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## THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS.

### Tax Levy Same as Last Year Except Two Cents Shaved Off of Levy for General County Purposes—93 Cents on Property and \$1.98 on Poll—Special Tax Election Ordered—Bills Audited and Paid.

The county commissioners were in regular session Monday for the transaction of routine business.

This being the first Monday in June, besides the regular business the tax levy for 1912 was made out. The levy this year is 93 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, against 95 cents last year, the levy for general county purposes being reduced to 18 cents from 20 cents, and \$1.98 on the poll, divided as follows: Ad valorem tax on every \$100 value of real and personal property—21 cents for State purposes, 4 cents for pensions, 20 cents for public schools, 25 cents for roads and bridges, 18 cents for general county purposes, 2 cents for interest and sinking fund for \$50,000 court house bonds, 1 cent for interest and sinking fund for \$25,000 funding bonds, 2 cents for special pension fund for Confederate soldiers and widows—total, 93 cents; poll—\$1.35 for education and the poor and infirm, 54 cents for general county purposes, 6 cents for interest and sinking fund for \$50,000 court house bonds, 3 cents for interest and sinking fund for \$25,000 funding bonds—total, \$1.98. For general county purposes the same tax was levied under schedule "B" and "C" that was levied under the same schedule for State purposes, this being a varying tax on dealers in firearms, etc., peddlars, etc. Special taxes were levied for 57 special tax school districts.

A petition was presented to the board asking for a special school tax election in district No. 2, Back Swamp township, and same was ordered to be held on the 6th of July at Back Swamp school building. R. R. Prevatt was appointed registrar and A. B. Smith and L. B. Barnes judges of election. The amount asked for in the petition is 45 cents on the poll and 15 cents on property.

The bond of W. W. Smith, constable of Maxton township, was received and ordered filed.

Canceled coupons of court house bonds to the amount of \$1375 were presented and destroyed in the presence of the board.

Bids of the several banks of the county filed with the board for the deposits of public moneys were withdrawn by consent of the board and the chairman was instructed to advertise for new bids.

The following claims were ordered paid:

N. A. Ratley, conveying Henry Clark to jail, \$2.50; G. E. Rancke, coroner, investigating death of infant, \$5; Dr. H. M. Alexander, antitoxin, \$64.80; Miss Minnie Lennon, court stenographer, \$25; W. W. Smith, conveying prisoners to jail \$8.25; A. T. McKeller, conveying Anne Bell Hale to jail, \$4; Dr. B. W. Page, county physician, salary, \$208.33; Geo. D. Barnard, record books for county, \$42.10; J. D. McMillan & Son, medicine for county, \$8.15; T. N. Higley, register of deeds for stamps \$7.85, salary \$358.34; C. B. Skipper, clerk of court, for stamps \$4.80, salary \$341.67; A. Schwartzberg, plumbing, \$2; Parkton Pharmacy, medicine for county, \$4; A. T. Parmele, auditor, stamps and express \$4.25, salary \$216.66; State Hospital, clothing for county inmates, \$10.60; Freeman Printing Co., printing, \$23.25; E. C. McNeill, sheriff, stamps \$4.55, salary \$400; M. G. McKenzie, treasurer, stamps, \$1.47, salary \$200; McAllister Hdw. Co., supplies, \$32.20; A. Nash, work on index, \$74.52; Elliott-Fisher Co., repairs on typewriter, \$5.13; C. A. Oliver, burial of pauper, \$5; Parton Mercantile Co., supplies, \$37.15; J. H. Floyd, jailer, \$156.20; Henderson Roper, court house janitor, \$35; Town of Lumberton, lights and water for court house and jail, \$40.69; F. J. Meares, keeper of county home, \$88; A. Weinstein, ticking and thread for county home, 70 cents. Total, \$2,422.15.

