

COMMISSIONERS HOLD REGULAR MEET MONDAY

Put In Full Day of Hard Work But Accomplish Little

RENEW \$20,000 NOTE

John Bland Resigns As Keeper of County Home; J. H. Gurganus Appointed Successor

Their regular meeting here yesterday was a busy one for the county commissioners when problem after problem was up for discussion. The recorded facts of the meeting tell a different story, however, for they represent not more than an hour's work. The commissioners worked at points of law, explained this thing and that thing to citizens appearing before the meeting from all over the county, and in the end doing nothing more than renewing a \$20,000 note, turning the tax books over to the sheriff, and appointing a new keeper for the county home.

No action was taken in a number of cases where applications for help were made, but a general understanding of several laws was gained by the several members after they reviewed them from end to end.

The minutes of the meeting showed where the Farmers and Merchants bank was reimbursed \$28.70 taxes listed in error in 1924 by T. W. Holliday and the property bought in by the bank at a tax sale.

Instructions were given ordering all courthouse and jail supplies be bought upon requisition endorsed by the county accountant according to the County Fiscal Control Act.

The Sheriff was given his task when the county tax books were placed in his hands and his bond for \$50,000 with the American Surety company was accepted. After accepting the bond, the board ordered that it be recorded in the book of official bonds.

J. Sam Gotsinger, county accountant, submitted his bond of \$5,000 with the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance company and it was approved and ordered recorded by the board.

A note of \$20,000 held by Eyer and company, maturing the 16th of this month and bearing interest at 4.80 was ordered renewed for four months.

J. Henry Gurganus was appointed to succeed John Bland as county home keeper. Mr. Gurganus will enter upon his new duties the first of the year. The board allows a salary of \$50 a month for the keeper. Mr. Bland who is now in charge of the home, resigned yesterday after certain requests were refused him by the commissioners. Many inmates at the home expressed their regret in learning of Mr. Bland's resignation, stating that he had served well in performing the duties during his stay both at the old home and at the new one.

Kinston Offered Million Dollars for Power Plant

Kinston, Nov. 7.—The Chamber of Commerce here has proposed that the city council reconsider the question of selling the municipal power plant. The council rejected offers for the property a few months ago. Industries moving into the State from other parts of the country are not locating in this section because of the power shortage, officers of the chamber of commerce declare. They would have the local plant sold to private interests who would enlarge it or hook it up with one of the big power systems up the country. A northern concern is said to be willing to pay approximately \$1,000,000 for it.

Garland Hodges, of Washington, was here yesterday.

STRAND THEATRE
WEDNESDAY
KEN MAYNARD
in
\$50,000 REWARD
Also
Comedy—"Jolly Tars"
and
FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY
Always a Good Show

Weed Prices Decline On Eastern Markets

Eastern Carolina tobacco prices have undergone a decrease ranging from 10 to 25 per cent. in the past few days according to reports given out by practically all markets.

No reason for the price reduction has been offered. Some claim the reduction is due to a big crop and that the Imperial Tobacco company has stopped buying.

Sales on the local market are still running heavy in spite of the fact that prices are lower than they were a few days ago.

All markets have fared alike in the price reduction, it is understood.

1,295 HUNTING LICENSES SOLD

1,184 Are County Licenses; 109 Resident State; and 2 Non-Resident State

October sales of hunting licenses brought the total number sold in this county to 1,295. Of this number 1,184 were county licenses, 109 were resident state, and 2 were non-resident state. The October sales underwent a large decrease as compared with the number issued in September. The number of licenses issued during the first month of the season amounted to 745 county and 84 resident state, while only 442 county, 25 resident state, and 2 non-resident state were issued last month.

Williamston township led the list with 155 county, 9 resident state and 2 non-resident licenses. Robersonville was next with 99 county and 8 resident state. Goose Nest sold 49 county and 5 resident state. Jamesville township sold 50 county but no resident state licenses. Cross Roads was next with 44 county and 3 resident state while Hamilton followed with 41 county and no resident state. Griffins only recorded four county licenses sold during the month.

