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TEN INCHES OF SNOW

Falls in This Section—It Does Some Damage to Property in Pittsboro—About Disappeared

"The sno', the sno', the beautiful sno'. And Susan got up went to the do'; returning to bed she began to sno'."

About 10 inches of the "beautiful" fell here last week, beginning about 10 o'clock Tuesday night, and it snowed and hailed for 34 hours. Some of it is here as a reminder that we have had one of the biggest snows in years.

It stopped nearly everything and everybody from work that had not already stopped. For two days the rural route carriers had to lay off, not being able to make their trips.

By Thursday the snow had begun to melt and pedestrians had the time of their lives wading through mud and slush, and up to the hour of going to press this week some of the "beautiful," that was, is lying around in spots looking as dirty as some of Pittsboro's sidewalks.

Peter Rogers, colored, had been running a garage for some time in an old building near the depot, but Peter will not run one there any longer. The heavy snowfall and sleet did the work for the light frame work of the building. About 6:30 Thursday morning the top gave way and came crashing down on several automobiles on the inside. Dick Ramsay's new Overland car was almost ruined, the top being broken to pieces and otherwise damaged. A car belonging to Mr. Nooe was slightly damaged. A \$1200 hearse belonging to Mr. Nooe was almost ruined, the glass on both sides and the front part of the vehicle being broken, the damage amounting to \$200 or \$300. Other cars were slightly damaged. The house is a total wreck.

Some of the supports of the roof of B. M. Poe's garage also gave way under the strain of the snow Thursday morning. The roof fell a few inches but did not entirely cave in. No damage was done to any of the cars in the garage.

New Doctor Here

Dr. William Meyer, recently of Pink Hill but originally from Enfield, has located here for the practice of medicine. He is well equipped for his profession and he comes to this community highly recommended. The citizens of Pink Hill, where he has been practicing for several months, were so anxious to keep him in their town that many of them offered to contribute a sufficient sum each month to guarantee him a good salary, but Dr. Meyer was so favorably impressed with our town when he made a visit of inspection here a few weeks ago that he decided to come here and locate.

His office is the one formerly occupied by the late Dr. H. T. Chapin.

Dr. Meyer has brought his wife here and intends to stay here permanently. He has rooms at the residence of Mrs. H. T. Chapin.

Town Taxes

Town taxes for 1919 are now past due. The tax books are in the hands of F. P. Nooe, Chief of Police. See him and pay your 1919 taxes at once, if you have not already done so. The town needs the money and your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated.

County Statement

The annual statement of the finances of Chatham County appears on page 6 of this issue. Read it.

Club Notes

At the January meeting of the Woman's Club Mrs. W. R. Thompson was elected Chairman of the Civics Department to succeed Mrs. W. E. Alley, who moved to Durham.

In Mrs. Alley's leaving, the club loses one of its most active members.

Miss Elizabeth Chapin, secretary of the club, was asked to write Mrs. Alley expressing the thanks of the club for her splendid work and cooperation with the members and also to express its regrets in losing such a valuable member.

At this meeting Mrs. E. A. Farrell was elected Publicity Chairman.

Pittsboro Debaters

The debaters for the Pittsboro High School in the triangular inter high school debate, which will be held throughout the State sometime in March, were selected at a preliminary debate held at the school Monday afternoon. They are: affirmative, Archie Ray and William Hunt; negative, Graham Connell and Thomas Morgan; alternate, Moyle Johnson. There were eleven contestants.

The query for the debate this year is "Resolved, that the policy of collective bargaining through trade unions should prevail in American industry."

The two schools that Pittsboro will debate will probably be selected from these three: Sanford, Siler City and Bonlee.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson

On last Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock the death angel that had been hovering near for so many months, called home Elizabeth Johnson. She bore her afflictions with patience, and great was her love for the kind hands that so tenderly cared for her.

The deceased leaves one son, Mr. Rufus J. Johnson, of Bynum, with whom she lived, and seven grand children, Misses Lilly, Pearl, Sadie, Myrtle, Thelma, Irene and Rufus Johnson, Jr.

While the earth was covered with sacred whiteness (as it seemed to the bereaved) her body was laid to rest at Mt. Gilead Church, where she had been a member for many years.

The floral designs were beautiful. Peaceful be thy sleep 'till we meet again, where tears are wiped away and parting is not known.

MRS. J. JETER HACKNEY, JR.
Bynum, Jan. 29.

