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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY BOARD

Old Officers Retire and the New Board Enters Upon Its Duties—Standing Committees Appointed—Rebates, Etc.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday, Dec. 1, the following members being present: J. Ennis Davis, chairman; T. G. Taylor, W. L. Clark, C. G. Daniel, A. H. McGhee.

After the minutes of the meeting were read the Board adjourned sine die. Officers Take Oath.

The following duly elected county commissioners were present and took the oath of office: T. G. Taylor, C. G. Daniel, R. T. Eaks, W. E. Suit, L. B. McFarland.

The Chairman. After several ballots were taken Commissioner Graham Daniel was duly elected chairman, Commissioner Thomas G. Taylor moved to make the election unanimous.

County Attorney. Messrs Hicks & Stem were elected county attorneys for the ensuing year.

Standing Committees. Commissioners Taylor and Eaks were appointed a committee to look after the court house and jail. Commissioners McFarland and Suit were appointed a committee to look after the Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Rebates. The Clerk of the Board was instructed to rebate all parties where he had found that there had been a mistake made.

The Dog Tax Fund. The County Auditor was ordered to pay Mrs. Julia Meadows \$51.60 out of the dog tax fund for the killing of 22 of her turkeys by an unknown dog.

Settlement With Treasurer. The Board appointed a committee, consisting of County Auditor J. W. Webb, the county attorney and the chairman of the Board to make settlement with J. R. Hall, the retiring county treasurer, and report to the Board as soon as possible.

Daily Duty. The Board ordered that beginning with the first day of December, 1924, the Sheriff shall report daily to the county auditor all collections of taxes.

## ROAD MILEAGE IS 6,200 IN STATE

There Are 1,434 Miles of Hardsurface, 2,119 Miles Sand-Clay and 2,637 Miles Taken From Counties.

Official figures given out by the North Carolina Highway Commission on the mileage of improved roads in the State places the hard-surface mileage at 1,434 and the sand-clay at 2,119, making the total of constructed roads 3,553 miles.

Under construction are 131 miles of hard-surface and 479 miles of sand-clay, and in addition to the above, the State has taken over 2,037 miles of county roads of various types for maintenance, making the grand total of North Carolina mileage 6,200.

The estimated cost of highways to November 1 is \$776,926,000; that of bridge work \$3,219,000—\$30,000, in round numbers, of which \$65,000,000 was drawn from State bond issues and the remainder from county and Federal aid funds.

## Lay Plans For Bus Regulation

Special Committee To Meet Next Week To Work Out Plans For Handling Commercial Traffic.

(Raleigh Correspondent) Plans for the regulation of the commercial bus traffic in North Carolina will be worked out at a meeting next week of the bus commission appointed by the extra session of the General Assembly in August to investigate this business and to report to the 1925 assembly in January. It has been announced by Frank Page, State Highway Commissioner and chairman of the commission.

Members of the Commission are Frank Page, chairman; Secretary of State W. N. Everett; Attorney General James S. Manning; W. T. Lee, Corporation Commissioner; and R. A. Doughton, Revenue Commissioner.

## Curtis And Watson Honored in Senate

U. S. Senator Charles E. Curtis, of Kansas, has been elected Republican floor leader of the Senate, succeeding the late Henry Cabot Lodge. U. S. Senator James E. Watson, of Indiana, was elected Republican whip.

## GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SAYS: I need not tell you that your effort to quicken the church-going habit among all the people meets my warmest sympathy. The Church-Going habit will put you in touch with the Institution which underlies most that is best in our American Life.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY And learn something of Eternal Worth.

## VIEWS IN BRIEF

(MARCUS B. DARNALL)

No swifter justice has been recorded than that which overtook Early Hale, a 23-year-old white man, near Florence Ala., on Armistice day. He is reported to have been drinking and without cause attacked an aged negro in a field, first shooting him with a shotgun and then using the weapon as a club, killing the negro on the spot. As he struck the final blow, the other barrel of the gun was discharged. Hale also being killed instantly. Considerable expense was thus saved to the county.

