

# The King of the Hill

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THE long hill glistened in the winter moonlight like a frosted cake. The road that ran down it like a silvered ribbon, reaching across the railroad track and on through the valley, lost itself in a shimmering haze of snowy whiteness. The wind, as if afraid of awakening the sleeping town, had hushed itself into stillness, waiting along the way and under the shadows of the quiet trees for the signal of dawn. The scene was an invitation to a sport now largely displaced by rushing motor cars, but then one of the chief delights of the Christmas season. The bobbed of those days and nights was the pride of owners and the prize winner of competitions. The annals of the Slater Hill race course registered triumphs as real and momentous as those of any race track.

The moon had watched with an expectant eye until ten of the clock and was about to retire under a passing cloud in disappointment, when the clamor and shouting of an approaching crowd renewed its spirit. From a side street they came, merry lads and lassies, with those of later years who had not forgotten how to be young. Soon the head of the hill was crowded with competitors and the air rang with the bustling preparations for the first race.

The sleds of that time were no ordinary affairs. Large enough to hold from four to six passengers, they rejoiced in significant titles and all the beauty and comfort that their maker's art could put into shape, paint and upholstery. When loaded and on a

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The newly elected Board of County Commissioners of Hertford County met on the 4th day of December, 1922. Present E. W. Whitley, E. H. Eure, W. J. Vaughan, J. O. Askew, Jr., and F. G. Tayloe and Dr. J. H. Mitchell.

After being duly sworn in by D. R. McGlohon, Clerk Superior Court, they proceeded to the election of a chairman. After balloting Dr. J. H. Mitchell was declared elected chairman for the ensuing year.

After election of a chairman, the proceedings last meetings were read and approved. Mr. John C. Taylor was continued by the board as a committee to complete the repairs to court house at Manays Neck.

Mr. F. G. Tayloe turned in \$38.00 being the amount of sale of cow at the County Home.

On motion and carried the Board votes to allow Walker and Forbes relief on taxes on the Britt land same to be reduced 33 1-3 per cent it not having been reduced as other property, and also relief from 3 1-2 acres "Mitchell land" listed in error.

The Board took up the matter of electing a County Attorney for the coming year and upon motion and carried W. D. Boone was re-elected as County Attorney at same salary \$75.00 per year.

The Board took up the matter of a "whole time" health officer which question had been acted on by the old Board, and took a vote on the question of rescinding the action of the former board which appropriated 50 per cent of the salary of such officer, and voting in the affirmative to rescind W. J. Vaughan, J. O. Askew, Jr., and J. H. Mitchell. Voting in the negative F. G. Tayloe, E. W. Whitley and E. H. Eure. The vote resulting in a tie, Chairman J. H. Mitchell voted again in the affirmative and the appropriation was declared withdrawn.

The Chairman appointed W. J. Vaughan and F. G. Tayloe as Committee to look after the County Home for the coming year.

E. H. Eure and J. A. Northcott are empowered to purchase half car load of coal from J. D. Beale and the Clerk is instructed to make payment for same when delivered.

E. H. Eure and J. A. Northcott are also empowered to make payment for the heating plant when all the work has been completed and tested.

Report of the Grand Jury October term was received by the Board.

The annual report of the Clerk Superior Court was received and same referred to Mr. E. H. Eure of the Board to check the same and report to the Board at his next meeting.

The following officers, newly elected, presented their official bonds which bonds were unanimously approved by the Board to-wit: B. Scull, Sheriff; D. R. McGlohon, Clerk of Superior Court and J. A. Northcott, Register of Deeds. The above officers subscribed to the oath of office and same is on file.

The following tax collectors also presented bonds which bonds were unanimously approved by the Board to-wit: W. L. Matthews, Tax Collector of Winton Township, and S. E. Vaughan, Tax Collector of Ahsokie Township. The above bonds being for collection of 1922 tax list.

The bond of C. W. Howard, Contable-elect for St. Johns township was given back to him with request that he make some minor changes in same and present at the next meeting of the Board.

Upon motion and carried the Board authorizes the sale of the old cell in the County jail to the Town of Ahsokie for the price of \$25.00.

The following bills against the County presented, approved and ordered paid to-wit:

B. Scull, sheriff, salary quarter ending December 1st	\$ 450.00
J. E. Whitley, expense and work Court House Manays Neck	41.89
Thad Dukes, work at County Home	20.00
M. M. Browne, amount paid supplies County Home	25.35
Sears and Brown, supplies County Home	48.89
H. L. Miller, County Demonstration Agent, November	50.00
Dink Jones, keeping Hills Ferry, November	40.00
W. S. Trader, bringing prisoner to jail	2.80
Myrtle Swindell, home demonstration, November	25.00
Walker, Evans & Cogswell, 1 index binder	37.50
R. L. Bryan Co., 1 chattel mortgage record	37.50
State Laboratory, anti-toxin	12.50
J. W. Boone, services Board of Health	12.00
J. A. Northcott, computing corporation tax and bank tax, etc.	16.65
Building Supplies Corporation, fuel tiling	33.75
Edwards and Broughton Co., supplies Clerk's Office	6.75
E. J. Gerock, expenses taking vote to Hertford, N. C.	12.60
J. A. Northcott, recording official bonds	3.75
R. R. Buck, board prisoners	11.45
Askew Brothers, carpet strips Court house	20.58
Hertford County Herald, publishing reports	11.80
P. W. Holloman, services in election	13.99
T. N. Charles, services in election	48.78
J. L. Darden, services in election	4.00
T. E. Futrell, services in election	36.16
A. T. Newsome, services in election	4.00
T. D. Northcott, services in election	4.00
J. T. Rhodes, services in election	44.72
George T. Underwood, services in election	4.00
B. S. Liverman, services in election	4.00
P. B. Griffith, services in election	42.38
L. C. Williams, services in election	10.40
W. A. Perry, services Board Election	4.00
R. O. Hill, services in election	9.20
J. C. Taylor, services in election	29.79
S. P. Winborne, services in election	4.00
A. G. Bazemore, services in election	6.00
Abram Newsome, services janitor, November	6.00
H. F. Eure, keeping Parkers Ferry, November	45.00
Barnes-Sawyer Grocery Co., supplies to County Home	52.00
W. D. Boone, salary County Attorney, 1922	75.00
E. J. Gerock, printing tickets and services Board of election	31.99
N. C. Joyner, brick, sand and drayage	47.56
Matthew Wilson, keeping Tar Landing ferry, November	35.00
Ahsokie Building Supply Co., brick	7.00
T. M. Forbes, services in election and voting booths	12.90
E. V. Grissom, services in election	4.00
W. E. Cullens, services in election	4.00
R. C. Mason, services in election	36.93
Judie White, support for December	3.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,550.06</b>

No further business before the Board it adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in January, 1923.

J. H. MITCHELL, Chairman.

J. A. NORTHCOTT, Clerk to the Board.



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