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ROAD BOND ISSUE IS NOW PROMINENT

Governor McLean Favors a \$20,000,000 Road Program; Deficit Is No Longer Denied

THIS IMPORTANT WEEK

Raleigh, Feb. 2.—Some one has said that a legislature is often times a body of men, surrounded by much talk. So far, the General Assembly of 1925 has not contracted that habit and the State has a reasonable right to be proud of the personnel of her legislative body. The members seem to be dead in earnest about doing the job they were sent here to do across in a perfectly proper way and are not disposed to let any "jokers" get by. In both branches the legislative wheels go round smoothly with little lost motion, or loss of time.

The legislative grind is now on, some 400 bills having been dropped into the hopper and started on the journey to committee pigeon holes, or to the office of the Secretary of State "Enrolled and Ratified." While many will emerge fresh and clean as when the trip was begun, there's going to be a goodly number so badly worn, kicked, abused, cruelly treated, that their own dear "daddies" will not recognize the poor things when they meet 'em face to face on the Assembly floor.

The coming week promises to be more prolific of important legislation than the past four weeks have been. Principally, the talk is about bonds for highway construction, bonds for state institutions and bonds for the World War Veteran's Loan Fund. In fact, the bond issue is something like a passenger's first meal aboard ship. It's liable to come up at any moment. However, Governor McLean is not at all enamored of the bond idea on a very extensive scale, at the present time. He does not believe a single dollar not absolutely necessary for the public good should be appropriated by the present General Assembly and is disposed to use the knife wherever a cut in amounts requested can be made without doing violence to the subject.

In his second message to the General Assembly on Friday the Governor re-iterated his determine to revise the fiscal policy of the State and invited the co-operation of the members in getting proposed new machinery into action. He asks for a law providing an executive budget system which would provide continuous supervision of all the institutions and agencies of the State, to the end that the appropriations made by the General Assembly may be kept within bounds and expended as directed. Under the budget system covering the period July 1st to June 30th, all revenues actually collected during that period would be applicable to that fiscal year and all appropriations and other expenditures actually disbursed during that same period would be applicable to that period only. The Governor told the legislators that he would prepare and submit to them a bill embodying the provisions which he feels that the budget system outlined in his message should contain, and it is safe bet that he will get exactly what he wants in this respect. Hardly anybody will dispute the fact that the patient is in a condition to respond to heroic treatment and Mr. McLean's prescription seems to fit the case.

The Governor places himself on record as squarely opposed to the issue of more than \$25,000,000 bond for all purposes this year. He suggests \$20,000,000 for roads, 3,600,000 for permanent improvements at the State Institutions, and \$2,000,000 to finance the World War Veteran's Loan Fund approved by the voters of the State at the general election in November. In his message he declared himself unequivocally in favor of continuing the construction of highways until the entire system is completed as originally planned, but frankly admitted that, in his opinion, the credit of the State could not stand for additional long-term construction bond in the amount proposed by the Bowie

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WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET HERE TODAY

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at club room today instead of Wednesday, the usual day. The meeting will be at three o'clock this afternoon. The report of the nominating committee appointed a month ago will be given at this time. The speaker invited to talk on some civic matter is Mr. W. L. Fuller. A large attendance is urged.

New Officers Of The Baptist Church Elected

Last Sunday was observed as Installation Day at the Baptist church when all the officers in all the departments of the church were formally installed, together with the teachers in the Sunday school. This service was postponed this year in order that all the organizations might be given time to choose their officers at the time of their regular election, the time for election in some of them not coinciding with the church year as a whole. All or nearly all of the organizations have decided to let the terms of office expire with that of the regular officers of the church in October, in order that all the church and department officers may go into office at the same time, and be installed in one general installation service.

The principal officers installed are as follows: F. H. Brooks as a new member of the board of deacons; J. H. Wiggs, clerk; D. H. Creech, treasurer; Miss Cherry Gurley, financial secretary; W. H. Lassiter, superintendent of the Sunday school; Mrs. J. H. Wiggs, superintendent of young people's work; Mrs. Layton McGugan, superintendent of Christian education; Mrs. G. W. Hicks, superintendent of Missions; R. P. Holding, auditor; Miss Lalla Rookh Stephenson, pianist; Mrs. V. N. Holt, historian; Mrs. Paul V. Brown, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. J. D. Dickens, leader of the Girls' Auxiliary; Mrs. H. H. Johnson, leader of the Sunbeams; George Y. Ragsdale, leader of the Royal Ambassadors; Miss Ruth Wilson, president of the B. Y. P. U.

