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ERROR RAISES HOPE; TRUTH DEFLATES 'EM

Section of Highway Ninety Not to Be Paved Immediately, But Five-Mile Section of Fifty is to Be Paved

A story in the State papers Friday about the highway letting of February 18 raised the hopes of eastern Chatham people, including those of Pittsboro, only to have them fall when a correction was made.

Chairman Doughton of the State Highway Commission, by error, gave the probable list of improvements to be made some time or other, instead of the list of the lettings scheduled for the 18th of February. In the former list both the section of 90 from the county home to route fifty and the unpaved section of fifty north of Moncure to the Wake line were included. But in the actual list of contracts scheduled to be let, the 19-mile section of 90 does not appear, though the five-mile section of 50 does.

The latter is lucky for Moncure, which, time and again, has found success in stressful times in the construction of highways or bridges. Pittsboro has, also, been fortunate in that respect, and knows the value of the spending of many thousands of dollars in the community; hence the greater disappointment. Even the bridge across Haw River was included in the first list published.

But it is gratifying to know that the two highway 90 projects are near enough on docket to be listed among the improvements probable in the near future.

Simmons Men Have Meeting at Durham

A general meeting of Simmons boosters, called by Charles A. Hines of Greensboro, and to which were invited representatives of every congressional district, was held in Durham last Friday. The announced purpose of the meeting was to select a state campaign manager for the Simmons campaign for the senate. In that the meeting failed, attendance was not so large as had been hoped, and of those present none was willing to assume responsibility of handling the campaign.

Mr. Hines himself, a former state senator and one-time chairman of the state board of elections, was suggested. He is too busy with his law practice. Then John D. Langston was a likely manager; his health was pleaded in excuse. James A. Hartness, secretary of state would make a good one, but his official position precludes his acceptance. Thomas D. Warren of New Bern, former chairman of the state Democratic committee, is said to be available and in receptive mood. Present indications are that he will be selected.

Reports leaking out from the meeting indicate that the Simmons supporters realize that they are up against a real fight. A few weeks ago they pooh-poohed the idea of Bailey being any serious menace to the Senator's ambition for another nomination; now they are hard at work on plans of campaign, preparing for a real fight.

So far Mr. Bailey has not announced any state manager. In his camp are many of the younger Democrats with more energy and zeal than mature judgment and practical experience, but if newspaper correspondents at Raleigh seem to think that he will have less trouble getting a suitable and capable manager than the Simmons supporter will.

First Snowfall of Many Years

For the first time in many years, it has snowed at Ocracoke. While the flakes fell for a half or less Thursday night, it was snow nevertheless and many of the children who have never been off this island, who have never seen a train and would stop and gaze at a building three or four stories high with wonderment saw their first snow.

Old timers can recall the freeze of 1917 at Ocracoke and all over the State. At that time the Pamlico Sound was frozen over and traffic to and from the island was stopped for several days, almost a month in fact. If such a freeze should come again the food supply of the island would run out a long time before the thaw. In the olden days merchants carried a larger stock of goods than they do now while there is daily traffic to and from the island.

FOREST FIRE LOSS WAS VERY LIGHT FOR 1929

Loss from forest fires in North Carolina for 1929 has been reported as \$151,044. These fires covered 89,870 acres. The loss is less than it has been for many years, and it is believed that fire control measures of the department of conservation aided materially in keeping it down.

A Tragedy in Family of Mrs. J. C. Weeks

Troubles do not come by ones but in pairs or droves, it seems. A most deplorable tragedy, and financial loss, in the family of Mrs. J. C. Weeks, Jr., followed the closing of the Weeks Motor Company's business here.

On last Thursday night, at Quitman, Georgia, the old Gaudin home, belonging to Mrs. Weeks, was burned, and in it and with it, Mrs. Weeks' sister-in-law, Mrs. Gaudin. The residence belonged to Mrs. Weeks, inherited from her father, Dr. Gaudin. Her brother had been living in it, but had gone a week or two previously to Detroit to accept a position. Mrs. Gaudin remained in the Quitman home, expecting to go to her husband after the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Weeks, who had planned to move to Quitman and reside in the town residence while Mr. Weeks operated Mrs. Weeks' farm near Quitman.

