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COMMISSIONERS HAVE BUSY DAY

Road Machinery Bought—Rigsbee Made County Accountant—Tax Assessor Chosen.

Monday was a busy day with the county commissioners, in addition to the regular routine, paying bills for a purchase of several road machines was scheduled for the day, and the law required the appointment of a county accountant and a county tax assessor under the recent enactment controlling county tax affairs and finances in general.

A half dozen representatives of machinery companies were here, each being given an opportunity to present the merits of his machines. It was rather restless and noisy, but the purchase of the machines was meant considerable to each representative. Mr. Adams had a small moving picture outfit to display his machine in operation, and later when the bunch were gathered near the court house, awaiting the eventful decision, Deputy Cal. Desern, prepared for the occasion by the other fellows, came up and solemnly began to read a warrant for Adams on the charge of "operating a moving picture outfit" without license. The joke went well, but Adams got it back in full measure when it was determined by the board to buy two of his caterpillar tractors at a cost of a few hundred dollars less than \$5,000. Mr. Underwood, representing a Greensboro concern, got the other plum, the sale of two road machines worth about \$1,500.

The contracts, we understand, have been made, but the Record is not informed how the purchases are to be financed. The four machines come to about \$9,000.00.

Rigsbee Accountant.

As almost sure to happen because of his complete fitness for the task and because of the inavailability of any other thoroughly equipped applicant, Mr. T. N. Rigsbee was appointed county accountant, and at the moderate salary of \$1,800.00 a year.

A perusal of the law designating the duties of the accountant shows that Mr. Rigsbee's job will be anything but a sinecure. It is a man's job, but Rigsbee has already proven himself equal to the occasion.

We were about to undertake to name the duties of the new official, but it will take a copy of the law to indicate the variety and extent of them. If you think that he is getting too much pay, read the law and ask yourself how many men you know who can do the work imposed upon the accountant. We know of no other county getting such a man for such a price. Sampson paid its auditor for doing no more, if as much, \$2,500.00 a year.

The Tax Assessor.

The new law also requires the appointment of a county tax assessor, who shall be in charge of the new assessment in the county. Township assessors will be appointed, but the county assessor will have supervision of their work, as this writer understands it.

The appointment of these two new officers was not made till Tuesday, which proved a second busy day for the board. Mr. Rigsbee was chosen in the morning, but when this letter was mailed to the printer at 3:30 Tuesday the difficulty was finding a competent man who would accept the job at the legal rate of a minimum of \$4.00 and a maximum of \$8.00 a day, for April and May.

J. S. Wrenn of Siler City, elected Tax Collector.

Figure This Out

An actor famous for his Krs. Was socked in the eye by his Mrs. He groaned aloud When he faced the crowd For instead of applause he got hrs.

Swindlers Working In Chatham County

People should be on their guard. Swindlers have been in the county pretending to be eye specialists. Mr. B. W. Mann, aged 80, was victimized a few days ago. A suave visitor came to his home in Baldwin township, representing himself as a government agent who is examining eyes free of charge. Mr. Mann consented to have his examined, and the "expert" quickly declared that he was about to go blind in one eye, and should go to Johns Hopkins hospital or some other hospital for an operation. When the possibilities of such a trip had been discussed, the "expert" stated that he had out in his car one of the Johns Hopkins surgeons who had been over in Hickory Mountain township to treat a Mrs. Campbell, and suggested the possibility of getting him to treat the eye while there. The "surgeon" was called in and consented to give the treatment for \$200. Finally, he was "jewed" down to fifty dollars. But Mr. Mann had only \$25 in the house. He accordingly paid that and gave a check for the other \$25. A treatment or "remedy" was left and the two scoundrels rode away.

As soon as Mr. Mann's son, Mr. J. W. Mann, was told about it, he had payment on the \$25.00 check stopped at the bank on which it was drawn, but in all probability the rogues had already cashed it, thus cheating some other innocent party.

Primary Grades Give Program

One of the best prepared and most pleasurable programs of the school season was presented Friday evening by the first, second and third grades. The little ones put themselves into their parts with such earnestness and apparent pleasure that they quite delighted their audience. Each number of the program, which follows, deserves special praise. Welcome song, second and third grades, Minuet by twelve children of the first grade; Duet, James Bryant and Helen Boone; Sun Flower drill by second and third grades; mari-onet show of Red Riding Hood, by third grade. The pretty costumes showed that much work had been expended in their preparation.

This enjoyable program was arranged by Mesdames J. S. Waters, E. E. Williams and Miss Bertha Jones.

A beautiful embroidered bed spread presented to the first grade by its grade mother, Mrs. Clinton Bryant, was sold at auction.

The funds received at the door will be spent for a library for the primary grades. This was given under the auspices of the P. T. A. and amounted to about \$21.00.

