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WITH THE LAW-MAKERS

The public generally would say, if they had kept up with the affairs of the legislature, that the members were doing nothing, simply killing time; but the truth of the matter is, they were unusually busy last week, holding committee meetings and getting things in shape for real work; the Finance and Appropriations committees met two and three times a day last week, hearing from every one who wanted to be heard—and they all wanted to have the pleasure of telling the committees how much they had lost during the past year.

During the past week several important measures have had consideration, among them being the bill of Mr. Moore to levy a tax on public trucks; this bill was reported unfavorably by the Senate committee, but it has been announced that a bill along the same lines will be introduced in the House; the bill presented in the House for the abolishing of the State-wide primary law was killed, and a similar bill abolishing a second primary is now being considered; the bill to abolish the Turlington act was also introduced in the House, but has not yet reached the Senate; this will make possible the sale of beer and light wines; also allow the druggists to sell whiskey on prescriptions from physicians. This bill will be the cause of much speech making, and no one seems wise enough to say what will be its fate.

This week the time of the Senate is going to be taken up to a considerable extent with the bills introduced by the Reorganization committee; it will be remembered these bills have to do with reducing the expense of State government; the outcome is very doubtful, for every time an effort is made to abolish, consolidate or reduce expenses in any department those affected make a great howl. However, enough is known to show that it is necessary to either make drastic cuts along all lines or place some new form of taxation, which seems to be either, or both, a general or luxury sales tax. Every one abhors such a tax, but one of the plans above mentioned seems inevitable.

MR. LONG PRESENTS THE REMEDY

The people of this County assembled in large numbers at the mass meeting held Saturday, the purpose of which was to discuss ways and means to reduce the taxes of the County. After many had expressed their views, Mr. J. A. Long proposed that the one and only measure which could bring relief was to refund the bonds of the County; he showed that only a small amount, fifteen cents on the dollar,

was expended for general County purposes, while a very large amount of the dollar was taken for the purpose of paying for maturing bonds and interest on the bonded indebtedness. If these maturing bonds could be refunded then the County would be in a position to reduce the tax rate about fifty per cent, making the rate approximately fifty cents on the hundred dollar valuation.

When it is remembered that more than forty counties in the State have defaulted in their bond payments, and more than sixty cities and towns, it will be seen that should this County default in its payments it would be in company with lots of other good counties. However, we want to say that so far this County has met every bond payment as it fell due and has kept up its interest as well, but it seems that it will not be able to meet the payments this year.

Our readers will remember we stated in an editorial several months since that it was simply a matter of whether the bond holders preferred a refunding or repudiation; one or the other, as we see it, is bound to come. We believe the bond holders will be glad to make the refund for today there is no where they can invest their money at so high a rate of interest, and if they are shown that their bonds will be paid, only delayed, they will gladly accept the refund.

HYSTERIA PASSED

A banker in speaking of "The Depression," and when it will be over, made the following sensible remarks:

"Past records show three distinct stages in former depressions: The first is one of surprise and unbelief and the condition is thought to be one of fear and despondency, with the feeling that conditions will never get better. Bankruptcies, receiverships, failures, fires and suicides are every-day occurrences. Panic and fear grip the hearts of the people. The third stage is marked by a calmer view, a balancing of budgets, both public and private, preparation for a long siege, adjustments downward, getting back to sound fundamental principles, a willingness to begin again building up the savings which have been lost, and a resolve to get the better of conditions and regain prosperity in spite of them. In referring to the third stage, a well-known economist said, 'It is not merely the forerunner of the dawn; it is largely the cause of the dawn.' The hysteria and panic which raged a year ago have passed, leaving in their wake the wrecks of many good banks and businesses. The people in our section are now more resigned to conditions than they were one year ago, and there is a display of courage, a disposition to work hard and live hard, and a determination to adjust business and personal affairs to present conditions that was not so apparent in 1931. These are good signs and this spirit will, in time, bring us through a most devastating period, better prepared to meet the changed conditions of the future."

The Legislative Finance Committee probably became all too familiar last week with the following couplet, from the pen of the Greensboro Daily News paragon:

Oh, Mr. Legislator, don't tax me; Tax the fellow behind that tree.

