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STATE NEWS IN DIGEST COM- PILED FOR READERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY HERALD

—According to recent decision of the State Supreme Court poll taxes cannot be used for constructing roads in North Carolina.

—Mr. E. L. Middleton, statistical Secretary of the State Baptists, reports that there are 330 ordained ministers of the Baptist faith without work in this State.

—Dr. James Henry Thayer, of Augusta, Ga., will be the new pastor of the Blackwell Memorial church at Elizabeth City.

—Trinity College students conducted services in the Durham County jail last Sunday.

—Annie Smith, of Greenville, has instituted suit against the trustees of the Greenville graded school, claiming that there is no negro blood in her veins, and asking that her four children be allowed to enter graded school in Greenville.

—Judge E. H. Cranmer recently received strong endorsement from the Harnett County bar for his faithful discharge of duties at the regular term of Superior court.

—65 per cent of the total applicants for work were given jobs by the State Employment Agency during November.

—Richmond, Va., alumni have recently passed resolutions demanding that the alumni of the University of Virginia be given representation on the athletic council. The student body is also asking for representation. Both requests came as an aftermath of the recent controversy between the universities of this State and North Carolina.

—Governor Morrison has appointed Charles E. Waddell of Asheville to membership on the State Board of Health.

—Many State department offices were on Tuesday moved into the old Belmont Hotel building at Raleigh.

—The North Carolina Traffic Association has filed complaint with the State Corporation Commission alleging excessive rates charged by the A. C. L.

—C. C. Broughton, having allowed himself to be elected as Mayor of his home town, Troy, will no longer serve as reading clerk of the State Senate, a job he has held for several sessions.

—Active preparations are now under way to construct a M. P. College at High Point.

—Winston-Salem will play host to the North Carolina editors, who will hold their annual mid-winter session in the city on the 5th and 6th of January.

—Dr. J. M. Manning, mayor of Durham and practicing physician, has been arrested on the charge of violating the Federal anti-narcotic law. In a recent statement issued to the press, Dr. Manning presents the facts relating to his alleged violation of the law. The Durham County Medical bar has endorsed his position in the matter.

—The annual Livestock Show of North Carolina is being held at Elizabeth City this week.

—Business and professional interests of High Point have suggested that a country club midway between that city and the neighbor city, Greensboro, should be constructed. Greensboro's country club was recently destroyed by fire.

—Over \$2,000,000 in road contracts was let by the State Highway Commission, at their regular meeting on Tuesday. Most of the construction will be in the fifth and sixth districts.

—James F. Barrett and W. H. Stone, presidents of the State Federation of Labor and the Farmers Union, respectively, in

a joint statement published on Wednesday agree that their interests must unite in a common cause to "save the State."

—The General Assembly convenes in Raleigh next Monday. The session is not expected to last more than ten days.

—The Seaboard railway is the fourth in the State to file an injunction against the State Equalization Board, asking that the valuation placed on their properties be reduced.

—William J. Bryan spoke in Fayetteville Wednesday, upon the opening of the Y. M. C. A. in that city.

—Sam Thompson, Wake Forest negro, has been given six months on the roads for retailing liquor to the college students.

—University authorities have announced that the annual fair game of football between that institution and State College is to be moved to Chapel Hill next year.

—A. W. McLean, of Lumberton a member of the War Finance Board, says that the crop condition in this state is better by far than those of any other southern or western state.

—Dr. Isaac Taylor, eminent authority on mental diseases, of the State hospital at Morganton, died last Saturday. He has for several years been the leading alienist in the State.

—Judge Walter Alexander Montgomery, aged jurist of the city of Raleigh, died last Sunday. He was a former associate justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

—The engineer and fireman of a Seaboard train was almost instantly killed near Youngsville last Saturday night when the engine in which they were riding blew up.

—A. J. Honeycutt, wealthy merchant of Neuse, has decided to serve his five years in the Federal penitentiary, for selling stolen goods. He has been fighting his case in the federal tribunals until this week.

—Captain George Cathey last Saturday celebrated his 100th birthday at the State Old Soldiers' Home in Raleigh.

—Eight cents will be the street car fare in Raleigh henceforth, according to recent ruling of the State Corporation Commission.

—The Wilson tobacco market has averaged during the season selling \$377 worth of tobacco in every minute.

—George Heckman, star football player at Wake Forest College, has been chosen as captain of the team next season.

—Several North Carolina exporters and banks have been loaned money recently, by the War Finance Corporation.

—Dr. J. C. Lowery, prominent Raleigh physician, has been indicted on a charge of violating the Federal law against the issuance of narcotics.

—The North Carolina Teachers' Assembly last week endorsed the teaching of the Bible in the state schools.

—Six prisoners of the State penitentiary last Saturday made a dash for freedom, one being apprehended. Rewards have been offered for their recapture.