The news came to Clinton by phone, while Mr. and Mrs. Weeks were in Pittsboro arranging to move their household goods. Mr. Weeks' father and brother, Mr. A. D. Weeks of Florida, who was in Clinton at the time, came on up to Pittsboro and told the story as they got it over the phone, though they had already phoned to Pittsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeks are presumably in Georgia at this writing.

A. D. Weeks Not Member of Weeks Motor Company

Mr. A. D. Weeks, of Florida, who was named as a probably member of the Weeks Motor Company in the account of the bankruptcy of that company two weeks ago, was in Pittsboro last week and requested that a correction be made, as it might affect his credit, and as a contractor he must give bonds. The money he furnished was loaned outright to his brother J. C. Weeks, and the \$9,000 loan is listed as part of the liabilities of the Weeks Motor Company.

This puts a more favorable aspect on the closing of the 'Weeks business, as the losses are not as great as they would appear with the A. D. Weeks \$9,000 being accounted a part of the company's funds.

In fact, Mr. J. C. Weeks, Jr., states that his business was in better shape the first of January, 1930, than the same date of 1929, and that his books will show he owed less money. He also says that the figures of assets and liabilities taken from the Greensboro report were misleading, as the \$15,000 of insurance, while listed, was not included as a part of the assets. The assets are only about \$3,000 short of the liabilities, as listed, and the insurance would only protect in case of fire.

Mr. Weeks attributes the insistent demand of his creditors for settlement at this time to a report which got circulated a few months ago to the effect that he was about to break. He is quite sure that he could have pulled through in the long run, despite hard times, if the creditors had been more patient. He had been selling his full quota of cars, and was listed among the few agencies that had exceeded expectations. All the specifications of the Ford Company as to repair equipment had been made since he came here and this had cost a considerable sum. Also he found used cars a drug on the market. Thus, on the whole, he could not raise the funds demanded.

Bell Trustee of Weeks Motor Co.

At a meeting of creditors with the referee in bankruptcy at Greensboro Monday, Attorney D. L. Bell, of Pittsboro, was appointed trustee of the defunct Weeks Motor Company.

The meeting was attended by Attorneys Wade Barber and W. P. Horton, Messrs. J. A. Thomas, Bob Goodwin, Trudie Trailkill, employees of the company, W. W. Langley of the Moncure Bank and others. Mr. Weeks, who was called to Georgia by the tragedy reported in another article, was not at the meeting.

It is probable that all possible haste will be made in disposing of the affairs of the company as Mr. Fred Justice of Siler City was secured the Ford agency and would naturally desire to see the disposition of the Weeks plant, even if he should not be the purchaser of it himself.

HEAD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN U. S. DEAD

Bishop Charles Palmerston Anderson, head of the Protestant Episcopal church in North America, died at his home in Chicago last Thursday night. For a number of years Bishop Anderson of Chicago was chosen last fall as primate of his church in this country to succeed Bishop Murray. Funeral rites in keeping with his expressed wishes for simplicity were observed in St. James Cathedral Saturday.

Gulf News

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lakey, of Greensboro, came down Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Lakey. Mrs. Lakey is reported to be improving. She has been confined to her bed about three weeks with an attack of gall stones.

Misses Annie and Elsie Tyner spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Tyner. They were accompanied by Misses Katherine Curle and Edith Corbett, all four are students at Elon college.

Master Duncan Murchison is able to be in school again after an attack of mumps.

Miss Mattie Burke of Greensboro spent the week-end with her aunt, Mrs. Lucy A. Beal.

Friends of Mr. P. T. Knight regret he is to leave Gulf for another position. He has been a valuable employee in Mr. W. S. Russell's store for sixteen years. He left Monday night for a few days' stay in Miami, Fla.

Brown's Chapel News

Despite the snow and sloppy roads a good little crowd came out and heard Brother Dailey's fine sermon on the Macedonian Cry Sunday. Mr. John Goodwin told him after the sermon that we needed a broadcasting station so that others might have enjoyed the fine sermon. Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Farrell came up with the preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Mann had born to them on Sunday, January 26, a fine little girl, but were saddened by its immediate death. It was buried Monday, January 27. Mrs. James Nabors, a sister of Mrs. Mann, visited them last Sunday.

The Sunday school class to which Mrs. N. B. Mixon belongs presented her last Sunday with a nice 7-piece water set. Mrs. Mixon had given all the members of the class Christmas presents, and the class paid her back thus handsomely.

