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Will Submit Court House Question to a Vote of the People

County Will Probably be Given Opportunity to Decide Question Early Next Year.

At last term of court, it is known that the grand jury took seriously the recommendations of Judge McElroy, and the failure of the county commissioners to act upon the needs of the county for better court house facilities has bordered so nearly on criminal neglect that their duty under the premises can not go by default for a longer period.

It is not of record just now as to what the grand jury has done nor what may later take place; but it is known that the county commissioners in late months have been studying the field carefully, looking into the question from every angle, both through the advice of the attorney to the board, and bonding attorneys as well, and architects have been consulted to the point that tentative plans have been submitted.

At the regular session of the county board Monday, no definite steps were taken. But The Press learns that the board intends to take legal steps for ordering and calling an election on the question, probably to be held in February or early spring. The legislative enactment provides that this shall be done, and Mr. R. L. Brown, who is counsel to the board, is understood to recommend this course.

It is being heard on all sides that the people of rural districts favor building a new court house and will vote for bonds, if this be required; but that the towns are opposing a bond issue. On the other hand, there is a strong sentiment in Albemarle favoring a bond issue, and while there will be a division, if the rural districts should favor a bond issue it is believed there is good ground for belief that the issue will be decided favorably to a new court house under a bond issue.

Storm Center



Here is the latest photo of Gerald P. Nye, of North Dakota, just named by Governor Sorlie to succeed the late Senator Edwin F. Ladd. Nye's political policies have caused many Senators to vigorously oppose his being seated.

Merritt Shoe Co. To Locate Here

Well Known Chain Store Has Rented Store Room in Hill Building.

The Merritt Shoe company, of Endicott, N. Y., is having the north store room in the new Hill building fitted for its coming on or about February 1st.

The Hill building is nearing completion, and will probably be ready for occupancy about February 1. The C. J. Mauney drug store will occupy the other store room, there being two on the first floor.

The Merritt Shoe company is establishing a new line of stores over the country, and the firm handles an exclusive line of shoes.

Board Members Visit the Kingville School

Fine Work Being Done by Albemarle's School for Colored Children.

Prof. R. S. Graves is putting it over, and in a fine way. He is teaching the colored youth of Albemarle how to develop their brain force, as well as physical, and he is getting over to them a message of race uplift that is destined to count largely in the minds of men and women who are now in the embryonic stage as yet.

Prof. Graves is principal of the school. He not only supervises the work, but teaches the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Mrs. Graves has the third, fourth and fifth grades, and is likewise doing fine work in her department.

Miss Daisy Brewington, of Fayetteville, has charge of the primary department. In addition to the regular lessons, she is giving her pupils a fine sense of rhythm. When her room was visited on Monday she put her pupils through exercises which demonstrated how the children under her are given the first essentials of music.

Miss Ozaree Hamilton, domestic science teacher, entertained the members of the board of education in her department, Monday, at a dinner. Messrs. Bost, Brooks, Reeves, Gulleger, and Hough, of the board; Supt. C. A. Reap, and Messrs. Bivins and Moss were guests at the table.

The dinner menu consisted as follows: Cream of tomato soup, Melba toast, roast stuffed turkey, string beans, cornmeal muffins, cranberry jelly, devilled eggs, candied potatoes, hot rolls, Waldorf salad, cheese straws, lemon pie, grape juice, and cafe noir.

The dinner was nicely prepared, elegantly served, and reflected the highest credit upon this young graduate of Tuskegee Institute and the class of work she is doing. Healthy appetites attested the enjoyment of the guests. Mr. Hough returned thanks, Reap was chief carver, and Luther Bost made a nice speech of thanks at close of the feast.

It would be a matter of interest to our white folks to visit the school and see just what is being done in the Kingville school under Prof. Graves.

One instance of the industrial strides being made is the department conducted by Prof. W. T. Anderson, of Abington, Va., who has a class of boys he is teaching to lay brick, to plaster, and the rules of architecture and drawing. The young students are now building an addition to their department, and they show both interest and response to the training they are receiving.

