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## MEETING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### County Commissioners in Session Monday and Tuesday—Reduction in Salaries.

The board of county commissioners were in session at the court house Monday and Tuesday. A considerable amount of routine work was transacted during the two days, the usual number of monthly bills being paid.

The commissioners discussed county expenses and a big reduction was made in salaries to become effective March 1st.

The salary of Clerk of Court J. L. Laughridge as Juvenile Court Judge was cut from thirty to fifteen dollars a month.

The salary of E. H. Dysart, county accountant, was fixed at \$2,000 a year without any allowance for office help. The salary of the county accountant has been \$2,800 a year with \$600 allowance for office assistance, and Mr. Dysart has been paying \$1,200 a year for office help.

The allowance to Register of Deeds R. F. Barnes for office help was cut from \$50.00 to \$25.00 a month. The office help in the register of deeds office has been costing \$85 a month, the county paying fifty dollars and Mr. Barnes the balance.

The county has been paying the Marion Hospital fifty dollars a month for charitable cases, instead of \$200, as reported, and the allowance was cut to twenty-five dollars a month.

There will be a special meeting of the commissioners next Monday.

### 4,000 MEXICAN QUAIL TO BE IMPORTED TO STATE

Raleigh, January 30.—Importers have received an order for the delivery of 4,000 Mexican quail for distribution in North Carolina covers in March, Wade H. Phillips, director of conservation and development, announced yesterday.

In addition, the director declared, 500 of the Mexican birds have been ordered for a sportsman of the state, who will distribute them on his own lands.

The consignment of 4,000 Mexican quail will be the second to be received by the state, an equal number having been released in North Carolina last year.

According to reports received by conservation officials, the introduction of the species of quail has been satisfactory in most parts of the state. Many new covies of the Mexican birds are reported to the department from various counties.

The Mexican birds are described as being somewhat smaller and paler colored than the native bobwhite, the difference being declared to be due to climatic influences. Students of wild life declare that the two interbreed freely, and some say that a more gamey bird is produced by the mixing of the two strains.

Five hundred of the Mexican quail will be sent to the state game farm at Ashboro, where rearing on a large scale will be attempted this year after a trial last season with a smaller number was proved to be successful.

### SHIPMENT OF POULTRY BRINGS IN GOOD SUM

Another co-operative shipment of live poultry was made from Old Fort and Marion on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The shipment from Old Fort amounted to 1866 pounds which brought \$466.00, while the shipment from Marion was 2072 pounds and brought \$518.00. A total of 3938 pounds was sold and this brought the farmers of the county \$984.00.

### CHAS. CALLAHAN PASSES

Mr. Chas. Callahan died at his home about one mile west of Marion last Saturday of pneumonia. Mr. Callahan was 28 years of age and is survived by his wife and two children. The funeral services were conducted from the Garden City church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. McMahan and interment made at Garden City cemetery.

Monday and Tuesday at Oasis Theatre, DOROTHY MACKAILL, RALPH FORBES and ANNA Q. NILSSON in a race story "THE WHIP".

### MRS. L. C. REEL DIED SUNDAY AT GLENWOOD

Mrs. L. C. Reel died last Sunday morning at her home at Glenwood. Mrs. Reel was 56 years of age and had been ill for some time.

Mrs. Reel is survived by her husband, five sons, Robert, Elijah and Fred of Spindale, Grover and Billy of Nealsville; seven daughters, Mrs. T. E. Poteat, Mrs. A. J. Dixon and Mrs. G. W. Blankenship of Spindale, Mrs. W. H. Cogburn of Asheville, Mrs. F. D. Webb of Garden City, Miss Pearl Reel of Spindale and Miss Dovie Reel of Nealsville; five brothers, I. E. Marlowe of Hayesboro, R. F., Fleet and Lee Marlowe of Bow, Wash., and L. D. Marlowe of Forest City; three sisters, Mrs. M. F. Hensley of Old Fort, Mrs. W. S. Haynes of Hayesboro and Mrs. Sophia Hemphill of East Marion, and fifteen grand children.

