outside of the association.

W. H. Horne, of Edgecombe county, who is alleged to have grown five hundred bales of cotton last year, was one of the members enjoined in Judge Cramer's order. Mr. Horne did not contest the continuance of the injunction nor did J. S. Proctor, of Nash county, who is said to have grown 80 bales last season.

S. M. Crisp and G. M. Pittman, prominent Pitt county farmers, claimed that they had sold their cotton before the temporary restraining orders were secured, but Judge Cramer ruled that this matter could be determined at the final hearing on the liquidated damages claim. Attorneys for the cotton cooperatives contended that the two men had merely parted with visible possession by transferring their cotton to a business firm of which they were partners.

Joel R. Lee, of Johnston county, alleged false representations in getting his signature to the contract. He asked for a removal of his case to the Smithfield court but this was denied.

HENRY CLEWS, BANKER, IS DEAD AT HIS HOME

New York, Jan. 31.—Henry Clews, banker, died at his home in New York

after an illness of several months. The cause of his death, it was announced, was chronic bronchitis. He had been in failing health for several months.

Mr. Clews is survived by a daughter, Elsie, wife of Herbert Parsons, former congressman from New York, and a son, Henry Clews, Jr., an artist and sculptor residing in France. His nephew, James B. Clews, succeeded to the active management of the banking house several years ago on the occasion of Mr. Clews' retirement. Funeral arrangements will be announced tomorrow.

"We therefore have no disposition to lament his removal from official position in this state nor to defend any action of his while in office. Nevertheless, we have more respect for Watts, ruined and disgraced, than we have for some of the eminently respectable citizens who, we believe, conspired to effect that ruin and disgrace.

In a long and turbulent career Als Watts has been guilty of many things that we deem discredit. He has been a ferocious fighter and unscrupulous to a degree. But some things were beneath him. However hard-pressed he may have been—and in the course of the ten years during which the Daily News has been the avowed enemy of Watts' political methods he has had his back to the wall more than once—we have never known him to employ for weapons in political combat stink pots and contagious diseases. All may be fair in love, war and politics, but Als Watts never went to quite that length. He did draw the line somewhere. It seems that he has enemies who are less fastidious and heretical as it may be, we find Als less contemptible than they are.

It is the easier to do since the man's record, as a government official, has been irreproachable. The affairs of the tax commissioner's office have been conducted with intelligence, energy and, to the best of our knowledge and belief, absolute personal honesty.

Has politics in North Carolina sunk to the level at which putrid methods may be employed with impunity? Is it no longer possible to appeal to the intelligence of the suffragans without offending the nostrils of the state with all the malodorous scoundrels of political back-stairs gossip? If this affair is to set the fashion, if it serves to open the sluice gates, then we may as well prepare for such a flood of filth, such a torrent from the camp as will turn the stomach of every decent citizen in the state. In our opinion to risk deluging North

CONNOR IS HEAD OF HOUSE FINANCE

Wilson Representative Succeeds Mr. Doughman, Towns send on Education

Representative H. G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson county, chairman of the House Committee on Education, was yesterday transferred to the chairmanship of the House committee on Finance, to succeed Revenue Commissioner R. A. Doughman, who resigned his seat in the House last Tuesday. Representative N. Townsend, chairman of the Committee on Banks and Banking, will today be named chairman of the Committee on Education.

Mr. Connor's legislative interests for several sessions have centered largely in questions of finance, and his appointment to head the Finance Committee comes as no surprise in the House. Two years ago he wrote the financial sections of the Connor-Doughton-Bowie road bill, and launched a fight in the House to provide for the eventual retirement of every outstanding obligation of the State.

Later in the session he proposed the appointment of a commission to study school finances and recommend to the present session of the General Assembly some permanent policy for financing the schools of the State. As a member of that Commission he took a leading part in the preparation of his recommendations, which are now before the House in the form of a proposed bill.

Like Mr. Connor, Representative Townsend is a lawyer. He is primarily interested in the law, but he has taken an active part in the discussions that have dealt with school legislation. One pending measure repealing the mandamus section of the school law bears his name. His appointment is understood to be entirely acceptable to Superintendent E. C. Brooks. Mr. Townsend will preside over the sitting of the committee tonight when it meets to resume the hearing of Dr. Brooks.—News and Observer.

COL. WATTS ENTERS HOSPITAL

Statesville, Jan. 31.—Colonel A. D. Watts, who resigned as commissary of revenue late yesterday after a warrant had been issued by Raleigh police charging him with a statutory offense, arrived in Statesville yesterday afternoon and is now a patient at a local sanitarium. His physician stated that Colonel Watts is suffering from nervous shock and a physical ailment of long standing.

14,000,000 DOLLARS SPENT FOR CELERY IN 1922

Chicago, Jan. 31.—About 10 cents apiece for celery for every person in the United States, adult and infant, was spent in 1922 at wholesale prices. These wholesale figures for the 1922 celery crop, \$14,000,000, were announced today by the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture.

The report said the popularity of celery has increased steadily of recent years.

The southern celery movement for the next year is increasing this week.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

February 5, 7:30 p. m., Group No. One.

Subject: "Making His praise glorious."

Introduction—Leader.
Scripture Reading—Psalm 145.
Talk: "Jesus praised by the multitudes"—Miss Eva Strickland.
Reading—Miss Jane Williams.
Talk: "Prayer an expression of praise"—Miss Cattie Stewart.
Special music—Miss Myrtle Pope and Miss Jeannette Staring.
Talk: "Personal Testimony in a praise service"—E. P. Wright.
Solo—Marguerite Warren.
Talk: "Giving may have a large place in making his praise glorious"—Perry Godwin.
Reading—Miss Eleanor Kincaid.
Talk: "Place of music in a praise service"—E. L. Denning.
Duet: Mrs. Herbert McKay and E. L. Denning.

Carolina politics with rottenness is an offense more heinous than any individual bestiality. Any man who attempts to make political capital out of this malodorous incident will therefore be made himself guilty of that offense, and upon him should be visited the indignation of every man who believes in preserving a medium of decency, even in politics.

If the people do not promptly express their repudiation of the employment of such methods, they will inevitably be resorted to on every hand, and the slogan of the next campaign in North Carolina will be, "Hold your noses, gentlemen, and prepare to gag."—Greensboro News.