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LEGISLATURE GETS DOWN TO BUSINESS

Economy Will Probably Be Key Note of Coming Session; Inauguration Wednesday

NUMBER CLERKS REDUCED

Raleigh, Jan. 12.—The General Assembly of 1925 went to the bat promptly at noon on Wednesday of last week. The organization of both branches of the assembly was without incident. All contests had been settled in caucus on the evening previous. The members simply "promised to be good" and went right to business. Chief Justice Hoke administered the oath in the Senate and Associate Justice Clarkson in the House.

Representative Edgar W. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, had it all his own way in the speakership contest, and no other name was presented to the democratic caucus for that honor. Mecklenburgers were here in large numbers to see the high honor bestowed. The last time this distinction went to that great county was when Cary Dowd "put the fixin'" on the boys in 1911. Mr. Pharr, therefore, has a precedent to which he may "hark back" for the Mecklenburg brand of information.

Other officers of the House are: Alex Lassiter, of Bertie, principal clerk; Dr. C. M. Higgins, of Anson, sergeant-at-arms; E. M. Woodhouse, of Currituck, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Miss Rosa Mund, of Cabarrus, engrossing clerk; Needham W. Mangum, of Wake, reading clerk, succeeding David P. Dellinger, one of the present representatives from Gaston, who has done the reading stunts for the House during the last five consecutive sessions.

The Senate caucus Tuesday night made short work of the task before it. There was not a contest for anything after the withdrawal of Senator Paul D. Grady for President Protemore of that august body, and Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton, is wielder of the gavel in the north end of the capitol this winter. He has been to the legislature many times before and knows pretty well what is required to operate the "machinery" to the best advantage. Senator Grady becomes chairman of judicial committee No. 1 of that body.

The Senate elected Frank O. Sackett, of Wilkes, principal clerk; W. D. Gaster, of Cumberland, sergeant-at-arms; Jos. A. Bryson, of Henderson, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Rev. A. Corey, of Martin, engrossing clerk; Banks Arendall, of Wake, reading clerk. Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Polk, who was defeated for reading clerk by Mr. Arendall, will, it is understood, accept the clerkship to the finance committee of the Senate.

There is a pronounced tendency towards retrenchment in the ranks of both the senators and representatives which is a bit disconcerting to many faithful party workers who are down looking for positions in the legislature. It is proposed to reduce the number of clerks employed by the General Assembly of 1923 at least fifty percent. During that session the clerks drew around \$25,000 more in salaries than did the members themselves, and a lot of folks are wanting to know "how come". The answer is obvious. There will be a different story to relate on the subject of "overhead expenses" when the record of the present General Assembly shall be written, unless somebody takes "bask-water."

Few measures of state-wide significance have found their way into the legislative hopper. Senator Squires introduced a bill prepared by the legislative committee, selected by the special session last August, entitled an act to control bus traffic in the State. It would regulate, supervise and control persons, firms, corporations and associations, owning, controlling, operating or managing motor vehicles used in the business of transporting persons or property for compensation on the improved public

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Laymen Hold Earnest Meeting Friday Night

The first of what are designed to be regular meetings of the Smithfield Laymen's Federation was held last Friday evening at the Methodist Church. The steady down-pour of rain did not prevent about forty of the business men of this city from assembling in what has been characterized as a meeting of great spiritual power. Mr. B. C. Copeland was in charge of the service. He read the fifty-first Psalm and then called on Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, to comment upon it. Testimonies were given by quite a number present and the spiritual fervor of the occasion was expressed in numerous prayers. The coming together was felt by all present to be well worth while. These men earnestly expressed interest in seeing the kingdom spread in this community and a movement was started to do some definite work. Mr. F. H. Brooks presented a plea, which was signed by twenty-three present, for special work in winning souls.

Another meeting will be held next Friday night at the Baptist church.

Mr. Jim Eldridge Dies At Milton, Mass. Home

The sad news of the death of Mr. Jim Eldridge which occurred at his home at Milton, Mass., Thursday, January 9, reached here Saturday with the announcement that his body would be brought here for burial. The deceased, who was 53 years of age, was a son of the late Mr. Lovett Eldridge, who lived near town. About twenty-five years ago he left his native home and went to Massachusetts. For a long time he had been superintendent of the city home at Milton, a suburb of Boston. Last spring Mr. Eldridge, in company with some friends, visited his old home, making the trip through the country on an automobile.

