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FIRST GATHERING IN NEW COURT HOUSE A FARMERS MEETING

Large Crowd Gathers To Dis-
cuss Proposed Tobacco
Acreage Reduction

FARMERS MUCH INTER- ESTED IN THE MATTER

Last Thursday night saw the first public gathering in the new court house and it was very fitting that it should be in the interest of the farmer. A meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the tobacco situation and inform the farmers just what the true condition was. If any one thinks the farmers are not awake and are not anxious to know what they can do to better their condition this meeting certainly set that matter at rest, for there were present about two hundred and more than three-fourths of them were farmers.

J. W. Noell was asked to preside at the meeting, and after stating the object of the meeting, specifically calling attention to the fact that no one would be asked to sign anything or make any kind of a pledge, he introduced Mr. Andrew Jamieson, of Oxford. Mr. Jamieson gave facts and figures, showing the great surplus now on hand, and gave figures showing how much more a small crop brought than a large crop. His figures were convincing and we think every farmer present realized fully the folly of another big crop. He was followed by Mr. Moss, also of Oxford. Mr. Moss is well known to many of the people of the County, as he has spoken here before, is manager of the experiment station at Oxford, and besides is a large tobacco farmer. He spoke, urging the farmer to cut his acreage and produce more food and feed stuff, declaring this was the only way whereby any farmer might reasonably expect to get on his feet again. Mr. W. D. Merritt was then introduced and made one of the most convincing speeches we have listened to in a long time, clinching the argument made by the other two speakers that it is useless to expect profitable prices if another bumper crop of tobacco is made. He called attention to the fact that as a rule farmers distrust their neighbors when it comes to crop reduction. He said almost every time the idea of a crop reduction was attempted if one farmer reduced his acreage his neighbor would increase his, but, said Mr. Merritt, suppose he does, who is the loser? He showed conclusively that the farmer who cut his tobacco crop and increased his acreage to things for his family and farm animals was the man who would profit, and made it so plain that no one could doubt the truthfulness of the assertion. Turning to Mr. John Foushee, who sat near him, he said, suppose you cut your tobacco crop and raise everything you need for your family and your stock, next winter you will not have to worry about something to eat, but on the other hand when you go to town after enjoying a good dinner you will meet your neighbor, who insisted on increasing his tobacco crop, coming from town where he had sold a load of tobacco and when you ask him what is the news in town he will say, nothing. You ask him how tobacco is selling and he will reply, "low, bringing nothing, the buyers are just stealing it," adding that unless prices get better he does not know how the farmers are going to live. Well, says Mr. Foushee, I told you this would happen before you planted everything in tobacco, but you would not listen, and now you will have to make the best of it. Mr. Merritt's speech was good, and we wish every farmer in the County could have heard it.

He was followed by Messrs. Sanders and R. A. Burch, both stressing the necessity for living at home and curtailing the tobacco crop.

Lost! Lost, three twenty dollar bills, Saturday, April 4th, some where between County road shop and First National Bank. Reward to any one returning same to me. J. G. Oakley, County Road Foreman

Notice—Meeting The American Legion will meet Saturday night, April 11th, at 8 o'clock in Legion Hall. A full attendance is urgently desired.

JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND SCHOOL BOARDS

Discuss Consolidation Of
County And Town School
Superintendents

NOTHING CAN BE DONE AT PRESENT

At the request of the County Commissioners a joint meeting was held with the County and Town school boards last Monday, the object being to see if it was possible to consolidate the offices of County School Superintendent and the Town Superintendent. If this could have been accomplished a saving of several thousand dollars would have resulted, but it developed at the meeting that the town board had already elected a superintendent for another year. The matter was discussed very freely, with a view to seeing if it was practicable. The County Commissioners were favorable to the matter, but the County Board of Education did not take to it, while the Town Board seemed to cling to a position on the fence, the result being that nothing came of the meeting. However, the Commissioners suggested that a committee of one from each board be named and authorized to go fully into the question and see if it was possible to act later; the Commissioners appointed as a member of this committee Mr. R. D. Bailey.