Mr. W. J. Durham reports 21 lambs dropped in December and January, a remarkable record for so early in the season for a flock of 34 ewes.

Mrs. J. W. Dark is now selling barred rock eggs for hatching, to Sanford hatchery, at 5 cents each. She carried over a crate last week.

Mr. J. A. Perry feels that cows are paying, as his cotton crop paid only \$30 an acre, including expenses.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smith of Raleigh were up Sunday. So the family had a kind of reunion with the mother at the home of Mr. W. W. Lutterloh.

Too much hunting without license and without permission from the land owner! The farmer who owns land and pays his tax has the same right of protection as a merchant. So long as we folk break laws we may consider of little importance surely the store thief, the bootlegger, or insulator will feel that they are not obliged to keep the laws they don't like, for lots of men and boys of the various classes of society feel that they have a perfect right to do certain things, and in order to stop the worst, we ought to respect and obey all laws—at Brown's Chapel and everywhere else.

John Cameron Finally Paroled by Governor

John Cameron was released from State prison on parole Tuesday morning, having served a total of less than three years of an original 20 year term. Cameron pleaded guilty to killing Policeman P. C. Oakes at Raeford in 1913 and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He served 15 months and escaped. Under an assumed name in Alabama he established a business, made a modest fortune and gained the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens. Recaptured in the fall of 1928 he was returned to North Carolina to complete his sentence. Application was made before both Governors Morrison and McLean for pardon, but as the prisoner was still at large no action could be taken. Again last summer strenuous effort was made before Governor Gardner but the petition was denied. Meanwhile, Cameron had paid the family of the man he killed \$10,000 and they did not oppose his release.

The parole at this time comes because of the condition of Cameron's health. He is 60 years old and he has developed tuberculosis. Some time ago he was removed from the Caledonia farm to Central prison at Raleigh and his health continued to deteriorate. It is presumed that he will return to Raeford and live with his family.

A CORRECTION

Your attention to the error in the Carolina Power and Light Company's advertisement on page two. The flour is Red Band made by the Model Milling Company, instead of the brand appearing in the advertisement.

Moncure News

Miss Elizabeth Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas, who is a senior at N. C. C. W., at Greensboro this year, is spending her two days' holiday after her mid-term examination, at home with her parents.

Miss Berta Holaday, one of Moncure teachers spent last week-end with Miss Cecil Seawell, the seventh grade teacher, at her home at Merry Oaks.

Miss Lucy Boone, Moncure Music teacher, spent last week-end with her parents at Burlington.

Miss Hortense Honeycutt, a member of the high school faculty, spent last week-end with friends at Sanford.

Rev. T. Y. Seymour, pastor of the Baptist church here, preached two splendid sermons Sunday morning. He gave the characteristics of the life of Stephens, and Sunday evening he preached on the Death of Stephens.

The Junior Epworth League met last Sunday evening at the usual hour with Master Carlton Clegg, leader, for the evening. The following assisted in the program: Master Jake Sammons and Misses Mary Helen Lambeth and Ruth Stedman. Miss Majorie Lee Ray, the president, announced that there would be a "Tackie Party" at her house Monday evening, February 3, at 7 o'clock. All the juniors are enthused over the party. A prize will be given the one dressed in the tackiest costume. Refreshments will be served.

The Senior Epworth League also met at the usual hour, with the president, Miss Camelia Stedman, in the chair. After the meeting was called to order and a short song service as there were no announcements, the meeting was turned over to the leader, Mrs. W. W. Stedman. After the devotional a special was well sung by the following girls: Misses Hettie Womble, Margaret Strickland, Emma Lee Mann, Camelia Stedman and Dorothy Lambeth. After which the lesson, "Bridge Builders," was presented by the leader. After a song by all, the meeting closed with prayer by Mr. E. W. Avent, Jr.

Moncure Boys Basketball team met at Pittsboro Basketball team at Sanford last Saturday night, February 1. It was an interesting game with a score of 15 to 20 in favor of Moncure. Goodwin led the score with eight points, and the rest played fine on the floor. This was the eleventh game won by Moncure boys out of fifteen games played.

Moncure Girls' Basketball team played Sanford Girls' team last Friday on Sanford's court. As Sanford's team was a new team, Moncure team won with Miss Jack Wheeler leading the score. The score was 38 and 9 in favor of Moncure girls.

Moncure Boys team also played Sanford team the same evening, but Moncure boys lost by two points.

