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CONTRACT IS LET FOR NEW HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT HERE

Rainecke Construction Co., of Fayetteville is the Lowest Bidder and is Awarded Contract at \$53,500.

FIFTEEN OR TWENTY BIDS

The contract was let for the new hospital Friday, July 31, the lowest bidder being Rainecke Construction Co., of Fayetteville, who was awarded the contract at \$53,500.

Between fifteen and twenty bids were received in all, the three lowest being D. J. Rose and Son, Rocky Mount, Jones Bros. and Co., Wilson and Rainecke Construction Co., of Fayetteville. However all three of these bids were beyond the means of the local proposition, and the building committee was forced to go over the plans and cut down at every point possible. After leaving off the painting of the inside walls, the elevator, and after changing the inside wood-work from popular to pine, the three lowest bidders on the original proposition were asked to submit bids again with the result that the Fayetteville concern got the contract. This firm is doing some building in the county at the present, being now at work on the Meadow school building, and is giving entire satisfaction, according to information received from the office of county superintendent of schools. This firm also erected the new brick school building at Princeton and is now putting up a new high school building at Peacock's Cross Roads.

This bid for the building which will be a plain, simple brick structure, does not represent the entire cost of the hospital. It does not include approximately \$11,000 invested in a lot and in an X-ray another equipment now being used in the old hospital. Neither does it include the architect's fee.

When completed this hospital will be one of the most up-to-date for a town the size of Smithfield in the State. Work will begin at once and is to be completed not later than January 1. The hospital will require fifteen nurses and will take care of thirty-five or forty patients. The nurses and the surgeon will have living quarters in the building. The hospital will be a standard hospital and nurses will get the same credit here they do at any hospital in the state.

The county has reason to be proud that such an institution is well under way, an institution that will mean much to this entire community.

Smithfield Business School

Smithfield has an institution which some of our folk may not know much about, but which is doing a splendid work for young men and women in fitting them to make a living—The Smithfield Business School. Mrs. Joe Davis has conducted this school here for the past two years having had her school on the second floor of the Davis building. A competent business woman with fine training she has turned out 35 boys and girls, 32 of whom received diplomas, and are employed or have been employed in various offices, banks and mercantile businesses in the county.

Records have been made in finishing the course in three months by two pupils, but the average time required is from five to six months. Fifty per cent have finished in four months due to individual instruction, and method of permitting pupils to advance as rapidly as they desire.

Most of those who have gone to work, have earned the first month their entire tuition. One pupil took a summer course, and the next fall worked his way through a college term by the use of the course.

Louisburg People at Holt Lake

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cobb entertained a few friends at Holt Lake Thursday afternoon at a picnic supper. The regular sports afforded at the Lake, bathing and boating, were enjoyed. Those in the party from Louisburg were: Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cobb, Mrs. Eva Perry, Miss Lillie Edwards, Mrs. Jessie Snead Hale, Master Emmett Hale, Wharton Snead, and Allen Cobb. Guests invited from Smithfield were: Mrs. A. G. Johnston and Mrs. R. I. Wallace.

Motor Accident Victim Is Slowly Improving

The Herald is in receipt of a card from Mrs. W. W. Cole, who is still in a hospital in Salisbury following an automobile accident more than a week ago, in which she and Miss Beulah Keel of Wilson were painfully hurt. Mrs. Cole writes:

"I wish to express through The Herald my heartfelt gratitude for the many kind letters, telegrams, and phone messages, and also prayers in my behalf of me and my good friend. We are improving slowly and the doctors are encouraging. A sprained hip means trouble of course, but there is so much for which we feel thankful. Dr. Brawley is hopeful of my eye."

Mrs. Cole's many friends here rejoice that her injuries are not so serious as were at first feared.

GREAT COMMONER IS LAID TO REST

Mourning Throngs Not Deterred By Almost Constant Rain-fall During Day of Funeral Services.

Washington, July 31.—Beneath a peaceful grass grown hillside William Jennings Bryan lies tonight to sleep time away.

The special guard keeps watch beside his grave. In common with the valorous company of soldier and sailor dead among whom he rests in Arlington National Cemetery, only the quiet tread of troopers on their regular patrol of the great field of the fallen resound above the Commoner's burial plot.

He is in the keeping of the God and of the nation to whose service his life was given.

In common, too, with the veterans dead about him, a simple, white-painted wooden marker, placed at the head of the grave, notes that here lies William Jennings Bryan, Colonel of Infantry.

The form and inscription of the stone tribute to his memory that ultimately will replace that marker still is to be planned by the grieving widow and the many friends who would do him honor.