It begins to look very much as if those officials of state departments who have not practiced economy will perforce now have to practice self defense.
That pesky word "drastic" Shouldn't be so elastic;
But a little less plastic; It's too darn bombastic.
Mr. Pou states that he can get the State out of debt, but would have to get himself out of Raleigh. If he can achieve the former, he is welcome to substitute Roxboro for the latter.

members of the Finance Committee last week, when prosperity finally turns the corner, posterity will be turning the one just behind.

CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWS

The fourth month of school has been extended over a space of time from Dec. 12, 1932, to Jan. 25, 1933, but not without events worthy of recalling.

One great pride of the school for this month was the successful presentation of "The Great Deliverer," a religious Christmas cantata, given under the auspices of the P. T. A. A program committee consisting of Mrs. V. O. Blalock, Mrs. K. L. Street and Miss Katherine Hatchett were in charge of the cantata. By their faithful and able direction they presented one of the best entertainments. These leaders and other teachers of the Central Graded School who aided the committee and the children who so efficiently took part in the cantata deserve praise. The regret is that the weather on the night of the cantata was bad thus causing the crowd to be small. It is such a pity for the public to have missed this valuable, uplifting entertainment. When you have another opportunity to see one that promises to be of equal worth do not fail to take advantage of it.

Honoring three Confederate heroes whose birthdays occur in January the U. D. C. sponsored a series of programs, two of which were given in our school. At the January P. T. A. meeting Mr. McKelway gave an interesting account of the work of Matthew Fontaine Maury. Mr. Davidson in a chapel talk told us of the life and character of Robert E. Lee, following which the pupils of Miss Claire Harris' fifth grade sang songs of the Civil War.

Mr. Kirby aided greatly in getting the youth of today more intensely interested in the life and works of Robert E. Lee by offering a free ticket to a picture show to the child from each room in the Central Graded School who did the best piece of work in the grade concerning Robert E. Lee. Mr. Kirby's effort was supported by each teacher assigning definite work. By this offer the children studied Lee's life and realized more deeply than ever before, the good traits as well as the heroic acts of Lee. The children thoroughly enjoyed the picture and wish to thank Mr. Kirby for his kindness.

It is with a deep sense of responsibility that a teacher should enter a school room, therefore, who is in a better position to advise the young of their present and growing responsibility than a teacher?

Miss Blanche Winstead emphasized this phase of true citizenship in a chapel talk this month. Her suggestions should be a helpful guide to the future behavior of those who heard her. The thought left for all to nourish was that there should be a general uplift as evidenced by their dependable and assumed responsibility as they enter their homes, their school, and their community.

Law and Order Day was observed in the Central School Friday, Jan. 27th. On Thursday Rev. S. F. Nicks was present at chapel and in a fitting way led the teachers and pupils into the day with far-reaching thoughts. After reading from Romans the twelfth chapter he left this idea—By means of cooperation the country, state, county, town, and individuals may enjoy law and order. We all have need one of another. By cooperation we observe obedience and approach perfection. With these thoughts of inspiration each teacher followed with her planned lesson on Alcoholism and Citizenship, Friday. It is believed that some profitable thoughts were given the children and that much lasting good may be the outcome which will be instrumental in Law and Order.

The influenza came along with examination. Much interest and diversion was added to the season by the disease. No one knew who would be the next to be kept away from school but it is now a pleasant thought that examinations have passed and influenza seems to be passing. The flu surely made a bit of history for the school. The principal's report for this month shows 1246 absences and an attendance percentage of 85.71%. This is an unusually low percentage for the Central school.

Miss Collins' sixth grade, B section, and Mrs. Blalock's sixth grade, A section, got the attendance banner for the month. Mrs. Mary Long's and Miss Marie Garland's primary grades made the lowest percentage of attendance for the fourth month.

Olive Hill Honor Roll

Seventh grade: Frances Lee. Sixth grade: Louise Dickens. Fifth grade: Rachel Brewer, T. C. Wagstaff, Jr. Fourth grade: Nannie Lou Hall, Ethel Lee. Third grade: John Dunkley, Harold Oakley, Elmo Mitchell, Ann Brewer, Daphne Davis, Virginia Garrett, Virginia Warren. First grade: Ruth Hester Wagstaff.

