

Broughton To Set New Record With Job Appointments

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for all State employees, including the school teachers. This is something new so far as our State is concerned, and it will doubtless take several years for a system to be worked out which functions properly.

Agriculture received favorable consideration from the membership of the recent session. Greater appropriations for vocational education and for agriculture experimental and extension work were made. Every one seemed to realize the plight of the agriculture situation in North Carolina, and was willing to go as far as the revenues would permit toward correcting the situation.

A fund of one hundred thousand dollars for each year of the next biennium was established for the aid of public libraries of North Carolina. Although this appropriation was not adequate, it was a start toward making books available to the citizens of North Carolina who are not now in a position to reach good books.

Several of the Public Welfare Institutions for the State, including aid for the blind, more operations for handicapped students who are suffering from eye trouble, and an increased appropriation for all correctional institutions were granted.

I think the most important thing accomplished during this session, was the fact that no additional taxes were levied. Foods were exempt from the sales tax as was advocated during the campaign.

Although the budget for the next two years calls for the expenditure of one hundred and sixty-six million dollars, which was much higher than the past two years, no additional levies were made because it was thought that the increased volume of business would produce a sufficient amount of revenue. It is believed that no diversion will be necessary during the next two years, which will mean that the highway fund will stay intact and be used for the betterment of the roads of our State.

Equalization Board Moving Slowly With Its Valuation Task

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Those complaints, recognized as having little foundation, are causing the authorities to scratch their heads and ponder long hours for a solution.

Incomplete reports are pointing to little or no gain in personal property values. However, List-taker H. M. Burras, for Williamston, declares his personal property list will reflect a sizable gain in addition to the \$192,802 increase reported in real property values. Not including Jamesville and Cross Roads listings, the 1941 values for real property are greater by \$353,484 than they were for 1940.

Following the completion of the present equalization task, the county tax authorities are expected to start a check of those persons who did not list for taxation, one report stating that the check will get underway soon.

Plans Go Forward For Construction Of Home

Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Bowen are completing plans this week for the construction of a seven-room framehouse on the corner of Church and Hassell Streets. The small house standing on the lot for many years has been moved to a new location on Elm Street.

Planters Warehouse Rental Committee Considers Bids

The Planters Tobacco Warehouse committee Wednesday received two bids for the house this coming season, but up until noon today no rental contract had been signed. Bids were submitted by local interests and by an out-of-town firm.

Action was delayed pending the consideration of a plan to sell the property outright.

Grand Jury Submits Its Quarterly Report Tuesday Afternoon

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records of cases and their disposition are kept complete and accurate.

The Clerk's Office advises that all reports from Guardians and Administrators are properly filed, and that all bondsmen are living and evidently solvent.

We viewed the recommendations as mentioned in the last two reports of the Grand Jury and found that a water fountain for the Courthouse has not been purchased and no screens put to the toilets at schools as was recommended. The County Commissioners state that they had overlooked buying the fountain, probably due to several new commissioners being elected; they say they will purchase one at once. Supt. Manning says the toilets will be screened as soon as the new budget is made, that there was no appropriation made for them in the present budget.

W. H. Gray, Chief of Police of Robersonville, states that he has adequate help and equipment to operate his office. W. B. Daniel, Chief of Police of Williamston, states that he also has adequate help and equipment for his office.

The tax list has not been checked and we recommend that Registration of Draft Board and Registration of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh, be checked as to delinquent listers.

Henry Lewis has been reported to us as failing to list, also failing to pay after notice, his 1940 taxes.

We talked with County Treasurer as to finances of County. He states that the Sinking Fund of County is invested in Building and Loan Stock. He also states that they are current with all bonds and other indebtedness. We checked Justices of Peace reports and find their reports filed and funds remitted to County with exception of C. B. Reddick, of Everetts, and R. R. Rawls, of Oak City.

Expecting Increased Aid For Agriculture In New Development

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The seven-billion-dollar bill passed by the House this week by a vote of 336 to 55 provides that \$1,350,000,000 shall be expended for the procurement of "agricultural, industrial and other commodities and articles." From this sum, \$450,000,000 has been earmarked specifically for the purchase and transfer of agricultural commodities. Of this total, \$50,000,000 will be spent for tobacco, \$100,000,000 for cotton, and the remaining \$300,000,000 will be devoted to the purchase of wheat, corn, fruits and vegetables and dairy products.