The body reached Selma yesterday morning at five o'clock and was brought to Smithfield. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. A. J. Parker, after which interment was made in Oakland cemetery. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. T. R. Hood, J. H. Kirkman, Walter Grantham, H. M. Barber, J. D. Parker, W. L. Fuller, W. T. Adams and R. O. Cottor. The deceased is survived by his wife and daughter, Miss Lucile Eldridge, by his brother, Mr. John Eldridge, of Fair Haven, Mass., and two sisters, Mrs. J. B. Tomlinson, of Polenta section, and Miss Ellen Eldridge, of this city. Those accompanying the body from Massachusetts besides the wife and daughter of the deceased were Mr. and Mrs. John Eldridge. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved.

All South Field Sec. Endeavors In Kenly

Kenly, Jan. 12.—Mr. Frank P. Wilson, all South field secretary of Christian Endeavor, will speak at Kenly Presbyterian church Thursday evening, January 15, at 7:30 o'clock. All those who are interested in Christian Endeavor work are invited and urged to attend. Representatives from the nearby Christian Endeavors are expected to come and hear Mr. Wilson who will shine in Johnston County.

Mr. Joel B. Hudson Dead

Mr. Joel B. Hudson died suddenly near his home at Peacock's Cross Roads Saturday morning about nine o'clock. He was on his way to the home of his brother. It is thought that he had trouble with his car and got out to make some repairs when he dropped dead. He was found lying in the road. For some time he had suffered from high blood pressure and heart trouble, and while his death came as a shock, it was not entirely unexpected.

The deceased is survived by five daughters, the oldest of whom is sixteen years old. His wife died two years ago. Mr. Hudson was thirty-six years old. Interment was made Sunday afternoon.

OLDEST BANK IN CO. HAS GOOD YEAR

Stockholders Meeting Reveals Best Year Since 1919; Customers Checks, \$19,000,000

ELECT DIRECTORS

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First and Citizens National Bank of this city was held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock with twenty-four stockholders present in person and thirty-five represented by proxy. A total number of 1,299 shares out of 1,750 were represented. The officers reported a large volume of business handled during 1924, checks totaling \$19,175,176.18, being drawn on the bank by its customers during the past year. The bank handled out of town checks and bills of lading drafts approximating \$5,000,000. The officers considered the past year the most successful since 1919, all departments having gone ahead of 1922 and 1923. Two dividends of four per cent were paid during the year, the total dividends amounting to \$14,000.00. The bank now has a paid in capital stock to the amount of \$175,000.00, surplus \$52,500.00, and undivided profits \$5,003.24.

The stockholders at their meeting yesterday elected the following board of directors: W. H. Austin, F. H. Brooks, N. B. Grantham, W. F. Grimes, C. T. Hill, T. R. Hood, J. J. Broadhurst, S. T. Turge, J. W. Smith, L. D. Wharton, Will H. Lassiter, F. K. Broadhurst, William M. Sanders, J. D. Spiers, J. D. Underwood, and J. H. B. Tomlinson. The directors held their regular meeting last night, but as we go to press we have no report of their meeting.

Smithfield and Johnston county have reason to be proud of its banking institutions and especially of The First & Citizens National Bank which is the largest bank for the size of the town in North Carolina. Its deposits are approximately \$1,000,000 with capital, surplus and undivided profits of a quarter of a million. It is the oldest banking institution in Johnston county. It was organized in 1898 under the name "The Bank of Smithfield." Its first president was Allen K. Smith, at that time register of deeds of Johnston county. Its first cashier was John O. Ellington. It operated for about twelve months in the court house. Later the bank was opened on South Third Street. When the new hotel building was completed the bank moved its quarters there, where it did business until 1914 when the building which now houses the institution was erected at a cost of \$22,000. The bank started with a capital stock of less than \$15,000, and the figures already given above are proof enough that this institution has grown continuously since its organization.

This bank now requires a force of eight persons to carry on its work, and these are largely responsible for the efficient manner in which the business is handled. The officers during the past year were: T. R. Hood, president; R. P. Holding, cashier; F. C. Sweeney, W. R. Woodall, and Miss Vera Sanders, assistant cashiers; Robt. W. Sanders, H. R. McCullers, and Miss Ethel Barbour.

FEET OF CLAY

Manager Medlin of the Victory Theatre has secured "Feet of Clay" for tonight and tomorrow night. The same wizard of screen entertainment who produced "The Ten Commandments," "Male and Female" and "Manslaughter"—Cecil B. De Mille—is responsible for "Feet of Clay."

It is the story of the flapper of 18 growing into the wife of twenty-one, but still retaining much of her love for jazz and excitement, and getting into complications thereby. The settings vary from a Harlem two-by-four flat to a millionaire's yacht, with the latter type predominating. The scenes in which scores of beautiful bathing beauties race on surf boards; the society ballroom scenes; the scenes and gowns in the ultra-fashionable modiste shop—these are dazzling features you will never forget in "Feet of Clay."

