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## RETIRING BOARD LAUDS SUPT. POU

No Action Yet Taken To Elect Superintendent State Prison; Will Probably Be Considered April 7.

## PURCHASES EXPLAINED

Raleigh, March 16.—Outgoing and incoming prison boards today left memorials and organized, the retiring body paying high tribute to the prison official headed by Superintendent George Ross Pou, urging his re-appointment with that of the entire force.

The new board took no action as to the successor of Mr. Pou. Governor McLean laid no recommendations before it and not until its April 7 meeting will it act upon the new head. Until today it had been accepted that Mr. Pou would be appointed again and that Warden Busbee will be dropped. Tonight it is foregone that Messrs. Busbee and Pou will succeed themselves.

The board, taking full cognizance of charges against Superintendent Pou, reports in detailed fashion on them all. Governor McLean, interviewed by the newspaper men in his office this afternoon, frankly told them that he had not reached the point of going into a prison superintendent. He did not know then whether he would make any recommendations or not.

The old board left this with the governor:

"This the retiring board of directors of the state's prison, having made a thorough investigation of recent charges made against the prison management, and having determined no wrong doing on the part of either the superintendent, warden, deputy warden, chief clerk, prison physician or assistant clerk,

"Now, therefore, this board of directors desires to express its most implicit confidence in the honesty, integrity and ability of George Ross Pou, superintendent; S. J. Busbee, warden; H. H. Honeycutt, deputy warden; Hugh A. Love, chief clerk; Miss Josephine Rand, assistant clerk; and J. H. Norman, Jr., physician, and we respectfully urge and recommend their reappointment to their several offices by the incoming board of directors.

"This March 16, 1925.  
JAMES A. LEAK, Chairman.  
E. B. FICKLEN,  
A. L. BULLOCK,  
R. M. CHATHAM."

Setting forth that charges of "wilful negligence" have been made against Mr. Pou and "lately given great publicity in this state", the old board disposes of the attacks on the purchases recently itemized and printed in the papers of Raleigh and Elizabeth City.

The report says that all purchases go through the hands of the chief clerk, Hugh A. Love, who submits them to the various heads of departments, the prison camps, central prisons, farms or other places at which supplies are received. In addition, the bills are submitted to the chairman of the state prison board as well as all other bills of the state's prison "who fully approved or disapproved them. This approval has been given in every case by James A. Leak, in whom this board ever has and now has the highest confidence as a man of strong and high character and standing, as well as a man of exceptional business ability and experience, not only in his own community but throughout the state of North Carolina. All these bills with the written approvals have been gathered together and can be submitted to confirm the above. The written records show that the largest number of the Tucker pharmacy bills bears the approval of Warden S. J. Busbee as the official who received into the prison these items.

"This practice of many years standing obtained until the middle of January, when Mr. Pou in conference with his excellency, Governor A. W. McLean, arranged a new system of checking and auditing of all prison bills before payment. Working under

## Twenty Million



George C. Carson, miner, roustabout and general workingman of Butte Mont., nineteen years ago patented a device which big copper interests have since adopted—but failed to pay him. A court verdict in his favor last week awards royalties and damages estimated at \$20,000,000.

## DARING BURGLARS RAID SMOKEHOUSE

Around 2,500 Pounds of Meat Stolen From Smokehouses In Ingrams and Elevation Townships

## DISCOVERED ON MONDAY

A bold robbery took place in Ingrams and Elevation townships Sunday night when burglars broke into several smokehouses and carried away more than seventy pieces of meat, according to news received here by Sheriff J. P. Parker. Twenty-one pieces were taken from Mr. C. S. West and six from Mr. Jim Durham, both of Ingrams township. On the same night the smokehouses of Messrs. N. F. Lynk and Bennie Coates, a few miles away in Elevation township, were visited, eleven pieces being taken from Mr. Lynk and thirty-four pieces from Mr. Coates. The key had been left in the door of Mr. Lynk's smokehouse, which was not more than twenty feet from the room where he was sleeping, but all the others were broken open.