POLICE RAID CRAP GAME

Eleven Negro Boys Caught At Light Plant Last Saturday Night

The spotted ivories were doing heavy duty at the hands of eleven negro boys early last Sunday morning at the municipal light and power plant. But the little blocks entered a period of rest for an indefinite time all of a sudden when Night Policeman Allsbrook arrived upon the scene. The dice made such a quick departure, that some doubt as to what had been going on was expressed by the night cop. The attempted escape of the eleven negroes established their guilt, however, for like mice before a cat, they went to every nook and corner in the power plant. While one or two shielded themselves behind the water pumps and engines, the remaining ones ran to the boiler room and crawled to the top of the boilers. Allsbrook shouted his orders, and few seconds passed before he had ten of the boys lined up. Facing the barrel of the officer's gun, the alleged gamblers waited the arrival of the patrol wagon to take them to the new jail. Three escaped jail when they put up small cash bonds for their appearance at the trial before Mayor Coburn tonight.

Local School To Observe Armistice Day As Holiday

Nothing but the postoffice will remain open here next Friday when the employees of banks and stores and tobacco market and school children take leave for the day and celebrate. After discussing the closing of the school here that day, officials thought it almost useless to hold classes when so many of the students would be out of town for the day. Last year the school did not observe the eleventh, and a very poor attendance resulted. The day will be made up, however, stated the principal this morning.

Parents and Teachers Will Meet Thursday

The first meeting of the parents-teachers association this month will be held next Thursday afternoon in the school auditorium at 4 o'clock. In announcing the meeting, the association's president stated that it was the hope of the officers that this be one of the largest meetings held this year. Various reports will be made by the chairman of several committees, and other business matters connected with the school will be placed before the meeting.

DR. A. T. ALLEN TALKS TO SMALL AUDIENCE HERE

Makes Splendid Address at School Auditorium Sunday Night

IS SECOND OF SERIES

Explains Cost of Public Education and Tells of Many Difficulties Educators Face

The second of the series of community meetings was held in the school auditorium when Dr. A. T. Allen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, made a splendid talk to a small but appreciative audience. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. T. W. Lee. Rev. C. H. Dickey was in charge of the meeting.

Dr. Allen, following the assigned subject, "What my work or profession is doing for the advancement of Christia citizenship in the State of North Carolina" went on to explain the cost of public education and the multitude of difficulties we have to face in an effort to carry it over on our shoulders. The exact cost of a lesson can be tabulated, the speaker said, but to determine the value of a day's schooling was impossible. But even if it be impossible to compute the true return from a day in school in concrete terms, there is a growth that shows in all future life.

Mr. Allen outlined the progress of the school system in our State, and pointed out the important places in its trend upward. The speaker very skillfully showed the value of his profession when he pictured the result should the doors of the schools be closed and not a dollar be raised for education.

BEAUFORT SCENE OF MANY WRECKS

Three Killed and Several Injured in Adjoining County Sunday

Beaufort county was the scene of many automobile accidents last Sunday afternoon when three persons were killed and several injured.

Albert Cartwright, of Washington, and his 14 year-old son, William, were both killed when a car dashed in front of their's from a filling station. Cartwright turned his car suddenly to avoid missing the other car, but failed in the attempt and caused his car to turn over several times, resulting in the death of both father and son. The boy was killed instantly and the father died at a hospital a few hours later.

A second tragedy took place when a car driven by Joe Baum, of Hyde county, struck Mrs. Lucy Bullock in front of her home in Leecheville and killed her instantly. Baum was accompanied by his wife and Jim Burris also of Hyde county. They failed to stop their car until they reached Washington where they were arrested. They denied any knowledge of the killing, but when faced with the facts they admitted they struck Mrs. Bullock who was walking with several ladies along the highway. Baum was refused bond and Burris was released under a \$1,000 bond.

A third accident occurred in that county when Duffie Toler, a Baptist preacher, turned his car over in Washington. He was accompanied by his wife and both were badly hurt and were carried to a hospital.

Local School Eleven To Play Plymouth Thursday

The local high school is advertising its best game of the season for next Thursday afternoon when its team meets Plymouth here.

Coach Hood has placed his boys in the midst of heavy practice during the past few days, getting ready for the game Thursday. The first game with Plymouth, the locals won by a touchdown, and the game Thursday promises to be a better than the one played in Plymouth a few days ago.

Friday the locals triumphed over Asheboro for the second time this season and with the able support of the fans here, they hope to add another victory to their list Thursday.