More Robbing

Our New Elam, correspondent reports another robbery of Mr. W. M. Goodwin's store. She thinks it is "some one familiar with the surroundings," and assuredly the fellow must be familiar with them after breaking into that store so many times. We have been told that E. H. Holt, a youth who was convicted in Alamance county of stealing and sent to the chaingang, from which he scooted after a half-day, has been suspected of being the culprit in the frequent robberies of the Goodwin and Moses stores. But Holt has given himself up and has been returned to the Alamance chaingang. Consequently, if it wasn't he, the outcome should prove it.

GEORGE BOLLING DEAD.

Mr. George Bolling, an aged citizen of the Seaforth section of New Hope township, died Sunday evening and was buried at Bell's Monday afternoon. He leaves a widow and two children, one son, Mr. Dorsey Bolling and a daughter, Mrs. P. Howard. He was about seventy years of age.

MONCURE NEWS

Miss Catherine, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas, after spending her spring holidays at home, returned to the State Teachers' College, Fredericksburg, Va., last Wednesday to resume her work for the spring holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Thomas, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thomas, of Greensboro College For Women, reached home for her spring holidays last Friday.

Mrs. C. C. Thomas and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, left Saturday for Fredericksburg, Va., where they spent the week-end with her daughter, Miss Catherine. They returned home Monday and reported a most pleasant trip.

Miss Mary Womble, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Womble, of Greensboro College for Women, is also at home spending the spring holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Lance and little daughter, Sarah, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Womble last Saturday night.

Mr. F. M. Hilliard of Georgia, brother of Mr. V. H. Hilliard, is making his headquarters here, representing the Monument Works.

The entertainment given by the sixth grade at the school auditorium last Friday evening was enjoyed by the large crowd present. Miss Virginia Cathell is the teacher of this grade.

Miss Lillie Hackney spent last week at Aberdeen with Miss Elizabeth Farrell, who has a position there with the Page Trust Co.

We are glad that Deputy Will Utley is able to be at home again. He will attend court at Sanford this week during the trial of the bandits who shot him.

Prof. and Mrs. Clarence Stroud of Greensboro, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Womble last week.

Smith & Williams, Carolina's entertainers featuring Rusty Williams, Blackface comedian, presented "College Days" at the school auditorium Tuesday evening, April 5th.

Rev. Jesse Blalock, of Aberdeen, preached two excellent sermons at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Miss Pauline Brown and Mabel Meredith, students of the training class of Pittsboro school, are stopping at Mrs. J. R. Ray's this week while observing grade work in Moncure school. Miss Brown is observing and teaching the sixth grade which is under Miss Virginia Cathell and Miss Meredith is observing and teaching the second and third grades, which are under Miss Effie Thomas.

Prof. H. G. Self held an interesting Epworth League service at the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The subject was, "Simple Trust Rather Than Ritual and Sacrifice."

Miss Lucile Brady of Louisburg College, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brady, is at home spending the spring holidays.

Messrs. Jennings Womble and Sam Crutchfield of Elon College, spent the week-end at home with parents.

Dynamite Caps

Proving Dangerous

It seems strange that within 4 days two negro girls should seriously injure their hands by fooling with dynamite caps. One day last week a daughter of Bud Womble was picking at one when it exploded and blew her hand to pieces, necessitating amputation. Dr. Chapin gave first aid and sent her on to the hospital for the more serious operation.

Sunday afternoon a daughter of John Rogers had a cap in his hand when it exploded and blew off part of one finger.

GOOD S. S. CONVENTION

The S. S. convention of the Mount Zion Baptist Association met two days last week with Olive Chapel church, on the Wake-Chatham line. A large crowd was in attendance, including several prominent denominational workers, and the session is reported interesting and profitable.

GOLDSTON NEWS

Misses Margaret Goldston, of Louisburg College, and Louise Ellis of N.C.C.W. are at their homes enjoying the spring holidays.

Mr. Manly Oldham, of State College, spent the week-end at home.

The honor roll pupils for the month of March are the following: Elizabeth Hester, tenth grade; Kathryn Barker, Verna Stout, Margaret Watson, Elva Johnson, Glenn Phillips, Claude Johnson, seventh grade; Estelle Stinson, fifth grade; Herbert C. Watson; third grade; Teddy Moffitt, Casey Hilliard, Mary Erma Rives, Elizabeth Cheek.

The fifth and sixth grades won the half-holiday for last month for having the least number of absences and tardies.

The fifth and sixth grades have most completed working out the wheat project, from seed to flour. It is on exhibit in their room, and they would like for visitors to see what has been done.

Misses Louise Brooks and Mary Alice Hall, members of the teachers training class at Pittsboro, are observing and doing some teaching in the first four grades.

