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Editor C. H. Mebane, of Newton, died a few days ago. Mr. Mebane won the esteem of the state as superintendent of state school from 1897-1901 though election the fusion ticket. As man and educator he was the real thing.

If the Duke electric railway to be extended from Charlotte to Durham cannot come through Pittsboro, if it could be induced to come through Siler City and take a cross-country cut to Chapel Hill, it would give the northwestern part of this county much needed relief. Chatham folk should get busy and get the line through the county in some direction. And Chapel Hill will be much in its own light if it does not get busy.

Senator Borah, in a speech urging the return of enemy alien property seized during the war, says there has never been such an orgy of graft as in the management of mismanagement of that property. Unless all the rogues have been congregated in banking and other institutions, it is conceivable the Senator is about right. If a man will steal \$92,000 from a foreign mission fund, imagine him in charge of millions of government property.

In glancing over the files of the Lumberton Argus for the year 1901, we find clipped from the Salisbury Sun and publishers in the issue of July 14 the following: "Mr. B. N. Duke moving his citizenship to New York state cuts this state out of \$17,000 state and county taxes." He says: "I will make my home in New York but my heart will be in North Carolina and I will not forget the asylum and other worthy charities." Truly, no promise was ever kept better.

Depending largely as we do, on out-of-town advertising Christmas for these three years has come at such a time in the week as to make it practically impossible to reap an advertising profit from the holiday trade that papers more fortunately situated do. But next year it will turn our way, as Christmas will come on Sunday and the Record can be circulated in time for Friday and Saturday trade.

The coming session of the Legislature will have serious tax and appropriation questions to confront it. If Governor McLean is headed, the body will probably save the state from the morass of greater appropriations than the tax-payers can furnish funds to pay. Wilton McLean knows the condition of the average man in the state, something which is not true of dozens of those who are asking for enlarged appropriations for their pet departments or institutions.

It is significant that the young man who won the Rhodes scholarship over numerous competitors is an honor Greek student at Duke. Greek itself may not be the cause of his success, but the fact that he was willing to take a hard subject indicates that he is made of the stuff that will win. The boy looking for easy courses in school ought not to be there unless he has a boss over him who will make him tackle and achieve the difficult. Merely "going to school" is not worth a cent.

Senator Simmons has succeeded in getting through the appropriations for competing the inland waterway from Norfolk to Wilmington. Great stretches of the route are already in use. Another provision of the river and harbors bill is for the deepening of the Beaufort channel and narrows, which fills Carteret folk with great expectations of the development of a great port down there. Congress is pressing business, but like the North Carolina legislature, it has a man looking on who is not afraid to call a halt in the expenditure of money. President Coolidge opposes outright the appropriation of millions for ten cruises of the navy. We wish Governor McLean had the veto power for the next three months. The state might rest more easily. It is hard to put over a log-rolling job on Coolidge or McLean.

Dr. E. W. Knight says that North Carolina high school graduates are not as well educated as students who have finished only the first year of high school in some of the states. He attributes it to the teachers. In this connection, recall our editorial of two or three weeks ago, "Discussing Teachers." Men teachers, as instructors and not executives, are practically barred from the public high schools of the state, except beginners who can afford to work for a small salary. The big money is going to superintendents, supervisors, and other mucka-mucks. County superintendents are getting three times what they were only ten years ago. L. L. Matthews worked in Sampson county till his death for a salary ranging from \$600.00 up to \$1500. His successor is getting \$3500, or was, and is taking life easy. As a teacher, an instructor, \$133.33 would be his monthly salary in a high school, which for an 8-months term would make even \$1,000.00. North Carolina schools have been suffering, to our knowledge, for 35 years from lack of an enforced standard of scholarship. The writer has tested students in several schools in which he taught who had passed their grades in former terms with high marks, and had been promoted, with the rarest exceptions, almost utterly without the knowledge their grades indicated. Teaching, real teaching, is what is needed. Such teachers as "Sawney" Webb of Tennessee, Morson and Denson of the old Raleigh male academy were the kind of men to set and enforce standards. Webb died last week, but his example should live on and on.

