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Charities Board Elects Officers

Mrs. J. E. Lambert Becomes Chairman and M. D. Munn Vice Chairman

Mrs. J. E. Lambert was elected chairman of the Board of Associated Charities at the annual meeting of the board. Mrs. Lambert succeeds Mrs. J. P. Whitehead.

M. D. Munn became vice chairman of the board in the election of officers for the year, succeeding K. D. Battle. N. D. Edmondson was elected treasurer to succeed Mrs. C. G. Smith.

Miss Susie Battle as executive secretary and E. H. Austin as recording secretary were re-elected. Mrs. Lambert, with the executive committee of the board plans an extensive survey of the work being done by the Associated Charities, it was indicated at the meeting. New policies of administering the work of the charities will be inaugurated if conditions require them, Mr. Austin reported.

The executive committee is composed of the officers of the board. The Board of Associated Charities itself includes the chairman of the social service committees in each of the churches in the city and several other citizens interested in charitable work.

Miss Battle as executive secretary and Mrs. C. G. Smith as treasurer delivered reports at the meeting, covering the board's activities during the past year.

City Bond Issue Sold At Premium

Aycock Says Interest On Part Of Issue Is "Lowest in City's History"

Rocky Mount's \$43,000 general refunding bond issue, to provide funds for the Jordan street railroad underpass and additional funds for the new city hall, was bought today by McAlister, Smith and Pate of Raleigh at slightly above par and part of the issue will bear the lowest interest rate in Rocky Mount's experience.

The bond issue sold for \$43,068.80 with the first \$24,000 of maturities to bear three per cent interest and the remainder 2 3/4 per cent.

City Manager L. B. Aycock this afternoon called the 2 3/4 per cent interest which the last \$9,000 of the maturities bear "the lowest interest rate ever placed on a Rocky Mount city bond."

The contract for the Jordan street railroad underpass, which part of the bond issue was to finance, has already been let to F. A. Tripplett of Chester, South Carolina, Highway Commission Chairman Capus Waynick informed Mr. Aycock.

The board of aldermen will consider Thursday night a proposal for immediate action to tunnel or re-route the ACL railroad tracks which split Main street. Well informed citizens expect the aldermen to favor the proposal and to make arrangements for suspending any preparations to build the underpass until the railroad removal project has been further investigated.

Offer Suggestions To Check Blue Mold

No one has been able to discover a sure-cure for blue mold, the disease that costs tobacco growers thousands of dollars a year.

But there are a number of things growers can do to lessen the damage blue mold does to their plant beds, said Dr. Arthur Shaw, extension plant pathologist at State College.

Locate the seed beds in warm places where the sun can shine on them all day long. When possible, make new beds some distance away from the old ones.

If old beds must be used again, first burn or steam the soil to kill the disease organism.

Before seedlings appear in the new beds, destroy all hold-over or volunteer tobacco plants that come up in the old beds.

Sow more seed than needed, so that if some of the seedlings are damaged, there will still be a supply of healthy plants. Several small beds scattered over the farm are safer than one large bed.

Sow the beds early, but not too thickly, as a moderate stand of plants gives the best results.

As soon as weather permits, remove the canvas covers during the day to let in sunshine and fresh air. If necessary to speed the growth of diseased plants, water them with a solution of nitrate of soda.

Transplant the seedlings before blue mold appears. If the disease attacks them, leave them in the seed bed until they recover. Don't set out diseased plants. Spraying them is a waste of time and money.

Growers who wish further information may secure it in extension circular No. 207, "Approved Practices in Handling Tobacco Plant Beds," which may be obtained free from the agricultural editor at State College, Dr. Shaw pointed out.

IN WASHINGTON



WHAT IS TAKING PLACE BY

UNITED STATES SENATOR

It is too early to anticipate the course of the new Seventy-fifth Congress in reshaping Federal programs and Federal activities in the light of the brighter economic skies that have followed in the wake of depression storms. However, there is every indication that the Congress will give more than usual study to each recommendation that may call for larger expenditures, increased activity and new functions of government.

Evidence of this is already available in the form of the unprecedented interest in the estimates of income and expenditures—the Federal budget—submitted to the Congress by the President. Thus it is obvious that expenditures must be justified on the basis of the contribution they will make to the public welfare.

Predictions of a "rubber stamp" Congress by reason of the sweeping victory of the President last November, and the top-heavy Democratic majorities in both Houses are not borne out by developments to date.

