

A THOUSAND GAL- LONS A MINUTE

A REFRESHING SIGHT FOR ROXBORO PEOPLE

Work on the New Water System Going Good and Contractors Will Probably Finish On Time.

We drove out to the new-to-be lake which will supply the water for Roxboro a few days since, and we were agreeably surprised at the progress the contractors, Mess. Higgins, Goforth & Company are making. They have something like two thirds of the huge dam completed and are pouring concrete in the pump house. Excavation has been made for the spillway on the far side, all of the land cleared of trees and rubbish, and fully three fourths of the piping is laid to the reservoir. We see no reason, unless some unforeseen accidents occur, why they should not complete their contract on scheduled time, which is December 6th.

About the most refreshing and beautiful sight we have seen for some time is to stand and watch the water flowing through the pipes at a rate of one thousand gallons a minute. Just think of it, one thousand gallons a minute, when the town has been struggling along on about thirty gallons.

NOT GUILTY IS VERDICT IN FLOGGING CASE.

Lumberton, July 21.—Fifty minutes after the fate of three Robeson county citizens had been placed in the hands of the jury here this afternoon the defendants heard the words "not guilty," which exonerated them of participation in the whipping of two white women by hooded raiders near Proctorville on the night of April 14.

And five minutes later the trio—Mike Lawson, chief of police of the village of Fairmont, and Johnson Hedgepeth, a farmer, and Jule Brogden, a mechanic, both of Proctorville—were free men for Solicitor Thomas A. McNeill promptly nol pressed the indictment for first degree burglary which had been returned against them at the same time as that charging the assaulting and kidnapping of Mrs. Hattie Purvis and Mrs. Mary Ann Watson, the floggers' victims.

DEATH OF MR. A. V. MOORE.

Mr. A. V. Moore, one of the best and most respected citizens of the County died at Watta hospital in Durham on last Wednesday morning. Mr. Moore had been in bad health for quite awhile and was carried to the hospital and underwent a slight operation from which he never fully regained consciousness. He was buried at Wheelers church on Thursday evening, the services being conducted by Dr. Hall, assisted by Elders J. J. Hall and B. F. McKinney. Mr. E. D. Cheek made a talk also at the service.

ALMOST BURIED THE WRONG MAN.

So far as we know we have never been accused of killing any one, but we came near burying the wrong man last Thursday. Our reporter was informed that Mr. Alvis Moore had died in Durham and we announced his burial on Thursday morning, but some of his friends called him up and he said there certainly must be some mistake as he was very much alive.

Mr. A. V. Moore, of near Hurdle Mills died at the hospital in Durham and we got the names mixed up. We apologise to Mr. Alvis and sincerely hope it will be many years before we are called upon to chronicle his burial again.

RETURNED FROM NORFOLK.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Frederick and son Marshall, and Mr. Dailey Frederick have returned home from Norfolk, Va., where they spent several days visiting relatives. They were accompanied home by Mr. Carl Hardy.

COMMISSIONERS ASK FOR SHERIFF'S RESIGNATION.

Inasmuch as certain reports of improper conduct by Sheriff J. Melvin Long has been coming to the ears of the Board of County Commissioners for the past few months, and inasmuch as these reports have been reaching the ears of the Commissioners in increasing volume during the past few days, and whereas, despite the fact that the truth of these reports is unproven, such reports against the Sheriff make him powerless as an officer and tend to bring the enforcement of the law into disrepute, therefore be it,

Resolved—
1. That Sheriff J. Melvin Long be asked for his resignation as sheriff immediately, his resignation to take effect at once.

2. That a copy of this resolution be handed Sheriff Long by the Clerk of the Board and that this resolution constitute a request for his resignation.

3. That this Board knows that it is powerless to force Sheriff Long to resign, but that it trusts that out of his regard for the County and for his party he will accede to the request of this Board.

4. That in case Sheriff Long tends his resignation to the Clerk of this Board it shall be then accepted by reason of this resolution, and that by the same power J. M. O'Brian shall from that time be appointed Sheriff pro-tem until August 6th as soon as he qualifies.

Passed by Board of Commissioners in session on this 18th day of July, 1923. W. H. Harris and B. F. Hester present.

W. H. Harris, Chairman,
B. F. Hester.

UNION SERVICE.

On next Sunday night at 8 o'clock there will be the usual fifth Sunday union service at the Baptist church, Rev. J. L. Martin, conducting the services. All of the churches will unite in these services and the offering will go to the building fund of the Episcopal church. It is earnestly hoped that all will carry a contribution, as this congregation is building a new church and the offering will be a free offering from the various denominations.

