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## School Budget Adopted As Well As Other Budgets; Tax Rate Reduced

County Commissioners Disposed of These Matters at Regular Meeting Last Tuesday.

At their regular monthly meeting held on September 2, 1930, the board of County Commissioners, aside from transacting the regular monthly routine of business, passed on the financial budget for the next fiscal year, ending July 1, 1931, which is authorized under the following motions duly passed by the board:

"Upon motion by J. T. Creech duly seconded by M. B. Pleasant, it is ordered by the Board of County Commissioners that the budget for the General County Fund, Road and Bridge Fund and Debt Service Fund submitted by R. L. Fitzgerald at the regular meeting on Tuesday Sept. 2, 1930, be adopted.

"Upon motion by J. T. Creech duly seconded by E. R. Temple it is ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Johnston County at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1930, that said Board adopt a budget for the six months Constitutional School Term of Johnston County in the sum of \$538,500, which includes Debt Service."

One of the important matters of the meeting was the fixing of the tax rate for this year's taxes, but after making the appropriations for the various operating expenses, including schools, roads, bridges, general county fund, etc., it was decided that the rate of taxation on the \$100 worth of property could be cut 20 cents, which brings the rate down from \$1.95 to \$1.75. This cut will be felt by every tax payer of county this year.

### CAPTURES STILL IN BANNER TOWNSHIP

Last Saturday, August 30, Deputy Sheriff Hannibal Godwin and Brad McLamb made a raid in Banner Township and captured a 50 gallon whiskey still complete, said to be the property of Herman Flowers. They turned out three barrels of beer.

Tuesday of this week they made another raid in Banner township and found three barrels of beer in the poultry yard of W. L. Adams and found a distilling plant about 100 yards from his home which showed signs of recent operation.

### Large Crowd Hears Mr. W. A. Edgerton

The large gathering of people who came out Sunday morning to hear Mr. W. A. Edgerton at Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church were not disappointed when for 40 minutes he spoke on the subject, "From Jerusalem to Jericho." Quite a number of young people were present, for whom this lecture is especially intended, though applicable to all. A deeply spiritual message was presented in such an interesting manner that the impression must be lasting and it is hoped that Mr. Edgerton who is moving to Tennessee, will continue to give the lecture wherever he may be.

### Guess-Edgerton

The following announcements have been issued throughout the State: "Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Edgerton announce the marriage of their daughter Celeste to William Alexander Guess on Saturday, the twenty-third of August, nineteen hundred and thirty, Mooresville, North Carolina."

### BIBLE PICTURE SUNDAY EVENING

There will be Bible pictures shown at the Presbyterian Church to which all are invited. It is nature to remember longer what we see than what we hear and one ought to remember longer that which pertains to the great workings and dealings of God. So next Sunday night at 7:30 come let us learn more about God's word in picture—an illustrated sermon.

Place—Presbyterian Church. Time—Sunday night at 7:30. Note change to 7:30.

### Tobacco Market Opens With Medium Sales

Smithfield, Sept. 3.—The Smithfield tobacco market opened yesterday with about one third of the amount of tobacco in the three big warehouses that was on the floors of the two warehouses in operation on the opening day last year.

The weather was dry and hot, and this caused the tobacco to be in bad shape for handling; and after having heard so much about the low prices that had prevailed on the southern markets there were many who preferred to see how the prices were going to start off before bringing in their tobacco.

As to the prices paid for the weed yesterday there was considerable division of opinion. Some people thought that the prices paid for some grades were a little off from the opening prices last year, but fully as many or more people said that they thought the prices paid were equally as good or better than they were on the opening day last year.

The quality on the average was much lower than that which was sold on the opening day last year, and this of course, caused a lower average of price. There was a large crowd of people in town to attend the opening sales, and a large majority of the farmers appeared to be pleased with the way the market here had started off.

Several people were heard to say that they were agreeably surprised, and some of those who did not bring any tobacco on that day were heard to say that they wished they had brought a portion of their crops. One man said he would have brought his whole crop if he had known how the prices would be on the opening sales. It was easy to see that there was a better feeling among the farmers.

There were reports in circulation here this morning that prices paid here yesterday were better than on some of the other markets in this belt.

