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## Committee Will Probe Alleged Attempts At Bribery Of Senators

Investigation Follows State-  
ment By Ward That He  
Has Proof Of Attempt

### STORMY SCENE OCCURS IN SENATE

Raleigh, May 11.—Spurred on by a threat of Senator H. S. Ward, of Beaufort, that unless the senate chose to investigate through its own committee, alleged attempts to corrupt this body with bribes, he would have a bench warrant sworn out against a person whom he could name before tomorrow night, the upper house unanimously passed the resolution offered by Senator Ward tonight calling for a thorough investigation forthwith.

Lieutenant Governor Fountain acted promptly and named the following men to act on the investigating commission:

**Committee Is Named**  
Senators Fritchett, Bertie; Ward, Beaufort; Lovell, Watauga; Nixon, Lincoln; and Senator Hayward of Cabarrus.

The adoption of this resolution followed a stormy scene in the senate chamber during which Senator Ward earned convert after convert to his cause by stating that he could produce proof that a senator, of his own knowledge, had been offered a bribe for his vote. A number of those, who had already made speeches against the proposed investigation, turning it another piece of foolishness, upon the statement from the Beaufort member turned right about face and withdrew their objections.

The resolution confers upon the committee the following powers:

The right to sit at any place in the state.  
**Can Subpoena Witnesses**  
The right to subpoena witnesses and to compel them to produce books, records and papers.  
The immunity of witnesses from trial and conviction by reason of any statements that they may make during the course of the sitting of the committee.

## Former Roxboro Girl to Sing in Robin Hood

The Operetta, Robin Hood, with full orchestration, will be given in Page Auditorium at Duke University on the evening of May 22nd, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Alma Randall Daley of Pittsboro, daughter of Rev. J. A. Daley, who lived in Roxboro for four years, will sing the leading female role, taking the part of Laely Marian Fitzwalter, or "Maud Marian."

Emmett McLary of Charlotte plays opposite Miss Daley as Robin Hood. The cast is supported by large choruses and is directed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster Barnes. Robin Hood is the largest operetta in the world.

## Farmers Hail Insurance

I just want to call your attention to the fact that there are a great number of people living on regrets. It is better to have protection and never use it than to need it and not have it. We cover our homes and factories and why not the thing that is your living, your taxes, clothes, savings and in fact the most you save comes from your tobacco crop. See one of our agents or call 211 or 1800-D. Agents for B. B. Knight of Knights Agency are Jeter Daniel, Irvin O'Brian, and J. J. Rogers.

## Robbers Enter Leg- gett's Saturday Night

Some one entered Leggett's Department Store last Saturday night, but Mr. Mangum, the manager, stated that if they carried off very much he was not able to identify it. He thinks the thief concealed himself in the building during the afternoon or night, and walked off with probably a suit of clothes and perhaps some small articles.

## Future Citizens

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. X. Wells on Sunday morning, a daughter, weight 8 1/2 pounds.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Gilliland at Jalong, Friday, a son.

## ADMIT ROBBERY OF BIG 4 GROCERY CO.

Two White Youths Under  
Bond After Pleading Guilty  
To Taking Cigarettes

### ATTEMPT TO SELL LOOT AROUSSES SUSPICION

Edward Ackers of Jersey City, N. J., and William Phillips, of Roxboro, young white men, were given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate J. M. O'Brian Monday morning and bound over under \$200 bond each for appearance at the August term of Superior Court to answer a charge of breaking and entering and larceny. Both plead guilty to the charge of entering the warehouse of the Big Four Grocery Company sometime Friday night and stealing therefrom 37 cartons of cigarettes and two boxes of candy.

An attempt was made early the next morning to dispose of the stolen goods, mainly at filling stations along the Durham highway. Sheriff Clayton received a tip that (Continued on last page)

## SALE POSTPONED FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Property Not To Be Adver-  
tised Till June 1st; Ten Per  
Cent Added Then

### MANY THOUGHT NO PENALTY AFTER MAY

The Board of County Commissioners has postponed the advertisement of unpaid taxes for 1930 until June 1st by authority of the recent act of the General Assembly, thus giving the delinquent taxpayers the month of May extra in which to pay their land taxes. This advertisement will not be made until June 1st. Attention is called to the fact that after that date the penalty on delinquent taxes runs at the same rate, to-wit ten per centum per annum, whether advertisement is had or is not had. That is to say that even if advertisement was not had the taxpayer would be penalized at a rate of ten per centum per annum under any circumstances under the recently passed law. Except for the cost of advertisement the taxpayer would not be subjected to any extra expense by reason of advertisement. It is urged that all delinquent taxpayers who possibly can do so pay their taxes during this month. Money has been borrowed in anticipation of the receipt of these taxes and unless the same are paid some defaults on the part of the county seem to be absolutely inevitable.

Board of County Commissioners.

## Mrs. Newell's Pupils To Present Recital

The pupils of Mrs. W. H. Newell will be presented in their annual music recital on Saturday evening, May 23rd, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the High School. The program will be varied and promises to be most interesting to those attending. The public is invited.