The deceased was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

The funeral was conducted from the Baptist Church at Glenwood on Sunday afternoon by Revs. D. J. Hunt, J. M. Brown, Wise and Pyatt, and interment made at Glenwood cemetery.

### CHARLES SUTTLEMYRE WEDS MISS WHITLEY

Mr. Charles G. Suttlemyre of Marion and Miss Nancy Ruth Whitley of Morganton were married at the Presbyterian manse in Morganton Tuesday morning, January 29, at 10 o'clock, Rev. C. E. Gregory officiating. The ceremony was witnessed by only a few relatives and friends. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Suttlemyre left for a trip to Asheville and other points. They returned to Marion the latter part of the week and are now at home at the Anderson residence on South Main street.

Mrs. Suttlemyre is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Whitley of Morganton. She is a graduate of the State Normal at Boone and has been teaching in Burke county.

Mr. Suttlemyre is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Suttlemyre of Old Fort and holds a position with J. C. Rabb. He is a young man of sterling qualities.

### MRS. ALBERT H. HICKS IS BURIED TUESDAY

Old Fort, Feb. 5.—Funeral services for Mrs. Albert H. Hicks, who died on Monday, were held at the home near Old Fort on Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Hicks is survived by her husband and six daughters and two sons: Mrs. Charley Tate, of Old Fort; Mrs. Mollie Bradley, Forest City; Miss Frances Hicks, Miss Laura Hicks, Miss Lula Hicks, of Old Fort; Mills Hicks, of Canton, and Willie Hicks, of Old Fort.

The services were conducted by the Rev. D. A. Lewis, of the Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. J. N. Wise, of Marion, and the Rev. P. T. Dixon, of Old Fort. Interment was made in the cemetery at Ebenezer near Greenlee.

### RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE LAST MONDAY

A small dwelling house owned by Mrs. Millie Grayson of Marion and occupied by Sam Clontz and family, near Stroudtown, was destroyed by fire last Monday. Practically all the furniture and household goods also burned. Mr. Klontz's wife died about two weeks ago, leaving him four small children to take care of.

### 6,000 ACRES IN HAYWOOD TO BE BOUGHT FOR PARK

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—An additional 9,000 acres in Haywood county will be purchased by the North Carolina Park Commission for the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, it was announced Saturday by Chairman Mark Squires, of Lenoir.

The land lies between the county line and the boundaries of the watershed between Cataloche and Pigeon river, he said.

### STATE'S GASOLINE TAX RECEIPTS ARE INCREASING

Gasoline tax collection in North Carolina during January, 1929, amounted to \$907,265.82 as compared with January, 1928, collections of \$826,250.51, the State Revenue Department announced Friday.

The State of North Carolina exacts a tax of four cents on every gallon of gasoline sold in the State.

People who get to the bottom of things often come out on top.

## L. G. PRICE DIES AT CLINCHFIELD

### Well Known Citizen of County Passes After Long Illness—Funeral Held Sunday.

Mr. Lawson Gold Price, a highly respected and well known citizen of McDowell county, died at his home at Clinchfield last Saturday evening after a lingering illness.

Mr. Price was born in Rutherford county but when about three years old moved to this county where he has since made his home. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for nearly fifty years. For the past thirty years he has been an ordained deacon and was a senior deacon of the Clinchfield Baptist Church at the time of his death. He lived a consistent Christian life and his passing will be deeply felt in the community in which he lived.

Mr. Price was 71 years old and besides his wife is survived by one son, Jesse Price, of Clinchfield; two daughters, Mrs. Jas. B. Taylor and Miss Lela Price, of Clinchfield, and one sister, Mrs. T. L. Queen of Forest City.