Dr. Eugene Burns left last Friday on a business trip to New York.

MERRY OAKS

Miss Thelma Auman of Merry Oaks spent the week-end with her parents of West End.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cass and Miss Pansy Speagle of Winston-Salem, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Speagle.

We are very sorry to state that Mr. T. H. Windham is back in bed again with a backset of flu.

Miss Dora Holt spent Saturday night with Miss Leona Holt, of Merry Oaks.

Mrs. H. H. Cotton and Mrs. D. C. Horner went to Sanford Friday shopping.

Miss Esther Partin spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Ben Jones.

Johnny Rebs Gone To Tampa Reunion

The thin gray lines are once more in array. From every quarter of the country the remnants of the unconquerable regiments of the sixties by ones, twos, and threes have clumsily climbed upon the cars and headed toward Tampa, Fla., where the reunion is in progress. Col. J. Dan Dorsett was active in securing passage for the Chatham county contingent, which began to leave as early as Saturday. The Chatham contingent includes veterans J. Teague, Dr. Edwards, S. P. Teague, John R. Bright, also V. M. Dorsett, Dewey Dorsett, J. W. Emerson, H. G. Dorsett, and possibly others. Col. J. Dan was going by Salisbury, where he would visit relatives, and Mr. Teague by Fairmont to see his son, who is principal of the Fairmont school.

N. M. Brewer Dead

Mr. N. M. Brewer, a highly respected citizen of the Fall's Creek community, of Bear Creek township, died on March 31, and was buried April 2, the sixteenth anniversary of his wife's death. The funeral services were conducted by Revs. J. C. Kidd and Humble. Mr. Brewer was 65 years of age. He was a cousin of Mr. Geo. W. Brewer of Pittsboro.

Club Notes

Club activities this week will be centered largely in making preparations for the coming of Mrs. R. F. Perdue, director-president, and Mesdames, E. E. Randolph, T. W. Bickett and Palmer Jerman on April 8th at two thirty o'clock.

The regular club meeting will be held Wednesday in the club room at three-thirty o'clock, April the 6th.

Daughters Enjoy Raleigh Meeting

About a score of the members of the Winnie Davis Chapter of the U.D.C. hied away to Raleigh one day last week to attend the district meeting of the organization. The delegation was composed of the following named ladies: Mesdames H. A. London, A. C. Ray, J. M. Gregory, J. L. Griffin, W. H. Hunt, Jeter Griffin, W. D. Siler, F. C. Mann, R. G. Shannonhouse, V. R. Johnson, H. D. Gunter, O. J. Peterson, McGhee, R. H. Hayes, Millikan, E. B. Hatch, Miss Carrie Jackson, and the Misses Clegg. As there were only about a hundred in attendance, it is clear that the Pittsboro delegation was prominent not only for its distinguished members but for its size.

The ladies returned triumphant, reporting the bestest time you ever heard of. Not only was the meeting enjoyable, but also Mrs. McLean gave them the most beautiful and hospitable reception at the Governor's Mansion, which, in fact, has been pronounced one of the most charming of the chief lady's social function during her occupancy of the mansion. In the receiving line at this reception, were Mrs. H. A. London, Mrs. J. H. Anderson, and Mrs. H. M. London, all prominent in the U.D.C. work.

The introduction of a resolution by Mrs. H. A. London thanking the legislature for its generosity to the old Confederates gave the members occasion to laud Mrs. London herself for her part in securing the liberal appropriations for the old men who as boys fought the battles of the Confederacy.

Principal Nolan Goes to Old Fort

Mr. A. V. Nolan, who has successfully conducted the Pittsboro school the past three sessions, has resigned the principalship, and has accepted that of the school at Old Fort, in the western part of the state.

It is with regret that his many friends see Mr. Nolan leave Pittsboro. He has conducted the school with a minimum amount of friction, has been friendly to everybody, helpful in church and community work, and in every way has promoted the school and community interests. Mrs. Nolan has also made many friends who will regret to see her leave Pittsboro.

Old Fort is a larger town than Pittsboro, has a larger school, with a nine-months term, and the salary is more attractive. Moreover, the new location is only two hours' ride to the old homes of both Mr. and Mrs. Nolan.

This department secured Dr. Poteat, who gave a most enjoyable lecture-musical, considered a rare musical treat by the lovers of music in the town. We have responded to all calls for social music, furnishing same on the 4th of July celebration; in the play, "Why the Chimes Rang," at the Christmas tree given to the health department and at the flag raising of the civic department, besides giving two programs before the club.

A tombstone suitably inscribed has been presented to the school to be used by some worthy pupil. We have also furnished a part time scholarship to a pupil in expression.