## Caswell Commissioners All Sign Tax Petition

P. E. Harralson, Hunt Jeffreys, A. R. Blackwell, Joseph Warren, V. M. Stephens, J. Frank Moorfield and other citizens of Caswell County were in Raleigh yesterday to see Senator Hatchett, of their county. They brought with them a petition whose signers included the whole membership of the Board of Commissioners, urging Senator Hatchett to continue his 120-day support of the MacLean Act and to vote for the luxury tax rather than to continue the heavy tax on land.

### Business Leader



Silas H. Strawn, leading Chicagoan, is the new president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

### Mrs. Wagstaff Ill

We regret to hear that Mrs. K. C. Wagstaff is quite ill at her home in the Concord section, but we are delighted to know that her condition is somewhat improved at this writing.

## Memorial Exercises Were Held and Marker Unveiled

Old Veterans Almost Thing  
Of Past; Only Four An-  
swered Roll Call

### HON. R. L. HARRIS DELIVERED ADDRESS

Memorial exercises were held here last Saturday under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. S. B. Davis, president, in charge of the meeting.

Just prior to the memorial exercises the members of Camp Jones held their annual meeting and it was found that of the seven surviving members only four were present. Several members had answered the last roll call and entered into the joys of their reward since the meeting a year ago.

The memorial exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. T. A. Sikes, and as the meeting was largely concerned in accepting the marker which the Daughters had erected in memory of the Captains of the War Between the States Miss Susanne Winstead read a historical sketch relating to Captain Satterfield, she being followed by Miss Clair Harris, who gave a short sketch of the life of the remaining Captains.

At the conclusion of this paper Mrs. Davis in a very eloquent and complimentary manner introduced the speaker of the occasion, Hon. R. L. Harris, who spoke briefly of the "Lost Cause," fittingly portraying the valor of those who participated.

From the court house the crowd gathered on the street in front of the marker and witnessed the flag raising, the flag being the one in which the casket of Mr. Fletcher Merritt was wrapped when it came from France. The raising was in charge of the American Legion and the flag was accepted by Mr. B. I. Satterfield.

The marker was presented by Mrs. Mamie Merritt and Mrs. W. W. Kitchin, and was unveiled by Master Fletcher Winstead, and was accepted by Mr. N. Lunsford.

After these exercises the Old Veterans and their wives were invited to the Hyco Warehouse, where the daughters had prepared for them a most bountiful dinner. The services were concluded with a visit to the cemetery where the graves of all soldiers of the late war were decorated with flowers.

## Contract Let For Large Addition To Collins & Aikman

The most gratifying news we have to give our readers today is that the Collins & Aikman Corporation has let the contract and work has begun on a forty thousand foot extension to their plant at Bakers.

This not only means quite a large sum will be expended on the building but will give work to a large number.

## CONFERENCE IS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Edgar Long Methodist Church  
Will Be Host To Durham  
District Conference

### REV. J. C. WOOTEN PRESIDING OFFICER

The Durham district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will hold its annual session in Edgar Long Memorial Church, this city, on Thursday and Friday, May 21-22. This will bring together about two hundred Christian men and women, who will be our guests for two days. The conference will convene at 9:30 on Thursday morning with Rev. J. C. Wooten, presiding elder, in the chair. After devotional exercises the business session will be held until 11:30 when it is expected that Rev. J. A. Russell, of Durham, will preach. A business session will be held in the afternoon and at 8:00 Rev. W. A. Lambuth, of Durham is expected to be the preacher.

The public will be welcome to all the exercises.

### Cliffside Lodge

How many of the citizens of Roxboro have ever visited Hege's mountain? Well, we plead guilty. For forty long years we have been a citizen of this good town but had never visited this show place until one day recently the Newell boys, Bruce and Wheeler, invited us to go down and take a look. These gentlemen have just completed a lodge, which we have appropriately named Cliffside Lodge, for the structure is located on the top of a very high cliff. The scenery is beautiful beyond description, and it is worth a trip to see it, but we warn you in advance that unless your "wind" is good you had better get Talmage Long's flying machine to take you up.

Our people go by the hundreds every year to visit various and sundry places, for instance, Natural Bridge, but Hege's mountain is just as bewitching, yet we pass it by without so much as a glance.

## Somerset Mills Will Have New Addition

The community will receive with genuine satisfaction the cheering news that the contract has been let and work already started on an addition to the plant of Somerset Mills, located about three miles south of Roxboro. The new construction will add about 12,000 square feet of floor space to the existing building. The work will no doubt furnish needed employment for quite a number of laborers for several weeks, besides necessitating an enlarged force of operatives when the additional machines are put in operation.

Brunswick County farmers made cooperative shipments of 249 head of fat hogs last week.

## North Carolina Ballot Boxes Remain in State

Raleigh, May 11.—An order directing United States marshals to return to state authorities the ballots they seized in the Bailey-Pritchard senatorial election contest, was signed today by Federal Judge I. M. Meekins, at the request of attorneys for the senate sub-committee investigating the election.

Judge Meekins, however, refused to rule on the question of whether or not the senate committee had a right to institute the original petition, which he granted on May 4 when he directed the federal marshals to impound the ballots.

