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## GOVERNOR AGAINST GOVERNMENT WASTE

State-Wide Australian Ballot System Defeated By One Vote; Primary Measure Set For Tonight

SESSION ONE WEEK MORE

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, March 2.—Recommending changes in departments which would drastically re-organize affairs at the Capitol, striking fear deep into the hearts of state employees and in general sounding a note of determined opposition to waste in government and employment of more than the actual number of workers needed to keep the State's affairs operating Governor McLean appeared before the General Assembly on Friday. This was easily the outstanding event of a week crowded with matters of legislative significance.

During the week, the measure creating an executive budget system was passed; the state-wide Australian ballot system was defeated by parliamentary tactics led by Tobe Connor of Wilson and seconded by Everett of Durham and Turlington of Iredell, who made the motion to table the revenue bill was submitted and given approval of the House carrying twelve millions in revenue; the salaries of all state employees were published as required by the resolution of Senator Humphrey; a bill to create a pardon board to take over the function of clemency from the governor was introduced; a measure was favorably reported to increase the size of the state highway commission; the measure to investigate freight rates and water transportation went over till this week; the measure to abolish the statewide primary was set as a special order for Tuesday night; the bill was passed to construct a \$600,000 toll bridge over the Chowan river and a bill was passed to allow New Hanover county to build a \$1,250,000 bridge to connect Wilmington with the State Highway from Wilmington to Asheville via Charlotte; resolution expressing confidence in W. N. Everett, secretary of state.

It was a busy week for the legislators, featured by two sessions in each house every day and capped with the speech of Governor McLean. In brief, the governor recommended that the revenue collecting agencies of the state, the Insurance Department, and the Secretary of State's powers, and all revenue be collected by the department of revenue. This will transfer the auto license department to the Revenue department. He further recommended the creation of a salary commission to investigate the work being done by each employee of the State to fix the salary of each employee commensurate with the work accomplished and to recommend where employees might be dropped. The merging of the revenue collecting agencies, the Governor argues also, would result in decreasing duplication of work and the dropping of many employees at a great saving. He further argued for a system of turning over all moneys collected daily to the Treasurer and to have the Treasurer as the only officer of the State with a bank account. This, he said, would make available to the Treasurer all funds of the State and would prevent short term financing to a large extent, the interest being saved.

The Australian ballot bill went down to defeat 56 to 55 in the House when it was tabled. Connor of Wilson stood out in the forefront of those willing to deny a man's right to vote secretly when he made the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was tabled and brought about the motion by Everett of Durham to table the Connor motion, seconded by Connor and the clincher was put to the bill preventing its further consideration this session. The bill had been brought up when an unfavorable report was refused, and a minority report accepted.

The Revenue bill carrying tax schedules estimated to raise twelve millions was considered and approved by

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## ELECT BEAUTY QUEEN

Kenly's Beauty Queen for the Eastern Carolina Exposition was elected on Friday evening in the high school auditorium. Mr. H. M. Grizzard acted as chairman and called on Mr. E. V. Neighbors to read the rules governing the selection, after which paper and pencils were distributed and the voting was done by secret ballot. Miss Nell Hardison was elected by quite a large majority. Some others receiving votes were Misses Mildred Darden, Martha Lee North and Inez Edgerton.

It was announced that the babies to represent Beulah township in the Baby Show will be elected on Friday, March 6, in the same way.

## BAPTISTS TO HOLD CONFERENCE HERE

Associational Conference To Be Held At Baptist Church Here Thursday

Johnston Baptists are expected in large numbers to attend the associational conference at the Smithfield Baptist church next Thursday, the 5th. All the pastors of the association are expected, and representatives from most of the churches. The Johnston association is now a large body, numbering, according to the minutes of the last association, 5,644 members, with 47 churches. Every church is invited to send some of its most active workers, and a large attendance is looked for. Dr. Charles L. Greaves, pastor of the Tabernacle church, Raleigh, and Rev. W. M. Gilmore, of Raleigh, will be leading speakers, with a number of prominent pastors in the Johnston association. The program will begin at 10 a. m., and will continue well into the afternoon, the ladies of the Smithfield church serving a lunch at the noon hour. Following is the program:

- 10:00. Devotional Service—S. S. McGregor.
- 10:30. The State Mission Program—R. C. White.
- 11:00. The Home Mission Task—R. F. Hall.
- 11:30. The Imperative Foreign Mission Appeal—S. L. Morgan.
- 12:00. Stewardship and Better Financial Methods—Dr. Chas. L. Greaves
- 12:30.—Lunch.
- Afternoon Session
- 1:30. Devotional Service—W. T. Evans.
- 1:45. The Significance of the 1925 Program—W. M. Gilmore.
- 2:15. The Present Status—Brief reports from each church.
- 3:00. Plans for Reaching a Worthy Goal by April 30—general discussion, led by O. A. Keller.

