

Drainage Conference Held in Greenville January 20th

Under the Auspices of the
Eastern Carolina Chamber of
Commerce, Enthusiastic
Meeting Every Way

The Drainage Conference which was held at Greenville January 20th under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was a very enthusiastic meeting in every particular, and it is sure to result in a real definite program for drainage for Eastern North Carolina. The meeting was presided over by John W. Holmes, of Farmville, president of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and Secretary N. G. Bartlett acted as secretary of the meeting. In President Holmes' opening remarks, he stressed the importance of this project for Eastern North Carolina and urged those present to lend every possible aid towards putting a program of this kind over in Eastern Carolina.

Hon. Brent S. Drane, director of the geological and economic survey, Raleigh, made a very interesting speech along this line. Mr. Drane urged conservation, but is a very enthusiastic believer in the possibilities of a section wide drainage program for Eastern Carolina. Others that took part in the discussion were Frank Wooten, of Greenville; R. D. Whitehurst, Bethel; T. R. Hodges, Washington; J. E. Winslow, Greenville, and Engineers Rivers, Lupton and Rogers. They were all of the same opinion that this movement is going to mean a great deal for Eastern North Carolina.

A resolution was passed authorizing the president to appoint a committee of nine who will be known as the ways and means committee, to map out a definite program with certain recommendations to be made to a general meeting to be held in Washington, N. C., February 3, at 11 o'clock. The following were appointed on that committee: John W. Holmes, Farmville; J. E. Winslow, Greenville; R. D. Whitehurst, Bethel; J. H. Crawford, Washington; W. A. Hoffman, Jr., Washington; Frank Wooten, Greenville; S. S. Drane, Raleigh; W. W. Griffin, New Bern; J. H. Small, Washington.

The meeting at Washington is expected to be one of the best meetings and most representative meetings held in Eastern North Carolina in a long time. Every person that is interested in the safe development of Eastern North Carolina is invited to come to this meeting, February 3d.

SMALL BLAZE

The fire companies were called out Friday morning about 5:30 to extinguish a blaze in the Farmers' Lunch Room, on Wilson street. Fortunately the fire was discovered in time to prevent serious loss. Origin of fire unknown. There was no insurance.

ROADS MEET VIRGINIA LINE.

Highway Commission Assures
Virginia's Legislative Pro-
mise Will Be Fulfilled

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—Assurance that North Carolina will meet Virginia at the line between the states with two hard surface highways was given yesterday to General J. P. Jervey, city manager of Portsmouth, and General C. C. Vaughan, Jr., of Franklin, Va., members of the state senate and road board advocates at the meeting of the state highway commission yesterday afternoon.

Following the meeting yesterday afternoon the commission dined in a private dining room at the Sir Walter hotel where members of the commission presented Frank Page, state highway commissioner, with a beautiful silver service. The commission went back into session last night at 8 o'clock.

The Virginians came to Raleigh a week ago to see about the roads which were promised by the general assembly in a resolution two years ago but were told that nothing had been or was contemplated with regard to hard surfacing the roads north from Elizabeth City and Murfreesboro. Yesterday the Virginians came here and found their place on the road map. Two roads on the Virginia side of the line are practically completed.

Commissioner A. Hart, of the state highway department, said the two roads he promised to build in Virginia were to be completed by the state highway department. He said the roads would be completed by the state highway department.

Farms Need Planes



Godfrey Cabot, Pres. of The National Aeronautic Association, telling Congress that airplanes should be developed for agricultural uses, pointing to the recent spraying of 66,000 acres of cotton to kill the boll weevil, as to possibilities.

DEFICIT IS NOT ABOVE \$3,000,000

W. N. Everett Makes Clear
His Position in Regard
to State's Finances.

Making clear his position on the state's deficit which has been widely discussed since his utterances in a speech delivered at a Y. M. C. A. meeting at Greenville, W. N. Everett, secretary of the state, yesterday declared that the controversy that has taken place about the condition of the treasury has been based on controversies about policies instead of about facts and repeated his assertion that when A. J. Maxwell made his charge of a deficit of \$5,000,000 that he would not have arrived at the same figure if he had been discussing the condition of a bank with its board of directors.