Following a conference with J. B. Hutson, Assistant National Defense Commissioner for Agriculture, Representative Herbert Bonner expressed the belief that independent tobacco exporters and dealers would not be overlooked in the disposal of tobacco to the British.

Because policies and procedures for the transfer of tobacco and similar commodities under the terms of this bill have not been established yet, definite statements cannot be made with certainty. Bonner stated, but added that the proper authorities were giving the matter sympathetic consideration.

Congressman Harold Cooley also reported that defense officials were "greatly interested" in moving tobacco held by independent dealers.

"If these dealers are unable to market their stocks, their buying on the 1941 market will be greatly curtailed," Cooley stated. "It is in the interest of the farmer to have these dealers on the market. I feel sure that a satisfactory arrangement will be worked out."

COTTON FARMERS CAN EARN STAMPS

Advertisement for 'Twenty Five Cent Non-Transferable Surplus Cotton Order' with a graphic of a cotton plant and a stamp.

For voluntarily reducing cotton acreage in 1941, cotton farmers of North Carolina can earn as much as \$25 in stamps, such as the facsimile above, which they may use at retail stores to buy cotton goods. The supplementary Cotton Program, aimed at reducing the cotton surplus and, at the same time, helping farm families to live better, will be explained to any farmer by his county farm agent or AAA committeeman.

MISS SPRINGTIME

Miss Springtime, making her appearance here by bus last evening at 7:20 o'clock or thereabouts to find the weatherman and the calendar makers working in close harmony. Offering a stubborn resistance up until the middle of this week, Ole Man Winter finally kicked the bucket and spring came into being with temperatures ranging slightly above normal. A few persons dared go around without their coats even before winter made its exit.

Band Rehearsal For Parents of Musicians

Approximately seventy parents and friends of members of the Williamston High School band assembled in the high school auditorium last Wednesday evening to hear the band in its first public appearance of the school year. Taking the form of a rehearsal rather than a concert, the program was arranged especially for parents who were present at the special invitation of the students and Director Jack Butler. The band program lasted one hour.

Local Packer Buys Champion Steer at Rocky Mount Show

Attending the Eastern Carolina Fat Stock Show in Rocky Mount recently, Mr. D. M. Roberson, proprietor of Roberson's Slaughter House, purchased one of the champion steers. The show is held annually to demonstrate how more and better beef may be produced in this section of the State. The steer, purchased by Mr. Roberson, was raised by Tom Speight, of Bertie County. It was dressed in the local slaughter house and sold to E. and W. Grocery Company where it is now on sale.

Superior Court In Recess After Trial Of Criminal Cases

Moore. The case is slated for trial in the county court on the 31st of this month. If Bellamy can maintain his alibi, it is likely that he with the pleadings of his mother will escape further punishment. The public is invited.

Turkey Supper In The Baptist Church Annex

Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will serve a turkey supper in the annex basement this evening between the hours of 6:30 and 8:00 o'clock. The public is invited.

N. Dawson Matthews Passes Suddenly At Home Near Parmele

Funeral Services Were Held For Prominent Citizen Yesterday

N. D. Matthews, prominent farmer and citizen of the Parmele community, died suddenly at his home Tuesday night, March 18th, at 11:15. Mr. Matthews, 45 years old, underwent a hernia operation three months ago, but was apparently in good health and his sudden death came as a surprise to his family and friends. Death was attributed to an heart attack.

The son of the late Eason Matthews and Bettie Coburn Matthews, Mr. Matthews was born in Pitt County and reared near the Henry Coburn farm in the Parmele community.

Funeral services were held from the Parmele Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, March 20th, with Rev. Daniel Boone and Maynard Fletcher, of Washington, officiating. Interment was in the Robersonville cemetery. Comparatively young, Mr. Matthews was well-known in this section of Martin and Pitt Counties. He was highly respected and had the friendship and admiration of everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his widow and one child, Miss Avery Matthews; four brothers, L. H. Matthews, of Robersonville; Billie Matthews, of Parmele; Louis Matthews, of Bertie; and P. M. Matthews, of the Spring Green section; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Whitehurst, of Pitt County; Mrs. Senia Dunning, of Bethel; and Mrs. Allie Edmondson, of Edgecombe County.