Criticism of the jury and of the judge of the court in which Doheny and former Secretary of the Interior Hall were acquitted for conspiracy and bribery in connection with a certain lease or naval reserve oil lands has been rife. As there are usually two sides to a question, and the jury is legally bound to give the defendant the benefit of the doubt, we are not responsible for the acquittal of downright rascality. The men sworn to hear the evidence certainly should know more about the merits of the case than an editor hundreds of miles away. Yet there are such things as suborned courts and juries. But to jump every time a verdict does not agree with one's own opinion to the conclusion that the jury or the judge was suborned is not a healthful attitude. Any way, Fall, particularly has paid dearly for his part in these transactions. From a big man in the administration he has fallen to a very low estate. Nobody trusts Fall, or at least very few do.

Well, if the days are not yet getting much longer, it is gratifying to realize that they will not get any shorter. The sun has made the corner of its yearly round, or rather the earth has, but this half of its gash has yet to pay for turning its gash upon old sol. Winter is just supposed to be beginning when the days begin to lengthen. Christmas, which takes the date of an older winter feast, comes just as the shadows begin to shorten, and surely there could have been no more fitting time chosen for the great feast season of northern hemisphere than these days when the length of the sun gives promise of another summer and another harvest. Likewise, as Christ is characterized as the "sun of righteousness," it was appropriate for those who did not know the date of his birth to choose this period for its celebration.

Mexico's constitutional provision controlling the alienation of oil and other mineral resources is scheduled to go into effect the first day of January, and some sharp notes have passed from the state department of this government to the sister Republic. The law is interpreted as retroactive, taking away from foreign owners what they have acquired under earlier laws. Mexico denies this and persists in her determination to enforce the provision. Our opinion is that Mexico should be allowed to conserve her resources, which this country can scarcely keep its Dohenys from hogging her own resort to strong measures to prevent American and European oil hogs from monopolizing its rich mineral resources. Elsewhere we are publishing a late statement of Mexico's contention.

If all the money paid out the past five years by Chatham people for hay were back in the county, it would be a prosperous time. Farmers right now should resolve that no more hay need be shipped into Chatham. Let them investigate at once the O-oo-ton soy bean and be ready to plant that superior variety at the proper time. Soy and velvet beans, oats, rye, and the clovers and vetches should solve the Chatham county farmer's problem along with the cattle and hogs that should naturally accompany the growing of those crops.

In considering the state of the weekly press 25 years ago we should probably have ascribed the ineffectualness of it more to the listlessness and lack of "punch" on the part of the average editor than to a lack of independence. There has certainly been a great reformation in both men and plants the past quarter of a century. Yet the papers of such towns as Pittsboro must hold on to the old processes till prosperity strides their balliwicks.

County-Agent Shivar states that the milk route in the western part of the county is proving already quite a success. 125 gallons of whole milk is collected a day, at a price of more than 30 cents a gallon. We are told that Mr. W. H. Ferguson's monthly check is already \$125. That is fine.

Pittsboro and the whole of Chatham county should be concerned in the matter of the extension of the Duke electric lines from Charlotte to Durham. It has been positively decided to make the extension. It has suggested that the electric railway will parallel the Southern. But that does not look economically reasonable. The Southern and the great highway paralleling it should furnish all the transportation facilities the territory along the Southern needs; while there lies between here and Charlotte a vast area that should develop marvellously with an electric road transversing it. The building of that road through Troy, Goldston, Pittsboro, Bynum and Chapel Hill, would enable it to serve a section that really needs transportation facilities. Pittsboro may not be on the most direct route, but there is no one point that would respond quicker to the stimulus of a new railroad. At least, it will do no harm to seek it. Chapel Hill would, doubtless, readily cooperate in any effort of Chatham County to secure the road.

We call attention to the contribution of Mr. S. D. Johnson. Mr. Johnson sees a bright future for Pittsboro provided there is effective cooperation on the part of its citizens. The prospect of a second silk mill, together with the enlargement of the existing one, is suggestive of a brighter day for the old town. Now, let's get busy and get a chair factory and a roller mill.

The legislature has a problem before it in the matter of taxation. Nothing more startling from an economic point of view has occurred recently than the friendly revelation of the president of the Vick Chemical Company. That company has moved a large part of its business and tax-dollars to another state and the president tells why. North Carolina taxes the Vick investment and business of millions were several times more than they would be in any other of several states mentioned. The state is rather careful to avoid taxing activities from foreign corporations. Aid by citizens of this state, hoping hereby to hold citizens having such others. At the same time it was lay-

ing the burden of taxation so heavily upon the shoulders of North Carolina corporations that they are looking wistfully to other states, and, as in the case of Vick's, picking up bag and baggage and going to more favorable fields. The Vick Company cannot now be criticized for asking favors, but it would have been a kindness to the state to have laid bare the situation before it moved the bulk of its wealth from the state. A few years ago such a revelation as suggested would have been received with a howl of disapproval and condemnation of the greed of corporations, but we truly believe that North Carolina is now a reasonable commonwealth and is willing to "tote fair" with the corporations, even the railroads and the Duke interests.

