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FIGHT AGAINST THE NEW COUNTY

Greensboro Lawyers Oppose Measure.

Pass Resolutions Appointing Committee To Resolute Against Passage of Act and to Ask County Commissioners to Do Same and to Inform Legislature of Sentiment of County Regarding Matter—Some Interesting Figures Obtained From Tax Books.

The Greensboro members of the Guilford Bar Association in session yesterday afternoon took the first step in the fight against the taking of a portion of Guilford and adjoining counties, surrounding High Point township, and establishing a new county, to be known as Piedmont. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions protesting against the creation of the new county and to appear before the commissioners and request that they do likewise. The resolutions follow:

"Whereas, certain parties residing in and near High Point, have applied to the General Assembly of North Carolina for a new county:

"And Whereas, the undersigned, members of the Bar of Guilford county, residing in Greensboro, N. C., are opposed to the establishment of the new county, and are of the opinion that it would be impracticable and unwise to create the same and believe, from the information that we have, that the citizens of the territory of Guilford not included, and some of those included in the proposed new county are opposed to the creation of the same:

"Now, therefore, be it resolved on this the 7th day of January, 1911, the undersigned members being present and voting: That A. M. Scales, John N. Wilson, E. J. Justice, John A. Barringer, T. J. Murphy and G. S. Bradshaw be and they are hereby appointed a committee to prepare suitable resolutions against the establishment of said new county and the taking of any of the territory of Guilford county for such purpose, and that said committee be and they are hereby instructed to appear before the Board of County Commissioners at their next meeting for the purpose of asking said board to pass resolutions objecting to the creation of such new county and to do whatever may be in their opinion necessary to inform the members of the Legislature of the sentiment of Guilford county in regard to the establishment of such new county.

"Resolved Further, that the Secretary of this meeting be and he is hereby instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the members of the Legislature from Guilford county, and that a copy be sent to the local papers and the News & Observer for publication."

The County Commissioners meet tomorrow and it is more than probable that the committee will appear before them with the request that they protest against the passage of such an act and do whatever they may deem necessary to inform the legislature of the sentiment of Guilford people regarding the matter.

While but few Greensboro people have expressed themselves on the subject it is understood that the people of the rural districts, both inside and outside the proposed county are strong against severing any portion of the county as at present constituted. In fact, some of those living inside the proposed county who signed the petition which was circulated when the agitation was commenced, after looking into the matter closely, have been heard to express regrets for having been so hasty. Those who have informed themselves as to the sentiment in the rural districts state that fully three fourths of the people are against the proposition, having ascertained that the taxes will have to be increased. And a number of prominent High Point citizens, who come to Greensboro several times each week, have expressed themselves as against the proposition.

Senator Hobgood, who is spending Sunday with his family, was seen yesterday afternoon regarding his position on the new county. While he stated that personally he was opposed to it, he refused to make any statement for publication, further than to say that if the people of the county wanted him to oppose the proposition and so informed him he would take up the fight in the Senate. It is known that Representative Dillard will fight the measure on

the floor of the House. The opinion of Representative is not known, but some of his friends here believe he is not in favor of the county.

It is an established fact that the proposed county will not be a paying proposition. The assessed valuation would have to be increased materially or the tax rate nearly doubled in order to make both ends meet. Granting the fact that the portions of the other counties proposed to be taken in pay into the funds of their county as much as they receive the new county would go in debt each year about \$9,000 as the following figures show, these figures being taken from the tax books for the fiscal year: Assessed valuation of portion of Guilford proposed to be annexed to the new county \$4,021,995 Number of polls, 1,824.

Taxes Levied This Year.

State	8,801.88
Special School	2,026.41
General Purposes	9,509.26
Poor fund	693.23
Road Fund	4,955.53
Schools, general	9,958.38

Total Taxes levied \$35,944.69

Sheriff's Treasurer

2 per cent.	\$1,758.14
3 per cent. loss by insolvents, etc.	753.49
	2,511.63

Total taxes available \$33,433.06

Disbursements

(The State and special school funds given below are fixed and the remainder of the disbursements are obtained by finding eighteen per cent of the total expenditures for the entire county, the portion of Guilford proposed to be taken off containing eighteen per cent of the taxable values of the entire county.)

State Tax	\$8,801.88
Special School	2,026.41
General school and Contingent fund	12,610.78
County expenses	19,291.50

Total Disbursed in Proposed County \$42,730.57

Total Taxes available \$33,433.06

Overdrawn this year \$9,297.51

Then too a court house, jail, county home, pest house, hitching lot (and a clock on the court house dome) would have to be provided. As the county would have no funds there would have to be a bond issue of at least \$100,000 to equip the county. The interest on this bond issue at 5 per cent. would approximate \$5,000 per year, which added to the \$9,297.51 which the portion of Guilford proposed to be annexed received from Guilford over and above the amount contributed by the that portion of the county would make an annual deficiency of over \$14,000.

