

NEW OFFICERS OF LEE COUNTY TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE

Clerk of the Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, County Commissioners and Other Officers Qualify and Assume the Duties of Their Offices — In Their Plan to Reduce Overhead Expenses Commissioners Reduce Some Salaries 10 Per Cent, But No One Declined the Office on Account of This — T. F. Matthews Made Chairman of the Board of Commissioners — Commissioners to Meet Again Next Monday to Finish the Work.

The Lee county courthouse was set on Monday and Tuesday when county officials were inducted into a new administration. Monday was of two-fold importance as it was the first day of a new month and the first day of a new term. The formal induction into office of the various officials interrupted regular work because most of the incumbents were re-elected last month. The county commissioners were able to continue their work as before since only two new members, K. E. Seymour and J. A. Dalrymple were placed on the board. D. C. Lawrence, who was nominated at the June primary, was appointed on the board a few months ago to succeed J. U. Gunter resigned. As it stands to-day the board is as follows: T. F. Matthews, who was made chairman Monday, B. G. Kelly, D. C. Lawrence, J. A. Dalrymple and K. E. Seymour. They were administered the oath of office by Clerk of the Court, Gunter Watson. The following other officers were sworn in by him: A. R. Rives as Sheriff, Jno. W. McIntosh as Registrar of Deeds, Dr. J. F. Foster as Coroner. Clerk of the Court Watson took the oath before J. R. Rives, Esq. W. R. Williams was re-elected County Attorney. The office of County Surveyor was declared vacant as no one was elected to that office.

Two names were placed before the board for the office of County Auditor, J. M. Clark and R. H. Hunter. Upon taking a ballot it was found that Mr. Clark was elected. It was decided by the board that the salary of County Auditor be placed at \$2,500 per year, with an allowance of \$125 for expense of County Superintendent of Taxation, term of office to run for two years. The Page Trust Co. was elected financial agent for the county for another year. County Demonstration Agent E. O. McManahan was elected to that office for another year. He was also again made County Welfare Officer. The salary was placed at \$900 instead of \$1,000, which he received this year. Miss Cornelia Simpson was also elected Home Demonstration Agent at the salary she received this year. Mr. D. E. Shaw, of Broadway, who was elected a member of the County Board of Education was also present at the meeting.

The election of Solicitor of the Recorder's Court, Superintendent of Roads, and Superintendent of the County Home, was postponed until the meeting to be held next Monday. E. A. Griffin, County Tax Collector, holds over till next fall at a cut salary of 10 per cent. Before taking adjournment each commissioner was instructed to bring from his township a list of six names that will be recommended as assistant tax assessors. Messrs. Lawrence and Seymour are to get this list for West Sanford, East Sanford, Deep River and Pocket townships. Mr. J. M. Clark, County Auditor, was elected county supervisor for the county at large.

Mr. E. M. Brooks was retained by Sheriff Arthur Rives as jailor for the present. Deputy Sheriff Paul Watson took the oath and will continue to act as a deputy. Other deputies and township officers will be sworn in later.

BOYS AND GIRLS AT HOME FOR THANKSGIVING

The following boys and girls who are away at school spent the Thanksgiving at home: Meredith: Anna Rogers, Ruth Phillips, Mary Frances Underwood, Greensboro College; Martha Isonhow, Virginia Formy-Duval. E. C. T. C.: Maxine Buchanan Kings Business College, Raleigh; Juanita Moffitt, Bernice Seawell. Wake Forest: Raymond Gregson. Campbell's College: Luke Riddle, Blanton Hartness. University: Duncan St. Clair, June Gunter, Jr., Fred Ray, Lynn McIver, Joe Wilkins, June Underwood, Harold Gavin, Rosy Lazarus, Harry Frasier, Jean Lane, Fred VanSant. State: Bill Tulluck, Bill Russell, Mack Stout. Washington and Lee: R. C. Gilmore, Junior. Odell Sharpe of Raleigh, spent the holidays with Mack Stout.