**Bailey Wins**  
According to the returns announced by the North Carolina state board of elections, Josiah W. Bailey, Democrat, defeated George M. Pritchard, Republican, by a majority of more than 113,000, for the seat in the United States senate which was held by Senator P. M.

## IF ANY CHANGE IN ROADS DESIRED SEE MR. H. L. CROWELL

Map Posted; Complaints Must  
be Made at Once, or Routes  
Will Stand As Posted

### SOME CHANGES ARE BEING SUGGESTED

Mr. H. L. Crowell, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, called our attention to the fact that State Highway Commission had posted a map of the proposed roads which the State will take over, and the type of said roads. The law requires that any one wishing to be heard as to any changes must file notice with the Board of County Commissioners, and if you want a change made in the proposed map it will be necessary to file your notice with Mr. Crowell at once.

There may be several changes desired, but we would like to see a change made in at least one, and that is the road from Roxboro to Woodsdale. The road leading north by way of Bakers to Woodsdale, and thence to road No. 55, is a class "B" road. This road connects at both ends with a hard surface road, and, in our opinion should be at least class "A" road. This road will mean much to the Woodsdale section, and we hope some one on this road will get busy and see that the proper notice is filed with the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners. This change will not cost the County anything, as the State now has control of all building, as well as the upkeep of all roads taken over by the State.

## DECLAIMERS NAMED FOR FINAL CONTEST

Preliminaries Held At City  
High School Last Friday  
Morning

### ALL WELL PRESENTED

The preliminaries for the annual reading and declamation contest of the Roxboro High School were held last Friday morning in the auditorium of the school. Eight students of the High School, all of them girls, entered this contest, which was very interesting and listened to with close attention by the student body and several invited guests. The pieces were well read and the characters portrayed in the readings well acted.

The four winners were announced by the judges to be Miss Ovelde Long, who read "China Blue Eyes"; Miss Hejen Morton, "The Lost Word"; Miss Katherine Nicks, "His Doctor"; Miss Shirley Goodman, "For Dear Old Yale." These young ladies will compete in the finals which will be held on Friday, May 22, as a part of the commencement exercises. Others competing in the preliminary contest last Friday, all of whom received high commendation for their meritorious efforts, were Miss Ida Winstead, whose subject (Continued on last page)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL OF BAPTIST CHURCH HAS RECORD DAY

For Several Weeks Officers  
And Teachers Have Worked  
For 500 Attendance

### OFFERING OF \$65.64 FOR BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Some time since the officers of the Sunday School of the First Baptist Church set out to enroll 500 members and have them present. This was quite an undertaking, but as a recent survey showed that there were more than 800 possibilities, that is more than this number expressed their preference for the Baptist Church and were not members of any Sunday School, the leaders thought it entirely possible to have 500 present. Last Sunday being generally observed as Mothers Day it was considered a good time to make the effort, and surely an effort was made, for the roll showed 505 enrolled in the Sunday School and present last Sunday morning.

The program "Mothers Day," was given consisting of a pageant entitled "Mothers Of Men," written and directed by Misses Morris and Bivins. Miss Winnie Wilburn told most beautifully the life of the mothers of Moses, Samuel, Jesus, Gracchi, Whistler, Lincoln, Unknown Mother and Mothers of today. The music was a most enjoyable part of the program. Mr. Jake Taylor sang "Mother Mine," Mrs. Carrie Bradsher gave "Mother," while the choir, led by Mrs. Satterfield, sang "Songs My Mother Used To Sing."

It is a custom of the Baptists of North Carolina to take an offering on Mother's Day for the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, to help care for charity patients in this institution, and the offering amounted to \$65.44.

## After Many Years

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Couch were Roxboro visitors last Saturday. Mr. Couch will be remembered as a former citizen of Roxboro, having lived here about forty years ago. Mr. Couch was one of the most popular citizens of our town, while here he was engaged in the jewelry business. After leaving here he went to California, where he is now located.

He had been attending a meeting of the National Kiwanis club, which met in Miami, and was on his way home. He spent only a short time here, calling on many of his old friends, but stated that he found Roxboro much changed and many former friends had passed on since he left.

## Pretty County Place

One of the most beautiful country places to be found anywhere is the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Hester. The location is ideal and the large yard and gardens are dotted with flowers and shrubbery of almost every known kind, coming from far and near, Washington to California. And that is not all, for they will show you one of the prettiest rock gardens in the County, filled with hundreds of gold fish, varying from the little fellow about two inches long to the larger ones measuring twelve inches, or more.

## Play At Helena

Saturday evening, May 23rd, at 8 o'clock the play, "A Little Clodhopper" will be presented in the High School Auditorium at Helena for the benefit of the Primitive Baptist Church there. The Jalong String Band will provide music. You are assured an evening of rare entertainment and your presence will be very much appreciated. Admission 15 and 25c.

## Goodman's Sale

Mr. M. Goodman has employed the Red Hot Sales System of New York City to close out his stock of merchandise. Everything is to be sold at this sale which starts Friday, May 15th, at 9 a. m. This stock is located in the Hunter building on Main Street, opposite the Peoples Bank, and will be a busy place for the few days following the opening sale.