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## DR. H. W. CHASE TO SPEAK HERE

President Chase of State University Here Tomorrow Night; Albert Coats Also Coming.

## TO ADDRESS ALUMNI

Daniel L. Grant, secretary of the General Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina, has written the alumni of the county a letter in which he urges every University man to be present at the courthouse here Wednesday night at 7:30 to hear President H. W. Chase, Mr. Grant states in his letter that Albert Coats, of the law faculty of the University, is also coming, and every effort is being made to have Chief Justice W. P. Stacy here too. Judge Stacy is president of the Alumni Association.

The purpose of the meeting is simply to provide an opportunity for the president of the State University to meet the alumni of this county, and vice versa. Johnston county has always been well represented at this institution, has sent men there who became leaders of student life, has served the University well in every particular. It is therefore fitting that the head of this institution should come to this county, and it is fitting that University men from all over the county should gather here to hear him speak and give him a warm welcome. This is in close keeping with the alumni association plan of keeping the alumni in touch with the University.

If Chief Justice Stacy can come, then the combination of Chase, Coats and Stacy will be a trio well worthy of any institution and well worth anybody's hearing. Albert Coats has always been a keen orator, has always given a ready ear wherever he goes. Just this past Sunday he delivered a memorial address in Greensboro which has already gained wide publicity. He does Johnston county proud.

## Vocal Union Meets

Lower Johnston vocal union met with Beulah Hill Christian church Sunday, November 29, with five choirs as follows: Beulah Hill, with C. M. Moore, leader; Holly Grove, John A. Parker, leader; Home Choir, Milton Phillips; Pauline, Herbert Hines, leader; Tee's Chapel, R. E. Thomas, leader.

Classes were arranged together at 10:30 with union song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul." The scripture lesson from the fourteenth chapter of St. John was read by President J. B. Beasley, and prayer was offered by Mr. Geo. D. Phillips. After another union song, "Blest Be The Tide That Binds," the welcome address was made by Mr. C. M. Moore. Two rounds of two songs each were sung and the crowd adjourned for dinner. All the choirs met again and sang several songs each.

This was a very cold day and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the singing. A large crowd estimated at between twenty-five hundred and three thousand was present. The next vocal union will meet in the school auditorium in Benson on the fifth Sunday in January. We are hoping to have several choirs. Mr. Leader, get your choir together and come and sing with us. You are welcome.

J. B. BEASLEY, President.  
V. J. UNDERWOOD, Secretary

## AUNT ROXIE SAYS—

By Me



Ise often wondered if Mistah Hambone is a widerer.

## Opens Sport Arena



THE MAMMOTH new Madison Square Garden opens its doors to sport throngs. Here is Tex Rickard, promoter, posing in hockey regalia, first sport he will stage in new arena.

## J. T. Vinson Passes Away In Clayton

### Succumbs To Heart Attack In Few Hours After He Is Stricken.

Friends and relatives throughout Johnston county will regret to learn of the death of Mr. J. T. Vinson which occurred at his home in Clayton yesterday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock. Mr. Vinson had suffered several heart attacks having had a slight one last week. He arose as usual, however, yesterday morning and went to his office. He returned home for breakfast and about seven-thirty was taken sick, growing gradually worse until the end came shortly after the noon hour.

The deceased was about sixty years old. He was a brother of the late J. A. Vinson, and was the executor on his estate of his brother. Surviving Mr. Vinson are seven children as follows: Messrs. Turner, Hergan, Willard and Loomis Vinson, of Clayton, Misses Naomi and Claudia Vinson of Clayton and Mrs. Ivan Smith of the Bethesda section. He also leaves three sisters: Mrs. Marcelline Cox, of Durham, Mrs. H. B. Ippock, of Clinton, and Mrs. Rosa Duncan, of Clayton.

The funeral will be held this afternoon about two o'clock at the home in Clayton after which the body will be taken to the old Vinson burying ground at Wilson's Mills for interment.

The deceased was a member of the Clayton Baptist church and his pastor, Rev. R. C. White, will conduct the services.

## Kills Big Hogs

Mr. W. A. Lee, of Four Oaks, route 2, was in town Saturday. He said he killed two Duroc Jersey pigs last week which weighed 1212 pounds. One weighed 550 and the other 662 pounds. Mr. Lee says he has just started to killing his hogs. He feeds them on corn, peas and beans. Mr. Lee lives at home and boards at the same place.