Burial of Prominent Man in Anson County

Wadesboro, Dec. 7.—Funeral services for W. L. Little, prominent Anson county citizen who was killed near his home Saturday night by a car driven by a negro named Wade Little, who lived on Mr. Little's place, were held at the M. E. church at 11 o'clock today. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Kennedy, pastor of the Bethel M. E. church, assisted by Rev. J. H. Armbrast, pastor of the M. E. church of this city.

The interment was in the family plot in Eastview cemetery and the service was attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends from this and other sections of the state. Mr. Little being one of the most popular citizens of this county.

The negro, Wade Little, who drove the car that killed Mr. Little, is in jail here and will be tried at the next term of criminal court. He is said to have been driving recklessly and to have refused to stop and render assistance to Mr. Little whose leg was broken in two places and who died from loss of blood after having made a desperate effort to reach his home only about 100 yards distance. Blood was found on the negro's car and in this way he was positively identified.

They Steal School Funds

Robbers Break In City School and Secure About \$100.

Following the band concert in the high school auditorium last Thursday night, Prof. M. S. Beam deposited about \$70 in a metal box, which was placed in the vault at the school for safekeeping. While the vault doors were not locked, the box was, and the funds were added to some \$30 or more of school funds.

The young rogues broke through a window, prized the box open, and have apparently made good their escape. While suspicion rests against certain parties, there is no definite clue as yet. This instance is but one of several, and it is thought that very soon the guilty parties will be apprehended.

Luther B. Fink Died Thursday of Cancer

Successful Photographer Passes Out After a Short Illness—A Good Man Gone.

Albemarle was saddened by the death of Mr. Luther B. Fink at his home on North Fourth street Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks. He was nearing his 38th year of age.

He sought relief in the hospital at Hamlet and at other points, but during the past two months he had been slowly declining, and when it was discovered some days ago that he had a cancerous formation of malignant type, no hope was held out for his recovery. But it was known only to a few that his condition was so serious.

Luther Fink was one of those quiet natures which radiated only friendship. Faithful in home and church, attentive to every call, he held the esteem of all who knew him.

He was married to Miss Elva Brinkley, at Welcome, on February 20, 1916. To the union an only child was born—little Miss Thelma, now nine years of age. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fink, of the Plyler vicinity. A photographer by trade, he had built up a lucrative business in Albemarle. This will be carried on by Mrs. Fink, with such help as she may need from time to time.

Funeral services were conducted Friday from the First Lutheran church, of which Mr. Fink had been a member. Rev. E. C. Cooper was assisted by Rev. E. K. Counts, of St. Martin church.

Floral tributes from friends were many and beautiful, and the presence and ministrations of friends attested the esteem in which Mr. Fink was held.

Three brothers survive—Messrs. Albert, Adolphus, and Carl Fink, all of Stanly; and two sisters—Mrs. A. L. Dry, of Charlotte, and Mrs. H. B. Furr, of Matthews.

Among those present at the funeral services were relatives and friends of Mrs. Fink: Mrs. P. L. Brinkley, mother of Mrs. Fink, and her family; F. L. Brinkley and family; G. C. Hinkle and family, Mrs. Frank Hinkle and family, Guilford Beeker and family, Fred Essic and Mrs. W. B. Jenkins, all of Welcome; and others from Thomasville.

Shall Tuberculosis Gain a Foothold in the Schools of N. C.

Every seriously undernourished child is a potential tuberculosis patient.

Surveys made by the North Carolina Tuberculosis association reveal that 30 per cent of the children in our schools are seriously underweight and undernourished. This condition is due sometimes to insufficient food. In many instances there is adequate food in the home but the child is not trained to eat that which will build a strong, vital body.

Diseased tonsils, adenoid growths and decayed teeth, bad health habits and disease produce undernourishment. In most instances undernourishment in children is easy to cure, thereby minimizing the danger of infection from tuberculosis.

