

### EDITORIAL.

President Coolidge was outspoken in a message to Congress Tuesday with regard to the landing of Marines in Nicaragua, for which he had been seriously criticized, even by Senator Borah. There is civil war as usual in that Central American state. The United States has recognized Diaz as president. Mexico recognized Sarcasa. Borah, agreeing with Mexico that Sarcasa had the constitutional right to the presidency, stated that the United States had no justification in landing marines in Nicaragua and giving aid to Diaz. The President reviewed the events leading up to the conflict, which in effect are that in 1923 when General Chamorro got control of the capital and forced the president to appoint his own men as members of the cabinet and to expel 18 congressmen and put in 18 of Chamorro's friends. The president resigned. Chamorro had himself designated president. It got too hot for him, and he quit. Another was designated president and he called congress together. The eighteen rightful congressmen were reelected and Congress by a large majority chose Diaz president. Sarcasa, who was vice-president at the time Chamorro started on his rampage, had fled from the country, but he claimed the right as vice-president to succeed to the presidency, and took up arms to make his claim good. Mexico decided with him, and has permitted arms to be taken to him. The United States had declared an embargo against the importation of arms and munitions into the little republic. Consequently, President Coolidge discontinued the embargo recently so that Diaz could get arms.

The president declares that Diaz is the constitutional president; that this country is particularly interested in the maintenance of civil government in Nicaragua, both because of the treaty giving America the right to build a canal across the isthmus in that country and because of the many property rights of American citizens endangered. The marines have laid off neutral zones in which the two conflicting forces are forbidden to enter, and the President declares that he shall see to it that America's interests are protected both from internal strife and from outside interference (having reference to Mexico's attitude).

This unfortunate conflict of interests of America and Mexico occurs when the relations between the two neighboring republics are already strained because of Mexico's persistence in her determination to enforce her new law compelling foreign owners of oil concessions to get new titles or permits to their holdings or lose them.

The Record feels that Mexico has the right to preserve her own natural resources against exploitation by foreign interests, and a hard task it is, when this country could scarcely keep its Dohenys from gobbling up the naval oil reserves. But Mexico is exceedingly unfortunate in choosing to antagonize Uncle Sam in the matter of the Nicaraguan presidency, however honest it may be in its opinion that Sarcasa is the constitutional president. It rubs the fur the wrong way, and there is, to manifestly, a party in this country who would willingly see this government dominate Mexico for the sake of the pickings they could get from the rich resources of that country.

But few, however pacific, will criticize President Coolidge for standing his grounds and not only protecting American property in Nicaragua, but preventing the government recognized by his government from being superseded by one aided and abetted by Mexico.

It is an unfortunate situation all round.

And in China a situation has developed that is endangering lives of foreigners, including Americans. For years that big country has been split into warring factions. The so-called Cantonese faction is now in the ascendancy, and it has been the boast of that faction that it would unify China and drive the foreigners from the concessions forced from China many years ago. Hankow is a British city, ruled absolutely by Great Britain, though an integral part of the Chinese territory. The success of the Cantonese arms encouraged the Chinese residents to undertake to drive the foreigners from Hankow. Riots prevailed. The English in great numbers fled to Shanghai. The rage of the Chinese against foreigners is spreading and British and American missionaries are endangered. War ships are reported as ordered to China to protect American lives.

Sooner or later justice will be done. China and she will be left to work out her own political salvation. So long as the foreign powers retain the forced concessions, so long as foreigners may not be tried in Chinese courts of law for alleged offences, and so long as foreign powers dictate the old country's revenue laws and dominate its finances, there will be agitation against every foreign element.

### COURT NEXT WEEK

Court begins next Monday, Judge W. C. Harris presiding. Judge Harris succeeds Judge Calvert, having won over him in the primary last June. For a number of years he has been judge of the Raleigh recorder's court and has won an enviable reputation. The docket for the term appears in this issue of the Record.

### NEW ELAM NEWS

Mrs. Burt Stone died at her home in Cary Wednesday and was laid to rest in the cemetery Thursday. She was forty-four years of age. She leaves her husband, Mr. Osa Stone, and six children, the youngest being four years old, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trotter. Miss Hilda Lasater and Mrs. Bettie Aumann attended the funeral.

Mr. Water Trotter of Ashboro last week visited his brother Mr. Lacy Trotter.

Mrs. Dewey Smith and little son David of Raleigh spent last week with her grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Puryear.

Mr. Bailey Sturdivant has accepted the position as clerk for Mr. O. M. Poe in Pittsboro.

