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STATE CAPITOL NEWS LETTER

By M. L. Shipman.

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Outstanding legislative accomplishments during the week was approval by both branches the state-wide game bill, the Smith-Hargett highway bill, the creation of four additional judicial districts, final enactment of the Great Smoky park proposal, bill requiring vehicles driven or operated upon the highways of the state to carry lights at night, provide for the construction of a bridge across the Cape Fear at Wilmington, change date of motor vehicle license from June 30th to December 31st, tentative acceptance of the revenue bill, the machinery act and appropriation bill. The Australian Ballot bill met with ignominious defeat in the house and will not be revived again during the session, for that body applied a clincher which prevents, under the rules, consideration of any bill of state-wide significance containing the subject matter of the Falls measure. More than a score of representatives wanted their counties exempted from the provisions of the bill and in the melee which followed a motion to table prevailed by a vote of 58 to 49. The senate agrees to extend franchise to bus operators from three to six years, but rejected the request for permission for a 90-inch bus width proposed in the Womble bill.

A spirited fight occurred in the house on the \$30,000,000 highway commission bond issue endorsed by Governor McLean, but it went thru with a whoop on call of the roll. Representative Folger, of Surry, offered an amendment reducing the amount to \$24,000,000, while Graham, of Orange wanted only \$20,000,000 and called to the attention of the house the fact that the state debt is rapidly approaching its constitutional limitations, the session having started out facing a bonded indebtedness of \$143,000,000, to which has been added \$5,000,000 for permanent improvements, \$2,000,000 for the Great Smoky Mountain park, and one million and a quarter for a Cape Fear bridge. Another \$30,000,000 would bring the total to \$181,250,000. Proponents argued that many counties that had loaned money to the state highway commission could not be reimbursed if the amount should be reduced without retarding the road building program and county interests walked away with the committee bill on its second and decisive reading by a vote of 99 to 12. And the senate heartily concurs. The Smith-Hargett highway bill relative to the location of roads, as amended in the senate and slightly in the house, was piloted thru the latter body by Pete Murphy by a vote of 78 to 34. The proposed \$30,000,000 of highway bonds is expected to complete the program of construction of around 5,000 miles of hardsurfaced highways and to repay "in the neighborhood" of \$17,000,000 of county loans.

Only 10 of the 109 members of the house voting had their names recorded against the bill carrying appropriation of \$2,000,000 worth of bonds of the state for purchase of lands in the North Carolina and Tennessee mountains upon which the Federal government may establish the Great Smoky Mountain Park. Western senators and representatives supported wholeheartedly by their constituents, voted solidly for the measure.

If the house agrees to the bill of Senator Horton, of Chatham, Confederate soldiers and widows will receive the following pensions: Blind and maimed, \$420 annually; disabled, \$365; blind widows, \$300; other widows, \$100; 10 old servants, \$200. The total pension fund under the Horton bill would be \$1,500,000 instead of \$1,200,000 recommended by the appropriation committee. For the past biennium it has been one million. Another bill of the Chatham senator which the house will be called upon to okch would place the names of candidates for congress on the state ballot.

The house has passed the revenue act on its final reading and the senate must do likewise within the next few days if the assembly expects to complete its task by the end of the week, the date fixed by many members for final adjournment. A number of important amendments have been written into the committee bill

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ZEBULON IS BURIED UNDER SNOW DRIFTS

Heaviest Snow Since 1899 Stops Auto Travel — All Trains Many Hours Late — Children Having Fun.

Tuesday night's little drift of snow held a joker for us all, for when we arose Wednesday morning we were faced by the biggest snowfall since 1899, so we are told by those who keep up with such things. There can be no doubt but it is the heaviest snow seen by the school children, and, besides having no school Wednesday, they have been making the best of the situation to wade, roll and tumble. Even the young ladies could not resist the call and appeared in their "pants" and hightoppers.

Train service was delayed several hours Wednesday. The "noon train" lay at the depot for quite a while unable to get traction enough to pull out. The truth is that old engine liked the looks of Zebulon and wanted to stop over for a while. The office devil went down to help the engineer out. He must have been successful for shortly afterward she heaved a sigh and rolled away.

Stores remained closed until a late hour that morning, for who could sell anything when snow was drifted up six or eight feet against his door! Up to a late hour not a single car had traveled the Raleigh highway, and you may put that down as a record. And you may put it down as one time when the old "Lizzie" could not bulge from her stable. Several tried it then gave up in despair.