CLUB NEWS

By Mrs. B. B. Mangum

The Roxboro Woman's Club is to be honored with a visit from Mrs. J. M. Hobgood of Farmville, N. C., president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, on next Monday, February 6, at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the regular February meeting of the club and most of the time will be given Mrs. Hobgood for her message to us. She is showing our club quite an honor to visit us and we want to show our appreciation of her presence and our high regard for her by coming out to hear her. I have had several personal letters from Mrs. Hobgood this club year and she has taken note of our splendid work in Roxboro. Our club stands high among the clubs in this district and we should feel proud of the fact. This should give us courage to press on to greater things from year to year.

Luncheon For Mrs. Hobgood We are having a luncheon honoring Mrs. Hobgood at 1 o'clock, Monday, Feb. 6 before the club meeting at three. This luncheon will be served by Hotel Shirley. The price is 40 cents per person and every one will pay for her own plate. This, we believe, will be a very enjoyable affair and we hope every club woman will make an effort to attend.

Books Overdue The patrons of our Woman's Club library will please take note of the list of books overdue, etc., given on another page of this issue of the Courier. This list is published with the intention of reminding those having books out overtime, so we can get them back as quickly as possible. We hope that everyone will realize that in order to have a library at all we have to keep up with our books and we find this the only way. If you or your child has a book overdue will you please look it up immediately, return it to the library and pay the fine. The women who are keeping this library open from week to week are trying their best without hope of reward to give you the best service possible and we beg of you to make our task as easy as you can by returning books promptly, and if you happen to forget and keep a book overtime, then pay your fine cheerfully. We would greatly appreciate it.

Planning New Projects The ways and means committee is planning several projects to make money for our club during February and March. If you are called on to help or give something please do so, for it is imperative that we meet our obligations in the very near future.

Books Overdue at the Woman's Club Library

The following books, with names of borrowers and amounts due, are overdue at the Woman's Club Library and we urgently ask that these be returned at once, in compliance with the rules of the Library:
The Aristocratic. Due Jan. 13. Borrowed by Rose Radford. Due 15c.
Mrs. Cliff's Yacht. Due Jan. 13. Mrs. Merrivale. Due Jan. 13. Both borrowed by Clara Raynor. Due 30c.
The Camp Fire Girls on Farms. Due Jan. 13. Borrowed by Mrs. I. O. Abbitt. Due 15c.
Uncle Sam's Boys with Pershing. Due Jan. 13. Rival Bicyclist. Due Jan. 13. Both borrowed by Donald Carver.
Nomads of the North. Due Dec. 16. Borrowed by R. W. Wilkerson, Jr. Due 35c.
Leonard Broadwell due 10c on book returned.

BETHEL HILL SCHOOL NEWS

Soup is being served to the children of the first three grades. It is interesting to note the improvement in physical condition of many of the undernourished children. Bethel Hill boys and girls will play basket ball at Helena Monday evening. The epidemic of flu is affecting our attendance. We hope everyone will soon be able to attend school again. The Farmer's Club will meet Friday evening at 7:30 p. m. There will be a speaker to address the meeting. The subject for discussion will be "Marketing." The local high school basket ball teams took a double header from Hurdle Mills here last Tuesday night. The boys score was 24 to 16. The girls score, 45-9.

Roxboro Honor Roll

There are two scholarship honor rolls; the first consists of those students who average 95% or more on their studies; and the second of those who average 90% to 94%. First Honor Roll 7 A Mrs. Clayton: Elizabeth Long. Second Honor Roll: Charles Lee Ball, Joe Blanks, Burley Clayton, A. P. James, Matt Long, Katherine Harris, Mary Lee Murray, Bill Phillips, Earl Stewart, Esther Thaxton, Eugene Tuck, Annie Alene Wilkerson. First Honor Roll 7 B—Mrs. Simpson: Nancy Bradsher, Ivey Clayton, Viola Oakley, June Varner. Second Honor Roll: Hall Brooks, John Henry Hargis, Billy Kane, Lucile Poston, H. K. Sanders, Jr., Marjorie Thomas.

card will be held responsible for books taken out in his name. Borrowers are held responsible for books lost or not returned. Books may be renewed at the end of two weeks but no person is allowed to take out more books on his card until the two he has previously borrowed are returned. Persons owing fines on books are now allowed to borrow more until fine is paid. Signed: Library Committee.

