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NEW CO. OFFICERS NOW HAVE CHARGE

Prominent Leaders Of In Coming Party Furnish Only Thrill of the Day.

ASSISTANTS APPOINTED

The "swearing in" procedure of the county officers here yesterday was attended with unusual gusto, this being the first time in thirty-two years that the Republicans have made a clean sweep and captured the entire county ticket. Early in the day the rotunda of Johnston's handsome temple of justice was swarming with eager, interested Republicans, waiting for the business of the day to get under way. Previous meetings had just about slated the clerkships and assistant officers, but enough of speculation was in the air to cause a hum of excitement. But it remained for two prominent men of the incoming party to furnish the real excitement of the day. Hon. James Raynor, of Benson, who is among those prominently mentioned for county attorney, and Mr. J. W. Jones, later in the day elected chairman of the county board of commissioners, furnished the thrill. It happened in the lobby of the court house, and it seems that these two leaders in their party were discussing some phase or phases of the situation when they disagreed. Some words were passed and the first thing those in the sheriff's office knew, the head of Mr. Raynor made his sudden appearance in that room through the glass door. Mr. Raynor sustained minor cuts on the face. According to reports the two men exchanged blows, that of Mr. Jones causing the damage. Among the first appropriations to be made by the county commissioners will probably be for a new glass door.

By the time this incident had subsided, however, the real business of the day was being tackled and it was not long until the new officers had been installed.

Mr. J. Ira Lee, of Princeton, was sworn in as clerk of the court and his deputy, Mr. N. T. Ryals, of Benson, who will act as clerk to the Recorder's Court. Mr. N. E. Ward, of Selma, will also be in the clerk's office.

Mr. M. L. Stancil, of Benson, the new register of deeds, has as his office force, Mr. J. C. Stancil and Miss Mildred Young.

Sheriff Parker has appointed Mr. J. P. Hales, of near Kenly, as his office deputy until January 1 at which time Miss Luna Pearson, who now holds a position with the Cotter-Underwood Company, will take his place. Mr. S. T. Price, of Wilders township, has been appointed as field deputy sheriff. Township officers will be named later.

Other officers who have taken charge are: Mr. Robert L. Fitzgerald of Pine Level, auditor; Mr. W. H. Massey, of Princeton, solicitor of Recorders court; Mr. Ezra Parker, of Benson, judge of the Recorders court; Mr. J. V. Penny, of Pleasant Grove, surveyor; Mr. Charles Q. Stephenson, coroner; Mr. G. T. Scott, of Selma, R. F. D. 1, treasurer.

The board of county commissioners met with the entire membership present as follows: Messrs. J. W. Jones, W. T. Lee, A. B. Hocutt, L. E. Barber and A. H. Morgan. The board did not meet until the afternoon, and the remainder of the session was spent in approving bonds of the various officers. The board is in session again this morning and will probably have a full day's work. Among the items to come up are the appointment of a keeper for the county home and the appointment of a jailer. According to our information there have been more than forty applicants to keep the county home, but Mr. N. T. Flowers, originally of Bentonville township, but now of this city, will probably be appointed. Mr. Charles Q. Stephenson, who was elected as coroner, is slated for jailer.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Notice is hereby given to the members of St. Paul's Episcopal church of a parish meeting to take place in the church at 8 p. m. Tuesday, immediately after the Bible class.
GEO. M. MANLEY.

Cabinet Post



The calling of W. C. Coffey, Dean of Minnesota Agricultural College to Washington for conference with President Coolidge has caused the Westerner to be mentioned as a likely successor to the late Secretary Wallace as head of the Department of Agriculture.

Byrum Construction Co. Goes Bankrupt

The Byrum Construction Company, of Oxford and Greensboro, who was building the teachers' dormitories at Princeton and Glendale, has recently gone into the hands of the receiver. The county will not lose any money on account of the company being bonded for the building and payment of all claims, in the Aetna Casualty Surety Company, of Hartford, Conn. The bonding is taking over the buildings and will re-let the contracts at once. There will be some delay, however, in finishing the buildings.

