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TOWN ELECTION IS ALREADY HISTORY

Not a Ripple of Excitement; New Board Met Yesterday And Set Meeting For Tonight.

TO ELECT OTHER OFFICERS

The town election held here Tuesday passed off without a ripple of excitement. There was no opposing ticket and one vote would have carried the election. However, one hundred forty-three voters went to the polls and cast their vote. The mayor received 128 votes; commissioner in first ward, 24; commissioners in second ward, 37; in third ward, 26, and in fourth ward, 56.

W. M. Grantham, registrar, J. G. Hamilton, poll holder in first ward, R. A. Riddick, in second, C. W. Lindsay, in third, and J. T. Gurley in fourth were on hand at the voting place to make the election legal.

The new city fathers are: J. A. Narron, mayor; commissioner in first ward, W. H. Lassiter; in second, R. P. Holding and W. F. Grimes; in third, W. D. Hood and N. B. Grantham; in fourth, J. D. Underwood and Dr. Thel Hooks.

The new board was sworn in at a meeting held yesterday afternoon and a special meeting called for tonight at which time the other town officials will be chosen. Interest seems to center around the position of chief-of-police there being apparently several who would accept that job if it were offered them.

LADIES HEAR STATE LIBRARIAN AND EXPERT

The regular meeting of the County Council was held in the commissioner's room of the court house Saturday afternoon. Besides the regular business, those present had the pleasure of hearing talks by Miss Yates, State Librarian, and Miss Esterbrook, expert on clothing.

Miss Yates spoke interestingly on the value of books to rural communities and pointed out the fact that a library or even a single book may be had for the asking.

Miss Esterbrook talked on the making of clothes for both grown people and children. Simplicity was the keynote of her remarks.

MOTHER OF MR. M. A. WALLACE IS DEAD

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Wallace, mother of our townsman, Mr. M. A. Wallace, which occurred at her home near town Wednesday night. She suffered a stroke of paralysis about two years ago from which she never recovered and about two weeks ago she was stricken again. She gradually grew worse until her death. She was buried yesterday afternoon at the family burying ground. A more detailed account will appear in another issue.

TO CONSIDER OPENING OF THE CURB MARKET

There will be a meeting on Saturday afternoon, May 9, at three o'clock in the office of Miss Minnie Lee Garrison to consider whether or not the curb market will be opened again. All ladies interested in the immediate opening of the market are urged to be present.

SENIOR CLASS TO PUT ON INDOOR CIRCUS

Tonight at 7:30 the Senior class of the graded school will put on an indoor circus at the Armory which promises to be an evening of fun. See the parade, go to the circus and help out the seniors.

Miss Gladys H. Beck, the specialist of the Johnston association in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work will spend next week with the Smithfield Baptist church conducting a training school in Sunday school work. A class will meet each evening for two periods, with a short intermission. The book studied will be the Convention Normal Manual. It is hoped that a large number will enlist for the course. Miss Beck will be present Sunday, and will speak at the Sunday school hour.

SMITHFIELD GIRL BROADCASTS SONGS

Radio fans and others in this city will learn with interest that Miss Mary McCullers who holds a position at the University of Chicago, is broadcasting songs every Sunday and Wednesday nights. Her songs are broadcasted over WMBB (250) every Sunday and Wednesday nights between 7 and 8:30 o'clock, Smithfield time, and over WBBM (226) on Tuesday nights between 8 p. m. and 1 a. m. Miss McCullers is announced under a studio nickname, "Peggy McCullers." Friends of Miss McCullers well know her love for music and her proficiency in this art. She graduated in piano from Meredith College and has studied voice in Chicago. It will be something of a novelty for Smithfield folks to "tune in" on home talent that has gained such widespread distinction.

JOHNSTON PROJECT AMONG ROAD BIDS

Will Complete Road From Smithfield to Goldsboro; Low Bids Received

Among the twenty highway projects on which the State Highway Commission received bids Tuesday were two, Project 235 and 283, which will complete route No. 10 from the mountains to the coast.

Project 235 is located in Johnston county, being 13.27 miles between Smithfield and Goldsboro. The low bid for roadway was made by Batters, Hill and Good, of Virginia, Va., at \$71,001. The low bid for structure was made by J. L. Brinkley of Thomasville at \$38,617.75.

