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STATE FISCAL YEAR BEGAN WEDNESDAY

New Policy Also Began to Operate; Members State Board Agriculture Appointed.

OTHER STATE NEWS

(By M. L. Shipman)
 Raleigh, July 6.—The director of State affairs has been talking to various organizations meeting in Asheville during the week and has engagements to address the Newspaper Publishers Association and the North Carolina Press Association in the same city this week. But his absence from the capital and capitol has not hindered the progress of administration affairs. The vacation period has taken some departmental heads and many State employees out of the city, but there is "no let or hindrance" in the sale of special license or the collection of special taxes. Governor Doughton will call you that if you ask him.

The State's new fiscal policy began to operate on Wednesday, July 1. The system involves an executive budget law, a budgetary accounting system and a daily deposit law. It gives the Governor power to examine under oath any officer or head of any department or institution, and any clerk or employee and requires departments and institutions to live within their incomes. The law provides for an assistant to the Governor, or director of the budget. The chairman of the House and Senate committees on finance and appropriations and two other persons appointed by the Governor, constitute the "advisory budget commission." The Governor believes the new system will be popular when it is better understood.

The semi-annual meeting of the State Board of Agriculture will be held in the office of Commissioner Graham beginning on Wednesday of this week. The new members of the Board appointed by Governor McLean are: E. Grover Roberson, of Vanderbilt; T. J. Finch, of Randolph, succeeding C. C. Wright of Wilkes; F. P. Latham and Dr. Clarence Poe were re-appointed. It is announced that the principal business will be consideration of the budget for the new fiscal year. A number of field agents will be appointed, but few changes in them is expected.

B. N. Duke, tobacco magnate, gives \$15,000 to the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital at Gastonia for the erection of a ward for negro children. Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, commissioner of public welfare, who took the matter up with Mr. Duke in person, says that the amount secured is sufficient to erect a 10-bed ward and operate it until the next General Assembly can make provision for its maintenance. Mr. Duke is a brother of J. B. Duke, who recently "established" Duke University over the remains of Trinity College.

Collector of Internal Revenue, Giliam Grissom, is authority for the statement that North Carolina paid \$166,000,000 in Federal Taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30th, exceeding the collections for last year around \$8,000,000. Mr. Grissom says it costs his office between 10 and 12 cents per \$100 to make collections, during the last fiscal year to be \$6,500,000 less than total collections for the year previous, it is said. Tax collections reported: Income, 3,751,349.23; Inheritance, \$765,862.80; Schedule 8, \$566,289.71; Schedule C, \$1,086,344.46; Insurance (for three months), \$67,544.46; bus (for three months), \$775.48; bus permits (one month) \$26.00; interest on balances, \$8,630.28. The author is busy in the effort to ascertain the present size of the "accumulating" deficit. Treasurer Lacy is holding on to the funds turned in from various sources the best he can.

Dr. Albert Anderson makes vehement denial that Governor McLean has called upon him to render an account of expenditures at the State Hospital for the Insane here, of which he is superintendent, relative to reducing the surplus the institution was expected to turn in at the end of the fiscal year. Doctor Anderson

Wants 70,000,000 Dinars



Doris Mercer Kresge, second wife of the Chain Store Magnate, has sued for \$7,000,000 of stock in the stores, which she says her husband promised her—before they were married.

CONGRESSMAN POU WILL NOT RETIRE

State Daily Says Ambitious Ones In Fourth District Have Not A Chance.

DEAN OF THE HOUSE

The Raleigh correspondent to the Greensboro Daily News blasts the hopes of would-be congressmen from the fourth district in a statement made in the issue of July 5 to the effect that Congressman Edward W. Pou will not retire next year as some of the politicians have hoped.

The statement concerning Mr. Pou is as follows:

Congressman Edward W. Pou, against whom many races have been run, will not retire from the fourth district next year as has been so often predicted and his presence in Wake county yesterday showed him to be the young Ed Pou that he has been 20 years.

The fourth's representative is now the Democratic dean. When Finis J. Garrett was here last fall he declared Mr. Pou the greatest of all the Democrats in the lower house. Charley Abernethy, of the third district, without the slightest hesitation places him at the top of Congress on either side. As for personal influence, it is not seriously contended that anybody competes with him. That is what all the North Carolina representatives say, and when Pou loses a little weight or takes his bed for a day or two everybody begins to count the loss that such a retirement would mean to North Carolina.