KIWANIANS' FIRST MEETING IN 1925

New Officers Take Hold; A. M. Noble Speaks On Samoa; Mayor Pulls Stunt

LADIES FURNISH MUSIC

Gathering for the first time in the new year, the Smithfield Kiwanis Club held a most successful and at the same time a most enjoyable meeting in the Woman's Club Room last Thursday night at 6:30.

The meeting was featured by the installation of officers for the coming year, music by Misses Frances White and Lalla Rookh Stephenson, a stunt by Mayor John A. Narron, and an address on Samoa by Kiwanian Albert M. Noble.

President R. P. Holding, in his last official act as retiring officer of that rank, introduced: the new president, E. J. Wellons; the vice-president, H. B. Marrow; the District Trustee, Chas. A. Creech; the secretary, Geo. Y. Ragsdale; the board of directors, R. P. Holding, W. M. Sanders, A. M. Noble, Dr. C. C. Massey, H. L. Skinner, John A. Narron, and W. W. Jordan. Mr. Wellons, in a short talk, thanked the members for honoring him as the incoming president for the year, and proceeded with the appointment of the following committees: PROGRAM: A. M. Noble, H. C. Woodall, and R. P. Holding; STUNT: J. A. Narron, J. A. Wellons, Roger A. Smith; HOUSE: T. R. Hood, W. L. Fuller, and W. S. Ragsdale; MEMBERSHIP: W. N. Holt, H. L. Skinner, and W. M. Sanders; FINANCE: W. R. Sanders, Chas. Davis, and L. G. Stevens; BUSINESS METHODS: Dr. W. J. B. Orr, A. G. Johnson, and W. D. Avera; RECEPTION: E. L. Woodall, Dr. C. C. Massey, and Dr. Thel Hood; PUBLICITY: Geo. Y. Ragsdale, H. B. Marrow, and Joe Davis; INTER-CITY RELATIONS: C. C. Young, Dr. W. Parrish and H. K. Kasey; EDUCATION: T. H. Franks, A. J. Parker and D. H. Creech; PUBLIC AFFAIRS: R. R. Holt, N. B. Grantham, and Dr. N. T. Holland; ATTENDANCE: Louis Cohen, E. S. Edmundson and W. W. Jordan.

Following this, short impromptu talks were made by Chas. A. Creech and Dr. C. C. Massey. Then occurred perhaps the most humorous thing of the evening. Mayor Narron, called upon to deliver an economic lecture on the all-important "Egg", rose with an egg in his left hand, held it up before the Club, displayed it, and then in changing it to the other hand he dropped it. This caused a roar of laughter, and in mock anger Mayor Narron hurled about a dozen eggs at the members in all parts of the room. The eggs luckily had their "kernels" removed and were partly filled with some other and less injurious fluid.

Albert Noble, for several years a Judge in the Samoan Islands, delivered a detailed lecture on the life of the Samoans, their principal means of living, their crops, and the part played by the United States since they took over the Islands. In addition to this he gave a brief history of the people and the Islands prior to the protectorate of the United States over them. Miss White, soprano, and Miss Stephenson, pianist, rendered "Marcheta, Someone Loves Me, and Mighty Lak a Rose, all of which were generously applauded.

THE "FLAPPER GRANDMOTHER"

Tickets for the "Flapper Grandmother" which will be given at the high school auditorium tonight are on sale at all the drug stores. A section of the gallery will be reserved for the colored people and tickets for these may be had at the colored drug store. A number of little boys and the Girl Scouts are also selling tickets.

Wildwood News

Miss Lola Denning has returned to her home at Angier after visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Godwin.

Miss Maggie Hardee has returned to Stoval after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.

Resigns



Chas. E. Hughes, secretary of state who has resigned from Pres. Coolidge's Cabinet to take effect March 4. He will be succeeded by Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, now ambassador to Great Britain.

Large Number Donate Books to School Library

The faculty and pupils of Wilson's Mills High School wish to express their appreciation of the splendid additions that have been made to their library recently, and take this opportunity to thank the following who have contributed:

Miss Mary E. Wells, Mrs. P. H. Massey, Mrs. S. L. Barbour, Mrs. J. A. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, Mrs. G. C. Uzzle, Mrs. T. Sloan, Miss Atwood Sloan, Mrs. Lula Uzzle, Mrs. R. L. Ballinger, Mrs. Carl K. Parrish, Miss Evelyn Wilson, Mrs. C. A. Bryant, Mrs. Bet Jones, Mrs. Emma Hatcher, Mrs. A. L. Blanton.

