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GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINISHES SESSION

Session Characterized by The Cutting Out of Non-Essentials. Public Owned Autos Not For Private Use.

APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, March 16.—The ceremonies marking the close of the General Assembly were interesting, as they almost always are. Scarcely one of the 169 men and one woman who had been here for sixty-three days fighting, struggling, worrying and arguing on the floors of the two chambers but felt an odd tightening in the throat when the gavel in the two houses fell at precisely the same moment and the General Assembly of 1925 was declared adjourned sine die at eleven thirty on Tuesday evening, March 10th. The two halls of the Assembly are exactly opposite with the rotunda of the building intervening. The two doors were swung wide open, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House stood gavel in hand ready for the final "drop". The reading clerks called the rolls, slowly and solemnly, the answers of the members lined along each side of the aisles in two long lines extending from the presiding officers' desks to the doors, were echoed faintly in both chambers. Simultaneously with the response to the last name called, the two gavels fell with a thud, the members waked up, told one another goodbye, and it was all over for another two years, unless an emergency shall arise which necessitates another special session.

The calendars of both houses were cleared of all important bills and the members went home with full assurance that they had completed the job. Bills were put through with surprising rapidity during the closing days of the session and state officialdom is busy trying to ascertain exactly what has been done to them. Some of those holding major, and others occupying minor positions are "slightly disfigured but still in the ring." The state and insurance departments no longer exercise the privilege of collecting revenues, otherwise their activities will be unhampered by any act of the General Assembly, barring the transfer of the supervision of the "Blue Sky Law" from the insurance department to the Corporation Commission. This was recommended by Commissioner Wade early in the session, and he is shedding no tears over the passing from his hand of an agency which has bred trouble from the very beginning of its operations in the State.

Differences between the Senate and House of Representatives over the Revenue Act were adjusted late Tuesday afternoon when the House practically capitulated to the upper branch of the Assembly. The two branches also finally found themselves in agreement touching the provisions of the bill carrying appropriations to the various State charitable, penal and educational institutions, but the Nettles bill providing increase in the pension fund for the benefit of exconfederate soldiers and widows met its Waterloo in the Senate through parliamentary tactics started by Burgwyn, of Northampton, who proposed a tax of one cent on the hundred dollars worth of property, in lieu of the tax of one cent on theatre tickets provided in the Nettles bill. "Class legislation" was the cry of the opposition to the House bill and survivors of the "days which tried men's souls" will have to struggle along on the small pittance which has been doled out to them during the last biennial period. And that is a reason. The line is rapidly thinning, and the influence in politics is no longer a factor to be reckoned with. The legislators say fine things about his valor and deeds of daring but vote additional appropriations to institutions the very existence of which is due to the courageous stand of these men in their early manhood and through the years that have followed the historical event at Appomattox.

Repeated attempts to put through a bill permitting State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to retire on half-pay were defeated.

Grass on Lung



Jeannette English, 11 years old, of San Antonio, Tex., who has lived for four years with a blade of grass on her lung. Citizens subscribed a thousand dollars for an operation.

MEDICAL SOCIETY MEETS TONIGHT

The Johnston County Medical Society will meet in regular session in Selma, Tuesday night, March 17th, at 8 o'clock in the office of Drs. Vick and Person.

The following will be the program: Dr. A. S. Oliver—Treatment for Cuts and Bruises. Dr. Thel Hooks—Cause and Treatment of frequent Urinations. Dr. G. S. Coleman—Frequency, Differential Diagnosis, and Treatment of Pleurisy. Dr. W. J. B. Orr—Diagnosis, Medical and Surgical Treatment for Pyelitis and Complications. A good attendance is expected for this meeting.

L. D. WHARTON, Pres.
C. C. MASSEY, Sec.-Treas.

Mr. C. S. Warren Is Elected School Supt.

At a special meeting of the Smithfield school board last Wednesday night, Mr. C. S. Warren, superintendent of the Mount Olive school, was unanimously elected to head the schools of Smithfield for next year. Superintendent Franks tendered his resignation several weeks ago, having decided to practice law, and since that time, a number of applications have been considered and several interviews with school men held.

The newly elected superintendent is a native of Tennessee, but received a part of his education in North Carolina, graduating from Duke University in 1910. He has made teaching his profession, and comes highly recommended as a school man. Mr. Warren was in the city yesterday in conference with the school board.

