

# Mr. Taylor Wants To Read Vann's Letter To Speaker Dawson On Double Voting

MR. EDITOR—Since Mr. T. E. Vann is persistent in trying to maintain his position on the double voting done by the Chairman of the board County Commissioners on the first Monday in last December, thereby revoking the action of the former board in offering to go 50-50 with the state for the maintenance of an all-time health officer for the county and by so doing smothered for the time being the most economical and humane proposition that has come before our county board. (It is impossible to economize at the expense of health, the health of the people of the county is their wealth.) I deem it proper to take some cognizance of what he has said or caused to be said.

I notice in the Hertford Observer under date of March 15th, Mr. Vann has introduced a letter written by Hon. John G. Dawson, the speaker of the late General Assembly of North Carolina, supporting his position, that a chairman has the right to vote as a member to tie and then vote again as chairman to untie or give the casting vote.

I suspect that Mr. Vann did not fully advise Mr. Dawson as to the circumstances that brought about this controversy and for the purpose his letter was to be used and that he understood Mr. Vann to be merely asking what his procedure would be as Speaker of the House, should such an occurrence happen and not what his procedure would be as chairman of the board of county commissioners of Hertford County consisting of only six members, including the chairman. If he had been fully advised his letter would have been quite different. Why didn't Mr. Vann have his letter to Mr. Dawson requesting the information published also? The people have a right to see how the question was put, besides it is unfair to Mr. Dawson to publish his answer without first publishing the question as put to him.

Now please let me introduce "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised", section 58, paragraph 5, page 238 which reads thusly:

"If a member of the assembly, he is entitled to vote when the vote is by direct ballot (but not after the tellers have commenced to count the ballot) and in all other cases where the vote would change the result. Thus in a case where a two-thirds vote is necessary and his vote thrown with the minority would prevent the adoption of the question, he can cast his vote; so, also, he can vote with the minority when it will produce a tie vote and thus cause the motion to fail, but he cannot vote twice, first to make a tie and then to give the casting vote. Whenever a motion is made referring to the Chairman only, or which compliments or condemns him with others, it should be put to vote by the vice president if in the room, or by the secretary, or on their failure to do so, by the maker of the motion. The chair should not hesitate to put the question on a motion to appoint delegates or a committee on account of his being included."

The foregoing is an exact copy of the entire paragraph number 5 which has been adopted by the United States

Congress and kept in continual practice for more than two decades.

If that august body can afford to follow such a practice, why is not that a better pattern for our little board of county commissioners consisting of six men to be governed by? (Note the chairman is not even entitled to a vote as a member after the tellers have commenced to count the ballots, and that in the case referred to, the chairman of the board of county commissioners waited until all other members had voted and the count made and the vote announced and then cast his vote as a member and as chairman together and at one time, which he had no right to do. It, also at the time being a matter of record on file in the commissioner's office forbidding the chairman of any such authority). Then the House of Representatives of North Carolina as Mr. Dawson its late speaker.

Then again, while not admitting Mr. Vann's and Mr. Dawson's position on the right of the chairman of any deliberative body to vote twice, to tie and untie, to be expedient in any assembly or body, the House of Representatives could follow such a practice much more consistently than the board of county commissioners of Hertford County. The House of Representatives being composed of 120 members and its speaker voting twice would only vote one-sixtieth part of the strength of its body; and the board of commissioners being composed of only six members, its chairman voting twice would vote two-sevenths, or nearly one-third of the strength of its body. I see much difference or consistency in favor of the house of Representatives and feel sure that my readers do the same.

Then again, so far as the law is concerned, I will say that there is no special law governing the laws and by-laws of any deliberative body. The statute is silent on the subject, the House of Representatives is a body corporate, each assembly has a right to discard all former practice or parliamentary usage and to make any laws or by-laws under which to govern the proceedings of its body, independent of the laws or by-laws of all other assemblies, if they deem proper. This will hold good all along down the line from the Supreme Court of the United States down to the board of County commissioners of Hertford county, but be it plainly understood that if the board of county commissioners of Hertford county should revoke its former rulings and proceed to allow its chairman two votes, that the life of that board will be numbered and the die cast.

Since writing the above, I have received this week's Hertford County Herald. In it I also find Mr. Dawson's letter together with another article from Mr. Vann. I see he has resorted to personalities and sarcastically refers to the opponents of his views. I wish to say that I care nothing whatsoever about his personal references and sarcasm, I have endeavored in all of my articles to confine myself strictly to the subject and avoid saying anything that could be construed as personal and sarcastic.

