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MEDICAL SOCIETY MET HERE TUESDAY

Election of Officers For Coming Year Took Place; Delegates Elected To State Meeting

DR. WHARTON PRESIDENT

The Johnston County Medical Society met here Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. This was a regular business meeting and no special program was planned for the occasion. The election of officers for the ensuing year took place, the following officers being chosen: president, Dr. L. D. Wharton; vice-president, Dr. R. J. Noble, of Selma; secretary-treasurer, Dr. C. C. Massey. Those selected to serve on the board of censors are: Dr. A. H. Rose, Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson, and Dr. G. B. Woodward, of Kenly. Dr. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton, was elected as delegate to the State Medical Society which meets at Pinehurst. Dr. W. J. B. Orr was chosen as alternate.

The Medical Society during 1925 will hold monthly meetings, these meetings to be held in the various towns of the county. The time and place for the next meeting will be announced later.

Mrs. Frankie Wood George

Mrs. Frankie Wood George was called to that Better Land on November 10th, 1924. As she came to the end she quietly went to sleep never to awake this side of the golden gates.

Mrs. George was the daughter of Larry and Marina Wood, and was born November 13, 1886. At the age of twenty-two she was married to Preston T. George. To this union were born eight children, six of whom survive. When a girl of sixteen she united with the Trinity Baptist church. She was a consistent and faithful member of a Baptist church throughout the rest of her life. Her membership was with Blackman's Grove church at the time of her death. Her pastor, Rev. J. A. Ivey, conducted the funeral services which were held at the home of the deceased. Interment took place in the family cemetery near by. The following resolutions are offered:

Whereas, in the all wise Providence of God, He has called to himself our beloved sister, and

Whereas, we have had her consecrated life spent in our midst, we desire to record the high esteem and sacred memory in which we hold her and the sorrowful sense of loss sustained in her going from us,

Be It Resolved, First, That we in humility and reverence submit to the will of our Heavenly Father and while we mourn our loss we ask for grace enough to carry on the work she so much loved.

Second That our church has lost a faithful member and a devoted worker.

Third, That we bear loving testimony that she was a devoted Christian, a godly mother, a woman of high integrity, and a Christian home builder.

Fourth, That we extend to her family and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and share their sorrow for her loss.

Fifth, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our church, a copy be furnished to the family, and a copy be sent to the Smithfield Herald for publication.

Mrs. NOGAH WOOD,
Mrs. J. WARREN MASSENGILL
Mrs. WM. H. LEE,
Committee.

Another Rear-Seat Driver

It was a dear old lady's first ride in a taxi, and she watched with growing alarm the driver continually putting his hand outside the car as a signal to the following traffic. At last she became angry.

"Young man," she said, "you look after that car of yours, and watch where you are going. I'll tell you when it starts raining."

SADDER, THOUGH WISER LITTLE BOY

The advice that Master Clifton Whitehurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Whitehurst of this city, is now handing out to his young friends, is to refrain from storing "torpedoes" in their pockets, and especially in their hip pockets, if they contemplate going to school. There is no telling when the teacher may use her ruler, as Master Clifton's teacher did, and thus cause the fireworks to go off.

This little fellow, eight years old, started to school Monday morning and on the way purchased a nickel's worth of these supposedly harmless Christmas fireworks. Notwithstanding the fact that the boys had been warned against firing them off at school, Clifton thought they would be safe enough in his hip pocket until he should be off the school grounds in the afternoon. But "murder will out," and when the teacher used her ruler to emphasize what she wished young Whitehurst to do, the "things" went off, and now he must have a new pair of pants. The little fellow sustained burns on the thigh and calf of the leg which are painful, though not serious, and he is a sadder though wiser boy.

Good Work Of Colored Sanatorium

Sanatoriums, N. C., Dec. 11.—North Carolina realizes the importance of caring for her colored tuberculous citizens. The colored division of the North Carolina Sanatorium was opened in October 1923. It is a splendidly built, modern structure, modeled on the same lines as the unit for white patients. It accommodates 64 patients, an equal number of men and women. It is under the medical direction of the same physicians as the white division of the Sanatorium. The patients have all the advantages of the x-ray, splendid laboratory, and special treatments offered tuberculous persons at the State Sanatorium.

Mrs. C. E. Broadfoot, colored graduate nurse, is the very capable head nurse and matron of the institution.