While cutting wood January 5th Mr. M. Goodwin had the misfortune of cutting his leg. He immediately went to Dr. Cathell at Moncure, where a few stitches were taken and the wound dressed. Now he is getting along fine, and we are glad to state.

Mr. E. T. Mann and family of Broadway have moved into the home where Mr. Wade Speagle has been residing. Mr. Speagle and family have moved to Berry Oaks.

Mr. Clarence Parrish has gone to Durham where we understand he will spend the remainder of the winter.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Will Burke of Haywood who passed away Saturday. Mr. Burke and family a few years ago lived in our midst and he was a teacher at New Elam Sunday School. He was an honest, intelligent man. He leaves a wife and three children, Carey Burke, Mrs. Dewey Olinger, and John Burke. The last two reside in Florida. They have the sympathy of this section in this their dark hour.

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson were expecting to go to Durham Sunday to celebrate Mrs. Johnson's birthday anniversary. Mrs. Johnson is 78 years old.

### MERRY OAKS NEWS

Miss Mary Cotten spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. O. C. Horner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Speagle have moved into the Bank. We are very glad to have them in Merry Oaks.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Lloyd Hipp is confined to his bed at this writing. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Mandie Mann and Miss Dora Holt of near New Elam church spent Tuesday night with Miss Leonie Holt.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. S. E. Holt who has been on the sick list for several weeks is not much improved.

On account of the weather being so bad Rev. J. Fuller Johnson was not present to fill his regular appointment at Christian Chapel Sunday.

### THE SNOW

Snow covered the larger part of North Carolina from one to twelve inches in depth Monday. It was twelve inches at Greensboro; six at Pittsboro; one at Gastonia; two at Kinston. It was altogether of the flaky variety. The weather was moderate and very little discomfort was caused by the unusual fall. Tuesday came in fair and moderate in temperature. The one hope is that the beautiful will go before a freeze comes. While it was snowing here, New England suffered weather below zero.

### THE RIDDLE MACHINE SHOP NOW READY FOR BUSINESS

Mr. C. M. Richardson, the master mechanic who is to have charge of the Alex Riddle Iron Works here, arrived Monday. He is welcome, for we are needing him. That strain in the press that has caused one breakage after another, maybe, can be corrected now that we have a mechanic on the ground. But we shall get out only a four-page paper this week, thus saving half the press work and giving time for the welding apparatus to be got in fix. One little piece broken can do lots of damage in this shop and in many a shop in this section, and the Record and others rejoice that Pittsboro is to have a real machine shop, one that can handle anything from boilers down. Many an old automobile radiator, too, ought to visit that shop, as soldering will be one of the shop's operations. In fact, it will surprise you to see some of the machines the Riddle Company have installed. There is one machine there that goes into the thousands in value.

### How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

### "FEELING BLUE"

TO "FEEL BLUE" is to be depressed and unhappy, sick at heart. And it is in the words "sick at heart" that we find the thread which leads us to the origin and justification for the popular use in this manner of the word "blue."

When people are physically sick they are usually pale; and in an extremity of weakness and debility the skin and the lips, particularly the latter, take on a bluish tinge. Frequently we hear the term used in a case of great cold, as "She is frozen blue." And it is to this connection of physical sickness that the phrase "feeling blue" is traced which describes mental or "heart" sickness.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### WHAT THE LEGISLATURE HAS DONE THE PAST WEEK

Speaker Fountain was generous to his two opponents for the speakership, assigning H. G. Connor to the chairmanship of the committee on education, and Nat Townsend to membership on the finance committee, though the chairmanship which Townsend had formerly held went to Representative Graham of Alamance.

"Pete" Murphy, for a quarter of a century a leader in the house, has been moping, apparently out of sympathy with Governor McLean's administration. As a member of the budget committee, which had the task of studying the needs of the various institutions and departments of the state, he failed to attend the meetings of the committee. In his attitude of hostility to the Governor's plans he seems rather lonesome.

Governor McLean presented the budget committee's recommendations on Friday. It was a huge document and represented an immense amount of work on the part of the committee. The requests of the various schools and other institutions had been scaled down to the extent of nearly two millions, and yet the recommendations are larger than appropriations for the past two years. Turlington is chairman of the appropriations committee, and it will largely depend upon him and his committee whether the appropriations as recommended by the committee shall become effective, or whether they shall be increased or decreased.

The Governor showed a balance to the credit of the state of a million and a half or more, and recommends that a million be added to the public school equalization fund, which he thinks can be done without increasing taxes for that purpose.

