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Regular Meeting Commissioners

Good Part of Session Taken Up With Tax Releases—Contribute to Armistice Day Celebration

The commissioners of Johnston county met in regular session here yesterday with C. A. Fitzgerald, chairman, R. U. Barbour, B. I. Tart, R. H. Richardson and C. M. Wilson present. The following items of business were translated: Ordered that W. T. Watkins of Beulah township be released of \$400 tax valuation on account of error in listing.

Ordered that Mrs. Lillie W. Johnston, Smithfield township, be refunded \$4.38 on 1926 taxes on account of error in name.

Ordered that Mrs. Lillian Allen, Ingram, be refunded \$2.67 on account of error in payment of 1926 taxes.

Ordered that B. C. Snider and P. B. Tart, Meadow, be released of \$675 tax valuation on account of error in listing.

Ordered that Mrs. R. G. Johnson, Meadow, be refunded taxes on \$2545 tax valuation on account of being listed twice.

Ordered that D. J. Rose, Bentonville, be refunded \$69 on 1924-1925 taxes on account of error in listing, the tax being paid by D. J. Rose, the present owner.

Ordered that D. C. Adams, Ingram, be refunded tax on \$900 tax valuation on account of property being listed through error.

Ordered that D. H. Whitley be refunded tax on \$1014 tax valuation in Boon Hill for 1926 taxes on account of property being taken by Board of Education.

Ordered that J. H. Barnes, of Beulah, be released of \$1975 tax valuation for 1926 taxes on account of changing values on abstract.

Ordered that C. F. Darden, Beulah township, be released of \$2300 tax valuation on account of error in listing.

Ordered that W. H. Grantham of Banner township be released of \$1500 tax valuation and be refunded tax paid under protest on the above amount.

Ordered that R. H. C. Bailey, Boon Hill, be released of \$1000 tax valuation on real estate on account of error.

Ordered that Mrs. A. R. Stancil be released of \$400 tax valuation for 1927 on account of error.

Ordered that Mrs. C. A. Holt be refunded cost of \$145 on tax on real estate in Boon Hill on account of error.

Ordered that \$300 be appropriated to the World War veterans, for entertainment and feed at the Armistice Day celebration at Benson on November 11.

Ordered that Loomis Strickland be refunded tax on \$150 valuation on personal property in O'Neals township on account of error in listing.

Ordered that W. H. Batten be released of \$11.69 tax in Wilders township on account of error in listing.

Ordered that J. R. Johnson be released of \$220 tax valuation on personal property in Smithfield township on account of error.

Ordered that Martha Evans, admixtratrix of Mrs. Gillie Hatcher, Beulah township, be refunded tax on \$1750 tax valuation on account of taxes listed and paid through error.

Ordered that the 1927 assessment of property in Beulah township belonging to Mrs. Gillie

To Head Steel



James A. Farrell, now 69, who is predicted to step to the place vacated through the death of Elbert Gary, as Chairman of the Board of the U. S. Steel Corporation. Mr. Farrell for many years has been operating head of the organization.

Car Knocks Down Elizabeth Jordan

Wheel Runs Over Body But Injuries Not Thought To Be Serious

HAPPENED IN FRONT LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

Yesterday afternoon about the time the high school turned out, a light Ford truck driven by W. M. Goss, of Durham, knocked down Elizabeth Jordan in front of the high school building, one of the wheels passing over her body. Elizabeth had gone across the street to put her school books in her car, and was returning to some of her companions when the accident occurred. Winfield Jordan, her brother, was at her car at the time and picked her up and rushed her to the Johnston County Hospital. It is not thought her injuries are serious, thought an X-ray will be made today. She is resting as comfortable as could be expected.

Elizabeth is the daughter of W. W. Jordan, of the Jordan-Edmundson Hardware company. She is a student in the local high school and is popular among her school-mates, who wish for her a speedy recovery.

The driver of the truck was deeply concerned over the accident and went to the hospital to offer any assistance.

GLENDALE SCHOOL TO PRESENT FOLK PLAYS

The Glendale High School faculty is attempting dramatics that are different from the usual run of high school plays. On November 11, at 8 p. m., the faculty of that school will present two one-act Carolina folk-plays, entitled "In Dixon's Kitchen," and "The Black Rooster." This is the first time local talent in Johnston county has attempted to give any folk plays.