To Take Agriculture Census
Washington, D. C. Nov. 22.—The Department of Commerce is about to take a census of agriculture covering the crop year 1924 and relating to conditions on or near January 1, 1925. This is the first Census of Agriculture to be taken midway between the decennial censuses; the Act of Congress authorizing it is based on the belief that, with rapidly changing conditions in agriculture, there should be a stock-taking as often as every five years. The work of taking the census will begin on December 1, and is to be completed on or before January 31. As rapidly as possible after the receipt of return statements will be released for the press, by the Census Bureau at Washington, relative to production of the principal farm products and the values of farm properties, including land, buildings, machinery, and live stock.

The enumeration will require the services of 15,000 to 20,000 enumerators acting under the direction of 212 supervisors, who have for the most part been selected from the employees of the Bureau of the Census and the Department of Agriculture.

Hamilton-Stancil

A marriage that will be of interest to friends here took place at the home of the bride at Coats Thanksgiving Day at eleven a. m., when Mrs. Lalan Stancil, of Coats, and Mr. John G. Hamilton, of this city, were married. Elder of A. D. Johnson, of Coats, performed the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony a Thanksgiving dinner was served at the home of the bride, and upon the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton in Smithfield that afternoon, a six o'clock dinner was served.

Those attending the marriage from Smithfield were: Elder and Mrs. Jesse Barnes, Mr. D. T. Stephenson and daughter, Nellie, Messrs. Oscar Stephenson, F. C. and Charlie Hamilton, and little Miss Alma Hamilton.

Electric Bulbs: Before purchasing electric bulbs that are offered at exceptionally low price, the housewife should ask whether or not they are "refilled," as a new bulb is worth the difference in price, because it will last longer and gives a much better light.

THE HOTEL SMITHFIELD WISHES to announce the beginning of their annual season turkey dinners on Wednesday of each week. First one tomorrow (Wednesday) 12 to 2 p. m. Regular price 75c. Cordial dinner.

PAVING OF SELMA ROAD IS ASSURED

Hon. John E. Cameron Meets Here With Delegation Advocating Florida Route

TAKE MATTER TO RALEIGH

According to Hon. John E. Cameron, of Kinston, state highway commissioner for this district, the paving of the road between Smithfield and Selma has been authorized by the State Highway Commission to be paid for out of the \$65,000,000 worth of road bonds already sold. The contract for this link has not been let but it has been charged up to Mr. Cameron's district and the road has been surveyed and placed on the preferred list.

This information came out at a meeting held here Friday of representatives from Elm City, Kenly, Micro, Selma, Smithfield, Four Oaks, Benson, and Dunn, at which Col. Cameron was present. This delegation, which numbered about sixty, met Col. Cameron in the interest of the Carolinas-Florida Short Route. Mr. T. C. Young, who is president of the Carolinas-Florida Short Route Association, had charge of the meeting but quite a number of speakers from the towns represented made talks to acquaint Col. Cameron with the plans concerning the proposed route. It was made clear to the highway commissioner that 200 miles would be saved between Richmond, Va., and Jacksonville, Fla. by the route which they are advocating. It would pass through one of the best agricultural sections of North Carolina, an item not to be overlooked. Among those speaking in behalf of the proposed route, were: Senator Paul D. Grady, of Kenly; Hon. H. L. Godwin and G. K. Grantham, of Dunn; C. T. Johnson and Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson; W. H. Call, of Selma; and F. H. Brooks, of this city.

T. C. Young, of this city, and T. H. Atkinson, of Selma, were appointed to invite twenty-five road enthusiasts each to appear before the state highway commission in Raleigh at an early date and present this route before that body.

FAIR DIRECTORS HOLD A MEETING

Committee Appointed In Effort To Have A Bigger and Better County Fair.