SALES OF TOBACCO CLOSE TO THE 4,000,000 MARK

By the end of this week the sales on the Sanford tobacco market will have almost reached the 4,000,000 pound mark. While sales were held only three days last week 265,904 pounds were marketed at an average of \$14.00 per hundred. There were no sales Thursday and Friday on account of Thanksgiving. The sales were light Monday, due to the rain. Tuesday the sales amounted to 119,000 pounds.

Up to the close of last week the sales for the season totaled 3,498,464 pounds at an average of \$15.51 per hundred. The receipts totaled \$541,795.59. The warehouse people tell the Express that some of the planters in this section have sold very little of their crop and it is expected that there will be good breaks on the local market between now and the Christmas holidays. The warehousemen and the buyers expect to continue to handle tobacco on this market till the first of February, nearly two more months and by the close of the season it is expected that more than 5,000,000 pounds will have been sold.

WILBUR McIVER MADE SECRETARY AND BUSINESS MANAGER LEE FURNITURE CO.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Lee Furniture Company recently held in the office of the company, Mr. Wilbur McIver was elected secretary-treasurer and business manager of the company, to succeed his father, the late Lee G. McIver. Mr. McIver has taken charge and is now managing the business. He has assisted his father in handling the business for several years and is familiar with the details of the work. In fact he grew up with the business and is well qualified to handle it. He is assisted in handling it by Mr. J. R. Tally, who has been with the company several years.

W. T. HUNSUCKER DIES IN RALEIGH

Mr. W. T. Hunsucker died in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, last Sunday morning from injuries he sustained when he was struck by a street car in that city one day last week. Funeral services were held from Mitchell's Funeral Home in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon after which the remains were brought to Sanford and interred in Buffalo cemetery.

NO CHECKS FOR TAGS THIS YEEAR

As was stated in the last issue of The Express Mr. Bobby Burns will again sell State automobile license tags at his service station at Three Points this year. Sales will begin promptly on Monday, December 15th and will positively close on the 15th of January, 30 days. He will have a notary public at his office so that official papers can be made out and signed promptly so as to prevent all delays in issuing tags. No checks will be accepted and cash only pays for the tags.

Tags may be placed on cars when purchased. As was the case this year two tags will be required on motor vehicles, one in front and one behind. These tags were made in the stamping plant at the State Prison at Raleigh. They are black with yellow numerals. Small figures enclosed in a square replace the old style of letters to indicate the classification of the vehicle. This little box takes the place of the dash dividing numerals in the license number. "North Carolina—1931" is spelled out and replaces the old style of "N. C."

Sale prices of the passenger cars, motorcycles, and trailers will remain the same as this year, officials say. Passenger cars with "A" classification will sell for \$40.00; "B" classification, \$50.00; "C" classification, \$20.00; and "E" classification, \$12.50. A graduated scale of prices will be charged for trucks, depending upon the capacity, horsepower, and type of tires used on the heavy trucks.

Remember the buying period this year is only one month, 30 days. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Carson have moved to Pittsboro where Mr. Carson has charge of the Progressive Store there.

NOTED DIVINE TO VISIT SANFORD

Dr. W. A. Lambeth to Deliver an Address at Steele Street Methodist Church on Duke University Day, Thursday, December 11th, at 7:30 P. M. —Public Invited.

The alumni of Duke University are varying their usual program of celebrating the signing of the indenture of Mr. James B. Duke, wherein he created a foundation to build and support Duke University.

As this program develops it will mean more and more in the life of the state and the alumni are doing a service both to Duke and to this section in trying to bring a full understanding of the aims and hopes of this great institution.

Dr. Lambeth is one of the greatest preachers of the South and for six years was delegated to represent the Southern Methodist at Mount Vernon Methodist church at Washington. He is a man with a wealth of experience, wise knowledge, and in his life in Washington has been in close touch with the flow of events for the past six years. No one better than he could be found to interpret the influence that Duke University will exert in North Carolina and the nation.

Lee county is especially interested in the signing of the indenture because it has made possible the building and support of the County Hospital and its influence will soon be felt in the alleviation of suffering in our own county.

This will begin promptly at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, December 11th, at Steele Street Methodist church. The public is invited to hear this gifted speaker.

KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN BUSY HELPING SANTY

Old Santy talked to us over radio last night, so we talked to him over telephone today, and he told us that he was going to have to go back to the North Pole, before Christmas, to get some more toys for his children.