The theft was not discovered until Monday morning and an automobile or truck was tracked as far as the Mercantile Farm near Clayton, but owing to the high wind and the traffic on the road the trail was lost. The searchers immediately telephoned officers in Raleigh, Durham, Henderson and other towns to be on the look-out for the guilty party or parties. It is thought that between 2,000 and 2,500 pounds of meat was taken.

## Stranded Youngsters Borrow Sheriff's Car

Goldsboro, March 16.—That Sheriff Grant, of Wayne County, is as much at home in the role of a gallant as in the part of a raider of stills was proven shortly after midnight Friday, when two young women, Misses Irene Page Stevens and Ruth Wilson, knocked at his door and asked for aid.

In response to the summons, the young women said they had been to a basket ball game in which a team representing their school was playing and while on their way home the engine in the car went bad. Lawrence U. Stencil accompanied the young women.

When the young women remarked that their parents would be "worried to death," Sheriff Grant remarked, "My car is in the garage. Take it and bring it back tomorrow." The car was returned the following day with a note which read: "To the biggest-hearted man in Wayne County, from three people whom you helped when they needed a friend."—Richmond Times Dispatch.

## NORTH CAROLINA

The economic and social development of North Carolina during the past decade has been little short of marvelous, and an inspiring example to the rest of the nation.—University of Virginia News Letter.

## APPOINT RECEIVER FOR DEFUNCT BANK

Farmers Bank and Trust Co., of This City Named Temporary Receiver of Princeton Bank, Failed

TOTAL DEFICIT \$40,000

A report of the bank examiners filed with the Corporation Commission at Raleigh on March 3 shows a total deficit of more than \$40,000 for the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Princeton which was closed several weeks ago. The report showed that \$5,578 had been loaned to a single person when it is a violation of the banking laws to lend more than \$3,750 to any individual. It also showed overdrafts to the amount of \$3,759.56 and past due notes to the amount of \$11,753.90. The greater part of the past due notes are considered worthless and the overdrafts are thought to be practically worthless. The capital stock was reported at \$10,000 with a surplus fund of \$5,000 making a total of \$15,000. The bank examiners found that \$27,907.63 had been loaned to customers. When the Commercial National Bank of Wilmington failed, the Merchants and Farmers Bank at Princeton lost \$6,152.78.

The cashier, Mr. George F. Woodard, and the assistant, Miss Lena Woodard, we are informed are under bonds in the sum of \$12,000 and it is understood that the cashier has given over all his real estate, which is valued at about \$15,000, to the bank. The Farmers Bank and Trust Company, of this city, has been appointed temporary receiver for the defunct bank.

## Baseball Team Plays Mount Olive Today

The Smithfield high school baseball team will meet the strong Mount Olive team in Mount Olive today for the first game of the season. The local boys have been working hard, but will have a great deal more work to do if they develop into a winning organization.

There is one regular on last year's group championship organization back in the fold. This is Marvin Adams of Pine Level.

Among the most promising prospective players are Adams, of Wilson's Mills for the backstop position, while Smith, formerly of Selma, Marvin Adams and Lefty Morgan show some indication of pitching ability. Young Elvin Johnson, although inexperienced ought also to make a dependable twirler in time. Willard, "Fatty" Lawrence is cawing around the first sack and Dan Kirkman has shown a very slight and passing interest in the same position. At sec-

## NEW HOSPITAL FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY

Drive To Complete Balance of Fund Needed Next Week; Dr. Marlowe, Skin Specialist To Come Here

\$38,100 NOW SUBSCRIBED

Plans are finally taking definite shape for the building of a modern, well equipped hospital for Johnston County. Twenty-eight thousand one hundred dollars have been subscribed and signed up for by physicians, and the town of Smithfield has taken ten thousand dollars worth of stock. A final drive to complete the amount needed will be put on beginning next Monday, March 23, lasting throughout the week, and by Saturday night, March 28, the committees at work hope to have every dollar needed raised.