Miss Ona Andrews, one of Moncure teachers spent last week-end with her parents at Bonlee.

Messrs. G. M. Womble, W. W. Stedman, and Rev. T. Y. Seymour spent Monday at Pittsboro on business.

Messrs. Tom Vandergift and Jack Barnhardt was in town Monday on business.

Messrs. J. L. Womble, Jr., and Eugene Lambeth spent Sunday in Sanford with friends.

Mrs. Barbara Watkins left last Friday for Yemassee, S. C., to spend a month with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Orrell.

We are glad to state that Mr. R. W. Hunt, who was recently hurt by a train at Dunn and has been in hospital here, was able to leave hospital last Saturday and come to his home, he recently bought from Mr. E. D. Kelly on route one. Mr. Hunt is getting on nicely.

The school here is glad to welcome Mr. Lynn Hunt as one of the high school students.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The candidates for membership in the "Girls' Friendly Society" met at the rectory Monday afternoon, January 27, with Mrs. Shannonhouse as our directress. We first sang hymn, "Jesus, Tender Shepherd, Hear Me." Then we had a prayer.

As this was our first meeting we elected officers. We had eight to join our society. All of us had such a nice time at the meeting that we hope to meet there again very soon.

BETTIE HARRISON JOHNSON, Reporter.

COUNTY ORATORICAL CONTEST POSTPONED

Because of the illness of the Pittsboro contestant and the bad weather, the county oratorical contest to have been held last Friday was postponed till the coming Friday. James Cordon represents the Pittsboro school. No other school except Siler City has a contestant.

Dairy School at Pittsboro, Feb. 11

Chatham county dairy farmers, and those farmers interested in dairy cattle will have an opportunity to discuss their problems of feeding, breeding and care of dairy cattle with experts from State College at the Pilot Theatre at Pittsboro, Tuesday, February 11. This school will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and will last the entire day. The program is as follows:

Economical grain mixtures for North Carolina, by Mr. A. C. Kimrey.

How to Reduce the Cost of the Dairy Cow's Ration, by Mrs. A. C. Kimrey.

Dairy Herd Management, Mr. A. C. Kimrey.

Contagious Abortion and Its Control, by Dr. A. H. Kerr.

Prevention of Common Dairy Cattle Diseases, Dr. A. H. Kerr.

Pasture Mixtures, Preparation and Care for Chatham County, by Mr. S. J. Kirby.

Dairy Development and Its Future for Chatham County, by N. C. Shiver.

The county agent is anxious to see every dairy farmer in the county at this meeting, and also every farmer who is interested in dairying or in keeping cattle. Time will be given for general discussion, so you will have an opportunity to ask any of these men about any local dairy problem which you may wish discussed.

SUGGESTS LADIES FOR LEGISLATURE

Certain Heritage, Veteran Railroad-or, Thinks Material Among the Men Folk "Bunky."

Editor of Record:

I have lived in Chatham county fifty years and have seen hard times come and go many times. We have tried many of our best men in Raleigh and they have failed. Now I would suggest a change. Send Mrs. Roland B. Hayes to the senate, Miss Kate Vestal to the house, and elect some good woman clerk of the court.

Our timber in the male population is punky.

Yours for Smith and Bailey.
N. H. HERITAGE,
Ore Hill, February 2.

Proceedings of the County Court

The Recorder's Court was in session Monday and Tuesday, but very little was done Monday as Solicitor Wade Barber and Attorney W. P. Horton had to go to Greensboro in connection with the hearing of the Weeks Motor Company bankruptcy case before the referee. Judge Bell, however, heard reports from those under order to report good behavior.

The following cases were disposed of:

That against T. W. Miller, transferred to superior court.

A. Carl Burkhead, guilty, costs and required to pay \$56.72 to J. T. Davenport. Appeal. Appeal bond \$100.

Sam J. Smith not guilty of liquor charge.

George Simmons, guilty of possession, \$10 and costs.

Lessie Emerson, Willie Marsh, Willie Alston, liquor, guilty. Emerson costs and \$150; Marsh, costs and \$100; Alston, costs and \$50.

Dewitt Wofford, larceny, judgment suspended upon payments of costs. He is the fellow that killed the visiting pig, but he seems weak-minded.

Herbert Emerson, assault with deadly weapon, \$25 and costs.

John Davis, reckless driving \$50 and costs.

