

The Smithfield Herald

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CO. COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE SESSION

Tuesday Found County Board Busy Disposing of Routine Business Largely

BILLS ORDERED PAID

The following items of business were transacted Tuesday by the board of County Commissioners, this being their second session this week. Minor bills besides those listed below were ordered paid.

It appearing that about 25 acres of land in the suburbs of Wilson's Mills upon which was situated one house increasing the valuation of Mrs. G. F. Uzzle an error was made in the sum of \$44.00, and said facts having been brought to the attention of the Board by Mr. E. R. Gulley, a former member of the Board of County Commissioners, who assisted the local appraisers in making said valuation, and also by Mr. Harry Wilson, this Board has been convinced that an error was made in the assessment on said property to the extent set forth above.

Ordered that B. W. Sugg be paid \$36.00 for repairs on engine at county home.

Ordered that there be appropriated \$400.00 per year to help retain the Johnston County Armory in Smithfield instead of \$600 per year as provided by the former board.

Ordered that Ad Bivens, who is at present in the Smithfield Hospital critically ill and has no means of support and it appearing that this is absolutely a case of charity, that this Board agrees to be responsible for \$10 per month to help defray the expense of caring for him until the county health officer shall deem it necessary to release the county from further burden on the County because of said patient.

Ordered that H. A. Parker be paid \$65.00 for premium on official bonds of J. Ira Lee and M. L. Stancil.

Ordered that J. D. Parker, agent Bonding Company, be paid \$225 on official bond of Geo. T. Scott, county treasurer.

Ordered that Dr. Thel Hooks be paid \$35.75 for services as quarantine officer for January.

Ordered that Dr. A. H. Rose be paid \$48.50 for services as to vital statistics.

Ordered that J. P. Parker be paid \$80.00 as follows: stamp account for February, \$10.00; bloodhounds to try to catch escaped prisoners, \$40.00; H. T. Chapin, two days special deputy, \$10; F. L. Pittman, deputy work, \$20.00.

Ordered that Miss Minnie Lee Garrison be paid \$83.33 as salary for February as county home demonstrator.

Ordered that C. Q. Stephenson be paid \$28.00 for services as court officer Recorder's Court.

Ordered that H. V. Rose be paid \$100.00 as salary for February as welfare officer.

Ordered that Todd Photograph Company, of Rochester, N. Y., be paid \$87.50 for protectograph machine together with \$10,000 or bond as protection against raised checks and vouchers.

Ordered that the county attorney take immediate steps to institute against Supt. Hubert H. Hinton of Wilders township to reimburse the county for funds paid out on account of damage done by mad dog belonging to him.

Ordered that Miss Carrie Speight be paid \$137.50 as court stenographer.

Ordered that the official bond of G. T. Scott, county treasurer, in the sum of \$50,000 be approved.

Ordered that C. Q. Stephenson be paid \$100 for services as jailer for February.

Ordered that H. S. Powell be paid \$60.54 for electric light generator for county home.

Ordered that C. Q. Stephenson be paid \$255 for feeding Federal prisoners for February.

Ordered that G. S. Heywood be paid \$74.90 for helping A. M. Pullen

\$10,000 Fire at Old Cotton Mill Early Yesterday Morning

CAR HITS LITTLE GIRL

On Tuesday afternoon what came near being a fatal accident occurred on the highway in the school zone here, when an automobile knocked down two little girls Sadie Massey and Margaret Price, as they were crossing the street on their way home from school. The driver of the car is said to have looked back and then to have speeded on. The little Massey girl was not hurt but little Margaret Price was painfully bruised and suffered shock from the occurrence. She has been confined to her bed since the accident as a precaution against the development of pneumonia. The little girl is the only child of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. S. T. Price, who recently moved here from the Corinth-Holders section.

Mrs. C. E. Wilkins Addresses Auxiliary

The Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church here held its regular meeting at the church Monday afternoon. At the close of the business session, Mrs. C. E. Wilkins, of Goldsboro, synodical secretary of foreign missions, gave an interesting report of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission conference which was held in Washington, D. C., the last week in January and the first week in February. After commenting on the splendid interdenominational spirit that prevailed at the conference, Mrs. Wilkins began her address which was based on the reports of the various missionaries at the conference.

