

WAYNICK NAMED CHAIRMAN N. C. HIGHWAY BOARD

High Point Newspaper Man Succeeds E. B. Jeffress to Important Post. Commission to Name Assistant at January Meeting. Governor Fays Visit to Bedside of Jeffress. Other News from the State Capital.

By M. R. DUNNAGAN (Special Correspondent)

Raleigh, N. C.—Capus M. Waynick, assistant chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was named full chairman Saturday, taking the place of Chairman E. B. Jeffress, resigned, who was stricken in August. Mr. Jeffress has made a remarkable recovery so far, but his condition was such that he was not expected to be able to resume his duties, certainly for a long time. He was kept as chairman for more than four months since he was stricken, receiving his full salary. It is understood that he carried health and accident insurance which is now paying him a good sum, approaching, but probably not as much as his salary.

The commission, meeting January 10, is expected at that time to name an assistant chairman in order to be prepared in case accident or misfortune should befall the chairman at any time. This would provide a man familiar with the work and ready to take over the job if it should become necessary. The commission is also expected to name a State highway engineer to succeed the late John D. Waldrop, killed in an accident nearly five months ago. W. Vance Baise, assistant, has been acting engineer and is considered a likely successor. R. G. Browning, locating and claim engineer, and Jack Roach, in charge of the prison division, as well as Charles Upham, former engineer, now secretary of the American Road Builders Association, are applicants for the job.

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HOOD PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

Commissioner of Banks Gurney P. Hood played Santa Claus to 14,833 North Carolinians by sending them checks for \$237,836.37 on claims from 27 banks in liquidation during the week of December 20-27. Banking department folks took only a short time off Christmas in their efforts to get as much money to former depositors as possible for Christmas.

STATE WINS TAX SUIT

North Carolina won its income tax action with the Norfolk and Western Railway Company for \$86,421.71 in income tax and interest for the three years, 1927-28-29, in an order just signed by Judge Henry A. Grady. The railroad gave notice of appeal to the State Supreme Court. The railroad claimed that it owed no income tax for those years. Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell followed the formula fixed by the revenue act for computing taxable incomes of corporations having part of their business in this State and part in others, found the railroad was due to pay a little more than \$25,000 each of the three years, levied and collected the tax. The railroad paid it under protest, demanded its return and instituted suit for its return. The railroad has three lines in this State, the two main ones being those from Roanoke, Va. to Winston-Salem, and from Lurham to Lynchburg, Va.

FERTILIZER MAY BE CUT

Reductions in the prices of fertilizers used by North Carolinians, who consume about one-seventh of the commercial fertilizer used in the nation, is the aim of a movement made last week by Governor Ehringhaus. A hearing is to be held in Washington January 9 by the NRA which will receive testimony for or against the price fixing feature of all codes and with regard to alleged excessive prices. Governor Ehringhaus has conferred with Washington officials and has asked Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham to compile data in fertilizer prices to be presented at the hearing. Governor Ehringhaus cites that the 1934 prices of fertilizer were considerably higher than 1933 prices and is seeking to bring out information which will show any unreasonableness of this increase in price. He is familiar with the practices in the potato belt, by which the fertilizer folks get all of their money out of the sales of potatoes through crop liens, even though the grower gets little more than what

Got the Homesteads



MINNEAPOLIS—Ethan Allen (above), the homestead leader who hitch-hiked to Washington and stormed capitol doors last year, will head the caravan of 20 families, 49 adults and 55 children, which starts January 16 for the 640 acre tract awarded as homesteads in Minnesota by the Emergency Relief Ass'n.

fertilizer cost. The same thing is often true of growers of tobacco, cotton, corn, wheat and other North Carolina crops.

DRY LAW IN NO DANGER

The Turlington act, North Carolina's bone dry liquor law, is not expected to be changed by the 1935 General Assembly, in face of the overwhelmingly heavy vote a little more than a year ago. Bills will probably be introduced to repeal or modify it, but they are not expected to get anywhere. However, it may be that the beer-wine law may be changed to allow a higher alcoholic content than the 3.2 per cent. Efforts may be made to increase it to 5 or 6 per cent. Some of these might get through, on the ground that 3.2 beer is not sufficient and causes much drinking of illegal blockade liquor in the State, as well as the also illegal liquor bought in Virginia. Also, it is claimed that many of the places now selling beer will not renew their licenses another year, thus cutting down the revenue from this source, since these places are not able to sell enough to make a profit after paying the taxes. The revenue from beer license and consumption amounts to about \$400,000 a year now. A larger per cent of alcohol would increase consumption and cut down the use of harder liquors from bootleggers or from other states, on which this State gets no revenue. It is contended by those who would increase the alcoholic content.

DEEP GAP NEWS

Married on December 22nd, Miss Della Mae Miller of Brownwood to Mr. Paul Greene of Deep Gap.