Inasmuch as the promoters of the new county have referred to the fact that Durham county has made better progress during her 28 years than has Guilford during the past 130 years. The Telegram has been requested to publish some figures taken from the annual report of Durham county. In 1909 Durham issued a funding bond issue of \$150,000, which added to a bond issue of 1887 of \$30,000 made a total bonded debt of \$180,000. The total receipts for the fiscal year, ending Dec. 1, 1910, for general purposes and for the road fund were \$68,436.50. At the close of the year there was a floating debt of \$37,738.03 and in addition \$8,448.05 of the \$30,000 bond issue was borrowed to meet running expenses. The general fund on Dec. 1 showed a balance of \$1,586.15, while there was an overdraft of \$504.28 in the road fund.

HEALTH LECTURES

To Be Delivered At Y. W. C. A. Rooms

—First Lecture Next Friday Evening.

There will be a series of health lectures given at the rooms of the Y. W. C. A. under the direction of the physical department. The first of the series will be given next Friday night at 8 o'clock by Dr. Anna M. Gove, resident physician of the Normal College. She will give the same lecture in the afternoon of the Friday following. The lecture next Friday night will be delivered more particularly for the benefit of young women who are so employed that they cannot attend the afternoon lecture. Other lectures of the series will be announced later, to be delivered by Dr. Gove and Dr. May Miles.

Ministers To Meet.

The Ministers' Association will meet tomorrow at eleven a. m. in the Ireland Bible class room. A full attendance is desired. W. F. Staley, president; Shuford Peeler, secretary.

Thacker & Brockmann are selling bedroom slippers for men, women and children at reduced prices. Read their ad. on page five.

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S CLUB

Reviewed at Monthly Meeting Yesterday.

Reports Received From Several Departments—Civic Department Arranging Elaborate Program For National Civic Day—Fund For Educational Department of State Federation—Mr. J. P. Cook to Speak In February.

The regular monthly meeting of the Greensboro Woman's Club was held yesterday, at the usual hour, in the assembly room of the Carnegie library, the president, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, presiding.

Mrs. Kimball, in her monthly report, showed that the civic department was doing good work along the lines of clean streets, sanitary public buildings and the general appearance and health conditions of the city, and announced that the department was arranging a very attractive program for national civic day, March 10, which is to be Reciprocity day, when the general club and members of the Junior Civic League will be entertained. The department has also in mind some noteworthy undertakings which will mean much to the city, and she called for more workers in this very important and promising field. While the handful of women in this department are earnest, faithful workers, there are not enough of them to successfully carry on the work projected.

In connection with the report of Mrs. C. W. Tenney, chairman of the literature department, a letter from Miss Adelaide Pries, of Winston, chairman of the literature department, State Federation, was read, in which she urged the club to enter the literary contest, which, as was the case last year, will be an interesting feature of fine arts evening at the State Federation meeting in May. The subjects for papers are: "History of Your Own County" and "What the Study Clubs Have Done For North Carolina."

A letter was also read from Mrs. F. L. Stevens, of Raleigh, chairman educational department State Federation, in which she called attention to the scholarships and loan fund offered by the department to young women denied opportunities for an education in any other way. She cited the case of one young lady in particular who was now completing her course and needed more money than available unless the clubs throughout the state responded more liberally. On motion of Miss Mary Petty the Greensboro club pledged ten per cent of its receipts from club dues to this perpetual loan fund. In Mrs. Stevens' letter honorable mention was made of one bank—the bank of Warrenton—which every year contributed thirty dollars to this worthy cause.

Following reports of chairmen of departments the club Year Book, just from the hands of the printer, was distributed among those present, the tasteful way in which it was gotten up eliciting much favorable comment. The Year Book committee was given a vote of thanks and the printers complimented on its typographical appearance. Copies were handed the chairmen of departments to be given out at departmental meetings, and those who were not present yesterday can secure them by applying to the chairman of the department to which they belong.

The corresponding secretary, who at the December meeting was instructed to extend to Mr. J. P. Cook, of Concord, an invitation to address the ladies at the February meeting on the subject of the Stonewall Jackson Training School, of which he is the founder and to which he has dedicated his best energies, reported favorably, and on motion of Mrs. W. H. Osborn it was decided to change the hour of meeting on that day from 10:30 a. m. to 3 p. m. This was done in order that all the club members who complain that they cannot be present on Saturday morning may attend, as it is especially desired that they show their appreciation of Mr. Cook's visit and the great cause in which he is enlisted by giving him a good audience. The hour of meeting will be changed for this one day and this occasion only, the business meeting lasting from 3 to 4, after which Mr. Cook will tell about the work of this very successful reform school for youthful offenders—something which has long been needed in North Carolina. Six new members were elected and much routine business transacted.