The woods reek with representative Democrats willing to be fourth district congressmen next year, but there is the smallest prospect of a Pou retirement now and his health improves. He was Woodrow Wilson's right arm during the war. President Wilson drafted Pou. The fourth representative carries on the Wilson program even to this day.

The Pou path has often been beset by ambition, but it never has been obstructed by anybody. The three races which he had to run against men in his own party have been hardly serious enough to make him come up for an hour or two. He has worked so much in Washington that he has been called a cliff dweller. The district is willing for him to live where he will. Yesterday's visit here showed that the cliff residence agrees with him and that in the rarified atmosphere about the nest he is doing some sound thinking.

BENTONVILLE TOWNSHIP FAIR

The regular meeting of the Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club will be held at Oak Grove school next Friday afternoon, July 10, at three o'clock. The Bentonville Township Fair officers are requested to be present at this meeting to discuss plans for the fair this fall. At this meeting it will be decided where to hold the fair.

MRS. KIRBY ROSE, Pres.
 J. H. MASHBURN, Sec.-Treas.

Tom Tarheel says he is getting ready to exhibit at the fair this fall.

COUNTY COM. MEET REGULAR SESSION

Fixing of Tax Rate Deferred Until Joint Meeting With Board of Education On July 13.

TO REVISE JURY LIST

The County Commissioners met in regular session here yesterday, the first Monday in July. It has been the custom to fix the tax rate in the county at the July meeting, but this time the fixing of the rate will be deferred until July 13, when the Board of Commissioners will meet jointly with the Board of Education. The Commissioners will meet again this morning, one of the items to be attended to being the revision of the jury list. Routine business was transacted yesterday as follows:

Ordered that County Treasurer be allowed to use the Jury room on second floor for his office until other arrangements can be made.

Report of J. Ira Lee, clerk Superior Court approved for record, showing fees collected during June to amount of \$696.62.

Report of M. L. Stancil, register of deeds, month of June 1925, showing fees and marriage licenses collected to the amount of \$468.10.

Report of G. T. Scott, county treasurer, approved for record.

Report of arbitrary committee on road between Selma and Micro town-treasurer, approved for record.

Ordered that Mrs. Nancy Williams be released of taxes on a certain piece of land which is located on Johnston county line, only a small part of which is in Johnston county, and that she be allowed to list same in Sampson County.

Ordered that J. W. Wood be paid \$27.60 as part payment of the burial expenses of Littleton H. Hayes.

Ordered that Dillie Hayes of Bentonville, Route 2, be paid \$5.00 per quarter as outside pauper list.

Ordered that there be allowed \$25 on the burial expenses of William Overbee, outside pauper. Voucher issued to J. Z. Wiggs, Pine Level.

Ordered that the Horne bridge be rebuilt across Little River.

Ordered that A. Ward be paid \$86.85 for lumber for Cat-tail Bridge in Wilders township.

Ordered that G. R. Stancil be paid \$69.65 for Bridge work in Wilders township.

Ordered that Mary Norris be paid \$4.50 per quarter as outside pauper, voucher to be mailed to J. C. Woolard, Benson, Route 1.

Ordered that F. L. Pittman be allowed \$5.00 for summoning the road commissioners before the Finance committee.

Ordered that a bridge be built across a swamp below Stancil's Chapel church, on Kenly, Route 2, in O'Neals township. Approximate length of bridge 16 feet.

Ordered that E. W. Holland be paid \$49.42 for taking the tax list in Micro township in 1925.

Ordered that Luners Strickland be paid \$55.75 for bridge work in Oneals township.

Ordered that Lee Hocutt be paid \$11.41 for bridge timber in Oneals township.

Ordered that J. O. Hinnant be paid \$84.00 for bridge lumber Oneals township.

Ordered that Sarah Sanders (colored) of Clayton, be allowed \$4.50 per quarter as out side pauper beginning as of April 1, 1925.

Ordered that Lee Hocutt be paid \$8.50 for listing taxes in Oneals township.

