

\$3,075,000 Municipal Bond Sale Is Given Approval

March 9 Is Chosen As Date For Taking Bids

Funds Will Be Put To Immediate Use

By DICK WYATT
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Approval of the issuance of \$3,075,000 in Charlotte municipal bonds has been given by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh and March 9 has been set as the date of the sale. City Manager Henry A. Yancey announced today.

Mr. Yancey said that he had received today a letter of approval from W. E. Easterling, executive director of the Local Government Commission, who wrote that Charlotte's request for a vote of the remainder of its \$4,875,000 of public improvement bonds had been approved.

Suggestion was made by Mr. Easterling that March 9 at 11 A. M. be set as the date for receipt of the bids by the Local Government Commission.

Mr. Yancey said that the date was satisfactory and he instructed City Treasurer L. M. Whittier and City Attorney John D. Shaw to clear all preliminaries.

The proposed issue, which will be among the largest ever authorized by a vote of the people in the Spring of 1948 will be in the amount of \$1,500,000 to be used for the following: \$200,000 sanitary sewer bonds, \$500,000 public health, \$125,000 fire stations, and \$125,000 fire fighting equipment.

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Only one contract for the sanitary sewer work has been let and work has been started on the addition to the Irwin Creek disposal plant but contract for the new east side outfall sewer, which the City Manager said, plans are in progress for the new Sugar Creek disposal plant, which there may be altered or abandoned for the moment because of increased cost.

Plans for the addition to the Irwin Creek disposal plant, the erection of two new fire stations and the purchase of two fire trucks for the plant, and six fire stations scheduled to be let March 31.

His Farm Was One Big Gully!

In 1941 when Bun Waterson bought that old place in Gaston County, he said it was nothing but one big gully. In fact, a banker refused to loan money for working capital on the old place. But today Bun Waterson has paid off the last note on the farm, and has doubled the yield on oats and barley. Read this swell story of farm success in the CAROLINA FARMER pages today.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS

Medical Trend Toward Specialization Deplored

N. C. Doctor

CHICAGO (AP)—A trustee of the American Medical Association asserted today there was a "slanting trend toward specialization" that could result in the majority of the nation's doctors "unable to do family practice."

A profession with that makeup, said Dr. Winthrop M. Johnson of Winston-Salem, N. C., would be as unbalanced as "a football team with seven men in the backfield and four in the line" and would seriously threaten the nation's medical welfare.

A speech prepared for the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of the American Medical Association, he cited these reasons why a continued trend away from general practice could be disastrous.

"When the next generation comes, many of the specialists themselves would suffer loss of income and possibly be forced into general practice without preparation. Let us not forget that during the last depression, physicians were operating taxicabs and elevators. As far as I know, none of these were family doctors."

Inflation Fading

Businessmen Say Peak Is Reached

WASHINGTON (AP)—A dozen top businessmen believe the peak of business activity has been reached, if not already passed.

But their two-fold prediction to Government experts a week before the market break that (a) inflationary dangers are fading and (b) price downturns ahead still might be a don't-be-too-sure reaction from at least Federal economists.

The views of the corporation executives were outlined at the first of a series of six meetings held in an advance look of official opinion on the Government's grain buying plans. He said: "There is no inflationary nature of the market."

The crash in the commodities market of last week, which was expected by advance information, has dominated and fixed the price of grains and other commodities since July 1, 1947.

"During the past nineteen months, volume buying of wheat, coarse grains and corn, and other commodities by the Government, under orders of the Secretary of Agriculture, has been advanced in these commodities and sky-rocketed prices of wheat, corn, feed, beef, pork, dairy products and other foods. When the Government stopped buying, prices of commodities went down."

Although it was announced that the Government still had to acquire only another 77,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour for foreign export, the price for the Secretary of Agriculture last week ordered Government to buy wheat, corn, feed, and the bottom fell out of the commodities market."