FAIR FACES A DEFICIT

A meeting of the stockholders of the Johnston County Fair Association called for Saturday morning at ten o'clock was held in the commissioners room of the court house and when it was found that only those who were directors of the Association had responded to the call, the meeting resolved itself into a directors meeting. The directors had met the first part of the week and being confronted with a deficit due to a number of causes relative to the recent fair, had decided to call a conference of the stockholders. There are about thirty-three stockholders in the association and the following were present Saturday: Dr. R. J. Noble, of Selma; C. M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills; R. A. Wellons, W. D. Hood, E. S. Edmundson, J. H. Woodall, J. A. Narron, H. C. Woodall, and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter.

The matter of the deficit which faces the Association and which amounts to around a thousand dollars was again discussed. It developed that nearly enough money was in hand to pay out standing bills, with the exception of the premiums. A motion was carried that these bills be paid pro rata according to the amount in hand, and that due bills be issued to the prize winners that may be redeemed a year hence, when it is hoped that a successful fair will enable this year's loss to be overcome. Bad crop year, rain at the beginning of fair week, conditions in the fair grounds due to the rain were among the reasons assigned as contributing to the deficit.

Dr. Noble then presented a proposition for a bigger and better fair for Johnston County. His idea is for the Association to be enlarged to include a larger number of citizens of the county and the purchase of a suitable site for Fair grounds, probably between Smithfield and Selma. He would fence it, build a good race track and put on a fair worth while. Dr. Noble stressed the fact that good roads are bringing tourists through this section in larger numbers every year. The Fair grounds, if located up-

Local Ku Klux Present \$25 Purse

The Ku Klux made its first public appearance in Smithfield last Thursday night when representatives of the organization visited the home of Mrs. Shep D. Broadwell and presented her with twenty-five dollars in cash. Whiskey has been the means of sending her husband to the roads and the purse was a timely gift to her and her children. An effort is now being made to secure a pardon for him that he may support his family.

To Observe Golden Rule Sunday

A large congregation greeted Rev. A. J. Parker, the new pastor of Centennial Methodist church Sunday morning and was rewarded by heartening announcements which were made was a splendid sermon. Among the suggestions that the members of the congregation observe next Sunday as Golden Rule Sunday. The observance of this day asks that the menu for dinner include typical dishes eaten by the Armenians of the Near East, and contribute to the orphanages of the Near East the difference in cost of this menu with that of the usual Sunday dinner. The Golden Rule menu is as follows: Pilaf Armenian or macaroni and cheese, stewed apricots with Karo syrup, bread and cocoa.

Rev. Mr. Parker announced that an opportunity would be given next Sunday for those of his congregation to make this contribution. There are still in the Near East about 70,000 Armenian orphans to be cared for. About 25,000 orphans were dismissed last year on a self-supporting basis.

Illustrated Lecture on Passion Play

Dr. I. P. Berry, of Chicago, gave an illustrated lecture on the Passion Play at the Methodist church Sunday night. The pictures were said to have been taken during the practice hours of the players, who once every ten years present at Oberammagau, Bavaria, the story of the life of Christ in dramatic form. Dr. Berry stated that he lived for several weeks in the house with Anton Lang, who plays the part of the Christ. The lecture and pictures were well received by a large congregation.

Baptist News and Announcements

Last week was Thanksgiving and orphanage week. Services were held at Parrish Memorial and Pine Level churches. Offerings were made at these and at Princeton and Sardis churches. The collection from the four churches amounted to about \$95.00. This is campaign week for missions and benevolences for next year throughout the state and southland. Cards have been distributed and the work is progressing.

Next Sunday is regular monthly services at Pine Level Baptist church. Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. During this week there will be three cottage prayer meetings held by the pastor as follows: Wednesday night at Charley Evans' in the country, Thursday night at Mrs. Eliza Pike's, Friday night at T. E. Britt's.

