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GOV. McLEAN SPEAKS TO JOINT SESSION

Gives Comprehensive Survey of State's Business; Thirty-five Million Road Bond Bill Introduced

PARDON COMMISSIONER

Raleigh, January 26.—The outstanding feature of the week in legislative circles was the message of Governor McLean to a joint session of the Assembly on Wednesday in the Hall of the House. The address was a comprehensive survey of the State's business, accompanied with important and valuable recommendations looking to the application of needed remedies to meet the urgent needs of the hour. The Governor would not retard the progress of the commonwealth in any sense, but he wants to proceed on a "safe and sane" basis. Enlargement of public institutions, to an extent that will enable them to keep pace with the State's steady and solid development, meets the Governor's approval, yet he would have all garments "cut to fit the cloth".

The Governor's suggestions were received with the closest attention by the solons and a crowd which packed the lobbies and galleries of the Hall. The need for an economical administration was one of the points in the message which received the "glad hand." The speaker wanted the financial condition of the State disclosed in its entirety and will be satisfied with nothing less. The Governor covered a number of subjects in his address, viz: Training in Agriculture, Health, Economy in Administration, the Budget System, Reform in Judicial Procedure, Freight Rates, Development of Water Transportation, Highways, Treatment of the Afflicted, The Pardoning Power, Blue Sky Law, Conservation and Development, Our Natural Resources, Industrial Development, Development of Coastal Plains, Treatment of Labor, Workmen's Compensation, Treatment of Prisoners, The State's Prison, Commercial Traffic on the Highways, Fish and Oysters, etc.

The question of deficit, or no deficit, has passed the debatable stage. It is here, and the size is yet to be determined. The most authentic information available fixes the amount as of June 30, 1924, at \$6,000,000. The Budget Commission estimates that a couple of millions more may as well be added to the shortage reported by the Auditor. Governor McLean insists that "all the cards be laid on the table," so that the General Assembly and the public may know "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." It is the Governor's purpose to get the State's expenditures back in line with its deficient revenues, and members of the General Assembly appear to be in accord with the views of the Executive.

The proposed 35-million bond bill for the further extension of the States highway system was trotted out for the inspection of both houses on Thursday. It was introduced in the house by Representative Bowie, of Ashe; in the Senate by Senator Heath, of Union. It will not take the course of the Port Terminals measure which the voters of the State rejected in November. The Legislature is either to accept or reject it. If it passes, the gasoline tax will be increased to four cents a gallon, and short term notes issued to take care of expenditures for road purposes until the bonds are issued and sold. It will likely pass muster, for good roads are the subject of genteel and polite conversation with most everybody in the State these days. So long as those who use the public highways most are willing to pay for the privilege will the State risk its credit in further extending the system.

The request of Governor McLean for a Pardon Commissioner is to be seriously considered. Representative Wamble, of Forsyth, has offered a bill which would authorize the appointment of an official to assist the Governor in connection with applications for pardons and commutations.

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Rides Cowcatcher



Mrs. Mary Clark of Indianapolis was hurled from an automobile when struck by a train landing on the cowcatcher where she clung, not seriously injured, for 12 miles. She suffered from exposure, as the weather was near zero. Her mother was killed, but a baby nephew also miraculously escaped death.

JOHNSTON CO. CLUB BOYS IN CONTEST

Robert Johnson and Hugh Johnson Among Winners Entered at Goldsboro Luncheon

COTTON YIELD RECORDS

The following boys were presented with checks, representing awards for efficiency in growing cotton, as members of the Boys Cotton Club of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Headquarters Kinston, N. C., at a meeting in Goldsboro January 22nd. The boys who have won, and their County Agents were the guests of the Eastern Chamber at a luncheon. The winners were: first zone—only one boy carried through his plot, Hildred Waters, Jones County; second zone: Edward Davis, Wayne Co., first prize; Aaron Peele, Wayne, second prize; Dal Williams, Lenoir, third prize; third zone—Robert Johnson, Johnston County, first prize; Hugh Johnson, Johnston, second prize; Roy Hunter, Lee County, third prize; fourth zone—Brooks Litaker, Rowan, first prize; William Heavner, Catawba, second prize; Claude Sigmon, Catawba, third prize. The County Agent winning the silver loving cup for best work, E. O. McMahon, Lee County.

