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EDENTON, N. C., FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1914.

IMPORTANT!

We are giving on the first page of this issue an article by Mr. Bion Butler, to which we hope every one of our readers will give special attention. We do not use articles like this to fill space, but because they have an important message. If you fail to read it you will miss a treat.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Let us explain that two of our office force are away this week and next with the Edenton Military Company, which fact may compell us to leave out some of your news matter these two weeks. For the same reason the Gates county history is left out this week.

We have hoped till now that the daily papers were exaggerating European affairs, but it seems that it is all too true and that the principal nations of Europe have declared war one with another, England and Germany being the last to declare war with each other.

We are giving elsewhere a table showing a comparison of schools in Newton, Mass., and in Edenton. These figures are prepared and furnished us by Prof. R. H. Bachman.

As stated in last week's paper, we wish our readers to begin thinking about the proposed amendments to the constitution of North Carolina.

The first amendment is only a change in phraseology, substituting "war between the States" for the words "insurrection or rebellion against the United States. To this we see no objection.

The second amendment is, briefly stated, increasing the compensation of all members of the legislature \$2.00 a day, and reducing the price per MILE from 10 cents to 5 cents. This, too, we consider wise for the reasons that \$6 a day now is not as much as \$4 used to be.

We believe that a man, capable of making laws for our state should be paid for the time he is engaged in that important duty, and the fact that the session lasts only a short time and breaks into a man's other business affairs. Moreover the reduction from 10 cents a mile to 5 cents a mile is more in keeping with present day rates. When 10c a mile was put in the constitution, it cost people about ten cents a mile to go to Raleigh. It certainly ought not now be over 5c each way—we believe 5c for both ways would be nearer right.

The third amendment has to do with taking purely local matters out of the State legislature and letting them have attention by local authorities. For instance if the people in Bullfrog township desire that name changed to Toadfrog township, instead of paying our legislators to kill time

attending to such matters, let the County Commissioners change the name and let the legislature spend its time and thought on matters that affect the entire state or at least more than one county. This amendment we have favored for a long time. What has North Carolina to do with what Chowan county pays its jurors, for instance?

Again, as the constitution now reads, the term of the officers of the executive department begins "the first day of January," which may be Sunday or Saturday or some other unsuitable day. Instead of that it is proposed to change it to read "second Wednesday after the first Monday in January, the wisdom of which is evident.

The fifth amendment provides that in case a judge of Superior court is sick or for any reason is not able to hold court an emergency judge may be provided, thus avoiding further delay of justice. The general assembly should see to it that their compensation is not more than "reasonable."

The sixth amendment eliminates three obsolete sections which were needed only when the constitution was first adopted and will never be needed again except as a matter of history.

The amendments so far are of minor importance, yet we believe they should be adopted. But the most important of them all is yet to follow. We defer a discussion of it to a subsequent issue.

Roper News.

The Junior Auxillary of Saint Luke's Parish held a picnic on the Sound at Bea's fishery last Thursday which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Miss Mabel Roper left Saturday to visit her father, Mr. L. G. Roper, who is spending sometime at Buffalo Lithia Springs. Mr. Roper has been in very poor health for the past few months and has been off on leave of absence for sometime, having spent several weeks at the Sarah Leigh hospital, Norfolk, for rest and treatment and from there he went to the Springs and expects to leave shortly to visit friends in Maryland. It is a matter of genuine regret with our entire community that he responds so slowly to treatment, though it is reported that he is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Nep Peacock returned Friday from a visit to relatives in E. City.

Miss Annie Cahoon left last Thursday on a pleasure trip to New York and other Northern cities.

John E. Singleton is spending the week visiting his old home in Beaufort county near Washington. During his absence Mrs. J. L. Singleton and children of Norfolk are spending the time at his home.

Miss Isa Gay-Lord and Boas Horton of Plymouth are guests of the Misses Spruill this week.

After a visit to Mrs. Ida Blount Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Way returned to their home, Beech Ridge Farm, near Belhaven, Monday, and were accompanied by Mrs. Blount who will spend the week there. Mr. Way highly complimented Washington county's good roads while here, having taken a spin in an automobile, and said if Beaufort county had any such good roads he had not seen them.

After a delightful visit to friends and relatives here, Miss Beatrice Armstrong returned to her home in E. City Wednesday accompanied by Miss Margaret Herrington. From there they will visit Washington City and other nearby points of interest.

Mrs. Maggie Windley and children of Portsmouth are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. C. Johnston.

The colored lodges of Masons, Odd Fellows and Pythians are erecting a large two story building in the new colored residential section of South Roper. The lower floor will be used as an auditorium while the upper floor will be used as a joint lodge room with separate ante-rooms for the three lodges.

The fall term of Roper Graded Schools will open on Monday, Sept. 21st.

