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WEATHER
Fair tonight, Saturday unsettled, probably rain.

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SENATE FIGHTS TICKS AND HOUSE REMOVES FENCES

Upper Body Passes State Measure to Oust Cattle Pests and Lower Body Places Twenty-Two Eastern Counties Under Stock Law—Much Debate in House

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The senate today passed on its third reading a statewide tick eradication bill, while the house at the same time was voting favorably on the Martin measure placing 22 eastern North Carolina counties under stock law. Votes in the house on the stock law were not taken until 1:40 o'clock and after many amendments were voted down.

HOUSE IS BEHIND ON ITS LOCAL MEASURES

(BY MAX ABERNETHY)
Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Legislators of the lower house of the general assembly having passed the good roads bill are now turning their attention to matters of taxation and appropriations.

This work will be handled largely by the committees which are already holding night sessions in order to complete their work in time to submit a report to the legislating body within the sixty-day limit. The matter of appropriations for the state's educational and charitable institutions is second in importance only to the road legislation and it is likely that much of the time left of the session will be given over to providing adequate funds for North Carolina's charges.

Recommendations of the state tax commission and governor are being considered by the finance committee in mapping out the tax legislation. There will be some reduction in the valuations of property but it does not appear that this figure will be Gov. Ruff Doughton's authority for the statement, however, that the committee will recommend that the 1919 valuations be lowered.

Having spent virtually all week of the Daughen-Coffey-Bowie road bill the house today finds itself behind with its local calendar and faster work or night sessions will be required to get back to normalcy. There are two bills the house must consider within the next week. The first is stock law for Eastern North Carolina and statewide tick eradication.

Both of these measures will be thrashed out on the floor in general debate, the senate having deferred action on stock law and passed the tick eradication bill. The house first defeated the latter measure but moved to reconsider.

DASTARDLY CRIME SAYS GRAND JURY

By the Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 18.—The Wall street explosion last September, which took a toll of 39 lives and injured nearly 200, was a "dastardly crime, intentionally committed," in the opinion of the grand jury which investigated the explosion.

SAID CHIEF TOLD OF KILLING 3 IN FIGHT

By the Associated Press.
Williamson, W. Va., Feb. 18.—Sid Hatfield, Mattewan chief of police, told Harry Staton, a former justice of the peace, that he had killed three of the Baldwin-Felts men in the pistol and rifle fight on May 9. Mr. Staton testified to this at the trial here today of 19 defendants.

RAYMOND EVANS TO BE GIVEN CHANCE

By the Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 18.—The New York Nationals announced today the addition to the squad of C. Raymond Evans, a right hand pitcher from Elizabeth City, N. C.

CARUSO BETTER, ATTENDANTS REPORT

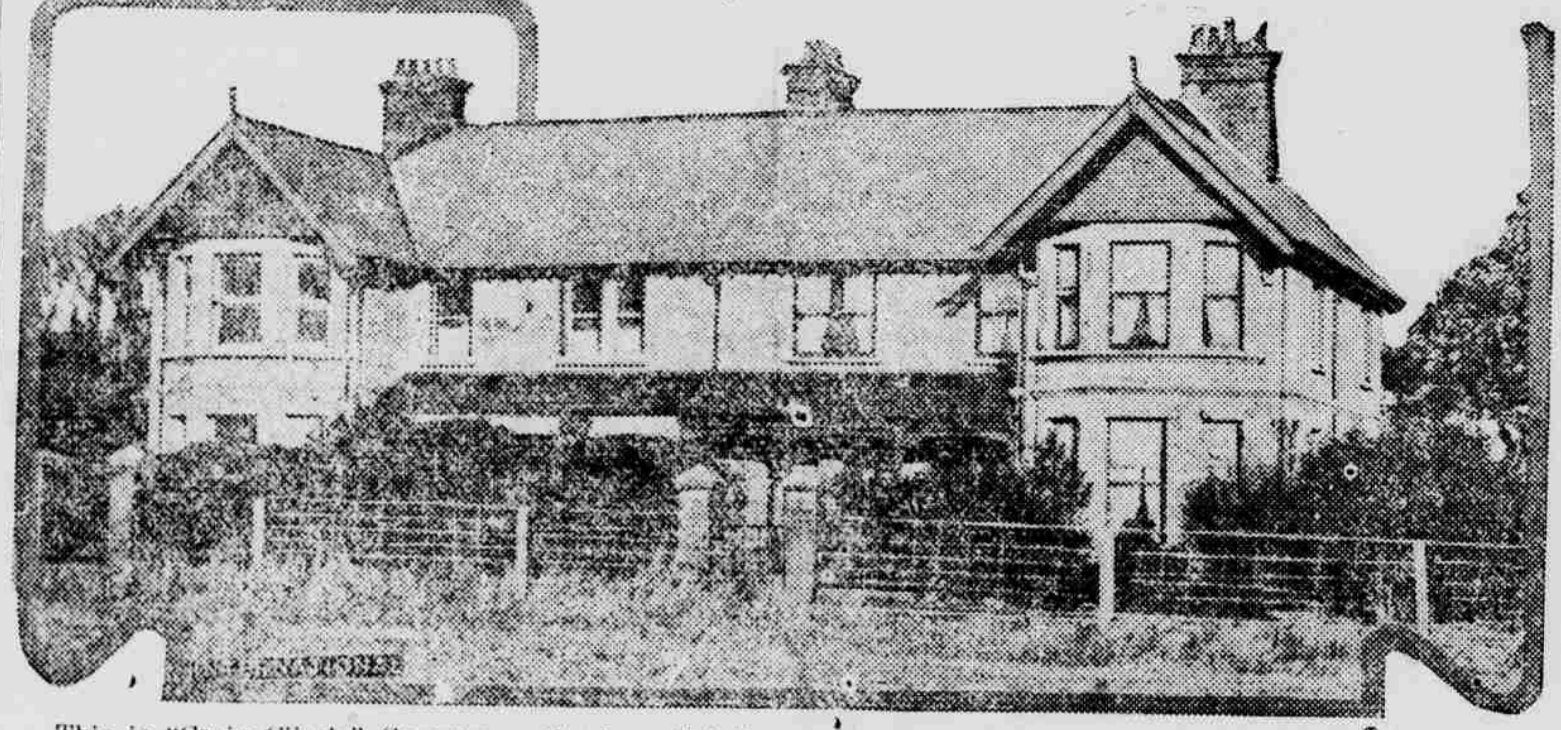
By the Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 18.—Enrico Caruso passed a good night and is distinctly improved today, said a bulletin issued by his physicians at noon today.

COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Feb. 18.—The cotton market was nervous and irregular during today's early trading. Liverpool was hardly up to expectations, the reported closing of a Boston trust company was unsettling and there was a poorer tone on the stock market. There was an opening decline of two to 16 points.	
Open	Close
March	13.25
April	13.10
May	13.02
July	14.18
October	14.55
December	14.81

Home of "President of the Irish Republic"



This is "Craig Cluth," Greystones, the beautiful Wicklow home of Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic."

WOMEN AT ODDS OVER DISARMAMENT

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 18.—A fight developed at the national women's party today over a proposal to place the organization to work for world disarmament. The matter came up on a report of the minority.

HARDING-HUGHES TALK FOREIGN POLICIES

By the Associated Press.
St. Augustine, Feb. 18.—Special steps in inaugurating the foreign policy of the new administration will be passed in final review late today at a conference between President-elect Harding and Oscar L. Hughes, who will probably be his secretary of state.

TURNER WILL HANG FOR KILLING MAN

By the Associated Press.
Richmond, Va., Feb. 18.—William Turner, negro, must hang for the murder of T. Morgan Moore, torpedo expert at Alexandria, Va., last May, according to the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals here today and which sustains the lower court.

SEEK INJUNCTION AGAINST INCREASES

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 18.—Attorney General Wolf and former Assistant Attorney General Lumpkin will go to Charleston tonight to seek an injunction before Judge Smith of the federal court to secure an injunction against putting into effect the new state passenger fare of 3.6 cents a mile.

PEARSON ABANDONS PROJECTED FLIGHT

El Paso, Feb. 18.—Lieut. Pearson, army aviator who was lost six days in the barren border lands of the international boundary, announced today that his transcontinental flight from Florida to California had been cancelled by orders from his commanding officer.

RELEASE YOUTHS IN SUPERIOR COURT

Dan Sipe and Vernon Lafone, two Hickory boys who were held at Morganton as a result of a conversation in the Burke county jail with Dock Hefner, returned to Hickory this afternoon after going before the grand jury today and being dismissed. They were accompanied home by their parents, Mr. C. S. Sipe and W. L. Lafone.

The grand jury did not believe what Dock Hefner said and concluded that it was a plot to mix up the two boys in an effort to lift the burden from Carroll Eckard, who is held with Dock and Cecil Hefner for carrying Lippard's body on the night of the murder.

CHILEAN CONSUL AT NORFOLK IN BAD

By the Associated Press.
Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—Misdemeanor warrants have been issued here for the arrest of John Raymond Estobar, Chilean consul here, as the result of a party held in the consulate. Police stationed in an adjoining window observed the conduct of women and arrested them later. Estobar, claiming immunity, was not arrested.

ALLEN APOLOGIZED ON OWN INITIATIVE

By the Associated Press.
Paris, Feb. 18.—Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen's apology to Germany regarding the attempt by two alleged agents of the United States department of justice to arrest Grover C. Bergdoll, draft evader, at Eberach, in January was made upon the general's own initiative, and was not ordered by Washington, says a Cologne dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

General Allen is commander of the American troops in the Coblenz occupation area.

FORMAL COMPLAINT LODGED BY SENATOR

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 18.—Formal complaint against Federal Judge Landis of Chicago was made in a letter sent to the department of justice today by Senator Dial, Democrat of South Carolina.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE LIKE UNITED STATES

By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 18.—The Wilcox special agent today with reference to the Russian people, who are not yet fully organized, but are beginning to show signs of a new spirit, and will result in a new era of freedom and independence.

