

FUTILE ATTEMPT IS MADE TO CHOOSE A COUNTY CHAIRMAN

**Commissioners Vote Twelve
Times But Fail To Select
Either Doctor Mitchell or
Frank Taylor**

DARK HORSES AND DINNER DO NO GOOD

**Thad A. Eure Elected to Succeed
W. D. Boone, Resigned,
As County Attorney**

The county commissioners elected a new legal adviser and attorney at the regular December meeting last Monday; but when it came to selecting a chairman from among its own number, there was nothing doing. All six of the commissioners had their choice for chairman and "dark horses," dinner, nor anything else could change the vote, which ended 3 to 3, with Doctor Mitchell and Frank Taylor as candidates.

Attorney Thad A. Eure was elected to succeed Attorney W. D. Boone, resigned, as county attorney. Mr. Boone was first elected unanimously to succeed himself but declined to accept the position for another year on account of conflict with his other work. Attorney Eure was then a unanimous choice.

Voting on a chairman for the ensuing year began shortly before the noon hour, and seven ballots were taken before the commissioners adjourned for dinner, "to think it over." Balloting was resumed after lunch with the same result, and after five more tries at it, Doctor Mitchell ruled himself chairman until his successor was elected. The board then proceeded to its other business.

F. G. Taylor was nominated by E. H. Eure; and Dr. Mitchell by W. J. Vaughan. Two ballots resulted in a tie each time. E. H. Eure was then nominated by Mr. Vaughan, but the vote remained unchanged, the first two candidates receiving three votes each. Jno. O. Askew, Jr., was nominated by E. W. Whitley, and received one vote; Whitley was in turn nominated, but the result was all the same. Two more ballots on Mitchell and Taylor failed to break the tie.

The board had the same deadlock one year ago, but finally chose Doctor Mitchell when one member changed his vote. Voting was by ballot on Monday. Without having first hand knowledge, here is the way the HERALD reporter places the votes: For Mitchell, W. H. Vaughan, E. W. Whitley, J. H. Mitchell; for Taylor, E. H. Eure, J. O. Askew, and F. G. Taylor.

Bonds of the other county officers were examined and approved at the Monday session; and E. H. Eure was also appointed to check the report of the Clerk of court on fines and forfeitures and other revenues controlled by his office.

A meat house and pack house, respectively were ordered built at Parker's ferry and Hill's ferry, for the use of the ferrymen. These were the principal items of business transacted at the meeting Monday; and, with the approval of bills against the county, the board adjourned at 3 o'clock and went home.

BLOW-VINSON

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized Thursday, November 29 at 4:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Blow, Portsmouth, Va., when Miss Nannie Emma Vinson became the bride of Mr. Ralph Mathias Blow.

The rooms were attractively decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums. The bride wore a suit of blue pique with gray trimmings with hat and gloves to correspond.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Frederick Jones, pastor of Port Norfolk Baptist Church, and was witnessed by only a few relatives and friends.

The bride is a popular member of the younger set and is very active in church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Blow will make their home in Murfreesboro, N. C., where the groom is a prosperous young

REPAIRING STORE

Carpenters have been busy adding shelves and counters to the old Belamy store building, which is now owned by the Ahooskie Department Store. Hoggard and Stokes will occupy the building in 1924.

Mr. Brown Was Much Surprised To See Picture

Mr. W. P. Brown, of Wynne, Arkansas, whose picture appeared on the front page of the HERALD a few weeks ago, has written two letters describing his feelings when he saw that issue of the newspaper. In this column we are publishing both of his letters.

Wynne, Ark., Dec. 2, 1923.
Editor Hertford County Herald,
Ahooskie, N. C.

I was surprised when I saw my picture and writup you and Mr. Johnson gave me. Many thanks for the extra copies. I gave one to each one of my son's and my daughter to file away. I like to look back over the past. I certainly enjoy Old Farmer's letters, and his kind words for Frank Taylor. Frank is a chip off the old block. I knew his father and mother.

His mother was Miss Bettie Williams. She boarded at our house in the 18 fifties and I loved her like a sister. I thought that she was very pretty and every one loved Lang Taylor. I know when they were married.

In his letter about the barbecue for the tobacco farmers he said some kind things for Judge Winston that I enjoyed. I knew his father, Judge Pat Winston of Windsor. He and W. N. H. Smith of Hertford county were frequently guests at my father's and I thought both great men. I have set on their laps when I was a child, both of them were fond of children. I was always glad when they came; don't think I would have been fonder of the President had he been our guest.