After the joint meeting the Commissioners remained in session until late in the afternoon, discussing several matters, and passing the usual monthly bills. They adjourned to meet again next Thursday when several matters of interest will be taken up and disposed of.

FARMERS MET TO DISCUSS CO-OP. MARKETING ASSO.

Good Attendance But Appar-
ently Not Interested In
The Movement

MR. ADAMS OF VIRGINIA SPEAKS

As per the announcement of Mr. H. K. Sanders in our last issue a goodly number of farmers attended the meeting last Saturday. The meeting was called to be held in the farmers room in the court house but it was soon apparent that this room would not accommodate the crowd, and it was held in the court room. More than one hundred

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PERSON COURT HAS INTERESTING HISTORY

Present Site, Deeded To
County In 1792, Selected
On Account Of Spring
Of Water

Away back in 1790, in the almost-forgotten days of slaves, stage-coaches, homespun and tallow dips, Caswell county was divided and to the new county thus formed was given the name "Person," in honor of General Person of Granville county, a hero of the Revolution. For a year or two, following the birth of the new county, all legal and court matters were handled at Payne's Tavern, about four miles south of Roxboro. During this time, a Committee was appointed by the Court, or Board of Magistrates, to select a more central point for the permanent location of the court-house. Owing to the existence of a fine spring of water (near what is now the Primitive Baptist Church) the Committee decided to make Roxborough the county seat and there the courthouse was located. The land for the courthouse square was given to the county by Dempsey Moore in 1792. This transaction was recorded in Book A of the Register of Deeds office, and may be seen today.

At this time the population of the village was hardly more than 150, possibly 200. It was the era of the Primitive Baptist Church. The American Legion will meet Saturday night, April 11th, at 8 o'clock in Legion Hall. A full attendance is urgently desired.



PERSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE IS MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE

Mr. Winstead Is Re-Elected

The County Board of Education met Monday and re-elected Mr. S. G. Winstead as County Superintendent of Education. There was no other name presented to the Board and his election was by acclamation. As the legislature is still in session and some possibility (?) of a new school act the Board did not fix the salary of the Superintendent.

This was the first meeting of the board as appointed by the legislature. As a matter of fact there was only one change in the board, Mr. N. H. Montgomery was appointed in place of Dr. O. G. Davis, the full board being Messrs. W. R. Wilkerson, Geo. W. Walker, E. E. Bradsher, Ralph G. Cole and N. H. Montgomery.

Olive Hill P. T. A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Olive Hill school will hold its last regular monthly meeting for the school year on April 16th, at 3 o'clock in the auditorium. This is an important meeting as officers for the next term will be elected, and important matters will be discussed. The entertainment committee will provide some special feature also. So each and every parent is especially urged to come.—Sec.

George Long Injured In Auto Accident

George Long, 35, was brought to the office of a local physician Monday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock suffering with a long deep gash across his forehead as a result of an accident on highway No. 144 about one mile from here.

Six stitches were required to close the cut which came near penetrating the skull, his physician said. Aside from the cut, Mr. Long sustained no other injuries.

He was meeting another car when his machine left the highway and in an attempt to turn back on the cement his car turned over.

Mr. Long, who is a well known citizen of the Bushy Fork section of Person county, was the only occupant of the car. His condition is not regarded as serious.

Important Notice

Some one has borrowed one book of Roster of N. C. Troops, Moore's, volume No. 2. Please look in your book cases and other places and see if you can find same, and return to Clerk Superior Court office.

C. L. Brooks.

The yolks of Egyptian eggs are larger in proportion than those of eggs produced in America.