The following sketch may be of interest to the public:

"In Dixon's Kitchen." Characters. Ma Dixon, his wife, tbv, uards, ac Hiram Dixon, a dour old farmer, Ma Dixon, his wife; Annie Lee, their daughter; Jack and Gilmer, their sons, aged 12 and 17; Lemuel Isley, Annie's "special friend."

Scene: The Dixon's kitchen in Piedmont section of North Carolina.

Time: An evening in early spring.

"The Black Rooster."

Characters.

Mark Dellinger, A farmer Mat, his second wife; Tommie, his son, aged 10; Rose, his daughter by his first wife; Jack Rudsill, a neighbor and a university graduate; George Whisnant, Mat's nephew;

Scene: Catawba county, Mark Dellinger's farm house.

Time: A Saturday evening in early September just after supper.

Report County Road Building

Supt. Lodor Submits Report of Operations for the Month of October

The following report of road work done in Johnston county during the month of October was recently made to the Highway Commission by J. B. Lodor, superintendent:

District No. 1.

W. N. Holt, Commissioner.

Clayed and graveled, 1760 yards; repairs to bridges, 3; roads rebuilt, 2 miles; roads dragged, 919 miles; machine ditched, 193 miles; shoulders pulled, 86 miles; clearing right of way, 4 miles; fill and excavation, 250 cubic yards; clearing roads of grass, 108 miles.

District No. 2.

L. Gilbert, Commissioner.

Culvert pipe placed, 76 feet; repairs to bridges, 12; roads rebuilt, 35 miles; roads built, 7 miles; roads dragged, 203 miles; hand ditched, 210 yards; clearing right of way, 7 miles; fill and excavation, 100 cubic yards.

District No. 3.

Swade Barbour, Commissioner.

Clayed and graveled, 700 yards; bridges repaired, 3; roads rebuilt, 650 miles; clearing right of way, 3 miles; clearing roads of grass, 50 miles.

District No. 4.

C. P. Harper, Commissioner.

Placed culvert and boxes, 296 feet; bridges repaired, 5; roads built, 1 1/2 miles; roads dragged, 1071 miles; machine ditched, 97 miles; hand ditched, 900 yards; shoulders pulled, 90 miles; clearing right of way, 4 miles; fill and excavation, 300 cubic yards; clearing roads of grass, 76 miles.

District No. 5.

Dr. J. C. Grady, Commissioner.

Clayed and graveled, 1760 yards; bridges repaired, 3; roads built, 1 mile; roads rebuilt, 1 mile; roads dragged, 970 miles; machine ditched, 94 miles; hand ditched, 400 yards; shoulders pulled, 144 miles; clearing right of way, 2 miles; fill and excavation, 108 cubic yards; clearing roads of grass, 200 miles.

Construction Done By Convicts.

Camp No. 2 located in Meadow township working an average of 10 prisoners cut 2 miles of right of way, cleared and grubbed 1 mile, and put in 5027 cubic yards of fill.

Camp No. 3 located in Pleasant Grove township, working an average of 14 prisoners, cut 1700 yards ditch, cleared 2 miles of right of way, put in 60 feet culvert pipe, built 1 mile of road, maintained 2 miles, put in 7827 cubic yards fill, clayed and graveled 670 yards.

Camp No. 3 working in Cleveland township, dug 865 yards ditches, cleared 200 yards right of way, top soiled 1035 yards, put in 40 feet culvert and built 1 1/2 miles of road.

Camp No. 4 located in O'Neals township working an average of 10 prisoners, cut 5 miles of right of way, stumped and grubbed 2 miles, hand ditched 518 yards, placed 60 feet culvert, built 4 miles of road and maintained 4 miles.

The bridge force working county wide, built and repaired 11 bridges.

LAWRENCE WALLACE WITH CAROLINA PLAYMAKERS

Smithfield will be represented in the Carolina Playmakers troupe that starts northward on Nov. 11, in the person of Lawrence Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Wallace.

This dramatic group of the University of North Carolina is well known in the state, where a number of plays have been presented. This tour, however, is the first to New York City. The Playmakers will leave Chapel Hill on the 11th and will be away nine days playing at different points between there and New York. The plays to be presented include "The Scufftown Outlaws," "Fixin's," "On Dixon's Porch," and "Lighted Candles." Lawrence Wallace plays a role in "The Scufftown Outlaws," which was said to have been liked best of any in the group by the Chapel Hill audience that saw them on Friday night.

