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**SPECIAL SCHOOL TAXES ARE VOTED**

**District North of Asheboro Votes 25c Tax—Randleman Votes 50c Rate.**

Two special school tax elections held in the county Monday were carried by substantial majorities. One of these elections was in a district lying north of the incorporate limits of Asheboro. It comprises that territory bounded on the east by the Carolina Power and Light Company's power line, on the west by the Southern railway, on the north by Randleman township and the south by the corporate limits of Asheboro. The registration in this district was 140. Of this number 93 voted for the special tax, while 22 actually cast votes against it.

The tax voted is a special levy of twenty-five cents on the \$100 property valuation for the purpose of building a school house near Bailey's Grove. No part of the money derived from the tax is to be used for maintenance of the school.

Mrs. W. A. Underwood was the registrar and J. A. Neighbors and J. C. Hill judges of election.

Another special tax election carried the same day, although the official figures are not available, was that held in Randleman township, exclusive of the town of Worthville. This election was for the purpose of voting a special school tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation for a school building and also for the maintenance of a consolidated school.

The supporters of the two special tax elections and those who have been working hard in the interests of better school facilities are elated over the results of these two elections.

**MISS COX'S FIANCE KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE WRECK**

The many friends of Miss Catherine Viola Cox will be disturbed to know that she has received a cablegram from Berlin, Germany, announcing the death of her fiance, Dr. Charles Bryan Ruskin, of Baltimore, Md., and Sheffield, England.

Dr. Ruskin had been taking a special medical course in Berlin since August of the past year. His engagement to Miss Cox was announced October 8th and plans were being made for their marriage in the spring. On Dec. 15th, Dr. Ruskin was in a bad automobile accident in Berlin from which he died on Sunday, Dec. 27th. The accident occurred on one of the main streets in the suburbs of Berlin when he made a sharp turn to the right in order to avoid running over a little child which was playing in the street. The car went over an embankment of several feet and Dr. Ruskin was pinned underneath. He received a fracture at the base of the skull, right arm broken and an artery was cut from which he bled profusely. His body will be carried to Sheffield, England, for burial.

Dr. Ruskin was 32 years of age and an alumnus of Harvard and also Johns Hopkins medical college. He was a man of whom the profession might well be proud and had many admirable qualities which were traits of real strength of character.

Miss Cox, who is a nurse, is the daughter of Mrs. Dennis C. Cox, of Seagrove, but for the past several years has lived in Charlotte, where she was a student nurse at Mercy hospital. She has been in Asheville for the past several months and has made many friends whose sympathies go out to her. She will sail for Sheffield, England, in the spring where she will visit Dr. Ruskin's family and later tour Europe.

**HELD FUNERAL SERVICES AT PISGAH FOR JOHN W. PARKS**  
Died at Age of 75 Years—Was For Many Years Union Township General Merchant.

Funeral services were held at Pisgah M. P. church in Union township Wednesday afternoon of last week for John W. Parks, aged 75 years, 3 months and 7 days, who died the day previous at his home near Star. The services were conducted by Rev. Jordan.

Mr. Parks was born at Page's toll house, near Seagrove, this county. He was a pioneer merchant of Union township. He closed out his store several years ago and moved to Lexington where he lived for some time and later moved to a small farm near Star. He married Martha Allen, daughter of the late Daniel and Sarah Allen, who survives, together with seven children, Charlie Parks, of All-reeds; Early and Grady Parks, of Star; Mrs. Walter Slack, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. Elsie Saunders, of Farmer; Mrs. Early Easter, of Lexington; and Mrs. Floyd Bates, of Lexington.

**DEMOCRATS HAVE TAX PLAN TO SAVE PEOPLE 400 MILLION**

The Democratic members of the senate finance committee, under the leadership of Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina, have agreed upon a program of tax reduction which they will propose as a substitute for the plan passed by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate.

The substitute bill calls for an additional tax reduction of \$70,000,000, making a total reduction of 400 million dollars. The Democrats will seek reduction of the income surtax and inheritance tax schedules.