Very little was done during the first week besides organization and the delivery of the Governor's address and the report of the budget committee. However, several bills were put in the hopper, one requiring horse-drawn vehicles to carry tail lights at night.

For the first time in the history of the state, probably, the revenue and appropriations bills were introduced in the first week of the assembly. These bills are prepared under a recent law by the budget committee under the direction of the Governor, and consequently were ready for early introduction. Hitherto, the committees

of the two houses had to make a study of the needs of the various departments and the possible sources of income before the bills could begin to come into shape. The last week was more apt to see their introduction than the first. They were introduced into the Senate Monday by Senator Pat Williams of Pasquotank.

The House had only a twenty-minute session Monday evening but saw 19 bills go into the hopper. One of them was to prevent the use of the names of Denominational colleges in connection with dances. There are some folk who think that the highest compliment to be paid anybody from anywhere is to give a dance in his honor. The bill introduced by Harry Nettles of Asheville, a grandson of Chatham is to check such associations as have occurred when teams from Christian colleges have been thus "honored" in communities in which they have gone to play or give a concert. The publicity evidently does not set well with the colleges.

In the senate W. B. Horton, brother of W. P., introduced a bill requiring all auto drivers to take out liability insurance to the extent of \$800. This is to provide damage funds in case of any accident for which the driver is accountable. Failure to have such a policy is to be interpreted as prima-facie evidence of reckless driving.

Nash of Richmond introduced a bill to authorize the Governor to appoint six emergency judges for four years, to assist the regular judges in their work. The idea is to get more judges without more solicitors. The most of the other bills were of a local character.

McNeill of Ashe county beat Senator W. P. Horton to it in introducing a bill to give North Carolina the Australian ballot, but Horton came in the same day, Tuesday, with a bill to repeal the absentee voters' law.

In the house on Tuesday Judge Winston offered a bill for a tax re-valuation and that the whole matter of valuation in the counties be put under state supervision, so as to insure a greater uniformity. Bills were offered to make the roads safer. Another bill for additional judges, four, was introduced. The hopper is being loaded, but there is not much grist yet.

Above where it is stated the appropriation and tax bills were introduced, it should be the appropriations for expenses and for permanent improvements. A revenue measure has not been introduced.

### HERE'S WHAT SCHOOLS WANT AND WHAT THEY'LL LIKELY GET

The following figures on the maintenance of the leading educational institutions are taken from Governor McLean's budget statement No. 4:

Institution	1926-27	Requested	Recommended	1927-28	1928-29
University	\$780,000	\$1,559,558	\$850,000	\$880,000	
State college	400,000	504,676	425,000	440,000	
Extension State college	175,000	175,000	177,000	175,000	
N. C. C. W.	415,000	535,000	440,000	470,000	
E. C. T. C.	157,100	230,147	165,000	200,000	
A. and T. Negro	65,000	129,778	65,000	65,000	
Cullowhee	48,500	76,415	53,000	60,000	
Appalachian	47,500	80,000	58,000	68,000	
Cherokee	25,000	39,000	28,000	28,000	
Winston-Salem (Negro)	42,500	64,000	45,000	50,000	
Elizabeth City (Negro)	36,000	43,000	33,000	38,000	
Fayetteville (Negro)	34,800	56,245	36,500	40,000	
N. C. C. Negro, Durham	30,000	60,180	35,000	45,000	

Under the heading of permanent improvements the budget commission recommends that the university get \$1,220,000; State college, \$580,000; N. C. C. W., \$820,000; E. C. T. C., \$280,000; A. and T. college, \$40,000; Cullowhee, \$230,000; Appalachian, \$100,000; Winston-Salem Negro normal, \$55,000; Elizabeth City Negro normal, \$10,000; Fayetteville Negro normal, \$20,000, and the North Carolina College for Negroes, \$200,000.

### BELL'S NEWS

The teachers and students of Bell's High School are glad to have Mr. Grigg, the principal with them after an attack of appendicitis.

Mr. Arthur McCoy, a well known citizen of Bell's Community passed away January 2nd. He was a member of the first committee of Bell's School. He was also a deacon of the Bell's Baptist church. Mr. McCoy had suffered only a few days from pneumonia when the end came. He leaves a wife and two sons, Messrs. Garland and Dennis McCoy.

The pastor, E. B. Booker, and Rev. Sears conducted the funeral at Bell's church, after which the interment took place.

Mrs. Mary Beckwith of Apex Route 3 is seriously ill. She has been unable to walk for three years. Mrs. Beckwith is eighty-seven years of age.