The vocal music class that is being conducted in this church has promised to furnish the music for this service, also for the sermon on Wednesday night at Mr. Evans'. The public is cordially invited to all these services.

on the highway, as it is in all probability would be, could be used as a "Tourists' Camp," and perhaps also as a landing field for airships. Progress is marching on", according to Dr. Noble, "and we of Johnston county must keep pace."

After listening to Dr. Noble, the board of directors endorsed his plans by appointing a committee to secure options on sites for a Fair ground, and also to interest new stockholders in making the Johnston County Fair what it ought to be.

Before the meeting adjourned Dr. Noble, Messrs. C. M. Wilson and E. S. Edmundson were named as a committee to pass on the final report of the Secretary after all the business details shall have been arranged.

PRINCETON BOASTS NO RACE SUICIDE

Correspondent Favors Australian Ballot; Would Have Boon Hill Township Divided.

PERSONAL MENTION

PRINCETON, Dec. 1.—Baby arrivals this week: on Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Boothe, a boy; on Tuesday, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Young, a boy, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ira Lee, a girl; on Wednesday, to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hinton, a boy. Mothers and babies are getting along nicely.

There are one thousand, six hundred and seventy-five registered voters in Boon Hill township, and there were only about 660 minutes in the entire election day on November the 4th. In the regular voting there is hardly one and one-half votes per minute for the whole day. It would be impossible for more than half the people to vote, even if they wanted to do so. Boon Hill township should be divided: one precinct at Princeton, one at Brogden. This will give for the next general election more than nine hundred votes for each precinct.

We certainly advocate the Australian ballot system. The writer lived in one of the large cities for many years, was an officer and had the privilege of closely observing the voters and the voting at every election. Under this system the corrupt voter can take purchase money from candidates on both sides, and it is impossible for any one to see how he votes. No one is allowed in the booth where he marks his vote. This fact alone prevents men from trying to buy votes, as there is absolutely no way for them to see that they are delivered. This system is certainly an improvement over the present method of voting in Johnston county.

Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Aycock and Miss Lena Woodard went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Mrs. J. S. Barnes, from Clayton, was a visitor in town Monday.

Mr. Jim H. Howell died Tuesday, and was buried on the Woodman cemetery on Wednesday. He was seventy years old.

Misses Carrie Worley and Ruth Wooten visited friends in Pine Level Wednesday.

Mr. Joe Creech is visiting friends in Durham this week.

Mrs. Diana Kornegay and Mrs. Hub Kornegay, from Pine Level, were visitors in town Sunday.

Messrs. Harvey and Ira Swicegood, from Salisbury, were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. M. P. Young Sunday.

Miss Stella Mason, Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Jones, from Mount Olive, were visitors in town Sunday.

Misses Gulie and Carrie Worley, James Game and Earl Creech went to Goldsboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood from Smithfield, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Raph Stevens Sunday.

Mr. W. P. Raiford, from Durham, was in town Saturday shaking hands with many of his old friends. All of them are always glad to see Pat come down on a visit.

Mr. Frank Pearce, teacher at Tarboro, and Miss Lissie Pearce, who is teaching at Glendale, are at home for the week end.