Archer Lodge Leads In Average Attendance

Archer Lodge leads Johnston county consolidated schools in average attendance for the school month ending February 13. The records for the consolidated schools are as follows:

Lodge	Enrollment	Average Attendance
Archer Lodge	232	211 90.9
Meadow	250	225 90.0
Four Oaks	578	519 89.7
Kenly	443	409 88.1
Princeton	452	388 85.8
Bregden	220	188 85.4
Corinth-Holders	299	254 85.0
Glendale	309	238 77.2
Pine Level	278	214 76.9
Micro	430	330 76.7
Wilson's Mills	278	199 71.6

FLAGS FLYING IN SMITHFIELD

Plans sponsored by the Kiwanis Club to decorate Smithfield with United States flags are being put into operation this week. The decoration is in line with the Shenandoah system of decorating, and when completed will give our town quite a gala appearance.

B. Y. P. U. Rally at Antioch

Stop, stand stock still, and decide to attend the B. Y. P. U. Rally at Antioch, March 22, at one-thirty o'clock. Good music and addresses. Be on time.

BENSON JOINS IN KIWANIS AFFAIR

Entre Nous Club Enjoys Delightful Entertainment With Mrs. W. T. MaMartin As Hostess.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

Benson, March 16.—A joint meeting of the Kiwanis Clubs of Johnston County held in Smithfield Thursday evening at 7:15 was one of the finest meetings ever held in the county. Mr. E. J. Wellons, president of the Smithfield club, delivered the address of welcome. Mr. A. M. Noble, chairman of the program committee, acted as toastmaster. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. E. Blalock, of Benson. Response to the address of welcome were made by Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson, and F. H. Atkinson, Selma, presidents of the respective clubs. Governor M. A. Briggs, of Durham, spoke on "The Meaning of Kiwanis." C. A. Creech, of Smithfield, made a splendid talk on "We Build." C. P. Harper, of Selma, in his remarks mentioned the building of highway No. 22, the improved conditions on the farm, and said that the jealousy in the towns that used to exist is fast passing away, and that we are all working for the common interest of Johnston County.

We have more confidence in ourselves and in the future than ever before. Rev. J. E. Blalock of Benson had for his subject "Co-operation." He gave some fine illustrations. He brought out the fact that the county seat has a most difficult part to play. Being the center of activities other towns and the country people are inclined to be jealous. They have a big responsibility to satisfy all. Dr. J. A. Ellis of Raleigh delivered the main address of the occasion. His subject was "What Kiwanis Represents." He reviewed the growth of the Kiwanis Club since its organization ten years ago by a little group of a half dozen to 13,000 at the present time. He mentioned briefly some of its accomplishments: sad hearts made light, unfortunate aided, undernourished children fed, boys and girls helped in college, etc. Dr. Ellis says Kiwanis is the spirit of boosting. The way to build is to boost, to arouse interest, inspire and encourage the other fellow. Knock and you are on the shelf. The fellow on the topmost round is the booster. Things do not start themselves. Kiwanis spirit in action is akin to him who said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." N. G. Bartlett, secretary Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, was a guest and reviewed the attractions of the Exposition to be in the county to put this big event over. He paid a tribute to the Women's Division on the work they are doing on behalf of the exposition. Mrs. W. J. B. Orr delighted the clubs with a couple of solos—"Maggie" and "Put Away a Ray of Sunshine for a Rainy Day". The distinguished band of Selma added greatly to the evening's entertainment. Gordon Whittaker is the director of this wonderful band. A variety of instruments were used, a frying pan and a coffee pot being the sweetest toned. The music of the band as a whole was good, but when each one played a solo every lover of music was bound to say "with that one could compare." The Woman's Club served a delightful menu consisting of pineapple, chicken, dressing, garden peas, candied potatoes, potato salad, rolls, coffee and lemon pie.

Mrs. W. T. Martin was hostess to the Entre Nous Club and several invited guests Friday afternoon from four to six o'clock. A splendid musical program had been arranged by Mesdames Hugh Flowers and R. L. Bryant. Those taking part on the program were: Mesdames A. S. Oliver, Hugh Flowers, Miss Wilhelmina Utley and Miss Florence Johnson. Mrs. Parlia Hudson gave one of Edgar Guest's poems. After the program a contest, "a musical journey", was very interesting. Mrs. J. W. Parrish, the winner, was presented with a string of choker beads. She in turn presented the beads to Mrs. Erskine Honeycutt, a recent bride and guest.