The long, last journey of the Commoner from the Tennessee village where he fell asleep ended under the tight drawn canvas of an Army tent spread to shelter his grave from the driving rain that had fallen since morning, to cease only a moment before the funeral party arrived at the cemetery.

Within that small inclosure there was no room save for the casket, wrapped about with the glowing colors of the flag the dead man had served in peace and the little group of nearest kin and a handful of the many friends of his three decades of stirring life.

These and the ministers of the gospel who said above him the rites for the dead, and who a little time before had given him the last benediction of the church alone saw the casket sink slowly down into the earth as the soft calling of an Army bugle lulled the sleeper to his long repose with the tender notes of "taps," the soldier requiem.

Even the sorrowing woman who was his dearest care, and who had sat beside his casket throughout the funeral service in a Washington church, did not see that last scene of the career in which she had so large a share. Gripped by her infirmities, she remained in her closed motor car a hundred yards from the tented grave until the bugle notes brought her the message that the long strain was over, and her dead at peace at last.—Associated Press.

RIVERSIDE SERENADERS TO BE AT OAK GROVE MEET

The Riverside Serenaders have been secured to furnish music for the all-day meeting to be held at Oak Grove next Friday. This orchestra is composed of seven pieces.

OLD FOLKS DAY UNUSUAL SUCCESS

Athletic Contests, Old Time Spelling Match, Square Dance, and String Music Features of the Day.

SHERIFF PARKERS TALKS

(By P. A. HOLLAND)

"Old Folks Day" at Massey Chapel brought together a large number of old friends last Friday, and just how good a time they had is told by one who always enjoys this occasion, Mr. P. A. Holland, as follows:

The first thing on the program was "round town," better known as the game of "old as bull pen." Mr. Wiley Creech says he knew that he beat if he did fall down and get sand in his eyes.

Then came the high jump which was won by Wilbur Wiggs. Long jump was tried out by Wiggs and Marvin Blackman, Wiggs being the winner of a fifteen and a half foot jump. At this point Sheriff Parker and P. A. Holland appeared on the scene. Sheriff Parker and Dan U. Oliver were ordered out to the race track and a 100-yard dash was measured off by Wiley Creech. The time was counted out by one, two, three, and away Parker and Oliver went. If they had not been stopped, by now they would have passed the north pole. Oliver made his by Parker taking him by the hand.

Mutt and Jeff were then ordered out. These men were Larie Boyette and P. A. Holland. This race was a tie. They were promised a stick of candy each, but they were satisfied with a slice of red watermelon.

Then the crowd was invited to get their buckets and baskets and spread dinner. The girls made a get-about and soon had dinner ready. Wiley Creech invited Sheriff Parker, Holland and Mr. Willis Sanders to dine with him and of course neither of these gentlemen refused to take a bite. Holland is long and he sure can eat. Parker is broad and he sure did eat. C. R. Cable was on the scene. He had a trained nurse looking after his min case he took on too much to eat. There was plenty to feed the crowd and plenty left for another such a one.

Two o'clock came and an old time spelling match was called. A long line was formed and the words given out from the old Blueback Speller. Wiley Creech headed the class, as he was a teacher thirty-five years ago. Quite a number of boys and girls from the age of sixteen to seventy-five fell into the class. Order was given for everybody to get quiet as we wanted to see who would get the prize for being the best speller. After spelling about through the "Blueback," all fell out of the class except a lady from Fremont by the name of Mrs. Sarah Morris, and Mrs. Delia Sanders, of Smithfield, who were school girls years ago. They spelled and then spelled some more. Finally Mrs. Morris fell out and Mrs. Sanders won the prize.

Then came the music. A wagon was prepared for the music. Fiddlers, banjo and guitar players gathered and then came an old fashioned square dance with the young boys and girls of forty and fifty years old on the "floor." They did raise some dust for about fifteen or twenty minutes, owing to its being a little warm and dry. The dance closed with a talk from Sheriff Parker who told what a good time he had and about how nicely the people had done, all sober and quiet, and he felt that everybody ought to thank God for giving such a day and for giving such beautiful crops to everybody. He said he hoped all could meet next year the last of July, 1926, and enjoy the day as they did last Friday in July, 1925.

Everybody enjoyed the day and left hoping to gather again next year.

Mrs. Part Lassiter Dead

Mrs. Part Lassiter died at her home about two miles from Four Oaks, Friday. She suffered a stroke of paralysis on Thursday from which she never rallied. She was buried at the family grave yard Saturday afternoon.

