

SINK CHARGES ORGANIZED PROPAGANDA TO PUT COMMISSION OUT OF BUSINESS

Salary Increases Offset by Offices Abolished and Salaries Reduced

M'LEAN EXPECTS SURPLUS TO REPLACE DEFICIT

Wade Brands as "High-Handed" Increase in School Fire Insurance Rates—Prospect of No State Fair This Year—Seeking Method of Cotton Acreage Control—Weevils Coming Strong.

MOVEMENT GAINS STRENGTH TO SCRAP DEATH CHAIR

(By M. L. Shipman).

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—The rapidly increasing disturbance over the functioning of the Salary and Wage commission, the meeting of the State Agriculture society, report of a State deficit and the fight on school fire insurance rates were among the outstanding matters of interest in administration circles during the week. In addition, many other matters engaged attention of the capital city residents during the week.

S. and W. Commission Row.

The criticism of the Salary and Wage commission, which became stronger during the week with the coming of Lee's birthday, a holiday which the commission declared should not be observed unless one day was taken from the annual vacation of each employe observing it, was answered on Sunday with a statement by Hoyle Sink, secretary of the commission, in which Mr. Sink charged there was an organized propaganda to discount the work of the commission and that members of the legislature were being approached by certain bodies with a view to having the commission legislated out of existence at the next legislature. Mr. Sink, in a long statement, defended the actions of the commission. On Saturday the commission made it public that salary increases of approximately fifty thousand dollars had been granted beginning this month, but against this set the fact that the commission had abolished offices and reduced salaries to the total of about \$39,000 in October and approximately the same amount had been saved by the voluntary discontinuance of certain jobs by department heads before the commission got to work, but in anticipation of the commission's work. The salary increases allowed were defended by Mr. Sink on the ground they were chiefly for employes of the Highway commission, where not a single increase had been granted this year.

Representative W. W. Neal of McDowell county, a member of the legislature creating the commission, was among those attacking its past work. Mr. Neal asserted the commission was taking into itself powers which the legislature had not intended. The North Carolina Society of Engineers also joined the ranks of those opposing the commission when it requested that greater consideration be shown for technically-trained men.

Deficit Explained.

The report of a deficit in the general fund of the State as of January first, closing the first six months of the fiscal administration of Governor McLean, was explained by the Executive with the statement of large disbursements and meager collections. Mr. McLean said he expected to change the deficit of \$800,000 to a surplus by the end of a full fiscal year as the income and other collections coming due shortly would swell the income.

Increase in Rates.

Stacey Wade, insurance commissioner, served notice at a meeting with the Southeastern Underwriters that he would oppose the 25 percent increase in school fire insurance rates in N. C., which the Underwriters body has ordered effective. Mr. Wade branded the action as "high handed," and contrary to law.

With the prospect of no fair this year, the Agricultural society at a meeting elected W. A. Hart of Tarboro president, succeeding Max Gardner, and discontinued the office of general manager held by E. V. Walborn.

The Auditor's office, the treasurer's office and that of the adjutant general observed Lee's birthday in defiance of the Salary and Wage commission and on the ground that body had no authority to set aside holidays created by the legislature.

Big Items Briefly Told.

The Salary and Wage commission has fixed ten cents a mile as the allowance of employes of the State per mile for operating automobiles. North Carolina is expected to send at least 300 members to the American Legion to the Paris convention next month. More than one thousand Masons attended the Grand Lodge

SUPERIOR COURT

Mixed Term Convened Here This Morning With Judge F. A. Daniels Presiding—Three Homicide Cases to be Tried—Rowland Tragedy to be Reviewed.

Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened here this morning with Judge F. A. Daniels of Goldsboro presiding. The term is a regular two weeks' session, next week being for the trial of civil cases.

One of the most important cases to be tried will be the case against two negroes under indictment for the murder of Chief-of-Police Boyd Rogers in Rowland Christmas week. A white man from Parkton will be tried at this term for killing a negro Christmas Eve night, and the third homicide case will be the trial of an Indian for stabbing another, who died a few weeks later from the wound.

Many cases of much importance have been scheduled for trial and Lumberton is expected to be filled with people during the week.

Asheville Woman Brutally Murdered.

The dead body of Mrs. Annie May Burgess, 23 years old, was found Thursday morning in woods near a residential street in Asheville. She had been fatally assaulted with an iron pipe the night before. Clothing was partly torn from her shoulders, indicating attempted criminal assault. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Townsend of Asheville. Her husband died at the Otten government hospital 6 years ago and she was known to the police, having served a term for disorderly conduct. William Davis, employe of an Asheville cafe, is believed by the police to be guilty of the crime, which he denies.