THE BUDGET—The Federal budget for the fiscal year 1937, as submitted by the President, calls for expenditures of roughly \$65 for each man, woman and child in the United States. It also calls for taxes in amount of \$45, on the average, for every individual, adult and youngster. The difference of \$20 represents the deficit.

Let's look at the budget another way. John Jones can maintain his family budget and keep income and expenditures balanced so long as the latter adhere rigidly to the budget. But if some mishaps befall the Jones family, requiring unusual expenses, the head of the household has to borrow. From then on, income must be increased or expenditures slashed, else the budget loses caste.

That is what happened to the Federal budget. In the absence of adequate income to cover the emergency outlay and in the face of maintenance of regular expenditures, there has been a deficit. In other words, multiply the Jones problem about three million times and you have a picture of the Federal situation, which, however, is getting better as regards increasing revenues.

The \$8,000,000,000 budget for the fiscal year 1937, is around \$3,000,000,000 above the 1932 level, due to relief expenditures, farm-aid, adjusted compensation for veterans, Social Security, recovery programs and so on. The 1937 total may be raised or lowered by the Congress as hearings are held on various appropriation bills. Have these increased expenditures been justified? Congress will decide.

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS—President Roosevelt's thoughts on the subject can best be expressed in his own words as follows:

"The programs inaugurated during the last four years to combat the depression and to initiate many needed reforms have cost large sums of money, but the benefits obtained from them are far outweighing all their costs. We shall soon be reaping the full benefits of those programs and shall have at the same time a balanced budget that will also include provision for reduction of the public debt.

"The fiscal plans of the Federal Government of these four years have been formulated with two objectives in mind. Our first was to restore a successful economic life to the country, by providing greater employment and purchasing power for the people, by stimulating a more balanced use of our productive capacity, and by increasing the national income and distributing it on a wider base of prosperity. Our second was to gain new advantages of permanent value for the American people. Both of these objectives can be accomplished under a sound financial policy.

"Business conditions have shown each year since 1933 a marked improvement over the preceding year. Employment in private industry is increasing. Industrial production, factory pay rolls, and farm prices have steadily risen."

SURE RECOVERY SIGN—Whatever may be the final appropriations for Federal operations, one sure sign of recovery is the estimated increase of \$1,712,000,000 in Federal taxes for the fiscal year 1937 as compared to 1936. This increase, of course, predicated on the maintenance of present tax rates, and renactment of the long list of excise and so-called nuisance taxes scheduled to expire in June.

SPEAKING OF BUDGETS—While there is tremendous interest in budget-balancing, few people realize that the Federal Government operated for more than a century with-

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Rivers Rise In All Parts State

Raleigh, Jan. 20.—Protracted rains sent two North Carolina rivers—the Yadkin and the Roanoke—out of their banks today.

The Roanoke at Weldon was three feet out of its banks and Meteorologist Lee A. Denson said it would rise two feet more during the day, and probably two more tomorrow.

The Yadkin inundated many acres of lowlands along its upper reaches, but damages were negligible. Tributary creeks near Winston-Salem were several feet out of their banks. A 36-hour downpour yesterday brought the rainfall in the Yadkin watershed to a foot in 48 days.

Forsyth county (Winston-Salem) schools and nine school units in nearby Wilkes county were closed due to the bad condition of roads.

The Neuse and Tar rivers in the eastern part of the state were rising steadily.

Sunday Hours Set For Spring Hope

Spring Hope, Jan. 19.—In their regular monthly meeting the town board of Spring Hope passed a new ordinance requiring all business firms to close during church hours Sunday and Sunday night. The closed hours are 9:00 to 1:00 and 7:00 to 9:00. Penalty for violation was set at \$50 for each offense.

The board also issued a warning notice to all payers of license tax that unless paid at once they will proceed to collect by law. City finances and other civic topics received some discussion also.

The full membership of the board was present, namely, Dr. F. G. Chamber, P. E. Daniel, B. C. Delbridge, A. T. May and C. H. May.

Weather Delays Peanut Harvest

Windsor, Jan. 18.—Rainy, sultry and damp weather has prevented the harvesting of some of the Bertie peanuts raised in 1936; many of the peanut crops grown by Bertie farmers still remain in the fields.

There are also, a few scattered patches of cotton remaining un-picked.

On the other hand, despite weather conditions, some farmers have finished harvesting 1936 crops, and are already at work, looking forward to this year's crop. Some have begun to prepare tobacco beds in the edges of the woods. It seems to pay to "make hay while the sun shines."