There is one thing certain: the proprietors of the three warehouses here worked hard to get the highest price that was possible for every pile on their floors.

### Oil Stove Explosion Destroys Two Stores

Kenly, Sept. 1.—Two Kenly stores were in ruins today the result of a fire late yesterday afternoon said to have been caused by an oil stove explosion in Roy Barham's cafe. Firemen, handicapped by the lack of water facilities, through gallant efforts managed to check the flames and save a frame dwelling and three stores nearby.

A call for assistance was sent the Wilson fire department but owing to the lack of water facilities at Kenly department officials did not send a truck. Several firemen responded to call but on their arrival found the fire well under control.

Barham's cafe was totally destroyed as was Watson and Watson's storage warehouse. Firemen saved fifteen bales of cotton stored in the warehouse before flames completely enveloped the building. The losses sustained was estimated at \$2500.00. The cafe belonged to Roy Barham and the large warehouse to G. M. Morris & Co. of this city.

The Wilson fire department was called and responded.

The warehouse contained 14 bales of cotton and other storage.

A new cafe is to be installed across the street in front of the place where the burned one stood.

### TROPICAL STORM NOW RAGING IN SAN DOMINGO

Press dispatches tell of a great tropical storm which raged Wednesday in the vicinity of San Domingo where a hurricane was blowing at the rate of 136 miles an hour when all communication was cut off. The people of Florida were showing much concern for fear the storm might break there before it spent itself.

### The School Bell



### Aged Selma Lady Dies Suddenly Here

Heart Attack Brings the End of Mrs. David B. Perkins Useful Career to Abrupt Close.

The funeral of Mrs. David B. Perkins, who died suddenly at her home here Saturday morning about 11 o'clock with a heart attack, was conducted at Edgerton Memorial Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by her pastor Rev. D. M. Sharpe, who based his remarks on Genesis 5th chapter 24th verse: "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." The life of the deceased was like that of Enoch who walked with God. She had been a consecrated member of the Methodist Church for many years, an exemplary wife, a devoted mother, and real friend. Her cheery presence will be missed by a large circle of neighbors and friends. She was 67 years of age, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. D. Vinson, of Wilson's Mills, and leaves to mourn their loss one sister, Miss Bettie Vinson of Wilson's Mills, her husband, and two children, Miss Mildred Perkins and W. D. Perkins of Selma besides numerous other relatives and friends. A very large concourse of people were present to pay tribute to this good woman and the beautiful floral offerings attested the love and esteem in which she was held. Active pallbearers were Messrs. S. P. Wood, E. V. Woodard, C. E. Korngay, C. P. Harper, J. Q. A. Jeffries and M. P. Wall. Honorary pallbearers were Messrs. Geo. F. Briez, W. H. Call, C. W. Scales, J. C. Diehl, F. M. Waters and W. T. Woodard. The flower bearers were: Misses Margaret Etheredge, Ellen Taltan, Mary Parker, Elizabeth Whitaker, Mesdames Leona Swinson, A. K. Eason, R. D. Blackburn, J. S. Flowe, A. J. Holliday, Geo. D. Vick, Riley Renfro, N. P. Alexander, Ida Sherron, Herbert Screws and C. E. Korngay. Interment took place at the Vinson family burial ground near Wilson's Mills. Among those from out of town here to attend the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Parker of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hood, of Richmond, Mrs. Merritt, of Chapel Hill, Miss Elizabeth Whitaker of Littleton, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crone of Goldsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Womble of Winston-Salem, Mrs. N. P. Alexander of Jamestown and others.

### WEDDING OF POPULAR YOUNG COUPLE

The wedding of Miss Mozelle Stallings to Mr. Ormand L. Bailey on Saturday evening, Aug. 30th, at 8:30 o'clock was solemnized at the attractive bungalow recently purchased and furnished by Mr. Bailey on North Pollock St. The marriage vows were taken in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Rev. D. F. Waddell, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, officiating. The bridal pair spent Sunday at Wrightsville Beach.

They will take a tour through Florida during the Christmas holidays, since Mr. Bailey finds it impossible to leave his business at this time.

Mrs. Bailey is the lovely and charming daughter of Mrs. Katie Stallings and is deservedly popular among a large circle of friends. Mr. Bailey holds a responsible position with the Southern Railway Co., and is a young man of sterling character. Both young people have hosts of friends who wish for them a long and happy life.