The records show the average cost per acre of production and harvesting 38.03, with the average yield \$118.41, or a net profit of \$80.38. The lowest cost for a single acre was \$16.85, the highest cost for any one acre was \$65.45. The cost per acre for production was less where the boy grew two acres instead of one. The highest value for any one boy was Johnston County, \$199.88 on three-fourths of an acre. The following grading system was used in judging the reports: Completeness of both direct and indirect method used for boll weevil, 25 percent; records, 35 percent; written records of project, 15 percent; yield of seed cotton, 25 percent. The largest yield made by any boy was Claude Sigmon, Catawba County, 2653 pounds of seed cotton on one acre. However, yield counted only 25 percent, and Mr. Sigmon missed first place on other points that counted. The second largest yield was 2269 pounds seed cotton on one acre, by Edward Davis, Wayne County. Edward won first place. The third largest yield of seed cotton was Johnston County, by Hugh Johnston, 2091 pounds, which netted 936 pounds lint cotton, the largest yield of lint cotton on one acre. Robert Johnson of Johnston County, made 1800 pounds on three-fourths of an acre. Same ratio would have made 2400 pounds for the full acre. In commenting on the reports, Assistant State Agent Kirby said: "It was a big success and I hope you will do it again."

Circle No. Four To Meet
Circle Number Four of the M. E. Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. N. B. Grantham.

Circle No. Three To Meet
Circle Number Three of the M. E. Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. W. C. Coates Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

Enlarge Implement Department
The firm W. M. Sanders and Son has moved its stock of farm implements into the store recently vacated by Morris Hurwitz. A bigger line than ever will be carried and Mr. W. H. Sanders, Jr., will be in charge of this department.

Tobacco Market Closes
The tobacco market here will close next Friday for this season. There have been good sales since the Christmas holidays and tobacco has brought good prices.

RALEIGH KIWANIAN GUEST LOCAL CLUB

Gilbert T. Stephenson Addresses Club on "Building An Estate"; Special Music Features Program

NEW INTEREST IN CLUB

(By Geo. Y. Ragsdale)

Holding their regular semi-monthly meeting in the Woman's Club Room last Thursday evening at six-thirty o'clock, the local Kiwanis Club celebrated the tenth anniversary of Kiwanis International. The program was featured with music by Mrs. W. J. B. Orr, and Miss Irene Myatt, and an address by Gilbert T. Stephenson, Raleigh Kiwanian, and vice-president and Trust Officer of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.

Kiwanian Charles A. Creech, Trustee, made a short talk on the Harding Goodwill Memorial, to be placed at Vancouver, B. C., the funds for which are being raised by Kiwanis International. Mr. Creech referred to the former President as a Kiwanian of the highest calibre, one who worked toward establishing good will and friendliness with every interest for America and Americans. Each Club throughout the United States and Canada is asked to contribute to the fund.

Mr. Stephenson, the principal speaker of the evening, was then introduced by President E. J. Wellons, as one of the best speakers in Raleigh and one of the best Kiwanians in the State. Mr. Stephenson's subject was "Building an Estate." He best be administered. Life insurance his subject, even though it was the tenth anniversary of Kiwanis, and that his subject was not in any way related to the occasion. Then plunging into his subject, he related the duties of men to save and build up estates for their families for their protection, how they might best be guaranteed and how they may come in for the most outstanding division of his address, this, he said, being one of the very best and certainly the surest means of building up a large estate. Funded insurance estates came in for a good bit of discussion. Then finally he went into the matter of best administrative means, providing the best means of protection for the family.

Both Mrs. Orr and Miss Myatt sang. Mrs. Orr first gave two solos, accompanied by Miss Myatt, and then the latter sang twice, accompanied by Mrs. Orr. Kiwanians refused to say which they liked the best, both being so thoroughly enjoyed.

Every available seat at the large there being about forty members of horse-shoe shaped table was taken, the local club present. Interest has been at a high pitch for the last month, and every member is fighting to keep it up. The next meeting will be held February 5.

Service at Primitive Church
There will be services at the Primitive church here Thursday morning at eleven o'clock. Elder Ben Martin from the western part of the state will preach. He will also preach in Benson on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

In Honor of Miss Ward
Last Friday evening Mrs. Charles Davis entertained quite a number of friends at the May-San Tea Room in honor of her niece, Miss Bettie Ward, of Baltimore. Rook and bridge were the features of entertainment, four tables being arranged for bridge and five for rook. Mrs. R. P. Holding won the prize for top score in bridge, while Mrs. Will H. Lassiter was awarded the prize for having the highest score in rook. The honoree was also presented with a natty prize.