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WEEKS NEWS IN RALEIGH LETTER

Deficit Again In Forefront When Morrison Makes Statement Giving Amount on "Accrued" Basis.

RALEIGH HONORS BRYAN

(By M. L. SHIPMAN)

Raleigh, August 3.—With the deficit question again to the front and with Governor McLean rebuking sharply those who criticized his administration, Raleigh citizens had interesting reading matter the past week. At the same time the Auto License Bureau, caught with a mass of work piled up on it, had to work overtime to issue licenses to all who applied before the extension period expired on August 1. The city also passed thirty minutes of its working period Friday in tribute to the memory of the Great Commoner, William Jennings Bryan, who was being lowered to his eternal rest during that half hour. Many there were in Raleigh who knew the Democratic leader personally and who mourned sincerely his passing from a personal standpoint. Others mourned his death because of the loss of a great moral leader, a religious crusader while still others mourned the passing of a great political leader.

On Saturday, State Auditor Baxter Durham, issued a statement at the request of former Governor Morrison showing the state deficit in the general fund to be \$3,123,320 on the "accrued" basis under which the Morrison administration operated. This compared with a deficit figure of more than nine millions which was shown on the "cash" system adopted by Governor McLean. A significant feature of the auditor's statements was that he said there was provision in the law for naming the deficit on the "accrued" basis though this had been neglected when Governor McLean's first statement was issued. Governor Morrison asked for the statement, he said, to show the people of the State that the deficit charged against his administration by the McLean administration was greatly exaggerated and could be largely accounted for by the change in methods of financing. Governor McLean had nothing to say with reference to the statement.

Friday, Governor McLean issued a statement in which he said detractors of his administration were trying to belittle his efforts and intimating that progress was being slowed up by the economy program. He declared that these reports could be traced to those who were hostile to him in other matters and cited figures on road construction in support of his contention that progress was not being slowed by his program. An interesting statement by the governor was that he expected the next two year period to see \$40,000,000 to \$45,000,000 applied to good roads, a portion of this to come from county loans to the State Highway Commission.

A stir was created during the week when the first preliminary report of the Salary and Wage Commission was issued it being that dealing with the 900 odd employees of the Highway Commission. It showed the next result of the salary investigators had been to decrease two salaries and increase 21, the result being an actual increase in expenses of the Department. The statement was issued by Frank Page, chairman of the commission, but Governor McLean, who feels very much any criticism of the Wage Commission, issued a statement at once in which he declared the schedule was a preliminary one and that it would not be final until the Wage Commission and he had given it approval. The Highway Commission, assuming that the schedule will be adopted, has issued orders to all department and district heads to place it in effect.

The Bureau of vital statistics of the State Board of Health ascertain that there were 108 suicides in the State during the year 1924, of which ninety-four were white persons and thirteen negroes. The State suicide rate is found to be 3.0 per 100,000 population, while that of the country at large is placed at 15 per cent per

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Wins \$2,000 Prize



ROBERT SESSIONS, 15, of Birmingham, Ala., the youngest and smallest of seven in the Washington finals, won first prize and \$2,000 in the National Oratorical Contest. President Coolidge was an interested spectator.

REVIVAL MEETING AT WILSONS MILLS

Dr. DeGafferely, National Evangelist of the Christian Church Preaches Two Strong Sermons Sunday.

Wilson's Mills, Aug. 3.—The revival at the Christian church at Wilson's Mills started off in fine shape yesterday. Dr. A. F. DeGafferely preached two strong sermons. In the morning his theme was "Faith's Last Stand" and at night, "The World's Greatest Need." Large audiences greeted him at both services. Dr. DeGafferely is one of the national evangelists of the Christian church and is working under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society of St. Louis. Since beginning in this work in February he has organized four churches in North Carolina and held three other meetings. For seven years he was minister of the First Christian church of Danville, Ill., where there are six strong Christian churches. He has planned to bring some great messages to Wilson's Mills and the people of our county will be privileged to hear some fine messages. Monday night he preached on the subject, "A Seeking God," using for a text, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." He is a forceful speaker and holds his audiences from start to finish. There is not a dull moment and his thoughts are clear and meaningful. The public is most cordially invited to hear this evangelist every night of this series of meetings.

FIRST AND CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK PAINTS UP A BIT

The interior of The First and Citizens National Bank building on the corner of Market and Third streets, is being treated to a fresh coat of paint. This is the first time renovations have been needed since the erection of the building several years ago. Paint always spruces things up and the bank will look like new when the job is completed.