Little folks happy at Christmas time. He knows, that we have tried to be good this fall, so he told us a secret. "You may help me to make some of my Christmas toys." Now I shall be by for them on the 14th of December, so be sure you have them all ready. All of Santy's toys will be ready, for we are working on them every day.

Next Monday is the day we are to write our letter to Santa, he is looking for it, you know.

SANFORD MASONS TO STAGE BIG TUESDAY NIGHT

On Tuesday, December 9th, the Sanford Masonic Lodge will exemplify the third degree of Masonry in due and ancient form using the ancient Masonic ritual. The degree team will be arrayed in costume typifying the craft of the early Masonic times. This meeting portends to be the best ever enacted and several hundred people to be present. The Sanford lodge has one of the best trained masonic teams in the South and an especially trained Masonic choir will assist the degree team. The following tableau will be actively engaged in the work: King Solomon, W. H. White; Hiram, King of Tyre, E. F. Wakepeace; G. Treasurer, E. M. Underwood; G. Secretary, R. C. Rush; G. Chaplain, Rev. F. C. Hawkins; G. Tyler, S. D. Porter; G. G. Deacon, J. W. Marks; Jr.; G. Deacon, A. C. Harris; G. Organist, F. P. Strong; Sec.-Treas., J. W. Gilliam; Callers in the Temple: J. W. McIntosh and C. M. Gunn; First, second and third Rufians, W. L. McIver, W. F. Cooke, and Dr. R. O. Humphrey.

Twelve Fellowcrafts: J. E. Paradis, J. T. Smith, Dr. I. H. Lutterloh, G. W. Anderson, J. L. Sauls, Lee S. Glenn Dorsett, T. T. Hayes, F. F. Farabow, H. M. Jackson. Masonic Choir: Chas. F. Rogers, W. Lynn Jewell, D. Riddle, H. C. Renegar, T. Jarvis Brooks.

All Masons contemplating attending this meeting who have not been previously examined in the Sanford Lodge are advised to arrive at the temple before 7:30 P. M., as no examinations will be made after that time. The ritualistic work will commence at 7:45 P. M. Masons in good standing are cordially invited.

The United Bank & Trust Company is sponsoring a radio program each Friday evening between 8 and 8:30 o'clock over Station WBIG in Greensboro. This program has been enjoyed so much by this bank's host of friends that it wishes to remind its friends of the date and hour of this week's broadcast. The program this week will be furnished by Mrs. C. E. Caldwell, contralto, Mrs. Chas. Banks, pianist, and Mr. Fielding L. Fry, tenor.

LEE COUNTY RELIEF ASSOCIATION

Organized For the Purpose of Raising Funds to Carry on Charitable Work During the Christmas Holidays—A Canvas For Funds to Be Made Beginning Monday, December 8th—Large Amount of Money Needed to Meet the Needs.

The Lee County Relief Association was recently organized with the following officers: D. B. Teague, President; Mrs. Dr. C. L. Scott, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Frank R. Snipes, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Sam McEwan, Ex-Secy.; Mrs. W. W. Roberts, Co-Secy.; Finance Committee; J. W. Gilliam, R. L. Burns and A. K. Miller. Investigating committee: Dr. M. L. Matthews, Miss Ruth Gunter, Mr. E. O. McIver.

The county Welfare Officer of Lee County reports the need for relief in the county is ten times greater than it was last year or has been in any other year in recent times. This is due to widespread unemployment and crop failures and low prices of farm products.

Conditions will grow worse as winter comes on. Unless immediate and generous relief is provided and kept up during the next several months, there will be extreme want and suffering and even death from starvation and exposure in the county.

To meet these alarming conditions, the Lee County Relief Association has been formed. Its aim is to organize into one central relief body all the relief work of the county and provide for all cases of actual, deserving need. Every appeal and every case reported or learned of will be carefully investigated by an executive secretary and a special investigating committee which has been appointed for that purpose and, if found deserving, will be taken care of. A card index will be kept of each case so that there will be no duplication or imposition.