**BROWER TELLS OF MORE CAR THEFTS**

**Says Grady Pugh Brought Four To His Garage—Pugh and A. H. Davis in Jail.**

If there is truth in statements made by Curtis Brower, colored, mainspring in the Eagle Springs crew engaged in wholesale disposal of stolen automobiles and accessories, Grady Pugh, of this county, has a hard row to hoe. Brower was the chief witness at a hearing in Greensboro Tuesday in which Pugh was on trial for stealing a Ford sedan belonging to R. F. Haddon. Brower testified that Pugh had brought four stolen cars to his place of business at Eagle Springs for sale, among which was the Ford sedan. Pugh was bound over to Superior court. Brower also named Pugh as the man who had brought a lot of stolen automobile parts to the Eagle Springs rendezvous.

A. H. Davis, also of this county, will be given a hearing Friday. So will Ethel Fox and Nettie Jackson, all held on charges of stealing cars for sale to Brower's organization. Pugh will also be given a hearing on additional theft charges Friday. Pugh will also face charge of attempting to bribe an officer to turn him loose after arrest.

Brower himself, together with his accomplices, will be given a hearing at Carthage today.

The more the officers delve into the ramifications of the Brower organization at Eagle Springs the wider do they find the range of its dealings. The cars disposed of at the garage and the parts taken and sold by the organization are almost numberless. The management of the organization itself finds it hard to remember all the cases of theft.

Indications are that the Eagle Springs garage was the place of sale and concealment of a gang of thieves operating in Piedmont North Carolina. It was being operated on a wholesale scale until the officers stepped in and broke up the arrangements.

The Red Star Filling Station has recovered from the garage a number of tires, tubes and accessories, identifying them by the cost mark as a part of the loot taken from the garage in December by thieves. A large number of the tires stolen had been in the filling station only a short while and had not been cost marked. These, Messrs. Lewallen and Burns are positive were included in the loot stored at Eagle Springs, but on account of the absence of the cost mark they could not bring them back to Asheboro.

**Gets In Bad**

Basil Hedgecock, High Point banker serving a sentence in the penitentiary with only one week more to complete his sentence, slipped up last week when he was caught with 12 pints of liquor at the Caledonia farm. As a result, his time off for good behavior has been taken away and he will stay in prison several months more yet.

**FOR WELLS TO GO DRY IN MIDWINTER IS UNUSUAL**

For wells to go dry in midwinter in this section, according to the Lexington Dispatch, is most unusual, but such appears to be the case in many instances in Davidson county. These wells that are going dry stood up under the drought of the past summer and fall, but have been unable to withstand the dry months of November and December.

A number of wells in this county have gone dry since the drought and those that failed during the dry weather are still dry. Streams that went dry during the drought are generally running, but with decreased volume of water. The snow of last week brings hopes of recovery of the wells, springs and streams in this section.

**MR. JOHN LINCOLN COOPER DIED OF PARALYSIS JAN. 5**

John Lincoln Cooper, better known as "Babe" Cooper, died at his home in Randleman January 5th, 1926, following an illness of several months from paralysis and complications. Funeral service was held at the Holiness church near Randleman last Thursday, January 7th, by Rev. John Dosier.

Mr. Cooper was born June 22, 1856, and was, therefore, 69 years, 6 months and 13 days of age at the time of his death. He was married to Miss Annie Garner in early manhood. She preceded him in death several years ago.

The following children survive: Emory Cooper, in the U. S. army; Reynolds Cooper and Mrs. Davis Richardson, of Randleman; and Mrs. Maggie Sprinkle, of High Point.

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R. P. Harris, writing an article to the daily newspapers of last Sunday, suggests that General Joseph E. Johnston probably was able to secure favorable terms from General W. T. Sherman on the occasion of the surrender of the Confederate forces April 26, 1865, at the Bennett house, near Durham, because of a bottle of North Carolina corn liquor that sat on the table between the two generals. The table and the empty bottle used by the opposing generals are now the property of Duke University.

**Bryan's Widow Writes**



For the first time in years Mrs. Wm. Jennings Bryan, widow of the great "Commoner" permits herself to be photographed. She is working on the diary of her late husband—assisted by her son Wm. Jennings Bryan.

