

SEAWELL THINKS THERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL TAX REDUCTION

LEE SOLON GUEST SANFORD ROTARY CLUB ON TUESDAY

Believes Benefits Coming From Legislative Action To Be Effected This Year.

EXPLAINS BANKING LAW

What has the Legislature done to reduce taxes in Lee county? That's a question, and there is no definite answer for it at this time. But Representative Seawell thinks that by reason of the fact that the State has taken over the maintenance of the six months schools and the upkeep of the roads there will be a substantial reduction in taxes this year. Of course there will be the ad valorem levy of 15 cents for the partial support of the six months schools, but even with this, taxes will be considerably lower, unless the authorities should see fit to levy taxes for something not now supported by the tax payers. Mr. Seawell thinks the reduction will be at least 35 cents on the hundred.

Lee's representative, who formulated some of the most important legislation passed by the Legislature and who was one of the high lights of that body, was a guest of the Rotary Club Tuesday and made a talk in which he referred briefly to two or three of the most important measures placed upon the statute books by the Assembly.

First in importance, said Mr. Seawell, is the Appropriations Act. This act provides more money than ever before in the history of the state for the cause of education, but it represents economy. Under State control the cost of the six months schools has been reduced from \$20,000,000 to \$17,000,000, and this in the face of big increases in the school population. Although the State assumes full responsibility for the six months schools, it does not put up all the money. A 15-cent levy based upon the 1930 assessment is expected to support...

Mr. Seawell briefly referred to the new banking law passed by the Assembly. The Lee representative was the author of the bill creating the banking commission and he led the fight which resulted in the passage of the bill. The measure takes the supervision of banks out of the control of the Corporation Commission and places it in the hands of a new Commission appointed by the Governor. In view of the large number of bank failures which took place in the State last year this measure is regarded as one of the most important measures enacted by the Legislature.

Another piece of legislation which Mr. Seawell thought would prove to be a measure of far-reaching importance is the act combining the University of North Carolina, the State College for Women and State College into a greater University of North Carolina. A combined board of trustees will take hold next July and administrative consolidation will come later but there will be no physical consolidation.

Mr. Seawell said that a bill passed the Legislature giving the Commissioners of Lee county authority to abolish the county home. The over-charge expense of the upkeep of the home is regarded as too high and if the home should be abolished it will be because the inmates, of whom there are only a few, can be better cared for elsewhere and at less expense.

LOSES LIFE IN AN AUTO WRECK

Philadelphia Man Sustains Fatal Injuries When Auto Overtakes Near Moncure.

James Whitefield, Jr., 28, sustained injuries from which he later died, when F. LaTerra, father-in-law of the former, was seriously hurt, early Saturday morning, near Moncure, when a deluxe Ford roadster in which the two men were riding overturned. Three other occupants of the car, Albert LaTerra, a son of F. LaTerra, Mrs. James Whitefield and Mrs. Annie Clemens, received minor injuries. The party was en route from their home in Philadelphia to Atlanta where they were to visit relatives. The injured were brought to Scott's Hospital here, Whitefield dying a few moments after arrival at the hospital.

The car, which had pulled to the side of the road to hail a passing baker wagon had sped up to pull over on the concrete which was several inches higher than the gravel portion of the road, stated Albert LaTerra, who was driving; as he attempted to pull the car onto the concrete a rear tire blew out, this causing the Ford to swerve into a semi-circle and overturn. Whitefield and the elder LaTerra were riding in the rumble seat.

The injured were picked up by Mr. Wicker, of Moncure, who rushed them to the hospital here. The car, states Mr. LaTerra, was damaged to the extent of three hundred dollars.

The body of the deceased was shipped from a local undertaking firm to Philadelphia Tuesday where burial will take place today.

The car, the driver said, was making about 35 miles an hour at the time of the fatal accident.

GRAVES OF WORLD WAR VETS

On Sunday afternoon the members of Lee County Post No. 18 of the American Legion Auxiliary placed flowers on the graves of the soldiers of the World War who are buried in cemeteries in various parts of the county. Since the formation of the Auxiliary department this has become an annual custom.