Citizens of the county will be interested to learn that Dr. W. A. Marlowe of Chapel Hill and Durham will come to Smithfield to live and has taken considerable stock in the new hospital. Dr. Marlowe is coming to this hospital as pathologist and dermatologist. He is at present associated with Dr. Bullitt at the State University and is doing pathology at Watts Hospital at Durham. He expects to go north and take special work before locating in Smithfield.

A hospital committee composed of W. N. Holt, chairman, E. J. Wellons, L. G. Stevens, W. W. Jordan, Dr. W. B. J. Orr, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Mrs. W. H. Lyon, and Mrs. H. B. Marrow, has been at work for the past few weeks preparing to the final drive which has been set for next week. The drive is being put on at the present time in order that work may go forward on the building during the summer months. Subscriptions may be made to cover a period of six months. As was announced some time ago, a lot has already been purchased on the Selma-Smithfield highway, and tentative plans for the building provide for a thirty-five bed hospital.

Soliciting teams have been formed and when you are called upon next week, it is hoped that every one will be ready to say, "Yes, I'll do my bit." All good citizens of Johnston County should be in sympathy with this move and should pride themselves with the honor of having an opportunity of helping Johnston County take this forward step. Watch the thermometer in The Herald next week and see how the drive progresses.

ond base Boyette has been performing fairly well in practice, while James Kirkman is out for short. Tom Watson has been showing good form at third base. Gillett, Talton and Morgan have been chasing flies in the outfield.

## A Proclamation

It is timely at this season of the year when winter is beginning to ebb away that we should turn our civic thoughts to brightening and renovating old landmarks, cleaning up our premises, making our property more tidy in its appearance to the public eye, as well as making it safe from fire hazard and consequent destruction by negligently permitting our premises to become a refuse depository. The paint bucket and brush would do some effective work at this time with the proper application. We certainly want our city tidy and on its best bow during the coming Exposition. Let's all co-operate together to the end that our city will look its best in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Narron, Mayor of the City of Smithfield, do hereby proclaim and set apart the week of March 23rd to 28th, inclusive, as Clean-Up-Week. The city garbage wagons will call upon the homes and business houses during this week for the purpose of co-operating with citizens of the city in hauling away refuse. Be sure that all refuse is properly deposited in receptacles for that purpose. I further urge and request all citizens to paint up their premises as far as possible and make their homes and places of business tidy and clean.

Done in the City of Smithfield this 20th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America one hundred and forty-ninth.

By the Mayor:

JOHN A. NARRON,

W. L. FULLER,  
City Clerk.

## Tornado Kills Hundreds People In Western States

Rev. M. F. Ham To  
Come Here In June

Judge F. H. Brooks, appointed to conduct the correspondence with Rev. M. F. Ham, Evangelist, relative to a revival to be held here in the near future, is in receipt of a telegram from Mr. Ham's secretary stating that his organization will be here to hold a meeting during the month of June. Mr. Ramsey, singer, was here last Monday and spoke to a mass meeting at the Methodist church, in regard to the matter. An invitation was extended to Mr. Ham after this conference. The meeting will be held in the Farmer's Warehouse, which will have been put in readiness for the Eastern Carolina Exposition, thereby reducing the expense attendant upon such a revival.

Two or Three Towns Virtually Wiped Out; About 1,500 Killed or Injured.

## GREAT DAMAGE IS DONE

Chicago, Mar. 18.—A preliminary tabulation at 9 p. m. of towns that had made reports of the casualties in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri, gave a total of 951 dead and 2,099 injured with virtually no record of the heavy damage done in rural regions.

Chicago, Mar. 18.—More than 1,500 persons are reported killed or wounded by a tornado which swept through southern Illinois and Indiana late today causing great property damage and virtually wiping out two or three towns in its path, from Missouri to the northeast. Wires were down in every direction under the fury of the wind and it was impossible to check the reported casualties tonight.

West Frankfort, Ill., a mining town, on the face of tonight's reports suffered the greatest loss of life, estimates of the dead running as high as 1,000.

Murphysboro, 30 miles southwest of West Frankfort, with a population of 11,000 suffered severely with a casualty list reported as high as 250. Great havoc was wrought to building in this city and fire broke out in the debris. On report of this situation an effort was made by Governor Len Small to send troops to Murphysboro while relief trains and Red Cross workers prepared to depart from Chicago and St. Louis for the storm area.