## Mother of Mrs. G. A. Martin Dead

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin were called to Raeford today by the death of Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Mary B. Currie, which occurred at her home Sunday night. Mrs. Currie had been seriously ill for several weeks and her death was not unexpected. The funeral will be conducted at the Presbyterian church in Raeford this morning at eleven o'clock. Miss Laura Currie, a daughter, who teaches at Brogden near town, left yesterday for Raeford.

## Prominent Farmer Of Ingram Dies

### Mr. Robbie T. Massengill Passes Away Following Serious Operation.

Mr. Robbie T. Massengill, who lived in Ingrams township, died at the Smithfield Memorial hospital Saturday following an operation for appendicitis. He was taken ill some time ago and was operated on Thanksgiving day, but his condition was so serious that the operation was of no avail.

Mr. Massengill was born August 11, 1895, and was a little past thirty years old. He was a son of the late J. A. Massengill of Ingrams township. During the World war he served in the United States navy for twenty-six months. In 1923 he married Miss Sallie Johnson of Bentonville, who survives him.

He never united with any church but was a believer in the Primitive Baptist faith. He was from a prominent family and was a successful farmer and business man.

The deceased is survived by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Massengill, of Ingrams township, two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Barnes, of this city, and Mrs. W. G. Thomas, of Varina, and four brothers, Messrs. J. T., N. A., and J. A. Massengill Jr., who live at the old homeplace, and Lester Massengill, of Montgomery, Ala.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday afternoon, conducted by Elders Xuro Lee and L. A. Johnson, and interment was made in the family cemetery. An unusually large crowd estimated at about 3 thousand people attended the funeral to pay a last tribute of respect to their departed friend and neighbor. The floral offering was profuse and very beautiful, silent testimony to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

The bereaved ones have the sympathy of a host of friends in this hour of bereavement.

## Death of Beady P. Wiggs

Selma, Nov. 30.—On Friday, November 27, about 3:15 o'clock, the Death Angel visited the home of Mr. Alex Wiggs, Jr., and took from him his loving wife, Beady P. Wiggs. She was born November 10, 1882 and died November 27, 1925, making her stay on earth 43 years and seventeen days. She was twice married, first to Henry W. Stuckey and to this union were born three children. Later she married Mr. Alex Wiggs, Jr. and to this union was born one child.

The deceased was converted about thirty years ago and joined the missionary Baptist church and her seat was never vacant when she was able to go. Surely she has reaped the reward of a righteous woman and will be missed by everyone that knew her. Oh, how sad home is without dear mother. She was so good to us all and seemed to love us all so much. How hard it was to give her up, but she was too good to live in this old sinful world any longer and God saw her had toiled and suffered long enough and called her home. We all knew she was good and she is out of this sinful world and is peacefully resting. Our loss is her eternal gain.

She was taken to Parrish Memorial cemetery on November 28 and Rev. Jim Worley preached her funeral about four o'clock. She was laid to rest amid a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. The floral offerings were beautiful, showing the love and esteem in which she was held. Those left to mourn her loss are a husband and two children, Archie L. Stuckey and Andrew Wiggs. She also leaves five brothers: G. H. Parrish, Z. A. Parrish, J. E. Parrish, M. P. Parrish and G. W. Parrish, and three sisters: Mrs. John Campbell, Mrs. J. V. Oliver and Mrs. S. P. Phillips. The best thoughts we have about her are her parting words. They were: "I am going home to rest." A precious one from us is gone, a voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled.

We wish to thank each and every one who assisted in any way during her sickness and

Written by her niece,  
MRS. ANNIE PARRISH.

## JOINT SESSION COUNTY BOARDS

### Maintenance Tax In Pleasant Grove and Bentonville Will Mean High School Buildings.

### REFUND BOND TAX

The County Board of Education and the County Board of Commissioners held a joint session here yesterday with a full membership present. The consolidated school district in Pleasant Grove and Elevation which voted bonds this summer, will not be required to pay the special bond tax this year, since the bonds have not yet been sold, and the policy in regard to this action was clearly outlined by the two boards. Other items of business included the decision to buy an additional school truck, the authorization of the Board of Education to build school buildings for the negroes in Princeton and Wilson's Mills districts, and the fixing of the Christmas holidays for the county schools from Wednesday, December 23 to Thursday December 31.

