

TOWN AND COUNTY BRIEFS

Mrs. L. D. Johnson went up to Watts hospital Monday with a view to a possible operation.

Pastor Dailey will preach at Brown's Chapel Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Pittsboro M. E. church at 7 o'clock that evening.

Mr. V. M. Dorsett attended the Overman funeral at Salisbury Saturday. Mrs. R. H. Hayes, who is visiting her brother in Davie county, was also at the funeral.

It is eight and not eleven negroes in jail here on charge of robbing the Melver store at Gu. Six others were arrested for robbing stores at Colon, Vass and possibly other points, but they are in jail in the other counties.

The Recordman was glad to have a call Saturday from Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hart of Gulf township. Mrs. Hart is a native of Sampson, as was the former Mrs. Hart, and that fact makes a visit from them more like one from home folk.

Mr. G. C. Cole of Gulf township made 4820 pounds of ginned cotton on ten acres. This was his first year as a tobacco grower, but on 2 1/2 acres he made tobacco which sold for \$325, beating his cotton by far, as successful as he was in growing that. Mr. Cole's land is a sandy loam.

Mr. C. M. Marshburn of Carbon-ton writes that Rev. Geo. M. Talley will preach at Christian Chapel church, near Corinth, next Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2:30 P. M. He will preach at Shady Grove church, near Ether, at 11 A. M. the same day, and at Bear Creek that evening at 7:30. His text will be John XIV:3. Mr. Marshburn speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Talley's ability and urges those who can do so to go out and hear him. His circuit that day will cover 200 miles.

Harvey Womble tells us that he and some other fellows went opossum hunting one night recently and when they cut down a tree for a possum not only got one but found two rich bee hives in the tree, which furnished everybody and the dogs a bait and left many pounds to be carried away.

County court in session for a while Monday heard charges against Willie Millikin, Toy Chambers, and Melvin Chambers. Millikin got a sentence of 60 days to the roads for disorderly conduct, including assault; Toy Chambers was acquitted of charge disorderliness; but Melvin Chambers pleaded guilty to driving car while drunk and drew a sentence of six months. It was decreed by Judge Bell that Chambers may serve the six months in the employ of G. F. Hancock, provided that gentleman would pay the costs in all three of the cases.

Remember that advertising has been short and that the Record must depend more than usual upon subscription money to meet bills. Don't postpone renewing. The Record is one of very few county papers in the state that haven't got a goodly sum for publishing land tax sale advertising. Chatham county hasn't made any such advertisements this whole year. And thus the Record, with all the other drawbacks, has not had even the comparatively small amount that is paid in Chatham for that service which falls short of what the papers get in most counties. In view of this and the general shortage of advertising, you should renew just as early as you can.

Pension checks are being delivered by Clerk of Court Hatch, but there is little chance being given this year for any clerk to play the Gant and Sessoms game. The pensioner must either sign the voucher or the witness of his mark must himself have a witness, or notary's seal backing him. There are only eleven old soldiers still living in the county. These all get a dollar a day. One body guard, Uncle Alex Jones, who is about 100 years old, gets \$200 a year. Three widows of Class A get \$300 a year each, and 43 widows of Class B get \$100 a year each. The checks now being distributed are for half the above amounts, similar checks having been paid in June.

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Chatham Fifty Years Ago.

Fifty years ago Chatham county, along with Moore and Halifax, took what was then adopted as a quick and effective way to secure prohibition in a county. The law required that any man licensed to sell liquor must be a man of good character, and it began to be the practice of the boards of commissioners to act upon the basis that no man of good character would apply for license to sell liquor. The first of December 1880, according to a 50-year-old item in the Raleigh Times, Chatham was one of the three counties that took that step. Older citizens can probably tell what became of the experiment. The writer personally recalls the time when Robeson county acted upon the assumption mentioned and got by with it, but that seems to have been several years after the experiment on the part of Chatham.

The same source is to be credited with the following item: "The Pittsboro Record quoted Julius A. Gray, president of the C. F. and Y. V. R. R., as saying that arrangements have been made to install a telegraph along the road from Fayetteville to Gulf."