Touring Europe

Miss Bertha Cox is spending sixty days touring Europe, having sailed on July 1, from New York City on the U. S. Tuscania. Miss Cox will return to New York around the 4th of September.—Red Springs Citizen.

Miss Cox formerly taught school in this city and has a number of friends here who will be interested in the above item.

150 Acres In Watermelons

The watermelon acreage in Johnston county for this year is approximately 150 acres according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the N. C. Division of Markets. The total number of acres planted in North Carolina is 3,025, Scotland county leading with 700 acres. Last year Scotland county shipped 108 car loads, about a sixth of all shipped from the state. Johnston county shipped only 31 cars.

Each Scout today was following in the footsteps of our friend Mr. Jiggs Dick had a goodly supply of Corned Beef and Cabbage for dinner, topped by one of his best desserts.

REGULAR SESSION CO. COMMISSIONERS

A. H. Morgan Presides In Absence of Chairman Who Continues Ill; Reports on Vital Statistics.

ROAD WORK TO BEGIN

The keeping of vital statistics in Johnston county cost the county \$550.00 for the first half of 1925, which means that there were 1101 births and deaths during that time. The county commissioners in regular session here yesterday approved orders for that amount to various persons in the seventeen township, this being 50 cents each for every birth and death recorded. The highest number were recorded for Smithfield township Dr. A. H. Rose receiving \$47.00 for performing this work. Oneals was a close second with \$46.50 paid to W. G. Earp and Boon Hill was third with \$46.00 paid to Dr. B. L. Aycock. Cleveland township reported the lowest number of births and deaths, Miss Mina Johnson receiving for the work of keeping the records \$14.50. Other townships stood as follows: Wilders, J. W. Barnes, \$41.50; Banner, Mrs. Cornelia Cagle, \$36.50; Bentonville, R. K. Britt, \$15.50; Ingrams, Dr. J. H. Stanley, \$40.50; Selma, Mrs. W. G. Wiggs, \$40.50; Elevation, J. S. Johnston, \$20.50; Clayton, John I. Barnes, \$39.50; Wilson's Mills, D. E. Eason, \$15.50; Pine Level, Mrs. Lorena G. Jones, \$19.50; Micro, C. W. Pearce, \$26.00; Meadow, D. C. Smith, \$29.50; Beulah, Dr. J. C. Grady, \$39.50; Pleasant Grove, E. S. Coates, \$32.50.

The commissioners were in session until late yesterday afternoon. There were only four members of the board present as follows: A. H. Morgan, W. T. Lee, L. E. Barbour and A. B. Hocutt. In the absence of the chairman, J. W. Jones, who continues quite ill at his home near here, Mr. Morgan, the vice-chairman, presided over the meeting.

The following items were disposed of:

Ordered that Willie Ingram of Boon Hill township be released of poll tax on account of disability.

Ordered that Caroline Floors be allowed \$5.00 per month for support of Raymond Rose, an invalid, instead of \$1.50 already allowed.

Ordered that Dr. C. C. Massey, county health officer, be allowed to purchase a typewriter for his office and pay for same out of the County Health budget.

Ordered that C. P. Edwards of Zebulon, Route 1, be paid \$25.00 on burial expenses of Elizabeth Holland, an outside pauper.

Ordered that Walter Batten be paid \$15.00 on burial expense of Helen Pulley, an outside pauper.

Ordered that J. W. Barnes be paid \$53.50 for vital statistics for last half of 1924.

Ordered that Luners Strickland be paid \$203.55 for labor on Buffalo bridge in Oneals township.

Ordered that F. L. Pittman be paid \$11.20 for court house expense for court house expense for July.

Ordered that the school Budget of the county be supplemented to the extent that Mt. Zion school be allowed two teachers instead of one teacher as originally allowed, provided the people of the community endeavor to furnish the necessary wood for the school term, this being an unusual case when truck service is not available.

Ordered that W. D. Rains be paid \$494.86 for lumber for Buffalo bridge in Oneals township.

Ordered that D. B. Dupree be paid \$6.00 for special work on tax books.

Ordered that county auditor be paid \$51.00 for help on tax books in making out tax lists.

Ordered that Car. Telephone Co., be paid \$20.00 for repairs on line from Smithfield to the county home.

Ordered that Junius Barefoot be paid \$5.00 for work on tax list in Ingrams township.

Ordered that county auditor be paid \$42.00 for help in making out tax lists.

Ordered that State Hospital at Goldsboro be paid \$2.25 for expense Mozelle Tomlinson.

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