It was announced that next Sunday night the pastor would exchange pulpits with the pastor of the Methodist church.

Fathers and Sons Hold Banquet

Between fifty and sixty fathers and sons gathered around the banquet table in the basement of the Methodist church last Thursday evening, and participated in a most worth while discussion dealing with Sunday school work and social questions of the community. The banquet was the first of a series planned for the pupils of the Senior Intermediate Dept. Mr. Chas. A. Creech, one of the teachers in the department, was master of ceremonies. The program for the evening called for the following talks: My Experience With Boys, by J. H. Abell; Knowledge Boys Ought To Have, by Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church; Home Preparation of S. S. lessons, by A. M. Noble; How To Keep Fit, by Dr. Thel Hooks; Influence In The Home, by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church. Some of the talks provoked discussion and several impromptu talks were made.

Big Sale In Four Oaks

Mr. W. J. Lewis, an enterprising general merchant of Four Oaks, is putting on the biggest sale ever put on in that city. It is the first time a firm there has ever had a double page advertisement or distributed double page posters. Mr. C. W. Chandler, of the A. A. Haack Sale System, Columbia, S. C., is in charge of the advertising. Mr. Lewis has been in business for years but has never before had a big sale and he ventures to say that he will make up for lost time in this one. Look up his ad elsewhere in this issue and read it.

Tom Tarheel says the folks around his house seem happier since he put in the electric lights. The old place seems more cheerful in every way.

DR. MASSEY NEW CO. HEALTH OFFICER

Dr Rankin of The State Health Dept. Addresses Citizens; Action Taken at Once By Co. Board of Health

NO MORE COST TO COUNTY

The Johnston County Board of Health at a special meeting held Saturday afternoon, January 31, after listening to Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the State Department of Health, present the question of a whole time health officer to a number of interested citizens, unanimously elected Dr. C. C. Massey, of this city, to that position. Dr. Massey's term of office as full time health officer of Johnston County began February 1.

Present in the court house on Saturday afternoon were representatives from various parts of the county, who gave the closest attention to Dr. Rankin as he presented some outstanding facts in regard to health conditions in Johnston County. "Johnston County," said Dr. Rankin, "with its fifty-one thousand people is perhaps the largest and wealthiest county in the state with no full time health officer." Thirty-five counties are finding this work worth while. Last year 571 deaths occurred in Johnston County. More than three times as much typhoid fever as the average county in the United States has, prevailed in Johnston County last year. Fifteen deaths occurred from this disease. These figures are startling enough to say nothing of the amount of sickness which kept people in bed. In addition to this three or four times as many folks are going around with impaired health as were confined to their beds.

These figures are suggestive of the enormous task that will confront a whole time health officer in Johnston County, but they do not tell the whole story. Last year 1,850 babies were born in Johnston County. Thirty per cent of these came into the world without medical attention and of the other seventy percent a number had inadequate attention. Dr. Rankin cited what is being done in Beaufort County along this line. A law has been passed requiring midwives to have permits, these being given after a satisfactory examination for a period of one year. What Beaufort has done Johnston County can do.

Dr. Rankin then spoke of the value of the doctor and nurse going to the public schools and giving the children physical examination to find impairments that are hampering them in their school work. He spoke of the work in combatting communicable diseases. Eighteen deaths occurred in Johnston County last year from whooping cough. Typhoid vaccination, investigation of sources of infection, immunization from diphtheria are some of the things that a whole time health officer may undertake. Dr. Rankin called attention to the fact that one man cannot put over as full a program as he outlined but some part of it may be selected. He showed how health work is an economic problem as well as a moral condition. The health of one's self and that of his neighbor is the highest civic obligation. Dr. Rankin wove the story of the Good Samaritan most effectively. Dr. Rankin hears that the ten commandments were authority for promoting health work. "Thou shalt not kill," means more than shooting down a fellow man. Carelessness may kill just as surely.

At the conclusion of Dr. Rankin's address various citizens followed quickly with brief remarks. Those endorsing the whole time health officer were: Dr. L. D. Wharton and Dr. Geo. D. Vick, representing the Johnston County Medical Society, Rev. S. L. Morgan, H. V. Rose, R. L. Flowers and Billy Barnes. A motion was carried recommending the employment of a whole time health officer for the county.

