

Shelby's Action On Sale Of Light Plant To S. P. U. Is Being Watched

Lexington People Interested In Disposal of Municipal Plant.

(Lexington Dispatch.) Despite all the carefully built up sentiment against public ownership, citizens of North Carolina towns and cities that still own their municipal lighting systems are inclined to go very slow about parting with them. Some very tempting offers have been made. Some have accepted but others have rejected, while one or more such offers are now pending.

Shelby just now holds the spotlight for that city has under consideration an offer of \$1,100,000 for its light and power system. Shelby, like Lexington, does not generate its own power but buys in bulk from the Duke Power company and distributes within the city. The electrical equipment there was purchased by the city from private owners 18 years ago for only \$18,000, a sum that at the time did not seem to be very small. Now the net annual income to the city is something like three times as much as the original cost. The amount offered by the Duke interests is enough, it is said, to retire all the bonded indebtedness of the city. Surely that sounds attractive.

But there is evidently another side to it. The city council there has been slow in submitting the proposal to the people, and newspaper reports are that a majority of popular sentiment seems to be against making the sale. The Cleveland Star on Monday threw the

weight of its influence against the sale proposal. The city would have to expend an amount equal to 22 cents on the \$100 tax levy on its property assessment to buy power to light its street and pump its water. In the meantime, the paper holds, the value of the light plant will keep on increasing if the city holds it, and the increased income, judging by the past, will do much toward paying off the bonded indebtedness.

This situation is reviewed briefly because Lexington is interested in the same matter. We have not yet had an offer to sell, but one may be made at any time. Our city has a heavy debt and taxpayers would welcome a lightening of the burden. Our light plant though is an asset whose value is generally recognized, and it is not unreasonable to assume that in ten years from now it will be much more valuable to the city than it now is. Ten years from now the debt of Lexington should be much less than it now is, for if we judge the temper of the people aught they are not going to sanction any material increase in the public debt.

There are several other cities in this section that have the same valuable asset, and it is not surprising that there is keen interest among their officials in the talk about a big power development at the Horse shoe Neck, built by private capital primarily to furnish current for these city power systems. We have no inside knowledge as to the actual likelihood of such a development but it is easy enough to see that if the cities could secure a cheaper wholesale rate they could either increase their net earnings and thus reduce taxes, or could reduce rates to light users, which would also be a tax reduction. And such a development might assure the independence of the cities against the encroachment of private interests.

Believe This Or Not—It Happened

Charlotte.—Walter F. Stanley was gassed a month before the World War ended. Moved to a hospital in England, they took away his uniform and gave him denim. He came home and resumed peace-time pursuits. Needed a uniform for a parade, he went to a salvage store here and asked for a pair of D. D. pants—the only thing he lacked. The pair on top of the pile looked like they might fit him. They did. Inside were his name and serial number. The pants he lost in the hospital had come home.

WINSTON WOMAN PRAISES RUSSIA

Mrs. Lindsay Patterson Says Soviet Is Worlds Only Real Democracy.

New York, Feb. 4.—After traveling 2,000 miles through Russia by rail, boat and automobiles Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem, N. C., writer and lecturer, said today she was convinced it is the only democracy in the world.

She described it as a nation of kindly, satisfied people and the safest country in the world for a woman traveling alone, as she returned from a six-month tour on the French liner LaFayette. She said the soviet cotton fields and mills have been developed to the point where they can offer serious challenge to other cotton producing sections of the world. "As far as I can see," she continued, "Russia is the only real democracy in the world. It is a despotic democracy, which supervises the people as they never have been supervised before but it is all done for their own benefit."

She said the five-year plan is going through and that America has helped much in accomplishing it. "One sees American experts everywhere," she added. She said easy divorce was not making for immorality in Russia and characterized the typical Russian as one who if he had two loaves of bread gladly would give one to any one who needed it. It is safer for an unaccompanied woman, she said, to be on the streets at night in Russia than it would be in Paris, New York or London.

Report Harpers Are Reconciled After Troubles

Defendants In Murder Case Said To Be Together At Home Near High Point.

Greensboro.—Terry H. Harper, traveling salesman, who was acquitted by a jury in superior court here of the murder of Charles O. Holton and who collapsed in the court room immediately after return of the verdict, returned to his home near High Point Wednesday afternoon. He had been a patient in a Greensboro hospital. He is now with his wife, according to information received here.

