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COMMISSIONERS HOLD BUSY SESSION

Three Roads Are Ordered Added to County Highway System—Rural Policemen Disbanded.

Rutherfordton, March 10.—The County Commissioners, Geo. H. Blanton, chairman; J. P. Jones and W. Deck held a busy three days' session last week. Several tax resolutions were made while a number of penalties and errors were corrected. No bills were paid.

The Commissioners decided to levy and collect license and privilege taxes under Schedule B. The county attorney was ordered to furnish the county tax collector with a list of the taxes authorized under Schedule B of taxation and the tax collector was instructed to proceed to collect such license and privilege taxes as the law authorizes.

It was ordered that a public road leading from S. S. Durham's place to the school at the intersection of the road and that it be constructed as soon as possible after the survey is made.

The following rural policemen were notified in writing that their term had expired since their office had been abolished by a recent act of the Legislature: Geo. F. Green, Arthur Duncan, Spindale; J. W. Barlow, Alexander Mills; A. R. Hall, Henrietta; C. R. Dalton, Uree and T. F. Green, Ellenboro, R-3.

It was ordered that the Old Lincoln road from Washburn's store be re-opened and made a public road via J. A. Cooper's and A. J. Blanton's, crossing Pea Ridge road near A. C. Higgins' and crossing near Broad River and entering the new road coming from Forest City by the way of W. P. Crowder's.

The County Commissioners adopted the following resolution at an adjourned meeting on Wednesday, March 8th, 1931.

After due consideration by the board of the proposed highway leading from Rutherfordton to Spartanburg, it is ordered by the board that a highway be constructed leading directly out of the town of Rutherfordton in the direction of Spartanburg following Main Street to the corporate limits, or down Cleghorn Creek the most direct route as the engineer may determine to be the most preferable or the most desirable road and leading thence via Harris Station and the McDowell bridge, to the South Carolina line, and that said road be and the same is hereby adopted and taken over as a county highway and the same shall immediately become a part of the highway system of Rutherford County.

It is further ordered that an engineer be engaged and that a survey be made of said road leading out of Rutherfordton as herebefore recited, and that the said surveyor be instructed to survey, map and profile the same as soon as possible and that the said survey be filed with the Board of County Commissioners to be adopted immediately thereafter, and that the county chain gang be used for the opening and construction of said highway and that it be built as soon as possible and made ready for use.

It is further ordered that the engineer may, in locating this road, use such part or parts of any present road now existing which may be deemed feasible by him as the proper location for said road as herebefore provided for.

TO HONOR ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN HARRILL

The third annual birthday dinner and family reunion honoring the birth anniversary of Mr. Martin J. Harrill, deceased, will be held Sunday, March 15th, at the old home place, at the home of Mrs. Charles Ford. Relatives and friends are invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

TRADE DAY HERE MONDAY BIG EVENT

Two Thousand People Visit Here On Trade Day—Much Trading and Buying.

Trade Day here Monday was a huge success. More than two thousand people thronged the streets, while parking space was at a premium.

Visitors from practically every township in Rutherford county were here, with hundreds present from Cool Springs, Colfax, High Shoals, Sulphur Springs, Rutherfordton, Green Hill, and Golden Valley with a liberal scattering from Logan Store, Duncan Creek and other townships.

The weather, while rather cold, was apparently made to order for the day. The merchants all report an unusually good trade for the day. The farmers from the rural districts took advantage of many of the special offerings made by the local merchants and purchased a goodly supply of various merchandise for the home and farm.

Much trading was in evidence. Among the many offerings for trade or sale on the streets were nice pigs, cows, calves, dogs and numerous other items usually associated with trade day. Many mules and horses also changed hands Monday, as the farmers, at the beginning of a new farm season, traded old stock or bought new farm animals.

Trade Day is fast becoming an institution in Forest City. It is being looked forward to by many people as a desirable time to do much trading, and a time to meet many friends.

Singing Convention At Holly Springs

To Be Held Sunday, March 29th—Other Activities of This Community.

Harris, R-1, March 9.—Rev. Dr. J. Hunt filled his regular appointment at Holly Springs, Sunday afternoon. Owing to the cold weather there was no B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.

The W. M. S. of Holly Springs observed the week of prayer meeting at the church Wednesday and Friday.

The Holly Springs choir has been practicing for the singing convention which will be held here the fifth Sunday in this month, March 29th. We hope each choir will be prepared to sing at this convention and also many quartets. The program will be announced later.

The young men's debating society have been rendering some good programs. A name "Dynamo" was chosen Friday night for the society. They are planning to give a public debate in a few weeks.

Mrs. E. M. Roach is very sick with tonsillitis, we are sorry to note.

Mr. Joe Robbins is improving after being sick so long.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lawing and family in our community, who have moved in the home with Mrs. Annie Briscoe.