Tuberculosis is more common among the negroes in North Carolina than the whites. The death rate for colored in 1923 was 155.5 per hundred thousand; it was 66.3 per hundred thousand for whites. From both an economic and a humanitarian standpoint it is of great importance for the State to care for its tuberculous colored citizens. They go into the homes of white people as cooks, washwomen, maids, chauffeurs, and even as nurses of small children. Active and unknown tuberculosis among negroes is often a source of infection for white people.

The opinion is prevalent that negroes do not respond to sanatorium treatment. This is not true. It has been the experience of the doctors at the North Carolina Sanatorium that cases taken early enough and given proper treatment respond to it almost as well as white patients do.

While undergoing treatment at the Sanatorium it is very necessary for the patients to get the full benefit of the treatment. There are a number of small things that help to make the life of sanatorium patients and the long period of treatment pass pleasantly. Books and music are two of these. The colored sanatorium at the present time does not have any of these things, nor does the State make any appropriation for them. Books of fiction, biography, history and travel to form a library for the colored sanatorium, and a talking machine with a number of good records are needed at the colored division now. Any one wishing to contribute any of these things may send them to the North Carolina Sanatorium, marked "Colored Division."

Heretofore one of the great difficulties in the treatment of tuberculosis among negroes, even more so than among the whites, has been getting the disease diagnosed in its early stages. The North Carolina Sanatorium now employs two whole time traveling clinicians. These physicians hold clinics for examination of both white and colored free of charge in any town or county in which their services are requested.

BRUTAL SHOOTING IN BENTONVILLE

Allen Howell Is In a Goldsboro Hospital With Severe Gun Shot Wounds

HOUNDS TRAIL PINK ROSE

Allen Howell, who resides in Bentonville township, is now in a Goldsboro hospital with a severe gunshot wound in his breast and with one eye out as a result of a very brutal affray which occurred Wednesday evening at his home about six o'clock.

Mr. Howell was returning from a neighbor's home and when almost in his yard he heard his name called by some one whom he could not see. As he approached the front part of his yard three gun shots were fired directly at him from a distance of about twenty-five yards. The guns carried heavy loads and five buck shots were found to be embedded in Mr. Howell's breast, one eye entirely shot out, and other slight wounds about the head. He was immediately rushed to a Goldsboro hospital. It is not known at this time whether the wounds are likely to prove fatal or not.

The report of this shooting reached the sheriff's office about eleven o'clock Wednesday night. Sheriff Parker immediately wired for Mr. Anderson, at Sanford, to carry his bloodhounds to the scene of the shooting. By day light the bloodhounds had developed a good trail and at ten o'clock they bayed at the home of Mr. Pink Rose, in Wayne County, some three miles from the scene of the shooting. Mr. Anderson was assisted by Deputy Sheriffs Charlie Stephenson and H. T. Chapin. Mr. Rose protested against any knowledge of the shooting but came with the officers to Smithfield where a preliminary hearing was had before Magistrate D. T. Lunceford. Rose was committed to jail. There is also a negro who lives on Rose's land implicated but no arrest in his case as yet has been made. At the trial Rose denied that there was any bad blood between Mr. Howell and himself.

Liquor Claims Big Toll In New York City

New York, Dec. 15.—Eight persons—two women and six men—are dead and five reported dying as the result of an epidemic of poison liquor cases here since last Saturday. Sixty-seven persons, including 11 women, now are in the alcoholic ward of the Bellevue hospital.

Hospital authorities said the number of alcoholic poisoning patients would increase as Christmas drew near, due to a flood of wood alcohol which they said was being distributed through the city.

Effective Method of Eradicating Roaches

Even the cleanest housewife has sometimes to contend with the roaches, due to the fact that they migrate from house to house. One of the simplest and most effective ways of ridding premises of these pests is that of dusting their runways with commercial sodium fluoride, which can be bought at the drug store, is by far the most effective material known for roaches.

The mixture of sodium fluoride and flour should be thoroughly dusted over the runways and floors where the roaches have been observed. A little of the powder sprinkled about the floor of the pantry and cracks and crevices will be most effective. All that is necessary to kill the roaches is for them to walk over this material so that some of the powder adheres to their feet. This causes an irritation which makes the roach attempt to clean the powder off its feet. Some of the powder thus enters the mouth and causes death. As a rule, premises can be ridden of roaches by this method in 24 to 48 hours. Of course, the poison must be kept from children and pets.—S. Marcovitch, in The Progressive Farmer.