Mrs. Harper was the beneficiary of an order of Judge John Oglesby of Concord in superior court here, dismissing the charge of murder of Holton which had been lodged against her. She returned to the Harper residence following acquittal of her husband. Available information here is to the effect that the Harpers have effected a reconciliation. In the trial evidence was presented to show that the last request of Holton was that he be permitted to see Mrs. Harper, for whom he professed affection. Evidence designed to show intimacy between Mrs. Harper and Holton was introduced in court. However, it has been reported that Mr. and Mrs. Harper have resolved to forget past difficulties and work out their future together.

KINGS MOUNTAIN SOCIAL Special To The Star

Mrs. M. Elmer Herndon was the charming hostess to the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wednesday afternoon at her home on Mountain street. The rooms were decorated with a profusion of yellow jonquils and red cactus. The program was in charge of Mrs. W. K. Mauney, the subject being George Washington. Mrs. Mauney gave the introduction to the program after which The Star Spangled Banner was sung by everyone present. "The Lo-able George Washington," a reading, was given by Mrs. D. C. Mauney, and Mrs. E. W. Griffin. "The Religious Life of George Washington" was read by Mrs. O. B. Carpenter. Mrs. H. T. Fulton gave the final reading which was entitled "Lincoln's Tribute to Washington."

Delicious refreshments in the form of Log Cabin salad, cherry tree salad, cherry pie and coffee were enjoyed. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. T. L. Justice, Mrs. P. D. Herndon, Mrs. C. E. Carpenter and Mrs. Harold Crawford.

Chinese War Chief



Upholstered as a protection against the intense Manchurian cold, Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang, standard-bearer of the Koumintang, Chinese Nationalist Party, is shown as he left the Tientsin station on his way to Nanking, the capital of the Chinese Republic. While the seat of government has been removed from Nanking, troops of the Chinese army keep pouring into the city to defend it should the Japanese attempt an occupational move.

Holmes Successor?



A recent photo of Judge Otis L. Phillips, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, judge of the Tenth United States Circuit Court, who, according to political observers, is one of those mentioned as a possible successor to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes on the Supreme Court bench. Judge Holmes recently retired through age and failing health.

The Shorter Crop

(From The Stanley News and Press.) The Stanley county cotton will be approximately 1,000 bales short as compared with last year. Unless prices show a tendency to advance before planting time, it is very likely that the next crop will be considerably smaller. Farmers in the county are inclined to make cotton a side crop when it is hard to sell at a profit.

EXECUTORS NOTICE

Having this day qualified as executors of the estate of the late J. M. Wilson of Cleveland county, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present same to us properly proven on or before the 25th day of January, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery therefor. All persons owing the said estate will please make immediate settlement to the undersigned. This Jan. 25th, 1932. CLARENCE and W. GRADY WILSON, Executors of Estate of J. M. Wilson. 61 Feb 12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Default having been made in payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain deed of trust to the undersigned as trustee for First National Bank of Shelby, N. C., by L. M. Hull, and by virtue of the power of sale vested in me by said deed of trust, and at the request of the trustee, and for the purpose of discharging the debt secured by said deed of trust, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the court house door, in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock, noon, or within legal hours on Saturday, the 20th day of February, A. D. 1932, the following described land, to wit: All that certain lot of land lying and being in No. 6 township, Cleveland county, North Carolina, and situated in the southeast corner of the town of Shelby, and on the east side of South Washington street and bounded on the east by Washington street, on the north by a vacant lot of the parties of the first part on the west by the resident lot of R. E. Carpenter and Dr. T. G. Hamrick, bounded on the south by the resident lot of Dr. Tom Gold, the same being the resident lot of the parties of the first part as described by mates and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stake in the west edge of South Washington street, the same being the northeast corner of the resident lot of Dr. Tom Gold, and running thence with the west edge of said Washington street north ninety-five feet to a stake in the line of the resident lot of Dr. T. G. Hamrick; thence with the lines of the resident lots of Dr. T. G. Hamrick and R. E. Carpenter south ninety-five feet to a stake, the same being the northwest corner of the resident lot of Dr. Tom Gold; thence with the line of Dr. Tom Gold's resident lot east one hundred and seventy-four feet to the beginning, together with the residence and other buildings of the parties of the first part; that lot which was conveyed to the said L. M. Hull by Fred S. Davis and wife, Mary F. Davis, by deed dated April 15, 1907, and recorded by the office of the register of deeds of Cleveland county in book 18 of deeds, page 19, together with a small lot or strip of land conveyed to the said L. M. Hull by W. T. Furvia. This January 15, 1932. O. M. MULL, 41 Jan 16