DeBUTTES TELLS WHY A. & Y. WANTS TRAINS STOPPED

General Manager Railroad Says Line Lost \$7,000 First Quarter 1931

HINTS AT RECEIVERSHIP Removal of Passenger Service Necessary For Continuation Of Freight, Says.

Before a representative assemblage of Sanford business men, Sydney DeButtes, general manager of the A. & Y. Railroad, last Thursday night, told why his railroad had petitioned the State Corporation Commission for permission to discontinue the operation of passenger trains. The gathering was held in the assembly room of the Wilrik Hotel and the speaker was presented by Mayor Warren R. Williams who presided over the meeting. The meeting was held at the request of Mr. DeButtes, who, on account of the public protests to the action taken by the railroad by a number of local civic and commercial organizations, wished to personally state the position of the A. & Y.

Mr. DeButtes declared his company sustained a deficit of \$7,000 during the first quarter of the present year. The average monthly loss for the first quarter, he advised, has been around \$2,500. As a result of this, the railroad, he asserted, must curtail overhead expenses to the bone, and the only way by which it may be done is to discontinue the passenger service, because of the railroad service which has been discontinued.

"I cannot understand," he said, "why Sanford wishes the continuance of a service which it does not use. Further venture to say," he added, "that not one person in this gathering has rode on the A. & Y. during the past twelve months." The general manager stated that he himself does not ride the passenger trains, that no one does. Privately owned automobiles and not the buses, he declared, eliminated the passenger service as a source-of-profit for the railroads.

The speaker then called upon Mr. Van Sant, the local agent of the A. & Y. who advised that the local receipts from the sale of passenger tickets: Mr. Van Sant stated that the railroad received a total of \$8.19 from the sale of tickets for the week of May 17-24, inclusive. A few weeks ago, he stated, the monthly receipts from this source amounted to \$1,500; now, he says, the receipts have dwindled to the point to where \$100 is considered an exceptional month's business.

Going back into the history of the road's finances, Mr. DeButtes stated that the railroad made money during 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, and 1928, but this profit, he said, was used for improving the rail facilities. When the present manager assumed charge, the general manager declared, there were only two "streaks of rust" from Sanford to Mount Airy; since then, he added, new rails have been laid, new crossties laid and the trestle line ballasted.

The A. & Y.'s proposal to remove the passenger trains, he advised, will in no wise effect the freight or mail service on the line, plans having been made to provide facilities for these. Whether the resolutions of local organizations protesting the A. & Y.'s action will be allowed to stand or will be rescinded by these bodies after hearing the railroad's position is a matter of conjecture.

Last week the attention of the readers of this paper was called to the fact that the board of equalization of this county would begin their work on Monday, June 8th. This was in error. It should have read June 15th. Your attention is called to an advertisement in another column giving the correct date. Dates are given for each township allotment.

100 POUNDS OF HONEY FOUND WHEN COLUMN OF GAVIN HOME IS LOWERED

It was recently stated in The Express that Mr. E. L. Gavin had perhaps the sweetest home in Sanford from the standpoint of honey. You have heard of taking bee trees, but last Friday Mr. E. J. McCain, assisted by Mr. Herman Dew, had the novel experience of taking a bee column. In other words, assisted by Messrs. John Matthews, Paul Watson, J. M. Thomas, E. J. Gunter and others he lowered one of the columns on the front of Mr. Gavin's residence by rope and tackle to remove the bees and honey. In lowering the column the cap made of concrete, fell off and broke to pieces on the side

SCOTT HOSPITAL NURSES FINALS

Five Are Awarded Diplomas As Nurses At Scott Hospital Training School.

The commencement exercises of the Scott Hospital Training School were held in the assembly room, delivered an inspiring commencement address, in which he declared the nurses' calling one of the most noble of professions. He congratulated the young women upon the completion of their training and urged that they uphold the standard of the profession that gave to the world such angels of mercy as Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton.

The five young women receiving diplomas were: Misses Lois Arnel, Ruby Lee, Margaret Bizzell, Gertrude Lloyne and Mary Lesley Welch. Little Miss Mozelle Jones was the mascot.