—Flora McDonald College has closed for the holidays, on account of an epidemic of diptheria.

—Over ten thousand people attended the Carolina-Virginia football game at Chapel Hill on last Thursday.

—A near riot was precipitated at Elizabeth City one night last week, when hundreds could not gain admittance to the picture show to see the films recently made on Roanoke Island.

—The site for a million dollar hotel has been purchased at the city of Charlotte.

FARM DONATED TO DEMONSTRATE MODERN FARMING

TEN ACRES FOR TEST FARM

Commissioners Hertford Give Ten-Acre Plot of Land At County Home To Be Used As Demonstration Farm by The County Farm Agent—Work Already Started by Miller

(By H. L. Miller)

At the last regular meeting of the County Commissioners on Monday, November 7th, they took quite a step forward in an agricultural way, by unanimously voting in favor of a motion put by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Askew, to devote ten acres of the land at the County Home to agricultural demonstration purposes, to be under the supervision of the County Agricultural Agent. A few months ago, I talked the matter over with Mr. Eley, the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and he expressed the opinion that to properly carry out the demonstration work so as to get the best results, the County ought to have a Demonstration Farm.

Later, I talked the matter over with Mr. Jno. C. Taylor, who heartily approved of the plan and at the suggestion of the two members, I presented the matter formally to the Board. They acting in a body approved, and agreed to keep on the lookout this past year for a suitable farm. Since we haven't been able to secure a desirable one so far, at a price we could afford to pay, we decided to use the ten acres already mentioned, for this coming year and will enlarge on the project as we can.

Briefly stated, the object of this farm project is to do this: to eventually establish a source of pure seed of corn, cotton and peanuts, also purebred hogs, for distribution among the farmers of Hertford County at a minimum cost. We expect to carry on variety tests of the general field crops such as corn, cotton and peanuts, testing out both long and short staple cotton. We will also carry on some fertilizer and lime tests, each test being plainly marked to indicate the idea we are carrying out. We could by highly fertilizing this plot this year, probably greatly increase the yields over that of the past year but that isn't our idea for those yields would probably be unprofitable when you counted the cost. What we expect to do is to gradually build up our yields by proper farming, in a manner that any farmer in the County can afford to do. The project will be open for public inspection at all times and we will publish our results in our local newspaper, also in letters to be sent out to our farmers, and business men.

To begin with this fall, we are breaking the land deeply and discing in rye in part of it. The land was turned over to us too late to get the best results with rye, though. We will do the best we can. Further information regarding this project will be given from time to time and we will be glad to answer any questions. Needless to say, we expect this demonstration project to be self-supporting in spite of the fact that we will

NEW BANK HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN NEIGHBOR TOWN

MOVED INTO NEW BANK

Handsome New Structure Completed and Taken Over Last Friday—Bank of Aulander Has Had Successful Business During Many Years of Service

When the Bank of Aulander opened its doors last Friday it was in their new home. The building which was completed last week was given the final touches last Thursday, with the arrival of the handsome circulation walnut fixtures. These were installed at once. E. M. Forbes, of Norfolk, Va., had charge of the construction of the handsome new structure.

The design of the building presents a neat and dignified appearance, the front being of grey stucco with the maximum of window space, giving a clear view of the entire banking room at a glance. The floors are of the grey tile and the walls are white. The lighting of the building is unusually good, having a spacious skylight in the immediate centre and lighting fixtures arranged as to brilliantly illuminate the whole interior. The building is steam heated.

For many years the Bank of Aulander was the only bank in town and enjoys a large patronage. Last year its capital stock was increased to \$75,000, the stock being readily taken by former stockholders and depositors. Mr. C. W. Mitchell, Jr., is the President, and Mrs. J. E. Cooke, Cashier both of whom have taken a very keen interest in improving the facilities for taking of the increasing business of the bank and providing for its customers one of the most convenient as well as one of the most beautiful banking rooms in this section.

Rev. James A. Long Holds Successful Revival

Rev. James Long, former pastor of the Aulander and Horton's Baptist churches, and now pastor of the Baptist church at Honea Path, S. C., recently concluded a highly successful revival meeting at his church. He was assisted by Rev. J. B. Phillips. There were one hundred and forty additions to the church, ninety for baptism and 50 three by letter, restoration and otherwise. Friends of Rev. Mr. Long will be glad to learn of the work he is doing at his new home.

Mother of Ahoskie Young Man Dead

Mrs. Lucy Brown, aged 63 years, of Lumberton, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Cherry, on last Sunday. She was the mother of Mr. Joe H. Brown, of Ahoskie.

Mr. Brown was at her bedside several days before her death, returning to his home here Wednesday.

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have to sacrifice yields somewhat, at times, to carry out a demonstration. We are having a drainage survey made of this farm this week so as to get it properly drained.

