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DISCUSSION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Graduate Student of the University Makes Study of County Administration

North Carolina counties have been in all three phases of countenance, that is, taxing, collecting, and expending, according to a study made by Paul W. Wager, of Hecot, N. C., a graduate student in the University and a research assistant in sociology, who told of the deiciencies in a paper just read before the North Carolina club. The study comprises University students especially interested in studying the needs and remedies.

Mr. Wager mentioned the principles of business efficiency in county administration which it was said would help to lessen the waste of public funds:

1. List all property at a uniform rate of valuation.
2. Attach a heavy penalty to the willful concealment of taxable wealth.
3. Abolish township assessors and all other township officers.
4. Abolish the office of county treasurer.
5. Collect all unpaid taxes from personal property if possible. Land should be sold as a last resort and then it should be a bona fide sale.
6. Except in the poorest counties, put all officers on a salary basis; every fee and commission to be collected and accounted for.
7. Devise and install a simple and uniform accounting system in every county, with a manual of instructions.
8. Secure adequate appropriations to provide the state auditor with a competent set of field agents so the manager to execute the orders of the board, act as purchasing agent, audit the bills as presented, and prepare the annual budget.
9. Establish a budget system in every county and publish each year an intelligible report of the finances.
10. Provide a full-time business annual audits may be completed.

A Hallowe'en Party

Carbonton, Nov. 3.—On Friday evening, October 31, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dismukes, a delightful Hallowe'en party was given. Lighted pumpkins greeted the guests at the door, where they were received by the hostess, Miss Ethel Dismukes. The guests were then shown into the weird parlor which was dimly lighted and at every corner and window could be seen the spooks of Hallowe'en.

This home was beautifully decorated with long-leaf pine, and jack o'lanterns hanging here and there profusion of Hallowe'en decorations, including black cats, owls, and bats.

All the guests were invited to fish among the ghosts, witches, and a in the pond, where they caught bags of chocolate candy with walnuts in it. Next they were asked to have a peanut in which they found their fortune, each one being required to read his aloud. Among the other games was the pining of a pipe in the man's mouth. Each guest was blindfolded and asked to pin the pipe in the man's mouth. Mr. Bill Tyson, being the lucky one, received the prize. The guests were then invited into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves, pot plants, and chrysanthemums. Each one found his place by means of a small pumpkin on it. Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served.

SANDFORD'S NEW FURNITURE STORE

With a third great furniture store opened, Sanford would seem to be prepared to do a great part of the house-furnishing business of this great section of central North Carolina. The new concern is the Central Carolina Furniture Co., with location on Steele Street. The company is a corporation, and in its management and sales force it has a strong personal appeal to Chatham folk. Mr. C. L. Gunter, of that former part of Chatham lying near Moncure, is the genial and efficient manager, which Mrs. Gunter is a right-hand man in the institution.

As salesman Chatham folk will recognize Mr. Fred Ray, who was reared near Pittsboro.

The new store had its big opening last Saturday, as announced in its page advertisement in last week's Record.

SEE YOUR LABEL

THE CAROLINA PLAYMAKERS COMING Pittsboro to Have Amateur Dramatic Group of University Next Wednesday Evening

The Carolina Playmakers, of the University of North Carolina, will present three plays at the School Auditorium in Pittsboro on Wednesday, November 19th, at 8:15 p. m.

These plays are based on the folk lore of this State. They are written and produced by students of the University.

The productions of the Carolina Playmakers compare favorably with the best plays presented in the first-class theaters of the largest cities of the country. Everywhere they have shown, they have received the highest praise from the press and the public. In fact, these plays are of such merit that the Carolina Playmakers

were requested by one of the leading theatrical producers of New York City to play in that city.

The Playmakers are now on a tour of the principal cities and towns of North Carolina.

Pittsboro and Chatham County are indeed fortunate to have the opportunity of seeing a theatrical production of real merit. There are sixteen people, young ladies and men, in the company. They carry their own scenery and stage equipment. We hope that our citizens will show their appreciation of an entertainment of this kind by giving them a large house.