Mr. Jas. D. Parker, County Attorney for the Board of Commissioners and Mr. H. B. Marow, Secretary of the Board of Education, have approved the following announcement:

At a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education the county-wide policy of education in Johnston county was further discussed and planned as follows:

On September 11th these boards assumed as a county obligation all of the school building bonds outstanding in all the school districts in the county school system. This was done because the obligation rested on both boards to provide high school instruction to all the children in the county and the condition on which the bonds of the several high school districts of the county were assumed was that these high school districts in return for the county's assuming their bonds should admit free tuition for the first six months of their term such student as the Board of Education should direct to attend their schools whether said students were within these districts or from other districts of the county. This action established the policy that the whole county is responsible for all of the school buildings in the several districts belonging to the county system.

Prior to the adoption of this policy of September 11th, the voters of Pleasant Grove Township approved an issue of bonds in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the erection of a building sufficient to provide adequate high school instruction in that township. The former policy of the county has been that the district should raise a part of the cost of their building by a bond issue. In the light of the new policy it was the judgment of both boards that it was not wise to sell bonds of Pleasant Grove Township, as had been anticipated, when the election was called, when these bonds would be assumed by the county as a whole just as soon as this district by a special tax should be in position to maintain a high school that could do accredited work, because bonds issued in the name of any district would necessarily have to bear a higher rate of interest than those issued in the name of the county, or a higher rate than money borrowed by the county. Contemplating the sale of the Pleasant Grove bonds as soon as the money should be needed to begin the building the necessary tax rate for carrying the bonds was levied for the year 1925 in the Pleasant Grove district. The sale of the bonds has been delayed because it was not deemed necessary to sell them until money was needed to pay construction cost of the building.

In the light of the policy adopted by the county September 11th of relieving the districts entirely of the cost of their buildings

wherever that district could serve the county by providing free tuition for high school students of the county, as stated above, it is not economical to issue the bonds in the name of the Pleasant Grove or any other district. Therefore, the County Commissioners with the consent of the Board of Education have this day ordered the taxes for 1925 assessed in the Pleasant Grove District for bond purposes refunded and at the same time ordered that notice be given to the citizens of Pleasant Grove and Bentonville Townships that the county will erect a modern and adequate building for each of these townships, which will complete the county-wide building program, without any cost to these districts as soon as these districts vote a sufficient maintenance tax to guarantee to the county the operation of a high school. It is the judgment of both boards that as soon as the people understand what the new policy means that they will approve this course. Pleasant Grove and Bentonville Townships are now paying their part of the cost of buildings in the other districts of the county which have high schools and are not enjoying the privilege of a high school themselves.

An effort will be made to give this notice as wide publicity as possible in Pleasant Grove and Bentonville townships for in order to erect a school building and have it ready for occupancy by the opening of the next school year the contract for the same must be let in January or early part of February. It will, therefore, be necessary for an election to be held at once in each of these districts, if they wish to secure a building by the opening of the next term. Interested citizens should therefore, notify the Board of Education of their intentions and desires at once in regard to this matter. The boards will have a special meeting if necessary for the elections must be called early in this month if it is to be in time to have the building in time for the fall of 1926.

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## CAPT. J. B. INMAN



Capt. John B. Inman, custodian of the state memorial hall at Springfield, Ill., was elected commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at Grand Rapids, Mich. He served through both the Civil war and the Spanish-American war.

## A GOOD ACCIDENT POLICY

No driver of a vehicle and more especially no driver of an automobile, should ever cross a railroad or interurban track without first looking in both directions to determine whether a train is approaching.

Where there are two or more tracks, never start across after a train has passed without waiting to see whether another train is approaching on another track. Let the first train get by at least 500 feet. If necessary to shift gears, do so not less than 50 feet before reaching the track, lest the auto stalls on the track.

At crossings protected by flagmen, gates, bells or wig-wags, never attempt to cross while the flagman is on the crossing or gates lowered, or bells or wig-wags are in action, for this means that the train is closely approaching.

These are a few suggestions to drivers which occasion no inconvenience and which if observed will prevent accidents at grade crossings for a grade crossing is only dangerous when made so by careless driving. In fact, the danger is in the driving, not in the crossing.—Benson Review.