At the close of the games, delicious refreshments were served. Sweet peas and ferns were given a flavors. Thirty-six guests enjoyed Mrs. Davis' hospitality.

NEWS OF INTEREST IN TOWN BENSON

Social Clubs Hold Interesting Meetings; Miss Fulghum Speaks To Parents and Teachers

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

Benson, Jan. 26.—Mrs. J. B. Faircloth was hostess to the John Charles McNeill Book Club on Friday afternoon. In the absence of the president, Mrs. O. A. Barbour presided. After a brief business meeting the program for the afternoon was rendered. The subject was "Two Heroes of the South". Mrs. R. C. Wells gave an interesting paper on Thomas Nelson Page and Mrs. W. H. Royall on O. Henry. Mrs. William Woodall read the "The Lickpeny Lover," from O. Henry. Books were then exchanged. After the program the guests engaged in an interesting contest. Mrs. R. C. Wells won the prize, two dainty embroidered handkerchiefs. The hostess, assisted by Mrs. R. C. Wells, served chicken salad, sandwiches, pickles, coffee, icecream, cake mints and salted peanuts in red baskets. The favors were in keeping with the Valentine season. The cream was in the shape of a heart topped with a cherry. The decorations were red and white. Those present besides the club members were: Mesdames C. C. Canaday, G. E. Parker, Jr., J. C. Warren, W. T. Martin, Hugh Flowers and W. R. Strickland.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin and W. T. Jr., went to Richmond Sunday for a few days.

Mr. Sherrill Utley, of the State University, spent the week end with relatives.

Miss Susie Fulghum, of the State Department, was the principal speaker at the Parent-Teacher meeting on Wednesday afternoon. The Benson high school is laying plans to standardize the elementary department of the school and at this meeting Miss Fulghum gave an outline of things to be done. Benson expects to be added to the list this year. A special feature of the Parent-Teacher meeting was a health play put on by the second grade, Miss Caroline Fitzgerald, teacher.

The Methodists will have a Get-Together meeting at the church Wednesday evening at seven o'clock. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the church. An interesting program is being arranged. It is expected that the entire membership will be present.

The Entree Nour club met with Mrs. R. L. Bryant Friday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock. Mesdames J. F. Martin, C. C. Canaday and S. P. J. Lee were in charge of the program.

Mrs. W. T. Martin gave a message to the members for the new year year. The hostess had a very interesting contest. Mrs. M. A. Peacock, being the winner, was presented with a bottle of perfume. Mrs. Bryant, assisted by Mrs. Howard Weinges, served a salad course, sandwiches, gelatine topped with whipped cream, cake coffee and mints in baskets. Those present besides the club members were: Mesdames William Woodall, M. A. Peacock, Howard Weinges. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. S. P. J. Lee.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver were in Clayton Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. J. E. Blalock attended the Grand Lodge in Raleigh this week.

Help The School Beautiful Committee

Friday evening of this week a "musical Tea" will be given in the high school auditorium, the proceeds of which will be used by the School Beautiful Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association to improve the looks of the school grounds. The program will be given by local talent and no admission will be charged. Those who will, however, are asked to carry a shrub for planting, a cash contribution, or the promise of time to help put out the plants. There are a number of native trees and shrubs that will be welcome contributions. Water Oaks, pine trees, cedars and the evergreen myrtle which grow in the woods in this locality will be especially appreciated. Those bringing plants are requested to label them. Money contributed will be used for preparing the ground fertilizer, and bringing additional shrubs.

The plants given will be planted on Saturday, Jan. 31st.

This planting is to be regarded as a beginning toward improving the appearance of the school grounds, and from time to time the committee will be urged to co-operate in this movement.

CO. BOARD HEALTH HOLDS A MEETING

Dr. W. S. Rankin of The State Board of Health Discusses Work of Whole Time Health Officer

CO. CONSIDERS THIS MOVE

At a meeting of the County Board of Health held in the court house here last Saturday, a discussion was started that may result in the employment of a whole time Health officer in Johnston county.

Present at the meeting were J. W. Jones, chairman; J. A. Narron, H. B. Marrow, Dr. C. C. Massey and Dr. J. B. Person, these three gentlemen constituting the entire board.