The funds from the Christmas seal sale this year are to be used in large part to finance a campaign of health education in the schools of North Carolina in an effort to conquer not only tuberculosis but every other disease which lowers bodily resistance. Mrs. Clyde Skidmore, the seal sale chairman for Albemarle and her committee, Mrs. L. O. Parker and Mrs. F. B. Patterson, are conducting the seal sale to secure funds to promote health education and to provide relief for tuberculosis patients who cannot afford medical and nursing care. Buying Christmas seals is one sure method of helping to conquer tuberculosis.

BADIN BAND AT PRACTICE.

The Badin band is adding new life to itself by taking on a crew of youngsters who have just broken through the beginners' period. Mr. D. I. Bohn, is director, Mr. K. H. Erb assistant director, and Mr. L. G. Gabriel business manager. Under the fine direction of these men, the Badin band is a strong organization and is producing good music. The new recruits will be brought into a public concert to be given by the band in a few days, and since three of Albemarle's young men are members, the event is of local interest. The band is a unit of the Tallahassee organization, and the company is to be commended for its efforts to promote a musical atmosphere at the aluminum plant. The directors are men of talent, and they give the young men a splendid opportunity to learn music.

EX-GOV. CAMERON MORRISON WILL ADDRESS LIONS CLUB

Albemarle Teacher Suffers Collapse

"Miss Mary Gulleger is sick and has been taken to the hospital," was the news which coursed through the city school grades yesterday morning.

Some days ago, Miss Gulleger sprained her ankle. She has not been well, but her indomitable will and energy have kept her at work when she was not able.

Mary Gulleger is one of the best teachers and superintendents in the state today in grammar school work. She has never known what it is to take a rest. Day school, Sunday school, church—everywhere—she is in demand, and her response is always ready and cheerful. Vacations are spent in work, and those who know this very beloved teacher and young woman doubt if she has ever taken a real holiday.

Even when carried to the local hospital she would not give up until she realized she had to. The night before, she was getting in touch near the mid-night hour with her work and other departments.

Friends hope for the best. But they also hope that Miss Gulleger will surrender herself at this time to a needed rest and treatment, for she has friends who love her and feel a deep concern over her recovery.

Boyett Apartments Sold Last Week

The elegant Boyett apartments on corner of South and Third streets were sold last week.

Title was transferred to Mr. F. M. Boyett, a brother of Mr. J. M. Boyett who has associated with him other interested parties in Charlotte and elsewhere.

These apartments represent one of the best pieces of residential properties in the place. The approximate value runs around \$100,000.

The new owners have plans for bringing the property to a desired point of popularity.

Cotton Yield Is Far Above That of 1924

New Orleans, Dec. 8.—The government's final cotton estimate of 15,603,000 bales and total reported ginning to December 1, of 13,857,684 proved much larger than had been generally expected. As a result when trading resumed after the customary 15-minute interval the first trade in December on the call showed a drop of 105 points or more than \$5 a bale. January showed a drop of 83 points and the loss diminished as the selling proceeded until October showed a loss of only 42 points. The government's estimate for lint cotton means a crop including linters, etc., of 17,000,000 bales.

Stamping Out Crime

Pink Tea Parties for Jails Is Work of "Reformers"—Make Crime So Expensive As To Be Unprofitable.

Attorney General Percy Saint is quoted in address before the Young Men's Business Club of New Orleans a few days ago as condemning "coddling" criminals, and he rapped prison "reformers" who would make a pink tea affair of the jails.

The attorney-general said he did not attach great importance to the reported crime wave over the country. "The public must back up public officials to the last step in law enforcement by serving on juries and by holding public officers strictly accountable for lawlessness," the attorney-general continued. "But the public must do its part.

"Crime has been organized in the United States on a stupendous scale and the only way to stamp it out is to make it so expensive as to be unprofitable. Crime must be fought in a big way. It must be fought with its own fire."

ARMY TAKES SHOT AT COLONEL MITCHELL

Washington, Dec. 8.—The army's reply to Colonel William Mitchell's charges of incompetence, neglect and near treason in the conduct of aviation, was begun today before the court martial trying the air crusader.