STRONG WOMAN COMING TO EXHIBIT AT ZEBULON

Annie Abbott, the "Little Georgia Magnet," will appear in person at the Wakelon school auditorium Tuesday, March 8th, in a performance for the benefit of the local Boy Scout organization. Miss Abbott has amazed the world by her feats, being able to lift 10 men while they cannot lift her though she is a small person. It sounds like "bushwah" but local men have seen her perform and she does all this and more. She places her finger tips on the wrists of a child and the child cannot be lifted. Of course you are skeptical. So are we, so we propose to see what it all is about Tuesday night.

CLUB MEETING NOTICE

The monthly business meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. C. V. Whitley on Thursday, March 10, at 3:30 p.m. Secretary of Club.

Burglars At Pilot Store Take Tobacco

Burglars broke into the general store of Mr. B. B. Brantley at Pilot Friday night of last week and carried away a quantity of cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and snuff, and other articles, the total value amounting to near \$100. An old automobile spring was used by the thieves to pry off two locks at the back of the store. Mr. Brantley offers \$50 reward for the capture and conviction of the culprits.

Bunn-Abernathy.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Abernathy at Spring Hope was the scene of a quiet but very impressive wedding Tuesday of last week when their daughter, Ella Myrtle, became the bride of Mr. Willie Ernest Bunn, of Stanhope. After a trip thru Western North Carolina they will make their home at Stanhope.

Mrs. Bunn is an attractive and accomplished young woman. She is popular in her community and active in social and religious affairs of her community. Mr. Bunn is a very prosperous farmer.

HACKNEY WAGON COMPANY SWEPT BY FLAMES

The Hackney Wagon Plant at Wilson was swept by fire Saturday and damaged to the extent of \$250,000 to \$300,000. The entire plant was seriously threatened for a time and its value is placed at \$1,250,000, with \$550,000 insurance carried on the whole plant. This is the South's largest vehicle works.

IMPORTANT POULTRY MEETING AT WAKELON

All who are interested in poultry raising (and what farmer is not?) will not want to miss the meeting arranged for Wednesday night of next week, March 9th, at 7:30 o'clock at Wakelon high school. Some things will be discussed that should have an important bearing on the future success of poultry raising in our community.

The meeting will not be long so come promptly at 7:30. If you are interested in better poultry for our community, be there!

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Among the real estate transfers recorded in the office of the Wake Register of Deeds at Raleigh the following is noted:

C. V. Whitley to R. F. Eddins, 4.93 acres in Little River township, for \$500.50.

Woman's Club Party Pleases

Say folks, you who did not go to the Woman's Club Measuring Party Monday night just missed the most fun. Ask any one who was there. Young and old joined in playing "Going to Jerusalem" and "Jump over the Broomstick." Everyone present felt younger and more "limber" than they had in years. Somebody said they bet there wasn't a "corn" in the crowd after the Broomstick game.

The Kitchen Cabinet Orchestra was a "knock-out." Since hearing such melody come from flour sifters, sprinkling cans, brooms and pokers, we know Zebulon has musicians of rare talent and ability. The directing of the leader, Mrs. Chas. E. Flowers, added much to the success of the orchestra.

Mrs. Eva Page can hypnotize folks! Honest she can! Why, Ted Davis didn't know the audience wanted him to sing till Mrs. Page wove the spell over him, then he got up and went down the scale like a mocking bird. Others were hypnotized, too.

E. G. Daniels, Jr., and H. K. Phillips, Jr., put on a little vaudeville act, full of wit and thoroughly enjoyable. The home-made candy was delicious and sold fast and no one who saw the old fashioned bridal scene regretted the price of admission.

The refreshments were a surprise, but every one present got a sack of real eats.

The proceeds, which would have been lots more if J. K. Barow, Dr. Barbee, E. C. Daniels, and R. O. Cockrell had been present, will be added to the Woman's Club community house building fund.

Shotwell News

We are very sorry to note that it has recently turned cold. Hope it will soon turn warm again as people are starting their farming for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Williams of Wakefield were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Mason Sunday.

Messrs. Swade Schreck and Eugene Horton of Clayton were Shotwell visitors Sunday.

Mr. Derwood Mason and Mr. Robert Taylor of Fort Bragg spent the week-end with Mr. N. R. Mason.

Mr. Emmett Montague of this place was a visitor in Archer Lodge Sunday.

Mr. Aaron Dickerson of McCullers called on Miss Gladys Faison Sunday.

Miss Annie Hodge spent the week-end with Miss Gladys Faison.

Miss Mary Lee Harris is on the sick list this week. Hope she will be out again soon.

Mrs. Tom Knott and Mrs. W. O. Branch were Sunday guests of Mrs. John Hubbard.

Misses Josephine Montague and Edna Mason were visitors in Clayton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Montague stopped over with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Montague on their way to Charlotte where they will make their home.

Misses Bettie and Pattie Doub of Greensboro spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Doub, here.