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP)— A delicate heart operation which offered hope to thousands of rheumatic fever victims was performed successfully for the first time here today, Dr. Robert C. Smith, assistant professor of surgery at the Medical College of South Carolina, announced.

As a result of the operation 21-year-old Canton, Ohio, girl who has been given only a slim chance to live another year now can look forward to a fairly normal existence.

The girl, Betty Lee Woodridge, is up and about at Reger Hospital today and will return to her home later this week—her first home in six weeks—she has a heart valve obstruction successfully removed.

When Betty Lee was eighteen years old she suffered a "full blown" attack of rheumatic fever. Since then she has been a virtual invalid and has suffered two severe attacks of heart failure. Both times the attack was "matched" with Dr. Canton doctor, Dr. Harry W. Beck.

After the last heart attack, a few months ago, Betty Lee's family was advised that there was no hope.

Jap Premier And Cabinet To Resign

McArthur Blames Lack Of Support

By RUSSELL BRINES

TOKYO (AP)—Tired and downcast, Prime Minister Tetsu Katayama said tonight he and his Cabinet—the first under Japan's new constitution—would resign Tuesday morning because it has been "riding a whirlwind."

He made his brief comment as he entered General MacArthur's office to report the circumstances.

Later, after a two-hour conference, MacArthur said the reason behind the decision was lack of legislative support which a government should have to be truly representative of the people.

MacArthur said Japan is going through the natural throes of a nation caught in war and defeat but that "effective progress already has been made."

WONT INTERFERE

He will not interfere with the resignation.

Katayama was the first Christian prime minister in the nation's history. He said he believed "some good" was accomplished during his seven months in office. He was beset with growing economic and political problems.

The 47-year-old official declined to give his specific reasons for resigning. He said he would "explain everything tomorrow." Much political capital depends upon whether he will resign.

"I hope that soon we can talk about politics frankly again," he said.

WEARS OLD SWEATER

The prime minister nervously cracked his knuckles as he awaited his appointment with the Supreme Administrative Council, a body of government policies or internal dispersion in his Social Democratic Party.

He will spend the night of Feb. 30 at the suburban base at Kay West, Fla., and fly the next day to San Juan where he is due at 9:30 A. M. (EST) Feb. 10.

After lunch that day with Governor Jenu Pineda, a reception and dinner at the Virgin Islands, he will depart at 4 A. M. (EST) Feb. 22, for St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

At St. Thomas he will have lunch with Governor William Haslet and attend a reception at the Government house, and give a dinner that night aboard the Government ship.

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'Shake-Down' Flights Piedmont Air Set For Tonight

By HUGH WHITE
City Editor, The News

Launching a new airline this month, Piedmont Airlines is one of its proving flights, or trial runs, over the Wilmington-Cincinnati route which will give Charlotte its first direct service to the Ohio city.

Making these flights daily when weather permits are the personnel of passenger carrier, R. A. Simpson, purser; W. G. Moser, dispatcher; and Hugh A. Deadyver of the advertising firm of that name of Charlotte. Captain Cox was at the controls.

The plane left Charlotte in fairly good flying weather, but as it neared the Lake Erie region, heavy clouds were encountered and the pilot veered south on his alternate route to pick up the Spartanburg route. We were now above the overcast and flying in perfect visibility above the black blanket of clouds.

AIRPORT CLOSED

The Asheville-Hendersonville airport was closed by the weather and flight 41 was ordered to keep going. The Asheville-Hendersonville route range of the Asheville station, Captain Cox climbed to 5,000 feet. See PIEDMONT on page 8-A

Grain Controls Committee Votes For Whisky Curbs

WASHINGTON (AP)— A Senate-House economic subcommittee voted unanimously today for restoration of controls on the liquor industry's use of grain through Oct. 31.

Such curbs were recommended to allow the industry to average to reimpose these controls. They expired Jan. 31.

The House special message that the shortage of grain "jeopardizes the national security." The subcommittee's recommendation goes now to the full economic committee.