A canvass for funds will be made beginning Monday, December 8th. Every one so far as possible will be asked to contribute a large amount of money will be needed to meet the needs of the county.

Meat, canned goods, meats, dried fruits, corn, peas, potatoes and the like, will also be needed and may be donated and credited as a cash contribution.

An office and storage room has been fitted up in the basement of the Wilrik Hotel as headquarters of the Association and Mrs. Sam McEwan has been placed in charge as executive secretary. The office has been equipped with a telephone and, any one desiring information can reach her there or at her home. A sign has been placed over the office reading "Lee County Relief Association." The office is on the north side of the hotel, on Wicker Street, and can be easily located.

Conditions are undoubtedly extraordinary. Unemployment is widespread. A real emergency exists. The need is very urgent and very great. It is incumbent on those who have to share with those who have not. Religion and humanity combine in calling on our most generous impulses. The lives of men, women and little helpless children are at stake. The voice of the Master rings across the ages: "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Our slogan will be Give Generously, GIVE NOW.

D. B. TEAGUE, President

COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

The newly elected board of trustees of the Lee County Hospital, after qualifying, met here Tuesday night and organized by re-selecting Mr. J. R. Ingram chairman and Mr. G. T. Chandler, secretary. Mr. Chandler succeeds Mr. J. D. Gunter, as secretary, the latter retiring from the board. Mr. Hugh Palmer was re-elected as a new member on the board. The following members were elected a building committee: J. R. Ingram, chairman; G. T. Chandler and W. R. Hartness. By drawing the names Messrs. Kennedy and Palmer got the term of two years, Messrs. Ingram and Chandler four years, and Messrs. Jones, Hartness and Mann six years on the board.

At a recent meeting of the board of the Park Manufacturing Company, of Charlotte, was awarded the contract to furnish the elevator for the hospital. The terra cotta arrived this week and the band will at once be built around the first floor of the building. The weather permitting it is expected that the work on the walls will be pushed and finished in a few weeks. After the walls are finished and the roof put on the interior work can be carried on in bad weather.

FOR SALE—Good dry stove wood cut and ready for use. Phone 47-03. A. A. Bowers. N. 20-23.

GOOD BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR COMING YEAR

Edwards Railway Motor Company Shipping More Cars to Panama.

Mr. M. H. Newlin, secretary-treasurer of the Edwards Railway Motor Company, returned last week from Greensboro, where he took hospital treatment for a serious attack of diphtheria. While he is able to be out he is not entirely recovered from the effect of the disease, being unable to use one arm. It is thought that he will eventually recover the use of his arm.

Since returning he has inspected and shipped a new car to a railroad company in the Republic of Panama. This car was recently completed and two others will be finished and shipped to this company about the last of this month or early in the New Year. This will complete the order of seven cars made and shipped to this company this year. Mr. Newlin expects to leave in a week or two for the Republic of Panama to see about an order for another car which this company wishes to have made and shipped. He will then go to Mexico City to solicit orders.

The Express is informed by members of the Edwards Railway Motor Company that the outlook for business in their line is good for the coming year. They have on their payroll a large number of mechanics and other employees at good wages, and with the increase of business these will be increased from time to time till the plant is operated at its full capacity.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE DUCK SHOOTING

A shocking accident occurred at Lakeview on Thanksgiving Day. Three small boys about 13 years old were sitting in a boat shooting ducks at Lakeview when one of the boys, Vernon Everett, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Everett, was accidentally shot by his nephew, Howard McInnis, a boy of about the same age. The Everett boy was leaning over when the McInnis boy raised his gun to shoot at a duck. Young Everett raised his head up just as McInnis pulled the trigger and he received the full charge of shot in the top of his head and was instantly killed. The McInnis boy nearly collapsed when he saw the result of his shot.

The community is shocked at this sad accident.

FOREST FIRE ON BUCHANAN LAND

A forest fire broke out on the Buchanan land between Sanford and Colon last Friday night and before it was gotten under control it had burned over several hundred acres of land and resulted in great damage to the young forest. It is not known how the fire originated. Saturday afternoon County Fire Warden John Wickert, sent a group of men in charge of James Buchanan to fight the fire. The fire continued to spread all night despite the efforts to get it under control, and by Sunday afternoon it had spread over quite a large territory. The rain Sunday evening stopped the spread of the fire which was finally extinguished. The matter should be investigated to determine the origin of the fire and find out if possible who was responsible for it. The law prohibiting the careless handling of fire is very strict and if proven is liable to get the guilty party in trouble. The loss caused by this fire will probably mount up into the hundreds of dollars.