N. C. Woman Thinks Russia Has Only Present Democracy

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Tin Can Tourists Name Royal Chief

Sarasota, Fla.—J. E. Martindale, a retired Columbus, O., real estate dealer, this week was nominated royal chief of the Tin Can tourists of the world, an organization of some 850,000 automobile tourists in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Nomination constitutes election.

Money In Divie.

(From The Mocksville Record.) The editor attended a sale of personal property near Redland last week. He found that to every section of the county where everybody seemed to have plenty of money. About all we saw were \$5, \$10 and \$50 bills. The sale was a big success. Everything brought high prices and about \$400 was realized. Davie county is in excellent shape, compared with many sections of the country. Business is getting better since we have quit yelling hard times.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of Hugh A. Logan, deceased, late of Cleveland county, N. C., notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to me properly proven for payment on or before January 8th, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This January 8th, 1932. LOUIA H. LOGAN, Administratrix of the Estate of Hugh A. Logan, deceased. Ryburn & Hoey, Attys. 81 Jan 16

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Notice is hereby given that I have this day qualified as administratrix of the estate of D. E. Honeycutt, late of Cleveland county, N. C., and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment to the undersigned. All persons having claims against said estate will present them to me properly proven for payment on or before January 14th, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This January 14th, 1932. MARY E. HONEYCUTT, Administratrix of the Estate of D. E. Honeycutt, deceased. Ryburn & Hoey, Attys. 81 Jan 16

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Kings Mtn. Highs Lose Two Games

Kings Mountain, Feb. 4.—The Kings Mountain High school basketball teams both boys and girls lost to the Rutherfordton highs at the central school gymnasium here Tuesday night.

The girls game was interesting and hard fought and the outcome was uncertain until the last minute of play. The score was 24 to 23. Waldrop for the visitors and Oates for the locals starred at the forward positions with 12 points each.

The Kings Mountain boys lost their tenth straight game, of the season by the lost-sided score of 35 to 11. McDonald for Rutherfordton was the individual star of the boys game.

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"Come On, Let's Go Home" (By William T. Ellis.)

There is a rather magnificent house, upon the Bristol Pike, in northeastern Philadelphia, which preaches a wholesome sermon to me whenever I see it.

More than a generation ago there was a successful contractor, deep in Philadelphia politics, named Michael O'Rourke, whose ascent from the pick-and-shovel brigade had been rapid. He built city works and he built sumptuous homes for his politician friends; but all the while he continued to live in the simple style of an Irish immigrant.

Then he had a grand idea. He would build a mansion for Bridget and tell her not a word about it until all was finished.

That exciting day came at last; and he took his wife out to see the new house. She thought it was but one of his many contracting jobs, of which she was always proud.

Without betraying the secret, O'Rourke took her through all the splendors of the new house. Then, as they finished, he said, with native instinct for the dramatic: "Bridget, it is for you. I built it as our new home."

Bridget said nothing. She looked around again at the unfamiliar magnificence, lingering a bit over the wonderful kitchen, with its comfort and labor-saving devices. Then she turned to her husband and said:

"Come on, Mike; let's go home." Never again did Bridget enter the big house. It stood idle for a long time, a white elephant on the owner's hands. Finally, he gave it to the church, as a residence for priests; and such it now is.

Ever since I first heard the story, Bridget O'Rourke has been one of my admirations. She had the sound sense to refuse to take on a manner of life for which she was not fitted, and which would have meant only care and misery for her. She was not one of the foolish women who surrender simplicity and happiness for the sake of "putting on airs."

Many rich men are moving out of their places these days. Is it too much to hope that some of them are wedded to Bridget's who do not need the trappings of wealth for the making of a simple, happy home where love reigns?