I often ask why it is we are not raising such men now. Some say that we are going too fast. I wonder if Old Farmer can go back to the State Election in 1869 of the great barbecue at Liverman's Mill. John Pool and Ellis were the candidates for Governor. Had a whole steer cooked and stood on the table. Pool was the Whig candidate and was defeated but he captured a Bertie lady for his bride, (Miss Mollie Mebane). He was the pony of Pasquotank. Bell and Everets were the Whig candidates for President and Vice-President.

Next year is an open election year with us, we will vote for National, State, County and Township officers—State and county in Oct. and National in Nov. We elect our officers every two years, but generally let them serve two terms, so this time it will be open to all and it looks now that the field will be full.

Our short crop is about gathered. Negroes are still going north hunting high wages.

Old Farmer is giving your many readers some good advice and the Cat is nosing around and smells my best wishes go to both of them what is going on. My best wishes go to both of them, I enjoy all the paper but read their column first. I am still in the game.

Yours truly,
W. P. BROWN.

Wynne, Ark., Nov. 23, 1923.

Hon. W. R. Johnson, Ahooskie, N. C.
Honorable Sir and Friend—I was very much surprised when I received the Herald and saw your write-up of me. When I first got the paper I first looked over the local column, and then read at Cat and Old Farmer's letter, but did not see my picture until I had looked over the paper. I want to thank you and the Editor for your kind words. I have always said that I wanted my flowers while I was living and my friends are certainly throwing flowers in large bunches.

I am covered with empty honors.—Commander and Adjutant of our Camp U. C. V's, Chairman and Secretary of the Confederate Pension Board of this county. There are 34 widows and 6 veterans on the pension roll. They all wanted to do something for me, so a friend wrote them to contribute to a fund to buy me a Confederate uniform. He has let me read their letter in reply to his letter and words fall to express my gratitude for their kind words. I tell them that is the greatest honor of all to be called "the friend of the Confederate Soldier's Widow."

I think that I have more friends in this county than any other man in it. I am at home everywhere. I was Tax Assessor for ten years,—1876 to 1886, then Road Commissioner for several years. So everyone knew me and all were very kind to me. It is certainly a great pleasure for an old man to enjoy life as I do. Smile and the world will smile with you, mourn and you sorrow alone.

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MRS. LOUISE VOILES VINSON

Wednesday night, at ten minutes past eleven o'clock, Mrs. Louise Voiles Vinson, 20 years old, wife of James S. Vinson, died at her home here. Death came after eight hours of suffering, and was almost without warning to even her husband, who had been by her side from 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday morning at half past ten o'clock, and burial was made immediately after in the city cemetery. Rev. D. A. Clarke, pastor of the Methodist Church, conducted the services.

She is survived by her husband, associate owner and manager of the Hertford County Herald; her father, C. E. Voiles of Clarkton; step-mother, Mrs. Voiles; one sister, Mrs. D. B. Trivett, of Winston-Salem; and one brother, Mr. Clell Voiles, of Winston-Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson had been married only eleven months and five days, the union having been made on the last day of the year in 1922. A few months after their marriage, they moved into their residence and had just started a home—a home that was characterized by an unflinching devotion on the part of each to the other.

Those attending the funeral and burial from out of town were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Voiles, of Clarkton; Mrs. D. B. Trivett and Mr. Clell Trivett, of Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Vinson, of Weldon; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Vinson, of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vaughan, of Victoria, Va.

The active pallbearers were: Howard Basnight, Paul Dukes, John Mitchell, Linwood White, James Green, and Roy Parker; the honorary pallbearers, W. W. Rogers, S. E. Vaughn, Geo. J. Newbern, V. D. Strickland, C. H. Mitchell, Claude Greene, G. C. Britton and L. C. Williams.

Besides the members of the family, many friends in town attended the funeral and burial. Banks of floral offerings by friends and relatives were marks of the friendship and love held for this couple. The death struck deeply at the hours of suffering, and was almost without warning to hearts of every person in the town.

CONGRESS CONVENES FOR 68TH SESSION

**North Carolina House Members
Pledge Themselves to Water-
ways Development**

After one of the longest recesses in several years, Congress has again convened at Washington. For two days the Progressive Bloc of the Republican Party prevented all attempts at organizing the House. The Senate met Monday and adjourned until Wednesday out of respect to the members who have died since the last term. A truce was called between the warring factions in the House late Tuesday, and final organization was made on Wednesday.

Gillett, of Massachusetts, former speaker of the House, was again elected to that position, by the combination of regular and progressive Republicans. Congressman Garrett of Tennessee received the solid backing of the Democratic members, and at one time during the balloting received a greater number of votes.

A threatened breach in the North Carolina House membership was averted Tuesday, when a conference was held in the office of Representative Pou, and recommendations made for committee assignments. The chief point at issue was the appointment to the rivers and harbors committee, three members seeking the place. They were H. S. Ward, of this district, Representatives Abernathy and Lyon. The latter was assigned to the committee, and others were given preferred assignments, the whole delegation being satisfied at the lot drawn.