She spoke of the tremendous growth of foreign mission work in the last few years. She was particularly impressed with the great improvement in Japan since the first missionaries went there sixty years ago. In 1900 there were 112,000 Christians there and today there are 811,500, she said. In Tokyo alone there are 200 churches and 250 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 250,000. Last year the Japanese contributed more than two million dollars for missionary work. Mrs. Wilkins said that some of the missionaries felt confident that if the work continues as successfully as it has been during the past few years, the task in Japan will be completed in the next twenty years. She spoke briefly of the rapid progress that is being made in Korea. In 1900, there were 8,000 converts in Korea, and now there are almost 300,000. Most of the work there is being done by Methodists and Presbyterians, Mrs. Wilkins said. She spoke of how hard it is for the missionaries to reach the Turks and Russians and said that Christianity was practically at a standstill in Turkey and Russia.

The speaker said that of all the foreign countries perhaps India was the most interesting. The ignorance there, she said, is appalling. There are few schools there and many illiterates. Among the many difficulties to be overcome in that country, she mentioned the evil of child-marriages, the degradation of widows, the evils of Confucianism and Buddhism and of the Moslem influence. She said that the Moslem influence had a strong hold on all the countries of the east, and that there was real danger of its overcoming Christianity in some countries. However, the outlook is better now than ever before, according to Mrs. Wilkins, and many of the people are willing to give up Moslem for Christianity, particularly in Persia.

The speaker then mentioned a few of the difficulties with which the missionaries in Mexico have to cope. Sixty percent of the people there are illiterate, and the missionaries find it much harder to put the message across than in the western countries. Mission work in the Congo was also discussed. The work there is very encouraging because the government is upholding it and the Catholics are no longer interfering with it.

Mrs. Wilkins said that the churches are making a great effort to spread the Bible and she said that

Damage Estimated At Between Ten and Fifteen Thousand Dollars

SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

Fire that originated on the second floor of the old cotton mill early yesterday morning caused damage to the amount of between ten and fifteen thousand dollars. The fire was discovered by the night watchman about 2:30 o'clock and he immediately turned in the alarm. The mill fire organization was soon on the scene and the fire extinguished. A sprinkler system of fighting fire installed throughout the building no doubt prevented the entire structure from being destroyed. A big part of the damage was caused by water. Spontaneous combustion is assigned as the only plausible cause for the fire. The fire started in one of the machines, and spread rapidly through the second floor, lint from the cotton aiding the spread of the flames. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

INTERESTIN PROGRAM WEDNESDAY OF EXPOSITION

Wednesday of the Exposition at Smithfield, Johnston County, will be an entirely new program from anything the Exposition has ever had, and yet a program that all Eastern Carolina will be interested in.

Following the regular band concert and free act, Wednesday afternoon, will be the first sectional baby show ever held in the Eastern part of the State. A real treat for the little tots from eighteen months old up to thirty-six months old. None under nor over that age will get in. This will be open to any white child in Johnston county. The full set of rules and regulations will be sent out later, but is enough to say now, that you had better begin to trim that boy's hair and curl the little girls' locks, so that the boy will win and the girl will win in this contest. There will be two separate contests, one for the boy babies and one for the girl babies. This promises to be a real treat, an unusual entertainment for all who attend.

Wednesday evening will be the annual Style Show which will be even bigger and prettier than ever before and that will be going some. Merchants from all over Eastern Carolina will have living models to show off their waering apparel. The annual Style Show has become one of the leading features of the Annual Exposition. Everybody likes to see the beautiful women and handsome men all dolled up in expensive and fashionable clothes. Don't miss Wednesday. You will certainly regret it if you do.

TO CONSIDER HAM—RAMSEY MEETING

Mr. F. H. Brooks, chairman of the Committee appointed by the Laymen's Federation to communicate with Mr. M. F. Ham relative to the proposed revival to be held here during the latter part of May has received a letter from Mr. Earl S. Rogers stating that Mr. W. J. Ramsey, singer and leader, will be here on Monday, March 16, to consult with the preachers and laymen of the county with reference to the meeting and advise with reference to the place of holding the same. The Laymen are therefore calling together the preachers of all denominations as well as laymen and women who are interested, to meet at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon, March 16, at four o'clock to confer with Mr. Ramsey and decide definitely to have the meeting, and if so to make plans preparatory to the same.

1925 would be significant in the translation and dissemination of the Bible. She said that there is now no language or dialect, no nation or tribe in the world where the Bible or at least some portion of it is not accessible.