Christmas Bazaar

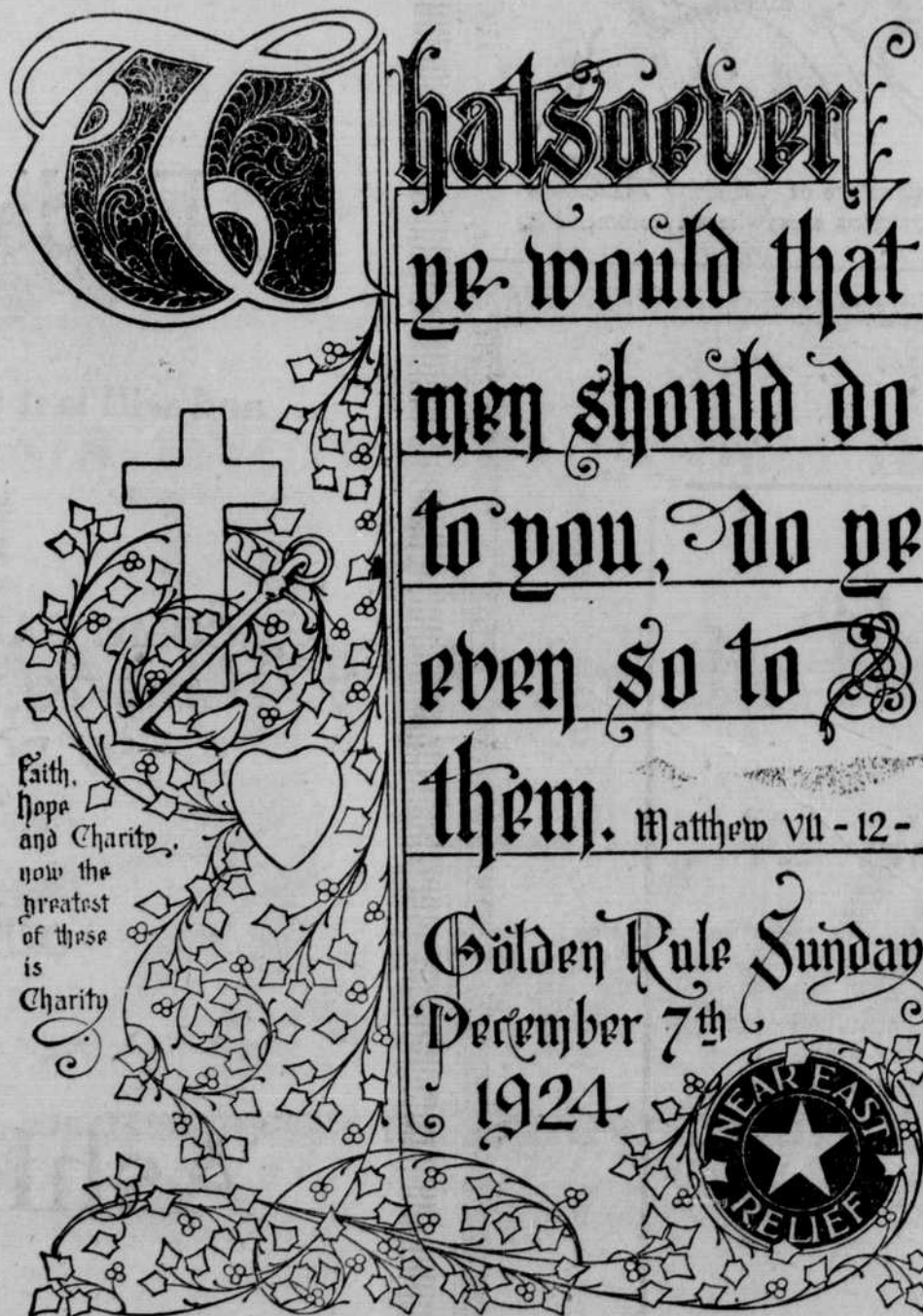
The Christmas bazaar of the Methodist Missionary Society will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 9 and 10, at Johnston & Stephenson's drug store. The bazaar will open at 9:30 o'clock and will be open day and night for two days. Come one and all and get your Christmas articles.

Circle No. Three to Meet

The members of Circle No. 3 of the Methodist Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Will Hood Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. All those who have articles finished for the Christmas bazaar are requested to bring them to this meeting.

FOR SALE—ONE TAN LEATHER couch and one Whitney reversible baby carriage. Both at a bargain. See N. L. Perkins, Smithfield, N.C.

PRIZE CONTEST FOR CHILDREN



THE GOLDEN RULE

Motto Design for Golden Rule Sunday, Made in the Style of Ancient Hand-Lettered Manuscripts From the Middle-Age Armenian Monasteries, by the American Artist, J. Thompson Willing. Prizes Are Offered by Near East Relief to Children for Coloring This Design, Using Crayons or Water-Color.