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MODERN JAIL WAS REQUIRED BY LAW

"You are invited to come and see your new Courthouse on March 20th." So read the simple statement which announced to citizens of Person County the gratifying news that their building was finished and ready for use. These few, simple words marked the culmination of long drawn-out issues, of several years' realization of the inadequacy of existing facilities, and incidentally of a possible indictment of the commissioners on a charge of contempt of court. That the need was apparent was agreed by all; that it was wise to go ahead with the remedy was not so unanimously conceded. Gradually, though, objections and difficulties were smoothed away and the beautiful new building in which we are today taking such pride is the result. Regardless of all the "ifs and buts" of the past, one fact is certain; we have at last got it, because there it is.

County officers all moved into the new building shortly after the middle of March, and on March 20th, it was thrown open to the public. The housewarming was largely attended; visitors began coming in early Friday morning and took on the proportions of a rush by mid-afternoon when hundreds of ladies took occasion to drop in. First impressions, gained from external appearances, were intensified as the tour of inspection proceeded within the building.

The first door on the right as

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TWO MEN INJURED BY HIT-RUN DRIVER SATURDAY NIGHT

Jimmy Gregory Arrested For
Failure To Stop After Hit-
ting Pedestrians

STREET LIGHTS PUT OUT

of Helena, was arrested Sunday afternoon on a charge of reckless driving following an automobile wreck late Saturday night in which two men were injured, one seriously. He was released under \$500 bond for his appearance April 18th at a preliminary hearing.

Gilbert Carver of Brookside and Joe Allen of Roxboro were struck by Gregory's car as they were walking on South Main Street. Gregory did not stop but continued on for some distance before crashing into an electric light pole. Carver suffered a broken leg, a deep scalp wound and body lacerations and was carried to his home where he was treated by a physician. Allen

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Store Near Jalong Looted Second Time

For the second time in recent weeks, the combination store and filling station owned and operated by R. H. Rhew between Jalong and Bakersville was robbed by unknown thieves. The robbers gained an entrance to the building by breaking out a rear window, and made a successful get-away with cigars, cigarettes, candies and some other articles.

Officers were called and are at work in an effort to apprehend the guilty parties. Sherman Byrd is at present confined in the county jail as a suspect in the first robbery. The total amount of the loss suffered by Mr. Rhew was not stated.

Change At Wade Grocery Company

Mr. M. J. Carver, who has been interested in the Wade Grocery Company, being secretary and treasurer of said company, has sold his interest to Messrs. J. E. Dean and W. T. Adcock. This firm has enjoyed a large business and is one of the best known concerns of the town.

So far as we can learn Mr. Carver has not decided as to his future but all are hoping he will still remain a citizen of the town.

Revival Services At First Baptist Church This Week

Mass Meeting

The Town Board met in regular session last night and issued a call for a mass meeting to be held in the court house on Tuesday, April 21, at 8 o'clock, p. m. Candidates will be named for Mayor and five commissioners. If you are interested in the government of the town you are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Mr. H. D. Long was appointed registrar for the election to be held on Tuesday, May 5th; Messrs. W. C. Barnett and W. D. Yarboro were appointed judges.

Gardner In New York On Business

Raleigh, April 4.—Governor O. Max Gardner left Raleigh late last night to spend several days in New York on business.

The governor will be joined in New York Monday by Captain Nathan O'Berry, state treasurer, and the two must sign 9,587 bonds of the state of North Carolina.

The bonds, \$1,000 each, total \$9,587,000 and each separate bond must be signed.

Senate Spurns General Sales Tax 36 to 8 And Takes Up Luxury Fight

Rain Mars Observance Of Easter Season Here

Drab skies and a steady rain which continued through Sunday and Monday probably caused acute disappointment to many citizens of the town and county when their carefully laid plans for observance of the Easter season were knocked sky-high. Many Easter egg hunts were doubtless called off, bringing distress to the youngsters, and the weather would have assuredly played havoc with new Easter bonnets and finery.