Project 283 is a continuation of the above road from the Johnston county line to Goldsboro, the length of the road being 9.38 miles. Low bid for roadway by Nell Construction Co. at \$314,131.80. Low bid for structure by Bowers and Bennett of Whiteville, at \$45,039.25.

A feature of the letting, according to the News and Observer, was a plea to the bidding contractors to use convict labor on such jobs as may be awarded to them. State Highway Commissioner Frank Page and George Ross Pou, superintendent of the State Prison, united in the plea which was decided upon at a conference between these two officials and Governor McLean a few days ago.

Mr. Pou stated in a written statement, which was posted conspicuously in the highway building where the contractors waited to learn the low bidders, that there are available for immediate use 175 able bodied convicts for use in building State Highways and bridges or quarrying rock. He stated that a large majority of these men are experienced in such labor.

"Arrangements have been perfected," Mr. Pou stated, "whereby these convicts can be contracted for for the life of the contract on projects.

"There are many advantages in using convict labor. You have a guarantee that a specified number of laborers will be at your command during the entire period of construction. No blue Mondays; no Saturday drunks; no shifting of labor. The per diem charge is reasonable."

Bids for more hard surfacing miles were received than at any letting ever held by the commission. The twenty projects include six for grading and 14 for hard surfacing.

ACTION ON ROAD ELECTION POSTPONED

The County Commissioners in session here Monday and Tuesday of this week, deferred action on the calling of an election to provide "rim roads" in rural sections of Johnston county until some future time. The matter was presented Monday morning, quite a number of people being before the Board expressing their views for and against. The Commissioners expect to consider the proposition carefully before putting the county to the expense of an election.

Man From Old Cotton Mill Mysteriously Disappears

Alfred Pierce Left Home Sunday In Ford With \$725 And Has Not Been Heard From Since

NO DOMESTIC TROUBLES.

The mysterious disappearance of Alfred Pierce, from his home near the old cotton mill, last Sunday morning is creating quite a bit of excitement on the hill, and on Wednesday, the wife of the disappeared man appealed to Chief Cable to help her locate him.

It seems that on Sunday morning about eight o'clock Mr. Pierce left his home in a Ford car belonging to his wife to go to Smithfield for a battery. He asked his little son to go with him but the boy preferred to play and did not go. He has not shown up at his home since and has not been heard from. He had on his person \$725, part of the insurance money which Mrs. Pierce had received after the death of her first husband, Ben Moore. Mr. Pierce, according to his wife, had been drinking some before he left home. However, he was not a man to drink much and never gave any trouble when under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Pierce states that there had never been any domestic trouble, and she is at a loss to explain his absence unless there has been foul play. Pierce had been married twice and there are several children. He worked in the mill before it was burned sometime ago.

TO PLACE TABLET AT BENTONVILLE

County Commissioners To Place Boulder at Battleground For Bronze Tablet With Names of Known Dead

It seems particularly appropriate as our southern Memorial Day approaches to announce a worthwhile movement in connection with the battle ground at Bentonville which has been started by the Bentonville Memorial committee of the U. D. C. of North Carolina. Mrs. W. M. Sanders, who is chairman of this committee, went on Monday before the County Board of Commissioners and asked for assistance in placing a bronze tablet on the battlefield inscribed with the names of those who fell at this historic spot. Aid was asked of the commissioners, which they readily promised, in removing a boulder from the hill known as the "Big Rock" on the Smithfield-Clayton highway, and in having it placed on the Bentonville battleground. The bronze tablet will be placed on the boulder jointly by the state organization of the U. D. C. and the State Historical Society. Col. Fred A. Olds and Mrs. W. M. Sanders will select the boulder and look after the details of placing the tablet. Three hundred sixty soldiers lost their lives in this battle, and the names of the known dead will be engraved upon the tablet.

In order to stimulate interest in an historical event of Johnston county Mrs. Sanders hereby offers a prize of \$5 for the best article written about the Battle of Bentonville giving authentic facts. Anyone is eligible to write on this subject from a school child to a Confederate veteran, but the articles must be sent in to Mrs. Sanders by June 10th.