Mr. Everett declared yesterday that under the "accrual basis" which he still favors, but which other state officials have apparently abandoned he estimates the deficit at about \$3,000,000, and in no event more than \$5,000,000.

He also declared that if a new start is made as of January 1, and a deficit of about \$9,000,000 amortized, which Governor McLean is expected to recommend, that the result will be to charge Governor Morrison's administration with four years' expenses and credit it with revenues for only four years, while Governor McLean's administration will get credit for four years of revenues, with expenses for only three years and a half charged against it.

Mr. Everett made it clear that Governor McLean does not take this view of the situation and that on the contrary, the governor is simply striving to get the state on which he considers a sound financial basis. The practical effect would seem to restore the Maxwell line of reasoning which was thrown into the discard two years ago for the Morrison theory.

Mr. Everett, who made his position on roads known yesterday in a letter to Representative Tim Bowie, who is leading the fight for a \$35,000,000 bond issue, declared that the road bonds are sold not on the state's credit, but on the revenues from roads. He declared that despite alleged hardships 24,750 new cars and approximately 21,000 used cars were sold in North Carolina during the last six months of 1924 and that an increase of a million dollars in the automobile fund for next year is a reasonable expectation.

Heavy Shipments of Gold From Amer.

New York, Jan. 29.—The export of gold from the United States was valued more than \$17,000,000 today by unusually heavy shipments to India and Australia. Today's shipments, constituting the heaviest daily movement since the middle of last year, brought the monthly total exports to approximately \$15,000,000, a figure unapproached since the outbreak of the World War.

Since December last, the United States' commercial stores of gold have been reduced by about \$125,000,000.

NOT TAX FOR- EIGN STOCKS

Revenue Bill As Drawn By
Board of Assessment Falls
Short of Needs

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—No repeal of the taxation of foreign stocks is provided for in the tentative revenue bill now in the hands of the two finance committees of the house and senate. The house committee has two bills before it for repeal of the measure, one by King and the other by Lucas. No action has yet been taken on them.

The tentative bill does not provide for any sales tax, but it does make increases in income, inheritance, franchise and license taxes. The increases in these are expected to net about two and a quarter million dollars additional revenue. This is still more than a million short of the amount estimated as being necessary to provide against further increases of the deficit and to take care of the accumulated deficit.

Copies of the bill are being printed for the information of members of the legislature, but it was stated last night that it was not likely that they would be distributed today.

AT THE ROTARIANS'

WEEKLY MEET

A splendid dinner, a short but interesting business session, an impressive initiation and an amusing contest was the order of the program Tuesday evening at the Rotary club.

During the business session it was decided to arrange a conference between N. S. railroad officials and town officials regarding a new Norfolk-Southern station for Farmville. The club will have these officials as guests at their regular meeting on Tuesday next. Alex Rouse was appointed to serve on the program committee at this time. The district meeting to be held in Richmond, March 26-27 was discussed and a good attendance urged by the president.

The mystical and impressive degrees of initiation were then conferred on Bert Smith, a new member.

The entire club participated in the play, "The Millionaire," written by John Holmes and Irving Morgan. John Holmes' gang knew so little about selling that it seemed a shame for Morgan's hand to take the cap. But win they did, and in the near future they are to be rewarded by sitting back listening to the other fellows tell in hesitating stammering phrases which article they like best in the February "Rotarian," and just why they became attached to that particular article.

STUDENT DEAD; WOMAN SHOT

Man Declared to Have Done
Shooting Because of Her
Refusal to Marry

Clarkburg, W. Va., Jan. 29.—Physicians tonight held out hope for the recovery of Mrs. Georgie Warder, 25, widow, of Bridgeport, W. Va., who was shot and seriously wounded early today by Neems C. Woods, 22, a student in the graduate school of Yale University, who later shot and killed himself, the result, the police declare, of a quarrel over the young student's unrequited love for the widow.