Misses Ida and Millie Spruill returned home Tuesday having spent several days in Norfolk.

A new steel and concrete bridge has been recently put down by the County road force over Deep Run on the Eastern edge of town, which is a decided improvement over the old wooden bridge. These concrete bridges are gradually replacing wooden ones all over the county.

Miss Nellie Jacobs of South Mills is the guest of her brother, H. M. Jacobs.

Miss Josie Gordon of E. City is visiting her friend, Miss Esther Ball at Hotel Roper.

Mrs. Hodges of Belhaven is the guest of Mrs. Sue Blount in Buncombe Ave.

NOTICE

NORTH CAROLINA,
GATES COUNTY.

To Mr. H. L. Story, Editor,
Albemarle Observer,
Edenton, North Carolina,

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Gates county, I am instructed to hand you for publication the conclusions of the Finance Committee, as reached in its Oled reports, with respect to the offices of Clerk of Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Treasurer and Sheriff.

Office of Clerk of Superior Court, W. T. Cross, Clerk

The finance committee for Gates county reports that the following county funds have come into the hands of the Clerk of the Superior court, for all of which he shows a receipt from the county Treasurer, showing that they have been paid into his hands.

Approved,
LYOURGUS HOFLE, Chm.
W. R. COWPER, Sec.

Office of Register of Deeds,
I. E. Hofler, Register.

The finance committee of Gates county report that the following county funds and also State funds have come into the hands of Register of Deeds, all of which has been properly accounted for, as shown by receipt exhibited.

Approved,
LYOURGUS HOFLE, Chm.
W. R. COWPER, Sec.

Office of County Treasurer,
R. W. Gatling, Treasurer

The Gates county finance committee, after a careful audit of

the Treasurer's books, R. W. Gatling, Treasurer, for the fiscal years ending June 30th 1911, 1912 and 1913, find the balances in his hands as shown by his books, July 1st, 1913 to be correct.

Approved:
LYOURGUS HOFLE, Chm.
R. W. COWPER, Sec.

Office of Sheriff, J. A. Brown
Sheriff.

The finance committee herewith report the receipts and disbursements from unlisted taxes and insolvent taxes, during the fiscal years ending June 30th, 1909, 1910 and 1911, by J. A. Brown, Sheriff.

Balance due county, collections from 1911, Insolvents,	\$54.70
Balance due county, collections from 1910, Insolvents	\$46.27
Balance due county, collections from 1909, Insolvents,	\$77.95
Total balance due the county as above three years,	\$178.92
Amount appearing to be overpaid,	60.06
Total	118.86

Approved by committee,
W. M. SPARKMAN,
LYOURGUS HOFLE, Chm.
W. R. COWPER, Sec.

The amount found by the committee to have been collected by the sheriff on the insolvent lists for 1909, 1910 and 1911 and not accounted for is \$118.86, which amount was paid by the sheriff in his settlement of the 1913 taxes on 23rd day of July, 1914.

This Aug. 3rd, 1914.
T. E. HOFLE,
Clerk to Board.

Done by order of the Board of Commissioners of Gates county,
Aug. 3rd, 1914.

Sunbury Notes.

Mr. Ghester Edwards who is working in Hamlet, N. C., is spending his vacation at his parental home here.

Messrs. F. N. Cross and family and John V. Miles spent one day last week in Norfolk.

Mrs. Edwards and daughter are visiting her sister Mrs. F. N. Cross.

Harry E. Brooks who has been visiting in Roxboro has returned home.

Mrs. I. F. Pierce visited friends in Norfolk this week.

J. R. Hill made a business trip to Norfolk and Suffolk last week.

Miss Julia I. Cross spent one day last week in Suffolk.

The Russians who have been working on the road force here have left this section of the country.

Mrs. Peacock of Richmond is visiting her cousin, J. J. Rountree.

Miss Marie Brooks who has been visiting in Elm City for some time arrived home Tuesday morning accompanied by Miss Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. S. I. Harrell spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. T. M. Grant of Gates Station.

P. K. Harrell of Norfolk and Julian C. Harrell of Wilson are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Harrell.

Misses Lucy and Mamie Kelly of Suffolk are visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. E. McClenny.

The Misses Norfleet of near Suffolk are visiting at J. R. Hill's. Mrs. J. C. Hubbard who has been visiting Mrs. I. F. Pierce has returned to her home in Port Norfolk.

Mrs. J. E. Corbitt and family have returned from a trip to Norfolk.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Julia Cross and Mr. John V. Miles on August 11th, 1914 at Philadelphia M. E. church here

Cedar Camp No. 365 W. O. W. will hold a picnic at the High School house on August 12th. They have several good speakers booked for the occasion, and all expect to have a good time.

Mrs. J. E. Corbitt spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Suffolk.