The funeral services were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. A. A. Walker, assisted by Rev. P. J. Shell of Nebo. Interment was made at his old home at Dysartville. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the services.

### GOVERNOR TO FILL SENATE VACANCIES

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The governor of North Carolina hereafter will, by appointment, fill vacancies in the United States senate, under a bill passed by the house of representatives of the state legislature today. The power to fill vacancies was vested in the governor. The act in the present state laws requires such vacancies to be filled by special election.

The measure, sponsored by Senator W. M. Person, of Franklin, already has been passed by the senate. It will become a law when engrossed and signed by the speaker of the house and president of the senate.

The governor of North Carolina has no veto power.

By vote of 77 to 33 the house passed the bill requiring candidates in the state primary to pledge support to the nominees. Only one Democrat, Representative Boren, of Guilford, voted against the bill. Representative Hamlin, of Transylvania, floor leader of the house, followed Boren with a speech against the bill. He said he believed in party government but that party nominees as well as voters have a higher duty to state and nation that should let them support whom they pleased.

### PISGAH GAME AREA BOOSTS BIG VARIETY

The annual game census of Pisgah National Forest was announced recently by M. A. Mattoon, supervisor.

The census showed there are 4,350 white tail deer in the preserve and 23 outside it, 50 bear inside and 40 outside, 1,000 grouse inside and 50 outside, 500 fox inside and 2,250 outside, 450 wildcat inside and 100 outside, 4,460 fur bearing animals inside and 2,765 outside.

It was estimated in the report that there were 2,000 hunters in the forest during the year and that about 70 bear and 1,000 deer were killed. Fifty deer and two elk were said to have been killed by predatory animals.

In restocking work, 160,000 rainbow and 35,000 brook trout were placed in streams in the forest during the year. Considerable extension work was done in the year through shipping of game to other forests and transferring of game from various sections to other sections of the Pisgah National Forest.

### BIG RAYON FACTORY TO BEGIN OPERATION SOON

Asheville, Feb. 2.—Announcement was made here last night that the first unit of the \$10,000,000 American Enka rayon factory, will be running by July 1.

The plant is being constructed near Asheville on a boundary of 2,000 acres of land purchased at a cost of nearly three-quarters of a million dollars.

## SECRET BALLOT BILL UP FRIDAY

### Assembly Reaching The Point Where It Can Dispose of Some of Its Major Problems.

Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The general assembly Wednesday was progressing toward the point of taking up some of its major problems for final consideration.

Only the Australian ballot bill had passed the committee stage, but a highway measure, involving an increased gasoline tax and a \$3,000,000 county aid fund for roads, was ready for report, and the committee on education met early Wednesday to consider the McLean eight months school bill.

The Australian bill was set for debate in the senate Friday morning, Governor Gardner, who championed a secret ballot law in his inaugural address and again in a personal message to the general assembly, let it be known he vigorously disapproves of one feature of the committee substitute for the Johnson-Broughton bill. It is the clause permitting county election officials the option of holding county primaries under the Australian ballot law, or under the present law, as they wish.

Writing of the maintenance and permanent improvements bill by the joint committees on appropriations is scheduled to be started Thursday. All state departments and agencies had been given the opportunity to present their requests by Wednesday, and some minor bills were to be considered before the committeemen began drafting their bill. One of these was Senator Clark's proposal that the state appropriate \$50,000 for the Confederate veterans' reunion at Charlotte.

The finance committee, charged with framing the revenue bill, still faced more than a week of hearings before its chairman expected to begin writing the biennial tax bill.

### MRS. DEWEY NOBLETT DIES AT STROUDTOWN

Mrs. Dewey Noblett died at her home at Stroudtown following an attack of influenza. Mrs. Noblett was thirty years of age and is survived by her husband, five brothers and five sisters. She was before her marriage Miss Esther May Pool and was well known in the community where she had a large circle of friends. She united with Stroud's Chapel M. E. Church when about fifteen years of age.