WHARTON EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WINNING ANNUAL DAVIDSON, Nov. 5.—News

reached here today of the selection of the 1927 "Quips and Cranks," issued under the auspices of the Davidson College senior class last year, as the best college annual published in an institution of less than 1000 enrollment. A large silver loving cup has been awarded to the "Quips and Cranks" staff as a reward for their achievement.

Hundreds of colleges and universities throughout the nation competed in the contest which was conducted by the Tri-State Annual Service of Canton, Ohio. The winners in their respective classes were: Class 1-A, The University of Missouri "Savitar"; Class 1-B, The West Point "Howitzer"; and Class 1-C, The Davidson "Quips and Cranks."

L. D. Wharton, Jr., now a member of the news staff of the Greensboro Daily News, was editor-in-chief and Clanton W. Williams, now a student at the University of Alabama, was business manager of the prize-winning Davidson year book.

Potato Storage House On Fire

Blaze Discovered Early Sunday Morning; Damage Amount of \$150

Smithfield's potato storage house located near the railroad had a narrow escape from being totally destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The fire was discovered about five o'clock, and the fire company rushed to the scene. The fire started on one side near the ground and burned a space clear to the top of the building about three or four feet wide. According to the firemen, it took an hour and a half to put the fire out. The building is so constructed that it was difficult to get at the blaze, and it was finally necessary to tear off a considerable portion of the top, in order to extinguish it. The damage which is covered by insurance, is estimated at \$150.

It is not known how the fire originated, but as the house is not used and stays open, it is thought that perhaps persons spent the night there, and may have dropped matches or cigarettes.

DAN CUPID LANDS THREE COUPLES HERE SATURDAY

Justice of the Peace D. T. Lunceford married three couples at the courthouse here Saturday afternoon between three and four o'clock. They were as follows:

Miss Eva McGee, aged 19, of Angier, to Junius McGee, of Benson, route 1.

Miss Louise Willowby, aged 16, to Leon Pate, aged 18, both of Kenly, route 1.

Miss Merlie Whitley, aged 19, to Heber Creech, aged 21, both of Zebulon.

FRENCH CARE FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS GRAVES

H. V. Rose has showed us a souvenir post card which had been sent to him by George Ross Poup, now touring in Europe. The card is a picture of the cemetery at Meuse-Argonne in which a large number of our soldiers who fell in the World War are buried. The graves indicate that great care and attention have been given them during the ten long years following the great war. Mr. Rose expressed much gratification for this.

The little card bears beautiful testimony of the fact that the French people still cherish friendly relations that has long existed between the French and our people.

Visit Bentonville Battleground.

A. M. Brown and daughter, Mrs. Rutledge, and G. M. Lore, of Concord, passed through the city last Thursday en route to the Bentonville battleground to see the marker recently placed there by the U. D. C. Mr. Lore and Mr. Brown are Confederate veterans, and they fought in the battle of Bentonville during the Civil war. Mr. Lore is the father of E. P. Lore of this city.

Officers Capture Stores To Close Whiskey Stills

Distilling Plants Are Raided and Hundreds of Gallons of Beer Poured Out

That Johnston county deputies are continually on the alert to apprehend violators of the prohibition laws is demonstrated by their operations of the past week.

Saturday night Deputy J. H. Atkinson, of Clayton, and Chief Smith, of Clayton, captured a rum runner's car about three and a half miles below Clayton on highway number 10 that was loaded with 27 gallons of whiskey. The driver of the car had a wreck and the officers hastened to the scene. As they came in sight they saw a man jump from the car, which was a Star coach, nearly new, tear his license number off, and run. In a short time he flagged a car and went on his way.

Last Thursday afternoon about four o'clock Deputies P. L. Wood, J. O. Ellington, W. R. Strickland and Chris Hathaway captured a full grown outfit in Cleveland township. They took a 100-gallon capacity copper still and about 3000 gallons of beer. A sheet iron furnace had been built to operate the still, which the officers were not able to tear up with an axe. They poured out the beer and burned the barrels. No whiskey was found. The still was not in operation, and no arrests were made.

On Monday of last week Deputies L. D. Parker and R. C. Hockaday captured a still in Elevation township. They found 160 gallons of beer and 175 pounds of sugar. One man was at the still, but he ran and made his escape. Officers, however, served a warrant on Wilbur Horton, who lives 120 yards from the still.