MISS SIMPSON WINS PREMIUM OF \$56.30 AT STATE FAIR.

Miss Cornelia Simpson, the hustling Home Demonstration Agent of Lee County, assisted with the food exhibit at the 1930 State Fair, and was awarded a premium of \$56.30. Miss Simpson, who is intensely interested in her work in this county, tells The Express that this money will be used by County Council of Farm Women for supplies for demonstrations before clubs in sixteen organized communities.

Miss Simpson seems to be in great demand not only in Lee County, but in other sections of the State where her work is known. She would be a valuable asset to any community. Her ability as an organizer and worker in her particular line of endeavor is not only recognized by State Fair people, but she has a reputation throughout the state for doing things in a large way. In her line of work with the women of the rural sections there is probably not a county in the State better organized than Lee. Every section of the county has its club and they are well attended by the women. The wives of the farmers are not only interested in everything that is done at these club meetings, but the girls have become intensely interested in club work. Miss Simpson's supervision, and are putting things over in great shape. Miss Simpson has done much to encourage "living at home" among the people, and as a result immense quantities of canned fruit and vegetables can be found in many homes throughout the county.

REVALUATION ALL PROPERTY WILL BEGIN JANUARY 1, 1931

ROTARY CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE TO LEE G. McIVER

Tuesday the Sanford Rotary Club was called upon to mourn the loss of another one of its members in the death of Lee G. McIver. Mr. McIver makes the sixth member who has died since the club was organized in June, 1925. The others were Dr. W. A. Monroe, C. C. Cheek, L. P. Wilkins, M. J. McPhail and W. H. Fitts. W. H. White, chairman of the committee appointed to draw up resolutions in honor of the deceased, called upon Rev. Frank C. Hawkins, pastor of the First Baptist church, who paid a brief and beautiful tribute to Mr. McIver as a churchman and citizen. "We like to be remembered by the works of our hands," said the pastor, and the custom of holding memorial service over the dead he thought a beautiful custom. The deceased was a man of affairs who had done something for the progress and advancement of the community. One thing he had done deserving of mention was the introduction of the present site of the First Baptist church to the Baptist people. He was liberal in mind and heart and had left unmistakable evidence of his fidelity and loyalty to his church and community.

Following Mr. Hawkins Dr. Gilmore spoke of Mr. McIver as a Rotarian, declaring that he had lived the principles of Rotary in his daily life. Of late he had not seen very much of him because the deceased was busy and worried with his business affairs. Dr. Gilmore took this occasion to urge his fellow Rotarians to stand in such relation that each will feel free to go to the other when in need of sympathy and help. W. H. White brought the exercise to a close by reading the following tribute to the deceased: "Again this club is called to mourn the loss of one of its members, and particularly to grieve that such a calamity should have befallen us and our community in the sudden passing of Lee G. McIver. Lee had long been an out and out figure in the community, loyal to the trust, faithful to every trust devolving upon him, and showed by his daily conduct and in his death an unflinching determination to keep faith with his fellowmen."

As a man of affairs he took pride in his business, giving to its needs his unstinting service, and at last sacrificed himself that those who had trusted their affairs in his hands should suffer no loss. As a church member he was conscientious and liberal, trying always to bear his part and do his work. As a son he showed every consideration to his aged mother, giving her attention few mothers ever receive, among other things providing every Sunday a way by which she could attend church.

As a husband and father he lived an unselfish and exemplary life, providing in every possible way for his family. As a Rotarian he met his obligations promptly, at times taking part in the programs, and while he was not an enthusiastic member, he lived the principles of Rotary in his daily life. We shall miss his quiet presence and our hearts grieve that the burdens on our brother proved too heavy for him to bear.