**SETTLE CASE GROWING OUT OF THE KILLING OF REV. COX**

A settlement was reached out of court in Rockingham Friday of a case growing out of the killing at Marston on Dec. 29th of Rev. Elwood Cox, formerly of Ulah, this county, by a car driven by Walker Edwards, son of D. M. Edwards, a capitalist of Syracuse, N. Y. Mr. Cox, aged 78, was run over in the road at Marston, by the Pierce Arrow driven by young Edwards, who, with a party of people, was enroute to Miami, Fla.

Edwards pleaded guilty to simple assault and was fined \$1 and costs, while the civil action was settled by the payment of \$5000 to Rev. Cox's heirs.

**A Misunderstanding Long Standing**

The people of Asheboro and vicinity continue to do some trading away from home, thinking their wants cannot be supplied by their home town merchant. Mr. Graham, manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office, has supplied each merchant in Asheboro with a display card reading "Goods always available. If not in stock we will order by telegraph." This with prompt service answers the customer.

**MR. JAMES MONROE WRIGHT DIES AT AGE OF 67 YEARS**

Funeral Service Conducted At Mt. Taber Church Yesterday—Highly Respected Citizen.

James Monroe Wright, aged 67, died at his home in Grant township Monday following ill health for some time. He was a consistent member of Brower's Chapel church and an honest, upright citizen, held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Taber yesterday at 11 o'clock by Rev. John Alfred and interment made in the cemetery.

**Found Farm Life Dull**

G. C. King, farmer of Faison, found farm life dull and monotonous. So did Betty Ezell, pretty 18-year-old girl. So they ran away together after Faison had sold his hogs and wound up his farming affairs so that his wife and children would not be in want for money. King and the Ezell girl stopped in Greensboro and were arrested for violating the hotel law. His wife read about it and wrote the sheriff that she wanted her husband back, that she would forgive him of his transgressions. Now the man and the girl have gone back home, having had their fling at the bright lights, wiser and sadder from the experience.

**COLLEGE FUND**

A campaign to raise \$25,000 necessary for the proper continuation of High Point college at this time and to collect old pledges was launched by the High Point chamber of commerce Tuesday.

**Electric Line To Summerfield**

The Public Service Company, of Greensboro, is building a line from that city to Summerfield and will extend it to Stokesdale if some of the power consumers along the way will buy some of the stick in the venture. This is one of several rural electric lines operated by the Greensboro company. One runs from Gibsonville to Whitsett and the Broadhurst dairy farm, another runs from Greensboro to Pleasant garden and another is being built out of Burlington into a rural section of Alamance.

**ASHEBORO BANKS HAVE GOOD YEAR**

**Hold Meetings and Declare Regular Dividends—No Change in Officers and Directors.**

Although the year 1925 was not in all respects a good business year in this section of North Carolina due to economic reasons and partly to the drought, the three banks in Asheboro enjoyed a year of most satisfactory business. This is disclosed in the annual statements of the banks for the period ending December 31, 1925.

The banks at the regular meeting of their boards of directors have each declared usual dividends. No changes were made in the personnel of the boards of directors, officers and employees of the banks.

The total capitalization of the three banks in Asheboro, the Bank of Randolph, the First National and the Asheboro Bank and Trust Company, reaches \$121,400, while capital and surplus totals \$231,000. Total deposits of the three banks, checking, savings deposits and time certificates of deposit, total nearly one and a half million dollars. Total resources of the three banks are \$1,784,087.67.

The three banks have been able to meet at all times the demands made upon them for legitimate loans for the proper conduct of the business of the town. They have at the same time through facilities offered enabled many hundreds of people to lay aside money for a rainy day. The management of the banks are affable, courteous, business like and impartial in their dealings with the public. Perhaps in no other town and city in the state is there any more confidence in bank management than there is in Asheboro.

**Congressman Will Go To Prison**

Congressman John W. Langley, Republican of Kentucky, has lost his appeal to the Supreme court and will have to serve two years in the federal penitentiary following conviction on a liquor charge. He has resigned his seat in the House of Representatives. Friends of Langley are planning to nominate and elect his wife, daughter of the late Representative James M. Gogger, of North Carolina, Dem., to fill Langley's vacant seat.