The usual services will be held at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. E. White.

FOUND GALLON AND A HALF.

Last Saturday night Sheriff Long and Chief Oliver raided the residence of Mr. J. H. Carver and found about a gallon and a half of corn liquor. On Monday morning Mr. Carver waived examination and was bound over to August term of court under \$250 bond.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION.

There will be held a civil service examination on August 11th for post office clerks in the Roxboro post office. If you desire to take this examination call at the Post office and secure the necessary blanks. This is a real examination and you will be rated upon your ability, and not your politics.

SCHOOL NOTES.

The people of Person County may safely count on our Commissioners and the Board of Education going forward in building and equipping the schools. They have the building up of our county at heart, and know that to educate our people is one of the two surest ways known to the human race.

J. A. Beam.

APPLICANTS FOR POSTMASTER AT ROXBORO.

The following candidates have made application for postmaster at Roxboro: A. S. deVlaming, Wm. A. Wilson, Henry J. Whitt, Claudius A. Long, Miss Annie G. Burch and Mrs. Margaret B. Strayhorn.

PICNIC AT LOCK LILY.

The Sunday Schools of Virgilina picnicked at Lock Lily yesterday, coming 166 strong. They were under the charge of Mess. A. L. Jones and W. D. Amlis, and spent a delightful day. After dinner they returned to Roxboro and took in the movies.

BALANCE SHEET IS MADE PUBLIC

AUDITORS REPORT SHOWS DEFICIT OF \$796,468.13.

Report of Auditors Is Accepted by Governor and Council of State As True Condition of North Carolina's Financial Status.

The balance sheet of the State of North Carolina's current General Fund, as prepared by Price, Waterhouse and Co., auditors, checked and approved by the legislative committee and accepted by the Governor and the Council of State as a true account of the State's financial status, including deficit, surplus and all such.

On the first day of January, 1923, the excess of obligations over resources was \$477,194.75—this is the deficit at that time. Excess of unexpended appropriations and estimated mandatory expenditures applicable to the half-year ending June 30, 1923, over estimated revenue available therefor, \$319,273.38. This totals \$796,468.13, and there you have all the deficit reported.

The balance sheet is dated July 7, 1923.

With this excess of obligations—that's better name than a deficit—out of the way, it is in order to take up the report of the committee to the Governor and the Council of State.

First might come the talk of the surplus. "We find," says the "report":

"We find that on December 31, 1922, there was a surplus in the general fund, or operating account, of \$232,805.25," reads the report of the special committee appointed by the 1923 session of the Legislature to institute an audit of the State's finances.

"The condition of the State, as shown by the auditor's report upon a revenue or accrual basis, on December 31, 1922, shows a deficit of \$477,194.75 in the general or operating fund account.

"There is a note of \$710,000.00 charged against the general fund or operating account, which, in our opinion should be treated as a part of the funded debt of the state and should not be charged to this account, although the auditors in preparing the report were justified in charging the note to the general fund because of the technical language used by the Legislature in creating the obligation."

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WOMANS CLUB.

The Womens Club will give an entertainment Friday night from 8 to 10 o'clock. Dumb Festival, Virginia Reel, music, ice cream and fun.

Famous Art Exhibit, representing the following subjects: "Coming Through the Rye," "Little Sweetheart," "Perfection" and "Just You and I and Others."

Admission 10 cents. If you can act dumb no charge.

BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

The Beulah Baptist Association is in session with the Mill Creek Baptist church today. Rev. R. W. Prevost of Yanceyville was elected moderator, Thos. B. Woody, clerk, and Mrs. P. D. Sutton, treasurer. There was an unusually large crowd present at yesterday's session, with a most bountiful dinner which was served by the church.

BRUNSWICK STEW AND BALL GAMES.

On next Saturday at Buchanan's store there will be a day of fun. Brunswick stew, two games of ball—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Refreshments on the ground, and everybody invited to attend.

C. O. Buchanan.

CROWDER-PASS.

Miss Nannie Crowder and Mr. Thomas Owen Pass Are Married.

Last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crowder, at Mayo, Va., Mr. Thomas Owen Pass and Miss Nannie Crowder were married, Rev. R. E. White and Rev. Mr. Elliott, the bride's pastor, performed the ceremony. The following out of town guests were present: Mess. Willie and Garland Pass and Joe Y. Blanks of Roxboro, Miss Ayres from Danville, Va., and Mr. Clyde Woody. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went touring to Asheville and other points in western North Carolina.

