

**THE DAVIE RECORD.**

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Good roads and good schools mean more to a community than anything else. They go hand in hand.

The people of North Carolina always have something to be thankful for, which reminds us that the Legislature is due to adjourn the last of this week.

The editor of the Winston Journal is raising a howl over President Harding's Cabinet. A Republican cabinet that would be pleasing to Winston Journal would be among the seven wonders of the world.

President Harding has selected his cabinet, which meets the approval of many people, both Democrats and Republicans. For some reason Mocksville was overlooked, and the salaries of the members may not be raised.

Welfare officer Seaford tells us that the county only pays him \$100 per month for 6 months in the year—that he collects \$4 per day for all time put in during the other six months. This explanation is printed in fairness to Mr. Seaford.

The price of cotton seems to be on the toboggan, but we believe the price will go up by planting time. Our farmers will not grow as much cotton and tobacco as they did last year which means that they will get a better price for their crops next fall.

We heard some one say the other day why kick our "City Fathers," they are ours; we elected them, why not kick ourselves some, while we are kicking them." It is easy to kick, any common mule can kick but he never gets anywhere while he is kicking, neither will you.

Far be it from The Record to rejoice over the misfortune of anyone, especially one of our own townsmen, which reminds us that we saw one of the City fathers, together with his automobile, stuck up in mud near the depot one day last week. After spending much time pushing and pulling, prising and lifting, the car was finally rescued. Oh, why, should the spirit of mortal be proud?

**Jury Finds in Varner's Favor.**

Greensboro, Feb. 26.—The federal court jury trying the case of Mrs. Florence C. Varner, who sued her husband, Col. Henry B. Varner, of Lexington, for support, today returned a verdict for the defendant after two days' deliberation. One of the issues required the jury to find whether she was guilty or innocent of the charge of immoral relations with Baxter McRary. The jury answered this affirmatively.

**Advance Items.**

G. Orrell of Winston-Salem spent the week-end with his brother J. G. Orrell. Advance basketball team defeated Reads on the home court Friday afternoon by a score of 15 to 29. J. F. Smithdeal and family spent Sunday in Advance on a visit. Announcement has just been made of the marriage of Miss Vicilla Orrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Urb Orrell to Mr. Ralph Ziglar on Jan 30. Mrs. Ziglar has held a position in Twin-City for some time where they were married. We wish for them a long and happy wedded life. Miss Clara Violet Jones of Advance died last Wednesday, Feb. 25th at 5:30. She was survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, three sisters, Misses Ruth, Nannie and Julia, and one brother Ralph. Miss Jones was loved and respected by every one with whom she came in contact. Even at her last stage of sickness she wore a smile and would speak a kind word to every one around her. Her presence here on earth will be greatly missed by all who knew her, but we all know that God needs no other Angel in heaven and he stretched forth his mighty hands and took Clara. God's will must be done on earth as it is in heaven. Two Seventh Grade Girls.

**Some Observations and Suggestions**

I am sure that the best people in our good town are thinking, and thinking about how they can help to make Mocksville a better and more attractive place to live. I am sure that all the good people would like to have Mocksville to be a real live, progressive and prosperous little city. Now mark you, I did not say that either progress or prosperity would make Mocksville a better place to live, yet I do want to say that progress and life goes hand in hand. Perhaps there is no town better located than our own town. We have a beautiful location, in the very midst of one of the best farming sections in our own state, yet we have allowed many of our neighboring towns to move on ahead of us in many ways. It is very easy to find fault and lay the fault at our brothers door. I am sure that you will all agree with me that there is none of us that are perfect. We can kick "The City Fathers," we can knock our Editors, we can even criticize our School Teachers and ignore our Preachers, but that will not get us anywhere. Some one has said that "any common fool can destroy a beautiful house in a few days that took a wiseman years to build." No one will deny that statement. Now for the suggestions: Let us all stop kicking and knocking and get together, and those of us that can't pull let us push. The law of cooperation is one of the oldest laws of mankind; from the co-operation of the family grew the Community and from the Community grew the State and from the State grew the Nation. Our needs are many—we need better Streets, a Water System, Electric Lights and a far better School Building, but the great question is, how can we get what we need? This is the great question. The power to think is a great power, perhaps the greatest that the good God has given us save the gift of Eternal life, so I want to ask each reader to stop and think, think a bout how we can build a good town. A progressive, prosperous town that will be a good and comfortable place in which to live. LAPIS.

**Fifty Million Road Bill Passes.**

RALEIGH, Feb. 25.—The senate late tonight passed the Doughton-Connor-Bowie \$50,000,000 road bill by a vote of 30 to 7.

An amendment to submit the bill to the people by a referendum vote was defeated 29 to 15.

Four hours of debate preceded the passage of the bill, Senator Burgwyn, of Northampton speaking against the bill and Senator Outlaw and Stubbs, of Edgecombe, talking for it. Burgwyn spoke for two and a half hours.

The bill passed the house some time ago.

**Cana Notes.**

Little Miss Wilma Collette spent the week end in Farmington the guest of her teacher Miss Leona Graham.

Miss Sadie Hutchins and Mr. Burton Seats both of near Farmington were united in marriage Saturday Feb 19th. Sadie was recently one of our school girls and we extend our wishes for Mr. and Mrs Seats a long and happy life.