Mr. Earley who has recently moved into our community is very sick at this writing, we are sorry to note.

Mrs. Ernest Cole is improving after having a bad case of tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bradley and family of Alexander visited Mr. and Mrs. Dock Henson and family, Sunday.

Miss Kathleen Roach is sick at this writing, we are sorry to note.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNEY

Spindale, March 11.—An elementary school basketball tournament will be held in the Spindale House here Friday. Five teams have entered, Forest City, Avondale, Spindale, Washburn and Union Mills. The first game, between Forest City and Avondale will be played at four o'clock Friday afternoon. At five o'clock Spindale and Washburn plays, and Friday night Union Mills will play the two afternoon winners. A small admission fee will be charged.

In Championship Finals



The Rutherfordton-Spindale Central High school basketball team which won second place in the state championship tournament held in Raleigh last week. They are, back row, left to right: Assistant manager Goforth, Carver, Callahan, McDonald, Simpson, Coach R. M. Frew, Aubrey Clay, Manager Walter Gregg. Front row, left to right: Lattimore, Gerard Lipscombe, Burgess, Frew and Harris.

W. W. BLANKENSHIP DIED THURSDAY

Spindale Man Passes After Short Illness—Funeral Held Friday.

Spindale, March 10.—Funeral services for Mr. William W. Blankenship were held at his home here Friday afternoon with Rev. W. Arthur Barber in charge. A short service was also held at Pisgah Methodist church with the pastor, Rev. J. N. Snow in charge and interment was made at the latter place.

Mr. Blankenship died at his home here Thursday morning after a short illness. He died of heart trouble and dropsy. He was 59 years old and is survived by his widow and five children, as follows: Mrs. William Hill, Spindale; Mrs. Jasper Sisk, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. R. D. McClain, Rock Hill, S. C.; Garnie Blankenship, Spindale and Marvin Blankenship, U. S. Army. Three sisters also survive, Mrs. James Spratt, Caroleen; Mrs. Mary Ensley and Mrs. James Foster, both near Pisgah church.

Mr. Blankenship was a loyal member of Pisgah church. He was born and reared in that section and often remarked before his death that he was ready to go.

The pallbearers and flower girls were from the Elmore Co., where Mr. Blankenship formerly worked. The employees donated beautiful floral designs.

Mr. Blankenship was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and relatives and was honest and industrious.

Mr. C. E. Lowe Dies In Concord, N. C.

Mr. C. E. Lowe died Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock at his home in Concord, N. C., following an attack of heart trouble Saturday. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago and never fully recovered from the stroke. Funeral services were held Wednesday, and interment took place in a Concord cemetery.

Mr. Lowe is survived by his widow, who prior to her marriage was Miss Fannie Fortune, of Forest City, a daughter of the late Mr. J. T. Fortune, and Mrs. Fortune. Five children survive, as follows: Guy Lowe, Misses Kathrine, Nell, Frances and Ruth Lowe, also two brothers, Mr. Jap Lowe, of Kannapolis and Robert Lowe, of Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Lowe was connected with the Concord Wholesale Paper Co. He formerly resided in Brevard before going to Concord.

Several from here attended the funeral services Wednesday.

The ladies are coming from all over the county, and surrounding counties, to buy our \$1.95 slippers. Values as high as \$10 and \$12. Latest styles, best materials. Greatest bargains ever offered in the county. Large stocks to select from. Come in today and bring your friends. The Bee Hive, bargain center of the county.

HENRIETTA CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Community Womans' Club Selects Officials—Interesting Program is Given.

Henrietta, March 10.—The Community Woman's Club was most charmingly entertained on last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. O. Hand in Henrietta, with the following hostesses: Mrs. Hand, Mrs. T. C. Lovelace, Mrs. C. M. Harrill, Mrs. Russell Shytle, Mrs. A. C. Lovelace and Miss Virginia Poole. The business session was presided over by Mrs. G. J. Mooneyham, club president. Reports were made from the welfare and civic chairman, and other matters of business discussed.

Alexander News Of Late Interest

Missionary Society Observes Week of Prayer—Other Social Notes.

Alexander Mill, March 10.—A number of people from Alexander attended the B. Y. P. U. rally at High Shoals, Sunday afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Baptist church observed the week of prayer last week for missions. A large crowd attended each of the services.

Miss Stella Flinn, of near Avondale, spent last week-end here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Flinn.

Kenneth Honeycutt who has been very sick for several days with scarlet fever is slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cantrell carried their daughter, Gene, to Spartanburg Sunday morning to Dr. Smith, for an examination.

Miss Agnes Hawkins of Cliffside, spent last week-end with her sister Mrs. C. J. Hicks.

Mr. T. R. Whitstine is sick at this time with flu.

Miss Margaret Neal visited her aunt, Mrs. R. G. Howard in Rutherfordton, Saturday.