It is a fine thing to keep alive a spirit of patriotism in our breasts and though the Confederate cause proved to be a lost cause, the halo of glory shines brighter around the heads of those who fought for their southland. The thin line in gray who will assemble here tomorrow for the Decoration Day exercises, will appreciate what the County Commissioners, the U. D. C., and the State Historical Society proposes to do to honor their dead comrades in arms.

BADLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

John Crowder, of Clayton Township Is In Smithfield Hospital In a Very Critical Condition.

NEGRO IS IN JAIL.

Mr. John Crowder, of Clayton township, lies in the Smithfield Memorial hospital here in a critical state due to an automobile accident which occurred Tuesday night on the Selma road about a mile and a half from this city. Mr. Crowder who was hurt about the head is still unconscious at this writing and his recovery is considered very doubtful.

Mr. Crowder together with Sonie Crowder, his nephew of Wendell, was in a Ford roadster coming from Selma towards Smithfield about eleven o'clock Tuesday night, when the Ford collided with a Hudson touring car driven by John Daniel Edwards, a negro of Selma. In the smash-up Sonie Crowder suffered a fractured arm and minor cuts and bruises. The Ford was completely demolished, and the front wheel of the Hudson smashed.

The reports concerning how the accident happened vary, young Crowder contending that the negro cut into his car, while the negro contends that Crowder cut into the Hudson.

The negro was arrested and is now in jail here, pending the turn in the condition of the elder Mr. Crowder. The injured man is about 45 years of age.

BOY SCOUTS WILL CAMP OVERNIGHT

Johnston County Troops to Spend Friday Night May 15 At Camp Tuscarora on Holt's Lake

A hundred Boy Scouts in Johnston county will have the opportunity of an overnight camp at Camp Tuscarora on Holt Lake on Friday night, May 14, according to information from W. W. Rivers, Scout Executive for this district. Sixty scouts from Smithfield, 32 from Selma and 18 from Four Oaks constitute the personnel of this short camp, which will begin Friday afternoon at 4:30 and will break on Saturday afternoon at 5:30. Mr. Rivers will be with the boys and the Scoutmasters of the various troops will spend the night at the camp with their respective troops. Those desiring to go on this camp are requested to register with their scoutmaster by May 14, in order that arrangements may be made for the required number of tents, cots and other equipment. The only expense will be the food for three meals. Each scout is asked to carry enough food for the three meals, and to carry his mess kit and other scout equipment. The boys will do their own cooking.

The outing will be a pleasant reminder of what is ahead during the summer when the camp will be open for Boy Scouts throughout the district. Camp life includes a lot of outdoor education that cannot be obtained through the study of books. Every red blooded boy gets a thrill from a close touch with nature, and from doing things for himself and for others that should not be denied him.

OLD NEUSE BRIDGE TO BE KEPT FOR PRESENT

The old bridge across Neuse river here will not be torn down immediately, but will be kept intact until the road across the new bridge is hard surfaced. The County Commissioners at their meeting here Monday passed this order.

Co-op Head Sues



Aaron Sapiro, originator of the Farmers' Co-operative Marketing plan, has filed suit for \$1,000,000 against Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent denying that he is in "a conspiracy of bankers" who seek to control the food markets of the world.

SHOOTING AFFRAY NEAR LIVE OAK

Ezra Rains Receives Fifteen Shot In Top of Head After Quarrel and Fist Fight

Tuesday afternoon about six o'clock a shooting scrape took place in the Live Oak section. The shooting followed a quarrel and a fist fight between a fellow Eason and his son, and Ezra Rains.

It is said that the elder Eason and Rains had a quarrel about two weeks ago and the quarrel was renewed Tuesday, resulting in the younger Eason's shooting Rains. According to information received here yesterday, young Eason, who took up the quarrel between his father and Rains, fired the gun about fifteen steps from Rains and the load of BB shot took effect in the edge of the forehead and top of the head of Rains, about fifteen shots finding lodgment. Rains was immediately rushed to Selma where his wound was dressed by Dr. Geo. D. Vick.

Both men were arrested and placed under bond for appearance in Recorder's court here next Tuesday.