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GRAND JURY MAKES REPORT TO COURT

The Jail, Convict Camp, and County Home Were Found in Satisfactory Sanitary Condition.

MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Grand Jury completed its work Wednesday and submitted the following report to Judge Bond who presided over the term of Superior Court which has just closed:

We, the Grand Jury, beg to submit the following report:

1st—We wish to return our thanks to the court for the courteous treatment we have received at the hands of the court and to the solicitor for his willingness at all times to assist us in the performance of our duties.

2nd—We have examined all bills of indictment presented to us by the court, and have made true returns on the same in accordance with the evidence in the case.

3rd—We have revised the list of guardians and find nothing irregular so far as we know.

4th—We have visited the county jail and find same in excellent condition. The best of sanitary conditions prevail. We recommend that the prisoners have no liberty outside the cells.

5th—We have visited all the offices in the court house and find them in excellent condition so far as we are able to ascertain. The respective officers were cordial and accommodating. We find that the treasurer is distributing the county money in the different banks of the county, which we think should be done. We find that he has not collected all office fees, and we suggest that he collect same as soon as possible.

6th—On visiting the county home we find same in a good, sanitary condition. We recommend that Mary Stancil be discharged as cook. We also recommend that there be at least one acre of ground planted in fruit trees. We also recommend that all the bed linen be kept laundered. We also recommend that all beds that have no bed-springs be furnished with springs. We find one milk cow, and we recommend that at least one more be put there.

7th—We visited the convict camp and find same in good, sanitary condition. We talked with the convicts and they informed us that they are well fed and clothed. We recommend that Smithfield township buy at least eight hogs and put at the convict camp to eat the slops that they have there. We also recommend that there be a report made quarterly by the superintendent of the convict camp to the chairman of the County Commissioners, of what he receives and what he pays out.

8th—We recommend that the Justices of the Peace of the county take notice of the fact that country stores and other businesses are opened for business on the Sabbath, and that the law be enforced with regards thereto.

R. U. BARBER,

Foreman Grand Jury.

March 11, 1925.

Capture Whiskey At Jo-Tex Filling Station

Saturday afternoon police officers searched the storage room back of the filling station belonging to Mr. S. B. Jones and found a small quantity of whiskey and a half-dozen fruit jars. It had been reported that some of the employes of the filling station were handling whiskey and the search revealed the fact that there was a small amount of liquor in the building. No warrants have been issued.

Death of a Baby

The ten months old baby of Mr. Mrs. Leon Cole of Bentonville Township died Wednesday morning after an illness of a week with pneumonia. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community in their sorrow.

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JOHNSTON CO. EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

At a mass meeting held here yesterday afternoon, it was decided to send an invitation to the Ham-Ramsey organization to hold a meeting here this spring. The matter has been agitated for some time, the Laymen's Federation taking an active interest, and yesterday Mr. Ramsey was present at the mass meeting to answer any questions that were not clear. The expense of the meeting, which will be held in the Farmers' Warehouse, will probably be between five and six hundred dollars a week for the four weeks which the meeting is expected to run. Three men, Mr. Ham, Mr. Ramsey, the singer, and Mr. Rogers, pianist and secretary, constitute the organization. If Mr. Ham accepts the invitation, he will probably come here the latter part of May, following a meeting to be held in Burlington. The matter will be presented in the churches next Sunday and it is desired that every denomination in the county co-operate in making this evangelistic campaign a success.

PINK ROSE IS GIVEN FREEDOM

Pink Rose, of Wayne County, and his co-defendant, Leslie Simmons, colored, also of Wayne, charged with the shooting of Allen Howell last December, were acquitted in the Superior Court here last Saturday morning after a trial lasting through three days. The jury was charged at the close of day Friday and that night was spent without reaching a verdict. They reported at nine o'clock Saturday morning that they were hopelessly undecided, eight standing for acquittal and four for conviction. Judge Bond, by consent of the solicitor, accepted the verdict of the majority for the state, and the two men were set free.

This brought to a close a four weeks session of Superior Court here. After a recess of two weeks, court will again open here on a civil term.