TOM DIXON AGAINST PICTURE CENSORING

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Tom Dixon, introduced as the man who had done big things in placing North Carolina on the map, stamped the committee on education which he appeared before to protest against the passage of a bill providing for censorship of moving pictures.

The galleries were packed at the committee hearing which began at 3:30 yesterday afternoon and the spectators saw the Tom Dixon in action. If he did not convince the committee that censorship of moving pictures was more evil than the pictures it was not because he didn't have close attention.

Telling the committee he opposed the bill as a citizen of North Carolina, Mr. Dixon decried the tendency of the time to "blue-pencil" everything that was done. Censorship is not a step forward but backward, he told the committee and then proved it. No group of men should be given the right to say what the free-born citizens of North Carolina should think—and motion pictures were represented as being only one way of putting "thought" into action.

GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN IS INAUGURATED HERE

Mass Meeting at Newton Saturday Afternoon, March 5, to Agree on Proposition for \$500,000 Bond Issue—Sentiment Strong for Improvement

Plans for giving Catawba county a system of sand-clay roads were discussed informally at the Chamber of Commerce last night by representative citizens from Hickory, Newton and the county and a committee was named at a meeting to be held in Newton Saturday afternoon, February 26, at 1:30 o'clock. The county board of commissioners will be asked at the first meeting in March to call an election for a bond issue of \$500,000. The meeting here, while not largely attended, was representative and enthusiasm marked every move.

Mr. W. C. Feimster of Newton presided over the meeting and Mr. S. H. Farabee acted as secretary. Mr. Enloe M. Yoder called the meeting to order and stated the objects of the gathering and Mr. Feimster was selected as chairman. The committee named to work out details consists of Mr. Geo. R. Wooten, chairman, Mr. J. Y. Killian and Mr. R. L. Shuford.

There was one question about the size of the bond issue, Messrs. C. W. Bagby and A. L. Berry favoring a million dollars, but the sense of the meeting was for a smaller issue and a motion to make it \$500,000 by Mr. Yoder was carried unanimously.

For Whole County
Mr. R. L. Shuford stated clearly that it was a business proposition should be simple, that the money needed and would do the most good and that the voters should be given a clear idea where the roads should be built. He said a few words in favor of the sand-clay roads, declaring that Brookford road, over which he drove in coming to the meeting, was in good shape with the exception of about three miles and that the roads built in Hickory and Newton townships several years ago still had much service in them. The trouble has been neglected. That is the big question in anything—keeping roads or buildings in repair. Mr. Shuford suggested that the \$100,000 bonds issued by Hickory and Newton townships be absorbed in a county issue.

The motion to issue the \$500,000 bond money among the several townships was discussed. Mr. J. W. Shuford favored the issue of \$100,000 for each of the four townships and Mr. J. A. Moretz, chairman of the Hickory township road commission, opposing the plan. The motion to issue the \$500,000 bonds among the four townships was carried by a vote of 10 to 2.

Maintenance Roads
Mr. R. L. Shuford thought that if \$200,000 was not enough it would be no trouble to get the balance of the money from the state. He proposed that the farmers and others who are interested in the roads should be given a chance to say what they would like to see done. He suggested that the roads should be built and maintained by the county and that the state should pay for the maintenance.

For Road Man
The proposition is to have a first class road man in charge of the building of the roads and maintaining them after they are built. On suggestion of Mr. E. L. Shuford, one county commissioner will be asked to appoint as members of the county road commission the men designated by the several townships.

Mr. W. J. Shuford urged the issuance of serial bonds and it was agreed that the first bond should be retired in five years and the whole issue should be retired in 30 years.

The Main Thing
Chairman Feimster then stressed the importance of road upkeep and declared it a tragedy that the highways are not looked after better. He thought this was the main question and agreed with Mr. R. L. Shuford that the more traveled roads would demand more funds. A splendid road in Jacobs Fork would be worth little if it ended there, and the taxpayers would be quick to see the sense in a plan for general improvement.

Mr. J. Y. Killian said that the commissioners have the power to appoint a county manager to look after roads, bridges and public buildings and there need be little trouble in securing efficient service. Both he and Mr. Feimster and other speakers urged the importance of keeping politics at a safe distance and leaders in both parties will see to it that partisan matters are not injected.

Endorse Bond Issue
Mr. Killian moved to endorse a bond issue of \$500,000 and in that absorb the \$50,000 bonds issued by Hickory and the \$50,000 issued by Newton townships. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting at Newton should be attended by citizens from all of the townships. The hour of meeting is placed at 1:30 and a concrete proposition will be prepared and submitted to the county commissioners at that March meeting. The sooner the election is held, the better.

It was stated that a number of citizens who had decided to grow no cotton, would have teams available this summer and fall and that there would be no trouble in getting the work done. Now is the time to build.

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The whole point is as to Germany's capacity to pay and the premier. The allies have taken the best service and are carrying out the peace terms to the best of their power.