Figures compiled by the nation's greatest bank show that the total wealth of the United States is now 320 billions. Bank deposits have increased from 18 billions to 46 billions in the last ten years. With improved conditions in Europe and a continuation of American progress in all directions, we may expect the coming ten years to show even greater material advancement. We are living in a wonderful age, despite the grouches who sigh for the good old days.

In their ardor to advise their readers to vote against Senator Brookhart, a number of Iowa newspapers published sample ballots with an arrow pointing to the X opposite the name of his opponent, D. F. Steck. Hundreds of voters drew this arrow on their real ballots in addition to marking the usual X, which caused the judges to throw them out, in accordance with a Supreme court ruling. We are frequently injured by our over-zealous friends.

Alaska railroad officials want 50,000 farmers to settle in that country, where conditions are declared favorable for profitable agriculture. On the face of it, this seems to be a pretty long shot and we do not expect to see any grand rush on the part of tillers of the soil.

In spite of all the agitation to get out the vote in the recent election, less than one-half of those eligible cast their ballots. The only consolation is that probably those who failed to vote are deficient in the qualities of good citizenship and it is just as well that they have no voice in the government.

Suit for \$4,500 has been brought by the Frisco railroad against an Oklahoma firm whose truck got in the way of the train. Some drivers think that the engineer of a train should stop, look and listen at every crossing. The trouble is that most juries appear to think the same way.

## GREENSBORO FINDS PROPERTY NOT LISTED

Prosecution Will Follow if Such Act Was Willful.

Greensboro, Dec. 4.—Investigations of a tax expert who has been at work lately, presented to our city council, created a sensation when it was found that many pieces of property had not been listed for taxation in some years.

In one case nine acres in the city limits has never been taxed, it was reported, and another piece of property worth \$40,000 had escaped for some years. In another case the fault was with the listers, who in transcribing had charged a valuation of \$7,900 to \$700. The council was of the opinion that prosecution can be made when property was not listed if such act was willful.

## Newton-Belcher

A wedding marked by beauty and simplicity was that Wednesday afternoon when Miss Sue Belcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Belcher, of Oxford, Route 3, became the bride of E. E. Newton, of Oxford Route 6. The solemn vows were spoken by Rev. L. L. Hudson, pastor of the bride, before an improvised altar in the parlor of the bride's home. The music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Gladys Brummitt. The bride was given in marriage by her brother Roy Belcher. R. Elvin Newton, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bride a charming young lady, was very popular. She wore a handsome dress of brown faille, with accessories to match. There were a large number of beautiful presents. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Newton left immediately for their honeymoon. They will make their home on Route 6.

## A NUMBER OF FAMILIES ARE LEAVING THE COUNTY

Going To Georgia To Cultivate Tobacco.

The heads of six families in the county notified the Public Ledger this week that they want their paper sent to Georgia on and after the first of next January.

They assign as their reason for leaving Granville is that the growing of tobacco in this section has been demoralized beyond redemption; the weed grows more prolific without so much fertilizer and effort in Georgia and that the prices are better for all grades.

We hope these families are not "jumping out of a frying pan into the fire," and we are sure that they will find that "all that glitters is not gold." We regret to see them leave, but great will be the rejoicing if they return.

## Odd Fellows Elect New Officers

Installation Will Take Place First Meeting In January.

At the regular meeting of the local Odd Fellows lodge last Tuesday night the officers for the ensuing term were elected. The following were elected to fill the chairs of the Lodge: C. E. Coble, Noble Grand; G. E. Cheatham, Vice-Grand; J. E. Pittard, Recording Secretary; D. F. Lanier, Financial Secretary; and W. H. Upchurch, Treasurer.

It is the hope of the new officers that the membership of the Lodge will rally to their support and help make the coming six months the banner term of the order in Oxford. It will be the aim of the new officers, who take their respective places the first meeting night in January, to have interesting meetings, and this can only be accomplished when the membership co-operative, for after all, it is the membership and not the officers who make it possible for Odd Fellowship to accomplish the most good.

## Durham Shriners Visit Orphanage

Distribute Christmas Packages Among the Children.