Congressman Ward was recommended for assignment to the interstate and foreign commerce committee. A news despatch from Washington says: "The conference strongly urged that Mr. Ward be assigned to the interstate and foreign commerce committee because of his well-known independence and his knowledge of railroad rates. That committee is now 'packed with railroad men', some think, and it is said to be badly in need of men like Ward."

The entire delegation pledged itself to the development of waterways in East Carolina, and Congressman Lyon was agreed upon for the rivers and harbors committee only after a pledge was made to see that the First and Second (Ward's and Abernathy's) districts received its proportion of the appropriation for waterways and development.

POWER OF MONEY IS CLEARLY EVIDENCED

**Finding \$2,000 Unspent Ahooskie
Tax Money Put Council-
man Basnight To Sleep**

Money has powerful influences. Out of some possessors it makes wild spenders; and others become bigots when they suddenly have riches thrust upon them. But it had an entirely different effect on H. S. Basnight, town councilman, last Monday night. It put him to sleep.

Mayor Williams had just announced the locating of \$2,000 of unspent Ahooskie town tax money—a sum the town thought had gone from it never to return. It was paid to the Hanover National Bank, New York City, December 14, 1922, presumably to retire a town bond. The money has been in New York twelve months, the town has received no cancelled bond; and, in fact, did not even owe for a bond at the time the money was sent.

Lacking complete records of former town officers, the council holding office last year, acting upon the information that a town bond was due on December 15, remitted \$5,000 to the New York City bank, three thousand of which was for semi-annual interest, and \$2,000 for the retirement of the first bond of the \$70,000 issue for water and sewer. Interest coupons were received, but the cancelled bond has never shown up.

During the summer a former record book was unearthed by Geo. J. Newbern, and later turned over to the Mayor. Looking through the records contained in this book, Mayor Williams located the ordinance that provided for the issuance of the town bonds. He then and there discovered why it was a cancelled bond had never been received. The first bond is not due until June 15, 1924.

Mayor Williams was explaining the situation to the council Monday. It provided the members of the board the first piece of good news they have ever heard of the town's finances. While the other two members listened to all the incidents in connection with the transaction and said not a word about "let's shove along and get out of here", H. S. Basnight heard just enough of it to put him to sleep. He fell back in his chair, closed his eyes, bit doggedly at the Nurica he had been smoking, and slept peacefully through a half hour of the session, shaking himself loose just in time to vote "aye" on adjournment.

—Straightening out of the bond pay-

Crop Of Boys In County Exceeds Girls In Number

Studying the 1922 records of births in Hertford County seem to bear out the statement recently made by some fellow over in Europe that more boys than girls are born immediately following a war. Last year there were 268 boys born in this county, and 267 girls—the boys leading by one.

Ahooskie township grew a relatively larger crop of boys than any other township in the county. Out of 95 births fifty-two were boys. St. Johns township came next, with 77 boys and 63 girls. Maney's Neck is fond of girls; out of 35 children born 21 were girls. The other townships are as follows: Harrellsville, 42 girls, 33 boys; Murfreesboro, 48 girls, 43 boys; Winton, 50 girls, 49 boys.

It won't take much of a statistician to figure out just how populous Hertford county will be within a few years, figuring from the records of last year's deaths and births. More than twice as many were born as died, the figures being, 535 births, and 244 deaths.

A comparison of the records give Harrellsville the highest rate of increase of births over deaths. That township had three times as many births as deaths, with three "to carry." The totals were: 75 births, 24 deaths. Maney's Neck ranks second in the list with 35 births and 12 deaths. Ahooskie made the poorest showing of all, with 95 births and 51 deaths. Others were as follows: Winton, 99 births, 46 deaths; Murfreesboro, 91 births, 32 deaths; St. Johns, 140 births, 59 deaths.

Last year there were 25 illegitimate children born in Hertford County. Two townships, St. Johns and Harrellsville furnished by far the larger number, with 13 and 7, respectively. Records of the other townships are as follows: Ahooskie 3, Winton 1, Murfreesboro 1, Maney's Neck 0.

Three hundred and thirty-two of the 535 children born in the county last year were colored, and 203 white. The figures for the six townships were as follows: Ahooskie, 66 colored, 29 white; Winton, 79 colored, 20 white; Harrellsville, 47 colored, 28 white; Maney's Neck, 21 colored, 14 white; Murfreesboro, 28 colored, 63 white; St. Johns, 91 colored, 49 white.

ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF SON'S BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Sinclair entertained Monday afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock in honor of the fourth birthday anniversary of their little son, T. H., Jr. Christmas colors were used for decorations in the dining room, and the birthday cake was lighted with red and green candles.