'Big Parade' and 'Ben Hur' Coming to Strand Theater

According to an announcement by J. W. Watts, Jr. Ben Hur and the Big Parade have been booked for showing in the Strand theatre here within the next few weeks. While these pictures have been released for some time, they are just finding their way to the small towns and cities, and Mr. Watts stated that he booked them as soon as he possibly could. The Big Parade has been booked for showing here November 21, 22 and 23. Ben Hur will follow shortly thereafter.

LICENSE PLATES TO BE SOLD HERE

1928 Tags Expected To Go On Sale By First of December

The Williamston Motor company signed a contract to handle the automobile license tags in this section this year and the first part of next. A representative of the Carolina Motor club was here the latter part of last week and made arrangements with the motor company to issue the plates for next year. No date was mentioned when the tags would be placed on sale, but it is thought they will be ready for distribution not later than the first of next month.

This is the first time that the plates have been offered for sale at the end of the year instead of during the dull summer months. Last June and July, the local bureau sold exactly 5,000 plates, and the sale this year is expected to show an increase.

The new tags will be shipped here in the course of the next few weeks.

FARMERS ORDER CAR OF PYROTOL

Is Last Car for Martin Farmers, As Supply Is About Exhausted

Seventeen thousand pounds of pyrotol, making one solid car, have been ordered by Martin County farmers, according to the report of County Agent T. B. Brandon to the Board of County Commissioners here yesterday.

A few hundred pounds of this amount have not been ascribed for, and it is possible that a few late demands might be filled. The government supply is practically exhausted and this will be the last car for Martin farmers, stated Mr. Brandon yesterday afternoon.

Several cars of the explosive material have been shipped into this county, and many acres of land have been cleared by farmers throughout the county with it.

Other activities of the agent during the month of October and reported to the commissioners here yesterday follow:

Twenty days spent in field work

Five days spent in office.

One hundred and seven office conferences.

Seventy-six telephone calls.

One hundred and sixty-two letters written pertaining to official matters.

Sixty-two farms visited on official duties.

Nine hundred and forty-seven miles traveled during the month.

Four articles written for local papers.

Two hundred and nine hogs treated during the month.

New England Flood Areas Threatened by New Perils

Dolton, Nov. 6.—New England, with a death list of at least 150 was digging itself out today from the wreckage left by the floods of the last few days. The water was receding except in Connecticut.

There was a food shortage in some Vermont communities and efforts were being made to relieve this with supplies sent by airplanes. Snow and freezing weather caused considerable suffering in many sections.

Hartford and other Connecticut cities along the Connecticut valley were feeling the brunt of the flood as it worked its way South and East.

Washington, Nov. 7.—An extensive reconstruction program will be conducted by the American Red Cross for the benefit of the New England flood victims.

The organization made plans today for rehabilitation work and it was said that as soon as the waters had subsided to a point where permanent relief could be undertaken, the Red Cross would see that all the communities affected by the disaster were placed on their feet.

Dogs Tree Chicken Thief; Is Found To Be Wildcat

Mr. L. P. Holliday, county commissioner, of Jameville, stated yesterday that he had been losing chickens recently, but that he was unable to find any trace of them. Saturday his dogs treed a large wildcat near by, which he found to be the thief.

Fire Destroys Barn and Car on Farm Near Here

Fire destroyed a small barn, a Ford car and a large number of chickens last Friday on the farm of Mr. John Daniel Biggs, near here. The barn was on the place occupied by John W. Jones. The building was small and valued at \$200. The fire was thought to have started from a short circuit in the car's wires as the car had been driven only a short time before the fire was discovered.

STEPHEN GANO DIES NEAR HERE LAST SATURDAY

Moved Here Little Over Year Ago From Virginia Beach

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

Masonic Order, of Which He Had Long Been Faithful Member, Conducts Final Rites

Stephen Gano died at his new home on the Washington road a mile from here early Saturday morning with cancer of the lung.

It was only September of last year when Mr. Gano moved here from Virginia Beach and established his home where he said he hoped to enjoy his old age in his favorite sport of raising poultry and trucking. Everything went well with him until early spring when he found himself in the grip of the dreadful disease. He gradually grew worse until the end came.

Stephen Gano was born in Cincinnati, October 25, 1863. In 1888 he married Miss Sophia Carroll Arons, of that city. She with four children, Howard A. Gano, of Ashland, Ky., Daniel G. Gano, of Richmond, Mrs. L. P. Lindsley, of this place and Mrs. C. H. Yost, of Nicaragua Canal zone survives him.

