

HAPPENINGS IN OUR NEIGHBORING VILLAGES

NO. 1 TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Sam Black gave a dinner one day last week to sixteen of his friends... Mr. E. C. Black has procured a threshing outfit and is threshing wheat in the second cut. He reports wheat good. The first crop is that there was not more sown than last year.

Mr. W. A. Nowell has returned from his vacation in Alexander county, where he went hoping to improve in health. His condition is not much improved.

Most of our young men and women are attending the summer school. The community clubs of Howell, Bethel and Flow's Store, all held enthusiastic meetings recently.

Grading on the Charlotte-Albemarle road is being rushed and will soon be completed. Little poison is being used to check the weevils. Farmers are picking up fall plows, which in our opinion, is the best thing they can make against this pest.

Catch crops held an interesting meeting at Bethel last Thursday night. The grand old string band was present and delighted everyone present with "ye olde fashioned" fiddling. Mr. Warren, of the Martine Association, was present and was the principal speaker of the evening.

The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. J. L. Stancill and children, Misses Annie and Teresa Blackwelder, and Mr. Frank Carroll, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fleming, of family, Mr. L. J. Blackwelder and children, of Landis.

All departed wishing Mrs. Blackwelder many more happy such events.

ONE PRESENT.

Home Coming at Lower Stone. One of the most important and eventful days at the historic church of Lower Stone is the annual Home Coming Day.

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The Barbary sheep is one of the thirdest animals of Africa, and can exist for almost a week without drinking.

Radium will make a real diamond sparkle in the dark, while it has no effect on an imitation stone.

The ruby is the heaviest of the precious stones. Next come the garnet, topaz, and diamond, in the order named.

LOCAL MENTION

Mrs. O. D. Morris, of Albemarle, is visiting relatives in Concord.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Caldwell, on July 22nd, a son.

Mr. Baxter Robinson, of the local police force, is enjoying a vacation at points in western North Carolina.

The ladies of Cold Water Lutheran Church will give a box supper at the church next Saturday night.

No new cases of any kind of contagious diseases were reported to the office of the County Health Officer yesterday.

Mrs. V. E. Bell, of Raleigh, is spending several days in Concord with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ed. Kestler.

Marriage license was issued Saturday to Mr. Franklin E. Freeze, of Kannapolis, and Miss Gladys O. Freeze, of Rowan County.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Mt. Olive will have an ice cream supper Saturday night, August 4th, at the home of Mrs. L. R. Trexler. Everybody is invited.

Seventeen indictments were to be tried in police court this morning. They include cases of intoxication, driving car while intoxicated, assaults with deadly weapon and others.

Messrs. E. B. Roach and R. V. Caldwell, Jr., have purchased the old Kessler Market, and will open for business on Thursday morning of this week.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Auten died at their home in Mecklenburg County on Saturday. Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and the interment was made at Fairview cemetery.

In a recent issue of this paper it was stated that the Home Coming at Lower Stone Church would be held August 5th. The event will be held on the fifth Sunday of this month—July 29, and plans have been completed for making it a big event. Lower Stone Home Coming on July 29th.

All persons who have relatives or friends buried at Cold Springs graveyard are asked to meet at the church early Thursday morning with the proper tools to clean the church yard and graveyard. If it should be raining on Thursday morning the work will be done on Friday.

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The Five Million Dollar Deficit Dwindles to \$86,468

The State Had Surplus of \$232,000 December 31, Barrington School Loan.

Brook Barkley in Charlotte Observer. Raleigh, July 19.—A deficit in the general fund or operating account of \$796,468.13 on June 30, 1923, which, eliminating a \$710,000 school fund note chargeable to the funded debt, would be reduced to \$86,468.13.

A deficit in the general fund or operating account of \$447,194.75 on December 31, 1922, which, eliminating the same \$710,000 note, would be transformed into a surplus for that date of \$232,005.25.

These are the "bare bone" facts on North Carolina's financial condition as revealed in the report of the auditors, formally transmitted to Governor Morrison and the council of state by the legislative investigating committee this afternoon.

Another "bare bone" fact is that the cash account contained in the auditors' report checks and agrees with the accounts of the state treasurer of North Carolina "to the actual penny."