Wilson 4-H Clubs Plan For Event

Wilson, Jan.—Wilson county's 4-H clubs will hold their annual Achievement day at the Frederick Woodard school auditorium here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at which time B. Troy Ferguson, District Extension agent of Raleigh will be the principal speaker. It was announced by Miss Lois Rainwater, home demonstration agent and J. A. Marsh, assistant county agent here.

At the same program various 4-H club members and individual clubs of the county will give several programs.

Awards will also be made to outstanding clubs and club members in the county at that time.

Also, every club member in the county who has submitted a satisfactory record during the past year in various 4-H club projects will be awarded a certificate by Miss Rainwater and Mr. Marsh.

Miss Mary Anna Jones, president of the 4-H Club County Council, will preside over the meeting.

County Couple In Motor Wedding

The motor wedding is the newest form of matrimonial ceremony in Johnston county.

Miss Eleanor Johnson of Four Oaks, Route 3, and J. C. Holmes of Benson, Route 2, were married in a moving automobile Tuesday.

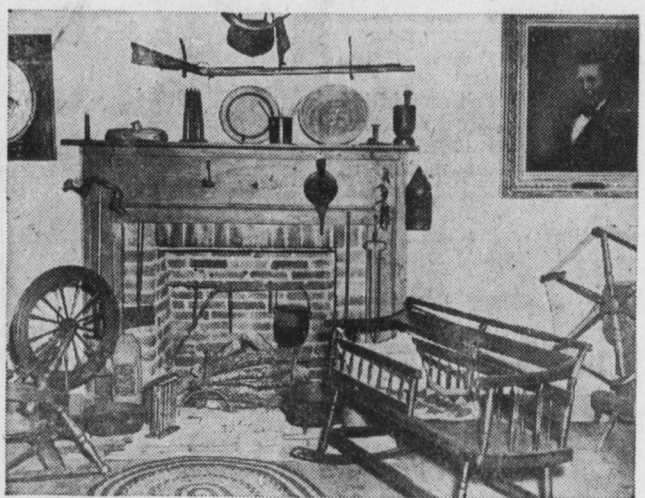
The marriage license was secured at Smithfield, county seat of Johnston, and the couple motored to the home of Elder Xure Lee in Sampson county to be married. To make the marriage legal, the ceremony had to take place in the county that issued the license.

The couple, therefore, persuaded the minister to ride with them across the line into Johnston where he performed the ritual as the car rolled along bumpy, country roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes will be at home near Benson.

"A home-made Brick Brooder" is the title of Extension Folder 36, prepared by David S. Weaver and C. R. Parrish. Copies are free to North Carolina poultry growers on application to the Agricultural Editor at State College.

Restore Cabin Birthplace of Gen. Grant



The living room in the plain two-room cabin in which Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, eighteenth President of the United States, was born. The cabin has been restored to its original site at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, after an absence of more than fifty years, and has been furnished as far as possible with household belongings of the Grant family. Jesse Grant and his young wife were in poor circumstances at the time their son, Ulysses, was born. Some time later they moved to Georgetown in an adjoining county. There they prospered and were able to build a comfortable two-story home of brick and stone.

Better Go Very Slow

The question of making the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company move its tracks out of the city, or else tunnel under the city is a very important matter to the railroad, to the city, and its entire citizenship. Interest is easily stirred up and meetings are easily gotten together and action hastily taken without due consideration. The impetus given by the railroad to Rocky Mount in days past caused it to develop and grow as no other eastern town has grown and for this reason we should proceed with extreme caution and care.

The city of Petersburg has now become almost a flag station for the Atlantic Coast Line and if the railroad is caused to feel that their presence is not appreciated or desired, it is possible that many of our important trains may go by Rocky Mount as is being done by Petersburg today, to the great inconvenience of its citizens. Rocky Mount needs the railroad and of course the railroad needs Rocky Mount. The gates since being installed have been administered very well and travel has been practically without accidents. We do not believe that the railroad will undertake to tunnel the city of Rocky Mount with the small population that it has. If they are required to move too far, which will increase their distance, we feel quite sure that many of the important trains that we have the use of now, will not then be at our convenience. The Board of Aldermen should give this matter the serious consideration which its importance deserves. Where would the merchants be during the building of the tunnel?