**With The Churches**

**M. E. CHURCH MATTERS**

(By W. J. Willis)  
The General Board of church extension has agreed to assist in financing our church debt, by lending us a large sum of money at a low rate of interest to be repaid in five equal annual installments.

Rev. C. H. Caviness, of Elizabethton, attended the funeral of his brother, S. M. Caviness, who died at his home here Friday. The writer held the service at his late residence. The first funeral to be held in the new church was that of Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Friday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson was one of our aged and honored members.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Macon, along with their son from Mount Airy, the writer dined Sunday. The dinner was in honor of Brother Macon's birthday.

Subjects at the new church for Sunday will be: 11 a. m., "What Eye Hath Not Seen"; 7 p. m., "The Amen Corner".  
A third attempt to hold quarterly conference for the Deep River charge at Cedar Falls will be made at 2 p. m. next Sunday. Slick roads was the cause of the last failure.

**M. P. CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9:45 A. M. Sunday school; Mr. W. J. Ward, Supt. Classes for people of all ages, good singing, a friendly school.

11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. preaching by the pastor Rev. J. E. Pritchard. Morning subject, "Flowers for the Living". Special music is under the direction of the Junior Choir with Miss Ellen Presnell as leader.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

The public is cordially invited to all the services.

**BAPTIST NEWS LETTER**

The Senior B. Y. P. U. is in pursuit of another award this week, in the study course, studying Dr. Van Ness' book, "Training in Church Membership." Classes are well attended. The B. Y. P. U.'s are going at the task this new year with a "will to win."

The week of prayer services held in the home of the pastor three afternoons of last week were very helpful and inspiring. Each program was well arranged, full of interest and good information about our foreign missionary work.

Considering the weather, our Sunday school and preaching services held up well in attendance. It was a pleasure to have Miss Iselle Scott in our home Tuesday evening for supper.

**DEATH CLAIMS S. M. CAVENSNESS**

**End Comes Following Stroke of Paralysis—Operated Store in Asheboro Many Years.**

Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Stephen Milton Caviness, aged 49 years, who died at his home in Asheboro Friday night at 8:30 o'clock from the effects of a stroke of paralysis after having been in ill health for the past several years. The services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the Asheboro M. E. church, and Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of the local Baptist church. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

Mr. Caviness was born in Pleasant Grove township, Randolph county, and was a son of the late B. S. Caviness. He was married to Miss Ida Poole, of Fayetteville, who survives him. He lived for some time near Fayetteville and about twenty years ago moved to Asheboro and opened a retail grocery store which he operated until ill health incapacitated him from work several years ago. He was a member of the Concord M. E. church, at Coleridge.

Surviving are four brothers: H. T. Caviness, of Asheboro; B. F. Caviness, of Greensboro; Rev. C. H. Caviness, of Elizabethtown, a minister in the North Carolina M. E. conference; and A. W. Caviness, of Ontario, California; one sister, Mrs. Callie Poole, of Fayetteville; and two half brothers, B. M. Caviness, of Coleridge township, and I. F. Caviness, of Greensboro.

**MRS. JULIA SWANEY DIES AT HER HOME IN HIGH POINT**

Mrs. Julia Swaney, aged 73, native of Randolph county, died Tuesday morning at the home of her grandson, W. T. Swaney, in High Point, following an illness of several days. She was born in this county Oct. 10, 1852, and lived in Randolph until about three months ago when she moved to High Point.

In addition to the grandson, she is survived by one son, B. E. Swaney, of Randolph county, and one daughter, Mrs. R. E. Gray, of High Point. The funeral service was conducted at Mount Shepherd church, this county, yesterday.

**Oppose This Bill**

Representatives Hammer and Lindsay Warren, of the North Carolina Congressional delegation, are opposed to the proposed public buildings bill which provides for a lump sum at the disposal of the Postoffice and Treasury Departments for public buildings throughout the United States. These Congressmen hold that if such a bill is passed no towns in North Carolina, and the possible exception of Greensboro and Asheville, will get any appropriation for postoffice buildings, although many other towns and cities are badly in need of new buildings.

**SHARP DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DEATHS**

Forty-eight people were killed and 225 injured in traffic accidents in the South last week, according to figures gathered by the Associated Press at Atlanta, Ga. This is a sharp decrease from 61 deaths the week previous and 70 Christmas week.