The funeral service was held at Stroud's Chapel M. E. Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. David W. Haga of Montezuma, assisted by Rev. J. N. Wise of East Marion. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the service.

### CATAWBA VALLEY NEWS

Old Fort, Rt. 1, Feb. 4.—H. W. Hensley and son John spent yesterday with the former's parents near North Cove.

Leon Silver and niece, Miss Maude Silver, returned home from Jefferson City, Tenn., last week.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin has been on the sick list for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Willis were in Marion last Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Yancey Suttlemyre of Marion have moved into the community.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bradley spent yesterday with relatives here.

Mrs. A. L. Hicks is seriously ill. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Jessie Carr has been on the sick list for the past week.

### MARION BLANKETED BY EIGHT INCHES OF SNOW

Marion awoke Tuesday morning to find a five-inch blanket of snow on the ground here, the first "sticking" snow of the winter. The fall continued part of Tuesday and Tuesday night, reaching a depth of about eight inches Wednesday morning. The minimum temperature reported was about 26. The snow was melting fast Wednesday afternoon.

The snow was general throughout the state, dispatches indicated, a light snow being reported as far east as Fayetteville. Western North Carolina however appeared to have received the larger share of Old Man Winter's white crystals.

### MRS. S. E. BRYSON OF OLD FORT DIED TUESDAY

Old Fort, Feb. 5.—Mrs. S. E. Bryson, of Old Fort, died this morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Bryson had been quite ill for the past week and was a patient at the Mission Hospital in Asheville at the time of her death. She is survived by four daughters and two sons, her husband having died in 1916. Mrs. Bryson was 62 years old and was a niece of the late J. J. Mackey, who was register of deeds of Buncombe county for 30 years.

Daughters surviving are: Mrs. M. E. Head, Mrs. A. M. Elliott, Mrs. Robert Banner and Miss Salina Bryson. Sons: G. R. Bryson and G. F. Bryson; sisters are, Mrs. Callie Yarbrough, of Spindale, and Miss Sarah Mackey. Brothers, J. H. Mackey of Greenlee, and Jasper Mackey of Oklahoma.

The funeral services will be held Wednesday at the Old Fort Presbyterian Church at 2 p. m. The Rev. H. Grogan, of Canton, will conduct the funeral services, assisted by the Rev. C. C. Grogan and the Rev. Mr. Taylor of Old Fort. Interment will be made in the Old Fort cemetery.

### PRUNE AND SPRAY THE PEACH ORCHARD

(Prepared by H. R. Niswonger, Extension Horticulturist.)

A statement is frequently made by the farmer that the life of a peach tree is about five or six years. This is usually true when the peach tree borer is not destroyed and when pruning, spraying and cultivation are neglected. On the other hand a peach tree given proper care will bear profitable crops for fifteen years or more.

### Peach Tree Borer

If the trees were not "gassed" last fall with P-C-Benzene, they should be examined now for the borer and all worms destroyed by the old method of cutting them out. P-C-Benzene may be used in the spring with fair results as soon as the ground warms up.

### Pruning the Peach Tree

The sooner a tree of larger proportions can be grown the sooner it will come into profitable bearing. If less heavy pruning is done after a well-shaped tree has been formed longer will be the life of it and better its crops. When buying trees for starting a peach orchard, a well matured tree of medium to large size one-year old is desirable. Cut these "whips" back to around 24 inches. If no buds or limbs are left below this height then the trees should be headed higher. If there are weak branches below this height these should be cut back to stubs of one bud. If the branches are numerous, strong and well matured they should be thinned out to three or four and those remaining cut back to stubs of several buds. From now on the trees are trained to an open head the main branches at least three, distributed and well spaced around the short trunk. A thinning out of the larger branches, leaving the smaller twigs with little heading back or "bobbing" of other branches will result in a more productive tree and more highly colored fruit. The heading back or "bobbing" of every branch and every shoot with little thinning out causing the tree to look like a well clipped privet hedge will reduce the height of the tree and total yield and generally produce fruit of poor color. After four or five heavy crop years it is well to head back heavier the main branches for one year, leaving the side branches to bear the crop. The heading back should be confined to the main framework, making the cuts into two or three year old wood.