The railroad fifty years ago, readers should recall, has been built no further north than Gulf. It was only a few years later that the line was extended northward from Gulf to Mt. Airy and south from Fayetteville to Wilmington.

Four Trainmen Hurt As Boiled Explodes

Four trainmen were injured, one or more of them probably seriously, when the boiler of a freight engine blew up on the main line of the Seaboard Air Line railway 15 miles from Baufort, S. C., Friday, Dec. 5. The explosion occurred just before the freight bound for Charleston from Savannah, Ga., drew in Lebeco, S. C. The injured men were taken to Savannah in ambulances about two hours after the accident.

They were B. F. Smalit, engineer; B. B. Groups, conductor; W. P. Bryman, brakeman, all of Savannah. Anthony Collins, negro fireman, was thrown 75 yards, members of the crew said. The engine was a most torn in pieces by the explosion. The first car left its wheels and piled up on the tender and the next cars rolled on top of the tender and first car. The boiler and firebox were blown clear of the engine. A wrecking crew from Savannah arrived late Friday afternoon.

Peach Institute Met on December 16 and 17

The second annual meeting of the Carolinas Peach Institute at Columbia, S. C., on December 16th, and West End, N. C., on December 17th, again saw the growers assembled at which time they were afforded an opportunity to hear well-qualified men discuss subjects having a very prominent bearing on the future of this industry which is now so firmly established that its continued success will be felt in all quarters of the Carolinas.

A number of men of national reputation have accepted invitations to discuss various subjects before the meetings of the peach growers. The program will be further supported by local men and extension and research workers of both North and South Carolina who have devoted a large portion of their time to the several problems which still confront the peach growers who this year are enjoying a singular position, in that they represent one group that have received satisfaction returns from an agricultural commodity. The future prosperity of the peach business will be largely contingent on matters that the speakers will discuss in these meetings and it is therefore expected that with the renewed interest in the peach business, due to this season's results, that a large number of growers will take advantage of the opportunity so offered them and a good attendance is anticipated.

Considerable interest has centered around the quick freezing of peaches which Mr. W. R. Tucker of Atlanta, Ga., who will appear on the program, handled this past season, and the successful culmination of this work would provide a new outlet for fresh peaches which would broaden the market and insure the growers of a satisfactory manner for disposal of at least a portion of their fruit and even in years when the already established distant markets would not offer satisfactory prices that would permit a profit to the grower, the crop could be saved through this medium.

The meeting at the Jefferson Hotel, Columbia, S. C., is being held simultaneously with a meeting of the South Carolina Peach Growers Association, so that the speakers will have an opportunity of addressing both bodies at the same time. The North Carolina meeting at West End will be held in the High School Auditorium, and will be followed the next day by a field demonstration dealing with cultural practices. In the Columbia meeting, Peach Institute officers for the ensuing year will be nominated and at West End, these nominations will be ratified.

No Change in Books, Is Decree of Board

A statement, almost as brief as Calvin Coolidge's "I do not, etc.," ultimatum spread the news Friday December 5 at Raleigh that there would be no adoption of new textbooks this year by the North Carolina board of education.

The statement follows in full: "At a meeting in the governor's office Friday, it was decided by the state board of education that there would be no adoption of text books this year and all bids were accordingly rejected."

The special text book commission was in session Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to consider proposed changes in text books for arithmetic, drawing and writing—one major and two minor subjects as allowed by law to be changed in one year. Book drummers crowded around in the commissioner's office, and last Thursday things came to a point when the bids were opened at noon. They were considered Friday, the text book commission went into executive session with Gov. O. Max Gardner and within a few minutes the official statement announcing the adverse decision to buy was made.

North Carolina Items of Interest

Tobacco Co-ops To Proceed with Charter; Other State News

RALEIGH, Dec. 10.—Three out of every 100, or 37,370 of the estimated 1,250,000 employees subject to the N. C. Workmen's Compensation Act, were injured during the first year of the operation of the act, beginning July 1, 1929, in which total 3,339 required no medical or compensation costs, 24,350 had medical costs only and 9,681 were awarded compensation averaging \$11.69 a week, the first annual report of the N. C. Industrial Commission shows.