The regular pauper list was allowed. On account of being

## TOWN AFFAIRS.

### Question of Leasing Town Commons—Night Policeman's Salary Raised—Committees Appointed.

The regular monthly meeting of the town commissioners was held Tuesday evening. J. F. Barnes requested permission to lease property from the town near the old wooden bridge, known as the "town commons," for the purpose of erecting brick building for a bottling plant. The matter was referred to Messrs. Jas. D. Proctor and R. A. McLean, town attorney, for investigation as to whether the town has any right to lease this property.

The street committee was instructed to employ some competent engineer to survey North Chestnut street from 10th to 14th for paving sidewalks, contract for paving having already been awarded to M. B. Sutton.

The salary of E. E. Shooter, night policeman, was ordered increased from \$40 to \$50 per month, beginning June 1.

The following committees were appointed by Mayor Caldwell: finance, H. B. Jennings, Jas. D. Proctor; notes, C. B. Redmond, M. W. Floyd; sanitary, P. F. Walters, M. W. Floyd; light, W. J. Prevatt, H. B. Jennings; street, W. J. Prevatt, M. W. Floyd; fire, Jas. D. Proctor, D. P. Walters; building, D. P. Walters, C. B. Redmond.

A cemetery committee, composed of gentlemen not members of the board, and ladies was appointed as follows—Mrs. A. W. McLean, president; Mrs. L. T. Townsend, secretary; Mesdames A. E. White, R. D. Caldwell, E. B. Freeman; Messrs. A. W. McLean, R. C. Lawrence, R. E. Lee, A. E. White, Joseph Prevatt, Sr.

Jas. D. Proctor was elected mayor pro tem.

The bonds of H. H. Redfern, \$2,000 official bond as chief of police and \$5,000 as tax collector were approved and referred to board of audit and finance.

## Monthly Meeting of County Board of Education.

The county board of education was in regular monthly session Monday for the transaction of routine business. There was quite a number of things that demanded the attention of the board, though very little of the work was of a nature that required any record of it.

Mr. D. F. Herring was allowed a rebate of \$1.27, error in listing; and for an error in listing the S. A. L. R. Co. was also allowed rebate of \$1.02.

The following bills were ordered paid: Freeman Printing Company, printing, \$2; R. D. Caldwell & Son, material used in Marietta school building, district No. 5, White House, \$136.68.

## More About Electric Power for Lumberton.

It was mentioned in Monday's Robesonian that the Lumberton and Dresden Cotton Mill companies had contracted with the Yadkin River Power Co. for electric power. Mr. W. A. Leland, a representative of the power company, spent Tuesday in Lumberton for the purpose of locating a site for a power station. He secured options on sites from Mr. G. G. French and the Lumberton and Dresden mills. The company expects to be able to furnish the mills with power by November 1st.

## An Opportunity for Local Ditchers.

The advertisement of bids for ditching, six miles of it hand ditch, elsewhere in this paper, offers an opportunity for local ditchers. Two of the ditches are near Lumberton and one is near Pembroke, on the west side of the Coast Line Railroad. Those who have the matter in charge are anxious to get bids from local people.

totally blind the monthly allowance of Peter Mack was increased from \$3 to \$4.

It was ordered that each person whose name appears on the pension list be paid the sum of \$12.50.

A number of rebates was allowed.

## COUNTY ROAD MATTERS.

### Business Transacted at Meeting of Road Commissioners—New Roads—Bills Paid.

Mr. J. C. Parrish, superintendent, reported that he had written the Raleigh & Charleston R. R. Co. in regard to old trestle timbers in Ashpole swamp but had received no reply to his letter. Mr. Parrish was continued as committee to see that obstructions are removed.

A petition for a new road in Britt's township, signed by Isham Stone and others, and a petition against it, signed by B. J. Britt and others, were presented to the board. After hearing from some of the petitioners on each side it was decided that Mr. Parrish be instructed to go down and lay out the road as he saw for the best interest of the community, both sides agreeing to abide by Mr. Parrish's decision, whatever it might be, and also to stand for any expenses incurred in laying out said road and to build and put in good condition after it is laid out.

A petition signed by Messrs. Geo. B. McLeod, M. F. Caldwell and others for a new road in Howellsville township was presented and ordered filed.