COTTON CROP OF 15,488,230

Washington, Jan. 23.—Cotton ginned prior to Jan. 16 amounted to 15,488,230 bales exclusive of linters and including 336,446 round bales counted as half bales compared with 13,306,816 bales including 307,351 round bales to that date a year ago, the census bureau announced today.

The ginnings for North Carolina were 1,188,029 bales.

Not Mr. A. Dewey Stone

Mr. A. Dewey Stone of Raynham was a Lumberton visitor Saturday and advised The Robesonian that he is not the Dewey Britt, who was bound over from Recorder P. S. Kornegay's court to Superior court on a charge of seduction, and asked that mention of the fact be made in The Robesonian to save him further inquiry.

Alamance county farmers have found that it pays to buy needed corn cooperatively. County Agent W. Kerr Scott recently delivered 700 bushels at \$1.13 which was a saving over the local retail price of 12 cents per bushel.

ing school for boys opened its doors to the first inmate during the week, the first to enter being a youth from Davidson county. The institution is located near Rocky Mount and S. L. Leonard has the distinction of being the first superintendent. Many applications are on file, it is said, and authorities predict "a full house" within a short while.

Auto Accidents.

A surprising increase in the number of accidents on State highways during the past six months is reported by the State Highway commission, which reports a total of 1,072 for the period mentioned, double the number for half a year previous. Seventy-six were killed outright, or died from injuries sustained in automobile accidents.

Scrap the Death Chair.

Abolition of capital punishment in North Carolina is the objective sought by charities organizations over the State, the movement started by Miss Claud Waddill, of Asheville, having made unexpected progress, according to a statement of Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State commissioner of public welfare, who appears to be in complete accord with the plans and purposes of the attempt to "scrap the death chair."

The North Carolina Education association has moved into its new quarters over the business offices of Powell & Powell on North Fayetteville street. Chairman Frank Page, of the State Highway commission, returned from a road exhibition in Chicago. Prof. N. C. Newbold, director of the division of negro education, was speaker at the formal opening exercises of the new Fairview colored school at Charlotte during the week; Prof. W. H. Darst, of State college, is granted a leave of absence to accept temporarily the executive secretaryship of the Federated Feed service, with headquarters in Chicago; State college band has been entertaining at the State sanatorium.

Another Week of \$8 Hand-Tailored Suits.
JOHN D. PURVIS, Tailor.
Lumberton, N. C.

St. Paul News

Master John Lentz Gives Birthday Party—Movements of the People.
By Bessie G. Johnson.

St. Paul, Jan. 25.—A lovely affair of the season among the juvenile set of the town was the party Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lentz, when their little son, Master John L. celebrated his 9th birthday anniversary by inviting a number of his young friends to enjoy the occasion with him. Some 30 guests were present and the affair was most delightful in every particular. A couple of contests were given, Master Walter Nance being the winner of the first one, which was relative to music, while in the Stone wall Jackson contest the young host and little Miss Mary Lindsay were the fortunate winners. The prizes in each were attractive valentines. A color scheme of pink and blue was carried out in the decorations and refreshments. The table with its handsome birthday cake and lighted tapers proved an interesting feature. Delicious cream and mints were served as the guests were concluded. The party souvenirs were attractive little baskets of blue with pink mints and dainty valentines for all. Assisting Mrs. Lentz in entertaining were Misses Mary McGoogan and Louise Steele, Alma Dailey and Mary Louise McGoogan, the honoree being pupil of the former two local school faculty members.

Belgium Mourns At Bier of Cardinal Mercier

Malines, Belgium, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Belgium mourned today at the bier of Cardinal Mercier, kindly, fighting priest, who in the dire days of German domination rose from comparative obscurity to give the country courage to resist and hope for deliverance.

WILLIAMS TRAVEL SERVICE CANCELS VOYAGE TO CUBA

Southern Trips by Automobile. It Is Understood, Have Killed Interest in Venture.

Wilmington, Jan. 22.—Due to countless bus trips promoted by Florida real estate interests to points in that state and Cuba from various places, causing a general lack of interest in the proposed trips to Havana on February 18, the Williams Travel service of Charlotte, today announced the cancellation of said trip by the Furness Bermuda Line Fort Hamilton. However, the annual trip to Bermuda will be made, sailing from Wilmington February 13 instead of February 6 as originally scheduled. The Williams bureau, stated that practically all of the several hundred reservations already made indicated a preference for the Bermuda trip, which, it is expected, will far exceed the voyage, of February, 1925 for Wilmington.