Looked Homesick

Carnie Bynum, House Page, looked a little homesick yesterday morning as he gazed across the snow-whitened earth, thinking almost likely that the boys back home in Chatham County were staying home from school this morning to go in pursuit of the distinguished Chatham County rabbit. It was perfect rabbit hunting weather, and there are no better rabbits than Chatham County's rabbits, as Carnie will no doubt assure any who have doubts.—News and Observer, Jan. 27.

Commends County Commissioners on Road Building Program

Editor of The Record: During the past few weeks considerable space in your columns have been used by various citizens of Chatham in an effort to outline a policy for our County Commissioners to adopt in dealing with the various road problems that now confront them, or will come into the limelight in the near future.

In these articles, and also in public conversation, our Commissioners have been frequently criticised because various expenditures were not executed in the immediate vicinity of the author or speaker.

While this problem and criticism has the interest of all citizens in our County, it is necessary that all sides be heard. As a citizen of this County, and one who has always been a staunch supporter of anything that would promote road building, I desire to approve publicly the manner in which our Commissioners have been making appropriations for the construction of road work. Their action in these matters have been done in not only a business like manner, but also from an economical standpoint.

Their method of procedure has been in a manner that is unquestionable to any fair thinking man. When a proposition for the construction of a new line comes before them, they air the case thoroughly from every standpoint, order a survey, weigh the various local conditions and build the project the most economical route. As to making these appropriations from a geographical standpoint, there has come the usual cloudburst of a criticism and growling which is found in all localities, not only Chatham. Various townships have floated bond issues and constructed roads on their own motive, and in every instance the County has come to their aid and built the bridges, furnished top soil, and, in some cases, stood the expense of one half the project. This measure is heartily approved in practically every locality where road work has been in progress.

Where a township has decided at the polls that they would welcome an additional tax increase in order to have some means of getting rolling stock over the country, the Commissioners have gladly furnished aid. But in those backwood areas, where the majority of the community had rather stay at home in the winter and wet periods than pay a few additional pennies each year, it has been understood that they did not want to help themselves and consequently no charity has been displaced. No straightforward business man would approve the County Commissioners taking money from a community that had floated bonds and spending it in a community that absolutely refuses to place themselves on an equal footing; but, on the other hand, stands out and howls for the entire community to come to their aid and build them community roads. Should these howling communities really become sincere and display the true signs of fairness and have an honest-to-goodness desire to help themselves and sacrifice a little in this effort, they should proceed to petition the present Legislature for a bond election and pass same without a dissenting ballot. Then they would be on an equal footing with the majority of our

THE GROUNDHOG

Doesn't See His Shadow—Tradition Has It That the Bad Weather is About Over

Yesterday, Wednesday, was Groundhog Day. Up to the time of going to press the gentleman had not seen his shadow, and unless the sun peeps from behind the clouds before night, tradition has it that the bad weather of winter is over. But if the clouds break and the sun comes out, then Mr. Groundhog will see his shadow and go back into his hole for forty more days and we will have six more weeks of wintry weather.

The citizens of Pittsboro awoke yesterday morning and found the ground covered with snow which had fallen during the night and the skies overcast. Although it has stopped snowing it is still cloudy at the time of going to press, but what the rest of the day will bring forth we know not, and, as our groundhog weather prophet is a temperamental creature, we are unable to say whether or not the winter weather is over.

Exchange Cottonseed For Meal

The history of the 1920-21 crushing season will be made in the next three or four weeks. At present many thousand tons of seed are in the hands of the growers. The land is being broken now for another crop. It is only a matter of days before the seed will be put in the ground for fertilizer and millions of gallons of edible oil will be utterly destroyed, although in many lands the inhabitants are starving. Once the seed is put in the ground nothing can prevent this wilful waste which we learned from the copy-books makes "woeful want."

The farmers have generally—east of the river—held their seed for a higher money price per ton. The millers know now that they cannot pay any more because it is too late for legislation or other conditions to affect the market before spring.

There is but one logical way to handle the situation and that is a general exchange of seed for meal. To convince the farmer of the advantage of such an exchange as the mills can afford to offer should not be difficult. While it might be hard to determine how many eggs were equal to a pound of coffee any mill man can tell exactly how many pounds of 7 per cent meal is equal in fertilizing value to a ton of seed and an amount of meal in excess of this amount can be given.—Oil Miller.

Duncan Thompson and Tom Green, two colored men, were recently bound over to the Superior Court by John R. Blair, J.P., on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. Duncan's bond was fixed at \$1,000 and Tom's at \$500. The still at which it is alleged they were working was found in Oakland township by Sheriff Blair and some of his deputies.

"Safe and sane" farming has a new meaning this year.

County and would be allowed seats on the band wagon instead of the hearse.

Yours truly,
J. S. PETTY.
Bynum, N. C., R.F.D. No. 1.