The prices of admission are: Adults, 50 cents; children 25 cents.

BROWN'S CHAPEL ITEMS

Mr. William Mann, of Carrboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. T. Mann. The Brown's Chapel school opened Monday, October 27, with Mrs. Earl Dark as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Durham are planning to move to Carrboro, N. C.

Miss Annie Mann returned Friday after spending a week with Mr. Osborne Mann, of Gibsonville.

The bark of the opossum dog and the toot of the hunter's horn is heard now almost every night. The little shy animals are right plentiful this fall.

Mrs. C. B. Way and daughters Mildred, and Louise, and Mr. Obra Thomas, spent last week with their mother, Mrs. J. J. Thomas.

Nearly everybody is opposed to child labor and a good many to man labor.

Mr. A. Dark has just completed a nice five-room bungalow on Roscoe Route.

Mr. J. J. Thomas and son, Jessie, and Mr. Arthur Thomas and Alvis Thomas, of Saxaphaw, spent Saturday in Durham, at Watt's hospital with their brother, Mr. Murphy Thomas, who was seriously hurt last week at a cotton gin in Orange county. Mr. Thomas had his arm torn off.

Rev. C. B. Way, of Lexington, formerly a newspaper man, now a minister of the Methodist Protestant church, is going to Shelby by order of appointment of the conference just closed at Reidsville. Mr. Way is Mr. J. J. Thomas's son-in-law.

There will be all day services at Brown's Chapel, November 16. Rally day exercises in the morning, dinner on the ground, and speaking in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thomas and children, Josie, Verdie, and Rosa, and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Thomas attended the birthday dinner of Mr. J. W. Bailey Sunday at Burlington.

FEAST AT COUNTY HOME

The old folk at the County home were given a picnic Friday afternoon by the good ladies of the Woman's Club, assisted by generous contributions from other good folk. It was a real feast, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the inmates of the home, who had the grounds as clean as a whistle and were all-expectancy of the long-promised treat.

The affair was given under the auspices of the health committee of the club, of which committee Mrs. Hayes is chairman, and who herewith thanks all contributors and helpers for their assistance in making the occasion the great success it was.

McCall's Magazine For 50 Cents

McCall's Magazine sells for \$1.00 a year, but the Record has received a rate that will allow us to give it to subscribers in connection with a year's subscription for 50 cents. \$2 pays for Record and great monthly magazine. This offer is good for only the balance of November and December.

McCall's publishes several novels a year and scores of fine short stories. The fashion pages are a treat to the women folk. Send \$2 to the Record and get 52 copies of your county paper and 12 copies of a ten-cent magazine.

MONCURE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Benaly and Mrs. L. L. Boone, of Rockingham, spent last Sunday with Mr. A. B. Womble.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Boone, of Pittsboro, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Womble.

Mrs. Louise Marks, of Carrboro, has been spending sometime with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Womble. Mrs. Ida Watson, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Gunter, of Pittsboro.

Rev. G. F. Johnson will preach at New clam church next fourth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Hawks Chapel church in the afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. He is making this change on account of conference.

Mrs. S. V. Holt, spent last Sunday with Mrs. J. J. Reynolds near Merry Oaks.

Mrs. Daisy Moore and son, Allen, motored to Durham last Thursday. Miss Annie Hershey, of Pennsylvania is spending this week with her uncle, Capt. J. H. Wissler.

Misses Zula Patterson and Daisy Lee Northcutt, spent last week-end at Franklinville with the formers parents.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Self, Mrs. Roy Walls, and Misses Alice Weber and Hilda Wilkie attended the teachers' meeting last Saturday at Pittsboro.

We hate to see the people leave eth Phoenix Camp as they finish up their work. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Lilly and little daughter, Ruth, who boarded at Mrs. E. F. Watkins, have moved to Oakboro. Messrs. George Spittle and W. L. Snoodgrass, and Sam L. Robbins, who were stopping Wickers' boarding house, left last Friday evening for their home at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss 5thter Womble, of Peace Institute, Raleigh, spent last week-end with her mother, Mrs. B. G. Womble.

