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IMPORTANT EVENTS FOLLOW ASSEMBLY

Re-organization of Supreme Court, Official Announcement Concerning State Deficit Among Events

START PROGRAM ECONOMY

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, Mar. 23.—The legislative rush in Raleigh was succeeded last week by events of a nature as important as the acts of the General Assembly and was featured particularly by the reorganization of the Supreme Court, the official announcement from Governor McLean relating to the State deficit, the beginning of bus control by the State and the handling of several matters, chiefly from the Governor's office, dealing with enforcement of laws enacted at the recent session of the Legislature.

The most important event of the week was the resignation of Chief Justice W. A. Hoke, of the Supreme Court, and the appointment by the Governor of Associate Justice W. P. Stacey to succeed him. To fill the vacancy created by the Stacey elevation, Governor McLean named former State Senator Lycurgus R. Varsler, of Lumberton. The new Associate Justice was Mr. McLean's law partner prior to the latter's becoming Governor. During the recent session of the General Assembly Mr. Varsler had headquarters at the Executive Mansion and has been one of the Governor's chief advisors on legislative matters. He is recognized as an able lawyer and it is believed will make a valuable addition to the high tribunal to which he has been elevated.

Chief Justice Hoke resigned because of ill health, and after having devoted more than thirty years of distinguished service to the State, most of these having been spent on the bench. The new Chief Justice, Mr. Stacey, achieves with his elevation the distinction of being the youngest chief justice in America. He has, besides, attained to the highest judicial position with the gift of the people of North Carolina at the age of forty, after fifteen years of actual law practice. In 1909, Mr. W. P. Stacy was principal of a Raleigh public school. In 1925, it is Chief Justice W. P. Stacy presiding over the highest tribunal maintained in the State, after four years as an associate on the bench, during which time he fully demonstrated his capability as a judge and became recognized as probably one of the most capable members of the Supreme Court. It is little wonder now that the call from the State University for his services a short while ago did not appeal to him. Time has shown the wisdom exercised in remaining on the bench.

Governor McLean "startled the natives" on Friday with a statement showing the deficit of the State under his system of "cash" financing, to be \$10,251,667.57 as of February 28, 1925, and its bonded indebtedness \$13,868,000 on the same date. The figures show an increase in the deficit since last July of approximately three and a half millions and an operating deficit for the month of February of more than \$300,000. It is recognized, however, that the deficit will be reduced when figures of revenue collections from March 1st to June 30th, the close of the fiscal year, are taken into consideration, as this is the period for the heaviest collection of revenue to take place.

The Attorney General's office is being re-organized under the recent law passed giving that official three full-time assistants at \$3,600 a year. The present assistant, Frank Nash, has been re-appointed and will continue in office of Attorney General Brummitt. Walter L. Cahoon will continue with the State Highway Commission as another of the assistants, and still another is to be assigned to the Department of Revenue. Mr. Cahoon will receive \$3,600 instead of a little more than \$4,000 which has been paid him the past few years.

The Governor also took a step the past week toward reducing the running expenses of the State when he issued his first order as director of the Budget, requesting that all state-

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IMPROVED WATER SYSTEM AT SELMA

Town Votes \$17,500 Worth Of Bonds To Improve Present Water System

HAS OTHER ADVANTAGES

Selma, Mar. 23.—All Selma has put on smiles. The town of Selma has sold to W. K. Terry and Company, of Toledo, Ohio, \$17,500 worth of bonds at a premium of \$267. The sale of the bonds was for the purpose of extending and improving the present water system. A new pump has been installed which is bringing 150 gallons of water per minute, 9,000 gallons per hour and 21,600 gallons every twentyfour hours. The water system is clear, soft and free of iron. All this is the cause of so much rejoicing, for Selma's greatest drawback has been her water supply, which has been inadequate and not of the best quality. Hats off to Mayor Wade Brown and the present town board who have labored so diligently to bring about this much needed improvement.

Selma has much to offer those interested in cotton mill sites, manufacturing interests, storage space, etc. It is located in Johnston County, one of the fifty richest agricultural counties in the United States, on junction of the main line of the A. C. L. and Southern railroads, midway point between New York and Jacksonville, terminal for Southern railroad freight service between Norfolk-Selma and Spencer-Selma, with twenty-four passenger trains daily. It has one of the best high schools in the South with splendid faculty of twenty-seven, a \$250,000 building and five acres of playground. It has Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches, two strong banks, one state and one national; twenty-five merchants of various lines, two whole sale grocers, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, relay office handling market wires; Associated Press repeating station on matter handled between Philadelphia and Havana; one of the most important and largest stations between the north and south; excellent local service.

The combined payroll of the many manufacturing plants including railroads is over twenty-five hundred dollars per day. It has one good week weekly newspaper, The Johnstonian, having a large circulation over the entire county, equipped to do all kinds of job work. It has also a modern bakery, a professional building, four doctors with modernly equipped offices, one dentist with up-to-date methods and equipment, four lawyers, and two druggists. It is one of the healthiest towns in North Carolina (State Board of Health report).