The address was full of information and was enjoyed by all present.

COOLIDGE TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Assumes Presidential Duties With Modest Inauguration Program

FIREWORKS FROM DAWES

Washington, Mar. 4.—Calvin Coolidge calmly and quietly assumed the duties of the presidency today for four more years, and Charles G. Dawes swept into the vicepresidency with a velocity that shattered many precedents.

In a brief inaugural ceremony, which never deviated from the decorous program laid down by him long in advance, Mr. Coolidge renewed his oath of office on his grandmother's Bible and in a short inaugural address restated his policies of governmental frugality.

But General Dawes furnished a succession of surprises and thrills that stirred senatorial ire. First, he read the riot act to the senate on the necessity of revising its rules to outlaw the one-man filibuster. Then, instead of swearing in the new senators in fours, as is the time-honored custom, he ordered them brought up in a bunch to save time. Then he cut short the ceremony of senators signing the book, and finally, without any senator having made a motion to that effect, he announced that the deliberative body would proceed to attend the inauguration of President Coolidge outside.

The various governors gathered for the inauguration were on the senate floor, and when Governor Nelson Taylor Ross of Wyoming, her slender form attired entirely in black, came in on Senator Warren's arm, there was much hand-clapping in her honor.

A moment later Mrs. Coolidge came down the steps of the gallery to her place beside her husband's father. The crowded galleries noted her arrival and stood in silent greeting and until she had taken her seat.

Below the formal announcements of distinguished guests were continuous. The diplomatic corps came in two abreast, clad in the glittering uniforms prescribed by custom. Then came the black robed figures of the Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice Taft, and the crowd on the floor and in the galleries stood while the justices took their places. Members of the cabinet were ushered to seats in the well before the desk, and when Mr. Dawes appeared to take his place beside Senator Cummins, there was a burst of handclapping which grew into a thunder of applause a moment later as Mr. Coolidge came down the center aisle and took a seat at the front, surrounded by his uniformed military and naval aides.

Inauguration of a vice-president is a simple process. Senator Cummins, as president of the senate, read the brief oath, and as Mr. Dawes made his pledge the hands on the big clock were swinging to the noon hour, after having been set back several times to meet the delay of getting the big chamber filled with its company of great folks. The senate, amid laughter, declared the hour of noon at hand, and announced the adjournment by law of the old senate. Mr. Dawes immediately convened the new senate and delivered his assault on senate rules.

Outside in the plaza, where the high inaugural stand and its pillared canopy masked the great stone steps of the capitol, trim lines of marines had aided in guiding the gathering thousands to their places. Just below the stand the marine was posted a blaze of color in full dress scarlet tunics and caps.

Places reserved for the company that had trooped out from the senate chamber quickly were filled. Then, the crash of a trumpet flourish announced that the President was coming and hats came off through the crowds. Mr. Coolidge came down to the reading stand with Mrs. Coolidge on his arm and when they were seated Chief Justice Taft rose from his place and stepped forward to administer the oath.

His words were caught up by the great amplifiers that surrounded the

President's Dad At Inauguration



Col. John Coolidge of Plymouth Vt., who by the light of a coal-oil lamp and the old family bible administered the oath of office to his son at the death of Pres. Harding, made the trip to Washington for the inauguration this week.

Prof. Collier Cobb To Show Pictures

*There is a treat in store for the people of Smithfield tonight at the court house by Prof. Collier Cobb, of the State University at Chapel Hill. Professor Cobb is sent out through the Extension department of the University, and therefore there is no charge for the evening's program, which consists of pictures explained by Professor Cobb, who has visited the scenes he shows. The pictures shown tonight will probably be from Japan. This entertainment is being sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association. The program will begin at 8 P. M., and the public is cordially invited.

J. G. Keen Is Laid To Rest

Funeral services for Mr. James G. Keen were held at the home of the deceased in Wayne County March 2, by Rev. Mr. Yarborough and Rev. Mr. Henderson, pastor of Selah Christian church, of which church Mr. Keen had been a member for a number of years. Interment followed in the family cemetery near the home. The floral offerings were very pretty. Mr. Keen had been in feeble health for the past three years, suffering from paralysis. He died Sunday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock. Mr. Keen was seventy years old, and was one of the prominent and prosperous farmers of his section.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, James Roy Keene, of Smithfield, and George Keen, who resides at the home, and five daughters: Mesdames Snead, at Dunn; Blackman, of Goldsboro; Barefoot, of Four Oaks; Wilkinson, of Princeton; and Miss Arah Lee Keen, who also resides at home, besides a number of grand children.