Major General Lanson E. Ely, commandant of the army war college was called by the prosecution counsel to open its counter-attack while ten other major generals, two brigadiers and a squad of lesser ranking officers were held in reserve. They will be thrown into the offensive as the court battle goes on, extending probably into next week.

EX-GOVERNOR MORRISON.



Ex-Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, will address the Lions Club this evening at the First Presbyterian church.

MT. PLEASANT LAD IS KILLED BY TRUCK

Grady McAllister, 9, Son of Prof. G. F. McAllister, Meets Instant Death—Unavoidable.

Concord, Dec. 8.—Grady McAllister, nine-year-old son of Prof. and Mrs. Geo. F. McAllister, of Mt. Pleasant, was instantly killed today shortly after noon when a truck ran over him as he was going home from school.

According to information received in Concord, the boy was going to lunch with a number of his companions. As they neared his father's home, he "tagged" one of his comrades and then darted out in the street to avoid being "tagged" in return. The truck struck him before the driver had time to swerve it from its course.

The driver stopped it immediately and rendered what assistance he could, but death had been practically instantaneous. The truck was the property of O. E. Ross, of Ansonville, and was loaded with cotton. Otis Bunn was driving the truck.

Physicians who examined the body declared that the wheel of the truck did not run over the boy. Death resulted from a blow received when the front of the truck hit him.

Prof. McAllister, the father of the boy, is principal of Mt. Pleasant collegiate institute.

At a coroner's inquest this afternoon Bunn was exonerated of all blame for the accident.

Tea Murder.

Battersea, Eng.—Because he refused to treat him to a cup of tea, Charles Dealing struck Arthur Massey a blow in the face which killed him.

Lions Want to Get a Branch of Proposed Piedmont & Northern Railway—Mr. Morrison Will Give Club a Hearing.

What promises to be a very interesting meeting of the Lions Club is that of this afternoon at the Presbyterian church dining hall, at 6:45 o'clock, when ex-Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, will be present to make an address.

At its last meeting, the club decided to ask Mr. Morrison to be with it on the 10th, and he has very graciously consented to be here.

Knowing that the ex-Governor is in close touch with the affairs of the late Mr. Duke, and especially the P. & N. electric railway, Albemarle and Badin want to put forth arguments before him to show that a line from Concord, via Mt. Pleasant and Albemarle to Badin, with suggested outlets, would give desired extension to the road, and would traverse a section which would in time become a strong patron of the proposed line.

Mr. Morrison will be heard with interest. At the meeting, it is planned to have as guests Profs. Scott and Colvard, of the Norwood school; Profs. McRee and Allred, of Oakboro; Profs. Hale and Winchester, of Stanfield, together with a number of the members of Stanly county's boys and girls clubs.

Mrs. C. M. Lentz and Miss Delano Wilson are also invited guests for the evening.

Every Lion is urged to be present. The meeting is one of importance and interest. Rev. Pickens is to be toastmaster.

Shooting in Kingville

Cray Parker is in jail charged with shooting Gould Kendall, in Kingville, (Albemarle negro suburbs). The negroes are supposed to have been drinking canned heat. Kendall is painfully wounded, but not seriously. The details of the quarrel leading to the shooting could not be learned at the time of going to press.

West Albemarle

Mr. Tom Solomon, of this community, died Tuesday about 11 o'clock. He had gone to Charlotte for an operation on his eye. Mr. Solomon was quite an old man and has been steadily failing for the past few years. He leaves several children and grandchildren.

Electric railways of the United States are using 3250 motor buses.

DUKE FOUNDATION MAY ASSIST YADKIN HOSPITAL, ALBEMARLE

Wood, Caught, Says He Was En Route To State Prison

Statesville, Dec. 8.—Otto Wood, prison-breaker and slayer, was still in Iredell county jail this morning awaiting orders from prison officials at Raleigh as to his return to State prison, following his quiet capture near Mooresville yesterday.

Wood told newspaper men last night that he was en route back to State prison at the time he was arrested. He said he spent the weekend past with friends in Wilkesboro.