AUTOMOBILE DEATHS FOR LAST YEAR 6,370

Washington.—Deaths from automobile accidents in the 79 largest cities of the country during 1925, numbered 6,370. The Commerce Department calculated the total including all deaths reported for 53 weeks ending January 2, 1926. For 1924 the same cities were estimated to have had 6,088 fatalities.

Former Judge Whedbee Passes

Harry W. Whedbee, 53 years old, lawyer of State-wide reputation and former judge of the Superior court of the 5th judicial district, died in a hospital at Greenville, his home town, Wednesday night as a result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Ivey Receiver For Drug Concern.

Mr. W. B. Ivey has been appointed receiver for the North State Drug Co. of Lumberton, taking charge of the business Friday.

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Lumber Bridge H. D. Club Elects Officers

Also Adopts Constitution and Launches Bigger Program—Instructive and Interesting Meeting—Personal and Other Items.

By Mrs. C. J. Ammons.

Lumber Bridge, Jan. 25.—Miss Alberta Butler of Bladenboro spent the week-end here visiting Miss Selma Watt of the local school faculty. Miss Butler has a host of friends here and was a member of the school faculty last year.

Mrs. J. W. Hall spent Wednesday in Fayetteville.

Mr. W. G. Marley and Mr. W. E. Graham spent three days in Raleigh last week attending the Grand Lodge.

Miss Usher Balfour is in the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville. She underwent an operation Wednesday and is doing nicely.

Mr. Dan Marley and Miss Jessie Marley spent Friday in Fayetteville. Quite a large crowd enjoyed the last number of the Lyceum Saturday night, Mr. Lockhard, noted singer, and his Scotch Lassies.

The Woman's Home Demonstration club met Friday afternoon with Mesdames C. S. McLean and A. L. Usher as hostesses, in the home of Mrs. McLean. A very instructive and interesting program was rendered on Robert E. Lee, including patriotic songs and a solo, "Tenting Tonight," by Miss Ruby Jones. Then Miss Andrews lectured on "Child Psychology," which was very beneficial and helpful and enjoyed by every one present.

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Great Crowds Stand Patiently With Tear-Dimmed Eyes—Messages From Both the Great and the Humble of Earth.

Great crowds stood patiently outside the arch-episcopal palace, with tear-dimmed eyes, or filed slowly past the couch, where the body of the cardinal lay, clad in robes of violet, with mitre upon the head, and the cardinal's great gold cross upon his breast.

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POSTOFFICE MAY BE MOVED SOON

Likely That Johnson Building Will be New Home—Competitive Bids Have Been Sought—Buddie's Parlor May Move to McLeod Building—McLellan Store Has Lease on Building Now Occupied by Post-office.

MOVING WITHIN 40 DAYS.

Postmaster I. L. McGill announced Saturday that the local post-office would likely be moved to new quarters during the next 40 days and although bids have been asked by the postal department, it is thought the new location will be in the Johnson building, formerly occupied by the First National bank, corner of Elm and Fifth, opposite the court house.

In case the Johnson building is accepted by the government it will necessitate Mr. G. Badger McLeod moving the parlor he has been conducting, and he is planning to move to the McLeod building formerly occupied by the Elektrik-Maid Bake shop. It is understood that McLellan's five and ten cent store has leased the building now occupied by the postoffice and after remodeling is done will occupy the building they are now in and the other building.

W. J. McDonald Dies At Home At Wakulla

Prominent Farmer Dies at Wakulla—Twice Republican Candidate for Congress.

Fayetteville, Jan. 24.—William J. McDonald, wealthy farmer, capitalist, and well known figure in politics of the Sixth Congressional district, died at one o'clock this morning at his country home at Wakulla, Robeson county, after an illness of two months.

Mr. McDonald was a native of Fayetteville and though he had been engaged in farming in Robeson for a number of years he always regarded this city as his home. His funeral will be conducted here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church.

He was a member of Center Presbyterian church in Robeson county. Mr. McDonald was twice a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, opposing Representative Homer L. Lyon in the last two elections, and was expected to be a candidate again this year. He had a large personal following in the district, and his popularity made him at all times a considerable factor in politics.

Mr. McDonald was in many ways a remarkable man. He was entirely a self-made man and worked his way up to wealth and influence by unceasing energy and determination. He was an intensely loyal friend and the soul of generosity. He is survived by Mrs. McDonald, who was his second wife, and one child, eleven months old.