## Gutzon Borglum Arrested Greensboro

Gutzon Borglum, sculptor who has charge of the Stone Mountain memorial near Atlanta, was arrested in Greensboro Saturday night by Greensboro police who charged him with being a fugitive from justice. Borglum is wanted in Atlanta for "malicious mischief" in connection with the Confederate Memorial.

Borglum, with J. T. Tucker, superintendent of building construction of the Stone Mountain project, stopped in Raleigh, and in an interview with newspaper reporters of that city, stated that he did not propose to be taken to jail for destroying Stone Mountain Memorial plans, a child of his own brain. He went to Durham from Raleigh, where he was a guest of Colonel Benahan Cameron. The arrest of Borglum and Tucker took place in Greensboro as they stepped from a Southern train upon its arrival from Durham. Bond can be arranged only through habeas corpus proceedings brought before a Superior Court judge. Georgia officers were notified immediately who will go to Greensboro to take Borglum and Tucker to Atlanta.

All the merchants are giving away queen votes with each purchase made with them. Ask for the tickets.

## INSPECTION LOCAL NAT'L GUARD UNIT

Major R. D. Johnson, U. S. Army Inspecting Officer To Be Here Public Invited To Witness Inspection

EVENING OF MARCH 10

In accordance with War Department instructions, the annual Army inspection of federally recognized units of the North Carolina National Guard will be conducted by officers of the United States Army, detailed by Headquarters, 4th Corps Area, for the War Department, and by the Inspector General, North Carolina National Guard for the State.

The 2nd Bn Hq Det and Com trn, 117th F. A. NC-NG. St. Julien L. Springs, Commanding Officer, will be inspected by Major R. D. Johnson, F. A. USA, promptly at 8:00 P. M., March 10th, 1925. Captain Springs reports that the organization is in excellent condition and prepared for the inspection. He states that the organization is not enrolled up to the maximum strength due to lack of funds and the unexpected heavy growth of the National Guard in North Carolina has been such that each National Guard unit has been forced to reduce their personnel from 10 to 20 percent and now it is anticipated that in the near future every organization will be permitted to increase the personnel to full strength again. In order to give new recruits time to familiarize themselves with their duties prior to going to the summer encampment, a time limit up to June 1st will be set to accept new members. Last year a number of recruits could not keep pace with the older members because of lack of time for instruction here before going to camp.

The officers of 2nd Bn Hq Det and Com Trn, Capt. St. Julien L. Springs, 1st Lt. Horace L. Johnson and 2nd Lt. Luby F. Royall, extend an invitation to the public to witness the inspection and see what the War Department, the 4th Corps Area and Inspector General of North Carolina require of a unit of the National Guard. The fact that Smithfield and Johnston County have a unit of National Guard is considered a great thing by the people of the town and county, and a good many will attend this annual inspection.

## Ebert, First President Of Germany, Dies

Germany mourns the death of its first president, Friederich Ebert. President Ebert died Saturday morning from peritonitis which developed after an operation for appendicitis. An attack of influenza had weakened his system and he was unable to rally from the operation. Ebert succeeded Kaiser Wilhelm as a chief executive of Germany and steered the new republic through six stormy years.

## Seniors Enter Essays In Nation-Wide Contest

Two boys from the senior class of the graded school here, Lawrence Stancil and Carlton Adams, have entered a nation-wide essay contest being conducted by the National Chemical Society. Mr. Stancil's subject is: "The Relation of Chemistry to National Defense," while Mr. Adams wrote on: "The Relation of Chemistry to Agriculture and Forestry." Attractive prizes are offered to the winners, including scholarships to Yale and Vassar Colleges and cash prizes.