A delegation of 30 Durham citizens, 20 of whom were members of the Durham Shrine club, visited the Oxford orphanage Monday evening, bringing toys, candy and other presents to the children. The Durham party were guests of the orphanage at supper, served in the large dining hall.

Following the meal, the children assembled in the auditorium, where the Shriners put on a series of stunts, one of which was the selection of the prettiest girl, and the ugliest boy. The girl was presented with a basketball and a bunch of flowers, while the boy was given a pocket knife and a football.

A kiddie car race was also staged, two girls racing first and then two boys. The winners of each race then competed as prizes. The packages which were prepared by the Shriners, were distributed to the children while they were at supper, following which the party made an inspection of Hick's Memorial hospital, which is now in use.

## Desertions In Navy Is Distressing

Washington, Dec. 4.—Naval courts martial on charges of desertion increased more than 350 per cent in the fiscal year 1924. Rear Admiral J. L. Lattimer, the judge advocate general, announced in his annual report. Against 452 listed in 1923 the report showed 1,207 in the year ending June 30.

Admiral Lattimer did not comment on the increase, but it is known that Secretary Wilbur recently ordered an inquiry to determine if possible the underlying causes.

## Carolina Debaters Picked To Contest

Chapel Hill, Dec. 4.—Malcolm M. Young of Durham and Thomas C. Quickel, Jr., of Gastonia, will represent the University of North Carolina in the inter-collegiate debate with North Carolina State College here December 8.

The debate will be conducted on the open forum style and the child labor amendment on the Federal Constitution will be the subject.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OXFORD, N. C.

Regular Annual meeting of Stockholders will be held Tuesday, January 13th 1925 at 12 o'clock.

W. H. HUNT, Pres. 12-5-6-Fridays

## Town Fathers Are Reducing Expenses

Roscoe Clark, Of the Police Force, Laid Off.

The Town Fathers have entered upon a schedule of retrenchment, and wherver a penny can be saved they don't hesitate to use the axe. Among the things they regretted to do was to lay off Policeman Roscoe Clark, who had been on the force for several years.

Chief I. H. Hobgood and Policeman Jackson are the only two officers on duty. With the advent of cold weather, which is always followed by an epidemic of crime, Officers Hobgood and Jackson are very apt to have their hands full.

## DEVOE FORECASTS WHITE CHRISTMAS

Snow From Maine To Texas Accompanied By a Blizzard.

Devoe is recognized as being the leading prognosticator in this country. His forecast for December follows:

Fourth to 5th, blizzard over northern and rain over the southern state; 6th to 7th, cold and squally; 8th to 9th, clearing; 10th to 11th, cloudy; 12th, a great storm will move up the Mississippi valley—blizzard west and rain east of the Ohio valley; 13th to 14th, clearing and warmer. On the 15th a storm will form over the Missouri valley; 16th to 17th, the storm from the Missouri valley moving southeastward; rain and snow; 18th to 19th, cold wave. On the 20th a great storm will form over Texas and move northeastward; 21st to 23rd, snow from Texas to Maine; 24th to 25th, a blizzard—providing real "old-fashioned white Christmas" weather; 26th to 27th, northwest gales; 28th to 29th, clearing and cool; 30th to 31st, clear and pleasant.

## STATUS OF THE T. G. POOL CASE

Delegation Of Virgilia People Call On the Governor.

(Virgilia Correspondent) A number of Virgilia people went to Richmond last Monday to appear before Gov. Trinkle as regards the T. G. Pool case. For some reason a formal hearing did not come off. However, the Virgilia delegation had a satisfactory conference with the Governor.

It is reported that telegrams, personal letters, as well as petitions had been pouring into Gov. Trinkle at a lively rate, urging him not to intercept the course of law in the Pool case.

## Gulf Gas Moves Upward Two Cents

Gulf Advances Price To Level Of Standard Oil Increase.