North Carolina and Florida tied for first place with 14 deaths each, an increase for these two states over the previous week. At the same time 19 people were injured in North Carolina and 52 in Florida. Virginia and Mississippi reported no deaths.

**Mexican Bandits on Rampage**

Last Saturday night a passenger train in Mexico was held up by a party of bandits and fifty persons were killed. Two Americans on the train were not molested save being robbed. The persons killed were soldier guards on the train and Mexican passengers. Four thousand picked federal troops are on trail of the bandits with orders to bring them in dead or alive.

**CAMPAIGN MANAGER BOUND OVER TO SUPERIOR COURT**

L. J. Love, circulation campaign manager for a High Point newspaper, was bound over to Superior court Monday at a hearing at which he was charged with obtaining \$836 under false pretenses. Mrs. J. J. Garland charged that she was promised the automobile, the big prize in the circulation campaign, if she would pay the manager a sum of money. She failed to get the car. Mrs. Roy Ingram, of Trinity, also has similar charges against the campaign manager. He will be given another hearing this time in Randolph county. The owner of the newspaper is in no wise implicated in the matter. He merely hired Love to conduct the campaign on a commission basis.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to our many friends and relatives for the many acts of kindness and sympathy extended during the illness and bereavement of our beloved mother, Mrs. James Ivey Johnson.

The Family.

Floods in the state of Nayarti, Mexico, have caused the death of 2,000 persons by drowning and an immense loss of property.

**Berlin's Bride**



Ellen Mackay, daughter of Clarence H. Mackay, head of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company, started society by suddenly becoming the bride of Irving Berlin, song writer, last week.

**MRS. HALE EXPRESSES INTEREST IN NEW CHURCH**

Mrs. Ed E. Hale, of Springdale, Arkansas, writing to The Courier, expresses interest in the new M. E. church building, a picture of which was contained in a recent issue of The Courier together with an account of the opening exercises.

She says in part:  
It is a grand building and I am sure you are all very proud of it. I have been in Asheboro many times. I am 86 years of age and have been away from N. C. 47 years. I lived near Thomasville and attended church at old Tabernacle a few hundred yards from where I was born and raised. I am a granddaughter of old Captain Sampson Glenn, long since dead, and I have always been proud of the name Glenn. Gov. Glenn was a relative of mine and also Dr. Robert Glenn, of Greensboro. My husband, Edward E. Hale, was a son of Esq. John Hale, of Randolph county. He died in 1923. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, who was a missionary to Korea at one time, was a cousin of my husband.

I wish for your paper the greatest possible success.

In closing, Mrs. Hale says: I am proud to tell you I am a Methodist and have been from childhood. I had an uncle, Sampson M. Glenn, of near Asheboro, who was a Methodist minister and died during the Civil War.

**Lifts Ban**

The Southern Power Company, which has during and since the drought of last summer and fall been compelled to place a ban on power consumption, last week lifted the ban and now factories using Southern power may run full time.

**Old Negro Wanders Away**

Tom Hopkins, 100-year-old negro, was found Thursday of last week in a patch of wood south of the home of S. E. Coltrane, at Guilford College, wandering about, with no shoes on, feet frost-bitten and bleeding. He had started to walk from his home at Hillsdale to the home of his son at Brown Summit and had become lost. He was taken to jail at Greensboro for medical treatment.

**MRS. ELIZA JOHNSON DIED LAST WEEK AT AGE 76**

Was Widow of the Late J. Ivey Johnson, Native of Concord Township—Loved by all.

Mrs. Eliza Johnson, aged 76 years, widow of the late J. Ivey Johnson, died at her home in Asheboro Wednesday night of last week following an illness of several months. Mrs. Johnson was born and reared in Davidson county, being the daughter of the late Travis and Mary Daniel. She was the last member of her immediate family. She was married in 1868 to J. Ivey Johnson, of Concord township, Randolph county, and to this union were the following children: Mr. R. E. Johnson, Mrs. Bessie Rice and Mrs. J. T. Winslow, of Asheboro; J. H. and H. C. Johnson, of Liberty; and Mrs. J. N. Goode, of Melbourne, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived in Concord township until several years ago when they moved to Asheboro. Mr. Johnson died eight years ago. Upon moving to Asheboro, Mrs. Johnson united with the M. E. church and continued until her death an active, faithful and consistent member. She was known throughout the community as a pure, consecrated Christian woman.