### State Board of Health Disgraceful Spectacle

Death of Dr. Laughinghouse Results in First Fight Over Vacancy to Be Filled by Board.

Immediately following the unexpected death of Dr. Charles O'H. Laughinghouse a few days ago, who was a member of the State Board of Health, it began to be rumored that speedy action was necessary to fill the vacancy, and it is said that before the funeral of Dr. Laughinghouse had been completed barely six hours, the surviving members of the Board met in stormy session, not to draw up resolutions of respect in memory of their fallen brother, but to see who could wield the biggest stick in naming his successor, and as their deliberations proceeded the feeling grew more tense, but no account is given as to the exact gravity of the stormy session. But it is said that blows were passed immediately after adjournment, which brings the State Board of Health and the entire state into a disgraceful spectacle. We reproduce below two editorials bearing on the disgraceful affair, one taken from the Dunn Dispatch and the other from The Greensboro Daily News:

### A State in Disgrace

The State Board of Health has slipped easily from a state of mourning into a state of disgrace and North Carolina while still mourning the loss of a beloved state official is plunged into deep shame by the action of those who worked with the deceased, during his life time.

In the first place the entire transaction seemed hasty. There was no apparent reason why the matter of Dr. Laughinghouse's successor should have time for careful deliberation would probably have kept the personal encounter between Drs. Wright and Crowell from occurring. It is almost unbelievable that such a thing could have happened and bears out the statement of the wise man of old that "He that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh a city."—Dunn Dispatch.

### NAMING DR. LAUGHINGHOUSE SUCCESSOR

Factional feeling, which has been churning beneath the surface of the state board of health for some time and which cropped out when the board met several weeks ago to take action on the retrenchment program of its late secretary, flared to totally unexpected heights, reaching a climax in personal violence, when its members met at Raleigh Thursday night, a scant six hours after the funeral of Dr. Chas. O'H. Laughinghouse, to fill the position of secretary which his death had made vacant.

Just what happened at the turbulent meeting of the board is more or less conjectural. The official announcement, made after the session, merely stated that Dr. H. A. Taylor, deputy state health officer for the past several months and connected with the department for six years, had been chosen over Dr. G. M. Cooper, veteran employe of the department and at one time acting state health officer, by a fore-to-three vote, with Dr. A. J. Crowell, president of the board, not voting and one member absent. Circumstances leading up to the election and immediately thereafter are nebulous and therefore doubly hard to understand.

Newspaper reports have it that Dr. Taylor got only two votes on the first ballot, that President Crowell and another member of the board made appeal for "support of the

## Many Children Receive Treatment Through the Free Clinic In Selma

### Sunday School For Deaf To Be Held Sunday Afternoon

The Sunday School meeting for the Deaf will be held in the Methodist Church of this City on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will be presided over by J. M. Robertson, a former Selma boy.

Rev. J. M. Fortune of Durham will be present and open the services. Mr. Robertson will teach the lesson and there will be short talks by several of the ministers of this town and Smithfield.

A good crowd is expected from Smithfield as so many there missed the last meeting on account of the storm that came up just at the time of the meeting.

There will be interpreters and it is hoped that a large crowd will attend, for all will be understood and helpful.

[This is one of the series of meetings that have been from place to place this summer, meetings having been held at Goldsboro, Smithfield and Selma. It is hopeful for a meeting in Raleigh the first Sunday in October and in Durham the first Sunday in November.

Come out and let's give them a large attendance.

### ATTEND OPENING EXERCISES OF CAMPBELL COLLEGE

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Woodard attended the opening exercises at Campbell College on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd. The President Dr. Campbell, was much gratified over the number of new students on opening day. Inspirational addresses were made by three former Campbell students, Dr. J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greensboro, Hon. F. Hunter Creech, of Washington, D. C., and Rev. I. Luther Yearby of Greenville, S. Car. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard entered their son, Bill Thad Woodard for the ensuing school year.