Board of Health then retired in executive session and took up the matter of electing a whole time health officer. The following members of the board were present: J. W. Jones, chairman, J. A. Narron, H. B. Mar-

BUILDING & LOAN CLOSSES BEST YEAR

Builds \$4,000 House Every 30 Days; Officers Elected For New Year

W. W. JORDAN PRESIDENT

The Building and Loan Association of Smithfield has just closed the most satisfactory year of its history, according to a statement made by the secretary, Mr. J. J. Broadhurst. A four thousand-dollar house every thirty days is what the Association is building on an average, fifteen mortgage loans, aggregating \$64,000.00 having been made last year. This institution has been operating twelve years, having been organized in 1913. The first house to be built by the Association is the one now occupied by Mr. Will H. Lassiter in Brooklyn. Mr. George Barbour built the house which was later purchased by Mr. Lassiter. Since that time many a citizen in Smithfield has been enabled to own his own home.

At the annual stock-holders meeting held recently the following officers were elected: president, W. W. Jordan, vice-president, W. D. Hood; secretary-treasurer, J. J. Broadhurst; attorney, F. H. Brooks. The board of directors is composed of W. W. Jordan, J. J. Broadhurst, W. D. Averra, W. H. Austin, W. D. Hood, W. S. Ragsdale and F. H. Brooks.

The annual statement of the Association and audit of the State Insurance Department is published in this issue. The January series is now open and those interested in saving in this manner are invited to take shares.

Heat From Fireplace Causes Fire Thursday night about 1:30 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gray were awakened and smoke was discovered coming up through the floor in their living room. Examination showed fire which had caught under the house near the fireplace. Mr. H. M. Morgan, who lives next door to Mr. Gray, was called and the fire was extinguished without the aid of the fire department. It is thought that the fire caught from the heat of the fireplace.

BAPTIST MINISTERS TO MEET HERE

Next Thursday, Feb. 5, all the pastors of Baptist churches in the Johnston Association will meet here at the Baptist church. The meeting which will open at eleven o'clock, is called for the purpose of discussing plans for the year.

Dr. J. B. Person, of Selma, was absent. Dr. C. C. Massey was unanimously elected for a term of two years at a salary of \$3800.00. As soon as Dr. Massey was elected county health officer he resigned as a member of the County Board of Health. Dr. A. H. Rose was elected to succeed him on the board.

The election of a full time health officer will not cost the county as much as the health work has been costing. Heretofore Johnston County has employed a part time health officer and there were a number of calls on the County Commissioners every day for work not done by the part time health officer. When a full time Health officer is employed, the State contributes toward his salary to the extent of dollar for dollar up to \$2500 per year, of \$3800, which means that the county will pay only \$1300 for a full time Health Officer, and this is less than has been expended on health work heretofore. The State will not help on the salary of a part time health officer.

Dr. Massey, who has been chosen for this work, is well qualified. He is a graduate of the State University, and of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He served as interne in Rex Hospital after his graduation. He entered the World War and served overseas. He located in this city about five months ago for the practice of his profession. He is a native Johnstonian, which is calculated to increase his interest in alleviating suffering in this county.

A Report Of The Community Fund

Early last October, a movement was commenced for the relief of suffering in our town. A fund was provided, which was called "The Smithfield Community Fund." This fund was furnished by the town of Smithfield, and by nearly all of the benevolent institutions among us. It was placed at the disposal of the "United Welfare Association," a group of people composed of representatives from each of the organizations contributing to the Fund, with the Welfare Officer as Chairman. The promise was made that at intervals a statement, comprising a list and description of cases relieved, with an account of all moneys expended, should be sent to every contributor to this Fund. I therefore take this opportunity to render an account of our stewardship through the columns of The Herald. For obvious reasons, it is not deemed best to publish the names of the beneficiaries; but in the statements which will be mailed to every contributor names will be given, and anyone wishing to learn more of the cases may do so by calling upon the representative of his club or society. I shall beg The Herald to print below a description of all these cases, without giving names.

The administration of such a trust in such a way as to show fairness to all parties is no easy matter, and while all disbursements have been made with the advise of the members of the Welfare Association, the responsibility rested heavily upon us all. Especially was this the case as we have had a season of much suffering, and as the work done in this manner was new to most of us. We are conscious of several mistakes, due to lack of experience, which we will try to avoid in the future. We believe our most grave mistake was in lending, in two instances, money without proper security. But in these two cases it appeared that the loans were necessary in order to enable several children to attend school. Both families had had considerable sickness and were out of work, and it seemed a pity to permit the children to suffer the loss of time in school in consequence of these unavoidable misfortunes. Both loans were made with the understanding that they were to be repaid, and I fully expect to collect them. Another cause of regret, though we cannot term it a mistake, because it was unavoidable, is that the Negro people have not benefited at all from the Fund. As the larger part of it was furnished by the town from taxes, in which the Negro citizens shared, it was expected that they would receive relief from the Fund as well as the White citizens. But while I have asked the Negro preachers to report all cases of need to me, they so far have not reported a single case. Another cause of regret is that such a large part of the Fund was used in the Mill villages which are outside the corporate limits of Smithfield. But these people were so near to us, and the cases of suffering so acute and so numerous, that it was impossible to refuse them help. By reference to the list below, it will be seen that of the \$257.54 so far expended, \$226.74 was spent in the two mill villages. However, we feel sure that if the generous donors who could see the pitiable cases as we have seen them, they would not have had otherwise. Indeed, it will be necessary to use many times the amount named, before all the suffering in those localities can be satisfactorily relieved.