Mr. Ira Day of Reading, Pa., visited his aged mother during the holidays. He holds a position with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in that city.

Mr. Willard Lookbill left recently for points in Maryland, where he will seek employment.

Christmas passed off very quietly at the Gap. Rabbit hunting took the order of the day. Mr. A. A. Greene amused the community with his pack of hounds when they aroused Mr. Gray Fox and gave him a hot chase for about two hours. Old Mr. Gray fox had to take for a log.

Miss Sarah Norris of Boone Route 1 spent the holidays visiting her aged aunt, Mrs. Martha Watson, and her brother, Clay Norris.

Miss Pearl Carroll, who spent several months in Reading, Pa., has returned to her home.

A nice Christmas program was given at the Gap Creek Church last week. Santa Claus distributed toys and sweets to the great enjoyment of the children.

IMPROVEMENTS ON CAPITOL SQUARE ABOUT COMPLETED

Raleigh, N. C.—Finishing touches have finally been put on the improvements under way on Capitol Square for several months, as a CWA and FERA project, and the six-acre tract has been turned over to Superintendent W. D. Terry and Mother Nature to put on the finishing touches. Recent work has been setting out shrubbery and sowing grass seed, and within a few months, when Mother Nature has had opportunity to get in a few licks, the place will be beautiful beyond description. The Memorial Mall was completed some six years ago, but the recent work has included tunneling for heating and other purposes, erecting fountains, building the Vance Plaza, laying walks and driveways and otherwise carrying out the plans drawn for the square under direction of Governor A. W. McLean. The permanent planting plan, as provided in detail for years to come, and the square will be a beauty spot of the State. Flood lights have been playing on the beautiful old building during the holiday season.

The cheese factory at North Wilkesboro has increased the prices paid for milk with a corresponding increase in deliveries at the plant.

TODAY and TOMORROW

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

ECONOMY . . . in North Carolina
The Governor of North Carolina talked in New York the other day about economy in State government. He had a right to talk about that, for North Carolina has been tightening its belt and cutting its expenditures to meet its income.

There is not a State that couldn't cut its running costs by one-third, as North Carolina has done, not a county that couldn't dispense with many expenditures which benefit nobody but taxpayers. And there isn't a single political unit in the United States that couldn't balance its budget without hardship on the taxpayers—if the politicians in control really desired to serve the people instead of feeding on them.

If we ever have a revolution in America it will be over the question of taxes, just as our Revolution against British rule was.

TAXES . . . on sales

One of the things North Carolina did to balance its budget was to enact a sales tax. New York City has lately put a sales tax into effect. Greatly to the surprise of politicians, who predicted uprisings, the public takes to the sales tax like a duck to water.

Politicians are governed more by fear of what the voters may do to them than by any other motive. They are always afraid that people who know they are being taxed will vote them out of office.

It has been my observation that nobody objects to fair taxes honestly collected and honestly expended for proper public purposes. We object to paying taxes and getting nothing for them.

What the politicians really fear about the sales tax is that they can't increase it as fast as their desire to waste money grows.

REPRESENTATION . . . missing

I often have disagreed with Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, but I find myself in full agreement with him when he challenges the "superstition" that the people are truly and fully represented by elected public officials.

The direct primary, which was intended to give free expression to the popular will in the selection of candidates for office, has had, he points out, the opposite effect. It has permanently enthroned minority rule, leaving public opinion to shift for itself.

I also agree with Dr. Butler that there is no excuse for letting immature students undertake comparative studies of Jesuitism, democracy, republicanism, communism, nazism or fascism. Most of the wrongheaded political and social thinking today emanates from young academicians who are not cry behind the ears.

RELIGION . . . in schools

When the Protestant churches gave up their function of teaching, and yielded to the temptation to let the State support the schools, they sowed the seeds of irreligion and paganism.

In my youth, religious instruction was an essential part of public school education. Even through high school, the daily Bible reading and hymn-singing were a part of the curriculum. I don't know how generally that has been abandoned but I know that in the schools which millions of American children attend today there is no hint of religious training or moral guidance.

Only the Roman Catholic parochial schools and the private schools maintained under other church auspices seem to be concerned these days about the morals of youth. The oldest of all these schools in America, founded more than three hundred years ago, happens to be under the control of the church to which I belong. I think it is the best thing we do!

YOUTH . . . the news staff

I went the other night to the semi-annual dinner of the Silurians. Its membership is limited to men who worked on any New York newspaper thirty or more years ago. I was one of the youngest present, according to the calendar, but what struck me was the youthful spirit of everybody there. Men well along in their seventies, some past eighty, most still active in newspaper work and looking forward instead of backward.