During the year 191 workers were killed, compensation was awarded in 117 of the cases, denied in 44 and 30 were still pending, the report shows. The three members of the commission, Chairman Matt H. Allen, J. Dewey Dorsett and T. A. Wilson, held 558 hearings in disputed cases, awarding compensation in 378 and denying it in 182 cases, and heard 78 appeals from the decision of one of their number to the full board. Thirty-six cases were appealed to the Superior Court, 28 of which were pending, and six were appealed to the Superior Court, in 1 of which the opinions of the commission were affirmed. Of the 12,571 employees subject to the act, 11,396 carried insurance, 98 individual firms and 56 towns, counties and the State were self-insurers, 676 employers rejected the act and 345 neither insured nor rejected the act. Total compensation and medical costs the first year were \$1,789,825, the report shows.

Richmond county had 313 accidents reported, involving a total cost of \$10,182, practically every cent paid by the insurance companies, according to the report. J. R. Page, head of the N. C. Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, was authorized last week at a meeting of the executive committee in Raleigh to go ahead with plans for securing a charter and to open offices in Raleigh. The charter must meet the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board. The body hopes to get this approval in time to meet here this week to proceed with the organization of the association under the charter.

Textbooks in the elementary grades in the public schools of the State will not be changed next year, the State Board of Education announced last Friday that all bids on arithmetic, drawing and writing books, the three subjects up for consideration, had been rejected. Some of the bids were lower than the prices paid for books now, it was stated.

The fact that an additional cost of an estimated \$60,000 would come about the first year if the proposed changes were made, and the general economic condition, helped influence the board, although the extra cost the first year would have been recovered by the lower prices for books during the four succeeding years in which the books would have been used.

The main objective to continue the present books in arithmetic, drawing and writing is that it also continues all of the other books now in use for a year longer, and, in some instances, notably geography and history, the books will be in use for about 12 years and are becoming obsolete and out of date.

North Carolina had a total of 111,832 horses, total value \$5,114,685, average value \$45.73; total of 281,459 mules, total value \$18,832,934, average value \$66.87; total of 461,842 cattle, total value \$13,156,746, average value \$28.48; total of 944,555 hogs, total value \$5,341,294, average value \$5.66, and 101,621 sheep, total value \$453,958, average value \$4.46, or a grand total of 1,901,309 animals in the five divisions, all valued at \$42,889,617, an average of \$22.56 per animal, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, according to the report of the State Board of Assessment, just issued.

Noticeable in the report is the predominance of horses in the west, mules in the east, cattle in the west and piedmont, sheep in the mountains and hogs in the east. Highest average prices for horses are found in Halifax, \$63.14, lowest in Dare \$19.85; for cattle, highest in Avery, \$56.25, lowest in Moore, \$15.53; for mules highest in Greene, \$87.65, lowest in Buncombe \$41.61; for hogs, highest in Cleveland, \$11.25, lowest in Dare, \$2.23; for sheep, highest in Ashe, \$6.90, lowest in Tyrrel, \$4.03.

Richmond county had 441 horses, value \$19,625, average \$44.50; mules, 2,668, value \$159,968, average \$59.95; cattle, 2,483, value \$71,784, average \$28.91; hogs, 4,150, value \$28,626, average \$6.89; sheep, 58, value \$160.00, average \$2.75, the report showed.

D. G. Brummitt, Attorney General of North Carolina, will address the annual meeting of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina in Raleigh next Saturday night. The Mayflower Society's offer of a loving cup to be awarded the

veys in the nine districts. The State system now embraces a little more than 9,000 miles, of which 6,698.3 miles had actually been constructed at the end of the last fiscal year, and approximately 2,000 miles are below standard. The commission needs to spend \$4,592,700 in building and rebuilding bridges, \$12,306,966, in grading and topsoiling, \$5,847,775 in oil treating and \$9,384,000 in paving during the next five years to bring the system to a proper standard, a summary shows. Much of the work is in grading and topsoiling roads which have not been improved.