The funeral was held at the residence yesterday afternoon at 2:30 by Rev. C. H. Dickey. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery here with members of the local Masonic lodge in charge of the service.

no was a devoted member for many years. He was member of Madisonville lodge, in which lodge he had the important offices. He was a member of the Virginia Beach lodge which he was going to desert to Skewakee. Few people have followed the teachings of masonry with more earnest zeal than he did.

Although there are only a few people of the name Gano in this country, the forefathers of the deceased came to America in 1661 and figured prominently in the settlement, freedom and development of the country. When Stephen Gano, a French Huguenot, sought more freedom and came to America, he purchased 80 acres of the uplands and 10 acres of the meadow land on Staten Island on the Hudson river side and where New York now stands.

A later grandfather, John Gano, organized the first Baptist church in New York. He was a chaplain in the Revolutionary War and gained the distinction of "Fighting Chaplain of Revolutionary Fame."

Another grandfather, John S. Gano, was a major general under General William Henry Harrison. Members of the family answered "the call of the West" and settled at Losantoville, later changed to Cincinnati, and where Stephen Gano, the father of the deceased, was born.

In October, 1863 Stephen was born and he attended the Cincinnati schools. The greatest feature of his education was when he served as page in the United States Senate during five sessions and where he took some school work in addition to his contact with many of the foremost American statesmen. Among the intimate friendships he built as a boy of eleven years, were those of President Grant, Henry Wilson, George H. Pendleton, Roscoe Conklin, and John Sherman.

After maturing in age, he held important positions with the Union Pacific railroad. Later he was traffic manager for a large pipe and steel company which he gave up to become freight solicitor for the Pennsylvania railroad with headquarters at Cincinnati. This work proved too strenuous and he bought a farm and settled near Virginia Beach. The developers of that resort wanted his land and he sold out and came to this county where he made his home for more than a year. During that time, he proved himself a worthy citizen and a loyal friend to everybody he knew.

Town Commissioners Postpone Meeting

The regular meeting of the town commissioners scheduled for session last evening was postponed until next Monday night as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Stephen Gano, father-in-law of Mr. L. P. Lindsley, one of the board's members.

Local School Board In Meeting Last Night

In its meeting last night, the local school board assured members of the county board of education that it would cooperate in every possible way in the building program about to be launched. Several resolutions were read before the meeting, and a tabulated report of the school survey made a few days ago was ordered.

Negro Woman Found Dead On Railroad Near Dardens Monday; Believed Murdered

Friday To Be General Holiday in County

Friday will be a general holiday in the county when tobacco markets, banks and a majority of the stores close to celebrate Armistice Day.

Tobacco markets in Eastern Carolina will close for the day, and many celebrations will be held throughout this section. Large numbers of local people are planning to attend the State Duke football game in Durham that day while many others are planning to attend the exercises to be held in the various towns in this section.

FILLS JAIL WITH DOLEFUL MUSIC

Playing Poorly Tuned Accordion Only Pastime of Alleged Murderer

A poorly tuned accordion is the only pastime for Henry Carson, alleged murderer of Emily Bazemore, now being held in the new jail for his trial before the next term of superior court. Yesterday afternoon he was flooding the halls of the new jail with mournful notes made by his hands on the cheap instrument.

The majority of the accused man's selections were without pep, but when he started to play "Home Sweet Home", the notes came more regularly, and one could tell that his thoughts went back to the place where he once enjoyed his freedom. He stated that the box was the one he had used at the Bazemore home a little over a week ago when the aged colored woman was killed. The murder itself, when referred to had no noticeable effect on the accused man, but his interest reached great heights when freedom was mentioned.

There are four prisoners besides Carson serving short term sentences in the jail now, and while the notes from the accordion annoy them at times, they seem to enjoy it in general.

STAR AGENCY LOCATES HERE

B. R. Barnhill Motor Co. Buys Building On Washington Street

Williamston will have its third garage when the Barnhill Motor company opens for business in the building next to the old York Garage on Washington street the early part of next month. The members of the new firm, B. R. Barnhill, Willford and Lee Hardison, purchased the building now occupied by Mr. J. L. Peel, jeweler, last Saturday and they will equip the building as soon as it is vacated by Mr. Peel.