While railroad dispatchers from previous experiences thought that first estimates of the casualties might prove excessive it seemed certain from reports originating in many places on the edge of the storm's path that the dead might number in the hundreds. No reports had been received at a late hour of damage in the rural regions.

Among the other towns and cities to report damage and loss of life were De Soto, Ill., with 150 casualties reported; Parrish, Ill., with all but three of a population of 500 reported either killed or injured; Princeton Ind., with an estimate of 100 casualties; Griffin, Ind., with 20; Gorham, Ill., with 87; Carmi, Ill., with 150; and Crossville, Bush, and Hurst, Ill., reporting serious damage and numerous casualties.

Darkness descended over the desolated area shortly after the wind had twisted its way to the northeast and the streets of the demolished towns were filled with frantic inhabitants clamoring over the piles of wreckage, while the bodies of the dead and friends. From the recess of the jumbled timbers came the cries of injured persons, pinned beneath the wreckage, while the bodies of the dead could be seen far down in the debris whence it was impossible to extricate them.

The twisting wind apparently assumed its dangerous proportions in eastern Missouri shortly after 1 p. m. It wiped out most of Annapolis, Mo., and then tore its way across the Mississippi river, into Illinois, apparently lifting its devastating force and spreading over the river delta until the various twisters descended some 25 miles west of the Mississippi.

It was around 3 o'clock when the tornado again touched earth with its mighty swish, swinging through Murphysboro and De Soto and laying those places waste in the twinkling of an eye. The wind rushed on close to the earth for 15 or 20 miles and then apparently lifted until it came to Carmi, Ill., near the Indiana line. After taking its toll in that region the storm again rose only to descend once more, 20 miles of the state line at Princeton, Ind.

The churches and school houses were turned into hospitals and morgues and despite the difficulties faced by the rescuers, hundreds of persons were gathered into these places of refuge before darkness settled over the scene.—Associated Press

## COOPS ARE PAID IN THREE STATES

Sum of \$1,890,000 Distributed In Settlement of Two Crops To Organized Tobacco Growers

## FINISHES 1922 PAYMENTS

(By S. D. Frizzell)

Raleigh, Mar. 17.—Tobacco farmers in three states shared in the payments of \$1,890,000 made from the warehouses of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association Monday of this week.

The tobacco association has now paid for the last pound of bright tobacco delivered by its members in 1922. It has completed final settlement with all of its members in South Carolina and Eastern North Carolina for their deliveries of the 1923 crop and has paid the Virginia and North Carolina members of the old bright tobacco belt in full for 35 grades of the 1923 crop, before all of its warehouses have closed for receiving tobacco of the crop of 1924.

This week's payments by the tobacco association which extended all the way from central Virginia into South Carolina attracted crowds in all three states and brought satisfactory reports from markets in all three states.

Every member of the tobacco association who received a check this week was also handed a full statement of his account with the association which showed the amount of money which he has invested in warehouse stock and in the reserve fund of the association, in addition to the cash received from the crop. These statements show that the prices received by the organized farmers for their tobacco compare very favorably, grade by grade, with those of the auction floors and the payment of cash to the co-operative farmers at this season is a feature which is now proving very helpful to the members.

According to the present plan of financing the payment for the association warehouses, the members will hold all the stock in properties which are valued at over three million dollars, by the end of their present five year contract.

The association has received 445 million pounds of tobacco since its warehouses first opened in August, 1922.

## S. H. S. Baseball Schedule Announced

The baseball schedule of the Smithfield high school is as follows:  
S'field vs. Mount Olive Mar. 20, there.  
S'field vs. Dunn, Mar. 27, there.  
S'field vs. Selma, Mar. 31, there.  
S'field vs. Dunn, April 3, here.  
S'field vs. Mount Olive, April 10, here.  
S'field vs. Selma, April 17, here.  
S'field vs. Four Oaks (pending) Apr. 17, here.