Joe English, bad check, 30 days in jail for each of two cases.

Cooper Harris, driving car while drunk, guilty, 12 months on roads, sentence to take effect before March 1, and privilege reserved to continue prayer for judgment. It is decreed that Cooper must not drive a car in two years or ride on the front seat of a car.

Mr. Thomas Green Dies Suddenly

Mr. Thomas Green, one of the most substantial citizens of the county, died suddenly Monday morning at his home south of the Green's Mill bridge, beyond Rocky River. Mr. Green, who was about seventy years of age, lived scarcely an hour after being stricken.

He was a member of Pleasant Hill M. E. church. He leaves his wife, who was a Miss Goldston, and several grown children, who are scattered from the old home.

Mr. Green was a good citizen and death brings sorrow to neighbors and friends.

BUT A WELL-FED ONE
Teacher—"Frank, what is a cannibal?"
"Don't know, mum."
"Well, if you ate your father and mother, what would you be?"
"An orphan, mum."—Pathfinder.

SILER CITY WOMAN INJURED IN WRECK

Collision of Cars at Davie and East Sycamore Cause Dam- age; Negro Arrested

Monday's Greensboro News says: Mrs. Mary Richardson, of route 1, Siler City, was slightly injured in an automobile collision at the intersection of Davie and East Sycamore streets about 10:45 o'clock yesterday morning when a car driven by B. L. Richardson, in which she was a passenger, going north on Davie street, hit another machine, driven by William Byrd, negro, of 213 York street, which proceeded into Davie street from East Sycamore.

Mrs. Richardson was taken to St. Leo's hospital for treatment. She sustained injuries about the back and chest, but was discharged later in the day and returned home. Byrd, driver of the other car, was arrested by the investigating officers, W. E. Woodfin and T. A. Truelove, on charges of violation of the traffic law and careless and reckless driving. He was released under \$500 bond for his appearance in municipal court.

Both cars were badly damaged as a result of the collision.

Hughes Named Chief Justice Supreme Court

William Howard Taft Monday filed his resignation as chief justice of the United States supreme court with President Hoover, and within a couple of hours the president had announced the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes to succeed him. Mr. Hughes advised the president by long distance phone that he would accept.

Chief Justice Taft had been at Asheville for three weeks recuperating from recent illness, but the gravity of his condition was not realized until announcement of his resignation was made. His physicians ordered him back to Washington and he returned to the capital Monday night, a very sick man. He is 73 years old and is the only man ever to fill the two highest offices in America—president and chief justice. He was appointed chief justice by Woodrow Wilson, and although some surprise was felt that a Democratic president should confer the appointment on a Republican it met general approval and during the years since Taft has steadily risen in popularity and esteem throughout the country.

The new chief justice is one of the outstanding figures in American public life. He was twice governor of New York State, was appointed to the supreme court in 1910 by President Taft, and resigned in 1916 to accept the Republican nomination for the presidency. He was defeated by Wilson in the closest election in modern times, a few votes in California turning the trick. Selected by President Harding as secretary of state he served from 1921 to 1925, rendering valuable service to the cause of world peace. For the past three years he has been a member of the world court of arbitration. It is supposed that he will resign to devote all of his time to the supreme court.

His appointment necessitates resignation of his son, Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., as solicitor general of the United States, as that official must argue most of the governments cases before the high tribunal.

Five Rutherford Banks Closed Up

Five banks in Rutherford county with assets totalling more than \$2,500,000 closed Tuesday. The Rutherford County Bank & Trust Company at Rutherfordton, with branches at Spindale and Union Mills failed to open Tuesday morning. That precipitated a run on the Farmers Bank & Trust Company at Forest City which closed that institution and its branch at Caroleen. This leaves three small banks in mill communities of the county. Dispatches from Rutherfordton and Forest City say that depositors do not expect to lose much, but folks who have had experience with busted banks will not encourage that feeling. The weakness of the banks up there date back to the time the Lake Lure development project collapsed, it is said.

NOTED MINISTER KILLED BY TRAIN ON SATURDAY

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, 79, retired Baptist minister and one of the founders of Meredith College, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon at Wendell when he was struck by a Norfolk-Southern train. Mr. Stringfield was walking along the track near his home when struck. He was partially deaf and it is believed that he did not hear the approaching train. For many years he was in charge of collecting funds for Meredith college.