New York, Dec. 3.—The Gulf Refining Company advanced gasoline prices 2 cents a gallon in North and South Carolina, meeting the tank wagon on prices of 15 1/2 cents a gallon respectively quoted by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

## From Henderson To Raleigh In 28 Minutes

(News and Observer)

Lt. Sidney Maloy after a round trip flying visit in his airplane to Henderson yesterday morning with Miss Ruth Fowler, of that city, said that he made the trip from Raleigh to Henderson in forty minutes, but that he returned to Raleigh in twenty-eight minutes.

## BIG BUS COMPANIES ARE FORMING

Will Do Business In Virginia and the Carolinas.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 4.—A charter was granted by the Virginia state corporation commission yesterday to the Transit Finance corporation to engage in the business of financing the purchase of motor vehicles used in public service. The company is capitalized at \$1,000,000.

Said to be the first company ever organized to finance the purchase of equipment by motor bus companies, the new corporation, with headquarters in the State and City Bank building of this city, plans to do business in Virginia, the two Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama according to its prospectus filed with the commission. The company is now organizing subsidiaries in each of the states in which it plans to operate.

—We came upon a Latin proverb the other day whose significance not a few will appreciate, "Judox damnatur cum nocens absolvitur"—The acquittal of the guilty is the condemnation of the judge.

## TAX COLLECTIONS NOW SPEEDING UP

Sheriff Hunt Is Very Well Pleased With the Collections.

Tax collections are proceeding more rapidly this week than at any time since the books were turned over to Sheriff Hunt for collection.

"Checks are being received for large and small accounts," said Sheriff Hunt, "but the railroad companies have not settled as yet."

The County has been offering a discount of one per cent on all bills before December 1, but from now on until at least the first of February all accounts will be net. Information was not available yesterday as to the total money already collected or as to the total amount to be collected.

## Music At The First Baptist Church

There will be special music at the First Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. Benjamin Parham has recently taken charge of the choir, which has been augmented by a dozen or more new voices.

Next Sunday at the morning service the following will be sung: Response by Choir "Hear Our Prayer O Lord," by Whelpton, and an anthem "I Sought The Lord," by Stevenson. At the evening service the choir will sing "Jerusalem the Golden," by LeJeune and Mrs. Parham will sing a solo: "He Shall Feed His Flock," from "The Messiah" by Handel.

## CO-OP TOBACCO

T. B. Brummitt Pooled Load That Averaged \$20.81 First Advance.

T. B. Brummitt, of Oxford Route 3, on the Fairport road, pooled 1,704 pounds of tobacco Wednesday. His check called for \$354.61 first advance. The lot was graded as follows:

A-30, 178 at \$26; B-20, 50 at \$22.50; B-3m, 388 at \$17; D-20, 204 at \$27; D-30, 126 at \$25; D-40, 132 at \$21; D-52, 506 at \$19.50; D-70, 30 at \$14; D-8vp, 60 at \$12.

## GUESTS OF THE COUNTY

Two White and Three Colored In the County Jail.

There are only five prisoners in the county jail at present, said Mr. Conrad Walters, the turn-key, this morning. Two are white and three are colored. Two of the number will be placed on the roads in a few days, said Mr. Walters.

"We always give the prisoners a little something extra for Christmas dinner," said Mr. Walters, "but it looks now as if I will only have one or two guests for the holidays."

## The "Schick" Test

Dr. Morris Doing Good Work In the Schools.

The Oxford high school, the graded school and West Oxford school have taken the "Schick" test for diphtheria, and literature bearing on the seriousness of diphtheria has been distributed in the other schools of the county, said Dr. Morris, superintendent of the public health of Granville.

The test is being given every Saturday morning at the health office, and a large number will be in line tomorrow morning. It is a pleasure to note that the people are becoming more and more impressed in movements that prolong life.

## Army Plane To Race The Moon

Pilot Will Start From Buffalo To Get Pictures Of Eclipse On January 24.

Washington, Dec. 5.—A United States Army airplane will race the shadow of the moon nearly 400 miles across New York during the eclipse of the sun January 24. Carrying a specially designed camera, photographs will be taken from the plane of the sun's flaming corona as made visible during the eclipse.