Amounts contributed to the Community Fund and contributors:

Oct. 8, 1924, \$50.00—Town S'Field
Oct. 8, 1924, 25.00—W.M.S., M.E. Church.
Oct. 15, 1924, 20.00—Kiwanis Club
Oct. 17, 1924, 30.00—W'man's Aux
Episcopal church.
Oct. 20, 1924, 10.00—Mrs. F. K. Broadhurst.
Oct. 20, 1924, 5.00—Mrs. Thel Hooks.
Nov. 1, 1924, 5.00—B. & P. Women's Club.
Nov. 15, 1924, 50.00—Town S'Field (Refund)
Dec. 11, 1924, 10.00—Mrs. Thel Hooks.
Jan. 20, 1925, 25.00—W. M. S., of M. E. Church.
Jan. 26, 1925, 50.00—Town S'Field

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CO. COMMISSIONERS SPEND BUSY DAY

Will Re-Convene Again Today to Complete Routine; Items Disposed Of.

WILL DRAW JURY TODAY

The County Board of Commissioners met in regular session here yesterday, every member being present as follows: J. W. Jones, chairman, A. B. Hocutt, L. E. Barbour, W. T. Lee and A. H. Morgan. It was a full day and the board will re-convene this morning to complete unfinished business among which items will be the drawing of two sets of jury for regular and special terms of the Superior Court. The following items of business were disposed of yesterday.

Ordered that B. Stanley be allowed to list 3 1/2 acres of land in Ingrams township formerly owned by D. D. Thomas which was listed in 1921 at \$1410, at \$1000.

Ordered that Van Dail be reimbursed \$2.69 as special district school tax in Selma township.

Application filed for the discontinuance of road across the land of Rev. Robert Strickland in Bentonville township. Will be heard next regular meeting.

Ordered that D. C. Smith be paid \$355.81 salary and expense account for county home.

Ordered that B. F. Johnson be paid \$75 for a cow for the county home.

Ordered that C. W. Pearce be paid \$18.50 for work and taking vital statistics.

Ordered that J. H. Creech, treasurer of the O'Neals township road commissioners, be allowed to give a personal bond in the amount of \$2,500 for the security of the road funds in the said township and that said treasurer be allowed to have supervision of the expenditure of the funds in said township when necessary to pay any such moneys for labor or material necessary for the building and maintenance of the public roads in said township. Said bond has been duly given and order approved by the board.

Ordered that W. N. Lee be paid \$5.00 for one sheep killed by Jasper Beasley's dog.

Ordered that "Bill" Wood, of Elevation township, be admitted to the county home.

Ordered that the county attorney be and is hereby instructed and empowered to take legal action against Leon G. Stevens, executor of the late W. S. Stevens estate, to force a settlement as shown to be now due the county of the late W. S. Stevens, Clerk of the Court, by the audit of his office during his term of office; and that the said county attorney be instructed to take legal action for the collection of the balance due by Z. L. LeMay during his office in the clerk's office of the Johnston County Superior Court as shown by an audit of said office by the A. M. Pullen Company, public accountants.

Ordered that a certain piece of road in Smithfield township leading from the McCullers mill across Middle Creek to the Hunter road be taken over by the Smithfield township road commission and put in good condition as a public road.

Ordered that the county pay for 4 flags to help decorate the front of the county court house at \$4.35 each.

Ordered that Wm. M. Fancher be allowed \$3.00 per day to pay his helper in his work as county veterinarian.

Ordered that J. D. Parker be paid \$50 for services as county attorney for December and January.

Women's Committee To Meet In Kenly

A very important meeting of the Woman's Division of the Eastern Carolina Exposition will be held in Kenly at the home of Mrs. H. M. Grizzard tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock. Every member of all the committees is requested to be present.