TO HOLD SERVICE AT SMITH'S CHAPEL

The men's federation will go to Smith's Chapel next Sunday afternoon to hold a service there at three o'clock. This service is to be held to encourage the Sunday school work at that church and everybody in the community is urged to be present. Rev. J. S. Irvine is pastor of this church and he will appreciate your co-operation.

Mrs. W. H. Austin and daughter, Miss Margaret Lee, spent a few days last week with relatives in Richmond, Va.

Evangelist



Rev. Roy E. York, evangelist of Missouri, will begin a series of revival services at the Baptist church of Wilson's Mills, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. All the people of the town, community and county are invited. Come and hear a great preacher proclaim the old Gospel Story. The meeting will continue for ten days, both day and night services being held.

MEN'S FEDERATION DOING GREAT WORK

Burlington Laymen Undertake To Rescue the Perishing; Many are Being Saved

In view of the fact that a men's federation has been organized here since the close of the Ham-Ramsay revival, it will be of interest to many in the county to know something of what an organization of this kind has meant to Burlington and Alamance county. The following article was taken from the Burlington News and gives an account of only one of the many splendid things that federation is accomplishing there:

What if you had lived fifteen years with but one thought, and it a terrorizing thought for another shot, the life of a doper? It is like fiction to imagine that any one lives that way, pulled down by the insatiable craving until every moral fibre is twisted out of reason—until every bit of courage is gone. Human beings sink to that level.

Fletcher Frederick, 603 Ireland street, this city, is one.

And what if at the end of so many years, with their pain and agony, there came to pass a miracle, a ray of hope, another chance! Such has come to this man.

Fletcher Frederick went in the Foster Shoe store on Main street yesterday afternoon. His nerves were beginning to ache from a slumber of opiates. He was restless. He was scheming for another shot.

Two members of the Federation approached him, asked him to try a new cure, to put his faith in God, to keep it there until he broke away from his prison. He was converted.

This morning the man was at the Municipal theatre for prayer meeting, struggling in the grip of pain and anguish. He had spent the night praying, for no sleep would come. He got up and testified that he had reached the depth into which every doper descends, where it was dope, dope, dope—dope at any cost, at any sacrifice.

Although his physical body suffered, he declared his mental being felt better, with the reservation "that he hadn't a friend in the world." That is where his new life began. At the end of fifteen years he realized that love is still in the hearts of men, ready to go wherever it will be admitted. It was another of many great things the Men's Federation has done.

At the close of the prayer service a special service was held for the man. Twenty-five men stood by and prayed for him, that he might be lifted by the grace of God from slavery to drugs and redeemed, saved to himself.

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Ham-Ramsay Meetings Close Here At Height Of Interest

JULY 1st COTTON REPORT FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY

According to the report released by the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, in connection with that from the U. S. Department of Agriculture at 11 a. m., July 2nd, Johnston county cotton crop was 87 percent of normal, with the acreage now under cultivation 103 percent compared with last year.

DARING AUTOIST PERFORMS HERE

Famous Psychologist and Hypnotist Drives Chrysler 30 Miles While Blindfolded.

(By E. B. Pittman)

Dr. D. Keystone, world-famous blind-folded driver of automobiles, performed another of his mysterious drives in Johnston and Harnett counties today, sponsored by W. Jesse Stanley, Four Oaks dealer in the Chrysler motor cars, and driving one of the famous Chrysler (Six) coaches.

Dr. Keystone and his party left Four Oaks at 3:42 p.m. Despite the numerous folds of heavy black cloth which had been tightly bound over his eyes, obscuring all light, the driver headed the "car with the human eye" toward Smithfield, arriving there without mishap. Thence the party proceeded back to Four Oaks, Benson, and Dunn, where the trip ended at 4:52, taking the trip in one hour and ten minutes.

W. Jesse Stanley and H. C. Stanley, of Four Oaks, and E. B. Pittman, of Smithfield, accompanied the driver. Great throngs heralded by the auto horn greeted the approach of the precarious journeyers in every town. All were greatly astonished at the careful precision with which Dr. Keystone drove while blindfolded, and many voiced their admiration of the wonderful performance of the car he drove. The car was a stock car, and was absolutely devoid of any freak devices that could have served to explain the phenomenon of a blind-folded man driving it with such precision, stopping at railroad crossings and maneuvering very skilfully in seems beyond comprehension.