Mrs. Emma Churchill, who has occupied the railroads company's house on Main street for several years, moved last Monday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hackney, Jr., where she has rented rooms, on Manning street. Mr. John Upchurch and family will move into the house vacated by Mrs. Churchill. Mr. Upchurch is the section foreman on the main Seaboard line.

Rev. J. J. Boone, preached his last sermon at Moncure church last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It was an exceptionally good sermon on "The World is Growing Better and Not Worse." He left Tuesday morning for Wilmington, where the North Carolina Conference is being held this week. We hate that this is his last year with us for he has been with us four years. We feel that he has done much good on this circuit and has proclaimed the true gospel, picturing and holding up Jesus Christ in all his glory and completeness of personality. He is a consecrated minister and in whatever field he shall be sent his life and sermons will live among his people in Chatham county. May God's blessings go with him and family to their new work.

Messrs. C. C. Thomas and B. J. Weathers are spending this week visiting Jacksonville, Tampa, and other points in Florida.

Mrs. J. C. Sowers and baby twins spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Cathill.

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

The commissioners met in regular session Monday, November 3, and approved the following bills:

Salaries for commissioners, county officers, county home superintendent and others as usual.

Martha Snipes, washing county home, \$11.00.

Ad. Pendergrass, hay for county home, \$31.25.

Maggie Brown, Cook, \$16.

Mrs. W. F. Beard, apples, \$6.35.

Carson Melvin, hauling hay, \$3.00.

J. M. Hammock, horse shoes, \$2.10.

C. T. Desern, summoning witnesses, \$3.50.

C. C. Poe, extra work on tar books, \$300.00.

Dewey Doorsett, court services, \$12.00.

Stamps for October, \$213.

Goldsboro Hospital for insane, Clothes for Robert Gattis, \$2.25.

Oscar Oakley, transportation, clothing, etc., \$19.02.

C. C. Poe, postage, \$7.50.

C. T. Desern, complete still, \$20.00.

S. J. Johnson, two stills, \$20.00.

Income Tax Index, E. & Broughton, \$15.14.

Mrs. J. T. Henderson, supplies, \$11.45.

People's Sanitary Supply Co., floor oil, \$30.00.

Cannell & Johnson, supplies, \$91.55.

Cannell & Johnson, supplies for court house, \$4.45.

R. L. Bryan Co., supplies for sheriff's office, \$7.10.

Dr. R. W. Palmer, two days work as building committee, \$10.00.

Rob. Brown, labor at county home, \$25.00.

Dock Gunter, auto hire, burial of Tom Green, \$3.50.

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Mrs. J. W. Johnson, sewing, \$9.50.

Coroner Brooks, inquest Hattie Andrews, \$15.00.

Jurors for Hattie Andrews inquest, \$15.00.

A. M. Webser, still and worn, \$15.

Work on jail sewerage, Virgil Davis, 50c.

Meat Market supplies for county house, \$28.92.

G. H. Lagnley, burial Mary Thomas, \$21.00.

B. A. Phillips, burial Lancy Meedy, \$10.00.

A. J. Johnson, services to grand jury, \$12.50.

Johns Burns, jail fees for October, \$170.80.

T. M. Bland Co., supplies, \$44.25.

Cannell & Johnson, \$13.

G. R. Pilkington Pharmacy, supplies for home and jail, \$6.60.

J. T. Mills, six days as registrar, \$19.83.

Telephone Co., phone rent, \$28.05.

Hanford Bros. for bridge work, \$750.00.