JOHN C. TAYLOR.  
Como, N. C., March 17, 1923.

## CO-OPERATIVE COTTON ASSOCIATION TO MEET

### Cotton Growers Organization Making Plans For Distribution of Checks

There will be a meeting of the Hertford County branch of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-Operative Association in the court house in Winton Saturday, March 31st at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

The North Carolina Cotton Association is making preparations for the distributions of the checks for the third payment on the cotton of its members and the methods used in this distribution will be outlined at this meeting. It is planned to send these checks out some time in April and as the Board of Directors have ordered that they be sent through the local organizations it is very necessary that every community be represented at this meeting in order that they may be given full instructions how to organize the locals.

A permanent county organization with officers elected from each of the Marketing Associations will be affected at this meeting. Every member of the cotton, tobacco, and peanut associations is cordially invited to be present.

The Board of Directors of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-Operative Association have ordered that the checks for the third payment on the cotton of its members be made through the local organizations. The checks for this advance are now under preparation.

This plan for the distribution of checks will be the most efficient one yet tried by the Cotton Growers Association as it provides for the delivery in person of the checks, thus doing away with the uncertain and unsatisfactory plan of sending checks through the mails to thousands of members, many of whom the postmasters are not acquainted with and who consequently would be put to much delay and trouble in getting their money.

As these checks are going to be distributed through the locals it means that those communities which have organized will probably receive their checks some time before those communities which have not been organized.

Mr. Joseph C. Jones, who is the Field Representative, for the district composed of the counties of Vance, Warren, Halifax, Northampton and Hertford, is covering this territory as rapidly as possible assisting in organizing these locals, but as it is a matter of impossibility for him to personally organize each local in this district before the checks are ready for distribution and, as it is desired that every member get their check at the same time as nearly as possible, those communities which have not yet formed their locals are urged to do so at once. As the Cotton and Tobacco Associations are organizing locals jointly any community which has a tobacco local can use it a cotton local and have their checks distributed through it.

Full information for the organization of locals will be promptly furnished upon request by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-Operative Association, Raleigh, N. C. or by applying to Mr. Joseph C. Jones, field representative, Warrenton, N. C.

**Why He Didn't Stop**  
"James, do you see that policeman making signs to you?" asked the lady in the back seat of the car.  
"Yes, ma'am" replied the chauffeur.  
"Probably wants us to stop."  
"Don't know, ma'am, I don't understand his signs. You see, we don't belong to the same lodge."

1. To have the land in good condition.
2. To use good seed of a good variety.
3. To have a good stand.
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6. To fight the boll weevil.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

North Carolina—Hertford County. Hertford County—Before the Clerk. Mabel Holloman versus William Holloman, notice.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Hertford County, North Carolina to obtain a divorce "A VINCULO MATRIMONII" upon the grounds of five year's separation and the plaintiff having resided in this state for that period, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hertford County, at his office in the Court-house in Winton, N. C., on the 21st DAY OF APRIL, 1923.

And answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This the 24th day of March, 1923.  
D. R. MCGLOHON,  
Clerk of Superior Court.  
C. W. JONES, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
3-30-23-4t.

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### BETHLEHEM NEWS

Mr. G. O. Holoman went to Norfolk last week.

Mr. George Belch and family from near Powellsville spent Sunday in the home of Mr. R. L. Simons.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill of Ahoskie visited Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hill Sunday afternoon.

Miss Nollie Stephenson spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. D. L. Minton near Brantleys Grove.

Misses Willie Overton and Emma Sue Edwards from Scotland Neck spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Miss Susie Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Williams and

Mrs. A. W. Greene of Ahoskie visited in the Thomas home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. C. F. Peele went to Murfreesboro Sunday to visit his daughter, Mrs. Willie Deans.

We regret to report Mrs. R. L. Simons as being on the sick list.

Mr. Jim Coleston and family of Ahoskie spent Sunday in the home of Mr. M. P. Norvell.

The Moore County News of Carthage is dividing money with agricultural club members of that county for every new subscriber secured by a regularly enrolled club member up until May 1st.

## MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



WHEN SHUT OFF THEM WEEPS! REMEMBER THE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD!

WELL, AN TEACHER IS AN ONE GROUGH!

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NAW! IT'S TOO BURNED EVEN!

SHE'S MAD ALL TH' TIME!

By Charles S. Stone  
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