Wednesday afternoon these same officers found a still hid out in the bushes. It was not set up for running and no beer nor whiskey was found.

Friday these officers found a 45-gallon capacity still in Banner township. They arrested two negroes and poured out 250 gallons of beer. The next day they found two barrels of beer at the home of one of the negroes. Also on Friday afternoon Deputies Parker and Hockaday discovered five gallons of whiskey on the premises of Seth McLamb in Banner township. The next afternoon they searched Seth McLamb's store building and found a pint of whiskey.

Saturday two barrels of beer, or about 100 gallons, was found at Dennis Warren's, and also two barrels were found about 300 yards from Festus Beasley's home. Warren was arrested.

DUKE STUDENTS LEAD IN CORRESPONDENCE

DURHAM, Nov. 7.—Students at Duke University lead the state in correspondence, according to the local postmaster, who made a survey of the situation. In no other postoffice located on a college campus in North Carolina is more mail handled each day, he states.

There are 400 calls at the postoffice windows each day, and more than twice that number get mail from boxes. According to the postmaster, 6,400 letters, 190 packages, 650 circulars, and 50 pieces of third class mail leave the university postoffice each day. Incoming mail averages 3,400 letters, 240 packages, 300 circulars and 350 third and fourth class packages. Close to \$100 worth of stamps are sold daily.

MRS. SARAH BALLENGER DIES AT WILSON'S MILLS

News reached here yesterday of the death of Mrs. Sarah Ballenger, which occurred at her home in Wilson's Mills Sunday night. Interment took place in the Wilson's Mills cemetery yesterday afternoon at two o'clock. The deceased is survived by several children.

Orthopaedic Clinic At Wilson.

The next Lions' orthopaedic clinic in Wilson will be held on Friday, November 11. It will be held in the offices of the county health department in the courthouse. All cripples in Johnston county are invited to attend this clinic for examination and treatment by an orthopaedic specialist.

Stores To Close For Celebration

Local Merchants and Business Men Will Observe Armistice Day

BIG CELEBRATION TO BE STAGED AT BENSON

The majority of Smithfield's business houses will be closed on Friday, November 11, Armistice Day, in honor of the day when fighting in the World War ceased. This year the Armistice Day celebration for Johnston county will be held at Benson, and a suitable program has been arranged.

The day will open with registration of ex-service men at the North State hotel. At ten o'clock a parade will form which will wind up in the exposition grounds where a brief ceremony will be conducted by the American Legion. Immediately after this Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney-general of North Carolina, will make a patriotic address. At 12:30 a barbecue dinner will be served to ex-soldiers of all wars. In the afternoon there will be a football and basketball game, and in the evening, a fiddlers' convention will be conducted in the high school auditorium. The business firms of Smithfield that have agreed to celebrate Armistice Day by closing their stores in conformity with the proclamation of Mayor J. D. Underwood are as follows:

Jordan Jewelry Store, D. B. Drug Store, Southern Sales Co., Turnage & Talton, A. G. Rabil, Jordan-Edmundson Hdq. Co., W. T. Hall's Cash Store, J. E. Gregory, J. Abdalla, J. D. Spiers, J. D. Herring, Austin & Hamilton, Pender's Store No. 114, Peedin & Peterson, W. M. Sanders & Son, Sundry Shoppe, Debnany Buick Co., Medlin Printing Co., H. S. Powell, G. W. Hathaway, N. B. Grantham, Beauty Parlor, W. J. Massey, Jr., Miss Ora V. Poole, Smithfield Shoe Store, Joe Davis, R. Lewis, John O. Jones Furniture Co., Shamrock Service Station, Hill Brothers, City Dry Cleaning Co., Crumpler-Jones Furniture Co., G. E. Thornton, W. J. Huntley, B. M. Davis, Home Cash Grocery, Rose's Store, Hudson-Belk Co., Vara L. & Alma C. Smith, Stevens & Ogburn, B. J. Holleman, Young Motor Co., Red Star Service Station, Smithfield Garage & Machine Co., Standard Oil Co., Home Pride Stores, A&P Tea Co. No. 7357, American Dollar Store Co., Creech's, Inc., Hood Brothers, Skinner & Stancil, and the Smithfield Herald.