A petition of J. A. Smith, T. L. Smith and others for public road across old mill dam across Gum Swamp in Smith's township was ordered filed.

Messrs. F. A. Bond, N. C. Stubbs, A. Chavis and others presented a petition for work on road in Raft Swamp township. The petition was ordered filed and Mr. Parrish was instructed to inspect work, make specifications, receive bids on same and report at next meeting.

The committee appointed to investigate the matter of a cart road across the lands of Mary Patterson's estate in Maxton township, as petitioned by D. J. McLean and others, report no damage. Report accepted and committee discharged.

The following order was passed and a copy of same sent to the board of county commissioners: "Ordered that the board of county commissioners of Robeson county be requested to levy the sum of 25 cents upon the one hundred dollars valuation of property for road purposes."

The board of county commissioners presented the road board with a bill for boarding two prisoners, members of the chain gang, who, being unable to work, were returned to jail as prescribed by law. It was ordered that the bill be not paid, as the board could not find any law for so doing.

It was ordered that districts Nos. 4 and 6 be allowed to borrow \$1,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

It was ordered that district No. 4 be charged \$654.75 for use of chain gang and like amount be credited chain gang account.

The amounts of the bills ordered paid for the several districts are as follows: No. 1, \$740.16; No. 2, \$183.99; No. 3, \$453.96; No. 4, \$408.35; No. 5, \$118.15; No. 6, \$86.59. The chain gang fund, \$187.99, and general fund, \$1.70.

## Teachers' Institutes.

Institutes for white and colored teachers will be held in Lumberton two weeks beginning August 5. An institute will be held for Indian teachers some time during the summer but the date has not yet been determined.

Prof. Sheep, superintendent of the graded school of Elizabeth City, and his primary department supervisor, Miss Rose Kee, will conduct the institute for white teachers. S. P. Sebastian, of Shaw University, will conduct the institute for colored teachers.

All teachers of the county are required to attend. This is the first year in which graded school teachers have been required to attend an institute. Supt. Poole says he is going to try to make these the best institutes ever held in the county.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell and Miss Lizzie Caldwell went Tuesday to Wrightsville beach, where Miss Caldwell will spend some time. Mr. Caldwell will return home via Raleigh, where he is attending the State convention today.

## DELEGATES ELECTED TO BALTIMORE CONVENTION

At a meeting of sixth district delegates held in the Odd Fellows hall in Raleigh this morning four delegates, Messrs. A. J. McKinnon of Maxton, O. L. Clark of Clarkton, Henry McQueen of Wilmington and Joe Underwood of Fayetteville, were elected to the Baltimore convention with half a vote each. Messrs. McKinnon and Clark are strong Wilson men and Underwood and McQueen lean to Wilson though they are not outspoken.

## R. D. Caldwell & Son Will Put in Up-to-Date Undertaking Department.

Mr. J. L. Stephens, who took a course in embalming recently at Raleigh, went Sunday to Elizabeth City to stand an examination before the State board and to attend the convention of the North Carolina Undertakers Association, which meets there this week; and Mr. S. F. Caldwell, junior member of the firm of R. D. Caldwell & Son, by which firm Mr. Stephens is employed, left Monday night to attend the same convention. Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son will in the near future put in an up-to-date undertaking establishment in connection with their large department store and will also have an ambulance for moving sick people. They purchased last week from Mr. C. M. Prevatt a pair of pretty black horses, valued at \$600, which they will use for their hearse alone.

Mr. Stephens is expected to return the last of the week. Mr. Caldwell will go from Elizabeth City to Norfolk, where he will take a vacation of a few days, and thence he will go to Goldsboro to attend, on the 12th inst, the marriage of Miss Mary Louise Best of that city and Mr. Jno. Fuller of Lumberton.