POPE TRIAL ENDS AFTER FIVE DAYS

Defendant Is Given Sentence Of Not Less Than 12 Nor More Than 18 Years In Pen

TOBE HOLT CASE

The trial in the Superior Court here of W. F. Pope, who lives near Four Oaks, charged with the killing of Elbert Strickland last May, came to a close Wednesday night, when Pope was convicted of manslaughter and given a penitentiary sentence of not less than twelve and not more than eighteen years. The case, which has created quite a bit of interest started last Friday afternoon, continued through Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Late Wednesday the evidence was all in and the counsel began to speak. Wellons and Wellons appeared for the defendant and the solicitor Clawson L. Williams, was assisted by E. S. Abell and J. R. Barbour.

In this case the state contended that from the testimony of Preston Allen and corroborating testimony, it had shown that threats had been made by Frank Pope, the defendant, against Elbert Strickland, deceased, and contended that the jury should bring in a verdict of murder in the first degree. The defendant denied the threats and contended that he was not guilty of murder in the first degree, and in fact, from his testimony and the testimony of witnesses to whom he related the occurrence immediately after it happened, that he was not only not guilty of murder in the first degree, but that he was guilty of nothing; that what he did was done in defense of his own life when he was attacked by the deceased with a knife.

The case of Tobe Holt, charged with slander of Mrs. Minnie Duncan, of Princeton, was disposed of yesterday morning. The defendant entered a plea of nolo-contendere. The defendant was given a sentence of two years on the roads, capias and commitment to issue to Johnston and surrounding counties on or after December 26, 1924.

When court adjourned yesterday afternoon the case of the state vs. Frank Cox, charged with house-breaking and larceny, was being tried.

MAYOR NARRON ATTENDS WILSON MEMORIAL EXERCISE

Mayor John A. Narron has returned home after spending several days in Washington, D. C., on business. While in Washington Mr. Narron was fortunate enough to secure a ticket to the memorial exercises for Woodrow Wilson last Tuesday. He was very much impressed with the exercises and particularly with the eulogy delivered by Dr. Edwin A. Alderman. Photographers were on hand and took snapshots of various groups present on this occasion. Mr. Narron's picture was in a group published in the Washington Post.

THINGS THAT MAKE SHOPPERS MAD

"What makes you mad when you go shopping?" I asked a woman who spends a lot of money on clothes, writes Bernadine M. Angus in The Nation's Business.

"To be 'dearied,'" she answered, without hesitation. "I dislike that most of anything. I bought this hat in Los Angeles when I was there this winter, and I never should have bought it except that it was exactly what I wanted.

"That hat is wonderful on you, dearie, we sold one very similar to Gloria Swanson the other day. She is a wonderful looking girl, isn't she? Try this one, dearie; it's awfully smart. You like the other one better; so do I. Put the hat a little more this way; there, don't you like that better, dearie?"

The woman threw up her hands. "It makes me wild to be rushed over like that. If I had a store, I'd fire the first person I heard calling a customer 'dearie.'"

I asked another woman who shops extensively in New York what her

O. Max Gardner Chosen President State Fair

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Former Lieutenant Governor Max Gardner was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Agricultural society today when the directors, meeting in annual session, were apprised officially that Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt would not stand for re-election and the nominating committee headed by Judge R. H. Sykes, of Durham, offered its list of officers for the coming year.

The especial fitness of the Gardner choice lies in the proposed transfer of the state fair from the society to State college, of which Mr. Gardner is an eminent alumnus. But for that tie he probably would not have been willing to accept. Indeed, he has not done so, but it is believed he will readily take the responsibility. The society today discussed the change of management but there is no official action. It is the sense of both the college and the community that there should be a state fair next year, but the college is not yet willing to finance such an undertaking.

The meeting today showed the agricultural society in less of a hole than it was supposed to be. A debt hangs over the organization which has assets five to eight times the size of the deficit. The popular understanding had been that the property is encumbered about \$70,000 to 75,000. The exact amount is \$57,600, and that is not so bad. But Raleigh has a revisionary interest in the fair, and it will hardly be willing to see the property sold without a guarantee that the exposition will continue. The college does not care to shoulder any big debt. The final agreement was that the committee handling this end would continue its deliberations and make report at the next meeting.—Greensboro Daily News.