BENSON SELECTS PRETTIEST BABIES

Benson, Mar. 23.—At a mass meeting held in the school auditorium, Haywood Faircloth, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Faircloth was selected as the finest boy to represent Banner township, and little Miss Wood, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalmer Wood was selected as the prettiest girl. These two children will represent Banner township at the Exposition to be held in Smithfield.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD BOY HIT WITH AN AXE

The little four-year-old son of Mr. David Alford who lives in the Pisgah section, was accidentally hit in the head with an axe late yesterday afternoon by his six-year-old brother while the two were playing in a field near the house. The little boy was rushed to Smithfield where medical assistance was rendered by Dr. L. D. Wharton. The gash was about two inches long and necessitated four stitches. The wound was not of a very serious nature, and the child is expected to improve readily.

DEATH CLAIMS CLEVELAND CITIZEN

Mr. L. D. Wood Passes Away at His Home In Cleveland Township

FUNERAL TOMORROW

Friends throughout the county of Mr. L. D. Wood, prominent farmer of Cleveland township, will be grieved to learn of his death which occurred almost suddenly at his home in the Polenta section yesterday afternoon about one o'clock. About seven weeks ago, Mr. Wood's leg was broken by a falling tree and he had since been confined to his bed but appeared to be getting along fine. He complained very little with the broken limb and seemed to be about as well as usual, except he refused to take his dinner yesterday at noon. The end was entirely unexpected by those who ministered to him. He was about sixty years old.

About thirty-five years ago, Mr. Wood was married to Miss Lydia Coates, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ruffin Coates, of Pleasant Grove township. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive him: Mr. D. M. Wood, of near Garner; Miss Kittie Wood, a member of the Ingold high school faculty, and Miss Zella Wood, teacher of home economics in the Bessemer city high school.

For several years, Mr. Wood had been a faithful member of Oakland Presbyterian church. He was one of the most prosperous farmers of Cleveland township.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon at two o'clock at Oakland church and interment will be made in the cemetery there. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. A. T. Lassiter, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Benson.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of many friends in their loss.

NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

Mr. C. S. Warren, of Mount Olive, who was recently elected superintendent of the schools here for next year and who had accepted the position, has reconsidered the matter and yesterday tendered his resignation. Mr. Warren will remain at Mount Olive. The school board here had felt that in securing Mr. Warren, a splendid school man had been chosen, and it is with regret that his resignation is accepted.

BENTON WHARTON MAKES PHI BETA KAPPA

Benton Wharton, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Wharton of this city has made the national honorary scholastic fraternity Phi Beta Kappa at Davidson college, it became known here yesterday evening. Young Mr. Wharton is a senior at Davidson, and is one of four students of that institution to win this much coveted honor. Selection of the members was made last week. It is interesting to know that three of the four men chosen are members of an organization known as "The Vikings", organized by Wharton and others when he was a Sophomore, having seven original members.

The reason why extension workers devote so much attention to children is because youth will use this knowledge for many years while the adult can use it only a few at best.

Two Teams Run Hospital Thermometer Close \$40,000

Yesterday's Hospital drive was greatly handicapped due to the fact that business affairs and previous arrangements prevented five of the seven teams from getting into action. The two teams that did get a start met with encouragement if the number that each saw will be taken into consideration.

The total subscribed before the campaign started reached a total of \$38,500. Yesterday's limited drive

mounted the total by \$950, and the thermometer ran up to very near the \$40,000 mark.

Team number four interviewed eight men and got subscriptions amounting to \$800, and checks to cover one-fourth that amount. Team number three interviewed four persons and received a subscription with check for one-fourth to one share of the preferred stock.

It is expected that a much larger total will be turned in tonight, due to the fact that all the teams will probably get into action today. If the remaining teams meet with the responses accorded to the two teams which were in the field yesterday, it is believed that the drive will go over the top safely, and that will mean that Johnston County will get the hospital it needs.

"MISS SMITHFIELD"



Miss Rose Grantham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Grantham, who will represent Smithfield in the Queen's Contest during the Exposition.

CUTTING AFFRAY AT PRINCETON

Princeton, Mar. 23.—Silas Worley was seriously carved with a knife in the hands of Luther Worley here Saturday morning. The affray occurred at the old Tyner Mill place, when some words between the two resulted in the cutting. Silas Worley received a cut in the side which required several stitches by the physician to sew up. He also received some other cuts about the head. After the cutting it is claimed that Luther Worley left for parts unknown. Silas Worley is an uncle of Luther Worley.