## Jurors for July Term of Court.

At the meeting of the county commissioners Monday the following were chosen to serve as jurors at the criminal term of Robeson superior court which convenes July 1:

First week—Kelly Bass, J. R. Lawson, W. B. Flowers, E. J. Waits, Justin McNeill, N. W. Jenkins, M. F. Hodges, C. C. Bracy, Ray Stewart, Jas. L. McLean, Ray Bullard, J. W. Smith, C. H. Lennon, L. W. Bullard, S. W. Paul, L. T. Collins, F. A. Faulk, Neill Britt, J. C. Gainey, A. S. Ford, E. L. Melton, McP. McL. Alford, T. O. Britt, C. A. Miller, L. W. Jenkins, A. D. McKenzie, J. D. Barnes, Jr., E. V. McDaniels, C. W. McArthur, M. H. Murry, A. F. Chason, D. P. Walters, Lacy McNair, Alford Lawson, D. R. Caddell, S. F. Jenkins.

Second week—G. L. Robertson, W. H. Howell, Frank Singletary, C. W. Evans, M. A. Monroe, A. T. McCallum, F. B. Singletary, Raleigh Brumble, J. W. Crawford, Alex McGirt, D. McN. McArthur, Alex L. Jones, J. W. Branch, E. P. Bryant, S. G. Williamson, J. G. Sparkman, J. F. Harden, Jno. L. Taylor.

## Mr. E. M. Britt of Lumberton to be Married in Marion on the 20th Inst.

Invitations reading as follows have been received here:

Mrs. Robert Pearson Bowman requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Dorothy Geneva

to Mr. Evander Maloy Britt on Thursday afternoon the twentieth of June at half after two o'clock at home Marion, North Carolina

The bride to be is a niece of the late Judge Bowman. Mr. Britt is one of the best-known and most prosperous of Lumberton's young attorneys. He and his bride will visit Washington and Baltimore and perhaps New York before coming to Lumberton about July 1, when they will begin housekeeping in Mr. Britt's house which he recently moved back from the corner of Pine and Eighth and remodeled, until his new house, which is being erected on the corner from which the house in which he now lives was moved, is completed.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, try Doan's Regulents, a modern laxative. 25c at all stores.

## HOWELLSVILLE HAPPENINGS.

### A Beautiful Home Wedding—A New Residence—Children's Day Third Sunday—Crops Good—Politics in Near-Poetry.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Howellsville, June 4—For some time the Howellsville correspondent has been in school at Buies Creek and therefore has failed to keep up the correspondence. But being away has not kept him from coming in touch with the dear old paper and reading the other correspondents' letters.

There was a beautiful home wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Graham of this place on Wednesday last week, when their daughter Miss Caroline became the bride of Mr. S. C. Humphrey, also of Howellsville. Both the bride and groom have a large circle of friends who wish for them a long and happy life.

Miss May Jones of White Oak is spending some time here visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Ellis of Tolarville visited in this vicinity last Sunday. Dr. Regan of Lumberton was a pleasant caller in this section last Sunday.

Mr. Robert Young of The Hill was visiting home folks here Sunday. Messrs. Joe Howell and Darius Herring visited friends and relatives near St. Paul Sunday.

Mr. Robert A. Regan of Ten Mile, who recently purchased a farm in this section, has erected a most handsome residence and is now living here.

Mrs. J. C. Prevatt of Lumberton spent last week here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kinlaw.

Miss Annie Bell Blackwell is attending the summer school at Buie's Creek.

The children's day exercises will be held at Regan's Methodist church on the third Sunday of this month. The public is cordially invited.

Crops in this section are very good, considering the wet weather. We notice Mr. Jas. Kinlaw has an exceptionally fine field of cotton.

The Howellsville new quartette is progressing nicely.

We wonder if the youth who writes in words of rhyme Has really pictured the political situation in his mind When he in words so eloquent and plain, And without the exception of a single name, Said, "for treasurer we all know McKenzie is best. For Register Higley's as good, for he has stood the test."

We ask him what about Kinlaw, who has also stood the test? And every citizen stood up and called him best. Blots against his record you'll find them not. His history in office no man dares call rot; But with honor attached and every citizen pleased We'll place him back in office with all ease.