### PERMANENT PRINCIPLES

If we work upon marble,  
It will perish;  
If we work upon brass,  
Time will efface it;  
If we rear temples,  
They will crumble into dust;  
But if we work upon immortal souls,  
If we imbue them with principles,  
With the just fear of God  
And the love of fellow man.  
We engrave on those tablets  
Something which will brighten all  
eternity.

## KIWANIS OF COUNTY TO HOLD MEETING

More Than a Hundred From Selma, Benson, Clayton, Kenly Princeton and Smithfield To Meet Here

DISCUSS EXPOSITION

(By Geo. Y. Ragsdale)

Meeting here in an effort to perfect plans relative to a joint meeting of the three Johnston County Kiwanis Clubs, representatives agreed to practically all plans brought up for discussion, and the meeting is to be held in the basement of the Smithfield High School on Thursday night, March 12. Dr. Martin, of Benson, and Dr. Mayerberg, of Selma, met with T. C. Young, of Smithfield, in the latter's office here, all three being chairmen of their respective Club Committees on Inter-Club relations.

It was decided at the meeting that representative men from Clayton, Princeton and Kenly are to be invited as the guests of the three clubs in their joint meeting here. In addition to these guests, invitations are to be sent to Sec. Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Jimmie Jones, and Mr. M. A. Briggs, Lieutenant-Governor of this Kiwanis zone, and J. D. Parker, county attorney.

The meeting comes as the result of a suggestion from the Selma Kiwanians that Smithfield and Selma hold a joint meeting. As plans were being perfected for this meeting, the suggestion was made that Benson be invited to come in a body. Their club accepted, and things are now humming towards making this the biggest Kiwanis event ever staged in the county. Plans are being made to accommodate at least 125 Kiwanians and guests.

One of the leading topics to be under discussion will be the approaching Eastern Carolina Exposition which is to be held here during the week of April 13-18. This, it was felt by the three chairmen of the above committee, was a thing of great importance to the county, and they feel that a more concerted move be made towards perfecting the approaching event.

Kiwanian A. M. Noble has charge of the program, and he is to be assisted by three Kiwanians from the other two Clubs. It will not be a Smithfield affair by any means, but a meeting of county-wide importance.

## New Bern Highs Beat Smithfield By 1 Point

Chapel Hill, Feb. 28.—New Bern high school basketball team defeated Smithfield high 29-28 in the eastern elimination championship series, held here last night. The score was tied and two extra five-minute periods were played.

The game was slow and listlessly played in the first half. Both teams missed many shots but Smithfield showed greater superiority in handling the ball. The first half ended 12 to 6 in favor of Smithfield.

In the last 10 minutes of play New Bern staged a rally and with the splendid work of Ferabee and Ray brought the score to a standstill. The lead see-sawed from one team to the other in the extra 10 minutes, ending in a victory of a one-point margin for New Bern.

J. Kirkman and Stephenson, Smithfield forwards, played stellar ball throughout the game with 11 and 10 points respectively, followed by Ferabee, New Bern forward, with 8 points to his credit.

### Fire Causes Slight Damage

Fire caused slight damage here Thursday night to a store room of the Imperial Tobacco Company on fifth and Market Streets. Fire was discovered on the outside of the building which was a frame building, but the fire company reached the scene in time to prevent its gaining headway.

### Church President



Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Congregational Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., was made president of the U. S. Federal Council of Churches at the Atlanta conference.

## EARTH TREMORS FELT SATURDAY

Slight Earthquake Shocks Felt In Eastern and Middle Western States

Earthquake shocks were felt Saturday in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, New York, Massachusetts and Virginia. In most instances slight tremors were reported but in Syracuse, N. Y., business buildings swayed and frightened occupants rushed into the streets. In New York, according to newspaper reports, tunes were played on crystal chandeliers, goldfish were washed from their bowls, chairs were rocked by an unseen hand, telephones tinkled but no voice answered and houses "rolled like ships in the ocean," amazed recipients of the earthquake shock said today.

Visited by such ghostly phenomena, people poured from their homes into the streets in certain sections where undulations seemed to reach a crest. Police and fireman, themselves none too sure of the fitness of things, reassured frightened inhabitants of the congested quarters where skimpily tenement houses were most responsive to the restless earth.

