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## Airport Hanger Contract Is Let

Approximately \$6,000 to Be Expended on Hangar—Funds for Field Assured

Work on the local airport hanger is expected to start soon according to an announcement made by City Manager Leslie B. Aycock, who said that the contract had been let to a Raleigh company.

Approximately \$6,000 will be expended on the hanger, Mr. Aycock said, and the Dixie Metal and Culbert company, of Raleigh, was the successful bidder.

Part of the material probably will be placed in readiness for the rapid completion of the hangar.

The city manager said that he had "ever" assurance that the supply of P1 funds will be available for completion of the local air."

Approximately \$129,000 has been set aside for labor and materials on the P1 project. More than 300 CWA workers were employed at one time on the project, but curtailment of federal funds has reduced the local quota to 208 now and part of this number is engaged on other projects. However, a comparatively large force is working on the CWA schedule every week preparing the field.

## FORER U. N. C. EDUCATOR BURIED NEAR INSTITUTION

Chapel Hill, March 19.—Francis Presto, Venable, president of the University of North Carolina from 1900 to 1914, rested today in a grave near the institution he helped in elevating from a small school to one of the south's leading centers of culture.

The internationally known chemist who died Saturday in a Richmond, Va., hospital was buried here yesterday after a simple funeral service at the Venable residence.

A prayer written by the late Dr. W. D. (Parson) Moss, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here and close friend of Dr. Venable, was used by the Rev. Alfred S. Lawrence, rector of the Chapel of the Cross.

Townspeople, faculty members, students, and relatives and friends from several neighboring states attended the service.

## FAVORS BANKHILL BILL

The following from the Congressional Record, quoting Representative Truax, of Ohio, will be of interest to North Carolinians who are concerned with agriculture:

"When the commissioner of agriculture for the state of North Carolina, Mr. William A. Graham, whom I have known intimately for a number of years, asserts that heretofore he was 'opposed to this bill' because he thought 'production could be regulated by education and by diversification' but he has found that such measures have failed miserably' and now is heartily in favor of the Bankhead bill and is behind the sponsors of this measure, I know because of his long experience, his unquestioned integrity and honesty that he is reflecting the views of the cotton growers of the state of North Carolina."

Commissioner Graham was intimately associated with Representative Truax, having attended several meetings with him while he was commissioner of Agriculture for the state of Ohio.

## ANOTHER CUT FOR CWA PAYROLL

Tarboro, March 20.—Edgecombe county's CWA payroll will undergo another large cut this week, officials here reported.

Last Saturday pay in the amount of \$2,296 went to 266 workers; this coming Saturday will find approximately 200 receiving pay.

Seventy-seven men were at work last week on the five canal drainage projects, 24 on the job of brick-venering the high school gymnasium and others on miscellaneous jobs.

## Manager Makes Report Of City

\$132,993.79 Collected From General Sources at Close of February

A monthly report of City Manager Leslie B. Aycock showing the financial status of the city treasury at the close of February reveals \$132,993.79 from general sources, \$29,596.76 from property taxes and \$345,562.62 from utilities collected during this fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The balance expected from general sources was stated as \$10,090.79, from property taxes as \$15,403.23 and from utilities as \$97,937.38.

Expenditures were as follows: general government, \$16,999; public safety, \$50,342; health and sanitation, \$23,698; highways, \$36,226; recreation, \$9,412; city farm, \$986, general items and debts, \$21,296, utilities \$201,980.

The utilities expenditures were divided as follows: general overhead, \$17,741; water department, \$22,432; light and power department, \$86,781; gas department, \$46,951; gas and electric appliances, \$8,613; sewer and sewage disposal, \$9,420, and bond redemption, sinking fund and contingent fund, \$201,980.

## BANNER COUNCIL MEETS

The Sons and Daughters of Liberty, Banner Council No. 30, will meet in regular session on Thursday evening at 7:30. The meeting will take place in the Masonic Temple and all members are urged to be present.

A special entertainment has been planned to follow the routine session, members of the council state.

## Final Statistics On Cotton Given

Total of 12,659,953 Running Bales Ginned, Exclusive of Linters

Washington, March 20.—Final figures on the 1933 cotton crop announced by the census bureau showed 12,659,953 running bales, or 13,043,110 equivalent 500 pound bales were ginned, exclusive of linters. The 1932 crop was 12,709,647 running bales, or \$13,001,508 equivalent 500-pound bales, and the 1931 crop, 16,628,874 running, or 17,095,594 equivalent bales.

The average gross weight of the bale for the crop, counting round as half bales and excluding linters, was 515.1 pounds, compared with 511.5 pounds for the 1932 crop and 514.6 pounds for the 1931 crop.