Grand Jury Report

Report of Grand Jury for 1933 January Term Person County Superior Court. We, the Grand Jury for the January Term Person County Superior Court, beg to submit to His Honor Judge Clayton Moore, Judge Presiding, the following report of what we have done. 1. We have examined and acted upon all bills sent us and have returned true bills and made presentments in cases that we thought needed such action. 2. A committee from our number visited the County Home. We found the inmates of the County Home well cared for in all respects, with lots of supplies on hand. 3. We visited the County Jail and find it kept in a neat and orderly manner. We wish to commend Mr. Long for the sanitary condition of the jail. 4. We visited all the County Offices of the courthouse. The records seem to be well kept, and everything seems to be kept in a neat and orderly way. Having reported this work of ours we feel that we have carried out the duties of our office and ask that we be discharged. Respectfully, this the 24th day of January, 1933. E. R. Thompson, Foreman.

Solicitor's Report

SUPERIOR COURT January Term, 1933. NORTH CAROLINA, Person County. To Hon. Clayton Moore, Judge Presiding. This is to state that I have inspected at this term the office of Hon. C. L. Brooks, Clerk Superior Court of Person County and the said office appears to be well administered. William B. Umstead, Solicitor 10th Judicial District. Approved: Clayton Moore, Judge Presiding.

Helena Defeats Bethel Hill Teams

Helena, Jan. 30.—In two fast and furious games the Helena boys and girls won a double-header from Bethel Hill. Taking the lead in the first quarters the Helena teams were able to hold it throughout both games. The game lost to Helena is the first one that the Bethel Hill boys have lost this season. The lineup for the girls: Helena 36 points J. H. 15 points Jones, R.F. 6 Wrenn, R.F. 1 Garrett, L.F. 12 Humphries, L.F. 2 Clayton, C.F. 16 Joyner, C.F. 12 Clayton, R.G. Merritt C.G. B. Barton, C.G. Graham, R.G. M. Barton, L. G. Bailey, L.G. Substitutions for Helena: Blackard, 2 points, Gregory, Bethel Hill: Ranes and Murry. Lineup for the boys: Helena, 18 points; B. H. 12 points Tilley, R.F. 6 Humphries 5 G. Hicks, L.P. Perkins 1 Rhew, C. 2 Day 3 Jones, R.G. 1 Brandon 1 N. Hicks, L.G. 9 Wehrenburg 2

First Showing Spring Dresses. The first shipment of new Spring Dresses has arrived. In this lot are pretty prints and plain and print combinations of crepes. All in the newest Spring styles with latest sleeve effects. Such dresses usually sell at a much higher price but all of these are marked Special at \$5.95. A new lot of newest Spring styling in finest 80 square prints, stripes, plaids, etc., at yard 15c. ON SPECIAL BARGAIN COUNTER. One lot of ladies fine shoes, odds and ends 98c. One lot as above, finer grades \$1.98. Low Sale Prices still prevail on Beds, Beddings, Floor Coverings, Ready-to-Wear, etc. REAL BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT. HARRIS & BURNS "Roxboro's Best Store"

TRUSTEE'S SALE. Under and by virtue of the terms of that deed of trust executed on October 9th, 1931, by Willie Bryant and wife, Bettie Bryant, to the undersigned Trustee, recorded in Book 7, page 203, Register's Office of Person County, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, and upon request of the holder thereof, I will on Saturday, March 4, 1933, at twelve o'clock Noon, at the Court-house door in Roxboro, N. C. Sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash the following described real estate, to-wit: Those two lots lying and being in the Town of Roxboro, and known and designated as Lots Nos. 2 and 3 on the plat of the "A. S. Clayton sub-division" as shown by plat recorded in Register's Office of Person County, said lot No. 2 fronting 50 ft. on Broad Street and running back 148.5 ft.; Lot No. 3 fronting 50 ft. on Broad Street and running back 148 ft. and being those lots conveyed to Willie Bryant by A. S. Clayton and wife Nola Clayton on October 23rd, 1926, by deed recorded in Book 35, page 137, Register's Office. That certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the Town of Roxboro, and being designated as Lot No. 1 in the sub-division of the A. S. Clayton land, as surveyed and platted by W. R. Cates, on the 18th day of September, 1926, said lot fronting 50 ft. on Broad Street, and running back 148.5 ft. on one side and 149.5 ft. on the other side. For a more complete description of same reference is hereby made to said plat, same being duly recorded in the Register of Deeds Office, Person County, in Book 36, page 476. See deed from A. S. Clayton and wife Nola Clayton to Willie Bryant in Register's Office Person County. This February 1st, 1933. L. M. Carlton, Trustee. TRY A COURIER WANT AD.

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