Various games were played and enjoyed, after which Mrs. Sinclair, assisted by Mr. J. H. Umphlett, served popcorn, apples, cakes, and cream.

T. H., Jr., was the recipient of many pretty little gifts. Those present were Sidney Bowers, Earl Forbes, Margaret and Louise Walker, James Hobbs, Woodrow Harris, Mary Rivers Parker, J. E. and Mildred Parker, and Constance Umphlett.

SUFFERING FROM WOUNDED MEMBER

Mr. Johnnie J. Mitchell, who's foot and leg was caught in a peanut picker on the 19th November and badly hurt, the heel and ankle being torn out of place, and his leg cut to the bone from his knee down, is doing nicely. All of the stitches have been removed. He was able to sit up on Thursday of last week, but on that night he was stricken with severe pains in his eyes which caused him much suffering and threw him in bed again up until Sunday.

The wounded limb was dressed by Dr. Walker assisted by Dr. Greene in Ahooskie before he was taken to his home on Route 1. It is hoped that his foot will be saved.

Feed is the foundation of the livestock industry and grazing the basis for its success say livestock specialists of the State College and Department.

ment tangle finds the town with \$4,000 more money than it thought it would have on the 15th, when another \$2,000 bond was due, according to the prevalent belief and until the records were searched. Instead of having to send another \$5,000 on the 15th only \$3,000 will be due for interest; and \$2,000 is now in the possession of the New York bank.

The town has already paid off \$3,000 of the bonds of the other two issues, of \$30,000 and \$40,000, respectively

NORTHERN CAPITAL ADDS TO INDUSTRY OF MURFREESBORO

**Hosiery And Basket Factories
Are Already Under Con-
struction In Thriving
Hertford Town**

DOWN TOWN ADDING NEW IMPROVEMENTS

**Bishop Darst, of Wilmington,
Preached at Thanksgiving
Service Monday**

Murfreesboro, Dec. 5.—Workmen are here to begin the construction of a hosiery factory. Already the foundation is being laid. The site is the lot just west of the Episcopal church, Main street.

Murfreesboro is also to have a basket factory which will be constructed on or near the shore of Meherrin river. According to reports, the company will consist principally of northern capitalists. Fifteen workmen are expected from Philadelphia today (Wednesday).

The downtown portion of Murfreesboro, originally the first principal, then the decadence, is again reviving. It is now growing every day in enterprise and beauty. Mr. J. A. Campbell has opened up new streets, installed all night light system and is completing and beautifying his handsome residence on his street, the white way running parallel with Main southward. Also the new residences completed are an added attraction. A new store is being erected on the W. P. Futrell lots, which he will occupy. Lastly comes the new basket factory.

Bishop Darst Preaches

Bishop Darst (of the East Carolina Diocese), of Wilmington, in his annual visit to his parish, was in Murfreesboro on Monday. He preached a grand sermon in the Episcopal church at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. At this service the annual Thanksgiving offering was taken.

A Beautiful Thanksgiving Dinner
Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Parker entertained charmingly Thursday, November 29, at 8:30 P. M. o'clock, when they were hosts at a beautiful turkey dinner. The table was resplendent. The centerpiece was a pyramid of rich fruit and a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums bronzed, with autumn tints. The dinner consisted of roast turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, celery, pickles, potato salad, lighthouse, hot biscuits, and coffee; chocolate cake and jelly with whipped cream and cherries. Fruit was served during the evening. Those attending were: Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Whitley, Mrs. Gary Parker and Miss Mollie Parker.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Hershey Parker of Goldsboro, N. C., were guests on Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wynn.

Rev. and Mrs. Singleton of this state were guests of Mrs. Sue Lawrence for Thanksgiving. Mr. Singleton conducted services at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. M. E. Reed and her two little girls of Norfolk were Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Chetty.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Vaughan had as Thanksgiving guests Mr. and Mrs. Stephens of Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phelps of Ahooskie, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brinkley of Colerain were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Parker.

Mrs. J. M. Forehand of Norfolk arrived to spend Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Forehand. She will continue her visit indefinitely.

Rev. J. W. Whitley left Monday to spend a week with his father in Oakboro and to attend the State Convention which meets in Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lawrence and family spent Thanksgiving in Victoria, Va., with relatives, returning home Saturday.

The Murfreesboro Baptist church met its pledge towards the 75 million campaign, in full, at the end of the 4th year. For current and benevolent purposes, the church paid the past year more than \$67 per capita.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Underwood went to Colerain Thursday to attend the marriage of Miss Thelma Forehand. Mrs. Underwood played the wedding march.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Chetty have returned from Norfolk where they spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Reed.