MICRO SCHOOL NEWS

The Micro High School Literary Society met last Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and elected their spring term officers, which are as follows: president, Carl Hatcher; vice-president, Herbert Jones; secretary, Mildred Crumpler; treasurer, Sadie Atkinson; reporter, Helen Starling; Critic, Mrs. Margaret Parham; sponsor, Miss Sudie Wellington; program committees: Ora Peel, Ruth Bagley and Carl Hatcher.

We accept members from the sixth and seventh grades and always welcome visitors. Micro, March 4.

stand and lurked in recesses about the plaza. Every sentence carried clear to the farthest spectator and there was rapt attention. The President's words in taking the oath were unheard except by those closest about him but there was a ripple of applause as he touched the old Bible to seal his covenant. The crowd realized that the actual inauguration was over.

The inauguration crowd, due to the curtailment of the usual spectacle by the President's orders, was far below the multitude that have come before to see Presidents inaugurated. There were plenty of persons, however, to jam every point of vantage on the roped-off sidewalks, in windows and on high roofs. —Associated Press.

WOMAN'S CLUB HAS UNIQUE SITUATION

Unable To Elect a President For Coming Year; Mrs. Lyon Closes Notable Administration

PRESENT HOSPITAL PLANS

One of the most unique meetings perhaps ever held by a Woman's organization, and certainly in this city, was held here Wednesday afternoon when the Woman's Club met, and after having tried for two months to select a president for the coming year, adjourned without electing a head for the club. There is no accounting for the dilemma, except that the organization is composed of a hundred such busy women that from the indications no added responsibility can be taken on by any of its members. The other places were filled with apparently little difficulty as follows: vice-president, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter; recording secretary, Mrs. Joe Davis; corresponding secretary, Miss Ava Myatt; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Woodall; chairman Civics department, Mrs. W. L. Fuller; chairman of Literature, Mrs. H. P. Johnson; chairman of Home Economics, Mrs. Kirby Rose; chairman of Music, Miss Thelma Peedin; assistant chairman of Music, Miss Lallah Rookh Stephenson; chairman of Library department, Mrs. J. W. Keen; assistant chairmen of Library department, Mrs. J. H. Kirkman and Mrs. S. T. Honeycutt; chairman of Social Service, Mrs. Paul Brown. Just before the adjournment of the club, however, the newly elected vice-president tendered her resignation, which place is also now to be filled.

The Woman's Club of this city has done a notable work since its organization ten years ago, and the women who have served as its presidents in the past have been women of vision and thoroughly interested in the development of the town. The first president was Mrs. F. H. Brooks who was followed in turn by Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. L. G. Patterson, Mrs. Thel Hooks and Mrs. W. H. Lyon.

Mrs. Lyon is the retiring president and the club has made splendid advancement under her administration. In terms of money, the club has raised during the past year \$1481.00. But the amount of money raised is not all by any means that the club has accomplished. The usual work done in the Civics, Home Economics, Music, Literary, Library and Social Service departments has been done. An outstanding accomplishment of the year was the chartering of the club as a corporation, and the purchase of a lot on which to build a club house. Twenty-five shares of Building & Loan stock have been subscribed and it is the hope of the club to begin upon a new building in the near future. Other work undertaken was the effort which proved successful to keep the Sunday Observance laws which were repealed by the town board; the decoration of the room now used by the club; a study of town government, speakers having been invited to speak along this line at each business meeting; school faculty entertained twice; and the entertainment of the Sixth District last April.

At the meeting Wednesday, a committee from the Kiwanis Club, composed of Mr. E. J. Wellons, the president, and Dr. W. B. J. Orr came before the club and told of the plans for the erection of a new hospital here at an early date. Dr. Orr showed blue-prints of the proposed building which will be built on a lot purchased on the Selma road in Oakland Heights. He announced that about \$37,000 had been subscribed in stock for the new building, and that only \$13,000 more is needed. These gentlemen asked that the Woman's Club co-operate with the Kiwanis Club in raising the balance, and accordingly the club voted to appoint a committee to help put over this enterprise.

We are thinking of putting up the following office motto in a conspicuous place: No, we don't know any word of any number of letters meaning anything.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

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