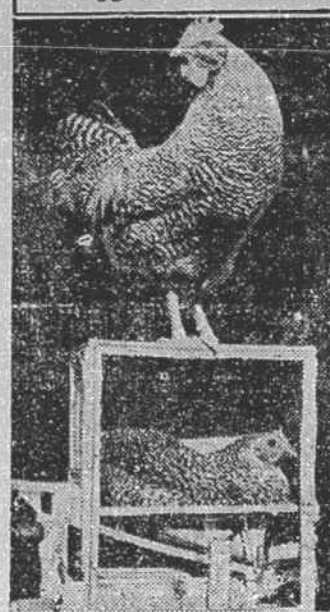
One man past eighty told me he was about to sail for Madagascar; there was a good story there, he had been told. One young fellow of 77 has just written a dozen western adventure stories for a popular magazine.

I know of no occupation that keeps men so young and compels them to keep abreast of the times like newspaper work.

TRIP TO THE MOON

How the Earth Looks from Other Worlds. An intensely interesting article, profusely illustrated, by Prof. Lucien Radaux, distinguished astronomer. One of many features in The American Weekly, issue of January 6. Get this magazine regularly with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.

Egg for Freedom



HOLLYWOOD . . . When the National Inventor's Congress meets here in January the delegates will get to see Bidley Hen doing her stuff . . . namely, "getting her freedom by laying an egg." The trick nest has a trap door which is opened when the egg rolls down to the basket below. The rooster is Master of Ceremonies.

HIGH GRADE BEEF CATTLE MAY BE BROUGHT FROM THE WEST

College Station, Raleigh, N. C.—The opportunity of bringing high grade beef cattle into North Carolina from the mid-west has appealed to numerous farmers and dairymen of the State, says L. I. Case, animal husbandman at State College.

Due to the feed shortage in the drought area, he explained, the cattlemen are anxious to sell their cattle at sacrifice prices rather than buy expensive feed for the winter.

Case is working on a plan whereby North Carolinians can pool their orders for cattle and get quantity discounts at a considerable saving under the usual expense.

To further explain the details of the plan, Case will hold three meetings this week. Last week a large number of growers from Western N. C. attended a meeting in the courthouse at Sylva and showed a great deal of interest in the movement, he reported.

The first meeting this week will be in the courthouse at Rockingham at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Case has issued an invitation to farmers of the surrounding territory to attend the meeting, particularly farmers in Richmond, Anson, Cumberland, Harnett, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Randolph, Robeson, Scotland, Stanly, and Union counties.

Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock he will explain the plan at a meeting in the courthouse at Newton for farmers from Alexander, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Polk, Rowan, and Rutherford counties.

State S. S. Convention To Meet in Greensboro

The State Sunday School Convention, sponsored by North Carolina Sunday School Association, Rev. Shuford Peeler, General Secretary, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro on January 21-22-23, promises to be the most outstanding event in religious education in this State and a fitting start for a great year. All denominations will participate in this meeting.

Among internationally known men who appear on the program are Dr. Robert M. Hopkins of the World's S. S. Association; Dr. Charles L. Goodell, of the Federated Council of Churches of Christ in America; Harry C. Munro, of the International Council of Religious Education; and Prof. H. Augustine Smith of Boston University.

Dr. Goodell, of wide fame through his "Vesper Reveries" broadcast from New York City, and outstanding leader in Church School work, particularly along the lines of evangelism, is scheduled to bring messages on "Church Social Evangelism" and "Religious Education in the Home," as well as assisting in various other capacities.

Dr. Hopkins brings a wealth of knowledge from first-hand contacts with the Sunday School movement in many countries of the world. His messages will be on "The World Outreach of the S. S. Movement" and "Principles Underlying Religious Education."

Leaders are anticipating 1,500 delegates to this convention. Those expecting to attend are urged to register now and be assured of securing rooms and entertainment.

SNAKE VENOM FOR ILLS

Long sought cures for many human afflictions may be found in deadly snake venom, science believes. Read about this unusual discovery in The American Weekly (issue of January 6) which comes with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale by your favorite newsdealer or newsboy.



Once Again

Once again we come to the starting line of a new year. And once again we are happy to greet our friends and patrons with a joyful "Happy New Year!" Once again we thank our loyal friends for their patronage. We hope our service will merit their patronage thru the years ahead.

Boone Dept. Store
C. W. Teal



Happy New Year To All

Resounding the joy that we all feel with the turning of the old and the advent of the new year, the bells peal out our sincere greetings to all our friends and patrons . . . "Happy New Year." We thank all for their loyal support which we shall strive to merit in the future.

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Your Independent Grocers



A Happy New Year

As we enter into the year 1935, we take this opportunity of extending greetings to the many friends and patrons who have been so loyal in aiding in the return of normal and sound banking facilities. May the New Year bring you abundant prosperity and happiness is the cordial wish of our institution.

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