STORMS DOES GREAT DAMAGE IN EASTERN PART OF THE STATE.

Greenville, N. C., July 23.—Hundreds of acres of tobacco were declared to be a total loss as a result of a severe rain and hail storm that visited this section late yesterday afternoon and last night. Early reports place the damage at half a million dollars.

The storm criss-crossed over an area of approximately fifteen miles, destroying tobacco, cotton and corn.

KINSTON, July 23.—Farmers reaching here today from Wayne county say that tobacco, corn and cotton crops were badly damaged in section of that county late yesterday by a terrific hail and rain storm.

DR. HAMBRICK PASSED THE STATE BOARD.

Among the ninety three who passed the State Medical Board examination was Dr. Robert T. Hambrick, of Roxboro. Dr. Hambrick is an exceptionally bright young man and his friends had no thought of failure for him. He will spend the next year doing hospital work and will then, we regret to say, locate in the West. North Carolina and Roxboro can ill afford to lose this bright young man and we hope ere he makes his final decision he will return to his native State and County.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank the Woodmen for all their kindness to me in the death of my beloved son, Memory Philbeck, who was killed at Roxboro May 24th, 1923. I thank them for the insurance check I received from them.

But there is nothing that can heal our broken hearts. We hope and trust that we will all meet our dear one in Heaven above. May God's richest blessings be with all our Woodmen members.

Mrs. Mary L. Philbeck,
Chase City, Va.
July 18th, 1923.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES.

There will be services next Sunday Sunday (5th) in the Presbyterian Church by the Pastor at 11 A. M.

The 5th Sun. evening Union service will be held in the Baptist Church at 8 P. M. These evening services have been delightful and inspiring, and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend.

W. O. Sample.

WILL COMPLETE ROAD BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

The contractors on both ends of the road between Durham and Roxboro bid fair to complete same by the end of the present year. Mess. Porter & Boyd are making rapid headway with their contract in this County, having only about three and a half or four miles to complete, and if they maintain their present speed will undoubtedly finish it before Christmas. The contractor on the Durham end is making good progress and it looks like he will finish up and move up before the beginning of another year.

LICENSE TAX DUE.

All License or Privilege taxes were due on or before July 1st 1923. Five per cent penalty if not paid before August 1st 1923. Better see me before August 1st 1923.

W. I. Newton, Town Tax Collector.

STATE IS LIVING BEYOND INCOME

SAYS CORPORATION COMMISSIONER MAXWELL.

"Accrual" Financing Nothing But "John Smith" Credit System, Says Maxwell, Picturing Growing Debt.

Raleigh, July 21.—Dismissing consideration of his allegation made months ago that the state had a deficit of \$5,000,000, because he says the auditors have proved it in their recent report, and declaring that the end of the present two-year period of state administration will wind up in a still greater deficit, probably \$9,000,000 or more, Allan J. Maxwell, corporation commissioner and tax expert, ridicules the "accrual basis of operating state finances as sort of "dope," a hypodermic, highly pleasing in its effect in climbing the first financial hill, but more or less fantastic in its final results.

Mr. Maxwell's Statement.

With serious purpose, after mature reflection and with full knowledge of the hazards of the undertaking, I have endeavored to make a contribution to sound government in North Carolina.

While the general assembly was in session, and charged with the responsibility of shaping future fiscal policy, I undertook to lay before them facts which they did not have, and which were essential for them to have, if future policy was to be made on a sound basis.

While the state was \$5,000,000 behind in its operating expenses they were asked to legislate upon assurance of a \$2,400,000 surplus.

The members of the committee—men of the highest patriotic purpose—wish to know. They have spent \$43,000 to find out. These gentlemen have made an intermittent study of this question over a period of six months. It has been my study for more than 10 years.

I know every part of this delicate piece of machinery they are dealing with—this new Morrison system of state revenue. I fashioned every spoke in its wheels. I know the capacity for which it was designed. I know that it has been overloaded.

If this new system were raising all the revenue to meet this expanded program of progress no man in North Carolina would find as much pleasure and personal satisfaction in that fact as myself.

We are not living within our income. That is the one issue I have raised before the people of the state and which I engage to sustain, or admit that I have raised a false cry and subjected the state to unreasonable, annoyance.

