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JOHNSTON'S ROAD LAW

DOES NOT PERMIT THE COUNTY TO VOTE BOND ISSUE.

The Township is Made the Unit And An Election May be Called When a Certain Number of Voters Ask County Commissioners to Do So.—The Representatives in the General Assembly Decided This Was The Wiser Course.

To The Herald:

In compliance with my promise, I submit hereunder for the information of your readers, who may be interested, a brief synopsis of the Johnston county road bill enacted by the last Legislature.

Before doing so it may be well to give briefly the reasons for the enactment of a bill, different in its scope and purpose from that indicated by the Good Roads Convention, at Smithfield, during the month of February, last. Some of the townships of the county, notably Clayton and Selma, which have been working their roads by taxation, were not willing to come in under a county-wide law, imposing tax and bonds alike on all, hence they protested against going in, for the reasons that their roads had already been permanently improved, at a heavy expense to the tax payers, and it was not considered fair and equitable to impose upon these townships an additional tax to work the other and worse roads of the county. Also, for the reason that these roads, now in fair condition, would seriously suffer while all the roads of the county in a worse condition were being worked. And for a further and final reason, we did not consider it an opportune time to project into the quiet and peaceful conditions prevailing in the county a proposition carrying a half million dollars upon the tax payers of the county, together with the incidental and inevitable bitterness and strife that flow from any proposition having for its ultimate object further and heavier tax upon the people. The chief burden of the argument of the candidates of the successful party during the last campaign was the low taxes prevailing in our county, and the absence of any bond issue outstanding, and because of these things the members from Johnston felt it unwise and impolitic to put the bill proposed by the county Mass Meeting into a law, and we adopted a substitute measure of our own preparation, which is upon the statute books now for the benefit of such townships as may wish to avail themselves of it. It is in substance as follows:

First, it makes each township the unit, and provides uniform machinery whereby the several townships, of the county, may at their option, when justified by local sentiment, build and permanently improve their roads and public highways. Whenever one-fifth of the qualified voters in any township petition for an election, the board of County Commissioners are authorized and directed to call an election in such township, after giving thirty days' notice thereof in some newspaper published in the county. The election is conducted in all respects like general elections, except that the board of commissioners name the registrars and judges of election instead of the county board of elections. One or two questions may be voted upon, as indicated in the petition demanding an election. First, whether township shall levy a special road tax not exceeding 33 1-3 cents on the hundred dollars worth of property and \$1 on the poll; second, whether township shall issue coupon bonds, not exceeding \$50,000, to be sold for not less than par, and to bear no greater interest than 6 per cent? Or, both propositions may be voted at one and the same time. A majority of the qualified voters registered is necessary to adopt either proposition. If the proposition voted on does not carry at the first election, the commissioners will order another election upon demand of the township as required for the first election.

If the election results favorable to tax or bonds, then it becomes the duty of the board of county commissioners to appoint for such township three discreet, business men, residing in said township, to be known as township road commissioners or trustees. Two of such men to be of the majority political party in said township, and one of the minority, or next highest political party in said township, irrespective of the political complexion of the county at large.

These men assume complete and absolute charge and control of the roads of their respective townships, employ such subordinates as they deem necessary, and build, construct and permanently improve the roads as to them may seem best. They issue and sell bonds, if authorized by the voters, appoint their own treasurer, who is required to give suitable bond. The township road trustees receive \$2 per day while actually engaged in road work, but in no event to exceed twelve days in a single year. If either tax or bonds is voted in any township, the old road laws in such township then become null and void, and the roads are worked entirely under the new law. The law is of course only optional with the voters of the several townships, and the present laws are in no wise repealed or modified until and unless the new law is adopted in the manner indicated.

Yours very truly,
L. H. ALLRED.
Selma, N. C., Mar. 21, 1911.

BENSON NEWS.

Benson, Mar. 22.—Mr. R. F. Smith and sister, Miss Leola, returned Sunday from Baltimore where they have been for the past week buying goods for the R. F. Smith Company.

Mr. J. E. Wall, traveling salesman for the Richmond Hardware Company, was in town Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. J. C. Johnson, of Durham, was in town a few days recently on business.

Dr. Martin was a visitor to Dunn Sunday.

Miss McNabb, of Baltimore, trimmer for the R. F. Smith Millinery Company, arrived to-day and will take charge of the work at once.

The Graded School here continues to grow, about twenty-five new students having recently arrived.

Mr. Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., was a visitor here for several days this week, returning to his home to-day.

Mr. Sam Stone returned to-day from Emporia, Va., where he has been for the past week.

Mr. L. B. Pope was a visitor to Smithfield Monday.