Since his getaway from the penitentiary two weeks ago, the prisoner said that he had been through South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. He told officers that it was in West Virginia, where he visited his mother, that he decided to return to prison upon her insistence.

Farmer, Once Wealthy, Bankrupt.

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—John W. Herring, regarded a rich farmer until recently, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today, listing \$3,205 in assets against a huge indebtedness of \$338,921.

Mr. Herring is a Wayne county farmer and had the name of being one of the very richest in it. The blue sky salesman was quick to find it out. Among the worthless things for which he spent good money was the Fisheries.

Leicester, England, streets are paved with stones made of clinkers collected in domestic dustbins.

NEW BRIDGE TO SPAN THE YADKIN WHERE STATE STRUCTURE RESTS

CAROLINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. WILL ERECT ENTIRELY NEW BRIDGE BETWEEN STANLY AND MONTGOMERY—37 FEET HIGHER THAN PRESENT BRIDGE.

Blue prints for a new bridge across the Yadkin river, at a point some two or three hundred yards north of the location of the elegant concrete structure on State highway No. 74 between Stanly and Montgomery counties, are in hand.

The Carolina Light and Power company is operating on a large scale and surveys show that the large dam the company will erect below Norwood will back water to a point that would probably inundate the bridge now in service, and the company has secured rights, and plans for changing the location, creating a new section of highway, and to erect a bridge according to plans approved by the state highway commission.

The Press is informed that the new bridge will be 37 feet higher than the one now in use; that the middle pier will be 110 feet high, and that it will have five spans. It will not only be shorter than the other, but will avoid the large curve leading to the river from the crest of the hill this side, and materially shorten the distance.

The bridge being replaced is one of the finest highway commission constructs, and the waste involved is one of the unforeseen contingencies which happen when big companies like the Carolina Light and Power company begin great development schemes.

As yet, there is much property along the rights of way that has not been absorbed. Much of it will probably figure in condemnation proceedings later, as there seems to be no probability of agreement on prices to be paid between the developing company and owners of the land. It is generally believed that there will be a material delay in the construction work because of this.

Our neighbor Norwood is in good way for profit from the work to be undergone, and this entire section will share in the benefits of early construction which gives to the territory a gigantic development in line with those which have placed Stanly on the map as being a center of electric energies.

Orchard Specialists from State College Coming to the Co.

G. W. Fant and A. R. Morrow, orchard specialists from the State agricultural college at Raleigh, will be in the county next Monday and Tuesday to assist County Agent Oscar Phillips in putting on a series of orchard demonstrations. Mr. Phillips states that four demonstrations will be held—one on the Mann and Ivey orchard Monday morning, December 14, at 9 o'clock, another one will be given the same date on M. W. Mabry's farm near Porter at 2 o'clock. On Tuesday, the 15th, a similar demonstration will be given on the farm of Lonnie C. Thomas at 9 o'clock. Mr. Thomas' farm is near Stanfield and can be easily found. At 2 o'clock of the same day a demonstration will be given on Hurley Burleyson's farm near Endy.

Mr. Phillips is very much interested in developing a greater interest in the home orchard and he states that with the proper care and attention of the orchards that Stanly farmers can produce just as fine a fruit as can be grown anywhere in the state. This is especially true, he says, with the fall and winter apples, the kind that some one has said "An apple a day will keep the doctor away." We would suggest that you make an earnest effort to attend the demonstration nearest you and let's make Stanly orchards do its part in making Stanly a more pleasant and profitable place in which to live.

LEAVE OVERCOAT AT HOME WHEN YOU GO TO WORSHIP, MORAL

High Point, Dec. 7.—While services were being conducted at the First Methodist Protestant church here last night, thieves entered the woman's assembly room and escaped with four overcoats.

The police were notified immediately of the theft and began an investigation, but the robbers have not been caught. A similar robbery occurred in the First Presbyterian church at Greensboro last night while the pastor, Dr. Charles F. Myers, was offering a prayer. Bloodhounds were placed on the trail and one arrest has been made.