Neighbor Brewer Kills Three Big Porks

Our neighbor at the top of the hill, Mr. George Brewer, killed three fine porkers a few days ago. They totaled about 1200 pounds net. Some mighty fine sausage gravitated down the hill to be enjoyed by their neighbors.

Fireworks Forbidden

The town commissioners last week passed an ordinance forbidding the firing of any kind of fireworks in the town's borders, not only during the holidays, but at all times. The fine for violation is five dollars. We intended to congratulate Chief Lacey Johnson last week upon the birth of a daughter. This is the first child for the Johnsons.

PLAY APPRECIATED

(Continued)
The school and community are grateful to Mrs. Sturgis Leavitt and her class in expression for a most artistic and impressive presentation of the Christmas play, "Why The Chimes Rang", at the school auditorium Monday evening December 20th.

Through the skillful manipulation of light and color the tableau representing the vision of Holger, the woodcutter's son, appeared not as of real people but as an old and beautiful painting.

The play which did much to create the right spirit of the Christmas season about to be celebrated was a local contribution to beautiful and wholesome community living.

In addition to those whose names appeared on the program who gave valuable assistance to Mrs. Leavitt and the class were Mrs. Henry Byrum accompanist, and Charles Fields student assistant in scenic work, who showed native ability in scenic affects.

MARRIAGE LICENSES— ; ;

- Dec. 2, 1926—Charles Harris-Deci Smith, Siler City, N. C.
- Dec. 10, 1926—Barium Knight—Annie Bell Cummins, Pittsboro
- Dec. 11, 1926—R. A. Bowling—Floy Goodwin, Apex
- Dec. 12, 1926—F. Oakley, csmfhrdwlyusemrdwvlyn, Apex
- Dec. 17, 1926—Warrack Stone, Apex
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- Dec. 18, 1926—Chas. Caviness—Winona Williams, Staley.
- Dec. 18—Jim Johnson, Rhoda Riddle Moncreur, Rt 1
- Dec. 18, 1926—James M. Oldham—Blanche Marley, Siler City.
- Dec. 20—Palmer B. Copeland—Maggies M. Williams, Apex Rt 3
- Dec. 20, 1926—R. Hugh Holleman—Esper Baldwin, Apex Rt. 3.

Nonsense from the Pope

(From the Chapel Hill Weekly)

A great deal of foolish talk has been uttered, these last few years, in censure of the styles in women's clothing, and now Pope Pius adds his contribution to the stream of nonsense. A despatch from Rome records that, in addressing the Catholic Men's Association, he called the present-day fashions "an ugly, ruinous, catastrophic tendency which Catholic husbands, fathers, and brothers should attempt to check at all costs."

There is no good evidence that the way in which women now clothe themselves is ruinous or catastrophic, and we are sure the Pope is even still further from the mark when he calls the garments of today ugly. Women's apparel of this era is far prettier and more graceful than it was when Pius was young. I here be anybody whose memory does not satisfy him upon this point, let him consult a few old pictures.

There are millions of people whom Pope Pius is the Supreme Pontiff in matters of religion, but he is doomed to a bitter disappointment is he fancied he can be their Supreme Pontiff in matters of dress. Because of his pronouncement Roman Catholic women will add not one inch to the length of their skirts or one ounce to the weight of their lingerie. And as for the influence of the men who Pope Pius thinks "should attempt to check" the modern tendencies in dress—well, husbands and fathers the world over will be inclined to mirth as they receive this advice from the eminent pontiff of the Vatican.

In an account given in the Clinton Observer of a big reception at Pine-land College, the name of Miss Carrie Guina, a senior student in that good school, was named as one in the receiving line.

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Christmas

SOON the greatest, holiest, snappiest day of the year will be here—Christmas. To all our fellow townsmen—to our friends, wherever they may be—we extend a sincere message of Christmas Greetings. May the coming Christmas be the merriest and most prosperous Yuletide of your experience. May the new year—1927—be filled with all the good things of life. Such is our sincere wish.

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