Miss Olive Gould came last week from her home in Maryland. She will have charge of the C. T. Johnson Millinery store this year.

Mr. Tom Holmes, who recently moved to Greensboro from our town, was back to our burg yesterday. He is carrying the mail on a rural route from Greensboro.

Mr. Willie Boone has recently purchased a Hudson touring car from A. Parrish, the local dealer. This is the second Hudson in our town.

Mrs. E. L. Hall, of Fayetteville, came to-day to spend several days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Parrish went to Kenly to-day to visit Dr. and Mrs. Hood.

Messrs. L. B. Pope, E. F. Moore and Gaston Lee were in Dunn today on business.

The most interesting ball game of the season was that played Tuesday afternoon at Dunn between the Benson boys, the score being two to nothing.

Barnes-DeRyder.

A quiet but pretty marriage took place on March 4, at St. Mary's Rectory in Chapel street, when Mrs. Martha L. DeRyder, of Norfolk, was married to Mr. West M. Barnes also of this city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Doherty. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes will reside at 110 Holt street.—Virginian Pilot.

Mr. Barnes is a son of our townsman, Mr. H. M. Barnes, and has many friends here who wish him much happiness in his new venture. He has been in Norfolk sometime and has a responsible position with the North American Chemical and Engineering Company.

It is said Admiral Togo the Japanese hero of the Battle of the Sea of Ohan, will make a tour of the United States.

KENLY HAS BIG FIRE

FIVE FRAME BUILDINGS EAT UP BY FLAMES.

The Losses Reach the Sum of \$8,000, With Very Little Insurance.—Buildings to be Replaced with Brick Structures.—One Steer Had a Narrow Escape and When He Got Loose Made a Rapid Trip of Ten Miles to His Old Home.

Kenly, N. C., March 20.—A fire which originated in a frame building used as a general hitching and feeding place for teams was consumed last evening, together with four other frame buildings adjoining. There was no insurance on the buildings owned by Messrs. Elias Barnes, Tom Watson, Jim Davis and Jesse Jones, neither was there a dollar's worth of insurance on the contents.

The building adjoining the one in which the fire started was occupied by Mr. J. D. Farrow, of Wilson, who was using it as a depository for vehicles. Mr. Tolter, a sewing machine agent, was also using the same building as a depository for sewing machines and had some 15 or 20 stored therein. His loss was severe, having no insurance on his stock whatsoever. Mr. Farrow's loss was probably \$400.

Mr. James Davis lost his stock of merchandise valued at \$1,000 in the third building. No insurance.

The International Harvesting Company lost \$300 worth of machinery stored in one of the buildings.

A negro restaurant keeper lost \$50 worth of fixtures.

The entire loss on buildings and stock will probably total \$8,000.

The buildings will be replaced at once with brick structures.

An incident out of the ordinary occurred during the progress of the flames. A steer that had been traded for last week, and from Mr. Peter Bailey's mill, was tied in a box stall and the flames were scorching his hair when a negro heroically ran in with a knife and cut the halter that bound him. The steer, smarting under the sting of fire and frightened by flash of flame, sprang out and caught the colored man on his horns bearing him 20 yards and dropping him unhurt to the ground. His steer-ship sped on at a rapid pace, a distance of ten miles, to his original home, never stopping until he reached there.

Parties coming into Kenly were compelled to get out of his way, and smelt the hair of the steer, whose hide was singed, but otherwise uninjured.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a match or cigar that was dropped in the unoccupied stable.—Wilson Daily Times.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Between 500 and 1,000 head of horses, sheep and hogs perished in a fire that destroyed two acres of sheds in the stockyards district of Fort Worth, Tex., last week, entailing a loss of \$300,000.

Isaac Shelby, 85 years of age, a grandson of the first Governor of Kentucky, died last week at Travelers Rest, Lincoln county, Ky., the homestead of his grandfather. He was a Major in the Confederate army and is survived by eleven children.

The subsidiary companies of the United States Seed Corporation transacted \$703,961,424 worth of business in 1910, as compared with \$646,382,251 in 1909.

The bill providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment for State-wide prohibition in Texas has been signed by Governor Colquitt. The election will be held next Summer.

Box Party in Princeton.

We are requested to announce that there will be a Box Party in the School Auditorium in Princeton next Wednesday night, March 29, for the benefit of the ball team. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Judge no man by his relations, whatever criticism you pass upon his companions. Relations, like features, are thrust upon us; companions, like clothes, are more or less our own selection.—Gail Hamilton.

NEWS IN FOUR OAKS

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE PEOPLE GENERALLY.