The Oxford Methodist Church will be the scene of a lovely wedding tomorrow evening when Miss Daisy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Smith, becomes the bride of Mr. William Leonard Mitchell. Among the out of town guests for the wedding are: Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jagers, Hillside, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Williams, High Point; Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Warrington; Mr. L. Douthat, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Curran, Miss Mary Helen Curran, Mrs. W. Hanes, Danville; Miss Katharine Vonwenke, Piedmont, N. C.; Miss Emma Cooper, Laurens, N. C.; Miss Emily Swain, Danville; Miss Margaret Wainwright, Hampton, Virginia; Ernest Will and Edward Mitchell of State College, James M. Lea, Danville.

—Dr. J. S. Hardaway will teach the Barbee class at the Oxford Methodist Church next Sunday morning.

## COOLIDGE SAYS ECONOMY CHIEF JOB FOR GOVERNMENT

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE READ IN BOTH HOUSES

Declares If Budget Is Adhered To Moderate Reductions Will Be Possible—Adherence To World Court With Reservations, Sale Or Lease Of Muscle Shoals Under Guarantees and Farm Relief Also Favored.

(Associated Press) Washington, Dec. 3.—President Coolidge submitted to Congress today a broad program dealing with domestic and foreign affairs, but frankly said the chief job for the government was to keep down expenses.

Message Read. Departing from the custom of recent years, Mr. Coolidge did not deliver his message in person. He transmitted it by messenger and it was read simultaneously in both houses. Senators and representatives as well as fairly crowded galleries gave it close attention. In the Senate there was an absence of the applause which generally greets executive declarations when made in person, but in the House members applauded several of the recommendations.

Tax Reduction. President Coolidge made no recommendations with respect to immediate tax reduction, but he told Congress that if it would keep within the limitations of the budget presented, it would be possible to have a "moderate amount of tax reduction" and all the tax reform that Congress may wish for during the next fiscal year.

High Lights. Agriculture and through legislation; full constitutional rights for the negro, with safe guards against lynching; the placing of the prohibition enforcement force and first, second and third class postmasters under the Civil Service; amendment of the Immigration Act so as to permit immigrants this country more latitude in attaining admission of members of their own families; passage of legislation for the reorganization of the government departments; representation of all parties at the ballot boards; establishment of a national police bureau.

## MADE IN AMERICA

No More Toys Come From Germany.

When you go down to the store some day between now and Christmas to buy toys for the little folks, there is only a remote chance that you will carry home any that were made outside of America.

It is not so long ago that most of the toys were made in Germany and millions of dollars of American money went to Europe, when it should have remained at home to provide capital for the employment of American labor.

Thus the American toy business off German imports, and if the Germans could have transported their toys to America's shores, the prejudices engendered by the war would have made their sale impossible. Thus the American toy business was built up, and this year it will exceed \$56,000,000, which was the record established in 1923. This does not include children's carriages, wagons and sleds made and sold in America last year, which brought the total up to more than \$90,000,000.

This is a very substantial industry that should be supported by Americans as they come to the season when games and toys are purchased as gifts. It provides employment for thousands of men and women, who in turn spend their money for other American-made products and the produce of the farm, which thrives best under the stimulus of a good home market.

## The Woman's Club Doing Good Work

There Will Be a Christmas Celebration.

The Oxford Woman's Club met in their club house Wednesday afternoon and listened with pleasure to inspiring reports of active committees.

Mrs. Marsh Ray, chairman of the Civic Department, reported that clean-up-week and fire preventive week had been held, with an impressive play on fire prevention given at the Graded School. Mrs. Ray also reported that plans are under way for Christmas celebration, with Mrs. E. B. Howard as the chairman.

Mrs. C. G. Credle, Chairman of Health Department, reported the canvass for selling Tuberculosis seals was on and that her committee was well organized and working.

Home Economics Department reported dinners had been served the Rotary Club during November.

The Literature and Library Dept. reported a number of new books in the library and a plan for sending books and readers to Brantwood Hospital at an early date.

Mrs. W. N. Thomas, Chairman of the Garden and Forestry, reported the parks and club grounds were being cared for.