LAWYERS WILL REPRESENT BANK

Indications Are That The Case Will Be Carried To Higher Courts

Princeton, Mar. 23.—Some of the most brilliant lawyers in Eastern North Carolina are now employed in the controversy between the depositors and the directors of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank. The depositors are making an effort to collect some of the money they lost when the bank failed and was closed on February 3. Mr. Finch, of Wilson, and Mr. Faison Thompson, of Goldsboro, are representing the depositors and Messrs. Ed. Abell and S. S. Holt, of Smithfield, and Langston Allan and Thompson, of Goldsboro, are representing the directors.

The conferences which have been conducted here by lawyers and clients have not so far solved the problems and the indications are that the fight will be carried to the higher courts.

Stop hens from eating eggs by oyster shell and scattering the grain feed in deep litter to keep them busy

CENTRAL HIGHWAY NEEDS INSPECTOR

Dangerous For Travelers To Leave Cars Along Sections of Raleigh-Goldsboro Road

Princeton, Mar. 23.—The time has arrived when public safety demands that an automobile inspector should be on duty every day in the week on the Central Highway between Raleigh and Goldsboro. One of these inspectors has for the past several weeks been making regular trips on the highway, and has made many cases in the vicinity of Princeton for violations of the road laws. His attention has been especially called to one place near town where for several months past it has been dangerous for any one to leave his car and in many cases travelers were accosted in their cars. Some of these violators have been caught and are now on the county roads and every effort is being made to catch the remaining members of the gang.

Supt. H. B. Marrow Explains School Law

Princeton, Mar. 23.—Professor H. B. Marrow, county superintendent of public instruction, addressed a gathering of citizens in town Friday night in the interest of the new school law which was passed by the legislature and is now to be submitted to the voters of some school districts before it actually goes into effect. After listening to his interpretation of the law it seems to be a good thing for Boon Hill school district, and it is reasonable to suppose that when the tax payers of Boon Hill find out that this law will actually reduce their school tax assessment, they will certainly vote for it.

Blonde Bess Opines "These old adages don't all run true. For instance, I have found—that he who laughs last—is dumbest."

SONG CONVENTION PART EXPOSITION

Dr. A. S. Oliver of Benson Is Chairman of Committee; Five Choirs From Johnston

MONEY TO BE DIVIDED

The singing convention to be held on Saturday of the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Smithfield, promises to be one of the most interesting programs of the entire week. Dr. A. S. Oliver, of Benson, chairman of this committee, is being ably assisted by Mr. Simon Honeycutt, who is an experienced singer of Johnston county. Choirs from anywhere in Eastern Carolina may enter. Johnston County may enter as many as five choirs, and no choir may have more than 25 in it. Other counties will be limited to two choirs, each of the same size. At the request of the singing leaders, the Exposition agreed to divide the money appropriated for the whole convention equally among the choirs thus taking part, rather than have a contest. The amount appropriated for this program is \$175, and this will be divided equally among the choirs taking part in the big day's program. Any choirs who are thinking of entering, should communicate with either Dr. A. S. Oliver, Benson, or the Eastern Carolina Exposition, at Kinston. The program will begin in the afternoon at about 3 o'clock, and will continue for about one hour and a half and it will be resumed at night and run for another hour. A great time is in store for all music lovers on this the last day. Make your plans to be there early and remain late.

Raleigh Salesman Injured In Accident

Fayetteville, March 21.—Surrounded by flowers sent by competing salesmen, W. T. Eddinger, of Raleigh, representative of the Southern School Supply Company, lies in Highsmith's Hospital tonight suffering from severe bruises about the chest and hip as a result of a head-on collision on the Dunn-Fayetteville highway between Eddinger's car and a Ford coupe occupied by Marion Baggett and Lonnie Alphin, of Dunn. The impact of the cars was heard two hundred yards away and both cars were turned over and completely wrecked. Baggett and Alphin were taken to Dunn, and the extent of their injuries is not known here. C. M. Hodges and A. F. Stephens, of Benson, brought Eddinger to the hospital here. Eddinger makes his home at the Raleigh Hotel, Raleigh. He was coming to Fayetteville to enter bids on school supplies for Cumberland county. He is optimistic about his condition and apparently his own injuries are worrying him less than those of the men with whom his car collided.

Note.—Mr. Eddinger was formerly connected with the Smithfield Observer, which was published here a few years ago.

BABY CONTEST HELD IN SELMA

Selma, Mar. 23.—A preliminary baby contest was held in the Kiwanis Club rooms Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to determine which baby girl and which baby boy should be sent to represent Selma township in the Eastern Carolina Exposition at Smithfield, April 13 to 18.

Eight handsome boys and six pretty girls were present to be voted on, along with their mothers and numerous interested friends. These babies were numbered, tagged and placed on a long table where the spectators could view them. They were voted on by ballot. While a finer, sweeter group of babies could hardly be found, an overwhelming majority was given No. 4, of the boys—Ralph Kendall Younger, 18-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Younger—and No. 6 of the girls—Clell Bernice White, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben White.

A social hour was enjoyed and ice cream served everybody present.