According to an announcement made by the company an annex will be built at the rear of the building to care for general repair work and provide storage for cars.

The company handles all types of Star cars, and is receiving regular shipments at this time.

County Teachers Will Meet Here Saturday

The third meeting of the county teachers this term will be held next Saturday afternoon. According to an announcement coming from the county superintendent's office, the meeting was moved up one week so as to avoid a conflict with a district meeting scheduled in Greenville for the 18th and 19th of this month.

Superintendent Pope stated this morning that he was at a loss to mention any date that would be entirely satisfactory, and that after checking over the calendar, he thought next Saturday would be the best time for the county meeting.

Announces Engagement To One Girl; Marries Another

Charlie Bowers, of Oak City, changed his mind and changed his girl all in the same day last Saturday. According to reports, Mr. Bowers announced his engagement to a number of friends around Oak City. After the wedding they learned he had not married the girl he said he was going to but married another.

When Bowers started to Williamston for his license, he passed the home of his old sweetheart. He made one more plea which was granted. He hurried here and the new name was written on the license. Returning to Oak City, he was married Saturday evening by Justice John Hines.

Several Hatchet or Axe Wounds in Skull and Face

NO CLUE TO KILLER

Movements of Dead Woman Checked Up To Sunset Sunday Evening; Murdered About Midnight

Middle Boston, 30 year-old negress, was found dead yesterday morning just a short distance this side of Dardens on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad track with several hatchet or axe wounds in her skull and face. Mysteriously surrounds the murder, and after searching for clues the greater part of yesterday, officers were at a loss to assign any motive for the brutal crime.

Coroner S. R. Biggs with Sheriff Korbuck visited the scene yesterday morning and held an inquest over the body. The information gained amounted to little, and the jury stated in its verdict that the woman came to her death by axe or hatchet wounds inflicted by some unknown person or persons.

Sunday afternoon the woman went to the home of Obadiah Moore, near the place where the body was found at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. According to evidence given at the Moore home, the woman left there about three o'clock that afternoon. While she was there Walter Moore, for whom she was said to have worked and Clyde Wynne came for her, but she refused to leave with them and went to Plymouth. Sometime after Moore and Wynne left she went out of the back door of the Moore home and was not seen any more by that family. It is understood, however, that she went from the Moore home to that of a negro named Gordon who also lives near the spot where the body was found. She remained at his home until a short while before sunset when she left and went down a little path leading across the railroad. Nothing more was seen of her until the body was found lying partly on the cross ties and on the ground about thirty feet from the point where the little path she had followed from Gordon's home crossed the railroad.

It is the general opinion of those who visited the spot and saw the body that the woman was murdered some place nearby and her body was placed on the railroad to make it appear as if she was killed by the train. The body was found before the train passed yesterday morning, and the wounds in the head clearly showed she had been murdered. Three separate wounds were inflicted one across the neck, and two on the head, one of which was about the length of an axe and about an inch deep.

Coroner Biggs stated the condition of the body indicated that the murder was done around midnight or an hour or so later.

Officers searched the two houses where she visited Sunday afternoon, but no evidence could be gained. There was very little blood at the body, and the only thing connected in anyway with the killing was her hat which was found about 30 feet from the body. This led officers to believe that the body was carried from the little path down the railroad after the murder was committed somewhere else.

Late yesterday afternoon, the body awaited burial arrangements, the county refusing to dispose of it and relatives claiming they were too poor to bury the body. However, this morning a cheap coffin was purchased from a firm in Jameville, and interment was made this afternoon. Her body met with almost the same fate as that of John Henry Boston, a relative, who froze to death in the big snow last March. His body was placed in a barn to await burial after it had been refused admittance into the homes of relatives of the old man. The murdered woman's body lay in state on the back porch of a vacant house last night near the scene of the murder.

The murdered woman lived here a short while about six years ago, but since that time she has been staying at her home in the Freen Union section and in Plymouth. Her character was questionable, and when she visited the Moore home Sunday afternoon she was two drinks from being drunk. Several theories were advanced by people in that section explaining how and why she was killed, but they were of no value in leading to arrests.

Margolis Brothers Offer Pre-Thanksgiving Specials

Specials to Their Customers The firm of Margolis Brothers is announcing unusual pre-Thanksgiving specials in coats, dresses, hats and shoes. The announcement goes on to say that these specials will be sold at prices below those at the end of the season.