With four bullet wounds in her body the condition of the woman was admitted to be critical, but physicians declared she had rallied somewhat during the day. The body of the student was removed tonight to his home at Phillips, W. Va.

The shooting occurred shortly after the couple had left a taxi cab and entered the home of Mrs. Warder's brother in Bridgeport, where she made her home. When the taxi cab driver and others hearing the pistol shots, ran into the house, they found Woods lying over the woman, and after exclaiming, "Well, if you don't marry me, nobody else can have you," he fell back dead.

Mrs. Warder, after recovering consciousness at a hospital, declared that Woods had threatened to kill her and marry her at once. This she said, she refused to do.

METHODIST CHURCH

B. B. Slaughter, Pastor.

Sunday school at 1 a. m. John T. Thorne, superintendent.
Worship and service at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Love's Supper at 11 a. m.
Bible League at 5:45 p. m.
Mid-week service on account of sickness at meetings at the Presbyterian church.

You are cordially invited.

MINISTERS HOLD UNION SERVICES

Sunday Evening in Honor of
Retiring Pastor, Social
Program of Addresses
and Music Enjoyed

Rev. O. E. Fox, a Christian gentleman, a splendid pastor, a true friend, a fine character for any ministerial board anywhere, an enthusiastic Rotarian, and a earnest laborer in the Master's vineyard, while Mrs. Fox is an efficient leader in church and community work.

This was the substance of the addresses of the ministers of the town, Revs. B. B. Slaughter, N. M. Fleming, J. W. Hayes and R. E. Hill, and the president of the Rotary club, John Holmes, before a capacity congregation at the Methodist church Sunday evening. It was a union service held as a mark of love and esteem for Rev. O. E. Fox, the retiring pastor, who left this week to take charge of the church in Robersonville. In his response Mr. Fox expressed his gratitude at being called so many nice places and turning to the ministers seated back of him, said, in a boyish way, "You are the same things people call me and more." Mr. Fox's remarks were in a humorous vein and brought forth a great deal of laughter when he compared his remarks with those of Mr. Fleming's remarks which compared him, a fox, to a squirrel, and the call of the wild, reminding him that though Farmville had passed streets now it was once so "wild and woody" that chickens had been known to get stuck in the mud while attempting to cross them.

A number of beautiful musical selections were rendered by a choir made up of the voices of the different churches of the city. There was stirring congregational singing. Mr. Fox has made a valuable record as pastor here and his departure is sorely missed by the church and the community.

After the service Mr. Fox expressed his appreciation of the hospitality of the Farmville people during his stay here. He said he had enjoyed his stay here very much and that he had made many friends here. He said he had enjoyed his stay here very much and that he had made many friends here.

E. C. MEMBERS FAVOR BONDS

Provided However, That Re-
venue from Automobile and
Gasoline Taxes Pays the
Bill Statement Says

Following up its plan of getting the sentiment of the members of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce on public questions before endorsing them, a recent referendum was sent to the members on the proposed \$35,000,000 bond issue for more roads in the state. Secretary Bartlett states the vote is now in and a consolidation showed an overwhelming sentiment for this issue, based on the condition that the revenue from motor vehicles and the gasoline tax furnish sufficient revenue to pay the interest and provide a sinking fund to take care of the bonds. None of the members wanted to add any further taxes to real estate or personal property.

Acting upon this report, President John W. Holmes authorized the public endorsement of the bill \$35,000,000 with the above conditions met. It is the opinion of the officials of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce that the additional \$35,000,000 will be easily returned by the revenue obtained from the special taxes on the automobile owner who uses the roads. "The pendulum must not swing too far back in the opposite direction" is the way they put it. "No state, so far as we have been able to ascertain, has ever repaid its building an adequate highway system," President Holmes said. "It is a fact that California has more hard surfaced roads than any other state in the Union, and within five years, she has carried 400,000 people into her borders as permanent citizens and the splendid highway system is one of the chief attractions."