Women prayed and children cried, while the movement, the exact nature of which was not known by most who experienced it until later, was on; then they laughed in relief. Residents of the Italian district, many of them with tragic memories of other earthquakes, were panic-stricken.

The cause of the earthquake has been variously estimated by the specialists. R. B. Hill, in charge of seismographs at the Museum of Natural History, stated that the tremors were caused by the slipping of a rock mass along the line known as Logan's fault to which the last earthquake experienced here in 1914 was attributed.

A recent published opinion of Dr. David Todd that an earthquake was inevitable in New York because increased weight constantly was being placed upon a "fault" which lies in the bed rock directly beneath the city, was recalled. The fact that the tide yesterday reached its lowest point was considered as having a possible connection with the tremor. Efforts to connect the quake with the recent total eclipse were scoffed at by scientists who said that danger of an earthquake was least during a total eclipse.

The debated question as to whether the skyscrapers of New York will ever be tumbled down upon the heads of its millions of inhabitants was renewed by the tremors last night. Opponents of the idea claim that the solid bed rock upon which the city is built constitutes an effective safety device.

Others hold to Dr. Todd's fear of the final cave-in of the "fault" within the rocks. They point out that the yawn and the shudders of the earth last night fulfilled Dr. Todd's recent prediction that a major disaster here would be preceded by a "gentle quivering coming from nowhere."

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## REGULAR SESSION CO. COMMISSIONERS

Name Grand Jury For Regular Term March Court; Tax Releases Made

SUM FOR COUNTY BOOTH

The County Commissioners convened in regular monthly session here yesterday with every member of the board present. A full program confronted the Board and they are meeting again this morning to complete unfinished business. The following orders with the exception of a few minor accounts constitute the work done yesterday:

Ordered that the valuation on 156 acres of land in Boon Hill township lying on Neuse River be placed at \$2000 which was listed at \$3,680. This release is made because several sworn petitions were filed showing that the buildings on same were totally destroyed by fire on January 39, 1924. This land belongs to Mrs. J. E. Peele of Boon Hill township.

By petition and the protest of a number of citizens of Bentonville township, it was ordered that that certain piece of road in Bentonville township across the land of Rev. Robert Strickland, remain where it is for the present, it appearing to the Board that to order the road discontinued might inconvenience quite a number of people who travel said road; and whereas to establish said road in a new place might bring up a question of a right of way and entail considerable expense to the county.

Whereas it appears to this Board that a tract of land belonging to P. B. Chamblee of Oneals township which is listed 118 acres at \$61.87, has been surveyed and found to be short 17 acres, this board therefore orders that Mr. Chamblee be released of taxes on the 17 acres of land shown to be short in the survey, pro rata as per former value.

Ordered that a fill be made at the Crossing at Buffalo in Wilders township, this fill to be made by G. R. Stancil and the expense to be borne by the county not to exceed \$150.00.

Ordered that the old covered wagon across Neuse River near Clayton be condemned by the bridge commissioners of Wilders township, and that he have said bridge repaired as soon as it can possibly be done.

Ordered that J. T. Phelps be made Bridge Commissioner of Selma township.

Ordered that R. L. Massengill be made Bridge Commissioner of Ingrams township.

Ordered that there be appropriated \$12.00 per month to buy snuff and tobacco for the inmates of the county home.

Ordered that there be allowed \$13 instead of \$12 for burial expenses of inmates of the county home who may die while in the home.

Ordered that D. C. Smith be paid \$322.95 for expenses for keeping county home.

Ordered that Laura Evans be paid \$20 for services as cook at county home.

Ordered that Herman Johnson be paid \$31.05 for gas and oil for county home.

Ordered that there be built a 00 foot bridge across Mill Creek in Meadow township.

Ordered that L. B. Watson be released of poll tax in Wilders township.

Ordered that a ten foot bridge be built across old Fish Pond branch, Meadow ToTownship near Dr. M. L. Barefoot.

Ordered that James H. Bailey of Pine Level be allowed \$1.50 per month instead of \$3.00 each three months.

Ordered that a special election be held in Clayton School District Number 3, Clayton Township on Tuesday, May 5th, to vote off a special tax of 30 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Ordered that \$50.00 be appropriated to the local committee of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce for equipping a Johnston County Booth at the Exposition to

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