HOLD MEMORIAL BUFFALO CHURCH

Memorial Day was observed at Buffalo Presbyterian church last Saturday. Although it was a busy time with the farmers many people from the surrounding country and from Sanford, Jonesboro and other nearby towns were present when the service opened about 10 o'clock with music by the church choir. The altar and pulpit of the church were beautifully decorated with flowers and the national colors for the occasion. Rev. J. T. Buchanan, pastor of the church, had charge of the exercises. At 11 o'clock hour Dr. R. C. Gilmore, pastor of the Sanford Presbyterian church preached an able sermon, as he always does. This was followed by a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Seymour, A. A. Bowers and Mrs. H. E. Conder, accompanied by Miss Frances Seymour, the organist.

The exercises were then turned over to the American Legion, the national anthem being rendered by the choir, the song "The Soldier's Prayer" being sung by the choir. This was followed by an able patriotic address by H. C. Renegar, Commander of Lee County Post, American Legion No. 18. After he finished his address he read the names of many of the ex-service men who were buried in cemeteries in Lee County. He failed to mention some names, and other ex-service men would be appreciated as he desired to get a complete list of all who are buried in the county. The next thing on the program was a talk by Mr. K. E. Seymour, keeper of the cemetery. He expressed a desire to see improvements made in the cemetery. He advocated the trust fund plan and thinks the necessary funds for extending and keeping up the cemetery can be raised by that method. He stated that 17 people had been buried in the cemetery since the 30 of last May a year ago.

At the conclusion of the morning services the congregation marched to the cemetery and with uncovered heads sang a song after which prayer was offered by Dr. Gilmore. This was all very impressive. As the graves were decorated the next thing on the program was dinner which was served by the ladies of the congregation on an improvised table in the shade of the trees near the church. The ladies of the Buffalo congregation are hard to beat when it comes to cooking and serving a picnic dinner. If there were people present who failed to get dinner it was their fault, as there was a plenty for all.

In the afternoon all re-assembled in the church to hear a splendid sermon by Rev. L. T. Edgerton, a former pastor. The Buffalo people were glad to see and hear Mr. Edgerton again. The next thing on the program was an address by Mr. J. Glenn Edwards, who was recently licensed to practice law and is now located in Chicago. He spoke of the bright young man and made a good impression on all who heard him. The last speaker on the program was Rev. J. S. Cook, pastor of the Jonesboro group of Presbyterian churches. In his talk Mr. Cook took a decided stand against war and urged to see the government spend the millions of dollars now appropriated to a big navy and army applied to the moral and religious activities of the country. His talk was pitched on a high plane.

Mr. Ernest Marks, who is saw milling and truck farming near Wilmington, was in Sanford the first of the week visiting his people and shaking hands with friends. He says crops are small in that part of the State.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR SANFORD'S TOBACCO MARKET

W. F. Wood To Have Mitchell Guthrie, Former Imperial Buyer, as Associate.

BIG ACRES OF LEAF HERE

Tilley Bros. and Lester and Jordan Will Again Operate Warehouse Here.

According to the reports that come to The Express this year promises to be one of the best years in the history of the Sanford tobacco market. Probably the biggest acreage ever put to tobacco in this section is now being put under cultivation.

The planters have about finished putting out the plants and while they are small a few weeks of favorable weather can bring a great change in the outlook for a crop. Some of the plants were killed by the blue mold, but it seems that the planters had sufficient plants put out on the acreage they planned to put under cultivation. It is stated that there has not been a great increase in the acreage in other sections of the belt.

COTTON FEATURE IN LOCAL STORES

Cotton Goods and "Made in Carolinas" Goods Features in Sanford Stores.

This week a number of Sanford merchants put their shoulders to the wheel in the movement to boost the use of cotton in their advertisements. In their advertisements in this issue a number of the merchants, including Belks and Efrid's tell all about their display of cotton goods. There is a nation-wide movement to extend the purchase of cotton goods and help increase the demand and the price of the staple which means so much to the South.