MR. ALLEN L. LAMB

Funeral Services For Well-Known Farmer Held Yesterday at Hog Swamp Baptist Church.

Funeral services for Mr. Allen L. Lamb, 51, who died Friday at the Baker sanatorium here following an illness of several weeks, were conducted yesterday in Hog Swamp Baptist church by Rev. I. E. Wishart. Interment was made in the family burying ground.

Deceased was a well known farmer, and had a large number of friends and relatives throughout the county. At the time of his death he was superintendent of a farm belonging to Mr. A. T. McLean of Lumberton. Surviving are his widow and 6 children.

Mr. R. C. Carroll of Lumberton 2 was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Wilkins and son, Woodrow, of Allenton, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 19 cents the pound.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Kiwanis lunch Tuesday at Lorraine at 1 p. m. A program is being arranged.

—The order of the Easter Star will meet Thursday night in the Masonic hall at 7:30.

—There will be an old-time fox chase Wednesday night, beginning at the old Townsend place on the Lumberton-Rowland road.

—Circle No. 5 of the First Baptist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 at the home of Mrs. J. M. McCallum, Third street.

—Mrs. Romulus Hedgpeck will entertain the Woo club at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. O. Thompson, Chestnut street Wednesday afternoon at 3:30.

—Messrs. T. C. Barnes and L. M. Garner of the firm of Stephens & Barnes returned Friday night from High Point, where they attended the tenth semi-annual furniture show.

—The regular meeting of the Robeson county pension board will be held in the court house here next Monday, according to Clerk of Court C. E. Skipper.

—The condition of Mr. Frank McLeod, who is undergoing special treatment in the Charlotte sanatorium, Charlotte, is reported as very much more favorable than it had been for a week.

—High and low local thermometer readings, and rainfall in inches last four days: 21st—64-35-0; 22nd—58-38-0; 23d—53-39-0; 24th—49-26-0. Same days last year: 21st—68-51-0; 22d—65-42-0; 23d—42-26-0; 24th—47-28-0.

—Circle No. 1 of the W. M. S. of Chestnut Street Methodist church will meet with Mrs. John C. Fuller, Elm street, at 3:30 p. m. Wednesday, and at the same hour Circle No. 2 will meet with Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, East Sixth street.

—Rev. Carl Gaddy, evangelist, who conducted a series of meetings in the court house here last week, preached to a small crowd last night, and announced that services would continue throughout this week at 7:30 p. m.

—Mr. Ira Wilkins of Bellamy is suffering with knife wounds alleged to have been inflicted late last night by a Mr. Speight, who lives near Bellamy. Officers have searched for Speight but no arrest have been and details of the affair have not been learned. About 30 stitches were required to close the wounds of Mr. Wilkins, but his condition is not considered serious.

—Dr. T. C. Johnson left Saturday night for Rochester, Minn., where he will spend a few weeks taking special post-graduate work in major surgery in the Mayo Brothers hospital. Dr. Johnson will arrive in Rochester Tuesday and has promised to advise The Robesonian as to the condition of Dr. R. C. Beaman, of Tarboro, former pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, who is undergoing special treatment there.

—Master Ira Bullard Jr. is in the Baker sanatorium suffering with a fractured bone in one of his legs as the result of a horse he was riding falling on him. The accident occurred on Carthage road, near the home of Mr. Johnnie McNeill's, and according to those who saw it, the horse was following close behind a truck, which stopped suddenly and the horse slipped on the pavement, the unfortunate boy falling partly underneath.

—A few issues ago a Lumberton man advertised for a dog he had lost. A few hours after the advertisement was broadcast a dog was sent to the advertiser, who says advertising in The Robesonian certainly does pay, as the dog which he received in answer to his advertisement was a much larger and finer dog than the one he lost. Dr. T. C. Johnson was the advertiser and has told The Robesonian that he would like to keep the dog, but his dog couldn't have grown that much larger and finer, and the dog will be returned to the man who had found another dog.

—Mrs. W. B. Crumpton was brought home by Supt. Crumpton Saturday night from the Charlotte sanatorium, Charlotte, where she underwent a serious operation on January 14. Mrs. Crumpton will be confined to bed for some time and it probably will be 6 or 8 months before she regains her health and strength, physicians at the sanatorium told Mr. Crumpton, but she is on the road to recovery. Mr. Crumpton found Mr. Frank McLeod of Lumberton, who has been a patient at the sanatorium for 3 weeks, much more cheerful Saturday than he had been and looking forward to every mail to get news from the folks in his home town.

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