LAYMEN TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

All Interested Urged to be Present.

Preliminary to Anniversary Services to Be Held This Week—Session At Grace Church This Afternoon At 3 O'clock—Rev. Melton Clark To Speak—A Program For the Anniversary Services.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock at Grace M. P. church will be held a meeting of the missionary committees of the various churches in the city, together with the pastors and other laymen interested in the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Rev. Melton Clark will make an address on the "Standard Missionary Church."

The meeting is primarily for the purpose of arranging for the details for the anniversary services Thursday and Friday in commemoration of the great Laymen's Convention held in this city last January. A number of matters will come up for discussion, notably the matter of arranging reports from all churches at once in order that the increase and work of the several denominations may be figured out and placed on a large wall map and displayed conspicuously during the sessions of the convention.

It is most important that there be full attendance of the various missionary committees and pastors at the meeting this afternoon and all laymen who are interested in missionary work are most cordially invited to manifest their interest by attending.

At the anniversary services Thursday and Friday will be speakers representing all denominations and the sessions promise to be of much interest as well as of a most instructive and inspiring nature. The sessions will be held in the First Presbyterian church and admission will be free.

The committee on preparations has had 1,500 cards printed and these have been placed in the hands of the missionary committees of the several churches of the city. The cards are to be placed in the hands of men who will agree to attend the convention as much as possible and will entitle them to reserved seats. Men who propose attending this meeting should obtain these tickets. All seats not taken at the hour for the service by holders of tickets will be open to the general public. This means that both men and women are invited to the convention this time.

Blanks have also been sent to the chairmen of the missionary committees and pastors asking for reports of work done along missionary lines since the great convention last winter. It is desired that each church mail one copy of this report to Mr. Charles A. Hines, not later than Monday night, and keep another to read at the convention.

Below is a program for the occasion, subject to some minor changes:

Thursday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.

Mr. A. M. Scales, Presiding.
Address, "A Sufficient Motive for the Task," Dr. W. H. Smith, Richmond, Va., educational secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Friday Morning, 10:30 O'clock.
Mr. G. H. Miles, Presiding.

Address, "Then and Now in Porto Rico," Rev. T. E. White, returned missionary of the Southern Christian Convention to Porto Rico.

Address, Dr. Banks McNairy, Lenoir, N. C.

Address, "The Broadening Effect on the Individual of the Laymen's Mission Movement," Mr. S. R. Harris, Henderson, N. C.

Friday Afternoon, 3 O'clock.

Mr. A. Wayland Cooke, Presiding.
Address, "Missions and the Individual," Rev. J. Kenneth Pfohl, pastor of the Home Moravian church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Address, "The Relation of World Peace to Foreign Missions," Rev. J. H. Peele, Guilford College, N. C.

4 p. m., Denominational Rallies.
Friday Evening, 7:30 O'clock.
Mr. J. Norman Wills, Presiding.
Address, Dr. J. O. Reavis, Nashville, Tenn., co-ordinate secretary of the executive committee of Foreign Missions for the Southern Presbyterian church.
Adoption of Policy for Coming Year.

WILL CEASE BUSINESS

Aetna Indemnity Company to Adjust Difficulties Before Writing New Business.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—State Insurance Commissioner Young has notified all agents of the Aetna Indemnity Company to cease doing business in this state for that company from this time, in compliance with a letter he has received from the president of the company notifying him that the company has directed their agents in North Carolina to discontinue writing new business until the present difficulty of the company has been adjusted it having been brought into temporary embarrassment by the action of President Robin, of the Northern Bank.

Commissioners Young has received notice that the Seaboard Fire & Marine Insurance Co., of Galveston, Texas, has reinsured its contracts in the German American Insurance Co., of New York City, and will liquidate their business. Mr. Young says this reinsurance will make the policies of the Seaboard Fire & Marine Insurance Co., in this state absolutely safe.

There is a movement on foot to create a new county out of portions of Guilford, Rockingham, Forsyth and Stokes with Stokesdale as the county seat. Committees have been appointed and another meeting will be held on the 14th.

Mayor Wynne read a New Year message before the board of aldermen at last night's meeting, congratulating Raleigh upon its increased population, thanked the board for its part in the city's progress and urged that during the coming year every effort be exerted to further the interests of the city.

State Geologist Joseph Hyde Pratt will go to Burgaw Monday to attend a good roads meeting. He will attend a similar meeting at Fayetteville Tuesday.

Prof. E. L. Middleton, statistical secretary for the State Baptist convention, has moved to Raleigh and he and his family will be given a hearty welcome. They come here from Cary.