Every student knows that the telephone is the Father of Lies and if you are not told over the wire that you are not to be there, you are not to be there. The same is true of the highway system. The highway system is the Father of Lies and if you are not told over the wire that you are not to be there, you are not to be there.

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HEIRS MEET; HEAR REPORTS

Cheered By News of Proceed-
ings Started in New York
Federal Courts

Greensboro, Jan. 29.—A meeting of the Edwards heirs was held in the court house here tonight with Walter Thomas of this city, agent for Guilford and Rockingham county heirs, reporting on progress of the establishment of claims to a fabulously rich estate in New York. He told of the proceedings started in the federal courts in New York to get possession of property held by Trinity church and which is valued at more than ten million dollars.

The heirs seemed cheered. In addition to those in Guilford and Rockingham counties claiming part of the estate there were claimants from surrounding counties. These people claim to be collateral heirs of one Captain Robert Edwards, of colonial days who was granted a piece of realty in which is now New York, and who, "heirs" say, never said it, but leased it.

NEW HEALTH CAMPAIGN BY MODERN WOODMEN

General health of members will receive more attention by Modern Woodmen of America in future. For fifteen years the society has conducted a notably successful tuberculosis sanatorium near Colorado Springs in which 7000 from its ranks have received free treatment. A great deal of literature has been circulated, extending the educational benefits of the institution to all members, and the public as well.

Fifteen years ago tuberculosis stood first as a cause of mortality among members. Now it stands fifth. To meet this situation the executive council has just authorized another educational campaign. Literature dealing with other fatal diseases will be prepared by the general medical staff of the society, and a health department will be maintained in the official magazine, which will contain articles on health and hygiene.

Modern Woodmen of America is an object will be to encourage correct habits of living with some attention to early symptoms and the simpler forms of treatment.

At the same time a new booklet on tuberculosis, written by the expert medical staff of the sanatorium, is being printed. This will be placed in the hands of each of the 65,000 local camp physicians in each of the 14,000 camps, and in all public libraries in the country.

COST SOUTH SEV. MILLION

Head Cotton Exchange Tele-
graph Senators, Cotton Con-
sumption Report Caused the
Lower Priced Cotton.

New Orleans, Jan. 21.—Frank H. Haynes, president of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, today telegraphed Senators Ransdell, of Louisiana, and Smith of South Carolina, charging that the United States Census Bureau through its erroneous and inaccurate report of the world's cotton consumption for the year ending July 31, 1924, had cost the south millions of dollars.

Mr. Haynes said in his telegram that in its report of November 14, the census bureau had placed the world consumption at 19,400,000 bales and repeated these estimates in its December statement. On January 15, the bureau made a plus correction of 182,000 bales in the consumption estimate increasing the total to 19,582,000 bales without warning or explanation as to the discrepancy from the November and December estimates.

If it had been known in November that the consumption was 19,582,000 bales more than that previously stated, the southern farmers probably would have received at least a cent a pound more for their cotton during the ginning season.

WEEK OF MISSION STUDY

An intensive study of foreign missions has been made by members of the Presbyterian Auxiliary who have met every afternoon this week at the home of Mrs. J. M. Hobgood for this purpose. A fifteen minutes devotion at period opens the meeting after which the leader for the afternoon discusses the subject of the week, "Ming Kiang." The women have been well attended in spite of the rain, snow and mud and much interest and enthusiasm have been manifested.

The mission study is a part of the year's program.

Financial Statistics of the State of North Carolina

Warren of Michigan
New Attorney-General



Charles Beecher Warren, of Michigan, former U. S. Ambassador to Japan, who has been named as attorney-general. He is a resident of Coolidge to succeed in P. Stone, who now becomes Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

STOP LAW REPEAL GETS BLACK EYE

House Roads Committee After
Extended Hearing Votes
Against It

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The Pittman bill to repeal the railroad stop law was reported unfavorably by the house roads committee today.