The question of whether there was an actual deficit in cash on hand on last January 1 of \$5,000,000 may be at once dismissed as now proven and admitted on the balance sheet of the audit. Governor Morrison denounced that statement as a "malicious slander." The committee appointed to investigate it found the statement to be substantially true in every material particular, lost interest in that phase of the inquiry, and struck out upon a new and entirely different line.

So that we have introduced to us a new term in accounting terminology as applied to state finances—the "accrual basis."

In plain English, it's the credit basis. It would apply to the state's business the same basis of financing as that used by "John Smith, tenant farmer." As soon as John begins to shrub his ditch banks in the spring, and plan his crop, he considers that he has that much of equity, or "accrual," in a prospective crop, and he goes to his landlord for white meat and black strap equivalent in value to his labor, against his "accruing crop."

John's crop may fail. The chinch bugs may get his grain and the boll weevil his cotton, and hard times may get your theoretically accrued and uncollected but spent income tax.

"John Smith" Financing.

An exact analogy to Governor Morrison's "accrued" surplus theory, and the history leading up to it, would



Mrs. W. T. Long delightfully entertained on Saturday afternoon in honor of Mrs. B. R. Long of Greensboro. The hall and living rooms were attractive with garden flowers. Bridge was the game of the afternoon and after many progressions the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. C. Watkins served ice cream, cake and candy to the following: Mesdames G. W. Kane, H. S. Morton, H. W. and J. J. Winstead, J. A. Long, P. B. Henley, E. G. Long, R. W. Stephens, W. S. Clary, Jr., E. V. Boatwright, A. M. Burns, A. S. deVlaming, B. E. Love, and Misses Mary Harris and Elizabeth Noell.

On Wednesday afternoon, from 4 to 6. Mrs. E. V. Boatwright entertained the Bridge Club. Four tables were arranged in the living room for Bridge. After playing many interesting games the hostess served a delightful ice course. Those present were Mesdames A. M. Burns, A. S. deVlaming, R. W. Stephens, J. J. Winstead, W. S. Clary, Jr., E. Eberman, W. T. Long, G. W. Kane, B. R. Long, J. A. Long, W. C. Watkins, H. S. Morton, Misses Mary Harris, Isabel deVlaming, and Elizabeth Noell.

One of the most delightful parties of the season was Tuesday night when the B. Y. P. U. entertained at Misses Allgood. The guests were welcomed by Miss Orpha Allgood who she invited them to the Tennis court. Many games of all kind were played during the evening. Mr. R. E. White sang several songs which were very much enjoyed. About Ten o'clock the guests were invited on the porch where delightful ice course were served to forty or more young people.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. S. A. Jones entertained in honor of her sister Mrs. B. R. Long of Greensboro. Three tables were arranged for the game of Bridge. The living room was attractive with flowers which lent an attractive glow to the room. Many interesting games were played and at the conclusion the hostess served a delightful salad course to the following: Mr. and Mrs. A. S. deVlaming, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Noell, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Clary, Jr., Mrs. J. A. Long, Dr. and Mrs. B. R. Long, A. M. Burns, R. L. Harris and Dr. R. H. Noell of Rocky Mt.

Mr. E. A. Hill of Philadelphia has arrived in Roxboro where he will make his home. He will be connected with the new cotton mill.

Mrs. E. C. Brooks and two children of Kenbridge, Va. arrived last Wednesday evening to spend two or three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Clayton. They will visit their relatives while here.

Mrs. Edwards and son, Miss Eleanor Edwards and Mrs. McLaughlin of Ayden were guests for a few days last week of Miss Mary Winstead.

IRENE CASTLE TREMAN IS GRANTED DIVORCE.

PARIS, July 23.—Official announcement as made by the Seine tribunal today that a divorce was granted to Irene Castle, American actress from her husband, Robert Treman on July 12th.

Mrs. Castle sailed for New York on the French Liner LaFayette Saturday. She gave no intimation that she had obtained a divorce but said she wanted to "keep her husband guessing as to her plans."

Robert Treman, husband of the temperamental American actress and dancer, is a rich manufacturer in Ithaca, N. Y. He is now in Europe. Announcement that Mrs. Castle Treman had been granted a divorce was published in the form of a court circular.

Members of the American colony were surprised by the information and there was considerable reluctance to credit it owing to the fact that the actress did not file her suit until July 3. Mrs. Treman charged her husband with "marital indifference."

Irene Castle and Robert Treman were secretly married in South Carolina in August 1918, shortly after the death of the actress' first husband, Vernon Castle who was killed in an airplane accident.

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