## Willing For Road Engineers To Say

### Meadow and Bentonville Townships Present Argument For Two Routes.

Good road advocates are now vying with schools in making their wants and needs known to the Board of County Commissioners. Delegations here yesterday from Bentonville and Meadow townships presented two routes for what is hoped in time will be a state highway maintained by the State Highway Commission. The Meadow township folk were asking that the road be routed along the line between the two townships, while Bentonville citizens were favoring the road by Bentonville.

Mr. Walter V. Blackman, representing Meadow, presented a petition with 260 signers to the Board of Commissioners, and called upon a number of citizens to speak in favor of that route. Among the speakers, was Mr. W. A. Blizelle from Sampson county, who pointed out that the road between the townships would reduce the distance from Clinton to Raleigh by from five to seven and a half miles. He suggested that the county commissioners empower the county attorney to take the matter up with Mr. Page of the State Highway Commission, with the idea of securing a state engineer to route the road. Speaking for Sampson county, he stated that Sampson would not be interested in helping to build a road by any other route.

Mr. John J. Rose, in speaking for this route advanced the idea that the folk in that section would come to Smithfield more if they had a road to come on. As it is now, they come to the county seat as little as possible, and have even to come to pay their taxes. He spoke of that section as a neglected part of Johnston county and thought they deserved a road.

Mr. John W. Wood called attention to the fact that persons living in a part of Meadow and Bentonville townships were cut off from the railroad, it being necessary either to cross Ingrams, or Meadow or Wayne county to get to a railroad.

In conclusion Mr. W. V. Blackman summed up the main facts in favor of the shorter route. He said it is the logical route because it is the most direct, most economical, meets the approval of Sampson county, and a large part of the citizenship of that section of Johnston. However, he is sure Meadow township will be satisfied with the decision of an engineer.

The Board of Commissioners then asked to hear from advocates of the Bentonville road, and Mr. S. W. Lassiter presented a plausible argument. In the first place the Bentonville road is practically built though it is badly in need of repair work. Then, too, Bentonville township has arranged for convict labor on the roads, by a special tax, and would like the township to get full benefit of the taxation. Besides these two reasons, the Bentonville road splits the old Bentonville battlefield in two, making it possible for passers-by and tourists to see one of the historic spots of North Carolina. The breastworks can still be plainly seen from the road. In the last place, Mr. Lassiter stated that the county which have high schools and are not enjoying the privilege of a high school themselves.

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## County Board In Regular Session

### Dispose of Routine Business In a Full All Day Session.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session here yesterday with the following members present: A. H. Morgan, of Meadow, L. E. Barbour, of Elevation, W. T. Lee, Banner, J. T. Edgerton, of Beulah, A. B. Hockett, of O'Neals.

The following items of business were disposed of during the day:

Ordered that J. W. Wellons be released of one lot valued at \$2000 in Migro township which was listed by error.

Ordered that J. F. Harper be released of special taxes for the sale of Lang's Products in Johnston county.

Ordered that A. D. Radford be refunded \$2.00 dog tax in Smithfield township, it appearing that said tax was paid by him and that he did not own said dog at listing time.

Ordered that D. J. Williams be paid \$6.39 for bridge work in Bentonville township.

Ordered that W. B. Harper of Elevation township, be released of poll tax.

Ordered that W. H. Bailey of Boon Hill township be released of poll tax.

Ordered that \$25.00 be allowed to build a bridge across Mill Branch on the Beulah road in O'Neals township.

Ordered that J. J. Rose, Geo. R. Johnson and W. V. Blackman be and they are hereby appointed as a committee of three to investigate and make a report on their findings relative to whose dogs killed John W. Wood's geese in September 1925, and try to ascertain the number of dogs in that immediate neighborhood which are allowed to run at large at night, and also whether or not these dogs are listed for taxation.

Ordered that there be allowed \$25.00 for the burial expenses of Nancy Emily Honeycutt, the widow of a Confederate veteran, as provided by the statutes.

Ordered that J. T. Edgerton, A. H. Morgan, W. T. Lee be and the same are hereby appointed as the committee to audit the office of the clerk of the court as of December.

Ordered that there be executed under the Road and Bridge Act Johnston county, notes to the amount of \$25,000, and placed in General Convict Fund of Johnston county to reimburse the general county fund.