In North Carolina the week is of particular significance because of the fact that this State is the leader in the manufacture of cotton goods. Southern people are waking up to the fact that the use of cotton must be extended and North Carolina folks are being made aware of the tremendous strides that have been made in the manufacture of cotton by our own manufacturers. Buy something from the stores this week, buy all you can, of goods made by our home people.

This is "Made in North Carolina Week" and "National Cotton Week." Retail stores from one end of the State to the other have been turned into exhibition halls for the purpose of showing the merits of and selling North Carolina Made goods to North Carolinians. The movement is thus two fold, educational and commercial. It is educational in that it seeks to acquaint the people with the progress the State has made during the last fifteen years in the art of turning her raw materials into finished products; it is commercial in that it seeks to place these products in the channel of trade to satisfy the wants of our people. Both of these are worthy aims.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO HOLD MEET HERE

Interdenominational Lee Young People's Conference Scheduled For Monday.

The third annual Lee county interdenominational young people's conference will be held at the Steele street Methodist Church here Monday. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Lee County and North Carolina Sunday School Associations and will be for young people from 15 to 22 years of age.

ASHEBORO HOST LOCAL KIWANIS

Sanford Kiwanians Journey To Asheboro For Joint Meeting With Club There.

Nineteen members of the Sanford Kiwanis Club journeyed to Asheboro last Thursday evening where that night a joint meeting was held in the dining room of the Methodist church with the Kiwanis Club of that place. The program was put on by members of the local Kiwanis. The meeting was called to order by the president of the Asheboro club and turned over to President J. A. Overton, of the Sanford Club. After expressing his appreciation of the welcome extended the club he turned the meeting over to E. Frank Andrews, chairman of the program committee, who had charge of the program. Music was the first thing on the program.

The Sanford club sponsored the organization of the Asheboro club a year or more ago and was glad to see the club growing and organizing. While all were at dinner a police officer walked in and read a warrant to J. E. Brinn, charging him with becoming the leader of the gangsters and racketeers while on a recent trip to Chicago. It was charged that he had procured the export of \$100,000 and had in his possession 400 gallons of liquor and beer. All took more interest in Mr. Brinn from that time on. J. C. Pittman amused all in a short witty talk and read a paper on "The Future of the Leaf." Secretary D. B. Teague of the Sanford club made an interesting talk on activities of Kiwanis and gave the names of many prominent men who are connected with this great international organization. Gilliam Anderson, who recently attended the annual meeting of Kiwanis International at Miami Fla., as delegate from the Sanford Club, related many interesting things about his trip. The Asheboro club inter-club meeting here on June 19th, and the Asheboro club will put on the program.

LOCAL FIREMEN WIN TROPHIES

Local Firemen Play Big Part In Sandhill Firemen's Convention At Lumberton.

Sanford firemen took high honors at the convention of Sandhill Firemen, held in Lumberton Tuesday. A silver trophy cup was awarded the local fire department for prowess in the water races, and a combination nozzle for chemical and "booster" pump awarded the local men for their adeptness in the use of chemicals for the extermination of fire.

Sanford and Southern Pines tied in the chemical races. Figures of their tasks in 13 seconds. This necessitated a run-off in which Sanford was the victor. In the second round Sanford made the performance in 12.5 seconds.

The following from Sanford attended the meet: John T. McCracker, chief; H. G. Wrenn, D. I. Seymour, John Underwood, J. R. Kelly, Harvey Woodell, Bryant Woodell, Reese Lemmond and Jimmie Kelly. Next year's meeting will be held in Raeford.

PEACHES ON THE WILKINS FARM

Many of the trees in the Wilkins peach grove near Lemon Springs are so heavily loaded with peaches that they had to thin them out in order to make a commercial crop. Many of them are in clusters and about 10 per cent had to be pulled off in order to get the desired size and grade.

ADVERTISING OF LAND FOR TAXES MOVED TO JULY 1

Effect Move In Order To Give Taxpayers Additional Time To Raise Money.

BOARD MEETING MONDAY

Vaccination Campaign For Typhoid and Diphtheria Planned In Lee.