The final ginnings report by states, in running bales and equivalent 500-pound bales were: Alabama, 951,245 and 972,762; Arizona, 92,764 and 95,951; Arkansas, 1,014,201 and 1,049,310; California 210,106 and 216,457.

## NEW LADIES' DRESS STORE OPENS HERE

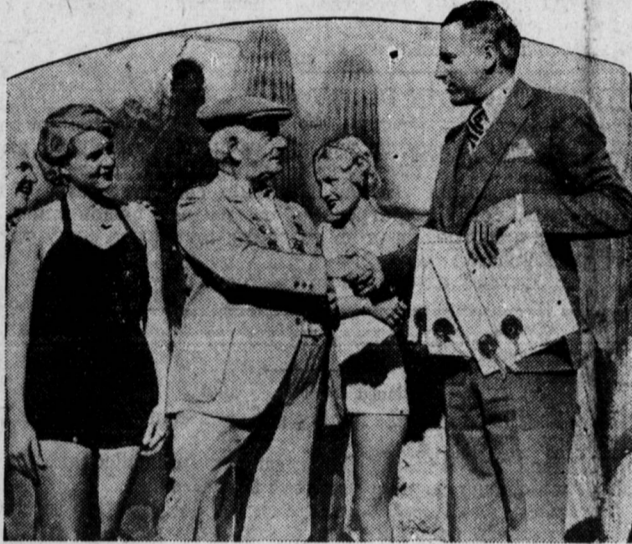
The new firm will open up under the name of Jones' Dress Shop and will be located at 120 Tarboro St., next door to Daniel Jones Co., which is generally known as the T. L. Conyers store building.

Mr. W. F. Jones, Jr., will be the active manager and has just returned from New York where he purchased a large stock of the latest styles of dresses, which will be sold at most reasonable and popular prices, according to the statement of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones is well and familiarly known in Rocky Mount, having been for many years, during the life time of the late J. H. Daniels, been manager of the J. H. Daniel Shoe Store.

This store will open next week with a full line of Easter dresses, in time for purchasers for Easter holidays.

## Harold Lloyd's Father Is Honored



J. Darsie (Foxy) Lloyd, proud father of the comedian, Harold Lloyd is receiving four executive certificates of appointments signed by Gov. Floyd B. Olson, from State Commissioner of Purchases Carl R. Erickson, who motored from St. Paul, Minn., to represent the governor at the swearing in ceremonies held in the El Mirador cactus garden at Palm Springs, Calif. The certificates and badges make Mr. Lloyd an honorable game warden, highway patrol captain, deputy state tourist commissioner and the official liquor tester of the state of Minnesota.

## Who Is The Father Of The Bill?

A bill was passed through the United States Senate placing a tariff on interstate shipments where the state has a sales tax, last week, and is now pending in the House of Representatives.

This bill was supposed to be passed for the state of North Carolina, but where did the bill originate? It certainly could not have come from the Senators, as according to press reports neither was present when the vote was taken neither claimed to be the father or mother to the bill. The merchants did not ask for this protection nor was there any demand from the people. Now, where did this bill come from? Who inspired it?

When the bill was before the committee, Governor Ehringhaus sent his commissioner of Revenue and his sales tax appointee, Mr. McMullian to advocate it to Washington but these gentlemen only went after the bill was introduced. Now somebody had this bill introduced. The Governor solemnly promised the people that he was against the sales tax, but changed his mind on the account of the emergency and that it would be a temporary thing, and on the back of this statement we find him leading his ambassadors to Washington trying to make this tax upon poverty permanent. Has he had a lax of memory? Has he forgotten? The tax taken off of land would only amount to about \$3,000,000. There is certainly no need for it. Is North Carolina being used as a buffer for other states by those seeking to carry this manner of taxation in other states so as to relieve them of their just burden of taxation.

Has the democracy of Vance and Aycock weakened in the state? Is it the desire of North Carolina to abandon its position on the time honored policy of the democratic party? Our people must arise and let those who would lead us into the republican ways know that we are followers of Jefferson.

## How Does He Do It?

In our issue of February 16 we showed that in June, 1931, the salaries of eleven appointive state officers as fixed by Gov. Gardner averaged \$1,944.09 per year greater than the salaries of the eleven elective officers as fixed by the General Assembly. These figures show that elective government under the control of the people is cheaper than appointive government as set up and controlled by Gardner.