Ot. and Minnie Bivens, children of Frank Bivens, were placed in county home and Hattie Bivens in home of W. H. Ward till their father is released.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

The Annual Roll Call for memberships in Pittsboro will be made during the period between Armistice Day and Thanksgiving Day. That is, Nov. 11-27. The Chairman of Roll Call, Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse states that he has already received several memberships without solicitation, and he hopes there will be others given voluntarily. On the 18th of November North Carolina, for divorce and the however, by the Red Cross Representative from Ft. Bragg and the local chairman. The annual membership fee is ONE DOLLAR. And fifty cents out of every dollar will be given to the Red Cross organization in Chatham County. Of every Five Dollar contribution four and a half dollars goes to the local organization. Don't forget the Red Cross. It is the national organization for Humanitarian work. And it is always ready.

IN HARD LUCK

Young Edwin Johnson was taken to Watts Hospital at Durham Sunday for treatment for a stomach trouble. The young man seems to be having bad luck. It will be remembered that some time last year Young Edwin fell off a mule and his leg was broken. He was taken to Watts Hospital and lay there for several months before he was able to return home.

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CORINTH ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Ellis, of Mt. Verno Springs, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Harrington.

Miss Fannie Tutor, of Sanford was the Sunday guest of Miss Carrie Lee Cross.

Miss Clifford, of Wendell was the week-end guest of Mrs. W. W. Horton. She, with Mr. and Mrs. Horton spent Sunday with their homefolks at Duncan.

Mr. R. S. Ashworth and family, of Fuquay Springs, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ashworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Buchanan.

The Methodist Epworth League of Broadway will put on a one-night play this week at Corinth school house. The title of the play is "Out in the Streets." It is a good, clean play, very amusing, and will hold your attention from first to last. Among those taking a part is Mr. Chandler, who in the past has been very loyal to us in the plays that Corinth has presented at Broadway.

It has been sometime since there has been "anything doing" at Corinth school. Let's all come out and give them a full house. Our school will get 20 per cent of the proceeds. Admission will be 15c and 25c.

We would like to urge all the school patrons who are on the "wood list" this time to get their supply at the school house right away so we can have it saved and stored away.

Again the stork has called in our community—twice, this time on the same day, November 6th, first at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mims, at Corinth, and then just a little later he appeared back to Buckhorn and called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Thomas. Two little girls, both doing nicely. Norris says that his has sure got a good pair of lungs, that she can make more racket in a minute than he ever made in a week.

Wake county commissioners seem to be very "able" men. In fact they seem to be "able" to "carry on" in spite of their "meddlesome" grand jurors and "haughty" superior court judges.

We have heard three people say that one reason why they voted against the Port Terminal bill was because Gov. Morrison was for it. Anyway, if it is really the thing to do some near future governor will get behind it again and put it over.

Yesterday the Sandhill Power Co. system was permanently connected with the main transmission system of the Carolina Power and Light Co. So now Siler City, Bonlee, Goldston, etc., are no longer dependant alone upon the little steam and water power plants of that system, but have the benefit of service from any of the plants on the Carolina-Yadkin systems.

There still remains a great deal of work to be done to bring the transmission and distribution lines of the old Sandhill system up to the standard of the Carolina properties. Bad weather may still cause these old lines to fail now and then until they can be improved.

JUSTICE BLAIR'S COURT

Messrs. Ed. Avent and Lonnie Cooper fought it out for several hours before Justice Blair as to the terms of a cedar contract on Saturday, Nov. 1. Attorney V. R. Johnson appeared for Avent and Wade Barber for Cooper. His honor settled it 50-50, whatever it was all about.

On Nov. 8 Joe Alston was fined \$5 and costs for reckless driving and later was hailed before the "Squire" again for driving a car without license and was let off with costs. The license, of course, to be forthcoming.

Attention, Baptists

Rev. Mr. Stukenbroke, who is visiting the churches of the Sandy Creek Baptist Association in behalf of a successful closing of the 75 Million Campaign, and the inauguration of the 1925 program, with Mrs. Stukenbroke, will visit Pittsboro Friday. Mrs. Stukenbroke will speak to the ladies of the Pittsboro church at 2:30 p. m., while he will speak to both men and women that evening at 6:30, the hour being fixed so early to prevent conflict with the services at the Presbyterian church. All the members are urged to be present as well as the public in general.

BUILD A HOME NOW!