Reuben C. Bland, Notorious Father, Dies Monday Night

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lar appropriation measure for the support of the lease-lend program shortly, a sub-committee having virtually approved the bill after hearing Knudsen of the Office of Production Management and others testify. With the appointment of a labor mediation board, the labor movement is expected to clear itself up. Some progress in that direction was reported today when Henry Ford reinstated 1,000 workers alleged to have been discharged because of their activities with a workers' union.

Children Look To American Security

Possibly more appreciative of American security than many of us here are, little Margaret Stone, eight years old, recently wrote the following letter to Jean Griffin in this county.

Dear Jean, Auntie Katie has just given me your photograph to look at. So I thought I would write a short letter. The sirens have just sounded so I have to write my letter in pencil. I am now sitting in our air raid shelter so I cannot write in ink very well. We all hope to see you soon. Mum wants to come down to America at springtime to live there, and I want to live near you, so that we can go to school together, until the war ends. My name is Margaret Stone and my daddy's name is Walter. I am 8 years old. Please, will you write and tell me what school is like in America, and tell how old you are? With love from all to Jean.

Colored Cafe Temporarily Closed By Authorities Here

"The Little Savoy," colored cafe operated by Eddie Watts Brown on Washington Street here, was closed temporarily, at least, by county health authorities this week. The action was taken when the cafe rating dropped to a low point. The management has employed a clean-up crew and apparently plans a reopening shortly.

Respected Colored Woman Dies At Her Home Here

Eula Brown, respected colored woman, died at her home on Washington Street here last Wednesday morning at the age of 51 years. When quite young she was married to Elijah Brown, who survives with seven children, Eulalee Brown, Sarah B. Edmonds, William C. Luther, Arthur, Walter and Elijah Brown, Jr. She also leaves seven sisters, and two brothers, Emma Simmons, Lou Pearl Wills, Fannie B. Wiggins and Dobby Allen, all of Ossining, N. Y.; Lafayette Williams and Monzola Rhodes and Gabriel Wiggins, all of Williamston, and Arthur Wiggins, of Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday at 2 o'clock in the A. M. E. Zion Methodist Church by her pastor, Rev. W. H. Hopkins. Interment will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Pender's Opens Modern Meat Market Here Today

Pender's opened a modern meat market in its Main Street store here this morning and will operate it in connection with its regular grocery business. The new market is extensively equipped with modern fixtures including a walk-in refrigerator and special counters. An experienced market man will be in charge of the new unit. Store Manager Satterfield announced.

CARD OF THANKS

It is with the sincerest thanks that we acknowledge the many sympathetic acts of kindness during the sickness and death of A. P. Griffin. The Family.

McClees Opens Grocery And Market In Steele Building

The McClees Cash Grocery and Meat Market opened for business in the Steele building just back of the Eagle store on Washington Street today. The firm was formerly located in the King building in the tobacco warehouse district until a short time ago.

WANTS

BABY CHICKS - LARGE HUSKY chicks from N. C. and U. S. approved flocks only. All popular breeds. Hatches each Tuesday from modern electric incubator. Reasonable prices. Phone 307-6. Lancaster's Hatchery, Windsor. m21-1f

WANTED - REGULAR ROOMERS. Price reasonable. Hot water. Telephone 19-W. m21-2t

LEARN TO TELEGRAPH - SEE H. W. Perkins at the local Western Union office for further details.

SPECIAL - OIL BURNERS TO BE sold at cost or less. B. S. Courtney. m21-4t

LOT FOR SALE - 90'x250'. JOHN Wier.

ZIPPER BLACK BRIEF CASE - containing all records. Lost Wednesday night. Finder please notify Jesse T. Price.

FOR RENT: FOUR-ROOM APARTMENT. Tile bath and hardwood floors. Marshall Avenue. Apply to J. S. Whitley, Williamston. m21-2t

Advertisement for 'Spring Preview Parade' featuring 'The Styles of Tomorrow' and 'The New Selby Shoes'. Includes contact information for Margolis Brothers.

Large advertisement for 'Armour's BIG CROP Fertilizers' by Martin Supply Company. Includes an image of a fertilizer bag and contact information for Norfolk, Virginia.