We present to our readers a more direct comparison: Dan Boney is Insurance Commissioner, elected by the people. His salary in June, 1931, as fixed by the legislature was \$4,500. At that time the salary of Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks, as fixed by Gardner was \$7,500. The legislature of 1933 reduced Boney's salary to \$3,825. The Governor reduced Hood's salary to \$5,500.

Is there any reason why Hood's salary should be greater than Boney's? Boney is a soldier of the World War and in a battered leg, broken body, and armless sleeve carries each day the testimonial of his courage and devotion. Hood has been a small calibre banker of the industrial type.

Boney has been eminently successful in his department in the superintendence of insurance companies and building and loan associations. Hood, as Banking Commissioner, has a record of extravagance and mismanagement. In two and one-half years he spent \$542,000 in lawyers' and auditors' fees. No one knows how far his extravagances has gone in other expenditures for he has made no general report of the operations of his department. He opened one bank in Greensboro with glowing statements of its solvency. It closed in less than seven months. As against Boney's successful administration Hood has had a career of dismal failure as a public officer.

How does he get away with it? And how has he been able to get his salary at such a higher figure than Boney's? For one thing he was a member of the General Assembly of 1931 and took the lead in creating the job of Banking Commissioner for himself. He helped Gardner in all of Gardner's schemes in that legislature, and Gardner rewarded him by making him Banking Commissioner and fixing his salary at \$7,500. Not only did Hood help create the job for himself but also in fixing it so that Gardner could fix Hood's salary at \$7,500.

What protection could a bank depositor expect from a Banking Commissioner of this type?

In ability, standards, attainments and record as a public official Dan Boney far out-distances Gurney Hood. His position is of equal, if not of greater importance. But Dan Boney did not have any employees in the legislature. He only had a great record as citizen, soldier, and public official. (Please turn to page two)

## Merchant Organ Raps Sales Tax

Calls on People to Oppose Legislative Candidate for Sales Tax

The Carolinas-Virginia Retailer, edited by Willard L. Dowell, secretary of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, Saturday editorially called for the people of the state to "vote against any man who voted for the general sales tax at the last sessions of the Legislature, unless such a one has genuinely repented and is seeking an opportunity to undo the irreparable injury and the grave injustice he helped to inflict upon his state and the citizens thereof."

The publication is the official organ of the North Carolina Merchants' Association, and is "endorsed" by the Virginia association.

In other columns of the magazine the record votes by the committees and two divisions of the 1933 Legislature are printed.

The editorial calling for opposition to all who voted for the tax says the levy "is literally ydriving millions of dollars of business from the merchants of North Carolina and it is exacting its oppressive toll from the destitute, the poorest and most helpless."

Warning is given that "all indications point" toward Governor Ehringhaus and Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell advocating the reenactment of "this utterly destructive and crushingly burdensome tax."

## Arrest Three In Halifax Killing

However, John McGee, Believed to Be Slayer, Reported Still at Large

Roanoke Rapids, March 19.—Two young women and a man were lodged in Halifax jail today while authorities conducted a wide-spread search for John McGee, 25-year-old saw mill owner, in connection with the fatal shooting of Linn Tippet at Ringwood, last night.

Ermon King, his 18-year-old housekeeper, Lucy Pattern, and Lucy Powell were the three arrested.

Officers said Tippet was shot through the heart at the home of Mrs. Anna Duke. After questioning all available witnesses, they said their information was Tippet was fired upon when he and others went out to the automobile occupied by Lucy Powell, after King had entered the house.

They quoted the witness as saying Lucy Powell handed McGee a pistol, with which the saw mill man shot Tippet.

Lucy Powell was said by officers to have first stated she shot Tippet, but later to have asserted that McGee had promised her money to take the blame.

McGee is a married man and has a number of children. Officers of Scotland Neck, Enfield, White Oak and other points joined in the search for him.

## FINAL RITES HELD SATURDAY FOR FATHER OF LOCAL WOMAN

Final rites for M. M. Stokes, of Stokes, father of Mrs. J. V. Cox, No. 234 Rose street, this city, were held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock from St. John's Episcopal church near Grifton with the rector, Rev. A. C. D. Noe, of Ayden, in charge. Burial followed at the church yard cemetery.

Mr. Stokes died suddenly of heart trouble at nine o'clock Friday night. He was 72 years old.

Surviving are his widow, the former Miss Lou Rice; two sons, A. L. Stokes, of Fountain, and J. C. Stokes, of Stokes, and four daughters, Mrs. M. H. Richardson, of Kinston, Mrs. W. F. Fleming, of Grifton, Mrs. J. L. Mooring, of Stokes, and Mrs. Cox, of this city.