Four Oaks Graded School has Successful Closing With Addresses by Supt. Royall, Lawyer Barbour and Others.—Prof. Coats Leaves for New York to Study Law.

Four Oaks, Mar. 22.—Mr. P. T. Massengill, Jr., of Dunn, is visiting his uncle, G. K. Massengill, this week.

Mr. J. B. Adams, of Smithfield, spent Sunday here with his parents.

Mr. R. Smith, of Benson, was in town Monday.

Mr. Riley Stewart, Representative of the Cable Piano Co., was in town first of the week.

Prof. Hubert B. Coats left Tuesday morning for Philadelphia, Pa., via Norfolk, Va., where he goes to complete a course in law.

Mr. Ira W. Keen went to Richmond, Va., Tuesday on business.

Miss Ruth Privette returned to her home in Black Creek Tuesday, the school having closed here.

W. E. Barbour spent Sunday night in Benson.

Miss Clyde Richardson returned to her home in Kenly Saturday, after spending a week with Mrs. W. R. Keen.

The lady assistant school teachers, Misses Ora Stevens, Mary Justice, and Nell Richardson, have left for their homes at Goldsboro, Benson, and Kenly. Miss Richardson will return and open a private school the 27th.

The Jollities, in their musical absurdity, played to a packed house Monday evening. The attraction for the three last nights of the week, will be The Florence Comedy Co. They promise something good.

Our little town has never witnessed a more impressive scene than that on Sunday morning, March 12, 1911. The students of the Four Oaks Graded School gathered at the school building and marched in single line to the Methodist church. The line was regular and attracted much attention. The scene in the church was most impressive. Miss Ruth Privette sang "Abide With Me," and the school sang "Holy, Holy, Holy," and "Joy to the World." Numerous recitations had been provided and the Rev. Mr. Sutton addressed the school in high and elevating sentiments. The church was crowded and the congregation was enthusiastic. At the close of the service the students marched from the church to a splendid march, played by the organist, Mrs. B. B. Adams.

On Monday evening the exercises began in the main auditorium of the school. The building was filled regardless of the inclement weather. The exercises were as successful as could have been expected considering the rain and absence of some of the little tots. The primary Department showed splendid training under the efficient direction of Miss Mary Justice. "Good Night," was very fetching and the audience responded with a hearty round of applause.

Tuesday morning was disappointing, because the ground was wet and the weather unfavorable for the field day events, however, at eleven o'clock the Parkton Band stirred the drooping spirits, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. filed into the building to the tune of "Dixie."

The stage was decorated for the occasion with the large school flag. Master Erwin Barbour, Miss Gladys Adams, Miss Pearl Lassiter, and Mr. T. C. Barbour, interspersed with music by the band, highly entertained the audience.

Mr. Sidney Adams stirred the hearts of all with his oration, "Old Glory." Then Mr. J. R. Barbour, of Benson, a leading young lawyer of the Johnston County Bar, made an address. His speech was most welcome, and struck a responsive chord in the heart of each one present.

The ideals he depicted for the boys and girls, and especially the juniors were lofty. At one o'clock the patriotic exercises adjourned. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock the Alpha Literary Society was called

to order for its last meeting of the school session. Prof. H. B. Coats introduced the Rev. Mr. Justice, who in turn introduced Prof. Royall, County Superintendent. Prof. Royall made an excellent address to a large audience. His remarks were very beautiful to all present and ultimate good must ensue.

The debaters, orators and declaimers were seated on the stage, and presented the most beautiful sight of commencement.

The girls were charmingly attired in their commencement dresses, and the presence of the male members of the society listed on the program together with the lovely decorations of ferns and pine presented a lovely sight. The society can well feel proud of its first year of effort and should strive for greater things. The decision of the Judges was deferred until the closing minutes of the school.

The house at night was crowded to say the least, and the exercises were highly appreciated. Miss Nan Hines took the prize for being the best student in the school. Mr. Elbert Johnson, Jr., took the prize for being the most faithful student.

Essayist's prize, Miss Mary Barbour; Orator's prize, Mr. Leon Adams; Debater's prize, Mr. Roy Keen; Declaimer's prize, Miss Pearl Baker.

Rev. T. H. Sutton, in behalf of the Judges, Prof. L. T. Royall and Rev. Mr. Justice, rendered the decision and presented the prizes.

The school closed with the list of names deserving honorable mention which was read by Prof. Coats.

The school has made wonderful progress during the session, and we hope to see the same spirit of "Hustling," and "Get There," in the future as in the past.

Mrs. Ava Thornton, of Goldsboro, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Lewis, recently.

Mrs. Doctor Judd, of Fayetteville, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. T. H. Sutton.