Little Alice Tate, who was seriously ill, is on the road to recovery now. We hope she will soon be back to her normal health again.

Miss Mildred Mathis, of Converse visited in Alexander, Sunday.

Mrs. Cline Davis and children have returned home, after having spent several days with her mother in Hollis.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MRS. J. W. HILL, OF R-2

Forest City, R-2, March 10.—Friends and relatives of Mrs. J. W. Hill gathered at her home Sunday and gave her a surprise birthday dinner on occasion of her 70th birthday. Among those present were Mr. Archie Hardin and family, Mr. Alton Padgett and family, Mr. Elmer J. Doggett and family, Mrs. C. G. Hill and daughter, Mae, Mrs. Yates Holland and children, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Shytle, of Spindale; Mr. J. P. Toms and family; Mr. L. W. Allen and family, Mrs. W. A. Hill and Miss Ethelene Bradley, of Forest City, R-2.

The small twin son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Toms has been very ill.

SUPERIOR COURT NOW IN SESSION

Hon. Cameron MacRae Presiding—Cases Being Disposed of Slowly.

Rutherfordton, March 11.—A special term of the superior court for trial of civil cases convened here Monday morning with Judge Cameron MacRae, of Asheville, presiding.

Several divorce cases have been disposed of. Divorces were granted in the following cases:

C. S. Suddeth vs. Bonnie Suddeth. D. W. Cunningham vs. Bernice Cunningham.

E. Kathryn Guysler vs. Daniel Reavis Guysler. Ethel Barrett vs. Phillip Barrett. H. M. Mills vs. Estelle Twitty Mills (colored.)

The following cases resulted in non-suits:

Annie Sue Giles vs. John Giles. Aline McCree vs. Mack McCree. Rutherford County Bank & Trust Co., vs. Lollie Smith, et al. Industrial Bank vs. T. F. Oates, guardian.

Rutherford County vs. Guy Weaver W. A. Harrill vs. Carolina Stores, incorporated, suit pending, Tuesday afternoon.

In the case of W. L. McFadden vs. Carolina Mountain Power Company, et al, the Duke Power Company is ordered to permit examination of records in reference to rainfall, operation, etc., at the Lake Lure power dam during the period of high water in 1929. C. O. Ridings was appointed a commissioner to examine the records. This case will come up at the August 1931 term of court.

CENTRAL HIGH DROPS CAGE TITLE IN STATE FINALS

Runner-up in State Championship Series Loses Final Game to Conway High School.

The Rutherfordton-Spindale Central high basketball team, county champions and western North Carolina champions, lost by a few points the state championship crown Saturday night in Raleigh.

Thirty or more teams were eligible and participated in the state tournament. Central High won each game played until matched with Conway High school in the finals in Saturday night. The tournament was held at the State college gym.

Thirty-two teams were lined up Thursday morning in the Class B starting off. Central Hi was matched with Candor and won by a 34-9 score. On Friday two elimination rounds were played. In the first Central High defeated Parkton 33 to 24, and in the afternoon round defeated Green Hope 21 to 17. In the semi-finals Central High met Bakersville and Conway opposed Derita. Little difficulty was experienced in eliminating Bakersville, while Conway won over Derita. In the finals which were played Saturday night for state championship between Central High and Conway, Central high took second place when she was handed a 13 to 26 defeat by the husky Northampton county cagers.

Central High has enjoyed an unusually good basketball season. The team recently won the Class A championship title in the county, and for the second year in succession the large silver basketball, emblematic of the championship of the Western Conference of the Western North Carolina High School Athletic Association, rests in the hands of Central High school.

During the season the Central High cagers have scored a total of 1149 points as compared with 495 points made by their opponents. This does not include the state tournament scores.

W. C. Hardin May Collect Back Taxes

Raleigh, March 11.—W. C. Hardin, former sheriff and tax collector of Rutherford county, would be authorized and empowered to collect back taxes for the years 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929, now in arrears and with which he was charged in his tax settlements with the county commissioners, by a bill introduced in the General Assembly Monday by Representative O. R. Coffield of Rutherford county.

The bill would give him full power to levy, restrain and sell for collection property in the same manner and to the same extent as is now authorized by law for the collection of taxes under the general law of the state. This power and authority would expire January 1, 1933, however.

MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLES DEPARTMENT

The young peoples' department of the First Baptist Sunday school will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Jones, Jr., on Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock. We will then hike to an appropriate place to cook a camp supper. All members of this department who are working elsewhere in the Sunday school and all young people who are eligible to this department are cordially invited.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR HARDSURFACING ROAD

Raleigh, March 11.—State Highway project No. 8761, that of hard surfacing one and five hundredths miles of highway from the Seaboard depot at Rutherfordton into the town of Rutherfordton, on Highway No. 20, was awarded to Wilson Construction Company, of Asheville Tuesday. This company bid \$21,159.50.