### Spraying

The spray applied during the winter is for the purpose of destroying the San Jose scale and the Peach Leaf Curl. The peach leaf curl can be controlled more successfully if the spraying is done before the buds swell and every bud covered with the spray solution. There are often warm spells in February and March during which there is slight swelling of the peach buds. Put on the spray before this period. For the spray solution use lime sulphur preparations. The liquid lime sulphur should be used at the rate of 5 1/2 gallons to 50 gallons of water. The dry or powdered preparation at the rate of 15 pounds to 50 gallons of water.

W. L. SMARR, County Agt.

### BILLIE DOVE IN "HEART OF A FOLLIES GIRL" at Oasis Theatre Friday night.

## CHILD LABOR IN STATE REDUCED

### Welfare Department Reports Reduction Amounted to 14.1 Per Cent During 1928.

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—A statement, released today by the North Carolina department of child welfare says that the number of children certified in employment in North Carolina was reduced 14.1 per cent in 1928 from the number employed in 1927.

The survey of the commission shows that 5,012 children under 16 years of age are employed in all the industries of the state. It states that only two per cent of the 14-year-old children of the state are employed while in the United States as a whole the percentage is 12.6.

The report states that the number of children employed in cotton mills was reduced 21.5 per cent and that in other major industries an average decrease of 28.4 per cent was shown. While a 41 per cent increase was found in the minor industries.

In cotton manufacturing 3,809 children are employed which the report states is a reduction of 23.3 per cent from the average cotton mill certification of children over a period of six years.

There are 220,960 persons employed in North Carolina industries, the survey of the welfare commission shows. The number of children employed is 2.3 per cent of all adults employed it states.

In a statement accompanying the report E. F. Carter, secretary of the child welfare commission, said, "notwithstanding North Carolina's continued growth and its present pre-eminence in textile manufacturing the percentage of children employed therein is decreasing at a high ratio in view of an extraordinary growth in adult employment."

Laws affecting child labor were enacted in 1919 by the state.

### GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD MAPS SOUND FARM PROGRAM

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—Tax relief on farms, better crop seeds, more cotton research and the extension of the county agent system to counties having no agents were four major proposals decided upon by the Agricultural Advisory Board at its first meeting with Governor Gardner on January 28.

The Board passed a resolution calling upon the General Assembly to take appropriate measures to relieve the heavy taxation upon the agriculture of North Carolina, since this industry was taxed heavier than any other major industry in the state. Considerable discussion as to the value of pure crop seed was heard. It was finally decided to set in motion plans to organize a statewide seed improvement association with a field agent to help in this work.

Decision to ask for a further expansion of the county agent work came in the discussion of a long time agricultural program presented by Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the agricultural extension service. Dean Schaub presented a plan which had been approved by the executive committee of the Board. This plan called for attention to the problems of soil conservation, crop and livestock production, farm organization and management, marketing, home management and conveniences, rural organization and farm taxation and adjustment. Machinery for developing and executing the program was also suggested.

### INCOME TAX MAN TO BE IN MARION SOON

Representatives of the United States internal revenue department will be at the following places on the dates given to assist taxpayers in filing Federal income tax returns, according to announcement sent out by Gilliam Grissom, collector:

Spruce Pine—Feb. 11.  
Burnsville—Feb. 12.  
Rutherfordton—Feb. 18, 19.  
Morganton—Feb. 25, 26.  
Marion—Feb. 27.

Single persons who had net income of \$1,500 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more and married couples who had net income of \$3,500 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

The filing period ends March 15, 1929.