Car Turns Over Near Smithfield

Thursday afternoon an accident which might have proved more disastrous than it did occurred, between here and Wilson's Mills, when the automobile belonging to Mr. Joe Parrish and driven by his young son turned over, spilling five children. The children had been to a neighbor's on an errand and were returning to their home, about six o'clock. Some way the wheels of the car became locked, and striking a sand bed, the car turned over. Fortunately only two of the occupants were hurt, and these two not seriously. The two injured were twins about six years old, Benjamin and Byrum. One received a severe cut on the nose requiring eight or ten stitches, the other was cut above the eye. All five were children of Mr. and Mrs. Parrish.

A man plowing in a field saw the accident and brought them to Smithfield for medical treatment.

CLAYTON TOWNSHIP BABY SHOW

A preliminary Baby Contest for Clayton township for the Eastern Carolina Exposition in Smithfield, April 15th, will be held in Clayton, March 19th, in the Clayton School auditorium at 3:30 p. m. All boys and girls between the ages of eighteen months and thirty-six months are eligible for the contest. The prettiest girl and the most attractive boy selected will be sent to Smithfield to the Exposition to compete for the following prizes: first, \$25; second, \$15; and third, \$10.

For further information, see or phone Mrs. J. M. Turley, Chm.

The first carload of eggs to be shipped co-operatively from Eastern North Carolina left Washington Wednesday. That is a date to be marked on the calendar. The car contained 208 cases of thirty dozen eggs each and brought \$1,458.40 to the farmers co-operating.—News and Observer.

HOLD COUNTY-WIDE KIWANIS MEETING

Towns In County Bury The Hatchet and Extol The Virtues of Good Old Johnston.

OUT-OF-TOWN SPEAKERS

(By George Y. Ragsdale)
Selma, Benson and Smithfield joined hands here last Thursday night over the festive board of Kiwanis and staged the grandest layout that Johnston County has seen in many a day. There are three and only three Kiwanis Clubs in this old county of ours, and those three clubs through their respective members threw aside all personal grievances and political animosities and extolled Johnston County and Kiwanis to the skies. It was a sight to behold. Such handshaking you have seldom seen in this town.

The basement of the school house was the scene of much joviality before the president of the Smithfield club called the meeting to order. Handshaking and shoulder slapping were the order of the day. After the invocation, which was preceded by "America", that old Kiwanis song "Howdy-Do" was unloosed at both the visiting clubs and Secretary Bartlett of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce had the last stanza sung to him. Then the grape fruit proved appetizing.

Welcome and responses were then sent through the basement room, where Rice teaches science in the daytime but is careful not to mention evolution, and Tom Atkinson and Dr. Adlai Oliver, presidents of the Selma and Benson Clubs respectively, said they were "glad to be here." Food, and then Lieutenant Governor M. A. Briggs, of Durham, held sway for about five minutes. He interspersed his sound logic with keen wit and humor, reviewing in what manner and in what spirit things could be best accomplished by Clubs in action.

The Boozza Band of the Selma Club, by wierd yet harmonious sounds, had the attention of the 110 people present for more than ten minutes. After several selections they sang the "Mule Song." (We are of the opinion that this classic is from Aida) and Walter Jordan, Doctor Orr, Walt Fuller, T. R. Hood and Albert Noble received free advertisements.

There were other stunts of lesser importance and more or less successful, but the Band won the laurels that night. Guests agreed with The Smithfield Herald, according to the way Gordon Whittaker, Press Agent for the Band, put it, that it was "pretty good for a Selma organization."

Chas. A. Creech, District Trustee and member of the local Club, outdid himself on this occasion, and made the best speech of his career, according to a goodly number of local Kiwanians. Mr. Creech spoke on something Johnston County has been lacking in: namely, the spirit of co-operation between the towns of the county. That is what the county needs more than anything else, in his opinion, if we are to get the things we want, if we are to get the things we need.

Dr. Jack Ellis, member of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club and principal speaker of the evening, spoke at length on "Kiwanis in Action", or "And That Is Kiwanis". He employed the various means of public activities as the basis of his speech, and ended up every time by saying "and that is Kiwanis", for those are the things that Kiwanis does, those are the ways in which Kiwanis Clubs make better places in which to live.

The Johnston County Kiwanis Banquet, served by the ladies of the Smithfield Woman's Club, is over. But that banquet will long be remembered, and the spirit of that meeting will invade every town and corner of the county. There were two citizens present as guests of the three Clubs from Clayton, Princeton and Kenly. They saw what co-operation and county pride would mean if we had it. And we shall have it if the intention of that meeting becomes a reality.

Mr. B. C. Copeland, of Goldsboro, was in the city yesterday.