Throughout the whole journey, not a word was spoken by any member of the party to the driver, or to one another.

Dr. Keystone modestly attributes his ability to certain great teachers under whom he studied in Bombay and Calcutta, India, years ago. He was born in Newport, Ky., but it was an aunt with whom he was living in South Australia who saw his unusual mental capacity and sent him on to these mental alchemists, but whom we would call psychologists, to study.

After taking certain degrees in India, Dr. Keystone with some fun-seeking pals, joined the English troops in Australia. Transferred to the Canadian troops and subsequently to France in 1915, soon took the fun out of being in the army. In August, 1918 a "Jack Johnson" busted too near, causing Dr. Keystone to become shell-shocked, "gassed," and a blood-clot to form on the brain. He was blind for six months. However, his knowledge of the ocular science and Indian philosophy still remained, and these were practiced to self-restoration through believing, as he says, that "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

Since regaining his health, he has traveled over this country and England performing publicity stunts and driving automobiles while blind-folded in every principal city in America.

Dr. Keystone was very much pleased with Smithfield and the courtesies extended him by the officials.

Some farmers in North Carolina are attracting song birds to their homes by building bird houses. Many species of birds will gather on the farm when supplied these boxes and other nesting facilities.

Unusual Crowd at Farewell Service Sunday Night; 1000 Conversions and Reclamations.

FEDERATION ORGANIZED

Seldom has a revival in Johnston County closed at the height of such interest as was manifested in the Ham-Ramsay meeting here Sunday night. The crowd was larger than at any time except the night when Mr. Ham preached to the colored people, and fully a hundred people went to the inquiry room when the invitation was given. Mr. Ham's farewell message was from the text: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?", the stress being made upon the latter part of the text—"so great a salvation."

It was a great service. Several of the ministers of the town made talks telling of their appreciation and thankfulness for the work done in this community. Rev. S. J. Betts, of Raleigh, who has been a regular attendant during the entire four weeks, sang a solo that was appropriate to the occasion. At the close of the service, Mr. Ham and Mr. Ramsay bade a number of their new friends goodbye, for they left on a night train for Anchorage, Ky., the home of the Evangelist, where they will begin another revival Wednesday night. Mr. Sheets, who has been the faithful pianist since Mr. Rodgers went to Anchorage to prepare for the meeting there, returned to his home in Fayetteville.

The revival has been well attended from start to finish, and when the meetings closed every financial obligation had been met, and a worthy free will offering was given to the preacher. The expense of the four weeks evangelistic campaign was around \$1,800 and about \$1,400 was presented Mr. Ham. Contributions varying from one penny to a check for \$300, the largest individual contribution that has been given Mr. Ham in North Carolina, paid the bills. The choir gave Mr. Ramsay, the singer, a check for \$50, as a token of appreciation. Mr. Ham carries on an extensive work besides his preaching, the expenses of which totals something like \$30,000. He uses all above his living expenses for the work of educating worthy young men for the ministry, missionaries in the foreign field and other similar causes.

The contributions made were free will offerings and the donors feel amply repaid in the good done in this community. At least a thousand persons reconsecrated their lives to God or trusted Him for the first time during the campaign. There were about 500 new converts. Plans are being made to carry on the evangelistic work. Federations among both men and women have been formed. The men expect to perfect their organization at an early date, probably this morning at the men's prayer meeting.

A large number of women, representing almost every church in Smithfield met Monday morning and made partial organization of an interdenominational federation, similar to the federation of men which has done such good work during the past several months. The object is to assist in carrying on the work which was so strikingly begun by Mr. Ham. A meeting was called for tonight, in the Presbyterian church, which the promoters hope will be attended by the women members of all the churches in Smithfield and the surrounding country. It was decided that the federation will do its work with as little organization as possible, that its efforts will be spontaneous under the direction of the Holy Spirit. No money will be handled by the organization at all, and its work will be wholly of a spiritual nature. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. D. H. Jones; Secretary, Miss Mattie Pou; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. H. Alford, Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. Ralph Talton and Mrs. Clifton Beasley. The meeting will come to order tonight at 7:45, in the Presbyterian church, and will close in time for the meeting which has been called at the Baptist church.