Miss Chambers spent the Christmas holidays visiting relatives in Person county.

Miss Jeneverette Seymour, a former student of Bell's, spent the holidays with her friends and relatives. Miss Seymour is now a student of the Goldsboro high school.

County Superintendent W. R. Thompson visited Bell's school Thursday.

### RECEIVERS APPOINTED

Permanent receivers were appointed at Lillington Tuesday for the Moncure Mill and Gin Company. They are Mr. J. L. Griffin of Pittsboro and D. C. Holler of Sanford. Mr. Wade Barber was temporary receiver.

### THE MONCURE P. T. A.

The regular monthly meeting of the Moncure parent-teacher association was held Friday evening, January 7, with Mrs. W. T. Utley presiding.

A prize was to be awarded to the room having the largest percentage of parents present. The eighth and ninth grades tied.

The grade mothers were appointed by the president and teachers for the various grades.

At the close of the business session, Hon. Walter D. Siler made an interesting and instructive talk on "The Beginnings of Chatham County." He showed the great part Chatham county had played in making the state's history. Since Chatham county is not a manufacturing center, the people have always lived close to nature, declared the speaker. Hence they are a fearless, God-loving people. They have always stood for law and order and are interested in education. As a challenge to us, he said: "Why should not we live and act as to make ourselves worthy of our ancestors."

The next meeting will be held February 11. All members are urged to be present, and all who have not joined are urged to come and cast their lots with us and help make the organization one that is worthwhile. It is the aim to have a good program at each meeting.

Mr. William Hunt, who recently finished his course at the University specializing in accounting, has accepted a position in Charlotte.

### BANK AT SANFORD FORCED TO CLOSE

Banking Loan and Trust Company in hands of examiners—plans to liquidate.

Sanford, Jan. 10.—The Banking Loan and Trust Company, of this city, failed to open its doors for business today and is in charge of John Mitchell, chief state bank examiner. Slow paper, together with heavy withdrawals for several days, placed the bank in the position of being unable to meet its demands. Conferences were held Sunday between the examiner, officers of the Page Trust company and citizens of the city, looking to arrangements by which the Page Trust company will take over the assets and liquidate the institution.

At a meeting Sunday evening, the sum of \$50,000 was quickly guaranteed by the citizens and it is expected that a plan of liquidation will be completed in a few days. The splendid spirit shown by the citizens and depositors is causing much favorable comment. Many who were not interested as stockholders or depositors readily signed the guarantee. The last statement of the bank showed deposits of approximately \$500,000.00 capital \$37,000.00 and total resources of about \$70,000.00. The officers were J. W. Cunningham, president, and R. H. Cunningham, assistant cashier.

### PLANS FOR 1927

(By County Agent Shiver)

In planning an agricultural program of work for Chatham county for the year 1927, the County Agent is asking that every farmer who has any idea as to the agricultural projects needed in his community will get in touch with him. In what way, if the response to this article is large enough, an agricultural program of work, carrying different projects needed for different communities can be carried out in every community of the county. An agricultural program of work, in order to be really helpful to a county, must reach all parts of the county. There are some parts of the county in which the Agent has done very little work, and it is especially hoped that farmers in these communities will communicate and advise with him, in order to find the things really needed in their communities, and to assist in carrying them out during the coming year. Below are some projects that can be carried out in every community. Read them over, and see which ones apply to your community.

1. Soil Building.
  - a. Improvement of soil through the growing and turning under of cover crops and legumes, rye, oats, soy beans and clover, etc.
  - b. Use of lime.
  - c. Use of larger amounts of higher analysis fertilizers per acre. Soil fertilizer tests in order to determine which fertilizers are best for particular soils. Terracing Demonstration.
2. Crops.
  - a. Variety tests of soy beans in order to determine which varieties of soy beans are best adapted to this county.
  - b. The use of standard, purebred strains of cotton. Variety tests of cotton.
  - c. Install cotton seed cleaners in gins of the county, in order to select superior strains of cotton seed for planting.
  - d. Use of Magnesium Limestone for tobacco sandrows.
  - e. Treatment of tobacco seed to prevent diseases. Hold meetings, in order to discuss these diseases and methods of prevention.
3. Livestock.
  - a. Replace scrub bulls with purebreds.
  - b. Introduce more good grade milk cows.
  - c. Establish milk depot at Siler City, for the purpose of providing a market for whole milk for this county.
  - e. The use of cheaper and better feeds for dairy cows.
  - f. Car lot shipments of Poultry.
  - g. Culling Demonstrations in as many communities as possible.
  - h. Better houses and feeds for farm flocks, better stock and prevention of poultry diseases.
  - i. Hog feeding demonstration, showing methods of growing porkers cheaper and more efficiently.
  - j. Marketing hogs.
  4. Marketing.
    - a. Purchase of cheap government explosive, for stump blowing, etc.
    - b. Cooperative purchase of Soy Beans, clover seeds, vetch, etc.
    - c. Better marketing of farm products from this county, through the production of standard products of better quality.