At the annual bazaar the music department's receipts were \$41.00, this being the largest amount ever raised by any one booth.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the music department was the community sing given on December 26th, on the court house square. For weeks the carols were practiced and on the evening of the 26th, with violin accompaniment and under the beams of a large electrically lighted star more than a hundred voices sang the beautiful Christmas Carols to a large audience that completely filled the front square and adjacent streets.

This department was instrumental in securing the services of Mrs. Leavitt as teacher of expression in the school. We have also furnished musical dates to the teachers in the high school and have through one of the members, presented the life of certain composers, with his best known composition.

The music department has a scrap book to fill with musical notes of interest.

We will raise our part for the club piano and stand ready at all times to aid our club in any way possible.

A SURPRISE DINNER.

A large crowd of relatives and friends surprised Mrs. J. M. Farrell Sunday with a big dinner on the occasion of her 61st birthday. It was a pleasant occasion and Bob Farrell says it was some dinner.

County-Wide Plan To Be Explained

Meeting at Pittsboro Friday Night to Hear Discussion of School Election

There will be a meeting held here tomorrow evening (Friday) to hear a discussion of the subject of the election for a county-wide school plan recently called by the county commissioners, and to be held a few weeks hence.

Mrs. Bickett, widow of the former governor, will be here and she and Supt. Thompson, Hon. D. L. Bell, and others will explain the county-wide plan.

The public is invited to attend this meeting, and as a fit preparation the call for the election appearing in this paper should be read.

REPORT OF WORK OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR

The music department of the woman's club of Pittsboro, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Victor R. Johnson, submits the following report of work from May 1926, to April, 1927:

Meetings have been held regularly each month. The business part of the program being conducted systematically, following which, entertaining and instructive musical programs have been rendered consisting of vital topics on music, instrumental solos, and duets, and vocal solos. There has been splendid attendance at each meeting.

The music department has realized the following on the occasions stated:

Balance brought forward, \$1.97; Poteat's recital, \$52.75; Bazaar, \$41.00; Balance from dishes, 72c; collected from piano, \$18.00; proceeds from Mrs. Leavitt's play, \$10.01.

Seven new members have been enrolled.

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NEW ELAM NEWS

Robbers seem to be plentiful these days, especially at some places. It will be remembered Mr. W. M. Goodwin's store has been broken into by thieves several times during the last few months and his residence was entered one time and a few things stolen, including some money. Wednesday night his store was again visited by an unknown party. A blood-hound was brought from Raeford Thursday morning to the scene but no one was caught. They entered this time by prizing the iron bar open wide enough to go through one of the glass windows. They have broken in different ways and there is never much sign of their having a hard time getting in, although the store appears to be fastened as securely as Mr. Goodwin knows how. We do not know who this is, but one thing we are sure of they are familiar with the surroundings and get wise to all plans.

Mrs. Bettie Goodwin, A. M. Goodwin and Miss Mary Lee Mann spent the week-end in Raleigh.

Mrs. W. A. Drake and Miss Mary Webster spent last week with relatives in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thomas of Siler City, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Mann.

Mr. Glenn Tysinger of Lexington, spent the week-end in our midst. Glenn once made his home in this section and hasn't forgotten all of the "folks".

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trotter spent the week-end with relatives in Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Famous M. Mann, of Raleigh, were Sunday guests of Mr. W. T. Mann.

At Christian Endeavor Sunday night Miss Rennie Webster was leader. Scripture passages were from James and John. Christianity was the subject. Our president made a very interesting talk as well as those on the program.

W. M. U. WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Pittsboro Baptist church observed last week as their annual week of prayer. Each meeting was well attended and the work of the home board was studied. It is certain that those who attended the meetings feel a deeper interest in the home board's work and desire to keep in closer touch with it and do more this year than ever before.

The ladies' invited the men and the young folk of the church to be with them on Friday evening. After the program, a social hour was spent in the Sunday school rooms, where sandwiches and hot coffee were served.

LOST STORE BY FIRE.

Mr. Lonnie Mills, formerly a resident of this county and a brother of Mr. John B. Mills of New Hope township, had the misfortune to lose his store at Apex by fire a few days ago. The loss was severe, Mr. Mills is at present carrying the mail on Apex route 3, and his friends on that route hope that he may receive the appointment as carrier since the former carrier has resigned.

THOMPSON AGAIN

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

The board of education, in session Monday, re-elected Reed S. Thompson as county superintendent of schools for this county. Mr. Thompson has been superintendent since soon after his return from the army.

The talk about President Coolidge's arm being lame from hand-shaking has recalled to a Pittsboro lady the days of her mischievous girlhood, when at a reception given President Cleveland she dropped into line time after time and shook th Honorable Grover's hand a half-dozen times or more.

Mother—So Trying

Mother—And what did you learn in school today, dear?
Ruthie—Oh, mother, I don't have to educate you all over again, do I?