PROMISE MUST BE KEPT

If the sales tax is not removed from all necessities of life, we are afraid that our people will not have the same future respect for North Carolina's democracy, so far as carrying out solemn pledges to the people. Below is what the platform stated:

Economic improvement will now permit the immediate elimination of the sales tax levy on ALL necessities of life and on meals at boarding houses and all public eating places and hotels. The Democratic party pledges itself to accomplish this in the 1937 session of the General Assembly.—State Democratic Platform.

Now, with this clear declaration on the subject, the legislature is undertaking to ignore this promise to the people, at least that seems to be the trend of discussion by some of its members.

What is a necessity? Are not all good foods a necessity, all reasonable wearing apparel of moderate cost and household utensils? If the people cannot rely on the platform of the party, on what can they depend and in whom can they place their trust?

The last Governor said there would be no sales tax and yet he led the fight for it. This probably caused the party to make the promise. The party must not go back on the principles on which it abides, but stand fast by its platform. We cannot afford it.

Large Crowd at Hearing Of Tobacco Compact Bill

Farmers From Entire Tobacco Belt Show Intense Interest In This Reduction Program. Much Argument For Small Farmer

With the argument for absolute protection for the small farmer in the bill led by Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and Harry B. Caldwell, State Lecturer of the Grange, sharp division of opinion prevailed Tuesday as in excess of three thousand farmers crowded into the Memorial Auditorium.

The hearing was originally scheduled for the Hall of the House but was moved to the auditorium when the impossibility of jamming the crowd into the hall became apparent. There was much sentiment present for absolute protection for the small farmer in the bill, rather than leaving it to the local committees, as provided in the original plan.

There seemed little division of opinion as to the control program as such. Almost everyone in the tobacco belt, faced with a rapidly rising acreage in Georgia and in Kentucky, feels the need for some form of control. In spite of the increased demand it would be very easy to produce, even in North Carolina alone, more tobacco than the world could consume.

The committee made no announcement as to its decision, but it is understood that the original bill will be approved, and some protection for the small farmer be incorporated in a later measure.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 19.—D. Fletcher Wilson, of Rocky Mount, N. C., was acquitted today in police court on charges of involuntary manslaughter resulting from the death of Thomas H. Duke, 80, who was struck by Wilson's automobile here Christmas day.

Duke died Jan. 7, after contracting pneumonia. When Wilson learned of the manslaughter warrant had been sworn against him he came here and surrendered.

The short course for tobacco growers will be held at State College, January 18 to 22 and hundreds are expected to attend.

PARAGRAPHS For Busy Folks

NEWS

The late Horace Greeley had his own definition for news, perhaps he would think the following news in this motorized age: E. S. Padison, of Nashville, N. C., is reported to have recently torn down a garage and a room for automobiles and built a livery stable instead. He is going to sell mules.

BURLEY GOING STRONG

It may mean nothing as to a forecast of prices for bright flue-cured tobacco, but Burley opened strong in Asheville and other North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky markets. It is reported as holding its own in price.

KENTUCKY COMPACT

The Bluegrass legislature passed a compact bill to limit the production of tobacco, after adding an amendment to protect the "one-mule farmer. It is feared that it will fail to pass the constitutional test as it will forbid the planting of tobacco on some farms.

THE SENTINEL

Shades of William Pell, Seaton Gales, and Josiah Turner, Jr.! Again there is to be a Raleigh Sentinel. If it lives up to the lustre of its famous namesake, and if it crackles with editorial genius as did the Sentinel in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, when Turner, perhaps one of North Carolina's foremost editors of all time, was making the enemies of the state squirm, then it will be a real addition to North Carolina weeklies. It is to be printed in Zebulon for the time being we understand.

ROCKEFELLER TO OPPOSE

W. B. Bruce, superintendent of the 35,000 acre Overhills estate in western Harnett, says that he feels sure that relatives of the late Percy Rockefeller will oppose the annexation of this part of Harnett to Lee, as proposed.

"SYNTHETIC" VINEGAR TABOO

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture says that it is illegal to take ninety cents worth of acetone, and thirty gallons of H₂O, even though it be pure water, and mixing this concoction sell it for vinegar. 34 barrels of the mixture was recently poured out in Greensboro, and the department continues to "crack down."

SISTER PERKINS TRIES

Efforts made by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins to effect a settlement of the General Motors strike were unsuccessful in spite of the fact that she attended the meeting in person, and used all her powerful influence to find a solution. The deadlock appears to continue with John L. Lewis determined to rule or else—in spite of the American Federation of Labor, the secretary of labor, and even the president.