After the shooting, it is reported that Eason was afraid to remain at home and called on Sheriff J. P. Parker for protection. During the night, some one entered the house, pushed open the door, and shot twice into the bed in which Eason was supposed to be sleeping.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT PINE LEVEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The revival conducted by Rev. Russell C. White at the Pine Level Baptist church was a great success. The interest kept up through the entire meeting of eleven days, there being conversions at nearly every service. About twenty in all made professions. So far eleven have been received as members of the church, ten of whom are for baptism. Some will go to other churches. The church, town and community seem to be greatly revived. Everybody speaks in the highest praise of Mr. White's preaching. The meeting closed Wednesday night.

JAS. W. ROSE, Pastor.

BAPTIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The executive committee of the Johnston association will meet at the Smithfield Baptist church next Monday afternoon at 2:30. Any having matters of business to bring before the committees are invited to be present.

CONCERT TO BE GIVEN AT CORINTH-HOLDERS SCHOOL

The Riverside Serenaders, concert orchestra of Smithfield, will give a concert at Corinth-Holders school Thursday evening, May 14, under the auspices of the school. The program will begin at eight o'clock.

CO. COMMISSIONERS BUSY FOR 2 DAYS

Items of Business Transacted Are Numerous; Decide Question And Pay Bills

SOME OF THE ORDERS

A two day session of the County Board of Commissioners saw the transaction of numerous items of business including decisions upon certain public matters and the payment of bills. Among the orders passed by this board were the following:

Ordered that J. H. Hales of Oneals township be released of taxes to the amount of \$6.85, 1918 as per tax receipt from ex-sheriff W. F. Grimes.

Ordered that J. P. Temple be allowed to pay the taxes now remaining unpaid on the K. Broadwell lot in the town of Selma, the valuation of which is \$4,000, and that the present owner of this lot be released of any other taxes charged against said lot that may cover any other items which are not included in the value of the real estate and that he pay on just the real value of the lot to the amount of \$4,000.

Ordered that Mary Mayo be allowed \$3.00 per quarter as outside pauper.

Ordered that A. A. Wellons of Four Oaks, Route 1, be allowed \$5.00 for sheep killed by a dog.

Ordered that Adams & Carroll be paid \$109.65 for Bridge timber for Elevation township.

Ordered that S. A. Boyett be paid \$93.41 for bridge work in Beulah township.

Ordered that Luners Strickland be paid \$323.95 for lumber, bridge work, nails and labor in Oneals township.

Ordered that M. I. Sasser be paid \$364.70 for bridge lumber in Wilders township.

Ordered that A. Ward be paid \$615.37 for bridge lumber Wilders township.

Ordered that G. R. Stencil be paid \$154.05 for bridge work, Wilders township.

Ordered that Pancy Harper be paid \$4.50 per quarter as outside pauper

Ordered that a bridge be built across a certain creek in Wilson's Mills township, the county to furnish the lumber and to pay the bridge commissioners for time in doing the work.

Ordered that W. A. Powell write a fire insurance policy on the Johnston county court house with the National Liberty Fire Insurance Co., of New York City, for three years in an amount of \$50,000, to substitute for a renewal of policy lapsed on May 4, 1925.

Ordered that S. W. Brown write a fire insurance policy for three years on the Johnston county court house in the amount of \$50,000 with the Concord Fire Insurance Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., said policy being for insurance now about to lapse. Policy duly written and filed with this board.

Ordered that F. L. Pittman be paid \$5.50 as expense account for miscellaneous supplies for court house.

Ordered that F. L. Pittman be paid \$20 as court crier for ten days.

Ordered that F. L. Pittman be paid \$135 for services as janitor of court house for month of April.

Ordered that J. D. Herring be paid \$3.84 for light bulbs county court house.

Ordered that W. D. Rains be paid \$20.89 for bridge lumber.

Ordered that Wilbur M. Lee be paid \$104.60 for bridge lumber Ingrams township.

Ordered that W. J. Worley be paid \$7.22 cost bill serving two warrants eight subpoenas and witness fees in case of Oscar Evans.

Ordered that W. J. Worley be paid \$4.50 for conveying prisoner.

Bond of A. C. Johnson as secretary and treasurer of Elevation road fund in the sum of \$1500 approved for record with the following securities: A. C. Johnson, Delma Hardee, R. U. Barber, J. Ruffin Johnson, W. H. Creech and W. H. Flowers.

May 5th
Ordered that H. S. Powell be paid \$25.00 installing Delco Lighting generator at county home.

(Continued next week)