The play Tuesday night was a great success in which twenty five dollars and a half was cleared. The music which was furnished by Misses Elizabeth Harding, Eva Lee Miller and Messers. Burton and Howard Seats was splendid.

We will certainly be glad when "ground hog" days are over for we are having some "ground hog" weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Leagans spent Thursday and Friday in Mocksville visiting their daughter Mrs. E. M. Jones.

Willie Atkinson made a business to Winston Thursday.

George Baity happened to have the misfortune of losing his pocket book at Cana Academy Tuesday night, which contained about thirty five dollars. He says he will give a reward to the one that will return it.

Mr. John Stonestreet made a business trip to the Twin-City Wednesday.

**A Successful Entertainment at Advance Baptist Church.**

The entertainment at Advance Baptist Church given by 6th and 7th grade pupils of Advance High school was very much of a success. The entire program was rendered with credit to the pupils and their teacher, Miss Effie Boe. The proceeds which was \$32.50 goes to the Relief Fund. A good crowd was present and above a mount good, since admission was only 10 and 20 cents. A large beautiful framed portrait of George Washington was awarded by the teacher to Miss Sudena Foster as a possession of her grade for the best composition from the room subject "Conditions in China." This room also gave as a Christmas offering \$1.60 to Armenian Fund. Good string music was furnished. ONE PRESENT.

**Davie County Mass Meeting And Davie County Salary Bill.**

Mr. Editor:—The citizens of Davie county met in mass meeting in the court house Monday, Feb. 7th, to discuss (as they thought, Davie county affairs by request of Davie county's representative—but for some reason to this scribe unknown; Representative Grant took the train for Raleigh before the meeting. It is supposed that he had sounded public sentiment and found it overwhelmingly against his salary bill for the Davie county officers) the State road bond issue, and the county officers increase salary bill, recently introduced in the House by Representative Grant. There was only one man in the meeting who had the temerity to endorse Grant's bill—the sentiment and the vote of those present was overwhelmingly against it, and we hope the legislature will kill the bill as drawn. The meeting went on record as favoring the Doughton Connor road bill with the understanding that no ad valorem taxes be collected from the people for carrying out the provisions of this bill, that no taxes were to be collected but those from automobiles and gasoline. This scribe endorsed the bill with these provisions and conditions; but after due consideration he has begged leave to change his vote, and now asks to be recorded as against any road bond issue at this session, and he advises the solons to put off any big bond issue for at least two years and thus give us time for readjustment, and let the taxpayers see "where they are at." It's a time of stress, and the people are in no condition to carry an increased burden. Give us time to re-adjust our taxation system, and pay our debts before venturing out upon a disturbed and unsettled sea. I notice that Representative Grant made an attempt to amend the State officers salary bill (which should have been killed) by adding \$250 for the expenses of all the representatives and principal employees, and in his remarks he said that the legislature was getting to be "a rich man's club," and from his amendment and County salary bill one would infer that he was making every effort possible to break into the "rich man's club" for himself and family, for in his salary bill he is trying to increase the Clerk of the Superior Court's salary in this county 50 per cent, and the Clerk happens to be his father, who has held the office more than thirty years, and no one has ever heard of his intention to retire on account of the pay, and from the number of Grant's kinsmen and family connections on the pay roll, it would seem that they are all trying to join the "rich man's club." Mr. Grant himself, the record shows, was paid \$300 last year for County Attorney, while the late Thomas B. Bailey served the county for years in the same capacity (even under a Republican regime) at \$50 per year.

Why Grant's services should be worth six times as much as that paid Mr. Bailey many of us are at a loss to see. It looks like appetite for the distribution of the people's taxes among the officeholders is growing apace—and pride and delicacy seems no bar to some people, especially when themselves and families are the beneficiaries, (the people are beginning to see where their money is going, and they are going to call a halt one of these days.) Davie county taxpayers are opposed to the salary increase bill at this time, only they would not object to increasing the Sheriff's salary to \$2,500 in order that he may be able to better enforce the laws, and he should be allowed at least \$600 for an office deputy. The Register of Deeds should be allowed at least \$150 per year to pay for assistance in making out the tax books, and no one objects to an allowance of \$5 per day for our Comm assessors, but we certainly would like to have a say so in these matters, for when the Representative comes to town and holds a closeted meeting in the court house with only the office-holders to confer with on such matters, it looks a little like only those interested in the distribution of pie are taken into his confidence. Why not the people and taxpayers be consulted? The offices do not go begging in this county, and nothing was said about an increase prior to the last election, and if necessary the offices can be filled if resignations are forthcoming. We are against the increase. E. H. MORRIS.

[While at the wash tub why not wash another piece of soiled linen? Would Mr. Morris tell The Record readers why it is necessary to pay our county superintendent of public instruction just about eight times as much as Prof. Hodges received when he held the same position during the years that T. B. Bailey was County Attorney? We imagine the taxpayers would like to know.—EDITOR RECORD.]

The Mocksville Library Association has been organized with Rev. W. L. Sherrell as President, Miss Ruth Booe, Sec.-Treas., and Miss Lillie Meroney librarian; beginning Mar. 14th, the library will be open every Monday from 2 to 5 p. m. It will be noted that hereafter Monday and not Saturday will be library day. It is hoped that a large number of people will join at the rate of \$1.00 a year. This entitles each member to the free use of the books.

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