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East Carolina Teachers College

Greenville, Jan. 26.—President R. H. Wright of East Carolina Teachers College has been selected as one of the speakers for the Panboly Semiconcentric program to be held at George Eubody College for Teachers February 15-20.

The program is arranged to honor the memory of George Eubody, due to whose initiative the college was founded, and whose speakers are the highly distinguished Dr. E. D. Howard, Dr. Claxton, Bishop Mikal and Justice Sanford.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Justice Edward T. Sanford of the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington, D. C., and the response for the Southern Teachers colleges will be made by President Wright.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the ladies of the M. E. church who so kindly remembered us with good Village Society. Also the ladies of the Magazine club for their check.

We assure you that these contributions are highly appreciated.

MR. and MRS. TAYLOR GARR.

The Department of Commerce
Announces the Total Pay-
ments for Fiscal Year
Are \$43,356,817

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The department of commerce announces that the total payments for expenses, interest and outlays for the state government of North Carolina for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, amounted to \$43,356,817, or \$16.16 per capita. Of this total, \$13,687,769 represents the expenses of operating the general departments of the state government; \$20,449, expenses of operating the public service enterprises; \$1,858,547, interest on debt; and \$27,735,082, outlays for permanent improvements, the largest item of which was \$24,388,470, expended by the state highway commission. In 1922 the total payments for the state were \$25,864,112, and in 1917, \$5,407,381, a per capita of \$8.58 and \$2.19, respectively. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

Revenues

The total revenue receipts of North Carolina for 1923 were \$22,113,407, or \$8.24 per capita. This was \$6,541,62 more than the total payments of the year exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, but \$21,245,860 less than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. These payments in excess of revenue receipts were met from the proceeds of debt obligations.

In North Carolina property and special taxes represented 23.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 41.6 per cent for 1922, and 50.2 per cent for 1917. The increase in the amount of property and special taxes collected was 84.7 per cent from 1917 to 1923, but there was a decrease of 6.0 per cent from 1922 to 1923. The per capita property and special taxes were \$1.24 in 1923, \$2.07 in 1922, and \$1.20 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments or compensation for services rendered by state officials represented 11.5 per cent of the total revenue for 1923, 12.5 per cent for 1922, and 12.4 per cent for 1917. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, and sales tax on gasoline, while those from nonbusiness licenses comprise taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting privileges.

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of North Carolina for 1923, amounted to \$54,093,700, or \$20.16 per capita. The per capita net debt for 1922 was \$10.47, and for 1917 \$3.35. Assessed valuations and tax levies. There was no levy of the general property tax for the state purposes.

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MUSIC HEARD IN AUSTRALIA

Sending Orchestral Music 11,-
000 Miles Believed An
Unprecedented Feat

New York, Jan. 29.—Australians in the remote bush danced after dinner last night to radio music that came to them from Pittsburgh, a distance of about 15,000 miles.

A cable dispatch from Melbourne today announced the success of what officials of the Washington Electric company consider the greatest distance sending feat in the history of radio. Orchestral music placed at the company's Pittsburgh station, KDKA, was picked up at Perth, Western Australia. Perth, by air line, is more than 2,500 miles farther west than other Australian cities which picked up the human voice from KDKA last Tuesday.

"Bakersfield and Daningo, inland towns at Victoria got the strains of the orchestra and relayed it to stations in the bush. Hobart, Tasmania, also heard the music and relayed it throughout the island."

The company broadcast the entire program on a 63 meter wave length, said to be the shortest ever used for long distance broadcasting.

FREEMAN CHURCH

N. N. Fleming, Pastor.

Sabbath school 9:45 a. m.
Prayer service 11 a. m.
Evening service 7:00
Beginning Monday, February 2, and continuing through February 15, there will be evangelistic services in our church 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. Daniel Aronson of Tabor, will preach.

The mission study is a part of the year's program.