The County board of commissioners, in session Monday, passed a motion offered by one of the members postponing the date for advertising the sale of real estate for the payment of delinquent taxes. The publication of advertising will be delayed until July 1.

On motion duly carried a campaign of vaccination for typhoid and diphtheria, as required by State law, was ordered. This move was recommended by the State and County Boards of Health.

As spokesman for the Lee county club women, Mrs. L. L. McNeill thanked the board for such appropriations as have been made for club work and asked that an appropriation for club work for next year be included in the county budget, on which the commissioners are now working. Talks were made along this line by other ladies. Miss Cornelia Simpson submitted a report of the work done by the Home Demonstration department for May.

John D. Wicker, county fire warden, requested and was granted an appropriation of \$300.00 for fire prevention for another year.

Felton Harrington colored, was named as a candidate for the position of school teacher before the board of education before he was his second appearance here in the role of commencement speaker. This time, as on the former occasion, he was greeted by an audience that crowded both the auditorium and balcony.

Beginning his address by way of tribute to the arduous work of the people of Sanford had lent themselves to the cause of public education, the speaker then traced its progress from the real inception back in 1835 when, after the adoption of a new Constitution which gave the people the power to elect the governor by popular vote, education first became an issue in a gubernatorial campaign. The Whig party at that time, with Edward B. Dudley, of Wilmington, who was president of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, the only railroad then in the world, as its candidate for governor, adopted a platform which called for internal improvements and schools, to be supported by taxing a tax. The Democratic candidate, Richard H. Speight, Jr., who had served one term as governor, declared himself in favor of these things but stated they should not come about by taxation but by private enterprise. Dudley was elected and the people of the State were heavily taxed to support the army and navy during the Civil War, even this handicap, Dr. Allen recalled, was not allowed to interfere with educational work in North Carolina and Governor Vance and Calvin H. Wiley, one of the State's pioneer educational leaders, zealously guarded the school funds, keeping the elementary schools, the high schools and the University open throughout the trying period.

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS ARE AWARDED TO 54 GRADUATES

ALLEN SPEAKER SCHOOL FINALS TUESDAY NIGHT

Educational Leader Says Education Develops Individual Entity.

HUNDREDS ATTEND FINALS

North Carolina's triumphant march from the philosophies of Nathaniel Macon, by whom the State had sworn for the first fifty years of her statehood, and under whose dominance internal improvements and educational progress had been retarded, to the present year when the largest amount of money ever appropriated for schools in the history of the State was voted by the General Assembly, was eloquently outlined by Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who addressed the local High School Tuesday evening.

Successful Year.

Just after Dr. Allen's address, fifty-four seniors, the largest class yet to have graduated from the Sanford High School, were presented with diplomas by O. P. Makepeace, chairman of the school board, and Bibles by A. H. McIver. The valedictory, by Miss Cornelia Atkins, brought to a close the first of Prof. George R. Wheeler's administration as superintendent of the city schools, an unusually successful year in all phases of school work.

The appearance of the State superintendent of public instruction was preceded by a musical program, opening with a violin solo, by Larry Jensen. This was followed by a concert given by the high school band. The professional March from Verdi, by Miss Cornelia Atkins, was rendered by Miss Bees Lewis, a member of the faculty. The chorus, "O, Easter Wind," by Clokey, sung by the high school glee club, closed the preliminaries.

Following the invocation by Rev. Frank O. Beeson, conducted by Rev. G. W. Whelan, the speaker, Dr. A. T. Allen, addressed the assembly before he was his second appearance here in the role of commencement speaker. This time, as on the former occasion, he was greeted by an audience that crowded both the auditorium and balcony.

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OPENING OF MODEL HOME WEDNESDAY ATTRACTS LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS

Over one hundred men and women visited the Model Home between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. yesterday at the beautiful Melver Park residence, which has been generously donated to the public during the observance of "Better Homes" Week by its owners, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Hatch. The Model Home was formally opened. Many visitors thronged the Model Home this morning, admiring its attractively arranged interior, the beautiful furnishings and exquisite draperies.

The Model Home will be open tomorrow and Saturday from the hours of 10 a. m. to 5 p. m. on each day, and visitors will be welcomed and