We regret to chronicle the illness of little Ralph, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Barbour.

The services Sunday morning at the Missionary Baptist church (subject, The Hypocrite), conducted by Rev. Mr. Hurst, were unusually good, and a large number present.

Mr. L. C. Barbour made a business trip to Spring Hope, N. C., recently.

POLENTA NEWS.

Mrs. F. T. Booker has returned from a two weeks' visit to her daughter, who lives in Smithfield.

The farmers are about up with their ploughing and will soon begin to sow guano.

Sorry to hear of Mr. Joe Hardie's illness. He is very low with typhoid pneumonia. We trust that he will soon get well.

Prof. Royall passed through this section Wednesday morning on his way to Coats section, in the interest of the public schools. Our people think a good deal of the professor, and believe he is doing a great work in the interest of the education of the masses of the county.

Another monument has been put up in Oakland cemetery. This time at the head of Mr. Jno. Tomlinson, who died many years ago. At the time of his death he was one of the most prominent men of the county. The stone is a nice one, and shows taste in the selection of it.

Two colored dudes of this section skipped the country last week. Their name was Banks, and lived on Mr. Ed. McCullers' land. On the second Sunday evening they tanked up and started out on a lark. They were in a top buggy and drove a mule. Meeting Mr. Frank Wood, who had his wife and children in the buggy with him, the negro dudes failing to give any of the road, came near having a collision, at which Mr. Wood asked them what they meant. Then the negroes commenced to abuse and curse him, and drew a pistol and flourished it in his face, threatening to kill him, at which his wife became terribly frightened. They finally drove on. If caught they should receive severe punishment for such conduct.

Preaching at Oakland Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Spence.

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JOHNSTON'S NEW LAWS

A LIST OF THE NEW MEASURES JUST PASSED.

Smithfield, Selma and Kenly to Have The Privilege of Voting for Bonds For New School Building.—Mill Creek Church Incorporated Against Beer and Other Like Drinks.

A bill to allow Smithfield Graded School to issue bonds to build a graded school building.

A bill amending, revising and consolidating the Charter of the town of Smithfield.

A bill creating a Recorder's Court for Johnston County, and defining the jurisdiction thereof.

A bill providing the better working of roads in the various townships of the county, and to allow elections on special road tax or bonds, or both.

A bill revising, consolidating and amending the charter of the town of Selma.

A bill amending the road law of Selma township, and adding four names to the present road commissioners.

A bill to allow Selma Graded School district to vote on \$20,000 bonds for a new graded school building.

A bill to revise, consolidate and amend the charter of Clayton.

A bill to authorize the Kenly Graded School district to hold an election for bonds to build graded school building.

A bill providing that defendants in claim and delivery cases in the superior court shall give bond for costs. (State wide.)

A bill to require mortgagees and trustees to file with register of deeds complete record of sales under foreclosure proceedings; also, to require registers of deeds to indicate on margin of record a record of foreclosed property. (Made State wide.)

A bill to provide for assessment against landowners in Boon Hill township whose lands lie in Wayne county stock law, for the maintenance of stock law fence. (This is a short fence diverted from the Wayne county line around the lands of D. E. McKinne, W. C. Massey, and others.)

A bill to change a short portion of the dividing line between Banner and Elevation townships.

A bill to make effective the fish law concerning Black Creek, in Elevation township, providing against diverting the waters of said creek into private canals for the purpose of driving fish therein.

A bill to raise the jury tax in justice of the peace courts from \$3 to \$6, so as to allow jurors attending such courts to receive 50 cents instead of 25 cents per day.

A bill to incorporate Mill Creek, Bentonsville township, for two miles against sale of intoxicating liquors, beers, beerine, etc.

A bill to incorporate the nine churches in Seven-Mile Primitive Baptist Association against sale of merchandise, picture taking, etc. (except food and provender) during the progress of religious services, within one mile of either of said churches.

A bill re-appointing W. G. Wilson member of the County Board of Education for six years.

A bill appointing F. T. Booker, V. R. Turley, Geo. F. Woodard, D. Troy Creech, C. H. Holt, D. D. Medlin, J. H. Smith, Josephus Johnson, E. S. Coats and L. H. Boykin (possibly one or two others) justices of the peace.

A bill to remove the conflict between Wayne and Johnston as to May term of court, giving Johnston one week, (tenth Monday after 1st week in March.)

A bill to provide for a primary for Johnston County, at the option of either or both leading political parties.

No Hunger if Waked Up.

A Chicago mail order house has just shipped 20,000 alarm clocks to China. What China really wants is something to eat.—Detroit Free Press.