The churches, however, drew large congregations in spite of the steady downpour and the splendid sermons with appropriate Easter music were highly enjoyed. Many of the stores and other places of business were closed on Monday in accordance with annual custom, including the banks. Some few residents took advantage of the holidays to visit friends or relatives in other towns; but the desire was general on the part of most of the people to remain in doors, out of weather which was by far more suitable for ducks.

Notice

This is to notify the Town and County Commissioners that I have withdrawn my application for pool room license.

O. Y. Clayton.

Hazards to eyesight in industry have come to be one of the most serious causes of blindness.

THREE PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM NEW JAIL BUT RETURN

Slide Down Rope Three Stories
To Freedom; All Return
Voluntarily

ROPE USED IN PAINTING

The first jail-break from Person County's new bastille occurred last Thursday at midday, when three white prisoners, Jack Barnette, Jr., Charlie McLaughlin and Sherman Byrd, took french leave, by sliding down a rope fastened to a stone projection on the roof.

Technically, it was a jail delivery; actually, however, it was through no weakness or fault of the cells, as one of the men had been taken

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Hinsdale's Luxury Tax Pro- posal Immediately Taken Up By Senate

VOTE EXPECTED TODAY

Raleigh, April 7.—The senate this afternoon struck the Day general sales tax from the proposed biennial revenue bill and began consideration of the Hinsdale selected commodities proposal as a substitute.

Unexpectedly, Senator Hinsdale of Wake, moved to eliminate the Day plan, which would have levied a one per cent tax on gross sales of retail merchants, and the motion was adopted, 36 to eight, with five senators voting present.

Senator Harmon, of Avery, was the lone senator not recorded on the roll call.

Offers Luxury Tax.

Immediately after the article was removed, Senator Hinsdale offered his "luxury tax" measure as a substitute and the senate agreed for Hinsdale and Senator Grier, of Fredell, to "steer" the amendment.

It was agreed that a vote would be taken after five hours of debate. Senator Hinsdale using one hour this afternoon before the committee of the whole adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Speculation was rife tonight as to what success the Hinsdale plan will meet, it being conceded some similar measure to produce about \$9,000,000 must be adopted if the MacLean school law is to be carried out.

Opponents of the tax claimed a margin of from one to three votes to defeat it. Proponents cautiously expressed hope that "some votes will change," the most optimistic claiming half the senate membership for the plan with others only figuring 22 to 24 on their side.

All concede that the switch of one or two votes overnight can change the result when the vote is reached, probably between 2:30 and 3:30 tomorrow afternoon.

A movement was under way late tonight to have the Day plan reconsidered if the Hinsdale measure should also lose.

Senator Hinsdale explained the provisions of the proposed "luxury" tax amendment, citing figures to show that it would raise approximately \$9,000,000 a year if adopted as written.

Lamar Service Station

A new service station called the Lamar Service Station, has just opened for business on the corner of Reams Ave., and Lamar Street, Mr. Arch Wood, manager. They will sell Shell gas and oil, and will make washing, greasing and servicing cars a specialty, sending for your car and returning same when the job is completed. They will give you a rain check when they wash your car and if it rains within twenty-four hours you are entitled to another wash.

Arch Wood, the manager, has had much experience in this line of business and probably has as many friends among the auto owners as any young man in town. He solicits a share of your business. See ad in another column.

Attention, Farmers!

Our agency has a company who can give you liability and property damage for \$12.00 instead of \$19.00. They have at last realized the farmers should be shown some consideration. The \$12 is for farmers only.

We wish also to say we are agents for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. If you wish us to write letter or give you any kind of assistance, we are at your service. The Mutual Life will pay you \$8.15 dividends on the second premium if your first premium is as much as \$32.37.

KNIGHT'S AGENCY.

Eleven boys and eleven girls have been selected from the various 4-H clubs of Edgecombe County to compete for the county title of King and Queen of Health.

Over 15,000 pounds of lespedeza seed have been purchased by Moore County farmers this spring to be used for soil improvement and pasturage.

Watch the Want Ads and you will find you will not have to wait long for what you are after.