SOME SPEED

Sucking oxygen through a rubber tube most of the time, Howard R. Hughes, millionaire sportsman, pilot, and movie producer, created a new record Tuesday when he drove his plane from Los Angeles to Newark, N. J., in seven hours twenty-eight minutes, twenty-five seconds. Nearly 334 miles per hour, five and a half miles a minute!

ROOSEVELT INAUGURATED

Franklin Delano Roosevelt opened his second term as president when he was officially inaugurated on Wednesday, January 20. He shows in his face and bearing that terrible weight of the last four years, but withal is cheerful, happy and buoyant. Perhaps he has never been quite as popular as he is today, as he begins his second term.

CIGARETTES UP

Wholesalers of the popular brands announced Tuesday an advance of fifteen cents per thousand. Profit margins are so close on cigarettes that this rise is expected to be reflected in retail prices.

MORE TOBACCO

Consumption of tobacco, domestic and foreign, is shown by recent reports to be rapidly increasing. Department of Commerce figures point to a good year for tobacco farmers unless excess acreage is planted. Excessive stocks of the leaf have disappeared, and in some cases less than a normal supply is on hand.

MORE WATER

For the fourth time in a month citizens of Eastern North Carolina are warned of flood waters. Continuing rain has caused most of the streams to reach flood stage. Looks

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Bill Passed For New Gymnasium

The \$30,000 bond issue passed almost a year ago in a general election providing for the erection of a municipal gymnasium was made valid when it passed the house of representatives of the general assembly in Raleigh.

A bill was introduced in the assembly by Senator L. L. Gravelly giving the city permission to build the gymnasium. The bill passed the senate January 16.

A special enabling act from the legislature was necessary before the gymnasium could be built. At the last session of the assembly, school boards were deprived of the power of issuing district bonds.

The general election last January also provided for the bond issue which made possible the new municipal stadium.

Legislative Digest

The State General Assembly has been busy for the past week in receiving important bills, referring them to committees, and in extensive and intensive work by the committees and sub-committees. Both branches seem determined that stray hats and shirt sleeves shall not catch them in Raleigh. Most of the important work is yet to be done, but a good start is being made.

Wednesday, January 13

A bill was introduced to make kidnapping a capital crime in North Carolina, changing the trend of legislation, which for more than a century has been lessening the number of capital crimes. The hotly contested liquor issue was brought to the front by a bill for a state-wide referendum on whisky control.

In an effort to make it easier for the election officials, a bill was introduced to change the hours of voting from the present status (sunrise to sunset) to 7:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. This bill also would change the date of the primary from Saturday to Tuesday.

Another state-wide measure would ban the sale and use of fireworks in the state.

Senator Pittman, of Sanford, introduced his proposed bill to reorganize the Highway Department.

Thursday January 14

A bill was introduced to provide for state-operated distilleries and wholesaling of liquors to counties that should vote in a proposed county local option plan. Profits of the retail sale would be split between counties and cities, the state taking the wholesale profit for its share.

A bill was dropped in the hopper to provide for the free elementary text-books advocated by Governor Hoey.

A measure was presented to reduce the minimum on auto tags to \$5.00 and rates to 30c per hundred, ten cents less than the present rate.

In another proposed law the school set-up would be so changed as to give the control to the State Superintendent.

A proposal was presented to provide \$25,000,000 in bonds for betterment of rural roads.

Salaries of judges of election

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Wholesalers Meet Here In Conference

With Sales Supervisor George A. Sholtz, Jr., of Richmond, as the principal speaker and other company officials in attendance, employees of the Southern Biscuit company and Eastern Carolina wholesalers gathered here Saturday for two meetings.

A sales meeting was held at the Ricks Hotel at 10:00 A. M., while a luncheon followed at 1 o'clock.

R. P. Shiflett, of Richmond, district manager, was in charge of the programs.

The meetings, which brought together many wholesalers of this section, had in attendance the following business men and employees from Rocky Mount: X. H. Ward, W. G. Weeks, W. G. Weeks, Jr., H. J. Thompson, P. J. Smith, and E. M. Vann.

Moist blotters in a plate may be used to test garden and flower seeds now that the nights are long and interesting little jobs are welcomed in the evenings.

Lespedeza seed are scarce and high in price and it is a wise idea to secure now all that will be needed for seeding on the small grain in February.

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