BUICK PIONEERS TO VISIT STATE

Twelve veteran Buick distributors known as the "Buick Pioneers" are coming from all parts of the United States, ranging from California to Massachusetts, to study methods and conditions in North Carolina. Their visit will be the second annual meeting of the "Buick Pioneers," one of the most unique organizations in the automotive industry, and bringing together a group of men known throughout the automotive world, whose annual sales exceeds over \$140,000,000 at retail value.

The visiting Buick distributors will be the guest of C. C. Codrington of Charlotte, and an interesting program has been arranged which will give them first hand information of North Carolina, its highways, methods and conditions, from the mountains to the sea.

Honor guests of the occasion will be E. T. Strong, president of the Buick Motor Co., and vice-president of General Motors Corporation, and C. W. Churchill, General Sales Manager of the Buick Motor Co.

E. F. BOYETTE MOVES FAMILY NEAR NEW BERN

Friends here and in the county regret to lose from their midst E. F. Boyette and family who are moving today to Bacheller, near New Bern. Mr. Boyette has been farming near town for several years, and he is moving to a farm now. He says he expects to enjoy hunting and trapping this winter along with his farm operations.

1858--October 27--1927



Marking the sixty-ninth anniversary of the birth of former president Theodore Roosevelt, October 27. Mount Vernon, N. Y., will unveil this newest statue of "TR," which was sculptured by the famous Miserendino of N. Y.

Funeral Service Of E. T. Westbrook

Death Occurred Early Yesterday Morning After A Lingerin Illness

News reached here yesterday of the death of E. T. Westbrook which occurred at his home in Bentonville township early yesterday morning about two o'clock. The deceased had been in ill health for several years and for several weeks had been in a serious condition. He grew much worse about a week ago.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was made in the family burying ground. The service was conducted by the pastor of Ebenezer Methodist church of which the deceased had been a faithful member for many years.

Mr. Westbrook, who was about seventy years of age, leaves a wife and nine children to mourn their loss. His children are as follows: Mrs. L. Cox, of Sampson county; Grover Westbrook, of Wayne; Carl Westbrook, of Raleigh; Mrs. L. G. Westbrook, of this city; Miss Maude Westbrook, of Four Oaks; Mrs. Clyda Britt; Mrs. Chester Flowers, Louise and Earl Westbrook, of Bentonville township.

JOHNSTON VOCAL UNION IS GREAT SUCCESS

KENLY, Nov. 1.—One of the largest crowds that ever witnessed a vocal union was in attendance here Sunday with at least an even dozen choirs being represented. The vocal union which was held in the local Freewill Baptist church was opened by President R. L. Pittman after which a song by the congregation was rendered. The welcome address was delivered by A. G. Askew, assistant superintendent of the Freewill Sunday school, and the response was made by R. Phillips of Carter's Chapel.

Good music was rendered and the singing was very much enjoyed by the largest crowd that ever attended a vocal union here.

The next one will be at Bethany church near here. R. L. Pittman is again president. The Kenly choir was lead by J. M. Stancil.

POULTRY ASSOCIATION TO MEET SATURDAY

The Johnston County Poultry Association will meet in the farmers' room in the courthouse in Smithfield Saturday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 o'clock. It is very important that every member be present at this meetings as there are several very important matters for discussion. We are planning to have the date fixed at that time for blood-testing our flocks; so if you are interested in your association don't fail to show up on time at 1:30 o'clock.

S. P. HONEYCUTT, President.

REMEMBER ENTERTAINMENT AT SCHOOL HOUSE TONIGHT

The entertainment at the high school auditorium this evening at eight o'clock to be given by Frank Rines assisted by his brother, Albert D. Rines, will be worth while. The athletic association which will share in the proceeds will appreciate a good patronage. This entertainer has been heard by local people who feel sure that those who attend will be not only entertained but uplifted.

Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—

HOME PRIDE STORE OPENS

Some time ago it was announced that a Jax-Pax store would open in Smithfield. A location was secured and arranged for such a store but since this chain of stores has changed hands, instead of a Jax-Pax store, a Home Pride store under new management opened for business here Saturday. L. H. Haskett is the manager. Local people own stock in this store which is operated on the self-service style. A general line of groceries is carried, and also a meat market is operated in the rear of the building.



"Chuch members who pay so much in fines seldom puts anything in de collection."

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher his name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present him with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.

Bill Bradley recognized his name last issue.

Today's Tantalizer: noandateoirwo

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