In her home, she was a mother of the old type, sweet, unassuming and considerate. Truly her "ways were ways of pleasantness and her paths the paths of peace." In the hearts and minds of her friends her memory will linger and her children will ever call her blessed.

According to Mrs. Johnson's request, the funeral service was conducted from the new M. E. church, in which she had manifested intense interest, the pastor, Rev. W. H. Willis, conducting the service, interment following in the local cemetery. Flowers were borne by the members of the Sunday school class of which the deceased was a member. Pallbearers were Messrs. J. O. Redding, F. S. Phillips, C. C. Cranford, A. F. Parrish, W. A. Coffin and Dr. J. W. Swain.

**GROUND COVERED WITH FIRST SNOW**

**Snow and Sleet Accompanied With Drop in Temperature Hits the County.**

With a sudden drop in temperature accompanied by sleet and snow, Randolph county received its first winter coating of the year last Thursday night and Friday. There was little snow at the beginning but a continuous bombardment of hail and sleet during Thursday night and Friday the snow and sleet both put the ground under a white blanket.

Although the snow and ice made traffic disagreeable and kept a lot of people indoors, it was welcomed by the people of the county who had been longing for a good snow or a season of wet weather to relieve the wells, springs and streams that have been slowed up or made entirely dry by the past dry weather. It was welcomed by the farmers who have been a little gloomy over the prospect for crops next year with the scant moisture that had been in the ground up until the coming of the snow last week. Especially will the town of Asheboro benefit from the snow which has come to revive the city ponds which have had a hard time trying to stand up under lack of rain.

The children were made glad by the white blanket on the ground Friday morning. New sleds were bought from the stores and old sleds which have been out of use a long time were brought forth from the attics or outhouses and put into use in convenient places. Old and young joined in the merriment.

The white blanket of snow and sleet was general throughout North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Georgia and Alabama and in other sections of the South which were not covered with snow there were chilling rains accompanied by snow which melted as fast as it fell.

Friday and Saturday the snow and sleet extended up the Atlantic seaboard through New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and the New England States. The snow in these States was accompanied by high winds. Eight deaths were reported, five in New York and three in Massachusetts. Gales at sea were reported which did much damage to small craft.

Charles Ross, attorney for the State highway commission, addressed the Sandhill Kiwanis Club, at Southern Pines, yesterday on occasion of the celebration of good roads week throughout the country.

Young women teachers of Spartanburg county, S. C., will have to be more circumspect in conduct and more modest in attire, according to the county grandjury, which condemns short skirts and night riding in automobiles. The grandjury went on record as being opposed to dancing.

Durham is striving for 1,000 members for its chamber of commerce. Already 559 members have been gotten and the workers are optimistic over securing the number wanted.

That 5,515 persons died in North Carolina in 1924 without any medical attention whatsoever, is the statement made by M. L. Townsend, director of education of the State Board of Health.

The estate left by the late Judge W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, is estimated at \$200,000, which he left to his wife, relatives and friends.

The people of Littleton have voted to sell their local power plant to the Carolina Power and Light Company for \$40,000.

Trapped on the second floor of a frame hotel in Ferriday, La., Tuesday night when the hotel caught on fire, eight men were burned to death. Occupants of the hotel were not aware of the fire until the walls began falling in.

One compartment of the J. P. Taylor Tobacco Company's re-drying plant at Henderson was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

In a Senate contest over the legality of appointment by North Dakota governor, Senator Gerald P. Nye, insurgent Republican, was seated Tuesday by a Senate committee, the vote being 41 to 39. Democrats and insurgent Republicans put him in.

Three Newbern young men still in their teens have admitted robbing two stores at Oriental Monday morning. Most of the cash and merchandise stolen has been recovered.

**MASS MEETING**

A mass meeting of the citizens of Asheboro has been called to meet in the court house tomorrow (Friday) night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce for the town, and to discuss ways and means of financing same to the best advantage. Every citizen of the town is urged to come out to this meeting.