W. H. Hite, W. A. Crabtree, J. H. Monger, A. M. Hubbard, Committee.

STEWARDSHIP AND ENLISTMENT SERVICE AT EAST SANFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

Stewardship and Enlistment services have been in progress at East Sanford Baptist church since last Sunday night at which time the first service was held by Rev. A. H. Porter, of Bonlee, on Monday night by Rev. O. A. Keller, of Jonesboro, on Tuesday night, by Rev. E. W. Byerly, of Bonlee, on Wednesday night by Prof. George Wheeler, superintendent of the city and county schools. The speakers are not announced ahead, but there will be services tonight, Friday night and Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The regular monthly meeting of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church was held December 1st at the home of Miss Wicker, secretary of the society. The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer after which the business for the month was discussed. Social games were then enjoyed followed by delicious refreshments. Miss Rachel McKernan Corresponding secretary will be the next hostess.

Success and Equality of Revaluation of Property Will Depend on Property Assessors—to hold School at Raleigh for County Assessors—Should be Careful in Selecting These Men.

Revaluation of all property in the State will begin on January 1, 1931, according to the law of North Carolina. This means that each county will have a tax supervisor, who will be appointed at a meeting of the board of commissioners the first Monday in December, or very soon thereafter. There will, of course, be a supervisor for each township in the county, and these supervisors may have the services of two assessors each. Much depends on this revaluation, and Governor Gardner has urged the boards of commissioners of the 100 counties to exercise great care in selecting county supervisors, and admonishes these in turn to watch their step in choosing their township assistants. The county supervisor will be required to go to Raleigh for two or three days during the first half of December for intensive instruction. Commenting on the matter Governor Gardner said: "If the county commissioners will select their tax supervisors carefully and for their ability to do the work rather than for political reasons, and if they in turn select the best men they can find in each township as their township supervisors, and all of them cooperate with the State board of assessment and seek to make this revaluation as fair and accurate as possible, they can perform one of the greatest services to the state that can be rendered. For there is no doubt that tremendous inequalities now exist in the revaluation of property in the various counties in the State, with wide discrepancies in the assessment of similar properties in different counties. But a careful and thorough revaluation can remove many of these inequalities and thus serve to bring about a general reduction of taxes."

SPECIAL SERVICE AT EAST SANFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

The members of the W. M. S. of the East Sanford Baptist church will have charge of the prayer meeting service Wednesday evening, December 10th, at 7:30 o'clock. The following program will be given: Song—Give of your Best to the Master. Repeat in unison the W. M. U. Watchword. Prayer—That Christ may Be Known at this Christmas season, Mrs. W. E. Warner. Devotional—Christmas prophecy, Mrs. R. H. Weaver. Song—Joy to the World. As We Know Miss Lottie Moon, Mrs. J. H. Love. Reading—The Love of God, Mgs. Paul Utley. Reading—The Ninety and Nine, Mrs. Alma Smith. Reading—The Love of Fellowmen, Mrs. L. D. Bryant. Reading—Significance of a Furlough, Mrs. Lessie Stewart. Duet—Mrs. W. E. Warner and Mrs. Alma Smith. Reading—Mother's Love, Mrs. D. E. Matthews. Reading—LooDeh, Mrs. Alice Lawman. Story—Only One Reason, Mrs. W. E. Warner. Lights on the Scripture—By leader, Lottie Moon offering. Closing prayer by pastor. Everyone is urged to come and hear this program and worship with us.

BUY NOW COTTON REPORT.

According to the report of J. T. McDonald, county cotton statistician, there was ginned to November 14th, 4,107 bales of cotton as against 2,263 bales ginned to same date in 1929.

THE CHRISTMAS SEALS.

The campaign is now on for the sale of Christmas seals. Seventy-five per cent of the money collected will stay in the county to help those who are in need. There are six families here now receiving a quart of milk a day from this fund. We all know and dread tuberculosis. Let's buy the Christmas seals and help those who are unfortunate. Our money could not be spent for a more worthy cause.

At the call of A. J. Maxwell, chairman of the State Tax Commission, there will be held in Raleigh on December 10, 11 and 12 a meeting of the County Tax Supervisors to consider matters connected with the problem of taxation. This is to be a very important meeting.