And now, thou most handsome youth from the Mount's fair land, With the stain of politics and predictions upon thy hands, We plead with thee to stop and get thy thoughts together. For how could Kinlaw's place have been filled better?

"Sidney"

## A Shocking Accident at Hamlet.

At Hamlet the other night—H'm. It was plumb shocking.

A young man was standing at the desk in the foyer of the Seaboard hotel. There were ladies passing to and fro and a crowd of men were standing about. This young man was nattily dressed. He was in his shirt-sleeves and his trousers were supported with a belt. Suddenly, without a word of warning, something gave way and this young man's trousers and nether garment slid suddenly to his shoetops.

Great excitement followed. Ladies screamed and fled. The young man was hobbled worse than the hobbling of our ultra-hobble skirt and he could not flee the scene until he could gather up his trousers and that other garment beneath. Then he hunted solitude.

Mrs. Moses Blacker and her two children, Ada and Abner, and Misses Tilla Weinstein and Lena Dunie left Sunday for Baltimore, Md., where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today 10 1/2 cents.

—Miss Flora Prevatt delightfully entertained quite a crowd of young folks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prevatt, last evening.

—Mr. Geo. G. French shipped last week from his Bee Goe farm 25 crates of peaches to Philadelphia. The returns netted about \$4 per crate. Mr. French is well pleased with the returns and says he will have more to ship.

The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Fayetteville, was the first insurance company to make settlement with the executor of the estate of the late Hector McLean of Maxton. The settlement was made the first of last week. Mr. McLean held policies in several companies.

—Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, will leave Saturday for Wake county, near Raleigh, where Sunday he will deliver a Masonic address. There will be no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday morning, but Sunday evening, at the regular hour, Rev. R. L. Caraway, pastor of the Robeson circuit, will preach.

—Invitations reading as follows have been received here:

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Grier Collins will give in marriage their daughter Ruth

to Mr. Jessie Coltrane Starael on the day of June the nineteenth at high noon at their residence Conway, South Carolina The pleasure of your company is desired.

Mr. Stansel is a successful merchant and farmer of Allenton, about 5 miles east of Lumberton.

—Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the Industrial & Commercial Club, some weeks ago wrote Mr. C. N. Evans, president of the Southern National Bank of Wilmington, asking that he come to Lumberton and make the club a speech. Mr. Evans answers to the effect that he will be here to address the club at a smoker to be given in the club rooms next Thursday evening. His subject will be "The Building of a City." Mr. Evans is a brother of Mr. T. C. Evans, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Lumberton.

—Mr. E. B. Huggins, who resigned his position here as local agent of the V. & C. S. R. R. Co. to accept a similar one at Dover, as mentioned in The Robesonian at the time of his resignation, left yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Huggins and their little daughter for Red Springs, where they will spend a few days visiting relatives before going to Dover. Mr. J. W. Morris, who for some time has been assistant agent at the V. & C. S. station, succeeds Mr. Huggins and Mr. R. C. Birmingham, formerly of Lumberton, but now of Laurinburg, has accepted the position of assistant agent and is expected to arrive in a few days to begin work.

## More About the Work of Paving Chestnut Street and Cross Streets.

Mr. Robert G. Lassister, of Oxford, who has the contract for paving Elm street, and Mr. Gilbert C. White, civil engineer of Charlotte, who is looking after the town's interest in the paving work, spent yesterday in Lumberton trying to perfect the arrangements for paving Chestnut street and the cross streets between Elm and Chestnut. Messrs. Lassister and White met yesterday afternoon with the mayor and commissioners to discuss the work and consider plans for financing same. The town attorney was instructed to proceed at once with the drawing of necessary papers and notes in order that the work may be started at the earliest possible date.

## Band Concert Tomorrow Evening.

Tomorrow evening at the usual time Lumberton's brass band will give its weekly open-air concert at the artesian well, near the power house. Ice-cream will be offered for sale for the benefit of Boy Scouts. The Scouts and their lady friends will serve the cream.