License Tags Cost Less Than In 1931

Raleigh.—The average price paid for 1932 license plates by owners of motor vehicles in North Carolina was \$15.09 during January, or 35 cents below the average for the same month in 1931. The 1931 general assembly changed the method of licensing automobiles and trucks from horsepower to weight as the price basis. There were 271,340 pairs of plates sold at the average of \$15.09 per pair up to the end of January and last year there had been 295,115 sold at an average of \$15.44 for the period.

Japan's Trade In Shanghai Lowest Of Large Nations

Although Almost At Doorstep Of Chinese City, Nippon Country Lower Than U. S.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Dollars and cents reasons back of Japan's exports of Shanghai and the grave concern of other nations are shown in the international trade figures for that port.

Great Britain, with 9,331 nationals in the port, in 1930 sold goods in Shanghai to a value of \$83,000,000. From this gateway to China's principal trade artery, the Yangtze river, she drew 21,000,000. Both figures include the trade of British India.

The United States, with 3,614 citizens there, exported to the city port \$79,000,000 worth and received imports totalling \$32,000,000.

By contrast Japan, almost at Shanghai's doorstep and with 35,650 subjects in Shanghai sold there only \$59,000,000 and purchased \$19,000,000 of goods. To a greater or less degree a Chinese economic boycott of Japanese goods has been in effect since 1928, and dates back for its origins to the famous 21 demands made on China. The boycott has resulted in Chinese merchants purchasing from British and other countries the cotton goods and silks they formerly obtained from Japan.

State department officials say this boycott was a potent factor in the beginning of trouble in Manchuria, as well as its subsequent extension to Shanghai.

Even Germany, with comparatively few citizens there did a \$20,000,000 export business to Shanghai in 1930, drawing \$4,000,000 worth of Chinese goods. France's exports were \$7,000,000 and imports \$16,000,000. Italy sold \$8,000,000 worth and purchased \$9,000,000 of goods. The Dutch East Indies were a substantial factor with \$17,000,000 of export trade and \$2,000,000 of imports. Belgium exported \$8,000,000 worth, imported \$1,000,000 worth. Canada's figures were \$5,000,000 exports, \$500,000 imports.

Charlotte Man Strangles Himself

Charlotte, Feb. 4.—Thomas M. Shelton, for more than 40 years an active figure in the business life of Charlotte, killed himself here yesterday. He was 63 year old. He had been in ill health for more than a year and while alone in his bed room this morning he strangled himself with a sheet.

Prison Population Hits Highest Peak

Raleigh.—Though state's prison received 80 fewer prisoners in January this year than in the same month last year, the total state convict population increased to 2,891 on January 31, the highest peak recorded.

J. K. Powell, prison statistician, said that January admissions this year were only 106, compared to 186 in the same month last year. Discharges, deaths and escapes, however, aggregated only 101, an increase in population of five for the month.

Sunken Submarine Located In Channel

London, Feb. 4.—The admiralty announced tonight that the British submarine M-2, missing since it dived a week ago yesterday with 61 men aboard, had been located at the bottom of the English channel nearly six miles off Portland Hill. The vessel, virtually given up as lost after a desperate search for days failed to show a trace of it, was located by the destroyed Torrid with powerful apparatus which detected tell-tale sounds.

Ten Year Plan Body Is Meeting Today

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Two committees of the North Carolina 10-year corporation will meet today in Charlotte. They are the correlating committee of project A, which is concerned with attracting additional tourists and permanent residents to the state, and the committee on industrial and agricultural research. F. Roger Miller, of Asheville, is chairman of the correlating committee and Dean H. G. Baitly, of the school of engineering of the University of North Carolina is chairman of the other committee.

A Sam Jones Story.

(From The Monroe Journal.) Sam was out west when the silver rage was going in the 90s and when the hard times were beginning to loosen up. He tells of meeting a wild-eyed silver man. I said, "Prosperity has come again. The clearing house receipts, the railroad earnings, the marts of trade, and the wheels of commerce roll higher than at any time in the history of America. Prosperity has come again." A good old silver loon in the audience stood up and said, "I ain't hit me yet," and I said, "Neighbor, it's mighty hard to hit nothing."