Rev. W. E. Anderson, of Ayden, N. C., will preach at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday, March 6th. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, church services at 11. Evening services at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Strong Man Pulls 200-lb. Bag 10 Feet

Scores of spectators at Pine Ridge were amazed Saturday night when John T. Avent, well-known citizen of that community, demonstrated an unbelievable feat of strength. A piece of rope 100 yards in length was stretched out along the ground and one end of it tied around a 200-pound bag of fertilizer. Mr. Avent seized the other end of the rope and pulled the bag ten feet. The feat of strength was done to settle an old-time argument as to whether a single team could move a similar weight under the same conditions. Now, does anyone doubt it? Perhaps we had better take a look at Mr. Avent first for he may be stronger than a team, and in that case nothing has been proven except that Mr. Avent is a mighty good man.

Rocky Cross

Mr. C. H. Brantley of Samaria was the guest of Miss Lily Creech Sunday evening.

We are glad to know that those on the sick list are considerably better. We anticipate an early recovery for all of them.

Mr. Alton Strickland was the guest of Mr. Otha Strickland last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Roy Worrells of Elm City visited her grandparents at Grottoes, Va., a few days last week, and after her return she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Strickland. She reports a very nice visit to Virginia. We have reports that tobacco plants are coming up very rapidly. We fear they will be cut back by cold weather yet.

We have started prayer meeting at Rocky Cross church again, every Sunday night at 7 o'clock. Bro. B. A. Brantley will open prayer meeting if nothing prevents. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. C. S. Strickland is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. J. Jones, this week. We have a school every Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Come and bring your friends. We are always glad to welcome you in our Sunday school. We are looking forward to greater and better work in our Sunday school this year than ever before. Come and help make it brighter.

Mitchell Mill

N. B. Finch's truck was very busy last Monday hauling cotton from this section. Fourteen bales were carried for Messrs. G. L. Perry, D. B. Price, Branch Perry and Burrell Perry. We are very glad to know that cotton is going up by degrees.

We are very sorry to learn of the recent illness of Mr. Bill George.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Raybon were visitors at Antioch Sunday.

Misses Ruth Raybon and Elsie Price spent Saturday night with their brother, Ben Raybon.

Little Miss Thyra Mae Price spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Raybon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams, of Rolesville, called at the home of Mr. G. L. Perry Sunday.

Messrs. G. L. Perry and D. M. King were business visitors in Raleigh, Monday.

We are very sorry to know that Mrs. L. D. Lloyd is not improving. She has been in Rex Hospital three weeks. We hope her a speedy recovery.

We are very glad to have Mr. Hicks move into our community.

Miss Actelia Mitchell of Wakelon High School spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mitchell.

Goat Butts Glass Door At Satsky's

Satsky's Department store has a smashed front door, this time a goat did the "goat-getting" himself. Saturday night about 10 o'clock the goat belonging to Mr. M. C. Medlin came trotting down the street, probably chased by a dog. Satsky's front door glass was so clean the goat was deceived and into it he jumped. Perhaps the goat is nearsighted and if this is so he should be fitted up with spectacles. Mr. Satsky is reported to have shouted to the goat, "You get out of my store!" He was right for the goat would have eaten several bolts of goods, likely as not.

SUPPLY DEALERS START SUIT IN WAKE COURT

News and Observer:

Massey Brothers entered two suits in Wake superior court yesterday (Tuesday) seeking to collect balances alleged to be due for building supplies furnished for erection of two dwellings in Wake county.

In a suit against H. C. Horton, judgment in the sum of \$479.29 is asked, while in a suit against J. P. Fowler judgment of \$957.62 is asked.

Suit to collect \$600 and interest alleged to be due on a note given February 26, 1926, by the defendants and due October 15 last, was filed in Wake superior court yesterday by the Zebulon Banking and Trust company against T. C. Weatherby, Ida Weatherby, of Franklin, C. B. Weatherby, of Wake, and Jessie L. Murray, of Nash county.

LeRoy L. Massey is attorney for the plaintiffs in the three actions.

Junior-Senior Wakelon Banquet

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Last Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock the Senior class of Wakelon school was most delightfully entertained at a banquet by the Juniors.

From the auditorium the guests made their way to the dining hall of the home economics department where two long tables were attractively decorated in pink and silver, the Senior class colors.

After the guests had found their places at the tables, a lovely four-course dinner was served by members of the Ninth grade. Music was furnished by the "Carolina Ramblers."

During the serving of these courses, a most enjoyable program was carried out. David Humphrey, the president of the Junior class, and who acted as toastmaster, gave a welcome address. This was followed by Miss Margaret Bartow's toast to the Seniors to which Miss Pattie Bunn gracefully responded. Misses Erma Dawson and Sybil Cahoon also gave toasts. Donnie Gay entertained the party for a few minutes with one of his jokes. Some of the faculty members gave short but inspiring talks to both classes present.