SHERIFF'S FEES

Bill Introduced in Legislature by Representative Lane Increasing Fees of Sheriff

Representative Leon T. Lane has introduced a bill in the legislature to increase the fees to be charged by the Sheriff of this County and his deputies for the service of process and the performance of other duties. The bill is as follows:

A bill to be entitled "An Act To Regulate the Fees to be charged by the Sheriff and Deputies in Chatham County."

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That there shall be charged and collected in Chatham County the following fees:

Executing summons or any other writ or notice, one dollar; but the board of county commissioners may fix a less price than one dollar, but not less than fifty cents, for the service of one road order.

Arrest of a defendant in a civil action and taking bail, including attendant to justify, and all services connected therewith, one dollar and fifty cents.

Arrest of a person indicted, including all services connected with the taking and justification of bail, one dollar and fifty cents.

Imprisonment of any person in a civil or criminal action, fifty cents; and release from prison, fifty cents.

Executing subpoena on a witness, fifty cents.

Conveying a prisoner to jail in another County, ten cents per mile. For prisoner's guard, if necessary and approved by the county commissioners, going and returning, per mile for each, five cents. Expense of guard and all other expenses of conveying prisoners to jail, or from jail to another or any purpose, or to any place of punishment, or to appear before a court of justice of the peace in another county, or in going to another county for a prisoner to be taxed in the bill of costs and allowed by the board of commissioners of the county in which the criminal proceedings were instituted.

For allotment of a Widow's Year's allowance, one dollar and fifty cents. In claim and delivery for serving the original papers in each case, one dollar, and for taking the property claimed, one dollar and fifty cents, with actual cost of keeping the same until discharged by law, to be paid on affidavit of the returning officer.

For conveying prisoners to the penitentiary, two dollars per day and actual necessary expenses; also one dollar a day and actual necessary expenses for each guard, not to exceed one guard for every three prisoners, as the sheriff upon affidavit before the clerk of the superior court of his county shall swear to be necessary to the safe conveyance of the convicts, to be paid by the state treasurer upon warrant of the auditor out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The sheriff shall file with the auditor the affidavit above mentioned, together with a fully itemized account to be sworn to before the auditor, showing the number of days requisite for the coming and returning and the actual expense of conveying said convicts and the guard necessary for their safe keeping, and if the auditor approves said account he shall

issue his warrant on the treasurer for the amount thereof.

Collecting fines and costs from convict, five per cent of amount collected.

Advertising a sale of property under execution at each public place required, twenty-five cents. Seizing specific property under an order of court, or executing any other order of a court or a judge, not specially provided for, to be allowed by the court or judge.

Taking any bond or undertaking, including furnishing blanks, one dollar.

The actual expense of keeping all property seized under process or order of court to be allowed by the court on affidavit of officer in charge.

Summoning a grand jury or petit jury, for each man summoned fifty cents, and twenty-five cents for each man summoned on the special venire.

For serving any writ or process with the aid of the county the usual fee of one dollar and fifty cents, and the expense necessarily incurred thereby, to be adjudged by the county commissioners and to be taxed as other costs.

Bringing up any prisoner upon a habeas corpus to testify or answer to any court or before any judge, two dollars and all necessary and actual expenses for such service and ten cents per mile by the route most usually traveled, and all expenses for any guard actually employed and necessary.

For summoning and qualifying appraisers, and for performing all duties in laying off homesteads and personal property exemptions, or either, three dollars, to be included in the bill of costs.

For levying an attachment, one dollar and fifty cents.

For attendance to qualified jurors to lay off dower or for commissioners to lay off year's allowance, one dollar and fifty cents; and for attendance to qualify commissioners or any other purpose, one dollar.

Executing a deed for land or any interest in land sold under execution, one dollar and fifty cents, to be paid by the purchaser.

Service of a writ or ejectment, one dollar and fifty cents.

For every execution, either in civil or criminal cases, one dollar.

Section 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Andrew Steadman, colored, was arraigned before Squire John R. Blair here Monday on the charge of cruelty to animals. It was alleged that Andrew beat and seriously injured a mule that was being worked by the road force of N. L. Lancaster. After hearing all the evidence the court held that it could not find probable cause sufficient to bind Andrew over to the Superior Court, and the action, therefore, was dismissed, and Andrew was discharged.

The Colonial Hotel at Hoboken, N. J., was destroyed by fire last Sunday morning and 11 persons were burned to death. Four others may not recover.

Some expert tinsmith in New Bern is manufacturing illicit distilling plants in any size and any limited quantity, is the opinion of County and Federal officials.