EUTERPE CLUB MEETS.

Mendelssohn Evening Greatly Enjoyed by the Members.

The Euterpe Club held a very interesting and enthusiastic meeting yesterday afternoon in Miss Woodall's studio, Southern Life & Trust, building. It was Mendelssohn evening, and the program, which follows, was arranged by Mrs. Banner:

Piano—Op. 7 and Op. 18. Mendelssohn, Mrs. Klingman.

Nocturne, from Midsummer Nights Dream. Mrs. Van Noppen.

Quartet, Ring Out Ye Bells, Kucken, Mesdames Stone, Klingman, Swain and Banner.

Scherzo, Mendelssohn, Mrs. Wills.

Piano Duet, Mendelssohn, Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Wills.

The next meeting will be held next Saturday afternoon at the same place, Miss Woodall's studio.

TO ORGANIZE BIBLE CLASS.

Also a Mission Study Class At the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. R. R. Alley will speak this afternoon at four o'clock at the vesper service of the Young Woman's Christian Association. All young women are invited to be present.

Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in the association rooms, a Bible class will be organized which will be open to all women. The teacher will be Rev. Stephen S. Myrick, and the subject will be "Old Testament Missionaries."

A mission study class will be organized Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, with Mrs. G. W. Whitsett as leader. The subject will be, "Advance in the Antilles." This class is also open to all women, irrespective of association membership.

Convention of Christian Workers.

There will be held a convention at Friends church, corner Spring Garden and Dairy street, beginning Sunday at 11 a. m. John Shober Kimber, of Newport, R. I., will speak once or twice each day. Prof. and Mrs. Woody, of Guilford College, will speak Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 12 m. Bro. Kimber is to speak each afternoon at 2:30. Amos M. Kenworthy, the old Quaker prophet, is expected to speak occasionally during the week. Other helpful workers are expected. The convention lasts through the week and over next Sunday. All welcome. Eli Reece, pastor.

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THE LAWMAKERS ATTEND THEATRE

Large Number See The "Merry Widow".

Filled Opera House To Overflowing Friday Night—Halifax Representative to Be Elected—Corporation Commission Reports Regarding Freight Rates from Ports of Inland Cities—Bills Introduced Yesterday.

Raleigh, Jan. 7.—The first theatrical event for the members of the General Assembly was "the Merry Widow" at the Academy of Music last night, the legislators swelling the crowd to standing room and many people were turned away. Numerous theatrical parties were made up for the event and the production was considered one of the most praiseworthy attractions ever put on at the local play hours.

Mr. A. H. Green has been named by the Democratic executive committee of Halifax county as candidate for the House for the special election January 10 to select a successor to Rev. P. N. Stainback, the candidate-elect who recently died. The Republicans of Halifax will also name a candidate. Mr. Green is a Confederate veteran and a simple pure Democrat.

A number of local bills were introduced in both branches of the legislature during today's session, there being several of general interest and importance sandwiched in among the batch.

President Newland convened the Senate at 11 o'clock, Rev. L. F. Johnson, of the Christian church, offering the invocation.

Leaves of absence were granted to Senators Long, of Iredell, and Brown, of Columbus, until Monday.

Bills Introduced.

McLaughlin, of Cumberland: Establishing the county of Hoke out of portions of Cumberland and Robeson.

Johnson, of Dupin: Amendment making the landlord and tenant act more effective.

Senator Pharr called attention to the Senate rule requiring that the caption of each bill introduced should convey its intent and purposes.

A report was received from the corporation commission in obedience to a resolution of the general assembly of 1909 directing it to investigate freight rates and put in force the same rates from North Carolina ports to inland cities and towns as apply in Virginia if practicable. The railroads were notified and at a hearing September 13, 1909, traffic managers of the Southern, Seaboard and A. C. L. Railways were examined as witnesses, the State and various merchants' associations being represented by counsel. The corporation commission's opinion is that the freight rates from North Carolina ports to inland points is as low or lower than apply in Virginia or South Carolina.

The Senate at 11:20 adjourned to 10 o'clock Monday.

The House.

The House of Representatives convened at 11 o'clock, Speaker Dowd calling on Representative Woodson, of Cleveland county, to offer the prayer.

Bills Introduced.

Stroup, of Gaston: Regulate the rate of interest in North Carolina by allowing as high as eight per cent charged by special contract with the borrower.

Face of Wake: Requiring factories to keep at hand for employes first aid medical supplies, and surgical first aid appliances.

N. C. National Guard.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina National Guard Association will be held in Durham on January 11 and 12. The first session will be held on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Maj. W. C. Rodman, of Washington, is president and Capt. F. L. Black, of Charlotte, secretary and treasurer of the organization.

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