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Rev. Mr. Sawyer, Methodist Minister Sues J. N. Vann for Five Thousand Dollars, and Vann Counters With Damage Suit of Ten Thousand, Sawyer Being Defendant—Summons and Complaint Served

The latest developments arising directly out of the case of State vs. J. H. Robertson have taken shape in the form of two civil suits for \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Rev. L. E. Sawyer, former pastor of the Ahoskie M. E. church, is suing J. N. Vann for the former amount and the latter goes the minister one better—he has caused summons to be served upon Mr. Sawyer, wherein he prays for the recovery of \$10,000. The Methodist minister alleges that Mr. Vann has attempted to publicly degrade and insult him; and Vann alleges that the minister has "maliciously slandered and lied". Rev. Sawyer also asks that Mr. Vann be taxed an additional \$1,000 punitive damages. There you go—a simple case of "tit for tat; you kill my dog, I kill your cat."

The preacher's suit was number one, quickly followed by the companion suit, instituted by Mr. Vann. The former left here this week for Maysville, in Onslow County, to take charge of his new pastorate there, and following in his wake is a summons to be served upon him by the Sheriff of that county. Attorneys Winston & Matthews, of Windsor, are representing Rev. Mr. Sawyer, and Dr. J. H. Mitchell, of Ahoskie, is his surety. Mr. Vann has as his surety his brother, Claude Vann.

Both of these suits are upshots of the Robertson affair. Rev. Sawyer claims that Vann has seriously impaired his work and reputation as a minister of the gospel, by "publicly calling him names," and otherwise insulting him, in "a public place in Ahoskie." Mr. Vann admits he called the minister a "lie" and told him he ought "to be kicked out of the town," but denies that he did so publicly, or with any intent to degrade him or to offer a public insult, alleging that the conversation took place in an alley-way near a local bank. On the other hand Mr. Vann alleges that the minister has made himself unduly active in an attempt to "save the hide of Robertson," one of his church members. He alleges that the preacher, while disclaiming any part in the Robertson case, has repeatedly schemed and worked in behalf of Robertson, even making a special trip to Rocky Mount in behalf of the defendant, Robertson, who is charged with a very serious statutory charge. He also alleges that, in his (Sawyer's) zeal for said Robertson, the minister has made slanderous and false statements about him and others.

A suggestion has been made that Governor Morrison be called upon to give Hertford County a special term of court, to clear the congested docket, resulting out of the multiplicity

FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND ALL CONTENTS

HORSE IS BURNED ALONG WITH OTHER ARTICLES

Early Morning Fire Is Believed To Be The Work of Fire Bug, and William Hargrove, Alias Jones, Is Being Held in County Jail, Under Five Hundred Dollar Bond Until Next Term of Court

Fire believed to be of incendiary origin early Tuesday morning completely destroyed the barn, stables, shelters and all contents, belonging to Albert R. Lewis, colored, who lives near the local colored Baptist church. Lewis discovered the fire about 3:30 and the fire alarm was given by the Branning Mill a few minutes later. Too much headway had been gained before the crowd gathered, and no attempt was made to put out the blaze. Fortunately, the high wind that was blowing at the time was in such a direction as to carry the sparks away from all the other buildings situated only a few yards from the burning structure. Had the wind been blowing in any other direction, Lewis' residence, or other residences in close proximity would have caught on fire.

Among the effects lost in the fire was a horse, two hogs, an automobile, corn, hay, meat, potatoes and farming implements. Nothing was saved, and there was no insurance carried on the building and its contents.

In connection with the fire, William Hargrove, alias William Jones, colored, of Tampa, Fla., and Portsmouth, Va., was on Tuesday remanded to the Hertford County Jail, upon failure to put up a \$500 bond, placed upon him by Mayor W. L. Curtis, for his appearance at the next term of court, to answer a charge of house burning. Hargrove was arrested immediately after the fire, and was given a hearing before Mayor Curtis Tuesday afternoon. No direct evidence was given against the negro, although damaging evidence of a circumstantial nature was given at the preliminary hearing. The fact that he could give no satisfactory account of himself since arriving in Ahoskie, and the repeated divergence in his narrations about his visit here, caused the local officer, Chief Britton, to believe that he has nabbed the man wanted.

Hargrove, or Jones, says he stopped off here to see one Samuel Jones, the latter a friend of a certain Smith, whom Hargrove knew in Tampa, Fla. Nobody here is acquainted with the Jones he tells about. Hargrove hung around here from 5 o'clock Sunday until arrested on Tuesday morning, looking for this Jones fellow whom he had never seen. He could not remember where he spent Sunday night and also he seemed to be over-forgetful about his movements hereabouts. Measurement of his shoe tracks tallied with the tracks found in the field adjacent to the burn-

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of suits, based upon the "State vs. Robertson."