NOTE UNANIMOUS

A spokesman for Senator Flinders (R-Vt.), subcommittee chairman, told reporters the main group probably will act later in the day. He said the vote in the subcommittee was 6-0.

He added that the subcommittee will recommend to the main group that the industry be limited to 500,000 bushels of grain a month. This is the amount it was receiving when controls were in effect.

The subcommittee took no action on the bill to fund a fund for allocation. This was left to the full committee.

The Senate Banking Committee is a special committee with no power to act on the bill. It will report to the Senate or House for action.

It only can recommend, in this case, that the House and Senate Banking Committees approve or disapprove legislation providing for restoration of controls on distillers' use of grain.

SHIPMENT OF OIL FROM EAST BANNED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Commerce Department said today that it will halt oil shipments from the East Coast to enemy countries during the fuel shortage.

Rubber Workers Demand Pay Hike

CLEVELAND (AP)— The CIO-United Rubber Workers Union wants a 30 cents hourly wage boost for its 200,000 members.

The union's demand was made yesterday by the CIO-United Rubber Workers union, which was headed by a 200-man international policy committee.

Truman Will Visit Isles

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Truman plans to visit Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Cuba this week.

The White House announced today the President will fly from Washington to San Juan, P. R., on Feb. 30. He is to address the Jefferson-Roosevelt dinner here the night before.

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Truck Driver Helped Boy, With Clothing Afire, Saved By JCS

A child whose clothes were on fire when he was playing wildly down Hawthorne Lane, yesterday was saved by the quick thinking and able action of three of Charlotte's "Jayces" and a driver from the city's sanitary department.

Eleven-year-old Bobby Forehand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forehand, was playing with his neighborhood pals when he was playing with a can of gasoline.

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Charleston Surgeon's Success Offers Hope To Thousands

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More Snow Predicted For Tonight And Tuesday

Fall Is General Over The State

A heavy snowstorm, driven by a continuation of the snow in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County today and may easily follow into the season's worst transportation handicap.

The noon forecast from the U. S. Weather Bureau today said that a continuation of the snow in Charlotte and western North Carolina was indicated for tonight and tomorrow. The forecast said it should continue falling as rapidly as it did between 13 and 15 inches of snow by daybreak tomorrow. The Weather Bureau's prediction was for "four to eight inches."

TEMPERATURE SKIDS

Accompanying the near-blizzard was a sharp drop in temperature. When it started to snow, temperatures were in the 30s, but tumbling down early this morning, the mercury registered 24 degrees. A sharp drop in temperature was expected, many people predicted a temperature of 25 degrees, which was the case. The mercury fell to 25 degrees and made the snow stick. (The Weather Bureau said the mercury would be in the 20s by tonight.)

The streets were already being cleaned by city workers. There was a report of a car accident on the corner of 1st and 2nd streets. The car was stuck in the snow. The driver was not hurt. The car was towed away.

Normal transportation continued during the morning hours, with heavy snow on the roads. The streets were being cleaned normally. Eastern Air Lines planes, however, skipped Charlotte rather than attempt to land here. But the heavier snowfall during the early afternoon, and the prospect that the snow would continue to fall, transportation would be hampered.

The wind blew in gusts of up to 30 miles an hour, whipping the snow into a blizzard. The snow was piled up in many places. The snow was piled up in many places. The snow was piled up in many places.

GENERAL OVER CAROLINAS

Reports here in early afternoon that the snow was general over the state. The snow was general over the state. The snow was general over the state.

Forecasters at Harvard said the snow would be in the 30s and 40s. The snow was general over the state. The snow was general over the state. The snow was general over the state.

At Coates's Hotel, in extra heavy snow, the snow was general over the state. The snow was general over the state. The snow was general over the state.

WEATHER

Snow this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday. Cold tonight, continued cold Tuesday.

Temperature at 2:30 today, 24. High and low last 24 hours, 25-12. Sunset today, 6:08. Sunrise tomorrow, 6:08. More weather data on page 8-A