The above article can be clipped out and mailed to the County Agent, after having checked the projects needed with a pencil, and accompanied with your name and address.

N. C. SHIVER, County Agent

### JAILED FOR FATAL SHOOTING

James Martindale, 17-Year Youth, in Jail for Killing Lewis Tillman—Claimed Accidental.

James Martindale, a youth of seventeen, is held in jail here on the charge of killing Lewis Tillman near Carbondon Saturday. The young man claims that he did not know that anybody had been killed till he was arrested Sunday. He says that he was hunting birds and shot down the road. But it is stated that the road is clear and a straight stretch at the point where young Tillman was found dead. No ill feeling is known to exist between the young men.

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

### MAKE-BELIEVE WHISKERS

FROM the famous museum of the University of Pennsylvania comes the news of the discovery of the oldest portrait of a human being in the form of a picture of Ibi-Sin, the last king of Ur, known to Bible students as Ur of the Chaldees.

The interesting thing about this portrait is that the ancient king is shown smooth shaven, while almost every other portrait of the prehistoric rulers shows them with a prodigious display of whiskers.

The official explanation of this kingly fashion of beards is that the gods of those ancient times were all conceived of and pictured as wearing long beards, and the rulers, in order to inspire in their subjects and for themselves a veneration approaching that bestowed on deity, decreed that all reproductions of their countenances should be clothed with imposing beards.

The make-believe tendency of the human mind has always been to impress the unknowing with a false appraisal.

The poor girl buys and wears a rabbit or cat-skin coat dyed a beautiful brown in the hope that the passer-by will think it originally was worn by a sportive seal.

The rich man goes to the opera and suffers through an evening of music which he does not understand nor enjoy in order that he may impress some of his friends with the idea that he has reached the point in culture where arias and cadenzas, tempo and phrasing mean something definite to his dollar-filled mind.

We all of us indulge ourselves to a greater or less extent in make-believe. We all wear some kind of whiskers to make ourselves look like what we are not. But sooner or later we are all found out.

The Chaldean king ruled more than four thousand years ago, but at last we know that his face was smooth and that his whiskered presentment, if he ever copied the custom of his times, was for the purpose of making people believe him to be what he really was not.

We all of us show our real selves sooner or later. The veneer which we put on cracks and the real thing that is underneath shows through.

What we should have done was not to cover up that of which we were ashamed with an imitation of something better. We should have made the thing underneath into a reality of which we had reason to be proud. Making believe doesn't pay. It didn't pay the king of Ur. It will not pay you.

Shakespeare, who wrote wisely on more subjects than any other writer of all time, put the thought of personal honesty and individual frankness into the mouth of Polonius in words that should be a part of the daily creed of every man, woman and child: This above all—To thine own self be true.

And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man.

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### John Paul Jones

John Paul had a reason for not communicating to his family or making public why he took the name Jones; so to account for it, the imagined incident of a planter by the name of Jones making William Paul his heir was invented. There was no such planter. William Paul lived and died William Paul and by his will left his property to his sister (his will being recorded at Fredericksburg, Va., where William lived). John Paul assumed the name of Jones before he came to Virginia in 1773.—Patterson Magazine.

### MRS. J. R. THOMAS DEAD

Her friends regret exceedingly to learn of the death of Mrs. J. R. Thomas of Oakland township, which occurred Monday afternoon at 4:30 after only five days' illness with bacterial pneumonia.

The burial took place Wednesday noon at Chatham church. Revs. R. R. Gordon and C. M. Lance conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Thomas was before marriage Miss Fannie Knight, a daughter of the late Neil Knight. She was in her seventy-sixth year. She has not been entirely well for more than thirty years, but her indomitable energy and vitality carried her through to a goodly age.

She had been a member of Center Grove Christian church for many years, and was a faithful member, though she has not been able to attend church in several years.

She married Mr. J. R. Thomas forty years ago last March. Besides her devoted husband she leaves one son, Frank B. and Mrs. J. M. McIver, of Pittsboro, R. 3.

A good woman has gone but it is felt that she has gone to receive the award for a well spent life.