The largest single donation was made by Mrs. A. L. Blanton and her mother who contributed the following books: Nine volumes of Robert Louis Stephenson's works, The Story of the Nation in seven volumes, The Nature Library, Butterflies (Holland), Fundamentals of Biology (Gager), Principles of Biology (Hamaker), Human Physiology (Stiles), Lucile (Owen Meredith), Boots and Saddles (aster), Middlemarch (George Eliott).

Mrs. Blanton presented also a collection of microscope slides, which will be very helpful in science work. Nathan Womack, Principal.

Celebrates Birthday

Wednesday night, January 7, Mrs. John Barnes and her daughter gave Mr. Barnes a birthday surprise by inviting a few of his friends over for supper. After supper many more came to pay their respects to their half century old friend. He said when he saw such a regiment he thought perhaps the Ku Klux were after him. Splendid music was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Eb Crocker and Mr. Will Tyner. Refreshments were served by Miss Barnes and a general good time was the result.

Mr. Barnes was the recipient of many useful gifts, among which was one package containing a ready-to-eat cooked pig's tail, presented by one of his lady friends. It came in a good time for Mr. Barnes was so happy to have his friends with him that he just had to shuffle a little to that good music. Mr. Barnes thanked his friends graciously and said he hoped to live to see fifty more such birthdays and have the same crowd to help him celebrate.

ONE PRESENT.

Smithfield, Route 2, Jan. 12.

Hardee. Mrs. H. W. Thornton and children, of Elevation, spent last week in this vicinity with relatives.

Mr. G. C. Godwin happened to the misfortune of having his home burned Thursday night, January 8.

Mr. Donnie Gilbert has been confined to his room with mumps.

Miss Thelma Weeks spent last Sunday at Elevation with Miss Pauline Thornton.

Mr. Ransom Massengill, of Durham, spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Massengill. REPORTER.

Benson, Route 3, January 9.

PLAN COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR CO.

Four Scheduled For Next Week At Royall, (Boon Hill), Royall, (Elevation) Meadow and Archer

MISS LANDON TO ASSIST

A series of community meetings for Johnston county has been arranged according to information received from Mr. J. G. Lawton, field representative of the North Carolina Cotton Association in this county. Miss Susan Landon, who is special field worker for the North Carolina Cotton Association, is assisting in this work and will be present at the meetings to help.

The schedule includes four dates, the first meeting to be held next Monday evening, January 19, at 7:30 o'clock at Royall school in Boon Hill township. The teachers of this school, Misses Meryl Creech and Mamie Leatherwood, will be in charge of the program. The committeemen are: Messrs. W. Howard Oliver, Richard Braswell and Solomon Daughtry.

Another meeting will be held Tuesday evening, January 20, at the same hour in Royall school, Elevation. The committeemen are Messrs. T. E. Johnson and Delmas Hardee.

On January 21, at 7:30 p. m., a meeting will be held at Meadow consolidated school, Mrs. R. E. Mosley will be the teacher in charge of the program. The committeemen are: Messrs. J. Lib Lee, Junius Barefoot, Cicero Hudson, A. B. Hood and J. M. Johnson.

The last meeting of the series will be held at Archer Lodge school on Thursday evening, January 22. Mr. J. C. Gibbs and Miss Mary Saunders will have charge of the program and the committeemen are: Messrs. Otis Barnes, Berry Boyett, and L. Giles.

At these meetings will be discussed matters that pertain to the uplift and advancement of the communities, industrially, intellectually and socially.

Creech Family Holds Reunion

On Thursday, December 25, a family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Creech. Though the day was rough, all the children and grandchildren were there. About ten o'clock all had arrived. Such fun to see the little folks tumbling around to tell what Santa had brought them! About one o'clock dinner was spread and such a nice dinner it was. Everything good to eat was there, and such eating! Sharp jokes flew. While some finished eating, some others ate so long they decided to come back and take supper. It was such a good time. We just thanked God for blessing this family to meet again in such good spirit and good health. Mother and father were among us in enjoying these good things to eat and the many good jokes.

After dinner we went to the parlor which was beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe and Christmas bells. Then we enjoyed some of our old hymns at the piano, talked over some of the by-gone days, and passed a few Christmas presents. About four o'clock all began to separate, saying it was the best Christmas they had spent in many years and wishing for many more happy reunions. ONE PRESENT.

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WHAT THEY DO

Let us thank God for books. When I consider what some books have done for the world and what they are doing; how they keep up our hope, awaken new courage and faith, soothe pain, give an ideal life to those whose homes are hard and cold, bind together distant ages and foreign lands, create new worlds of beauty, bring down truths from Heaven, to give eternal blessings for the gift, and pray that may use it aright and abuse it not.—James Freeman Clarke.

Mr. V. V. Hunter was called to Raleigh yesterday morning on account of the death of his mother which occurred at her home there.