After dinner, the guests were again invited into the auditorium where songs, games and yells were enjoyed.

In every way the banquet proved to be a success.

Faculty Play at Wendell.

The faculty members of Wakelon school that took part in the play, "Putting It Over," are going to Wendell Friday evening to present the same play there in the school auditorium.

Another evening in the near future the Wendell faculty will bring their play, "Annie What's Her Name," to our auditorium. Watch for the exact date and come again to Wakelon's new auditorium to see a good performance!

Baseball.

By William Whitlock.

As the weather is getting warm and the basketball season is nearing a close, the boys are beginning to think of baseball.

Coach Shull and several of the boys were busy Friday evening putting the diamond in shape, and practice will soon begin.

Wakelon has the prospect of a better season than ever before, and the players say that they will not be satisfied with anything less than the state championship.

The business men have not been backing up the team, and if they back it to the limit this season they can look forward to great things from Coach Shull and his boys. This will be a main cog in the wheel of advertising for the town and school. Get your heart on the right side, men, and let's show the other teams of the state our dust.

Let's go, boys!

ZEBULON DESIRES ADDITIONAL JURISDICTION

Two meetings have been held by the Wake delegation in the general assembly at which citizens of the county have been invited. There were very warm discussions pro and con, the most controverted being proposals to divorce Varina and Fuquay Springs, incorporate Knightdale and enlarge the corporate limits of Morrisville. Additional jurisdiction is also sought for the Zebulon and Wendell recorders' courts and county and city officials want increases in salary.

DAIRY MAN WILL SPEAK AT WAKELON

J. A. Arey, Specialist, Wants All Interested in Dairying To Meet at Wakelon Monday Night.

Our next regular monthly meeting is to be held at Wakelon school on Monday evening, March 7th, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. J. A. Arey, dairy specialist, will address the farmers and business men on the above date. The attendance has been rather small at some of these meetings, and it is somewhat discouraging to those who have arranged the program of meetings to ask others to come down to speak to us.

Let's try to make this and other meetings a greater success than the others have been by having a larger attendance.

All who have attended the meetings have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the plain and practical information which has been presented.

Remember, these meetings are for your benefit and it means actual dollar in your pocket if you will come and get the good things that are offered and put some of them into practice. Be there Monday night!

DIARY OF TROUP SEVENTEEN BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

February 25.—We held our first official meeting tonight, with 20 boys, three committeemen, and Mr. Sewell Shumaker, Scout executive from Raleigh, present. Mr. Shumaker opened the program with a fine game, later he made a talk on Scouting, its object and how to get the best results from Scout work. A short speech by Mr. L. M. Gould, chairman of the Scout committee, expressed fully his desire to help us in all our work. Dr. C. E. Flowers, who is in charge of the first-aid work, stressed promptness and accuracy in his encouraging talk. Mr. J. K. finance man, declined to speak, probably because he had just eaten supper and would not rise to the situation. A vote of thanks was extended to the Woman's Club, Baraca class, Mrs. Grote and Mrs. Outlaw for the aid given in securing a troupe and equipment in town. As a help to parents whose boys are Scouts, we want to announce that meetings begin at 7:30 and close at 9:30. Watch the boys for tardiness. Those boys who are not Scouts are cordially invited to come and join at our next meeting, Friday night.

Dawson Filling Station Is Moved

Mr. A. C. Dawson has moved his filling station from the corner of Arendell avenue and Highway No. 90 to the lot just West, where he is relocating tanks, pouring concrete runways and preparing in general to supply his Gulf trade as usual. He also carries a nice line of groceries and is able now to serve the public in his usual good way.

The Standard Oil Co., new owners of the choice corner, will build a filling station there. It is thought the work will be started about the middle of March.

YOUNG GIRL DIES FROM SELF-INFLICTED WOUND

Wilson, Feb. 26.—Lola Lyles, aged 16, died in a local hospital last night from a self-inflicted bullet wound in an attempt to commit suicide two weeks ago. The young girl lingered between life and death for several days following an emergency operation and then rallied but died after undergoing another serious operation this week.

The girl shot herself because, it is alleged, her suitor, Jack Scott, 19, failed to redeem his promise to marry her. She was buried at Zebulon, her former home.

PERFECT FIRE RECORD

Zebulon enjoyed a whole month without a single fire during February. While this is not remarkable for our city, it is something to rejoice over. Fires here are few in number, which is doubtless due to the carefulness of our citizens. Now, don't go and build up a big fire in the stove then leave it, or you might break the no-fire streak.

R. D. Massey