Christmas Cantata Is Given In Kenly

Kenly, Dec. 17.—On Sunday evening, December 14, in the Presbyterian church, before an audience that filled every available seat, as Rev. E. Poston arose to give the opening prayer, "The World's Redeemer," an inspiring Christmas Cantata, was admirably rendered by a choir containing a number of talented singers, under the direction of the Music-Literary department of the Woman's Club. The department chairman, Mrs. J. J. Edgerton and Mrs. George T. Whitley, and the director, Mrs. H. M. Grizzard, had been untiring in their efforts and are to be congratulated upon the success of this first attempt to present a public program since the organization of the Club.

While each number was received with a large degree of satisfaction, the quartet composed of Messrs. Jack Stallings, Elton Neighbors, J. M. Stencil, and Jack Southard, and the duet by Mesdames H. M. Grizzard and Pansy Gaylor were particularly pleasing. The violin accompaniment by Mrs. C. Murray added much to the effectiveness of the program, as did a violin solo, "When Lights are Low," with Mrs. J. J. Edgerton at the piano. This number and a scripture reading by Dr. W. B. North were the only intermissions, and as the benediction was pronounced upon the audience which had risen to its feet as the program reached its climax, there was a general hope that other like performances might be held in the town in the future.

experiences were and what made her mad when shopping.

"To be high-toned" by salespeople. It makes me furious. When I go to spend my money, I don't expect to buy a gown or hat I do not want just because an overbearing saleswoman makes me feel like a dog if I decide not to buy. I avoid those places. And, strange to say, those superior-mannered salespeople are not found entirely in expensive places; you run across them everywhere.

A sensitive woman is confused and embarrassed when a haughty salesperson curls her lips and looks at a sister saleswoman with a glance that says, "Look at this low-life, taking up my precious time for nothing; the idea! I am not exaggerating it at all; I could tell you of a dozen humiliating experiences I have had."

CLAYTON DOCTOR HAS TAX REMEDY

Dr. B. A. Hocutt Finds Tax Sys- tem Ill And Writes a Pre- scription

UNIFORM TAX SYSTEM

Tax notices are now being sent out by the sheriff of the county, delinquent tax lists are being published and folks generally are discussing taxes at this time. Dr. B. A. Hocutt, of Clayton, sends us a very thoughtful article discussing the tax situation in Johnston County, and suggests a remedy for some of our present tax ills. Dr. Hocutt's article is as follows.

There is something wrong with our present tax system or else we are overloading the horse. The story goes of an old man loading his wagon with rails, and each time he put on a rail he would say, "Well, if Bob can pull that one he can pull another one," so he continued to pile on rails, repeating the same words, and when he had piled on all the wagon would hold he gave the word "Go"—but Bob could not budge a peg. He was over-loaded.

My personal opinion is that while the load is large and hard to pull, probably we are not yet overloaded, but that our real trouble is in our tax system—the load is not equally divided according to horse power. One horse is over-loaded and another under-loaded. Some of the large, strong horses are carrying not much more than some of the smaller and weaker horses. My idea is to load the horse according to his size and then if he can't go, take off some of the load.

Many of our good citizens honestly believe we have too many offices in the county, and they are probably right. I personally know that the office created in the county for dependents and unfortunates functions and functions to an advantage. It does the things for the unfortunates which have not been done, will not be done and cannot be done by any other organization, Christian or otherwise. Many widows are being helped where help is sorely needed and many orphans are being provided homes where they will be educated and grow up under the best environments and thereby make good citizens. It has been my privilege to see and study the workings of this much criticized office—the Welfare office—and that is why I use it as an illustration.

I repeat I am positive there is something wrong with our present tax system. We have either got to cut down our expenses or distribute the taxes more evenly and justly among the tax payers. There are many, many instances in the country where one man is paying from fifty to one hundred and in some exceptional cases three hundred to five hundred percent more tax on the true value of his property than a neighbor. Our tax valuations remind me of the rugged Rockies, up and down. This small tax payer is not to blame in every case. His interpretation of the much agitated self-valuation during the high tide in 1918 or 1919 was different. The system we now have encourages dishonesty and discourages thrift. Every tax payer knows full well if he puts a valuation on his property which he is willing to sell for that it will be necessary for him to sell in order to pay his tax. "Self preservation is the first law of nature."

When we develop a piece of property the tax climbs so rapidly we can hardly pay it unless everything works well. This discourages thrift and our policy should be to encourage thrift. It penalizes the man who is trying to do something for himself and his country. The thrifty man increases the selling value of his neighbor's property who is not so thrifty or fails to develop his property, but the tax valuation remains about the same on the undeveloped.

A Uniform Tax System

I firmly believe our land should be taxed according to its location and not according to its development.

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