"Put that in the headlines," urged Governor Morrison when he had seen the committee's comment on Lacy's books, "for it shows to the people how an honest and grand old Presbyterian has been keeping the state of North Carolina's money for the 23 years he has been in office.

The \$710,000 school fund note, the inclusion of which gives deficits in the general fund statement for both December 31 and June 30 and the elimination of which furnishes a surplus for the December 31 report and leaves a bare deficit in the June 30 statement, gets this comment from the committee:

"There is a note of \$710,000 charged against the general fund or operating fund, which, in our opinion, should be treated as a part of the funded debt of the state and should not be charged to this account, although the auditors in preparing the report were justified in charging the note to the general fund because of the technical language used by the Legislature in creating the obligation.

"This item represents the accumulated deficit found in the special school fund of the state, when, in the year 1921, the school fund of the state was transferred from a special fund supported by a specific ad valorem tax to an appropriation account of the general revenues of the state. This amount did not represent excessive expenditures over revenue for the current year of 1921, and the special session, recognizing this fact, did not provide the current revenue for it but directed that it be funded by current borrowing to be renewed from time to time and eventually liquidated out of any surplus revenue that might arise in the future."

In the opinion of the committee the June 30 deficit, eliminating the school

fund note, "will be more than taken up by revenues, applicable to the period prior to December 31, 1922, which have since been collected, but not taken into account by the auditors for the reason that the auditors took into account only such revenues as were collected up to and including May 18, 1923."

The general attitude of the committee's report is one of satisfaction as to the financial condition of the state, and confidence in its ability to continue in the great forward movements now underway.

Every member of the committee put his signature to the report. The members are Senator W. L. Long, chairman; Senators Charles U. Harris, W. C. Heath, Representatives George Ross, W. W. Neal, E. S. Parker, Jr., Walter Murphy, H. G. Connor, Jr., democrats, and Representative Blaine Coffey, republican.

When the committee presented its report and the auditors' report to the governor and council of state, Governor Morrison addressed the members briefly, thanking them for their efforts and promising his co-operation and the co-operation of Treasurer Lacy and State Auditor Baxter Durham in the institution of methods of accounting and systems that will prevent the recurrence of such an enigmatic situation as has heretofore prevailed.

Three copies of the auditor's detailed report, consisting of two volumes of some 200 pages each, have been turned over to the governor and council of the state and will be available for immediate inspection by any one interested, especially the press. The committee has authorized Secretary of State W. N. Everett to have 1,500 copies printed for distribution to the members of the general assembly and newspapers and others interested in the detailed account.

The auditors completed their work on the books before July 30 of this year, one of the dates involved, but according to Senator Long, the estimate of revenues will include "all the revenue affecting the periods in question" and it is generally understood that the estimates of the Budget Commission will be written into the report.

The investigation was precipitated by the charge of Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell that the operating amount of the State for the period from December, 1920, to December 31, 1922, showed a deficit of \$5,000,000. Previously Governor Morrison and the Budget Commission had announced that if taxes levied but not collected by taken into consideration the condition of the treasury on December 31, 1922, showed a prospective surplus of \$2,400,000.

State Treasurer B. R. Lacy reported that for the period for July 1, 1921, to June 30, 1922, there was a deficit of \$1,850,000, which would be offset by taxes levied but not collected.



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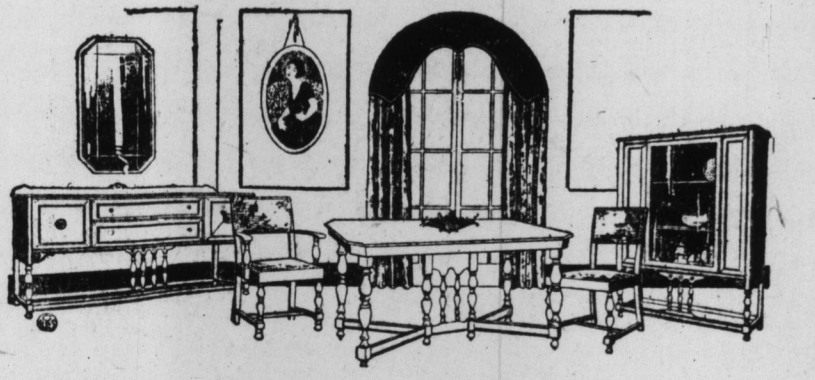
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