## ELEVEN SCHOOLS IN TRIANGULAR DEBATES

Seek Reduction Of County Taxes

Edgecombe Commissioners Administer Oath to 14 Tax Listers for 1934

"If everyone will do his part in the matter of listing property according to its value, I see no reason why the tax rate in Edgecombe county should not be reduced materially," C. C. Ward, member of the county board of commissioners, declared here today following a meeting yesterday in Tarboro of the commissioners and the list takers for the 14 townships.

The 14 list takers for the year were sworn in at the meeting yesterday and commodity prices for the listing of property were established as principal features of the meeting.

Urged to do so by the commissioners, the list takers will try to get the people of the county to list accurately their property according to its value, Mr. Ward pointed out. By so doing, the commissioners are hopeful that the tax rate can be greatly reduced. The present rate is 91 cents. "I believe the rate can be reduced 25 per cent if the people will cooperate," Mr. Ward said.

The rate for each township, however, is determined within the township and the rate of 91 cents is the county-wide rate, it was shown.

Listing will start in Edgecombe on April 2, Mr. Ward said. Contrary to the general belief, it was pointed out, the list taker has the right to visit the premises of a property holder and make a survey in an effort to determine whether or not the correct value has been placed upon the property.

A standard of prices of commodities and other articles was agreed upon as a basis of listing property for taxation for the year 1934, and some of the prices fixed were as follows: cotton, \$50 per bale; corn, \$3 per barrel; oats, 50 cents per bushel; hay, \$10 per ton; meat, eight cents per pound; lard, eight cents per pound; peanuts, \$2.50 per bag; soja beans, \$1.50 per bushel; sweet potatoes, 75 cents per bushel; Irish potatoes, \$1.25 per bushel; onions, \$3 per bushel; chickens, 40 cents each; turkeys, \$1.50; guineas, 25 cents; ducks, 25 cents each.

## TOBACCO PLANT BEDS SUFFER FROM EFFECTS OF COLD WAVE

Henderson, March 18.—With the severest winter in many years in this section apparently about ended, tobacco growers are turning their attention to their plantbeds. The severe weather has retarded the sprouting of the plantbeds, and growers are worried over the prospects.

The ground is in good condition at this time for the growing crop, and farmers are hoping there will still be an abundance of moisture when the season gets under way. Some plantbeds were sown weeks ago, but have not sprouted as was expected. The cold weather may have its benefits, however, in holding down insect and disease damage later.

Eleven high schools of Nash and Edgecombe counties will participate on March 30 in the annual triangular debates of the North Carolina high school debating union.

In addition to the Rocky Mount high school, the enrollment of schools from the two counties for the debating contest is as follows: Edgecombe — Battleboro, Conetoe, Leggett, South Edgecombe, Tarboro, and West Edgecombe. Nash—Bailey, Nashville, Red Oak and Whitakers.

The query which will be discussed in this year's contest of the high school debating union is: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation."

The Rocky Mount high school will debate in a triangle with the Hugh Morson high school of Raleigh, and the Washington high school, Battleboro, South Edgecombe, and West Edgecombe will compete in a triangle together. Tarboro will debate in a group with Roanoke Rapids and Scotland Neck. Leggett will debate against Bethel and Hobgood. Conetoe will debate in a group which will include the Arthur high school of Pitt County.

The Nashville high school will debate in a triangle with Aurelian Springs high school and Warrenton high school. Bailey, Red Oak, and Whitakers will debate in a triangle together.

Altogether, 200 high schools scattered through all sections of North Carolina will participate in the State-wide triangular debates on March 30.

The high schools winning both of their triangular debates will send their teams to Chapel Hill to compete on April 12 and 13 in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup, the trophy which has been provided for the high school debating union by the interscholastic debaters of the University of North Carolina.

The high schools of Nash and Edgecombe counties always take a lively interest in the annual debating contest. Last year four high schools from Edgecombe County—Conetoe, Leggett, South Edgecombe, and Tarboro—were represented in the final contest at Chapel Hill.

The high school debating leagues of thirty-four states will discuss in their spring contests this year the question as to whether the United States should adopt the essential features of the British system of radio control and operation.

## BOY'S CONDITION UNCHANGED FOLLOWING SEVERE INJURY

The condition of Woodrow Shearin, 14-year-old local youth, who was struck Sunday night by a hit-and-run driver on the Tarboro highway near the Pine View cemetery, today remained unchanged, according to reports from the local hospital where he was brought following the accident.

Young Shearin suffered a fractured skull and his condition was regarded as serious.

He was riding away from town, according to police who investigated the accident, when the car, which was believed to have been going in the same direction, struck him. The driver of the car was unknown. The car did not stop.

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