The following were placed on the outside pauper list: B. O. Barbour, Elbert Barbour, Mrs. A. W. Pippin, Fannie Holland and Beatrice Holland.

## Wednesday Night Service

In the absence of Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. Gruber, home mission superintendent, of Raleigh, will be present and with the aid of charts will present home missions as he sees it. All members of the church are urged to be present. Others are cordially invited.

## A CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to each and every one of our many friends for their many deeds of kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our son and brother, Lee. May God's richest blessings rest on every one.

## MR & MRS. C. F. BROADWELL AND CHILDREN.

Auto Salesman: "Now I'll throw in the clutch."

Customer: "Good, I knew you'd throw in something if I waited long enough."—Ex.

The train robber was holding up a Pullman car: "Out with your dough. I'll kill all men without money and kiss all the women."

An elderly gent said: "You shall not touch these ladies!"

An old maid in an upper berth then shouted: "You leave him alone; he's robbing this train!"—Ex.

showed that this settlement of the matter was practically unanimous.

## LADIES GUESTS BENSON KIWANIS

### Raleigh Club Has Charge Of After Dinner Program On "Ladies Night."

### PERSONAL MENTION

Benson, Dec. 5.—Ladies Night was observed at the Kiwanis club Tuesday night. A full attendance was present. The Raleigh club had charge of the after-dinner program. Frank Jeter, President of the club, presided. A fine program had been arranged for this occasion. Miss Moore, a member of the faculty of Peace Institute, accompanied by Miss Roundtree, also of the Peace faculty, sang several solos. The famous Raleigh quartet delighted their audience. Prof. Cunningham of State College gave a number of readings in Scotch, Italian, Negro, German and Irish dialect that were unusually fine. Judge Horton made a very fine speech on the spirit of Kiwanis. Frank Jeter and Judge Harris made talks. It was an interesting meeting from beginning to end, and a real treat for the Benson club and their wives. The attendance prizes went to Mesdames J. T. Morgan and W. T. Martin. A Thanksgiving menu was served by the manager of the North State hotel.

Mrs. M. A. Peacock entertained about forty ladies Tuesday evening in honor of her house guest, Mrs. R. A. Tyson, Jr., of Greenville. The house was tastefully decorated in keeping with Thanksgiving. The centerpiece for the dining table was mound of assorted fruit. The guests enjoyed a game of mother earth. Mrs. W. D. Boone was the winner and received a bottle of perfume, which she presented to the guest of honor. The hostess served an ice course with home made cake and mints. The favors were in keeping with the season.

Mrs. F. L. Perkins entertained with a five course luncheon Saturday complimentary to Mrs. R. A. Tyson, of Greenville, the guest of Mrs. M. A. Peacock. Covers were laid for eight. The centerpiece was a pumpkin filled with fruit. Yellow candles in yellow holders were used. A color scheme of yellow and white was used throughout. Favors suggestive of Thanksgiving were used. The guests included: Miss Bertha Edgerton, of Kenly; Mrs. R. A. Tyson, of Greenville; Mesdames W. T. Martin, L. L. Levinson, J. H. Rose, M. A. Peacock and J. W. Parrish.

Mrs. L. L. Levinson gave a dinner party Friday evening complimenting her guest, Miss Bertha Edgerton, of Kenly. Covers were laid for eight. A turkey menu with accessories was served. Autumn colors were used in the decorations.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin spent Sunday in Raleigh the guest of Miss Eunice Martin.

Mrs. J. B. Faircloth and children spent the holidays in Jonesboro with Mrs. Faircloth's parents.

Miss Vallie Hill returned Thursday from Hollywood, Fla., where she spent a week.

Mrs. A. S. Olive and children spent several days last week in Selma visiting.

Mrs. J. C. Warren spent last week in Creedmore visiting her parents.

Mrs. Heber Creech of Smithfield, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt recently visited Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Lanier in Jonesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden of Clinton, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt.

Mesdames M. A. Peacock, L. L. Levinson, R. A. Tyson and Miss Bertha Edgerton spent Friday in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Messrs. J. B., James Garrett, Kenneth, Glenn Elwood, Mrs. J. G. Anderson and Master Arthur Anderson spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin.

The kindergarten class of the Benson school is still growing.