Mesdames W. S. and Harry L. Cross and children are visiting at Mr. S. W. Cross's home.

L. M. Pierce spent last Saturday at Corapeake.

Mr. Herbert Copeland and wife of Ryland spent last Saturday and Sunday with his brother C. F. Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Johnson visited relatives in Isle of Wight County, Va., last week.

Sam Pierce has returned to his home in Richmond after a visit to his parents here.

BEECH SPRING

Mrs. Jack Wescott of Norfolk is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. N. Winslow

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Miller of Winfall spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Howell

Mr. John White of near Hertford and Misses Alethia Ward and Maggie Howell were out driving Friday afternoon.

Miss Alethia Ward has returned to her home in Edenton after a visit to Miss Maggie Howell.

Misses Beulah Hunter and Lula Winslow spent Thursday with Miss Nellie White near Hertford.

After a visit to relatives in E. City Mrs. Z. D. White has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rountree spent the week-end with relatives in Gates county.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hollowell spent the week-end with relatives in Rocky Hock.

The Young People's Society met with Miss Addie Thatch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Howell spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Winslow.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. White spent Sunday at Center Hill.

Oscar Winslow of E. City was in our midst Sunday.

Mr. Beecher Chappell and Miss Beulah Hunter, Mr. John White and Maggie Howell were out driving Sunday afternoon.

Carter News.

Mrs. C. K. Ward and son Milburn of Gliden spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carter.

Miss Mary Ward of Hobbsville is visiting her grandfather, J. H. Pruden.

Miss Rebecca Hofler of Willow was the guest of her grandmother Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Powell of Somerton, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Carter of Roduco and Miss Juanita Horner of Richmond spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Carter had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ward, Mrs. C. K. Ward and son and Miss Blanche Ward of Gliden, Messrs Shirley Carter, Joe Winslow and Wallace Speight of Hobbsville.

Mrs. P. L. Hobbs of Myrtle, spent Sunday with her brother, M. A. Ward

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carter of Merchants were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Piland Sunday.

Mr. Waddell Hobbs and Miss Sibyl Russell, Mr. Paul Blanchard and Miss Ellie Rountree of Hobbsville were the guests of Miss Lizzie Hofler Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rountree and children of Hobbsville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Carter Sunday

Mr. Jim Hinton of South Carolina is the guest of his wife,

Tulu News.

W. J. Boyce spent a couple of days in Virginia last week

We are glad to note that C. M. Asbell is improving.

Mrs. Jesse Asbell visited her sister Mrs. W. H. Twine last week and they visited relatives at New Hope Saturday.

J. C. Evans was in Gates county last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Asbel spent a few days last week in Norfolk.

Miss Sybil Smith has been spending a few days with Mrs. C. M. Asbell.

W. J. Byrum and family spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Edlow Long of Bethel visited relatives here last week

James A. Twine of Savage is in town this week.

O. C. Twine went to Hertford Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hollowell motored over to Norfolk this week

MEGE NOTES

Eddie, Ralph and Bennie Johnson of Norfolk are spending their vacation with Lester Forehand.

Miss Annie Boyce of E. City is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Parks. Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Bunch visited relatives at Center Hill Sunday afternoon.

J. S. Speight and family spent Sunday with relatives in Hertford.

A. S. Bush is spending a few days at Ocean View.

J. D. Hobbs spent the week-end at Great Hope.

J. E. Dale and family of Gates spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Dale.

Bernard Outland of Gates spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. Dan Morgan representing the Grandy Jobbing Co., was in town Tuesday on business.

J. T. and G. E. Hollowell were here Tuesday on business.

Quite a number from here attended the Farmers Union picnic at Center Hill Wednesday.

J. Jessup and R. E. Brinn of Hertford were the guests of M. S. Elliott.

H. L. Leary went to Corapeake Sunday.

Willow Notes.

Miss Laura Spivey was the guest of Misses Essie and Lucile Spivey Sunday.

Miss Florence Blanchard and Mr. Herbert Rountree are on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Perry has returned to her home in Belvidere after visiting relatives here

Mrs. Blanche Benton of Danville, has returned home after a visit to her aunt, Mrs. A. S. Hudgins.

Miss Lizzie Parker of Port Norfolk is visiting friends in this vicinity.

S. W. Spivey, W. A. Brown and Rufus Blanchard made a flying trip to Suffolk Saturday.

Miss Sallie Hudgins and brother Julian spent the week-end with relatives at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cross and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Godwin and children of Gatesville spent Sunday with Mr. J. B. Hathaway.

Skinner'sville News

Mrs. P. H. Bell, Jr., and Miss Mary Willy are spending sometime at Connelly Springs, N. C.

Miss Eva Swain made a week-end visit to friends in Oreswell.

W. C. Harris of Edenton was in our midst Saturday and Sunday.