Mrs. Fred M. Waters left this morning for Russiaville, Ind., in response to a telegram received yesterday announcing the death of her father, Mr. G. W. Padgett. The many friends of Mrs. Waters sympathize with her in the loss of her father.

administration" and that finally with four votes won Dr. Taylor was elected acting rather than permanent state health officer. Many things remain to be explained in this nebulous account. If Dr. Taylor got only two votes on the first ballot, why was the presumed majority of his opponent disregarded and more ballots taken? Was the state board of health meeting to uphold the administration or to elect a health officer?

Immediately after adjournment of the meeting came the physical encounter, according to the reports, when Dr. John B. Wright, who nominated Dr. Cooper, charged Dr. Crowell made the election a personal matter, was termed a liar and slapped the president. What an ending for a meeting of the members of the state board of health! What an anti-climax for the rites just held for Dr. Laughinghouse! What a handicap under which Dr. Taylor must take up his duties! What a manifestation of factionalism when the state board of health needs the utmost cooperation to tackle the problems before it in the light of reduced appropriation!

The matter is by no means settled. Dr. Taylor is merely acting health officer. Another meeting will be held late in September and it is presumed that the vacancy will be permanently filled at that time. In the meantime board members would apparently do well to go in training for that session. Bleachers might be erected and the meeting conducted under the supervision of the Raleigh boxing commission. There is reason to believe that the board might thus recoup its exchequers and be in position to continue much of the valuable work which it has dropped of recent weeks.—Greensboro Daily News.

### Thirty-One Children Operated On First Day—Parent-Teacher Auspices.

Upon the invitation of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Selma and the local physicians of this place, Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. J. H. B. Waring, of Cincinnati, Ohio, assisted by Dr. Elyson, of Washington, D. C., are holding an adenoid and tonsil clinic this week.

On the first day of the clinic they operated on thirty-one children, and the clinic will continue for the next two days. The people of Selma and the county feel very much gratified that Dr. Atkinson, a native of this county, who has always kept in close touch with its people, is so devoted to the welfare of the children that this is the second time he has accepted an invitation to come to the county and hold a free clinic.

In 1928, upon the invitation of the county authorities and physicians, Dr. Atkinson held a clinic in this county and operated upon a large number of school children.

In 1929, so well pleased were the people with the former clinic held by Dr. Atkinson, that a representative from the board of education and the board of county commissioners, and the board of health of Johnston county expressed their appreciation of Dr. Atkinson's former clinic and instructed the secretary to write and invite him on behalf of the board of education of the county. The chairman of the board of county commissioners likewise instructed the register of deeds to write him, and the chairman of the board of health sent him an invitation on behalf of the board of health. The board of county commissioners, further, assumed responsibility for any reasonable expense that might be incurred by the clinic. Owing to his health Dr. Atkinson was compelled to go to Europe and could not hold the clinic in 1929 pursuant to the invitation.

This year the Selma Parent-Teachers' Association and the doctors united in inviting Dr. Atkinson, and he is here, along with the other physicians holding the clinic and operating on children in his old home county. Ninety-eight per cent of the operations this year have been upon children, with the approval of the physicians of the family, and no children were operated upon except by such request or with the approval of the county health officer, Dr. C. C. Massey. The clinic is being held in the Selma high school building and most of the children live in Selma and O'Neal township.

Dr. Atkinson was born in Johnston county and educated in O'Neal township, and some years ago gave a library to the school of his old neighborhood, which gave facilities to the community that had not hitherto enjoyed it. Dr. Atkinson, while living in Washington City, has always kept in close touch with his old home and his old county and the people of the county feel grateful to him for his continued interest.

Closes Thursday Noon.

The clinic was crowded with waiting children all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and while the clinic was expected to close Wednesday night, there were a few entrants which could not be treated Wednesday, so it was decided to hold the clinic over until Thursday noon in order to dispose of all cases registered. This makes the total number of children treated during this clinic 153, and so far as we have been able to learn, every one is doing nicely.

### EDITOR W. M. TYE IN SMITHFIELD

Smithfield, Sept. 3.—Mr. W. M. Tye, Editor of The Broad-Axe, the anti-Smith weekly paper that in 1928 helped to keep the majority of the Presidential vote in North Carolina from going to Al Smith stopped off in Smithfield today on his return from New Bern where he conferred with Senator Simmons.

Next to finding a worm in a half-eaten apple the thing that disturbs him most is the sight of some fellow removing his false teeth.