Dr. W. S. Rankin of the State Board of Health was present on the invitation of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board. He discussed the advisability of employing a full time Health Officer in Johnston county and he explained what part of this expense the State would bear. The point was made that a full time Health officer could be had with the aid of the State at what a part time Health officer is now costing. Dr. Rankin so impressed the Board with the advisability of putting on a full time Health Officer that the following resolution was passed:

Upon motion of Dr. J. B. Person it was unanimously decided that the Chairman and Secretary ascertain from Dr. Rankin when he could be at a meeting of the Board of Health of Johnston County, the Medical Society and all interested citizens of Johnston County; said meeting to be held in the Court House. Upon ascertaining the date that Dr. Rankin would be present, the Secretary was instructed to notify the President of the Johnston County Medical Society and request him to notify all members of this Society to be present at this meeting, and also to notify the leading citizens who were interested, particularly the editors of the newspapers, to be present at this meeting.

In accordance with this resolution, a meeting has been arranged for next Saturday, Jan. 31st, at which time Dr. Rankin will present to a public meeting to be held in the Court House what it will mean for Johnston county to employ a whole time Health officer.

Electric Meters Being Tested
In order that the electric meters of all the residences and business houses in this city may register with absolute accuracy, the town is taking the trouble to have every electric meter tested. Mr. K. Banner, of Raleigh, a specialist in this line of work, began his work of testing meters about a week ago. It will require probably a month to complete it.

KENLY ORGANIZES BUILDING AND LOAN

Woman's Club Sponsors Worth While Educational Program; Delightful Social Events

PERSONAL MENTION

Kenly, Jan. 26.—Rudolph Kirby has returned from Carolina General Hospital in Wilson, where he recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Draughn spent the week end in Whitaker with relatives.

Mrs. W. T. Bailey is making a two weeks visit to relatives in Spring Hope and Franklin County. While away she will attend a memorial service to be held for her father, whose death occurred during the Christmas season.

Miss Inez Edgerton has just returned from an extended trip to Wilmington, Nashville, and Goldsboro, where she visited friends.

Messrs. Herbert Waldrop and D. H. Kirby, of Greenville, spent Sunday here with friends and relatives.

Mr. J. Marion Woolard, Jr., who for a number of years has been the efficient cashier of the Farmer's Bank, has resigned that position and has gone in business with the Bailey Auto Company.

Mr. Jack Hooks has accepted a position with the Bailey Auto Company.

The Woman's Club held its regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the Club room. Matters of civic interest were discussed and committees were appointed to carry out one or more projects. The Education chairman gave a fine report of the work being done in connection with the school. Hot lunches are served on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, the grade mothers are on their job, an the rest room is filling a keenly felt need in the school, particularly among the pupils who come from a distance. The president reported that Better Speech week would be observed by the club through the school. The department chairmen were appointed as a committee to make plans toward the serving of meals during the Eastern Carolina Exposition which is to be held in Smithfield on April 13 to 18. One new member was added to the club roll.

Messrs. C. F. Darden and Lloyd Sellars have opened a new market under the firm name of Darden & Sellars next door to J. G. High's store. They will also handle groceries.

Mrs. E. V. Neighbors, Mrs. Claude Edgerton and Mr. J. M. Woolard, Jr., spent Friday in Raleigh.

The Kenly Building and Loan Association, an organization that is practically new, having been started in May by three interested persons, held a most enthusiastic meeting on Friday evening with about fifty people present. All expenses were reported paid and an investment of 5 per cent made. A new series began on January 14, in which 285 shares have already been sold. Anyone interested in saving, and in building and owning a home should join this organization which represents safe investments and mutual benefits to all concerned. The officers of this live association are: president, E. V. Neighbors; vice-president, L. C. Wilkinson; secretary-treasurer, E. B. Draughn.

Mrs. H. M. Grizzard Entertains at Two Parties

On Thursday evening from eight to twelve, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard entertained forty young people of the town in their modern and beautiful home which has recently been completed. The guests were met by the host and hostess and directed to the cloak rooms by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Edgerton. Miss Inez Edgerton received at the stairway where each person was labeled with his first name, Rotarian style and received a slip of paper, with four columns entitled "Brown Eyes," "Blue Eyes," "Grey Eyes," on which he wrote the names of all present in the proper columns. After much planning and consultation each of these groups performed an amusing stunt. Perhaps the most mirth-provoking one was pulled off by the Brown Eyes, who represented

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