Chairman Doughton said the original seven per cent of the State system on which Federal Aid was to be spent will be completed by next July North Carolinian producing the best literary or historical work during the year, taking the place of the former Patterson cup, was accepted by the State Literary and Historical Association, meeting here this week. A small replica of the larger cup will be presented to and become the permanent property of the annual winner.

Prices of textbooks in the three subjects in which changes may be made, Arithmetic, Writing and Drawing, will play an important part in determining whether changes will be made, effective next year, in books for these courses, as recommended by the State Textbook Commission, when bids are submitted this week to the State Board of Education. In addition to receiving bids, the board is hearing the first three afternoons this week the publishers of the approved books. State Superintendent A. T. Allen, states that conditions appear favorable for a reduction in prices at this time, due to economic conditions, with a resultant saving to the school patrons. However, he said, the board will look closely at the prices and if no saving can be made, the present books may be continued.

In every contract the publishers of books used in this State agree to furnish books at a price as low as the same books are furnished to any other State, and when a reduction is made in prices anywhere else, North Carolina and her divisions automatically are given a reduction to that price. By which it is seen that no State can get books at prices lower than North Carolina pays and few, is any, receive them at prices as low.

Even though 11.7 per cent of the banks and 19 per cent of the branches, involving 13.33 per cent of the capital stock in the State bank system of North Carolina, have closed their doors since January 1, 1930, only 7.8 per cent of the total deposits and slightly more than 3 per cent of the total resources in the system are involved in the banks that are still closed, according to figures compiled from records in the State Banking Department offices. This means that 92.2 per cent of the deposits and 92 per cent of the resources in the State bank system remain intact and untouched by the 34 banks and nine branches which closed and did not reopen. Seven banks and five branches closed reopened and continued business.

The 350 banks and 74 branches operating in the State system January 1, 1930, had total deposits of \$113,595,208 subject to check and total resources of \$341,750,898 on that date, while only \$8,853,898 in deposits and only \$27,606,892 in total resources were involved in the bank failures during the year, including the 13 banks, led by the Central Bank & Trust Co., Asheville, which closed last week. The bulk of the State bank money, it is seen, is still intact, and those figures will be increased if some of the banks closed last week reopen, and it is expected that at least two or more of them will, after the situation settles down in the western section.

"If the State Board of Education should change the school textbooks now being considered, in arithmetic, writing and drawing, on the basis at which the new books have previously been selling elsewhere, it would not cost the patrons of schools in the State more than the cost of one 15-room school building or three miles of concrete road—not more than \$60,000," Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said today.

"However," said Dr. Allen, "we expect to find the prices of arithmetics reduced five to seven cents when we open the bids next Thursday and, if so, the increased cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the first year of the change will be returned and an even greater saving made by the lower cost of the books during the four years following, in which the same books will be used." Dr. Allen pointed out that additional material which has to be bought to go with the books now in use is included in the books on the approved list, thus resulting in a still further saving, as this material will not have to be bought outside and in addition to the books, if the change is made.

"Textbooks, like other things, become obsolete and give way to others in keeping with the best thought of the times, and the arithmetics now on the approved list are more complete and more modern in several particulars than the arithmetics now in use. 'In fact,' said Dr. Allen, 'the publishers of the books we now use did not offer the same books to us for consideration this time, but substituted other books, which are on the approved list. All of the arithmetics approved are more up-to-date than those in use and all are up to present approved standards.'"

Practically no additional cost is involved in changing the books in writing and drawing, for those now in use are intended to serve only one year and are used up at the end of the year, Dr. Allen said. New textbooks are purchased in these two courses each year anyway. Dr. Allen states that, instead of being an extra cost, if the bids are five to seven cents lower per book, as the board expects when the bids

are opened Thursday, several thousand dollars will be saved the school patrons during the next five years even if the cost of the change will reach \$50,000 or \$60,000 the first year, when all of the books have to be bought new.

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